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STUDENT SENATE

Resolutions pass on eating disorders, student center

◆ Football ticket distribution options up for discussion

By LAURA ROMPF
 Associate News Editor

Two extensive projects were presented to the student senate Wednesday night.

After working all year, the Gender Relations committee addressed the problem of eating disorders on campus and presented a resolution to include support services in du Lac, the student handbook. Also, after working for two consecutive terms, the University Affairs committee submitted a resolution regarding a new student center.

The Gender Issues committee's resolution aimed to offer support for the students at Notre Dame who suffer from eating disorders.

"If students do not suffer from an eating disorder

directly, they might indirectly," said Lewis Hall Senator Luciana Reali. "Either your roommate, girlfriend or boyfriend or classmate could have an eating disorder and it affects you."

Reali said the committee has done research and found both the Counseling Center and Office of Residence Life offer support for students affected directly and indirectly by eating disorders. The director of the Counseling Center, Patrick Utz, is currently looking into hiring someone full time to deal with the issue.

The University Affairs committee presented a resolution regarding a new student center.

"This is the perfect time to fight for the new student center," said Welsh Family Hall Senator Bethany Barker. "If we can get it on the building plan now, it is more likely something will get done."

Barker and the committee presented a letter to the senate which will be sent to

Mark Poorman, vice president for student affairs. The letter includes several recommendations as well as the result of a survey the senate conducted last year. The letter gives five recommendations for the new student center — asking for more study space and academic facilities, offices, entertainment venues, eateries, and businesses and student services.

From the survey conducted last year, the committee discovered the current location of LaFortune suits students best, and thus, recommended LaFortune be expanded.

The resolution was unanimously passed, and the senate will wait to hear from student affairs.

In other senate news:

◆ Student Body President-Elect Brooke Norton informed the senate of two choices for football ticket distribution for next fall. Students could either receive

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Student Body President-Elect Brook Norton presented two options to the Senate for football ticket distribution. A decision will be made next week regarding distribution for the fall 2001 season.



Photo courtesy of Rona Reodica

Notre Dame architecture students traveled to Tecate, Mexico over spring break as part of a service program. While in Mexico they worked to construct small two-room homes.

Program adds service to curriculum

By JASON McFARLEY
 News Editor

Matt Enquist needed a break — a Spring Break.

More than a year and a half of late nights and early mornings in Notre Dame's architecture building had begun to make Enquist question his choice of academic programs.

"We architecture majors get stuck in Bond Hall. We have really crazy hours," the second-year archie said.

Then came an opportunity to travel to Mexico during the University's mid-semester break last week, and, according to Enquist, "it was like a God-send."

The trip to Tecate, Mexico, which lasted from March 9 to 16, was established as a pilot service program for Notre Dame architecture students. Officials in the architecture school, the Center for Social Concerns and the Kellogg Institute served as organizers of the project.

"The curriculum in the architecture program

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Search continues in Bolivia for Notre Dame graduate

By TIM LOGAN
 Senior Staff Writer

Rescue officials are still searching for Walter Poirier, a 2000 Notre Dame graduate who disappeared in Bolivia in February.

Poirier, who is volunteering in the Peace Corps, was last seen around Feb. 22 in La Paz, the nation's capital. He was reported missing on March 5, after he had not been in contact with his supervisor for several weeks, according to Peace Corps spokeswoman Susan Buchanan. Peace Corps volunteers, U. S. State Department officials and Bolivian rescue workers have been looking for him ever since.

"The search continues, and it's as intense as it was when we started," Buchanan said.

Poirier worked developing eco-tourism in the Bolivia's Zongo Valley. He had to trek between several villages in the mountainous region and La Paz.

"He was sort of in an unusual situation, traveling between three residences and six communities," Buchanan said. "That makes it a little more difficult to track his movements."

Search teams have been scouring the Valley, looking on mountains and trails where they think Poirier might have traveled. The U.S. Embassy in La Paz is coordinating the effort, with help from the Peace Corps and Bolivian gov-



Poirier

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INSIDE COLUMN

In the mood

In the midnight hour when the wind stings lungs and makes eyes burn for the want of sun. When the reality sends you gray skies accompanied by snowy days and cold hallways. I am in the mood. Putting on another day of shirt, sweater, jacket, gloves to face brown Mondays, we say, "If only." Praying time will leap a month closer to the end, we prance like giddy kids waiting for school bell chimes marking recess time. But all the while I am in the mood.

Myra McGriff

Saint Mary's Editor

Some count days until real jobs, real world, business suits completed with dress up shoes as they flip through the memories, past years, and all the while I am in the mood.

Coasting through Wednesday to Friday we watch as the clock tick tocks closer to summertime, and I am in the mood.

Listening to Nina Simone I am in the mood for California rays of tangerine warm with ocean blue skies and enough green to make the strongest cry. With dry heat burns skin leather hard, a permanent smile appears as I imagine sitting deep in the groove of Highway 99 smelling nothing but cows and hay for miles.

Yes, I am in the mood for Grandma Mimi's Sunday brunch complete with the world's best macaroni and cheese. When I get there she greets me with a "Hey babygal," and the latest happenings in our small town. And when we are done eating she will fill me up with tin foil leftovers.

As I work through the one o'clock hour, I am in the mood for the quiet house of Coelho Avenue where nothing happens but the occasional door-to-door vacuum salesman. The house that creaks between the third and fourth step of the entranceway and smells of the same cinnamon potpourri of 10 years ago.

Walking into stale classroom air I am forever in the mood to drive slowly down Demere Road with windows rolled down stopping every once and awhile to buy strawberries from fruit stands. And every so often I'll take a deep breath of nothing but valley air, summer intertwined in alfalfa fields.

There, all in my imagination, I am thinking of only one thing: how long I can stay here in this place they call the Central Valley. Amongst the Chevy trucks, Wrangler jeans dusted with so much hard work and cowboy boots.

In my mind surrounded by rows and rows of Tulare land that holds my childhood, I am thinking of: so many scraped knees, days of bottled Coke and Charleston chews melted to the wrapper, street races in jelly shoes and Sunday dresses, dance-offs between break dancing cousins, beat-boxing contest with neighbor kids knowing my brother would win, riding on the handlebars of my best friend's banana-seat bike, wearing pig tails so tight my face itched, softball in my backyard never playing for points, and hours of go fish. I am forever in the mood ... to go home.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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THIS WEEK AT NOTRE DAME/SAINT MARY'S

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
◆ Lecture: "Local and Comparative Advantage," Alan Dearoff, University of Michigan. Room C-103, Hesburgh Center. 4:15 p.m.	◆ Lecture: "Organizational Ethics: A New Frontier for Bioethics and Medicine," Auditorium, McKenna Hall 4 p.m. ◆ Concert: Notre Dame Glee Club, Washington Hall, 8 p.m.	◆ Movie: "Three Days in April," DeBartolo 102, 7 p.m. ◆ Concert: Saint Mary's Patchwork Dance Company, Little Theatre, 8p.m.	◆ Auto Show: Cavalcade of Wheels, Joyce Center Arena, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. ◆ Concert: "From Seoul to Steel," South Bend Chamber Singers, O'Laughlin Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

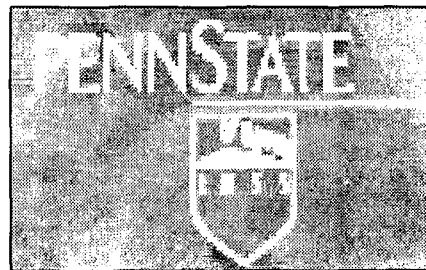
Compiled from U-Wire reports

Penn State censors Safer Sex Cabaret

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. Terrell Jones, vice provost of educational equity, recommended Tuesday night that a student group move a planned safe-sex program off-campus or tone down its content to avoid censorship from Pennsylvania State University.

Penn State Allies, a gay rights group, had planned to sponsor the Safer Sex Cabaret March 31, during Pride Week, in the Forum Building. This would be the second year for the cabaret.

"I believe the LGBT organizations need to make the call on this program. You need to look for a win-win alternative. It's not going to happen the way it's set up," he said, referring to the name of the proposed program and nature of some of the events.



"They'll [the administration] say it's lewd," he added. Earlier this year, state lawmakers led by Rep. John Lawless, R-Montgomery, criticized the university for allowing the student-run events Cuntfest and Sex Faire, calling them inappropriate. Last week, the Penn State Board of Trustees commended university

President Graham Spanier for supporting student free speech at state appropriation hearings in Harrisburg.

Organizers of the cabaret said the educational program intends to prevent sexual disease and unwanted pregnancy by promoting abstinence.

But the cabaret would also feature a series of student-written, student-performed skits covering topics such as erotic massage, correct condom usage and phone sex.

Although the members of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender groups discussed moving the program off campus, they weren't sure how to take Jones' advice.

"We can't even talk about sex now?" said Jennifer Storm, social director for the Lambda Student Alliance.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Horowitz bashes radical liberalism

COLLEGE STATION, Texas Conservative author and editor David Horowitz railed against liberalism and tackled several controversial topics when he spoke at Texas A&M University Tuesday. "I have been on the other side and have seen how much racism consumes the Democratic Party," Horowitz said. "I believe college students have a right to hear all views, and I want to communicate a better way to live." Horowitz, president of the Center for the Study of Popular Culture, is nationally known for his lifelong intellectual and political journey from a peace and civil rights activist in the '50s and '60s to a crusader against the effects of radical liberalism on modern American culture. Horowitz's speech was sponsored by the Young Conservatives of Texas A&M. David Rushing, chairman of YCT-A&M and a junior political science major, said Horowitz has seen how the left operates and now speaks on the flaws in its thinking.

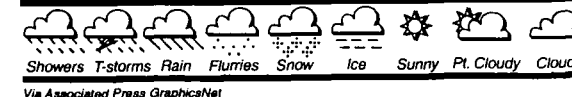
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Women more affected by alcoholism

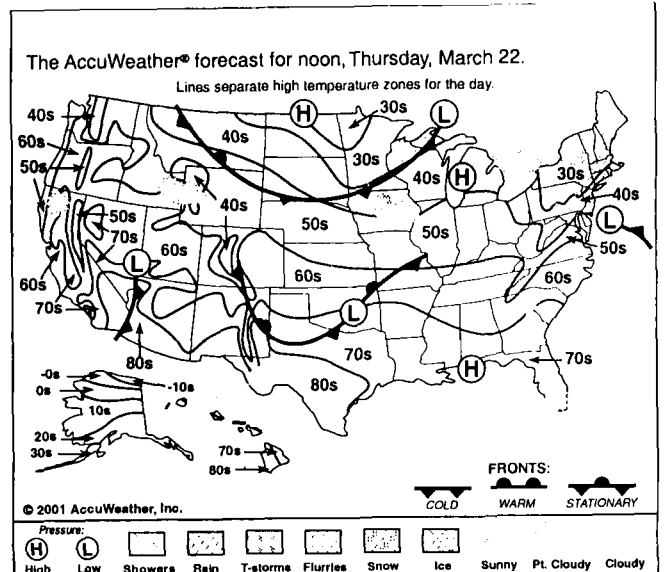
ANN ARBOR, Mich. According to a recent study by University of Michigan Public Health professor Kyle Grazier, women suffer greater effects from alcoholism than men. Grazier will be presenting a paper she co-authored with Washington University's Kathleen Bucholz next week at the First World Congress on Women and Mental Health in Berlin. "Women were more severely affected physically by alcoholism than men, showed a higher rate of reduced activity and demonstrated greater adverse social effects as well," Grazier said. The data, including long-term effects of alcoholism, such as the liver disease cirrhosis, is still being analyzed to determine whether women are at a greater risk than men of long term illness from alcoholism. Grazier spent the last 15 years studying mental health and insurance policies in the United States. Grazier and Bucholz's paper is based on a three year, \$2 million study funded by the National Institute for Mental Health.

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Wednesday		49	35
Thursday		51	33
Friday		48	29
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NATIONAL WEATHER



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Chicago	52	35	New York	43	33	Tampa	72	54
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Hunger banquet raises awareness

By MYRA McGRUFF
Saint Mary's Editor

Student Diversity Board (SDB) presented their first Hunger Awareness Banquet, showing students how it is to live in first, second and third world countries. For one meal, SDB demonstrated how people from different regions of the world eat a normal dinner.

Students volunteered to participate in the experience not only to support Hunger Awareness week, but also to learn about how people in other counties live.

"I wanted to heighten my awareness of the situation of those around me," said senior Julia Malczynski.

SDB presented students with compelling statistics, such as for every four people in a first world country there are 30 others existing in poverty.

SDB also tried to heighten awareness by placing students

in one of three worlds by the luck of the draw. Each of three groups watched each other eat.

Students from the first world representing such countries as United States, Canada and Japan ate a meal, served to them. Their meal

consisted of a salad, chicken and vegetables. Some students felt it difficult to eat their meal seeing the third world students eating rice with their hands as they sat on newspaper.

"Rice isn't enough to sustain anyone and seeing them sitting there makes me feel horrible," said Bonnie Arends.

"Here in the United States we have enough food but we don't give it to them."

Understanding the causes of hunger around the world touched on the major goal

SDB wanted to reach by Hunger Awareness Week. But along with awareness, comes change. The main goal SDB sought is not only understanding the problem of hunger but also making Saint Mary's part of the solution. Planning for this week the Board itself has learned some ways to be a part of the solution.

"I have learned about all of the local outreach we can do," said Akmaral Omarova, SDB president. "We, as a campus need to work on that and look at all the food we waste and what we can do about that."

"I wanted to heighten my awareness of the situation of those around me."

Julia Malczynski
Saint Mary's student

University design agency changes name

By ANDREW THAGARD
News Writer

Notre Dame's in-house design agency, which redesigned the Food Service's 'Grab 'n' Go' bag and creates the University's view book for perspective students, recently revamped its own image. The agency, formerly known as Publications and Graphic Services, is now called University Communications Design.

"We're like the University's ad agency for print and [now] other things. That's why we changed our name, we're doing more than just publications," said Carl Magel, the agency's director.

Any student who has thumbed through the undergraduate bulletin of information or stopped to look at a banner hanging over Washington Hall is familiar with the agency's work. However University Communications Design's impact on campus is increasing as they expand out from written publications to encompass other designs.

The graphics for Notre Dame's new police car and the stripe color pattern on the University's plane are just two examples of the agency's expanded venue of services.

"It's mainly in the area of identity design and logos," Magel said, referring to the agency's expanded line of work that justified the name change.

The agency's new name is inspired by a desire to better inform their customers about their line of business.

"We're like the University's ad agency for print and [now] other things."

Carl Magel
University Communications
Design director

"We wanted to help our clients think differently about what we do — we design communications," Magel said.

Communications Design, housed in Grace Hall, typically tackles up to 400 jobs a year entirely for University academic and administrative programs, including the logos for Food Service's restaurants. The agency, founded in 1974, employs eight people and works with seven printing operations.

Glee Club ready for spring concert

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame Glee Club will perform its annual spring concert March 22 and 23 at 8 p.m. in Washington Hall at Notre Dame.

The March 22 concert is free and open to the public. There will be a \$3 charge for the March 23 performance. Tickets are available in LaFortune.

The Glee Club's repertoire includes plainsong, Renaissance polyphony, music from romantic and contemporary composers, American folk-songs and spirituals and traditional Notre Dame songs.

In its 85th year, the Glee Club is an 80-member male chorus that has performed in more than 20 states, Canada, Israel, and throughout Europe, including at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, Christchurch Cathedral in Dublin and Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris.

Daniel Stowe is in his seventh year as conductor of the Glee Club. He also conducts the Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra and Collegium Musicum and is a member of the plainchant ensemble Schola Musicorum."

For more information on the Glee Club concerts, call 631-6201 or visit the concert series Web site at <http://www.nd.edu/~congoers>.

Jury deliberates in Arkansas murder case

Associated Press

BENTONVILLE, Ark. A jury began deliberating Wednesday in the case against a man charged with murder and rape in the death of a 13-year-old boy who suffocated during a sexual bondage session.

The jurors took piles of evidence into the jury room, including notes, a bloody pillow, duct tape and underwear that prosecutors said was stuffed into Jesse Dirkhising's mouth at a gay couple's apartment.

Joshua Macabe Brown, 23, could face the death penalty if convicted of murder.

Prosecutor Bob Balfe said in his closing argument that logic shows that the boy was not a willing participant in the sexual bondage.

Jesse was allegedly drugged, bound, raped and sodomized in 1999 at the apartment Brown shared with his lover, Davis Don Carpenter, 39. Prosecutors said the boy suffocated because of the drugs and the way he was trussed up and strapped down to Brown's bed.

The jurors were sent home Wednesday night after reaching a unanimous verdict on one count. They were split 10-2 on another count, and the judge asked them to continue deliberating Thursday. It was unclear

whether they were unanimous on the rape or murder charge, and whether they had found Brown innocent or guilty.

Carpenter's trial is set to start May 7. He, too, could face the death penalty.

Brown has admitted binding and gagging the boy and sexually penetrating him with a variety of objects, but defense attorney Louis Lim said Brown is guilty of nothing more than statutory rape and manslaughter.

"I think we can all agree that Josh didn't knowingly cause his death," Lim said. "This is pointing to negligence."

From the men's apartment, police seized documents that were blown up to poster size for the prosecution's closing argument. A diagram used stick figures showing how to bind a child, and a letter included the line: "Make him take those drugs."

Judge David Clinger had ruled the notes admissible last week, calling them "a blueprint for child rape."

Earlier Wednesday, the defense rested its case after a witness said Brown was dominated by his lover.

"Mr. Brown was totally dominated by Mr. Carpenter," said Maryanna Aragon, who said Carpenter had been her family's hairdresser. Brown "was a very mixed-up kid who got lost in the shuffle."

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Senate

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their ticket applications before leaving school this spring and be responsible for gathering their checks and applications into groups and mailing them in between July 1 and August 1. Or there could be a lottery in the fall.

Norton said because the ticket office has 40,000 alumni ticket applications, it would be impossible for them to receive 10,000 student applications at the end of the spring term. She added that if there is a lottery this year, students could plan to receive their tickets through the mail next year.

Norton said she is trying to gather student opinion on the matter and anyone with a concern can contact her before the decision is made early next week.

♦ Chief of Staff Jay Smith informed the senate that the Office of the President is planning "Student Appreciation Day" for Wednesday. Smith also told the senate that Jonathan Jorissen will be nominated for the Chief of Staff position for the next administration.

♦ Current Judicial Council President Tony Wagner nominated Tim Jarotkiewicz for the position in the upcoming term. Jarotkiewicz will be up for formal approval at the senate's next meeting.

♦ The senate unanimously approved the student business Board Managers, except Melissa Gormley, who will step down to assistant manager while Jeff Cussin moves to manager of Adworks. Gormley and Cussin are expected to be approved next week. Gormley took the position of Hall Presidents Council co-chair and choose not to hold both positions.

Mexico

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is very rigorous," said fifth-year major Rona Reodica, who helped coordinate the project. "Sometimes it's hard for students to take advantage of as many opportunities as they might like."

Thirteen students participated in the service venture, building houses for local families Tecate, a bordertown an hour south of San Diego in Baja, California. For a week, the students split into pairs, working at scattered Tecate sites with other service groups from American churches and high schools.

The endeavor provided students the chance to blend

architecture skills with volunteer efforts. Enquist said work at his site included leveling ground, pouring and mixing concrete and building a foundation.

In general, students worked to construct small two-room houses from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Reodica said.

"The work was not hard, and many of the high school students on our sites did a large part of the building," she said. "What I enjoyed most was getting to work side by side with the families whose homes we were building."

Enquist shared Reodica's enthusiasm.

"It was really rewarding to go down and experience a different culture. We were able to share these tremendous

blessings we've been given."

The students said the trip also served as a bonding opportunity for them.

Reodica said students were introduced to the dynamics of group work and friendship not only while working on site but also while braving the Mexican outdoors.

Although a local mission provided food for volunteers, the students were responsible for their own sleeping arrangements. Camping out — living what Reodica called the "rustic lifestyle" — proved a learning experience for the group.

"You wouldn't think it, but it was actually really cold," Reodica said of the Baja temperatures that often dip around 30 degrees at night. "Everyone handled it well,

though. We figured that families there face those situations every day, so we tried to adjust."

Reodica said she hopes to see the Tecate trip become an annual offering.

She graduates in May, and Enquist will spend the 2001-2002 academic year in Rome, but both said they would like to see increased participation in the project in the future.

"I hope we have the leadership, organization and participation so that we can continue this program in the years to come," Enquist said. "In the beginning, we didn't have a clear idea of what we'd be doing, but it turned out to be a perfect experience."

A perfect break from the usual routine in Bond Hall.

Poirier

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ernment organizations.

Because of Poirier's travel schedule and the remoteness of some of his posts,

there have been two-week stretches when no one would hear from

him, Buchanan said. But this has gone on longer than that, and she said searchers do not have any good leads on his whereabouts.

"They haven't been able

to find any tangible information about him," Buchanan said.

Peace Corps volunteers receive three months of intensive training in language and cultural skills needed to live in their country of placement.

They are also trained in safety and security measures, Buchanan said.

While no one has seen Poirier for nearly a month, the Peace Corps is still optimistic that he will turn up.

"We remain hopeful that he's there in Bolivia and that he's safe," Buchanan said.

"They haven't been able to find any tangible information about him."

Susan Buchanan
Peace Corps Volunteer
Spokeswoman

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Group slams Russia over Chechnya:

A leading human rights group on Wednesday accused the Russian military of responsibility for a wave of disappearances, alleged torture and executions of civilians in Chechnya. The accusations by New York-based Human Rights Watch follow the discovery last month of dozens of bodies bearing execution-style wounds near Russia's main military base at Khankala, just outside the Chechen capital.

Palestinian killed in Gaza shelling:

Israeli forces shelled a post manned by Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's presidential guard unit, killing a police officer Wednesday, a security official said. The Israeli military, however, said Arafat's elite police unit, Force 17 — which Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon accuses of terrorism — was its target.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

GAO finds gun check loopholes:

Armed with fake IDs, undercover congressional investigators sailed through mandatory background checks and bought guns from licensed dealers in five states, lawmakers were told Wednesday. The background check system can determine if a potential gun buyer has a criminal history, but there is no safeguard to verify whether the name or identification being used by the buyer is valid, the General Accounting Office investigation found.

Tax cut addresses marriage penalty:

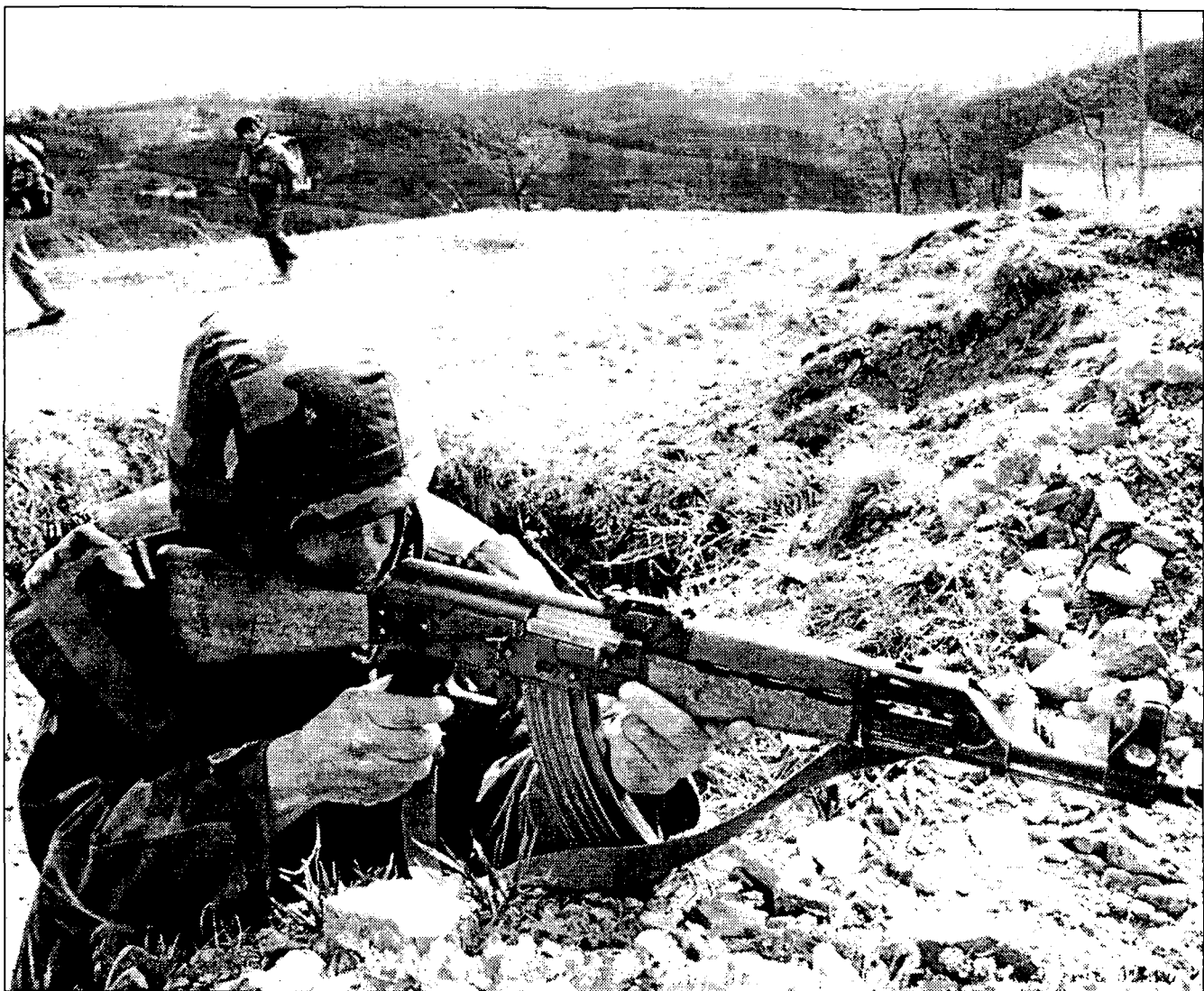
House Republicans queued up legislation Wednesday to alleviate the income tax marriage penalty and begin raising the \$500 child credit immediately at a cost of nearly \$400 billion over 10 years. It sparked renewed criticism from Democrats that tax cuts will crowd out other priorities. Rep. Bill Thomas, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said the panel would consider the measure Thursday and would have it before the House for a vote next week.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Judge grants visitation:

A judge has granted a woman accused of causing a head-on crash that killed seven people visitation privileges with three of her five surviving children. Marion County juvenile court Judge James Payne granted the visitation, which will take place at the Morgan County Jail, where Judy Kirby has been held since her arrest last April. Prosecutors allege that Kirby, 32, tried to commit suicide on March 25, 2000, by intentionally driving the wrong way on Indiana 67 for almost two miles and crashing her car into an oncoming van.

MACEDONIA



A soldier of the Yugoslav Army guards the area at the border of the buffer zone near the southern Serbian town Medvedje, close to Kosovo Wednesday as Ethnic Albanian children return from school. AFR Photo

Rebels offer unlimited ceasefire

Associated Press

SHIPKOVICA
Macedonia's president declared Wednesday that his government would "neutralize and eliminate" ethnic Albanian rebels, spurning the insurgents' offer of a cease-fire as an army deadline for their surrender expired.

The midnight deadline passed with no immediate sign of the military's government's threatened all-out assault. But in a brief statement after meeting with his top officials, President Boris Trajkovski issued a brief statement saying: "It is necessary to

neutralize and eliminate the extremists."

"It is necessary that the Macedonian army take control of the border," he said. Negotiations for a peaceful settlement were still possible, he said, but only through parliament and other established institutions, and not directly with the rebels.

In an ultimatum it laid down Tuesday night, the army had given the rebels 24 hours to surrender completely or leave the country, or face an all-out counteroffensive.

Before the rebels' offer to lay down their arms and

talk peace, government spokesman Antonio Milososki delivered a stern warning that the government had "nothing more to say to the terrorists" and it was sticking to its midnight deadline.

The rebel concession was offered by Ali Ahmeti, the political head of the National Liberation Army, in a taped television broadcast in neighboring Kosovo.

"We, the general staff of the National Liberation Army, announce a unilateral cease fire and we open the road for dialogue so heads can cool down and to find the best solu-

tion," Ahmeti said.

He said the cease-fire was open-ended, but warned that in case of attack the more than four-week struggle would continue.

"In case our positions are threatened by our opponents, then all our forces will be on the move and the conflict would widen," he said. "We have repeated constantly and will repeat again that we are for dialogue. We are not for a war that would create rivers of blood between two nations, because the reason for dialogue would be lost in that case."

Penalties stiffen for ecstasy sales

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Ecstasy, a drug once used primarily at nightclubs, has expanded beyond the club scene and is being sold at high schools, on the street and even at coffee shops in some cities, the White House drug policy office said Wednesday.

The availability of ecstasy increased dramatically, and more blacks and Hispanics are using the drug, the agency said in its biannual report that chronicles trends in drug use.

The ecstasy problem prompted the U.S. Sentencing Commission to

enhance guideline penalties Tuesday for those peddling large quantities of the drug, which sells for \$10 to \$45 per pill on the street.

Under temporary new guidelines, which federal judges must follow, people the commission would consider local distributors — those caught selling 800 pills — would be sentenced to more than 6 years in jail. That's triple the time they would have gotten under previous guidelines.

The commission was responding to a congressional mandate to stiffen penalties for ecstasy trafficking.

Defense lawyers said the change

makes ecstasy, on a per-dose basis, five times more serious to possess or sell than heroin and is excessive for a drug that is neither as harmful nor as addictive as heroin or cocaine. Some medical researchers also opposed the new guidelines.

"This is a wholly political act, not one based on scientific evidence," said Edward Mallett, president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

But the chairwoman of the commission told senators Wednesday at a hearing on narcotics that ecstasy has serious and possibly long-term harmful affects.

Market Watch 3/21

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Same: 209



Down: 2,209

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NYSE:	575.14	-11.40
S&P 500:	1,122.14	-20.48

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Symposium to explore diversity on campus

Special to The Observer

Herman Blake and Emily Moore, cofounders of Scholars for Educational Excellence and Diversity, Inc., and faculty members at Diversa State University, will lead a symposium on campus diversity on March 22 and 23 Notre Dame.

The symposium, "Conceptualizing Diversity in Higher Education for a New Millennium," has been organized by Notre Dame's African and African-American Studies Program and is free and open to the public.

Blake and Moore, a husband and wife team with a combined 50 years of experience in university teaching, research and administration, will coordinate workshops and forums for students, faculty and staff on a wide variety of topics related to diversity on college and university campuses in general and at Notre Dame in particular.

Highlighting the symposium will be two presentations by Blake and Moore on March 22 in the McKenna Hall auditorium, the first, titled "Diversity and Educational Formation of Leaders in the Emerging Global Economy," at 3:30 p.m., and the second, titled "Conceptualizing Diversity in Higher Education for a New Millennium: Defining Terms, Determining Goals, and Delimiting Strategies," at 7 p.m.

Other symposium events and activities include:

- ◆ An undergraduate student forum on

campus concerns and issues from 12 p.m.-2 p.m. Thursday in the dining room of McKenna Hall

- ◆ A working breakfast on issues related to campus climate, recruitment and retention, academic affairs and curriculum from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the Café de Grásta in Grace Hall

- ◆ A lunch session on the roles of administrators, departments, programs, centers and institutes in furthering the diversity agenda at Notre Dame from 12 p.m.-1:30 p.m. in Room 103 of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies

- ◆ A workshop for graduate students on diversity in teaching, research and professional development from 2-3:30 p.m. in Room 103 of the Hesburgh Center

- ◆ A informal discussion on diversity as it relates to the Catholic identity and mission of Notre Dame from 4-5 p.m. in Room 103 of the Hesburgh Center

- ◆ A closing prayer service from 5:15-5:45 p.m. in Room 103 of the Hesburgh Center

Blake has been the director of the African American Studies Department and a professor of sociology, educational leadership, and policy studies at Iowa State since 1998. He previously served as vice chancellor for undergraduate education at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, the president of Tougaloo (Miss.) College and the provost of the University of California, Santa Cruz. In addition to his research on

minority students in higher education, he also studies service learning initiatives, faculty and staff development, and urban militants.

Moore, a professor of educational leadership and policy studies at Iowa State, previously was vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty at Concordia University in St. Paul, Minn., and dean of teacher education and interim academic dean at Concordia College in Ann Arbor, Mich. Her current research interests include health education intervention relative to HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa, China (Hong Kong) and rural and urban cities in North America; health behaviors among the black elderly in South Carolina; spirituality; and academic and administrative mobility of women and people of color in higher education administration.

The couple's Scholars for Educational Excellence and Diversity, Inc., is a consulting firm that operates on the principle that educational excellence and racial diversity are intrinsically linked.

Joining the African and African-American Studies Program as sponsors for the symposium are Notre Dame's Gender Studies Program, Graduate School, Institute for Latino Studies, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning, Mendoza College of Business, Multicultural Student Programs and Services, offices of the president and provost, and Department of Theology.

Comair to cancel some flights

Associated Press

HEBRON, Ky.

Comair, the nation's second-largest regional airline, said Wednesday it will cancel some flights to prepare for the possibility of a pilots strike early next week.

Comair officials said changes in the flight schedule would begin Thursday. Mediated talks between Comair and the pilots union, the Air Line Pilots Association, were to resume Friday in Washington.

Comair pilots have rejected the company's contract offer and could strike as early as Monday if no agreement is reached.

Comair has said it would suspend all flight operations but keep about 4,000 other employees at work in the event of a strike.


Comair has 323 daily flights at Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, where it is based. The airline and its parent company, Delta Air Lines, account for 90 percent of the airport's flights.

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U.N. Secretary General to seek second term

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS
It's the worst-kept secret at the United Nations: Secretary-General Kofi Annan has decided to seek another five-year term.

After months of speculation, he is expected to make it official at a news conference Thursday, diplomats said.



Annan

When asked Wednesday about the topic for the press briefing, U.N. spokesman Fred Eckhard noted that it had been three months since Annan last held a news conference — and that he had said he would announce whether he would pursue a second term by the end of March.

"So you might anticipate he would have something to say about that tomorrow," Eckhard said.

Annan has already informed a number of ambassadors that he will be a candidate, several diplomats said, on condition of anonymity.

Last week, the secretary-general, who is from Ghana, got a strong endorsement from the 53-nation African group at the United Nations, which pledged to campaign for him if he decides to run.

If Annan seeks a second

term as expected, the two key questions will be whether Asian nations will also submit a candidate and who will get the support of the five veto-wielding permanent members of the Security Council — the United States, Russia, China, Britain and France.

By tradition, the secretary-general's job rotates every 10 years by region, and it's now Asia's turn to propose a candidate.

But Africa's 10-year term was split after the United States successfully lobbied to prevent Annan's predecessor, Boutros Boutros-Ghali of Egypt, from taking a second term. And a quiet campaign has been under way for months to pressure Annan to stay in the job for another five years, because he is highly regarded by many nations.

Before stepping down in January, U.S. Ambassador Richard Holbrooke called Annan "an international rock star of diplomacy" and said he was the best secretary-general in the 55-year history of the United Nations, a view echoed by several other key countries.

Annan, who celebrates his 63rd birthday on April 8, is the seventh secretary-general and the first to be elected from the ranks of United Nations staff. He was the U.N. undersecretary-general for peacekeeping when he was tapped for the top job. His current term expires Dec. 31.

Chinese police detain U.S. scholar

Associated Press

BEIJING

A Chinese-born scholar from American University in Washington has been detained by Chinese police for nearly six weeks, and her husband and 5-year-old son were held separately for nearly a month before being reunited and allowed to leave China, a human rights group said Wednesday.

Gao Zhan was picked up Feb. 11 at the Beijing airport with her husband and son as they were leaving after a family visit, Human Rights in China said. Her husband, Xue Donghua, and son were released 26 days later and returned to the United States.

Word of Gao's detention came as President Bush was preparing to meet this week with Chinese Vice Premier Qian

Qichen. Human Rights in China appealed to Bush to ask Qian to have Gao released.

Gao, a political scientist, is the third Chinese-born researcher in as many years to be detained during a visit home. A Stanford University expert on China's military who was arrested in 1998 was sentenced last month to 10 years in prison on espionage charges.

In a statement released by Human Rights in China, Gao's husband said police questioned him repeatedly about her research and two visits she made to rival Taiwan.

Xue said police refused to tell

him why his wife was detained. He said police refused to let him see their son, Andrew, unless he provided damaging information about her.

"I completely believe that my wife is innocent," Xue was quoted as saying.

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**Xue Zhan
husband of detained scholar**

The U.S. Embassy declined comment, citing privacy laws. But a spokesman said the human rights group's account was consistent with its information.

Gao's son is a U.S. citizen, but authorities failed to inform the embassy of his detention as required by treaty, according to Human Rights in China. Chinese police refused to comment.

Infected cows found in Netherlands

Associated Press

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands

Far from being contained, the foot-and-mouth disease that has devastated cattle herds in Britain gained ground on the European continent, with the Netherlands on Wednesday confirming its first cases.

The announcement by the Dutch agriculture minister that four contaminated cows were detected Wednesday, and the near certainty that hundreds of goats had been infected, quashed hopes that the feared livestock disease could be bottled up in a small corner of France, the only other place in continental Europe where it has been identified.

The European Union in Brussels quickly imposed a ban on livestock exports from the Netherlands and on exports of meat and animal

products from four Dutch provinces.

Gunshots from the rifles of government veterinarians rang out across snowy fields at a north-eastern farm where dozens of animals were killed after coming into contact with infected animals. Police set up roadblocks to isolate the farm near Oosterwolde and two others 12 miles east, near the villages of Olst and Oene, where the disease was detected.

About 17,000 animals were to be destroyed in farms within a 1,000-yard radius of the three farms, the Agriculture Ministry said.

Although not dangerous to humans, foot-and-mouth is deadly for livestock and highly contagious, capable of being spread even by the wind.

The setback in the Netherlands came after the French Agriculture Ministry said Tuesday that 224 herds had been tested but no new cases had been reported since last week.

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Power sends state into money crunch

◆ State controller says power-buying is eating up budget surplus

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. The energy crunch that brought two days of rolling blackouts this week also imperils California's financial health, the state controller said Wednesday.

Controller Kathleen Connell said the state's power-buying on behalf of two strapped utilities is gutting its budget surplus. Since the state started making emergency power buys in January, the surplus has fallen from \$8.5 billion to about \$3.2 billion, she said.

California has been spending about \$45 million a day — \$4.2 billion since January — to purchase power for Pacific Gas and Electric Co. and Southern California Edison. Both utilities, the state's largest, have been cut off by electricity wholesalers because their credit is almost worthless.

Managers of the state power grid imposed rolling blackouts across the state Monday and Tuesday because the power supply did not meet demand. Wednesday, cooling temperatures and the completion of repairs at several power plants allowed the state to avoid blackouts.

Standard & Poor's has put the state

on a credit watch due to its power purchases and chastised Gov. Gray Davis, the Legislature and state regulators for not taking more aggressive steps to make sure the utilities can pay their bills.

Edison and PG&E say they are nearly \$14 billion in debt due to soaring wholesale power costs. The state's deregulation law blocks them from recovering the costs from customers.

Connell ordered an audit of the state's power-buying, saying Davis is withholding key financial information from her office and the Legislature.

She said she would refuse to transfer \$5.6 billion into a "rainy day fund" she said was set up to impress Wall Street as the state prepares to issue \$10 billion in revenue bonds to cover its power buys. Transferring the money would leave the state general fund \$2.4 billion in debt, Connell said.

She called the scope of the proposed transfer unprecedented and said it amounted to a "shell game" that disguises the power purchases' effect on the state budget.

Sandy Harrison, spokesman for the state Department of Finance, and Keely Bosler, of the Legislative Analyst's Office, said such transfers are routine and required by law. They put the state's budget surplus at \$5.6 billion.

"The law says she has to do it. The law does not give her the power to demand that kind of audit information," Harrison said.

Harrison said the state's budget isn't in danger because it will be repaid with the revenue bonds.

Connell's criticism of Davis, a fellow Democrat, won support from Assembly Republicans and Secretary of State Bill Jones, a Republican who may challenge Davis next year.

Jones said he wants to announce his own plan to solve the state's energy woes, but can't unless Davis releases more financial details.

Davis spokesman Steve Maviglio dismissed the criticism.

"Political grandstanding doesn't generate one more kilowatt of energy for California in this time of emergency," he said.

Maviglio said the administration has released the financial information it can without jeopardizing negotiations for long-term power contracts with wholesalers.

"Political grandstanding doesn't generate one more kilowatt of energy for California in this time of emergency."

Steve Maviglio
Spokesman for Governor Gray Davis

Cheney: US must generate more energy

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Vice President Dick Cheney warned Wednesday that the United States must generate more of its own energy or the country risks power shortages like those in California, but on a national scale.

Cheney cited estimates that the United States will need 1,300 new power plants over the next 20 years — roughly 65 each year — to have adequate generating capacity. Plus, he said, those plants will need other infrastructure, such as a means of obtaining the coal or gas and transmission lines.

"Our infrastructure in the energy area is very limited," Cheney told MSNBC's "Hardball." "It's very important we get on with this business of making certain we will get enough energy in the future or we will find that the problems in California today are in fact national in scope and affect all parts of the country."

As it is, Cheney said, California's problems are spreading into surrounding states partly because of a Clinton administration order for utilities in those states to sell power to California.

"We've got some serious problems there," Cheney said. "We've got to find ways to either increase the supply of energy or reduce the demand for energy. ... This is not something we got into overnight, and we're not going to get out of it overnight."

Cheney, chairman of the president's energy task force, was echoing concerns voiced earlier this week by Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham, who said a failure to address energy supply problems stands to threaten economic prosperity.

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Powell meets with China's deputy prime minister Qian

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

While acknowledging differences, Secretary of State Colin Powell and Chinese Deputy Prime Minister Qian Qichen stressed positive aspects of U.S.-Chinese relations as they met Wednesday night for wide-ranging discussions.



Powell

Both officials, meeting with reporters before their talks, said they hoped to expand ties and noted that links between them have a direct bearing on the lives of millions around the world.

Qian arrived here earlier Wednesday after expressing deep concern over prospective

U.S. weapons sales to Taiwan.

Powell mentioned Taiwan only in passing, expressing hope that China and Taiwan can expand trade ties once they gain membership in the World Trade Organization. Qian did not mention Taiwan.

Powell said, "We recognize that we disagree on important issues, but I believe the best approach in a relationship such as ours is to have candid talks on every aspect of our agreement and disagreement."

Qian said the United States and China "undeniably have disagreements" but that the relationship "can have healthy, steady growth" if they address their problems with vision.

At issue over Taiwan is the prospective sale to the island of four U.S. destroyers with highly sophisticated radar equipment.

Going into his meeting with Qian, it was not clear whether Powell was prepared to address the issue in any depth because

the State Department has said it is long-standing U.S. policy not to consult with China on U.S. arms sales policy toward the island. Qian will meet with President Bush on Thursday.

On Tuesday, Qian warned that Chinese-American relations would suffer a "very serious" setback if Taiwan receives permission to buy the destroyers.

Taiwan wants to buy the vessels but the administration has offered no hint as to whether the request will be approved.

U.S. policy is to meet Taiwan's legitimate defense needs.

If the sale is authorized, Qian said "the essence of the issue

would change from a peaceful approach to reunification to a military approach."

Asked if that meant immediate military action against Taiwan, he said only, "It all depends on the circumstances."

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher, responding to the comment on Wednesday, said U.S. policy all along has been in support of peaceful resolution.

"We've always said that we would see a resort to anything other than peaceful means as something of grave concern to us," he said.

Boucher said other areas of

difference were likely to be discussed, including human rights and the administration's plans to deploy a missile defense system.

On a separate issue, Boucher called for the immediate release of Gao Zhan, a Chinese-born American University professor who was picked up at Beijing airport on Feb. 11 with her husband and 5-year old son.

Her husband, Xue Donghua, and son were held separately for 26 days before being allowed to return to the United States.

Gao's son is a U.S. citizen, but authorities failed to inform the U.S. Embassy of his detention as required by treaty, said a human rights group, Human Rights in China.

It quoted Xue as saying his son was traumatized by being held separately from his parents.

Boucher said he could not discuss the case.

"We recognize that we disagree on important issues, but I believe the best approach ... is to have candid talks on every aspect of our agreement and disagreement."

Colin Powell
Secretary of State

House panel OKs fetal-harm bill

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A bill that would make it a crime to harm a fetus during a violent crime took an initial step toward a House vote Wednesday, gaining approval by a key subcommittee.

Republicans said the measure was a way to get tough on violent criminals. Democrats said it was really about abortion.

The Democrats say the bill essentially would establish a fetus as a person — an idea rejected by the U.S. Supreme Court in the Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion.

"This bill offers no additional protection for pregnant women," said Rep. Bobby Scott, D-Va. "This bill serves no purpose other than to engage members in a discussion of when life begins."

Republicans said the bill would punish violent criminals, and they said two dozen

states already have laws to punish violence against fetuses.

"This is not about abortion rights or Roe v. Wade," said Rep. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., the measure's sponsor. He noted that the House voted overwhelmingly last year to prohibit states from executing a pregnant woman.

"Violent criminals should face the harshest possible consequences when they harm these innocent children," said Rep. Steve Chabot, R-Ohio, chairman of the Judiciary Committee's subcommittee on the Constitution.

The bill, approved by voice vote in the subcommittee, is likely to clear the House, which passed a similar measure last year by a 254-172 vote. But its prospects are uncertain in the Senate, where Republicans and Democrats are evenly divided.

The bill is just the latest volley in the ongoing debate over abortion.

A day earlier, Democrats began an effort to reverse a decision by President Bush to bar U.S. aid to international groups that use their own money to support abortion activities.

Democrats said they planned to use a 1996 law known as the Congressional Review Act in that effort.

The legislation permits the House and Senate to pass legislation rejecting regulations issued by federal departments and agencies.

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Analysts question power of the Fed

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Federal Reserve, with three reductions in interest rates, is jolting monetary policy more aggressively than at any other time since the early 1980s.

But Wall Street is still plunging and dragging down consumer confidence, even as the Fed makes mortgages and other consumer loans more attractive.

The economic forces at work have raised new fears that the country's record economic expansion, which celebrates its 10th birthday this month, could topple into a recession despite the Fed's efforts.

"The Fed lowering interest rates is powerful medicine, but it takes nine to 12 months to fully affect the economy. The problem is we could have a recession before then," said David Wyss, chief economist at Standard & Poor's. He put the chance of recession at 40 percent.

There is new worry because the market's sell-off was not halted by the Fed's latest rate cut on Tuesday. Investors, who had been hoping for a bigger dose of rate relief, turned even more pessimistic, driving stock

prices down further.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which closed off 238 points on Tuesday, fell an additional 234 points on Wednesday.

The Fed's lower interest rates, which translate into lower borrowing costs for millions of consumers and businesses, apparently are being offset by a negative version of what analysts have called the "wealth effect" on Wall Street.

If consumers, who spent with abandon when their portfolios were growing, reverse course now that they see their investments shrinking, that change could be enough to trigger a full-blown recession, given that consumer spending accounts for two-thirds of total economic activity.

Even before the latest market plunge, consumer confidence in late February had dropped to its lowest level in four years.

The problem for chairman Alan Greenspan and the other Federal Reserve policy-makers is compounded by the fact that so many more Americans now own stocks — 48.2 percent of all households compared with just 19 percent in 1983.

The Fed's only tool to influence the economy is interest rates. It raised rates six straight times from June 1999 through May of last year when it was concerned that rapid economic growth and the lowest unemployment rates in three decades were threatening to spawn higher inflation.

While critics contend that

Federal Reserve officials overdid the rate hikes and were too slow to start cutting rates, the Fed has made up for lost time with the pace of its cuts.

The 1.5 point reduction that has occurred in three half-point moves starting on Jan. 3 marked the biggest period of Fed easing since a 1.75 percentage slash in rates in late 1984 when Paul Volcker was Fed chairman.

Some analysts said the negative market reaction to this week's move was a case of investors getting too impatient, especially when viewed in light of the Fed's strong signal that it plans further rate cuts in coming months.

"The important fact to keep in mind is that the Fed is providing significant stimulus to the economy and eventually that will help corporate profits and the stock market's performance," said Lynn Reaser, chief economist at Banc of America Capital Management Inc. in St. Louis.

And that boost will occur in the time-tested way with lower interest rates stimulating consumer and business borrowing for big-ticket items that are financed with loans: homes, autos and appliances.

Commercial banks, as they always do, matched the Fed's cut in rates on Tuesday with a half-point reduction in their prime lending rate, the benchmark for millions of short-term business and consumer loans from home equity lines of credit to auto loans and credit card loans.



Greenspan

GM idles plants to cut vehicle production

Associated Press

DETROIT

General Motors Corp. plans to briefly idle more North American assembly plants in the next three months. The move is an attempt to bring production in line with less demand for its vehicles.

GM has said it looks to cut production 21 percent from January through this month over the same period last year, with plans to trim second-quarter output by 17 percent.

The world's largest automaker said Wednesday it will idle the second production line the weeks of April 2 and April 9 at its Janesville, Wis., II plant, where medium-duty trucks are made.

The line speed at that plant also will be slowed in June to winnow production.

In Canada, GM will idle its Ste. Therese, Quebec, plant, where Chevrolet Camaros and Pontiac Firebirds are made, for two weeks starting April 16.

The Oshawa, Ontario, II plant that makes the Buick Century, Buick Regal and

Chevrolet Lumina cars will be idled two weeks beginning April 30.

GM also will idle its Baltimore plant, where the Chevrolet Astro and GMC Safari vans are made, the week of May 7.

Though the idlings would affect thousands of workers, GM could not specify the number of layoffs.

Laid-off members of the United Auto Workers union will get 95 percent of their take-home pay under their contract, while employees belonging to the Canadian Auto Workers will get 65 percent of their salary.

GM idled two assembly plants in Oklahoma City, Okla., and the Detroit suburb of Orion Township, affecting 5,600 workers, this week.

U.S.-based automakers have cut production in the past several months to trim inventories bloated by slackened sales.

February U.S. sales for GM, Ford Motor Co. and DaimlerChrysler AG's Chrysler arm slid a combined 10 percent over the same month last year.

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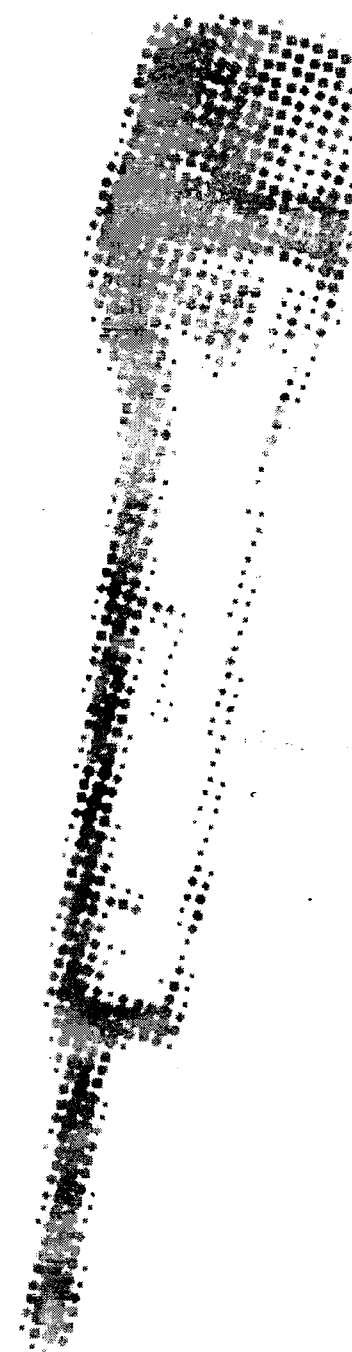
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Bush threatens patients' bill veto

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. President Bush turned thumbs-down Wednesday on legislation in Congress that would allow wronged patients to sue their HMOs for millions of dollars. "I want to sign a patients' bill of rights this year, but I will not sign a bad one," he said.



Bush

Along with gentle jokes about Vice President Dick Cheney's heart condition, Bush used a speech to a cardiologists' convention to lay out his conditions for any bill on the question of safeguarding patient health in an era of cost-controlled HMO care.

He rejected a bipartisan bill by Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., that would allow patients to collect up to \$5 million in punitive damages and unlimited "pain and suffering" damages.

Such provisions would encourage frivolous litigation and "drive up insurance premiums for everyone," Bush said. "To make sure health care coverage remains affordable, I will insist any federal bill have reasonable caps on damage awards."

On Capitol Hill, Kennedy said Bush's suggestion "fails to protect people. It is the people against the special interests" of insurance companies, health maintenance organizations and other large corporations. Kennedy said he and his colleagues would proceed with their legislation nevertheless.

"For five long weeks we have waited for the president to work with us. And today all we get in effect is a veto message on a real patients' bill of rights. This is not the way to pass bipartisan legislation," he said.

Aides said Bush intended to signal that he endorses rival efforts by Sens. Bill Frist, R-Tenn., James Jeffords, R-Vt., and John Breau, D-La.

The trio, which has not yet introduced its legislation, proposes to prohibit punitive damages altogether and cap noneconomic damages — the so-called "pain and suffering" damages — at \$500,000. All patient lawsuits over the denial or delay of medical treatment would be limited to federal courts. State courts traditionally award larger damages.

Bush said that keeping the issue in federal courts will

simplify things for employers who do business in more than one state. "I will not support a federal law that subjects employers to new multiple lawsuits in 50 different states."

Twice he reminded his long-distance audience on Capitol Hill that, as Texas governor, he vetoed patient legislation that did not meet his standards.

Nothing currently pending in Congress would win his signature, Bush said. "So, enacting a patients' bill of rights this year is going to require some different thinking, a new approach based on sound principles."

Those principles, he said, are:

- ◆ Everyone must be covered, "all patients in all private health plans."

- ◆ Insurers must be forced to pay for reasonable emergency room treatments, specialists, obstetric-gynecologists, pediatricians, and participation "in potentially lifesaving clinical trials when standard treatment is not effective."

- ◆ Patients must be given "fair and immediate review" by an independent panel of physicians if an insurer denies medical care.

"After independent review, if you have been harmed by your HMO's refusal to provide care, you have a legitimate complaint and you

should have recourse in court," Bush said.

Rep. John Dingell, ranking Democrat on the Energy and Commerce committee, said Bush's outline would unfairly lower compensation caps for injuries, prevent certain state-based patient protections from taking effect and would deposit cases in federal courts, "where they stand in line behind drug dealers, waiting for a hearing."

"This is a dangerous step in the wrong direction that will ultimately do more harm than good," Dingell said.

The president was in Florida just three hours, leaving the Orange County Convention Center for a brief drop-by at a Cuban-American community center, where he moved from table to table delivering hugs and kisses to some 200 lunching seniors.

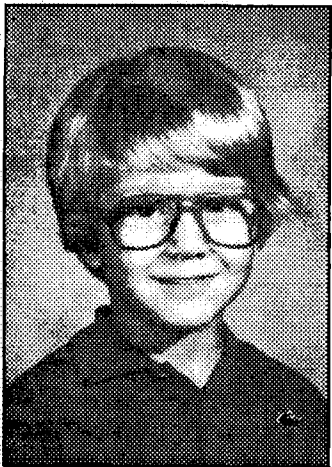
He was accompanied by his younger brother Jeb, the Florida governor, who mugged for cameras at the airport by wrapping the president in an embrace.

Before the cardiologists, Bush won knowing laughs with his poke at Cheney, who made headlines earlier this month when he was again hospitalized for heart trouble.

Bush quipped that he had thought about inviting his vice president to the Florida convention, "but he said he's seen enough cardiologists lately."

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George W. Bush
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Feds seize U.S. sheep in mad cow disease scare

Associated Press

GREENSBORO, Vt. Federal agents seized a Vermont farmer's flock of 234 sheep Wednesday for fear they are infected with a version of mad cow disease — the first such action ever taken against livestock in the United States.

The U.S. Agriculture Department "has no choice but to take this decisive action based on the threat the sheep pose to the health of America's livestock nationwide," said Craig Reed, administrator of USDA's animal and plant health inspection service.

A team of federal agents and agriculture officials arrived at Houghton Freeman's farm at daybreak. Two cattle trucks were loaded up by 11 a.m. and will take the sheep to Iowa, where they will be tested and destroyed.

Freeman and another farmer had waged a court battle to save their sheep after the Agriculture Department ordered the flocks seized last July.

The flocks consisted of sheep that were either imported from Belgium in 1996 or were descendants of those animals.

The seizure went peacefully, but Thomas Amidon, a lawyer for Freeman, called it "sad, depressing and a rushed judgment."

"This is so unnecessary," he

said.

USDA spokesman Ed Curlett said the seizure was the first of any cow or sheep in the United States under suspicion of having an illness related to mad cow disease.

The USDA has said four sheep from Freeman's flock showed signs of transmissible spongiform encephalopathy, a class of neurological diseases that includes both bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or mad cow disease, and scrapie, a sheep disease not harmful to humans. The government said the sheep may have been exposed through contaminated European feed.

However, the USDA tests could not confirm whether the sheep have BSE. The animals will undergo further testing at a USDA lab in Ames, Iowa.

There have been no confirmed cases of mad cow disease in the United States. Scrapie has been in the United States since at least 1947.

The second disputed flock of about 140 sheep is owned by Larry and Linda Faillace of East Warren. No date has been set to take their sheep.

Linda Faillace said Wednesday she felt "anger, frustration, disbelief" and accused the USDA of failing to heed science.

"USDA builds up public hysteria over a species that doesn't get the disease," she said.

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House probe of pardons continues

◆ Clinton pardons continue to draw fire in committee

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Despite calls to quit, House investigators are quietly continuing their investigation into former President Clinton's pardon of billionaire Marc Rich through interviews and letter-writing. Republican leaders — including President Bush, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott and House Speaker Dennis Hastert — have suggested the GOP-controlled House Government Reform Committee move on from investigating the ex-president's last-second pardons.



Clinton

Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., the committee's top Democrat, wrote committee chairman Dan Burton, R-Ind., last week pointing to the calls to wrap things up and noting that a federal prosecutor in New York is now conducting a criminal investigation into the pardons and other clemency orders Clinton issued.

Waxman has yet to get a response back, a spokesman said. But Burton said earlier

this month that if the committee finds "additional questions that need to be asked of people under oath, we'll have a hearing."

The committee's investigators have continued to interview people, talking to Anti-Defamation League National Director Abe Foxman on Monday, officials said.

Foxman was one of the people who called for Clinton to pardon Rich, who fled the United States in 1983 rather than face racketeering and other criminal charges.

"The extent of Marc Rich's suffering has become disproportionate to his mistakes," Foxman said in a letter to Clinton.

Foxman's letter also mentioned Rich's donations of \$100 million to educational, cultural and social programs. After leaving America, Rich became an Israeli citizen and has given millions to Israeli hospitals, museums, orchestras and to projects to take in Jewish immigrants.

Republicans want to know whether there was a money-

for-pardons deal between Rich and Clinton.

But Foxman, on the same day as the interview, released a statement saying that he erred in supporting Rich's pardon. "On further reflection, as this unique case unfolded, I began to question whether a person's good deeds should overshadow other aspects of his behavior," he said.

Foxman's statement was first reported by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Gershon Kekst, a New York public relations executive, also was interviewed last week by investigators, a source with knowledge of the investigation said Wednesday.

Kekst's name came up several times in e-mail traffic between Rich supporters and lawyers that was released by the House committee earlier this year. A message left with Kekst's office in New York City was not immediately returned.

The committee has also written letters asking for testimony from several people connected to Clinton's last pardons, including Tony and Hugh Rodham, as well as Roger Clinton.

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Anti-Defamation League National

Official: U.N. sanctions against Iraq failed

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A top State Department official said Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has used the U.N. sanctions imposed on his country after its 1990 invasion of neighboring Kuwait as "a club" against the United States.

"It was clear we had to have a different approach," Assistant Secretary of State Edward Walker said Wednesday in explanation of why the Bush administration decided that restrictions on consumer goods should be eased and those on weapons material tightened.

Walker, who sought support for the new policy on a recent trip to Turkey and several Arab countries, said it has broad support in Britain, France, Russia and China, the other states with veto power over decisions of the U.N. Security Council.

Also, Walker said: "The direction we are taking has broad support in the area." Arab governments strongly advocated such a policy to

Secretary of State Colin Powell during his first tour of the Middle East last month.

Walker, a former ambassador to Egypt and Israel, said Bush administration officials also are in the midst of devising a strategy to remove Saddam from power. Some were known in the past as advocates of using force, but Walker gave no indication of tactics President Bush eventually will approve.

Reports from Arab capitals suggest the Arabs will request an end to sanctions at their Arab League summit meeting next Tuesday in Amman, Jordan. Walker, like State Department spokesman Richard Boucher on Tuesday, said sentiment for tightening curbs on weapon exports is strong.

He spoke at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, a private research group.

Both the previous Bush administration and the Clinton administration pushed

hard for sanctions on everything except food, medicine and other humanitarian exports. The United Nations imposed sanctions shortly after the Aug. 2, 1990, invasion of Kuwait and left them in place after the six-week Persian Gulf War that drove out the Kuwaitis in 1991. Walker was ambassador to the United Arab Emirates during the war.

While Iraqis who were engaged in smuggling have grown rich, most of the people suffered. Finding enough to eat was a serious problem.

The Clinton administration responded by supporting a resolution that permitted Iraq to sell some oil — eventually limits were removed — if the proceeds were used under U.N. monitoring to help the people. Saddam refused to accept the outside restrictions, and few of the humanitarian imports materialized.

At the same time, the United States was blaming Saddam for the hardships. U.S. spokesmen accused the Iraqi president of enriching himself and building palaces while letting the people starve.

Powell took soundings in the Middle East and Persian Gulf last month and concluded consumer goods should not be embargoed, nor even some questionable Iraqi imports that could have military use.

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WRC decision was a good one

Shortly before break, President Malloy approved the recommendation made by the Task Force for Anti-Sweatshop Initiatives that Notre Dame join the Workers Rights Consortium (WRC), an association of students, activists and universities organized to aid the workers who make collegiate licensed products. As a member of the task force, I voted in favor of joining the WRC.

My reasons for doing so begin with the commitment by Notre Dame to associate itself with any responsible organization that helps those who make Notre Dame products have better working conditions. This is not to say that the WRC is without its flaws and I discussed these in my last column: Much can be improved about its monitoring and remediation processes.

However, the Fair Labor Association (FLA), of which Notre Dame is a also member, is also flawed. For instance, it is my understanding that the corporate members of the FLA squashed any discussion of the living wage before it could get started. Notre Dame has found that it can work with — even while moving beyond — the parameters of the FLA; it seemed fair and just to see if the same can hold with regard to associating with the WRC.

Concerns have been raised about the process by which the University arrived at the decision to join the WRC, both with regard to the constitution of the task force and with the confidentiality kept on the task force's recommendation to President Malloy. The argument concerning the constitution of the task force has been made a number of times: In the interest of openness and democratic conversation, a member of the Progressive Student Alliance should have been appointed to the Task Force. The failure to have a PSA member on the Task Force has "shut out" the PSA from the process.

This argument has a number of problems. First, if President Malloy were to operate according to an open policy in appointing a member of the PSA, then he would also have to appoint someone from the Young Republicans, Right Reason, the Entrepreneurs Club or some similar group. President Malloy appointed two representatives of student government, one undergraduate and one graduate. The question can be raised as to whether PSA interest is in openness or rather in securing power for the PSA voice per se.

This leads to the second problem. One of the benefits I have found in serving on the task force is the quality of the exchange among its members. A key element of that quality is the fact that persons are not afraid to change their minds on issues in light of persuasive arguments offered by others. I have seen this

happen on a number of occasions in Task Force meetings. It is unclear whether the formal representative of an organization that already has its policy agenda set — whether the PSA or some other organization — would exhibit the same openness to mutual persuasion.

The third problem is with the argument that lack of PSA representation on the task force means that PSA voices have been "shut out." Aaron Krieder was invited to speak to the task force on his and the PSA's views. I can give a specific instance where his comments made a difference. In an early teach-in, he argued that the representatives of Champion, adidas and other licensees ought not to be voting members of the task force. Given that the task force is a body representing the University and not the licensees, this argument made sense to me. I want to hear what the licensees have to say, but they should not have votes shaping University policy. I made the case to the task force in its first meeting and it became formal policy that the licensees are non-voting members.

The fourth problem with the argument that the necessity of direct PSA representation is evident in viewing the substance of the task force's recommendations. The task force not only has affirmed the one thing that the PSA has been emphasizing — joining the WRC — but has gone beyond it in a variety of ways in its other recommendations to President Malloy. The view that having a PSA member on the task force would have led to better recommendations fails the empirical test. It also rests on unjust and untenable stereotyping of the members of the task force, particularly of the students who serve on the task force and do so with considerable commitment.

The other issue that arose is that of whether the recommendation of the task force regarding joining the WRC should have been publicly disclosed before President Malloy decided on it. The concern — articulated to me by a number of students — was that the fix was in: The task force and the President really decided in advance against joining the WRC and keeping the deliberations confidential was a way of avoiding accountability.

The students cited as an example the process in Notre Dame's decision not to add sexual orientation to its non-discrimination clause. The students said that

they were allowed to invest considerable energy in the sexual orientation issue under the false indication that the matter was still open when in fact it had been decided months before. These students were clear that while they disagreed with the University's policy conclusions, what upset them most was what they described as a misleading process.

By now it is evident that there was no "fix" in the WRC case. My support of the process that was followed in this case is in response to a letter written by the Academic Consortium on International Trade (ACIT). The letter, penned and signed by neo-classical economists, appeared in the Chronicle of Higher Education and asserted that university presidents were not acting reasonably in joining the WRC, but rather were simply caving in to external pressures.

I am sure that President Malloy could have withstood such pressures if the task force's recommendation to join the WRC was public and his best judgment was not to join. It seemed important, however, to be able to communicate to others in the event of our joining the WRC

that the decision is indisputably the result of the considered judgment of the president (who, moreover, is an ethicist and also understands economic policy). That is about as strong a rebuttal as one can give to the ACIT letter.

I understand the history that has led to the student distrust whenever a university process on a policy issue involves periods of confidentiality. It is evident that it will take a while for trust to rebuild. The task force has more issues to address, including those of the living wage for the workers who make our products and a "conscience clause" that allows coaches and student-athletes to wear generic practice and game apparel when they cannot in good conscience wear the contracted apparel. Perhaps the process of addressing these issues — quite apart from whatever conclusions the president makes — can be the occasion of a rebuilding of trust.

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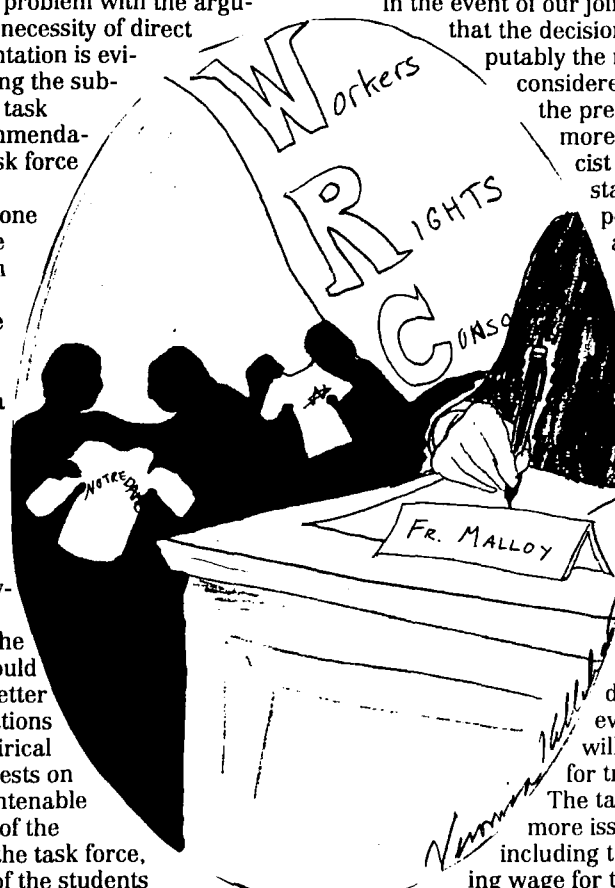
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Todd David Whitmore

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QUOTE OF THE DAY



"There's right and there's wrong. You get to do one or the other. You do the one, and you're living. You do the other, and you may be walking around, but you're dead as a beaver hat."

John Wayne
actor

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Defense of Student Diversity Board

We are writing in response to the March 7 article about the Student Diversity Board at Saint Mary's College. We feel that the article was not an example of objective journalism and presented a scaled view of our board. For the sake of balanced reporting, we are writing to share what was not covered in the article. We are not trying to defend or justify our accomplishments; we merely want the community to know both sides of the story.

First of all, the article did not mention that this year has been the very first year Student Diversity Board (SDB) ever existed. This organization was created last April by a small group of individuals who put together a constitution and obtained approval from the Board of Governance of Saint Mary's College. We have started from scratch and had no legacy to guide us in our task of promoting diversity.

Despite this challenge, we have worked hard to fulfill our vision of making Saint Mary's a more educated, open and comfortable environment. We would like to highlight some of the things we have done this year that were not discussed in the article.

We sponsored Faces of America, a one-woman play about multiculturalism in the United States and co-sponsored events with LaFuerza for Hispanic Heritage month, the Sisters of Nefertiti for Black History Month and Asian/Pacific Islander Club for Asian American Month.

Also, we held three discussion forums about diversity including discussions about the role diversity plays in our community, multiculturalism, racial stereotypes and approaches to combat racial prejudice.

We organized a workshop for Resident Advisors on the issue of diversity in the residence halls and the role of R.A.s in dealing with students from various ethnic backgrounds.

We have worked with Campus Ministry to conduct a survey among non-Catholic students to identify their needs. As a result, SDB is now working on a hospitality program to provide a guide to resources in the South Bend community and to organize a Big Sister/Little Sister program.

The Student Diversity Board identified places on campus that are not handicap-accessible and submitted a proposal to Residence Life to include in next year's budget.

We sponsored Operation Christmas Child, a service-project to collect gift boxes for children in third world countries and worked with the Diversity Committee of the Strategic Planning Initiative Commission to identify priorities for the College in the area of ethnic diversity.

In addition, we co-sponsored Christmas Around the World with Student Activities Board, sponsored International Women's Week in March and sponsored the Hunger Awareness Week and Disabilities Awareness Week. Finally, we sponsored Spring Picnic to take place on April 19, 2001.

Today, a year from its conception, SDB is a major board within Saint Mary's student government, with 24 members including commissioners and representatives from various organizations. Our mission is to raise awareness of diversity, celebrate the uniqueness of every individual, bring to attention issues of ethnic diversity and support minority groups on campus.

The issue of diversity is complicated and challenging. Entrenched attitudes and practices cannot be changed overnight. Our Board has undertaken an ambitious goal and we are proud to have started making a difference on our campus. We would like to thank students, faculty, staff and administration for their heartfelt support. We have yet much to do and we look forward to our second year of exciting events and activities.

The Student Diversity Board
Saint Mary's College
March 21, 2001

Sanctions hurt innocents

Although I am pleased that The Observer printed an article addressing the 10 years of United Nations sanctions against Iraq, I felt the article failed to properly illuminate the extent of destruction which the sanctions have had on the Iraqi people. In addition to the 1 million chronically malnourished children of Iraq, the embargo is also responsible for the deaths of about 500,000 infants and toddlers between the years 1991-1998, according to a 1999 U.N. report. That number has undoubtedly grown since 1999 and does not include the deaths of civilians over the age of five. In total, since its beginning in 1990, the embargo has been responsible for 1 to 1.5 million deaths.

Those who remain alive suffer from impoverishment, outbreaks of normally controllable disease, a lack of fundamental health care and the destruction of Iraqi society, despite immense relief programs from humanitarian organizations such as the World Food Program and the International Committee of the Red Cross, whose efforts fall far short of making up for the lack of a functioning economy, due to the economic embargo. Among other troubles, the Nov. 2000 U.N. Report of the Secretary-

General states that "nearly 90 percent of raw sewage from the sewage pumping stations in Iraq is currently being discharged directly into rivers and streams. Consequently, many Iraqi people who rely on river water for their daily needs are being compelled to deal with contaminated water, with serious public health implications."

During the Iran-Iraq War of the 1980s and the Gulf War of 1991, much of Iraq's infrastructure, including sewage treatment plants and water purification plants, were destroyed by the United States. The economic embargo has not only crippled Iraq's economy, thereby making such expensive and widespread repairs impossible, but it also denies the importation of many of the parts necessary to repair such structures as sewage treatment facilities, hospitals or water purification plants.

Unfortunately, the economic sanctions against Iraq have been overshadowed by concerns of Iraq's possession of weapons of mass destruction, even though the economic embargo is responsible for more deaths than all the weapons of mass destruction ever used. Under current U.N. security resolutions, the embargo will not be lifted until U.N. and International Atomic Energy

Agency weapons inspectors can verify that Iraq is completely disarmed of weapons of mass destruction.

Many Americans attempt to blame Iraq's humanitarian crisis on the Iraqi government, citing its refusal to comply with weapons inspectors and entirely destroy its chemical, biological and nuclear arms capabilities. Such an analysis, however, fails to take into account the United States' role in a 1999 scandal, during which allegations of the U.S. manipulating U.N. reconnaissance to spy on Iraq were broken by the Washington Post and Boston Globe. The extent to which the U.S. violated its relationship to U.N. weapons investigators is debatable, but it remains clear that the U.S. illegally misused U.N. weapons investigators' data to spy on the Iraqi government and destroyed the credibility of U.N. weapons inspectors.

Furthermore, before U.N. weapons investigators were kicked out of Iraq in Dec. 1998, they achieved a high degree of success in disarming Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, as documented in U.N. reports. Despite recent efforts by Colin Powell to loosen economic sanctions against Iraq, U.S. foreign policy still demands the deliberate impoverishment of the 22 million people of Iraq and the deaths of hundreds of thousands of civilians, overwhelmingly concentrated amongst young children, pregnant women, the elderly and those with medical ailments.

Darren Kernaghan
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GUEST COLUMN

Druggies paid to get sterilized

Drug abuse and the protection of a woman's right to do what she chooses with her body are two separate topics that are not usually related. But in recent months, issues have surfaced that closely link drug abuse with the reproductive rights of women.

Last week, 60 Minutes II aired a show about a new program named CRACK, (Children Requiring a Caring Community) which offers an alternative for women on drugs. CRACK gives women with substance abuse problems an alternate option to taking pills or using condoms. CRACK will pay women \$200 if they agree to either long-term birth control or sterilization through tubal ligations. And the reason behind these procedures? Women who do drugs will no longer have unwanted pregnancies or the option to give birth to children with defects resulting from their mothers' addictions.

Women who support this program justify their actions with the response that, "until you have adopted children that have siblings who have died from their mother's continual drug use during pregnancy, or a child who was born premature and ditched behind a dumpster, you have no right to judge us."

After seeing the effects of a mother's drug abuse on her newborn child, one could understand CRACK's concern. Barbara Harris, the program's founder, has adopted four children — all victims born from the same drug-addicted mother.

Although this program keeps drug users from getting pregnant, is it ethical to offer \$200 to women who are on the streets and need money for their next fix? To people who are perpetually focused on their next high, \$200 is a lot of money. It doesn't seem fair to offer a

SAN DIEGO, Calif.

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woman, in this state of mind, money that could forever remove her chance to reproduce. This suggests that CRACK simply writes off these women as addicts that will never seek treatment.

A young woman, say 21, might choose this procedure simply for the money — to help herself get off the street for a night and get high. Should we generalize her along with all the other addicts, stereotyping her as a life-long drug user? Well, not all addicts use for life, and if a woman decides to get cleaned up, she might choose to have a normal life, get married and have a family. Women on drugs should not be preyed upon by a program that has a personal crusade against women who use drugs while pregnant.

Scarlett Taylor, 24, is one of these young women who chose to go with CRACK's program. She is a mother of a 6-month-old daughter and is a former heroin addict. Taylor's motivation for the procedure: money. She used the \$200 to help pay for her college application fee. Taylor has also made \$250 from the five women she has referred to the program.

According to an April 2000 statistic, of the 188 women who have chosen to take CRACK's \$200 payment, 102 have chosen sterilization. Flyers presenting this medical option to women with drug abuse problems have appeared in clinics all over California. Soon this program could be offered to women in San Diego clinics. This reality is not too far off, since Barbara Harris founded the program in California, and Los Angeles, only miles away from us, has CRACK's biggest customer base.

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OSCAR FEATURE

The 73rd annual Academy Awards won't

Scene's movie critics offer predictions and

By MATT CACCAMO and MATT NANIA
Scene Movie Critics

Every year the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences bestows upon a lucky few its Oscar statuettes. And every year moviegoers around the world watch in disbelief as films like "The English Patient" beat out more worthy films like "Fargo." The Academy voted admirably last season in choosing "American Beauty" the Best Picture; but without serious competition, there was no other choice. This year, the group's 6,000 members have the rare opportunity to do some good. Several remarkable films, performances and craftsmen are up for consideration and it would be more than disappointing to see such talents completely ignored. Unfortunately, the buzz around Hollywood (via the Internet) indicates that the Academy is headed for another meltdown. Here, then, is an analysis of each major category, complete with probable winners and losers.

Best Picture

Nominees: "Chocolat," "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," "Erin Brockovich," "Gladiator," "Traffic"

The battle-oriented action drama "Gladiator" fits the Oscar mold perfectly: It's an epic, has impressive sets and costumes, contains a strong lead performance and fared well with both critics and audiences. It also has that "they don't make them like this, anymore" spirit that Academy voters love.

"Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," though, is considered by many to be the better film. Also an epic, the martial arts fantasy has slowly but surely gained acceptance with American audiences, despite the film's subtitles. Unfortunately, the Academy usually awards Best Picture to an American film, and will most likely deem "Crouching Tiger" the winner in the Foreign Film category.

The three other contenders in this race, "Traffic," "Erin Brockovich" and "Chocolat" just don't measure up to the epic feel of either "Gladiator" or "Crouching Tiger." Steven Soderbergh's "Traffic," although incredibly well acted, directed and written, is too heavy and intelligent for its own good (when it comes to Best Picture winners, anyway). The sweet but simple "Chocolat" was marketed well by its distributor, Miramax, but the nomination is enough. "Erin Brockovich," also directed by Soderbergh, is lightweight compared to the director's other effort (it suffers somewhat from being a Julia Roberts star vehicle). And the fact that Soderbergh fans will split their vote doesn't bode well for either of his films.

What will win: "Gladiator"

What may win: "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon"

What should win: "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon"

Best Director

Nominees: Stephen Daldry ("Billy Elliot"), Ang Lee ("Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon"), Ridley Scott ("Gladiator"), Steven Soderbergh ("Erin Brockovich"), Steven Soderbergh ("Traffic")

Soderbergh's double nomination is an honor in itself, and some say it proves that he is this year's best director. Unfortunately for him, the studios couldn't decide which nomination to promote, so a split vote is more than likely (such was the case at the Golden Globes).

"Billy Elliot" isn't nominated for Best Picture, and the competition is too fierce, so don't look for Daldry to win. Scott's "Gladiator" is up for a dozen awards, though, and the Academy often supports a director who tackled a film's scope and spectacle with proficiency and professionalism.

But the real thermometer of the Best Director race is the Director's Guild award, which was given to Ang Lee just recently. That pretty much clinches the win for Lee, especially considering that Scott's "Hannibal" wasn't well liked by audiences or critics. But, again, the Academy loves spectacle and technical merit, so Scott (who has been around for a while), may just fly right over Lee's head.

Who will win: Ang Lee

Who may win: Ridley Scott

Who should win: Lee or Steven Soderbergh ("Traffic")

Best Actor

Nominees: Javier Bardem ("Before Night Falls"), Russell Crowe ("Gladiator"), Tom Hanks ("Cast Away"), Ed Harris ("Pollock"), Geoffrey Rush ("Quills")

The only thing keeping this race from being Hanks' victory is the fact that the everyman actor has won twice before. "Cast Away" was a box office success and showcased the actor's talents just as "Philadelphia" and "Forrest Gump" did. As Chuck Noland in the desert island drama, Hanks demanded the audience's attention. And he got it in spades.

Crowe, too, demanded attention as the general-turned-slave Maximus in "Gladiator." Not only was it a star-making turn, but it is widely held that no other actor in Hollywood could command such a physical presence and still remain noble. Unfortunately for Crowe, his off-screen escapades as reported in the tabloid press have brought him more attention than the film has (when it comes to Oscar, not all press is good press).

Bardem's performance as a gay writer in "Before Night Falls" could have used more press and promotion, as it appears no one has seen the film (it's not up for any other awards, either).

As the controversial Marquis de Sade in "Quills," Rush displayed much more than his acting talents in a very gruesome and vile role, therefore lessening his chances for Oscar success.

The remaining candidate in this hotly contested category is Harris. Harris directed and starred in "Pollock," a biography of famous American painter Jackson Pollock, and the widely respected actor has received praise for his stunning portrayal of a man struggling against his own ideas of success and failure. Harris may strip away the win from Hanks if enough voters have seen the film and understand the sacrifices Harris made to get the film produced. The Academy consists largely of actors, both employed and retired, and it wouldn't be

much of a surprise to see Harris pull it off.

Who will win: Tom Hanks

Who may win: Ed Harris

Who should win: Harris

Best Actress

Nominees: Joan Allen ("The Contender"), Juliette Binoche ("Chocolat"), Ellen Burstyn ("Requiem for a Dream"), Laura Linney ("You Can Count On Me"), Julia Roberts ("Erin Brockovich")

Perhaps the most predictable race at this year's Oscars, the Best Actress category contains two performances that blow the competition out of the water.

As a drug addicted mother in Darren Aronofsky's "Requiem for a Dream," veteran actress Burstyn dared to go where few actors have gone before. She tapped into truly horrifying emotions and psychoses in the oddly exhilarating film, giving us the best work of her career.

Linney also did an excellent job portraying a mother, although in a completely different film. "You Can Count On Me" gave the relatively unknown actress a shot at creating a multi-layered, realistic character with human quirks and complications. Linney did more than live up to the challenge.

Two other contenders, Binoche and Allen, did admirable work as well. Binoche was a delight to watch in "Chocolat" and Allen conveyed dignity and determination as a senator caught up in a scandal in "The Contender." Against Burstyn and Linney, though, they don't stand a chance.

But this race is Julia Roberts' to lose. The super-popular actress has won numerous critical awards, the Golden Globe and the Screen Actors Guild award (that was the clincher). As the title character in "Erin Brockovich," Roberts gave audiences her best work to date, exhibiting charm and cleavage in equal measure — a talent that is, apparently, award worthy. Unless a backlash comes along to wipe Roberts off the nomination list, look for that wide-mouthed smile to be onstage accepting its award.

Who will win: Julia Roberts

Who may win: Ellen Burstyn

Who should win: Laura Linney or Burstyn

Best Supporting Actor

Nominees: Jeff Bridges ("The Contender"), Willem Dafoe ("Shadow of the Vampire"), Benicio Del Toro ("Traffic"), Albert Finney ("Erin Brockovich"), Joaquin Phoenix ("Gladiator")

The Supporting Actor race is notorious for being difficult to predict, and this year is no exception.

Although Del Toro emerged victorious over Hanks and Crowe at the Screen Actors Guild awards (for which he was nominated for best lead actor), Finney is a well-respected, veteran-supporting actor who has yet to win his Oscar. Both candidates performed in multi-nominated films and both were under the direction of Soderbergh.

What it comes down to, it seems, is the role itself. As a Mexican law enforcer in "Traffic," Del Toro had to exhibit a man's conflicting motives (justice or loyalty) all while speaking a particular Mexican dialect.

Albert Finney's role, however, was not particularly challenging. Playing an aging lawyer and boss of a small firm, Finney displayed a good combination of weariness, reluctance and dignity, but it's easy to think of other actors who could have done the job just as well. So Del Toro has the edge over Finney and, consequently, the edge over the three remaining nominees, whose performances are either too pretentious (Bridges, as a speechifying president), too over-the-top (Dafoe, as vampire Max Schrek) or too inconsistent (Phoenix's cry-baby Caesar).

Who will win: Benicio Del Toro

Who may win: Albert Finney

Who should win: Del Toro

Best Supporting Actress

Nominees: Judi Dench ("Chocolat"), Marcia Gay Harden ("Pollock"), Kate Hudson ("Almost Famous"), Frances



The 2001 Academy Awards March 25.



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Russell Crowe's "Gladiator" is the most likely winner of this year's Best Picture Award.



"Erin Brockovich" contains mance to date.

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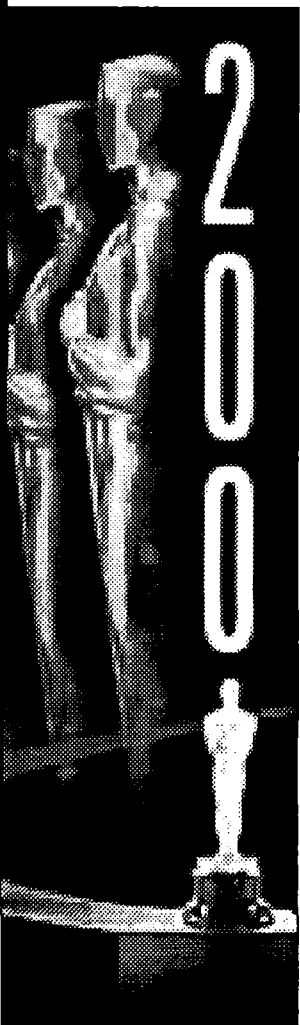


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Awards will air on Sunday,

McDormand ("Almost Famous"), **Julie Walters** ("Billy Elliot")

Looking back at former winners in this category (Kim Basinger, Mira Sorvino, Marisa Tomei), it becomes clear that the Academy likes to award fresh-faced talent with the trophy, hoping to give the actress' career a boost. Hudson, as "band aide" Penny Lane in "Almost Famous," fits this mold perfectly. It doesn't hurt that her mother, Goldie Hawn, won the award back in 1970.

Dench, although receiving the SAG, is out of the race because she was given an Oscar just two years ago for "Shakespeare in Love." Walters, as a ballet teacher in "Billy Elliot," was overshadowed by Jamie Bell's moving performance as the title character. And McDormand doesn't pose much of a threat because voters who want to recognize "Famous" will pick Hudson.

Harden, however, gives the most challenging performance in this category, and she just might walk away with the win. As Jackson Pollock's wife and supporter, Harden did a fantastic job creating sympathy for a man who often never gave anything back. But, as stated before, the Academy likes to see young, weepy tears up on that podium, and Hudson is the perfect victim.
Who will win: Kate Hudson
Who may win: Marcia Gay

Harden
Who should win: Harden

So Hollywood waits anxiously for the vaunted Academy to choose the top films and performances of the year, and the movie-going public anticipates a star-studded Oscar night filled with beautiful people, their expensive clothes and their ridiculous acceptance speeches.

Without a doubt, the Oscar ceremony is the most important night of the year for Hollywood. A nomination, not to mention a victory, can catapult a mediocre actor, director or producer to immediate fame and future fortune. It's completely understandable why the industry puts so much stock in these awards.

But why do we?

Why the Oscars Don't Matter

Oscar night is, after all, a ceremony by celebrities, for celebrities in celebration of being a celebrity. So why do we as moviegoers put so much stock in them? Why do they matter? The short answer is that they don't. Here are five really good reasons why:

Who are these guys?

Ask 100 people what the "Academy" is, and 100 people will have no idea. Ask the same 100 people to name one member of the "Academy," and, most likely, 100 will not be able to offer an answer. So who are these guys?

It would seem that the Oscar earns its prestige from the academy that awards it. One might even imagine that

Americans hold the Academy in high regard because of its lofty vision of purposeful art and filmmaking in modern society. But the simple fact is that very few people actually know what the Academy is.

The Academy's website (www.oscar.org) offers very little help. "The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences is a professional honorary organization composed of over 6,000 motion picture craftsmen and women." That is interesting, but it still tells us nothing about what the Academy is, what it stands for (if anything), and who makes up its membership.

The website goes on for two paragraphs describing the Oscar statue and its history. It tells us the statue's measurements (13.5 in. tall, 8.5 lbs.), its designer and how it earned its nickname. The site tells us nothing of the group that offers the awards. This perfectly represents the nature of the Academy Awards: all fluff. It's nothing but pretty people acting nice to receive beautiful, golden awards that will ensure them prosperity and more beauty in the future. It's the ultimate insider pat on the back.

How do they vote?

One might assume that an Academy member, realizing the weight and importance of their vote and the ultimate decision of the Academy, would make a point of seeing every film up for the award on which they cast their vote. This is not the case. It came as quite a surprise to discover (thanks to the fine investigative reporting done by "E!") that the majority of Academy members never see all the movies up for awards. This year, a member might see "Erin Brockovich" and "Gladiator" (the two box-office leaders among the best picture nominees), but fail to see "Chocolat" (a much less commercialized film), and still cast a vote.

In addition, there is no standard way in which members view these films. Some are seen in special screenings, some on home video, some in cramped, public movie-theaters. Does that affect the way they vote? Maybe. No one can deny that there is a vast difference between seeing "Gladiator" or "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" on home video and in a theater.

The Sacrificial Lambs

Each year the Academy nominates films and actors who have absolutely no chance of winning. There are three main categories of these "sacrificial lambs."

The first is the foreign language film lamb. When was the last time a foreign language film won the Best Picture Oscar? It's impossible to remember because it has never happened. Never — unless you consider British a foreign language. Yet every couple years, the Academy feels it necessary to nominate a foreign language film to show off its international credentials and worldly instincts. This is an empty sham that does not bode well for Ang Lee and "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon."

Next is the low-budget-experimental film lamb. This is the film that doesn't make \$150 million at the box office and is not released by one of the top five Hollywood film studios but still manages to sneak in a nomination for Best Picture, Director or Actor. Among recent victims are "The Full Monty," "Secrets and Lies" and "Babe." They are interesting and unique, but they will never win because the Academy finds them all too revolutionary or challenging to the status quo.

Finally, there is the comedy film lamb. Why don't

funny movies ever win the big awards? Are comedies, by definition, not high quality? A more likely explanation is that the Academy takes itself too serious to relax and admit that a film that makes them laugh carries some intrinsic value. Maybe "Moonstruck" was better than "The Last Emperor" in 1988. Not on the Academy's life would they ever admit that on Oscar night.

Of course, the artists who work on these sacrificial lamb films are thankful just to receive a nomination. For them, a nomination is enough to bring them the respect and attention that they would otherwise not receive. But we should demand more; namely, a fair playing field in which original, "different" films are not predetermined to lose.

The "What Were They Thinking?" Years

To put it simply, the Academy messes up quite often. There are plenty of years that we can look back on with wonderment.

A perfect example is 1995. Although it was named Best Picture, many people would argue that "Forrest Gump" was not the best film of the year. The historically interesting "Quiz Show," the touching and increasingly popular "Shawshank Redemption" and the endearing comedy "Four Weddings and a Funeral." It's anyone's guess how "Gump" pulled that one off.

A more recent example is 1998, in which "Titanic" inexplicably captured 11 Oscars, including Best Picture. It seems "L.A. Confidential" was deemed too confusing, "As Good as it Gets" and "The Full Monty" too funny, and "Good Will Hunting" too touching. Instead, they chose a big-budget film rich in special effects and romance but short on common sense or any deep sense of itself.

The Better Alternatives

If a moviegoer really wants to know the best films of the year, why not turn to the people for whom evaluating movies is a profession: film critics. Numerous associations of critics release their annual awards every year to little public scrutiny or acclaim.

While these are just more awards given by human beings with different subjective analyses of a subjective art, it might make more sense to trust film critics who actually see every movie on which they vote.

In addition, these critics work independently of the Hollywood industry, unlike the vague membership of the Academy that most likely draws its ranks from the industry itself. Film critics are outsiders who, presumably, have no reason to favor one film over the other. They see nearly every film released in a year (foreign and domestic, big budget and small), making them more than capable of fairly and effectively evaluating their worth.

This is not to say that moviegoers shouldn't enjoy the Oscar show next week. Enjoy the beautiful faces, elegant gowns and tuxedos, and amazingly cheerful smiles. Just remember that it is really nothing more than patting oneself on the back.

The winners of the 73rd Annual Academy Awards will be announced live starting at 8 p.m., Sunday, March 25, on ABC. Hosted by Steve Martin, and featuring performances by Bjork, Bob Dylan, Randy Newman and Sting, this year's Oscar ceremony is certain to entertain (and infuriate).



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Julia Roberts' best perfor-

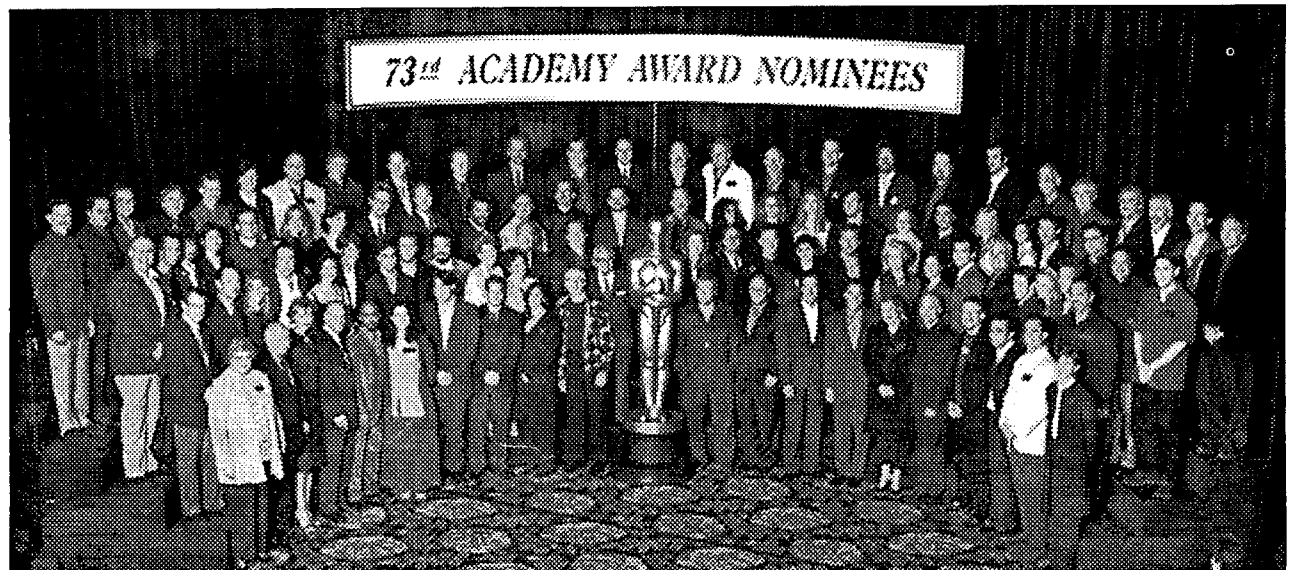


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The 73rd Academy Award nominees gathered at a Hollywood luncheon last week to drink and schmooze with fellow nominees and Academy voters.

NBA

Hamilton and Alexander lead Wizards to victory

Associated Press

LAND, Calif.

Richard Hamilton scored 28 points and Courtney Alexander added a career-high 26 as the Washington Wizards beat Golden State 99-94 Wednesday night, sending the Warriors to their 11th straight loss.

Antawn Jamison scored 23 points for the Warriors, who have lost nine straight at home.

With the game tied at 87, the Wizards went on an 8-3 run to take a 95-90 lead on Hubert Davis' 3-pointer with 1:47 left. Vontee Cummings hit a 3-pointer for the Warriors to close the gap, but Golden State couldn't get any closer.

Davis finished with 21 points for the Wizards, who snapped a three-game losing streak. Jahidi White had 11 points and 11 rebounds.

Both teams entered the game with just 16 victories, tied for the second-worst record in the NBA.

Mitch Richmond, a former Warrior, remained out of the Wizards' lineup with a strained right knee. It was the 31st game he has missed this season with injuries.

The Warriors led by as many as seven points in the third quarter, but the Wizards opened the fourth with another 3-pointer by Davis to narrow Golden State's edge to 78-77.

The Wizards went ahead for the first time in the game when David Vanderpool's jumper made it 79-78 with 9:13 to play. The lead went back and forth the rest of the way.

The Warriors squandered an 11-point lead in the first quarter but the Wizards couldn't manage to get the lead and Golden State had a 48-46 lead at the half.

The Warriors took a 19-8 lead in the first quarter on Jamison's slam dunk with 5:30 to go. The Wizards chipped

away at the lead, narrowing the gap to 19-15 on Hamilton's jumper, then tied it at 22 on Davis' 3-pointer with just 25 seconds left.

The Warriors managed to extend their lead to 37-31 on Erick Dampier's turnaround jumper with 5:27 left before the half, but the Wizards kept up the pressure and tied it at 46-46 on Alexander's 3-pointer with 1:08 left before Adam Keefe's shot at the buzzer gave the Warriors their halftime edge.

Pacers 96, Magic 95

Reggie Miller scored Indiana's last five points and the Pacers survived a second-half rally to defeat the Orlando Magic 96-95 Wednesday night.

Miller scored 22 points to lead six Pacers in double figures.

The victory wasn't secured until Darrell Armstrong, who made three 3-pointers in the final quarter and finished with 29 points and 12 assists, missed a 3-point attempt from the right corner at the final buzzer.

Austin Croshere scored 14 points for Indiana. Jermaine O'Neal scored 13, Al Harrington had 12 points and 12 rebounds, Jalen Rose added 12 points and 10 assists and Travis Best scored 10.

With Boston losing at home, the Pacers opened a one-game lead over the Celtics for the eighth and final playoff spot in the East.

Tracy McGrady scored 25 points for Orlando, and Mike Miller added 12.

Indiana was leading 69-51 with 5:20 to play in the third quarter when Orlando began its comeback.

Armstrong and McGrady scored four points each as the Magic went on a 17-5 run over the remainder of the quarter. McGrady hit two baskets and Armstrong added a 3-pointer

from the top of the key as the Magic scored the first seven points of the fourth quarter to take a 75-74 lead.

The lead seasawed before Miller hit a 3-pointer from the top of the key for a 94-91 lead with 1:14 remaining. Michael Doleac and Miller traded free throws before Armstrong's last shot bounced off the front of the rim as time expired.

Heat 109, Bulls 81

Brian Grant scored 22 points to lead six players in double figures as the Miami Heat rolled to a win over the Chicago Bulls on Wednesday night.

Grant scored 14 of his points before halftime and finished 11-of-19 from the floor in 28 minutes.

Anthony Mason followed with 15 points and 12 rebounds, and Tim Hardaway added 13 points as Miami won its fourth straight home game.

The Bulls, who have a league-low 11 wins, dropped their 21st straight road game and eighth straight overall.

The Heat's 28-point margin of victory was their largest of the season at home. All 12 players scored for the Heat, who narrowly missed a season-high for field-goal percentage with 55.7.

The Heat took command with a 14-4 run just before the half to open a 59-42 lead at the break.

Miami opened a 30-point lead in the third quarter as Chicago managed only 14 points in the period and committed seven turnovers.

Jamal Crawford scored 17 points to lead the Bulls. Ron Artest, Brad Miller and Ron Mercer each added 13.

Hornets 111, Raptors 95

Jamal Mashburn scored 27 points and David Wesley added 26 to lead the Charlotte Hornets to a victory over Toronto on

Wednesday night.

Elden Campbell added 14 points for Charlotte, which improved to 3-1 against the Raptors this season with an average victory margin of 25 points.

Eddie Robinson came off the bench to score 13 points for Charlotte on 5-of-9 shooting, the 20th straight game he's shot 50 percent or better from the field.

The Raptors, coming off a 102-81 win over Indiana on Tuesday night, looked sharp early but wilted after halftime.

They trailed the Hornets on every fast break of the third quarter, allowing Mashburn to hit easy layups and open jumpers while scoring 16 points.

Charlotte, which trailed by 13 in the first quarter, rallied to take a 57-51 lead into halftime.

The Hornets then put Toronto away by scoring on their first six possessions of the third quarter and shooting 70 percent for the period.

Wesley hit a pair of 3-pointers in the period and the second one gave Charlotte an 83-61 lead. Mashburn's reverse layup with 1:06 to play in the third gave the Hornets their largest lead at 92-66.

Vince Carter led Toronto with 23 points, but 13 of them came in the first quarter when he was able to hit his outside shots — he opened the game by making all three of his 3-point attempts.

Charlotte forced him inside after that and contested most of his jumpers. He attempted only two more 3-pointers the rest of the game and didn't hit either of them. He sat most of the fourth quarter.

Spurs 97, Celtics 77

Terry Porter and Derek Anderson started hitting from long range as the San Antonio Spurs, the NBA's best 3-point

shooting team, broke open a close game and beat the Boston Celtics Wednesday night.

The Spurs led 62-61 late in the third quarter when Paul Pierce and Antoine Walker, Boston's top scorers, went to the bench for a rest.

From that point, San Antonio outscored Boston 35-16. It was the 3-point shot that made the difference as Porter made three of them in the last three minutes of the third quarter and Anderson sank three and Danny Ferry one in the first 7:04 of the fourth.

The Spurs entered the game with a 40.8 3-point percentage and shot 7-of-11 in the second half after going 2-for-9 in the first.

San Antonio, 11-1 in its last 12 games, was led by Anderson with 26 points and Tim Duncan with 15 points and 14 rebounds, his NBA high 56th double-double of the season.

Boston, which won its last two games on the road, was led by Pierce with 37 and Walker with 13. Of Boston's 36 second-half points, Pierce had 18 and Walker 9.

The Celtics' biggest lead was 30-14 early in the second quarter, but that slipped to 41-40 at halftime as they scored just three baskets in the last 6 1/2 minutes.

The Spurs went ahead when Anderson hit the first basket of the third quarter, giving them their first lead since 2-0.

Pierce and Walker scored 18 of Boston's 20 points in the third quarter. With the Spurs ahead 62-61, Duncan hit a free throw with 1:03 left, Porter sank a 3-pointer with 37 seconds remaining, and Anderson made a layup with 11 seconds to go.

Boston still had a chance when Pierce's last basket cut the lead to 81-71 with 6:37 left. But Ferry's 3-pointer began a 10-0 run.

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countdown to the ASF on Saturday: 3 days. time to party like rockstars. and then the 'backer afterwards. NG- I can hardly wait!

Don't worry, professor Left won't miss us tomorrow.

AAAAHHHHH! Save me from South Dining Hall!

So yeah, sometimes you have to skip class in order to sleep.

OK, it's really time to go

GEORGE!!!!

Bananas in pajamas are coming down the stairs. Bananas in pajamas are chasing teddy bears.

Thank you, everyone who worked on Wednesday night. You rock even if the new printer stopped rocking. --Noreen

Jnell and Cass — We are going to have a rockin' formal. Thanks for all your hard work.

I'm hotter than Britney any day of the week. But I'm not a performer...of that kind anyway.

Professor Left, I am so sorry, but I won't be attending class today. I was just up too late. It's 4:55 a.m. and the end is not near.

Chuk, thanks for being my date. Except you have to be nice. Even in your away messages.

Molly — thanks for lunch.

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BASEBALL

Errors and pitching play key role in Irish victory

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

Hits for the Irish Wednesday afternoon were few and far between, but they came at the right time as Notre Dame secured a 3-0 victory over Cleveland State.

The Irish capitalized off of five Viking errors, scoring three unearned runs with some very timely hitting.

As has been the story most of the year, Irish pitchers baffled their opponents and let the defense play behind them. Sophomores Peter Ogilvie and Matt Laird combined to throw a four-hit shutout against the Vikings.

"Pitching was outstanding for us today," said Coach Paul Mainieri. "Peter [Ogilvie] really brought it to their hitters today, working the strike zone and letting his defense make plays. Matt [Laird] also had an excellent showing today. He really improved his consistency and got back into a good groove."

Ogilvie was impressive once again in his second start of the year, working seven innings, allowing no runs on just three hits. He showed great poise in getting out of some jams in the early innings, then really settling down as the game wore on to earn his first win of the season.

"It was great for me to get the opportunity to pitch today, especially in our first home game," said Ogilvie. "I just tried to go out, throw strikes, and let our defense take care of the rest."

Laird was just as dominant in relief of his teammate, picking up a save for his efforts. He demonstrated excellent

control, striking out four of the seven batters he faced, and only allowing one to reach base.

The Irish hitters continued the same style of small-ball they have played all year, relying on base hits, walks, stolen bases and bunts to produce runs one at a time.

Notre Dame first struck in the fourth inning, when junior right fielder Brian Stavisky reached base on an error by Cleveland State shortstop Mike Lehman.

Stavisky then stole second and advanced to third on a past ball. A groundball by sophomore left fielder Kris Billmaier brought Stavisky home to give the Irish a 1-0 lead.

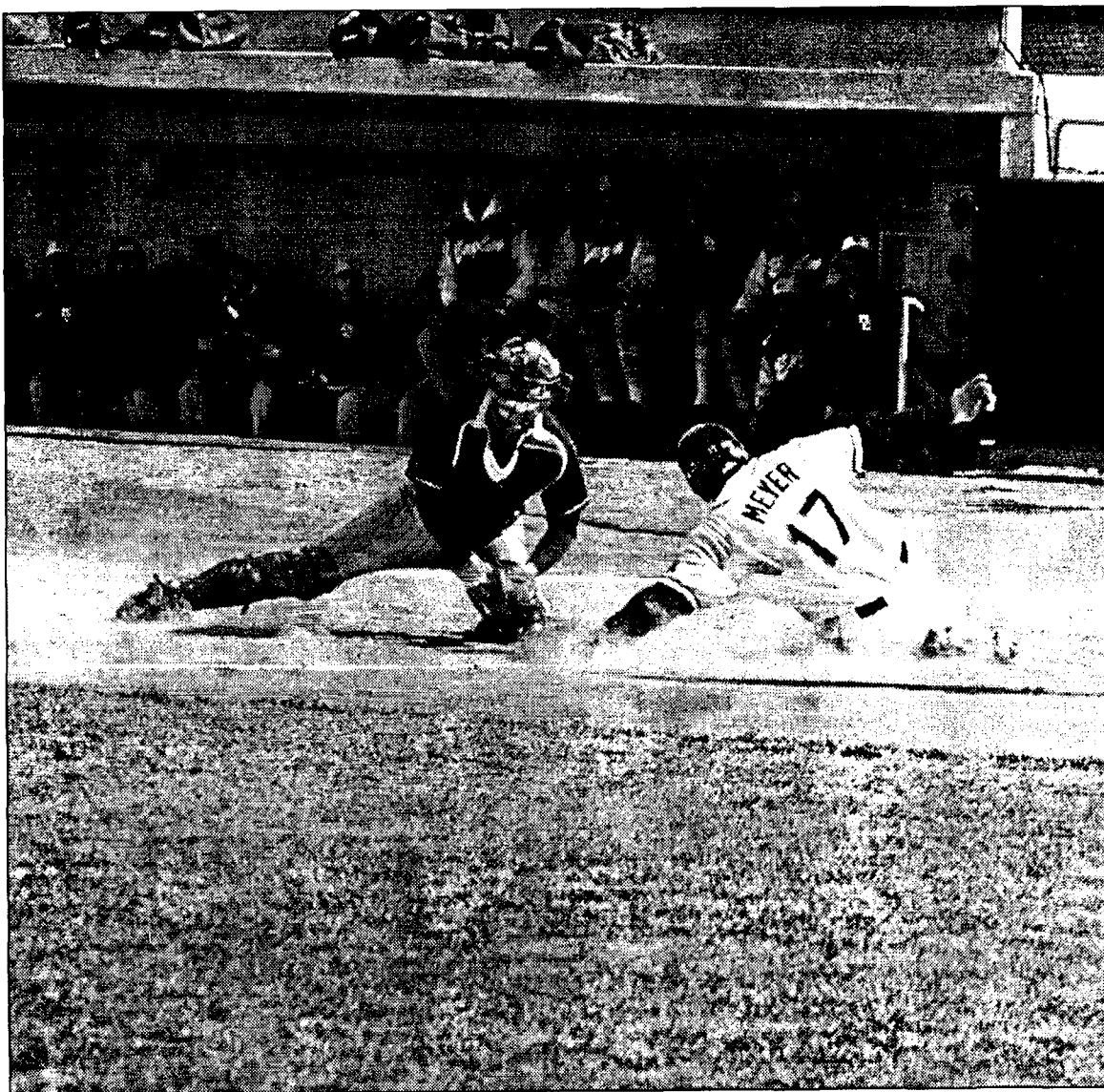
Notre Dame got its only other runs in the sixth inning when senior shortstop Alec Porzel reached second on a dropped fly ball by left fielder Jeremy Hoover.

With two outs in the inning, Billmaier, who was two for three on the day, got his second RBI with a base hit up the middle. The next batter, junior catcher Andrew Bushey, provided the Irish with one more insurance run with a base hit that scored Billmaier from second.

Coach Mainieri feels his club is ready to begin Big East play on Friday.

"I think our pitching and defense can really limit the potential of any offense we may face," he said. "And our hitting has really improved over the past games. We are starting to get some big hits at key times to win ball games."

The Irish begin conference play Friday at Pittsburgh. Their next home game is Tuesday against Western Michigan.



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Designated hitter Ken Meyer slides into home during an Notre Dame victory over Cleveland State on Wednesday. Irish pitchers threw a shutout against the Vikings.

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More than just a pretty building

by Frank Santoni

The new Coleman-Morse center is more than the sum of its parts. It's more than new office space. It's more than new social space. It's certainly more than the free popcorn and drinks. It's even more than the impressive fountain with its 1,600-lb. floating granite orb.

The new Coleman-Morse center represents more than just a collection of important University functions under one roof. From the tranquil interfaith prayer room on the first floor to the expansive Learning Resource Center on the second and the well-equipped choir rehearsal rooms on the third, the Coleman-Morse Center opens the doors to fresh and exciting new ways for all of us to enjoy the benefits of our university's great wealth of resources and dedicated staff.

Campus Ministry would like to extend an invitation to all to come and explore our new home. There is so much to see and do. Interested in retreats? Stop in at the first floor Retreats and Spirituality office, Room 114. Want to get involved in any of the cross-cultural ministries? Check out the new Cross-Cultural Ministries across the hall in Room 102. While you're there, make sure you get a handful of popcorn or something to drink around the corner in the lounge.

Upstairs on the third floor, in addition to the choir rehearsal rooms and staff offices, you'll find a religious education Resource Room and the new Campus Ministry Library (coming soon!) stocked with books, magazines, and music. Next semester, you might even find yourself attending a class held in the 100-seat classroom.

Whatever the reason, whether you come to study on the first floor or are involved in a Campus Ministry activity on the third, it is our hope that you feel as welcome as if you were in your own home.

We've got the Love

Likewise, this Saturday's No Greater Love is also greater than the sum of all of its many parts. No Greater Love is unlike anything else Campus Ministry sponsors all year and that fact makes it hard to describe. Let's start backward, by defining what No Greater Love is not.

No Greater Love is not a series of theology lectures. No Greater Love is not a get-away-for-a-weekend, share-intimate-details-of-your-life-with-strangers retreat. And it's not a youth rally that aims to stir the audience to an emotional high through music and motivational speakers.

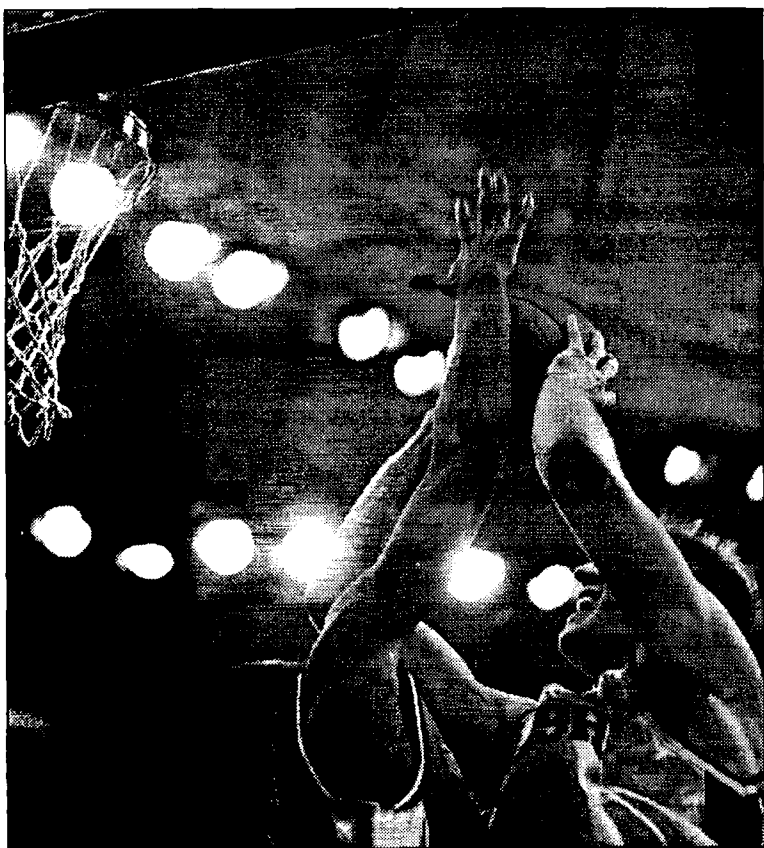
Okay. So that's what it's not. We still haven't gotten to what it is. No Greater Love is an attempt at bringing together all of the elements that inspire and challenge us to think about our lives of faith and our relationships with Christ and His church in fresh, new ways. The Notre Dame family is, at its heart, a community of faith. And as that community of faith, we will gather on Saturday to share with one another our many gifts in hopes that, in our very gathering, we will grow closer to each other as we grow closer to God.



So, please join us this Saturday at the South Dining Hall beginning at 10:00 a.m. Breakfast will be available during workshop registration. Don't miss the morning prayer service led by Fr. Bill Wack and the student leadership team. Be sure to stick around for the first round of workshops at 11:30 at Coleman-Morse. Fr. Mike Baxter will deliver the keynote after lunch at 1:30 in SDH, followed by the second round of workshops at the Coleman-Morse Center. Senior Brett Perkins will be featured in the wrap-up reflection at 3:40 pm, followed by what will promise to be a rousing Closing Mass. Check the web at nd.edu/~nglove for details on the schedule and workshops.

Everyone is welcome to join us this Saturday. The only prerequisite to participating at No Greater Love is an openness to explore your faith with others in an exciting new environment.





DUFFY-MARIE ARNOULT/The Observer

Junior Troy Murphy goes up for a shot. Murphy's future at Notre Dame is still questionable as fans await the NBA draft.

Murphy

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he can play on a higher level, and get paid for it.

As one of the premiere players in college basketball, the 6-foot-11 Murphy is a bull's eye for double-teams every time he steps on the court. With tougher NBA competition, he won't be the focus of other teams' defenses, and while it's a tough jump to make, he's got to do it sometime.

On the days Murphy finishes below his average of 22 points and nine rebounds, he's considered to be in a slump.

It was like that in Notre Dame's first round NCAA tournament game against Xavier. Although teammates Matt Carroll and David Graves went a combined 16-for-18 from the field, Murphy put up 19 points and the Irish won by a dozen, headlines in the New York Times still read "Murphy Stone-Cold." He'll face less public scrutiny in the NBA.

On the stay side? Earning a college degree. Finally getting two seasons beneath the same coach.

Finishing out a four-year career with his close friends and Irish teammates, while potentially carrying Notre Dame to the Sweet 16 or even the Final Four. Becoming the leading scorer in Notre Dame history and one of a select few players to earn All-American honors three times in their careers.

Murphy tasted March Madness this year, but maybe he'd like to get a better feel for it by playing until the end of March next year. While just going to the Tourney was special, a trip to the Final Four would be unforgettable. With Murphy back, high school All-American Chris Thomas filling

in for graduated senior point guard Martin Ingelsby and a deeper bench, the Irish would have a legitimate shot at getting there.

Might be nice to be remembered as the guy who made it possible for the Irish.

"This guy, we're going to ask him to recruit when he's here and after he leaves here," Brey said prior to the Big East Tournament. "He's our poster boy. He's the guy who got us back in the NCAA Tournament. He's the guy who put us back on the college basketball radar screen. He's been what it's all about, the turnaround."

Beyond Murphy's personal pros and cons about staying in school are considerations of what other top under-graduates or high school prospects plan to leap to the NBA, combined with experts' predictions on Murphy's draft potential.

John Thompson of NBADraftReport.com has Murphy rated as the fifth-best power forward at the college level. George Rodecker of CBSsportsline.com considers Murphy the player with the second-most pro potential at any position.

Those projections rise and fall as underclassmen announce their intentions. NBA teams tend to value future potential nearly as highly as proven worth, and the younger the player, the more room for improvement. Height is another favorite among teams looking to draft players.

"This young man has a heck of a business decision to make," Brey said.

On the down side for Murphy is a slow finish to his season. He scored just eight points in Notre Dame's Big East Tournament loss to Pittsburgh, and shot a combined 10-of-33 in the NCAA Tournament. On the up side, he's a proven commodity, having scored in single digits just twice in his college career.

Seniors who might well be selected higher than Murphy include North Carolina's Brendan Haywood and

Arizona's Loren Woods, both 7-0 or taller, Shane Battier of Duke and Iowa State point guard Jamaal Tinsley. Then there are the unknowns — foreigners like 7-6 Yao Ming of China and underclassmen considering the draft such as board-crashing freshman Eddie Griffin of Seton Hall and All-American point guard Joe Forte of North Carolina.

That's not even mentioning the wave of high school seniors leaning towards the draft — 6-11 Eddie Curry, 7-footer DeSagana Diop and California native Tyson Chandler, who at 7-0, declared Wednesday his plans to go pro.

Plus there's history to consider.

Of the top 10 lottery selections in 2000, only No. 1 pick Kenyon Martin of Cincinnati spent four years at the college level. Martin's been the most successful in his rookie season, scoring 12 points and pulling down

eight rebounds per game. Mateen Cleaves and Mo Peterson both stayed at Michigan State through their senior seasons, just long enough to win a National Championship, and both are getting substantial playing time in their first pro seasons.

While everyone knows the success stories of Kobe Bryant and Kevin Garnett, both of whom were NBA players before turning 21, that's not always how it goes. Some of the early exits from college have been busts. No. 9 selection, 7-0 Joel Przybilla, who left Minnesota after his sophomore season, is scoring less than a point per game.

Murphy plans to look at his options with his parents, Brey and his former AAU coach Tony Sagona, but ultimately, the decision is his.

"We've got to recognize that this could be it for this young man," Brey said. "If he decides not to come back, I'll be the first to congratulate him."

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FENCING

Irish favored to defeat Nitanny Lions in NCAAs

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

RACINE, Wisc.

First the first time in seven years, Notre Dame enters the National Fencing Championships in an unfamiliar position — the Irish are expected to defeat the Penn State Nittany Lions.

Since Notre Dame's last national title in 1994, the Irish have finished third once and second five times. All six times, Penn State has won the national title.

But in 2001, everything has changed. Notre Dame is one of only two teams to qualify 12 fencers for the Championships. Penn State and Stanford, two perennial fencing powerhouses, qualified only 11 fencers are at a significant disadvantage when compared to Notre Dame and St. John's, who each qualified the maximum 12 fencers.

Although Notre Dame has the advantage over Penn State and Stanford, most Irish fencers and coaches believe St. John's is the favorite this year.

"By the names, they have the strongest team at the moment," assistant coach Janusz Bednarski said.

The biggest name for St. John's is 1997 and 1999 sabre champion and 2000 Olympian Keith Smart. The senior did not fence in collegiate competition last season while he trained for the Olympics, but he has returned to NCAA fencing his first year to post a 19-1 record.

Smart's teammate Ivan Lee is nearly as talented as Smart. The sophomore posted a 26-1 record after finished third in sabre at last year's NCAA championships.

Men's sabre is also a strong weapon for the Irish. Two-time All-American Andrezej Bednarski and Andre Crompton have both qualified for the

Championships for the Irish. Crompton will be called upon to fill the role of 2000 sabre champion Gabor Szelle who has not fenced for nearly a month.

Although Crompton has never competed at the NCAA Championships before, he is familiar with Smart and Lee and believes he can beat them. The three of them have been training together for seven years and Crompton has beaten both of them this year.

"We actually trade bouts and go back and forth," the Notre Dame junior said. "We know how each other fence from the club. We actually grew up fencing together."

St. John's is also strong in men's epee where they return two first team All-Americans in Doron Levit and Alex Roytblat. Last year, Roytblat beat Irish sophomore Jan Viviani in the semifinals but Viviani bounced back to beat Levit for third place.

A welcome improvement to the Irish over the last few weeks has been the fencing of epeeist Brian Casas. After earning All-American honors in 1999, Casas had a disappointing showing at the 2000 Championships and struggled for most of the 2001 season. In the post-season, however, Casas has been nearly unstoppable — taking first place in both the Midwest Conference and Regional Championships. In both tournaments he defeated teammate Viviani, who earned first team All-American honors last year.

"Brian is back" head coach Yves Auriol said. "It's good to see him fencing well again."

The Red Storm and Irish men's foil teams are also evenly

matched. Notre Dame features first team All-American Ozren Debic and 2000 NCAA qualifier Forrest Walton while St. John's sends 1999 first team All-American Jonathan Tiomkin and 2000 second team All-American Joseph Fisher.

After finished second to Stanford's Felix Reichling in 2000, Debic hopes to win the individual foil crown and finally defeat Reichling.

"There is always room for improvement," Debic said. "I am definitely better than the last two times. I am looking forward to that bout, that's for sure."

The men will open their season with the Championships on Thursday and Friday. After defeating St. John's in the regular season, the Irish expect to build a lead on the first two days and hope the women can hold it on Saturday and Sunday.

"The key for us is for the men to come out and dominate the first two days and then have the women fence their butts off and keep us close," Crompton said. "If we do that we should be alright."

Women bring experience, balance

Building the lead shouldn't be too much of a problem. The men's team is undefeated and ranked No. 1 in the country.

The Irish women's team, however, is weaker than the men's and ranked only fifth nationally. The women's team does not feature the stars and first team All-Americans that the men have.

The St. John's women have more big name fencers than the Notre Dame women, but the Irish feel they are a more balanced team than the Red Storm.

"St. John's is a strong team," sabre captain Cari McCullough said. "They have some stars but I think we are more balanced. Our women's team is more balanced than they are. I think that gives us more of a shot than most people give us credit."

McCullough will be competing in her second Championship but for her teammate Destanie Milo, this weekend's tournament will be her first NCAA experience.

Milo and foilist Maggie Jordan will each be competing in the Championship for the first time but the other four Irish qualifiers fenced in the Championship last year.

In addition to McCullough, foilist Liza Boutsikaris and epeeists Meagan Call and Anna Carnick will all make their second appearance at the NCAAs. That experience is critical, according to McCullough.

"It's great that most of us are returners," she said. "You already know what to expect. It is so valuable to realize that every touch counts. As long as you realize that, you have a much better chance of winning more bouts."

McCullough believes the key to holding the lead the men are expected to build on the first day is focus. If the women

ignore the pressure and the scoreboard, they can hold the lead.

"We won't have a lot of pressure on us if we don't look at that stupid scoreboard," McCullough said. "My goal for the weekend is not to look at it. I don't want to know where we stand. I don't want to know where I stand because I don't want to see any kind of lead falling."

While St. John's will be the main competition for the Irish, they are certainly not writing off Stanford or Penn State because they only have 11 qualifiers. Last year St. John's qualified just 11 fencers and tied for second with Notre Dame — just four bouts behind Penn State.

"They are going to be there," Auriol said. "Penn State is going to be a contender even with 11 fencers. It's going to be more difficult but they still have a chance."

"They are going to be good," Debic said. "They are going to cause a lot of problems but I don't think they are going to be a threat to the championship."

Stanford is a bigger threat. This year is going to be different because there won't be two strong teams. There are going to be five equally strong teams (St. John's, Notre Dame, Penn State, Stanford and Princeton who qualified 10 fencers) and good people are going to drop bouts because the competition is going to be tougher."

The Championships begin today at 8 a.m. and continue through Sunday at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

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Andre Crompton
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Tamayo's rehabilitation, then Mississippi State showed he had returned to his place as a top pitcher for the Irish.

"Mississippi State was the solidifying point for me," said Tamayo. "I was back at that point."

And he hasn't looked back. Tamayo has settled into the second starter position behind Aaron Heilman, and has posted impressive numbers in his senior season in his first five starts.

Tamayo is a control pitcher in the tradition of Greg Maddux, relying on placement and mixing speeds to get outs.

"Danny's a very smart pitcher," said Mainieri. "He gets ahead in counts and forces hitters to swing the bat."

Tamayo has a four-pitch repertoire, with a fastball, curve, changeup, and a recently developed cut fastball. According to Tamayo, the cut fastball has given him more options on the mound and the ability to throw inside to lefthanders more effectively.

He has thrown it consistently this season, though less frequently than his other pitches.

Mainieri believes Tamayo's fastball is his core pitch. Though the right-hander does not throw it with overwhelming velocity, his ability to place it wherever he wants allows him to get strikes and setup his change and curve.

"I try to think ahead when

I'm out there," said Tamayo. "I try to setup my pitches, and remember what I had thrown to a batter earlier in the game."

As a senior, Tamayo hopes he can be a leader for the younger players, including friend and fellow Miami native Javier Sanchez.

"The first thing is to lead by example," said Tamayo. "I hope I am showing them how to represent Notre Dame."

With the Notre Dame's No. 8 ranking comes pressure, and Tamayo recognizes the high hopes for this year's team.

"I think a certain amount of pressure is good," said Tamayo. "But a lot of

people think we're not that good because we're a northern team, so we have something to prove."

For now, Tamayo is focused on winning for the Irish, not on any future after Notre Dame. The elbow injury robbed him of his entire sophomore season and part of his junior season, making him somewhat unknown in the professional baseball world.

"I try not to think about the draft," said Tamayo. "I'm basically coming out of nowhere and not many people know about me, because I've only pitched two years in college."

Tamayo has started just ten games for the Irish, and in many ways is just starting to find his groove in the three-man rotation.

"I almost feel like a freshman," said Tamayo. "I'm loving every minute of it."

"I hope I am showing [the younger players] how to represent Notre Dame."

Danny Tamayo
pitcher

MLB

Henson heads back to New York

Associated Press

RADENTON, Fla.

Drew Henson is back with the only baseball team that can lure him away from the NFL. Now he'll have to decide whether he wants to be a quarterback or a third baseman.

The Cincinnati Reds traded Henson back to the New York Yankees on Wednesday along with outfielder Michael Coleman in exchange for outfielder Wily Mo Pena.

The cost-conscious Reds also got \$1.9 million from the Yankees to cover the bulk of Pena's contract. He's still owed \$2.2 million from the deal he signed with New York in 1999.

Henson came to the Reds last July as part of the deal for left-hander Denny Neagle. The Yankees reluctantly traded Henson, one of their top prospects, after he refused to commit to playing baseball.

"Our intent is to convince him to play baseball, that's always been our intent when we drafted him," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said. "That has not changed. There is no guarantee we'll be able to do so. There's a risk here, one we're willing to assume."

Henson can play at Michigan for one more year and would be a top pick in the NFL draft the following April. The Reds knew when they got Henson that he might never play for them.

"Drew and I had some conversations," Reds general manager Jim Bowden said. "He was very clear on his position that to play baseball, you'd have to match what he would get in football. His agent told us at the beginning of spring training that we'd have about a 20 percent chance that we would be able to sign him."

The agreement was reached Tuesday and completed after all of the players passed physicals on Wednesday. Henson began spring football practice at Michigan last weekend, and had his physical in Tampa on Wednesday, the Wolverines' day off, and worked out at the Yankees' minor league complex.

The Yankees drafted Henson out of high school in 1998, but couldn't get him to commit to baseball. He led Michigan to a 9-3 record and No. 11 ranking last season.

Henson had planned to keep his baseball options open by playing in the Reds' minor leagues this summer, then returning for his senior year at Michigan.

Despite missing the first 3 1/2 games with a broken foot, Henson completed 61.6 percent of his passes for 2,146 yards with 18 touchdowns and only four interceptions last season.

Henson hit .266 with nine homers in 308 at-bats last season, mostly in Double-A. He struggled after the trade, batting only .172 in 16 games for the Reds' Double-A Chattanooga team.

The deal increases the likelihood that Deion Sanders, another football-baseball player, will be added to the Reds' roster after May 1, when he's eligible to be called up.

Sanders pinch ran and scored a run Wednesday in an 8-5 loss to Pittsburgh in Bradenton. He said before the game that he empathized with Henson's predicament: having to pick one sport over another.

"I know there's a lot of people saying, 'You need to be this, you need to be that,' and a majority of those people have not tried either sport, let alone two simultaneously," said Sanders, who's also a cornerback for the Washington Redskins. "I'd just tell him to go with his heart."

"I think you should let your game decide what you want to do. One game is going to jump out maybe a little more than the other game, and you'll see a little more vividly which way you should lean."

Pena, 19, has struggled in the minors after getting a \$3.7 million, five-year contract from the Yankees in 1999. The deal included a \$2.44 million signing bonus and base salaries of \$260,000 this season, \$280,000 in 2002 and \$300,000 in 2003.

Coleman, an outfielder acquired in the offseason from Boston for Chris Stynes, missed most of last season with a broken wrist, but is healthy this season. He is a .267 career hitter with 87 homers and 318 RBIs in 626 minor league games.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Louisville hoopsters to welcome Pitino

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. Rick Pitino became Louisville's basketball coach Wednesday, returning to the state where he won a national championship in 1996.

Pitino and his family arrived to enthusiastic cheers at an evening news conference and pep rally to introduce him as coach.

"Now it's my time to lead the Cardinals back to prominence," Pitino said.

Pitino, who won the national title as coach of the Kentucky Wildcats, resigned as coach and president of the Boston Celtics in January after 3 1/2 disappointing seasons.

His hiring at Louisville follows a bold, aggressive courtship by athletic director Tom Jurich, who acted as a one-man search committee. Jurich said two weeks ago that Pitino was his only candidate for the job.

Pitino, who was courted by Michigan and other schools, said wife Joanne helped convince him to take the Louisville job.

He said she told him, "I think that you love the state of Kentucky; you love the people you met at U. of L. I think you

should go back to the place you love."

He said he almost decided to take the Michigan job Wednesday morning.

Jurich flew to Pitino's Miami home on March 9 and persuaded him to visit the Louisville campus last week.

Pitino left impressed, but said he wanted to consult his family before making a decision. He worked the NCAA Midwest Regional in Dayton, Ohio, as an analyst for CBS before flying to Boston to meet his family Sunday night.

Pitino replaces Hall of Fame coach Denny Crum, who retired after months of strained relations with Jurich. The 64-year-old Crum, who led Louisville to NCAA championships in 1980 and '86, had two seasons left on his contract, but accepted a \$7 million buyout.

Speculation began immediately that Pitino was Jurich's top choice, and even former Louisville players voiced support.

Jurich called a news conference March 6 to confirm he was pursuing Pitino. When Pitino expressed interest, some Kentucky fans said they were angry that Pitino would even consider coaching the Wildcats' rival.

Knight named Texas Tech coach

Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas

Bob Knight will be named Texas Tech's coach Friday following a whirlwind courtship that began four days before Tech fired James Dickey.

Tech spokeswoman Cindy Rugeley said athletic director Gerald Myers told her



Knight

tion but wouldn't disclose the contents. Rugeley said Myers told her his intentions Wednesday afternoon.

Schmidly seemed to be in agreement with Myers' recommendation following a rather tame faculty senate meeting that was expected to bring vehement opposition, but instead brought a discourse about how Knight would fit into the university and how the university would handle any misbehavior.

"What better thing could happen for Texas Tech," Schmidly said of Knight coming to Tech following the hour-long meeting.

"I like the fact that he doesn't violate NCAA rules and that's the way he chooses to win," Schmidly said. "We've had a problem with NCAA penalties. And that's set this institution back. We don't ever want to be on the wrong side of the NCAA rules again."

Schmidly also said he expects the respect and admiration Knight has for Myers to prevent any outbursts like those reported during the coach's 29 years at Indiana.

Knight, 60, was fired from Indiana last fall after he grabbed a student's arm. Indiana officials said the act violated a zero-tolerance behavior policy.

"One thing that has weighed

closely in my mind is his respect and admiration for my athletic director," Schmidly said.

Myers wouldn't say what his recommendation was, but one of Tech's regents earlier this week said if he was to make a bet he would bet on Knight being named by week's end.

Once Schmidly approves Myers' recommendation, Tech Chancellor John Montford will be asked to concur — an action that is seen merely as a formality.

Montford then would be responsible for informing Tech's Board of Regents. The regents can approve or disapprove of any hire, but lack the power to veto.

About 100 of the university's 900 faculty members have signed a petition criticizing Knight's behavior and advising against his hiring.

During the meeting, faculty members asked questions about whether Knight would be treated differently from other faculty members, how university officials would handle any misbehavior, and how hiring such a controversial figure could affect the university's image.

"My concern is even before the man is named, there is controversy," said Marc Giccardo, an assistant professor of architecture.

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NHL

Nielson scores final goal in Blue Jacket stalemate

Associated Press

Chris Nielsen, called up earlier in the day, scored the tying goal in the third period as the Columbus Blue Jackets tied the Vancouver Canucks on Wednesday night.

Nielson's backhand flip high over the glove of goalie Dan Cloutier with 10:29 remaining was his fourth of the season — and third against Vancouver in as many games.

Daniel Sedin's 20th goal at 11:50 of the first period put the Canucks ahead 1-0.

Vancouver, which had won the first three meetings with the expansion Blue Jackets, dropped to 26-1-4-2 when leading after two periods. Columbus improved to 1-26-2-2 when trailing heading into the final period.

Each team had a prime scoring opportunity in the last 10 seconds.

Columbus had a 3-on-1, with Lyle Odelein's shot coming off the heel of his stick and sliding meekly to the right of the goal.

The Canucks skated right back down the ice, with Todd Bertuzzi's slap shot from the right wing catching the crossbar as the final horn sounded.

Cloutier turned away 32 shots and moved to 1-0-3 in his last four starts.

Columbus' Ron Tugnutt, the league's player of the week with two shutouts last week, had 33 saves.

Vancouver came in ranked 27th in the NHL in penalty killing, but killed four Columbus power plays in the second period alone. The Canucks have killed 37 of 41 power plays in the last seven-plus games.

There were seven seconds left on a Canucks' power play when Trent Klatt fired a pass through the crease that Sedin jammed in.

Lightning 4, Thrashers 3

Brad Richards scored with 6:15 remaining to lift the Tampa Bay Lightning to a 4-3 victory over the Atlanta Thrashers.

The Lightning continued their late-season surge with their sixth win in seven games.

Richards' goal was set up when Martin St. Louis won a battle for the puck behind the Atlanta net. St. Louis passed in front to Richards, whose quick wrist easily beat goalie Norm Maracle. It was Richards' 20th goal of the season.

Atlanta's Herbert Vasiljev deflected Steve Staios' slap shot into the net with 11:53 to play to tie it at 3-3 before Richards' game-winner.

The Lightning trailed 2-0 in the first period, but came back behind goals from Vincent Lecavalier, Ryan Johnson and Fredrik Modin.

The Thrashers, who have struggled on offense since

leading scorer Donald Audette was traded to Buffalo last week, grabbed the two-goal lead in the first period.

Patrik Stefan had the puck on a 2-on-1 break with Tomi Kallio, drew the defense to him and passed to a wide open Kallio — who rifled in his 13th goal at 6:39.

Panthers 3, Maple Leafs 1

Kevyn Adams scored twice and Pavel Bure recorded his league-leading 56th goal in the Florida Panthers' victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Bure, who has 11 goals in his last six games, needs four over the last seven to record 60. No NHL player has recorded a 60-goal season in the last four years. Bure has two 60-goal seasons, both with Vancouver (1992-93 and 1993-94.)

The Leafs didn't protect Adams in the 2000 expansion draft. Columbus selected him and traded him to Florida at last week's trading deadline.

Bure assisted on Adams' second goal, giving Florida a 3-1 lead with 6:07 left in the third.

Gary Roberts scored a power-play goal for the Leafs, who have slipped to seventh in the Eastern Conference playoff race. The Leafs, who have lost two straight, were booed as the final buzzer sounded.

Devils 4, Rangers 0

The New Jersey Devils kept

two long streaks alive with one easy victory.

Alexander Mogilny and Jason Arnott scored second-period goals 92 seconds apart, as the Devils extended their franchise-record winning streak to 12 games and their unbeaten streak against the New York Rangers to 23 with a victory.

New Jersey, 15-0-8 against the Rangers since 1997, is just five shy of the NHL record 17 consecutive victories set by the 1992-93 Pittsburgh Penguins.

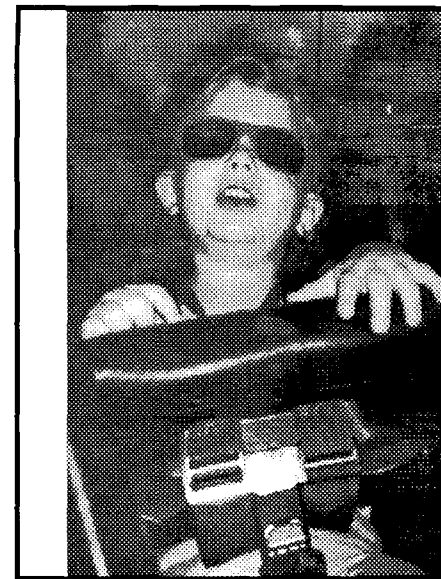
Martin Brodeur had to make only 11 saves in recording the 50th shutout of his eight-year career, ranking him fourth among active goaltenders. It was also his eighth this season,

one shy of the league-lead shared by Dominik Hasak of Buffalo and Roman Cechmanek of Philadelphia.

Scott Stevens added his ninth goal of the season with the teams playing 4-on-4 late in the third period. Arnott added his second power-play goal of the night with 3:35 to play on a 5-on-3 advantage.

The game ended with Sandy McCarthy and Devils captain Scott Stevens standing toe-to-toe at center ice throwing overhand bombs.

The Devils' previous low was 13, set just two nights earlier in a 4-2 win over Calgary. The Rangers previous low was 15 in a 6-1 loss to Dallas on New Year's Eve.



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- 7:00 p.m.** "Manufacturing Advantage: The Effects of High Performance Work Practices for Firms and Workers" by Peter Berg, C-103, Hesburgh Center for International Studies
- 7:00 p.m.** "Conceptualizing Diversity in Higher Education for a New Millennium", lecture, McKenna Hall
- 7:30 p.m.** Bishop Gumbelton speaking, "From Violence to Compassion: Can a Christian fight in 'Just' War?", Coleman-Morse Center 24 hour lounge
- 8:00 p.m.** Viewing of "American History X", Keenan Hall Basement
- 8:00 p.m.** Notre Dame Glee Club Spring Concert, Washington Hall*
- 8:00 p.m.** SUB Oscar Film Festival, "Titanic", DeBartolo 155
- 8:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.** Open Rec Lacrosse, Court 1, RSRC
- 8:30 p.m.-Midnight** ND Express Billiards games open, LaFortune Student Center
- 9:00 p.m.** Acoustic Café, LaFortune Student Center Huddle
- 10:00 p.m. - Midnight** Stepan Center: Open Play Basketball and Volleyball
- 10:30 p.m.** Movie, "O Brother, Where Art Thou?", DeBartolo 101*

Friday, March 23

- 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** A Taste of Nations, CSC Classroom (event starts at 5:00 p.m.)
- 6:00 p.m. - Midnight** Stepan Center: Open Play Basketball and Volleyball
- 6:00 p.m.** International Film Festival, "Walking Ned Devine", LaFortune Student Center Montgomery Theatre
- 7:00 p.m.** Matt Smith, national spokesperson for Lifeteen, Lecture and Musical Performance, "No Greater Love", Hesburgh Library Auditorium
- 7:00 p.m.** Farley Hall Players presents "Chance Love", LaFortune Student Center Ballroom*
- 7:00 p.m.** International Sports Tournament, RSRC
- 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.** Open Rec Badminton, Court 2, RSRC
- 7:00 p.m.** Cinema at the Snite, "17 Rue St. Fiacre Au Revoir les Enfants", Snite Museum*
- 8:00 p.m.** Nazz, Battle of Bands, Alumni Senior Club*
- 8:00 p.m.** International Film Festival, "Leningrad Cowboys Go America", LaFortune Student Center Montgomery Theatre
- 8:00 p.m.** Notre Dame Glee Club Spring Concert, Washington Hall*
- 8:00 p.m.** Movie, "O Brother, Where Art Thou?", DeBartolo 101* and SUB Oscar Film Festival, "Shakespeare In Love" DeBartolo 155*
- 8:07 p.m.** 807 Friday Night Mass, Coleman-Morse, First Hall Lounge
- 8:30 p.m.-Midnight** ND Express Billiards games open, LaFortune Student Center
- 10:30 p.m.** Movie, "O Brother, Where Art Thou?", DeBartolo 101*

Saturday, March 24

- 6:00 p.m.** Stepan Center: Open Play Basketball and Volleyball
- 7:00 p.m.** Cinema at the Snite, "Three Days in April", Snite Museum*
- 7:30 p.m.** Culture Fest, Part of International Week, Hesburgh Library Auditorium
- 8:00 p.m.** Movie, "O Brother, Where Art Thou?", DeBartolo 101* and SUB Oscar Film Festival, "American Beauty", DeBartolo 155*
- 8:30 p.m.-Midnight** ND Express Billiards games open, LaFortune Student Center
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NHL

Irbe and Carolina win battle of goalies

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C.

The man with the most games in goal over the last two NHL seasons insists he's fresh for his team's playoff run.

To prove it, Carolina goalie Arturs Irbe won a battle with counterpart Dominik Hasek on Wednesday night as the Hurricanes beat the Buffalo Sabres 1-0.

David Tanabe scored late in the second period and Irbe, playing in his NHL-high 67th game, stopped 26 shots for his sixth shutout of the season.

"In the third period we threw everything we had at them," Buffalo coach Lindy Ruff said of his team's 11 shots in the final 20 minutes.

"Irbe stood tall. Irbe won them a hockey game."

Carolina snapped Buffalo's four-game winning streak and moved four points ahead of Boston for the eighth and final playoff position in the Eastern Conference. Each team has 10 games remaining.

"We added a little bit to the cushion, but the cushion is pretty darn hard right now," Irbe said.

The Hurricanes are also clos-

ing in on slumping Toronto, trailing the Maple Leafs by five points with three games in hand for the seventh seed in the East.

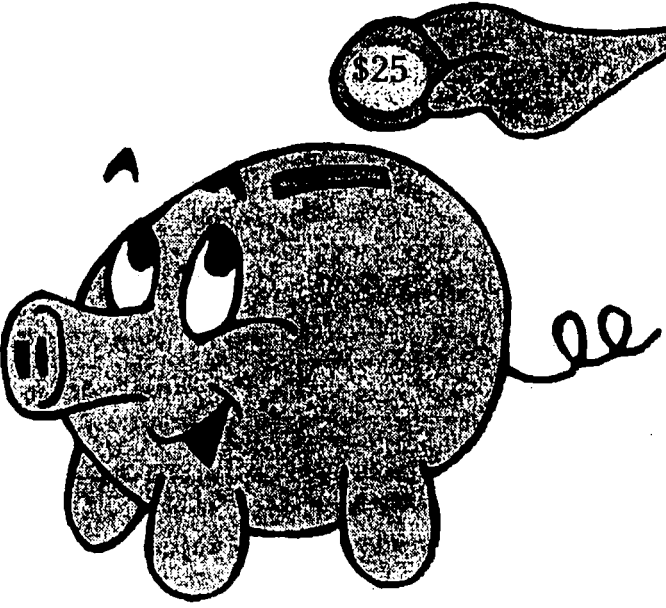
"The big difference between being five games over .500 and chasing are the wins aren't as big and the losses aren't as big," Carolina coach Paul Maurice said. "We're happy we won the game. We'll move forward. Mentally, that takes less of a toll on your team."

Irbe's shutout was the 30th of his career and 17th in three seasons with the Hurricanes. The sixth shutout also tied a single-season team record set by Irbe two years ago.

Irbe played a career-best 75 games last year, and will likely start in Carolina's final 10 games, meaning he will have played in 68 of the team's final 70 games.

"I think I can take it, and I'll take as much as needed to make the playoffs and we'll go from there," Irbe said.

"This is the best thing in hockey, that's why we play," Irbe added when asked if he liked being the team's go-to guy. "If you don't want to be the man you probably shouldn't be in the NHL. Every kid dreams of being the guy."



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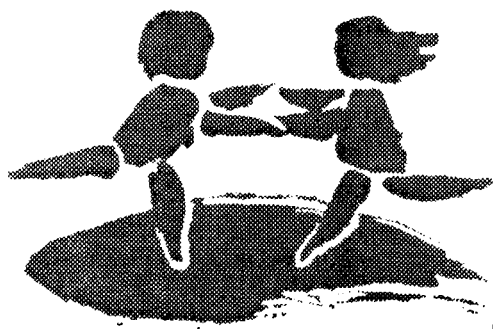
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TENNIS

Irish return to top after win

Special to the Observer

The Notre Dame men's tennis team, following its win at the Blue-Gray National Classic last week, have returned to the top 10 of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings for the first time since 1993 — the last time the Irish claimed the Blue-Gray title. Notre Dame defeated Tulane, Rice, Auburn and Fresno State last week to move from No. 22 in the rankings to No. 10.

The Irish also improved to 13-2 on the season with the four wins for their best start since the 1992 NCAA finalist team also began the year 13-2. After beginning the season with a 3-2 record, Notre Dame has put together a 10-match winning streak — its longest since winning 14 straight in 1990.

Five of the 10 wins have been shutout victories with a total score of 50-9 in those 10 wins. Notre Dame boasts a 62-18 combined dual-match singles record, with at five players having at least nine dual-match singles victories in 15 matches. Sophomore Brian Farrell leads the team with a 12-2 singles record in dual matches, while freshman Matthew Scott is 10-1. The trio of juniors — No. 1 singles player Casey Smith, No. 2 Javier Taborga and No. 4 Aaron Talarico — each have won nine dual matches, while freshman Luis Haddock-Morales has won eight.



TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Notre Dame's Javier Taborga returns a serve. The Irish tennis team has returned to the top ten for the first time since 1993.

With the Irish women's team ranked seventh for the third consecutive week, Notre Dame stands as one of four schools (joined by Duke, Georgia, Stanford) with both its men's and women's teams ranked among top 10 teams in the country. It also marks the first time both Irish programs

have been in the top 10 at the same time.

After an 11-day break following the Blue-Gray National Classic championship, the 10th-ranked Irish return to the court when they play host to 18th-ranked Illinois in a 4:00 p.m. home match on March 29.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

McGraw earns coach of the year

Associated Press

Muffet McGraw, who led Notre Dame's women's basketball program to its winningest season ever, is the Naismith coach of the year.

The Irish, ranked No. 2, are 30-2 and in the



McGraw

round of 16 in the NCAA tournament for the fourth time in five years. The top-seeded Irish will face Utah in the Midwest Regional semifinals Saturday.

McGraw, in her 14th year at the school, is 318-117 (.731). The Irish were ranked No. 1 for the first time ever this season and won a share of the Big East regular-season title. Notre Dame won a school-record 23 straight games.

Overall, McGraw has been a college coach for 19 years, posting a 406-158 (.720) mark.

She also was Women's Basketball Coaches Association Coach of the Year.

The Naismith Awards program is sponsored by the Atlanta Tipoff Club. She and Notre Dame All-American center Ruth Riley, who was named Naismith's player of the year, will receive their awards April 7.

LACROSSE

Howell named player of the week

Special to the Observer

Notre Dame senior goalie Kirk Howell, who has helped the Irish men's lacrosse team to a 5-0 record and No. 2 ranking in the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association (USILA)/STX Poll (its highest ranking in school history), has been named the Great Western Lacrosse League Player of the Week after leading the Irish to two wins last week over Virginia and Loyola. Howell earns the honor for the second time in his career. It also marks the third week an Irish player has been recognized for the award.

Howell had 14 saves in Notre Dame's 11-8 road win over the then seventh-ranked

Cavaliers -its first-ever win in two previous meetings. He then tied his career-high with 18 saves in a 10-7 win at fifth-ranked Loyola. That victory was the second straight for the Irish over the Greyhounds and their first-ever in 10 previous meetings during the regular season.

Howell has made 59 saves in five games this season and has not allowed more than eight goals in any contest. He owns a 7.00 goals against average and .626 save percentage.

The Irish are on the road for the fourth straight game and fifth time six outings when Notre Dame travels to Hempstead, N.Y. to face Hofstra at 2:00 p.m. on Sat., Mar. 24 at 2:00 p.m.

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Midnight Madness 2001

Athletes will not be the only winners at Midnight Madness

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

The madness is catching. Rampant questions of who is going to win are sweeping across campus. Plans for Friday night are easy enough to determine as team colors take control. No, it's not March Madness that will be rocking the Saint Mary's campus on Friday: It's Midnight Madness.

The second annual intramural championship and athletic extravaganza will take place on Friday in Angela Athletic Center. The athletic department is looking for spirit from everyone — students, faculty, staff and visitors.

"This is not only about spirit for Saint Mary's students," athletic director Lynn Kachmarik said. "It's an event to get people aware of what's going on at Saint Mary's."

The evening will kick off with the winter intramural championships at 9 p.m.

The championship will close a very successful winter intramural season.

"We've had a tremendous turnout this year," assistant athletic director Gretchen Hildebrandt said. "We've more than doubled the number of teams."

Forty teams participated in intramurals.

Two teams out of that number have fought their way into the final game of the season. But the victories that are won on the court are only a small part of the

winning that will be taking place on Friday.

The culmination of the evening will be a random drawing that will send one very lucky Saint Mary's student and a guest to Chicago for a weekend with limo service to and from Chicago by Anthony Travel service, two nights in the Ritz Carlton, provided by the Office of the President, dinner at the John Hancock Signature Room, provided by the Saint Mary's varsity club, and a \$1,000 shopping spree donated by the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs.

But the prizes don't end there. Other prizes include a Jostens or Balfour class ring, a reserved space in the faculty LeMans lot, the ever popular no. 1 room pick, gift certificates and plenty of Saint Mary's apparel.

Midnight Madness will also feature a 50-50 raffle. Tickets for that raffle have been on sale all week and will be on sale up through Friday night at the time of the drawing.

But the fun doesn't end there. Anyone coming to Midnight Madness will have plenty of entertainment after the championships end at 10:45. Those attending can take be athletes themselves — taking part in activities such as tug-o-war, musical chairs, dodgeball or an obstacle course. The Saint Mary's cheerleaders and Dance Team will also be providing entertainment.

The most important part of the evening, however, is the class and school unity the night will



Photo courtesy of the Saint Mary's athletic department

Georgeana Rosenbush, director of student activities, feeds LeMans hall director Sara Scalzo jello during last year's jello eating contest at Midnight Madness.

create.

"[Midnight Madness] is an opportunity for all the classes to send off our senior women," Kachmarik said. "Our community has to be part of a vision of where we want Saint Mary's to go. We need to come together."

And Kachmarik is looking for big numbers this year — even bigger than last year.

"I would like to see over 1,000 women students at this event," she said.

The athletic department will be looking for class unity by encouraging women in all four classes to wear their class colors.

The first 50 women through the door on Friday from each class will be awarded a class T-shirt in the class colors. 100 more T-shirts for each class will be given away at random for the rest of the evening.

"These colors will follow each class until they graduate,"

Kachmarik said.

"That way, this year's T-shirt can be at campus events all the years the women are here."

Freshmen will be wearing purple, sophomores will be wearing orange, juniors will have on red, and the Saint Mary's seniors will be sporting Belles' blue.

Midnight Madness begins at 9 p.m. and ends at 1 p.m. All those planning on attending the event must be in the door by 11 p.m.

Midnight Madness 2001 Schedule

9 pm - 10:45 pm

- Intramural Championship games
 - 4 on 4 Volleyball
 - Indoor Soccer
 - 5 on 5 Basketball

● Entertainment & Games/Events

10:45 pm - 12:45 am

- Entertainment & Games/Events
 - Tug-O-War
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12:45 am

- 50/50 Raffle Drawing
- GRAND PRIZE DRAWING

Championships heat up Angela

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

The weatherman may have predicted another cold front for Friday, but the heat will be on in Angela Athletic facility as winter intramurals wrap up and the intramural sports championship is presented.

Following the three championship games, the athletic department will award the dorm with the most points the intramural sports championship.

Soccer

There is history behind this year's intramural soccer championship. The presidential Ghetto fabulous faced off against the Chaos last year as well.

The Ghetto Fabulous (7-1-0), which boasts Saint Mary's student body president and vice-president Crissie Renner and Michelle Nagle, claimed the championship last year, defeating the Chaos 2-0. The LeMans Hall team, ranked no. 1 coming into playoffs, is out to repeat history, but come away smiling regardless of the outcome.

"We want to play hard but still have fun," Renner said. "We're going to be playing our friends so it will be extra fun!"

If the Ghetto Fabulous is look-

ing to repeat history, the Chaos (7-1-1) is looking to erase it. The other LeMans hall team, captained by Michelle Johnson, wants to revenge last year's loss.

"We are really excited to play [the Ghetto Fabulous]," Johnson said. "We want our revenge. We want to win this year."

The Chaos, which came into playoffs ranked second, kicked their way past the Soccer Monkeys and the Little Devils to reach the finals. Fresh blood on this year's team may be the key.

Basketball

The basketball championship also pits no. 1 against no. 2. The last time the Team o' Teachers (ranked no. 1) faced off against the Badazzes (ranked no. 2), the Badazzes learned their lesson, losing to the educators.

The Team o' Teachers (11-0-0), named as such because its composed of mostly senior secondary education majors, is counting on its height in a Friday night victory.

"We have a couple of tall girls who help us out a lot," team captain Mary Sweene said. "I think that we'll have to get rebounds to stay on top of the game."

The no. 1 ranked Teachers defeated the Anunciata Animals and the 3-T Tigers to claim their spot in the finals.

The Badazzes of LeMans (8-0-0) are looking to shut down those tall players.

"We definitely need to focus on Erica Burket and Adrian Kirby," Megan Jardina said. "They really hurt us offensively so we need to change our defense."

Volleyball

Friday's volleyball game pits the no. 1 ranked Prom Queens of Regina Hall against a surprise victor, the no. 5 ranked Senior Spikers of LeMans.

The Prom Queens (9-0-0) are the only team coming to the intramurals from a hall other than LeMans. The Thumbs and the Boozehounds fell prey to the crowned victors.

The Prom Queens offense may cause a problem for the Spikers.

"From what I've seen the Prom Queens are very strong offensively," Jardina said.

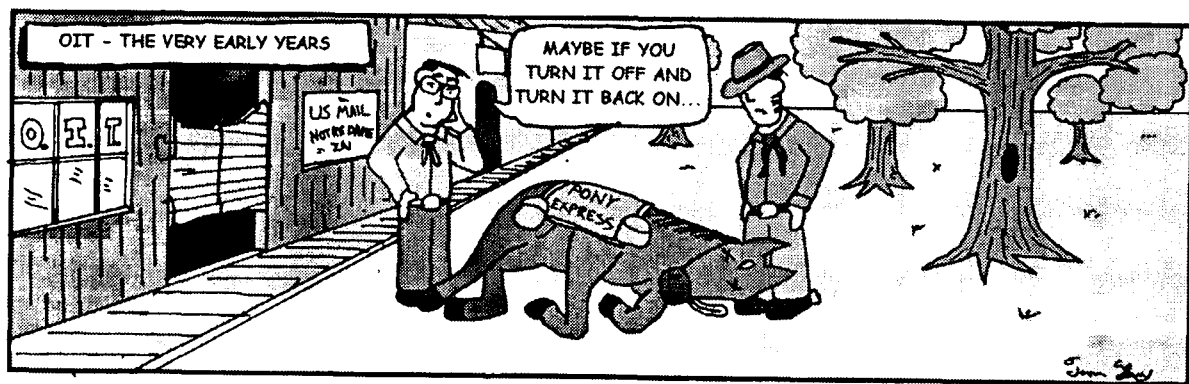
Jardina returns to the court with the Senior Spikers (9-2-0), looking for a victory. All four women on the team played varsity volleyball together their freshman year.

"We want to focus on being strong on offense and not being tentative when we hit," Jardina said.

Intramural championships will kick off Friday at 9 p.m.

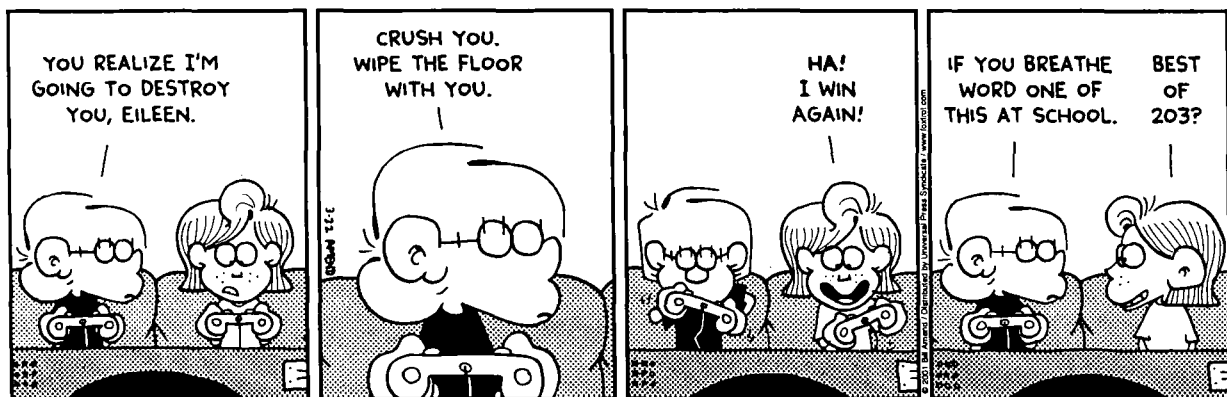
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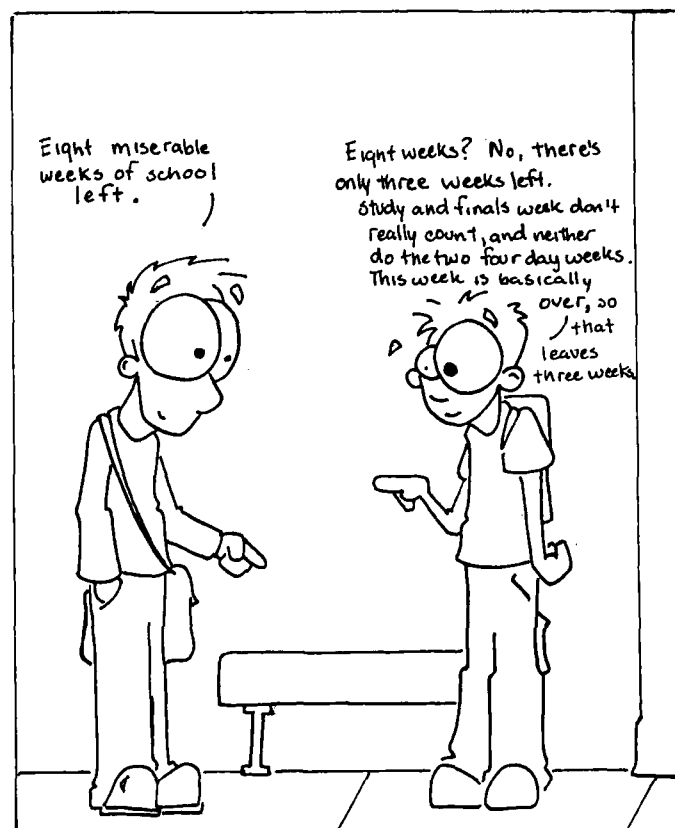
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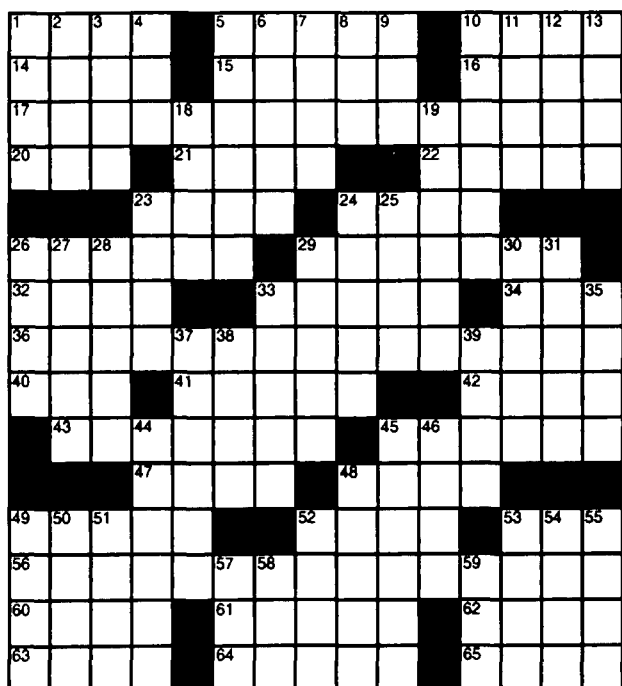
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- ACROSS
1 Eve's man
5 Devise, as a plot
10 Went down a firehouse pole, e.g.
14 Coke, for one
15 Met offering
16 Stereo knob
17 HO
20 ___ of Good Feeling
21 Hoo-has
22 ___ out (declined)
23 Leo, astrologically
24 Thwart
26 Storefront cover
29 Huge headlines
32 Word in French restaurant names
33 "Olympia" painter
34 Airport posting: Abbr.
36 HO
40 Summer on the Riviera
41 Jawbreakers, e.g.
42 Swarm
43 Claims without proof
45 Adjusts, as a suit
47 Half of an old radio duo
48 Nabisco cookie
49 W.W. II conference site
52 Contrived
53 Old hand
56 HO
60 Toledo's lake
61 Place to wash up
62 Mentally fit
63 Burn the surface of
64 Take it easy
65 Finales
DOWN
1 Pinnacle
2 Entryway
3 Actor Alan
4 Li'l Abner's Daisy ___
5 "Hooray!"
6 It has strings attached
7 Tetley offerings
8 Demier ___
9 Chinese dynasty
10 Alternative to a paper clip
11 Boor
12 "Picnic" playwright
13 Monopoly card
18 Reposed
19 Choose, as a career
23 Minnelli of stage and screen
24 It may be tickled
25 Lollapalooza
26 Marathoner's woe
27 "___ Fool Believes" (1979 hit)
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35 Second Amendment subject

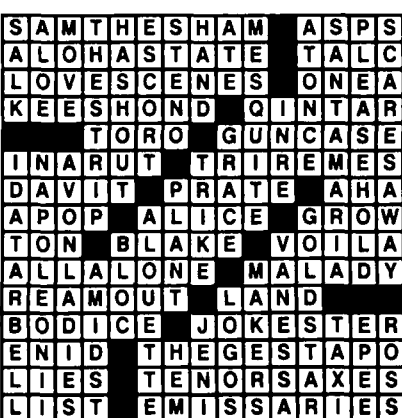


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38 Shakespearean villain
39 Sgt. Snorkel's dog
44 Former's opposite
45 Passionate
46 Look that may offend
48 Place for a date?
49 Part of Y.S.L.
50 Suffix with concession
51 Princess who battles the Death Star
52 Hopi Indian locale
53 Blueprint
54 Rip apart
55 Raw metals
57 Disney division
58 ___ Zedong
59 Take habitually

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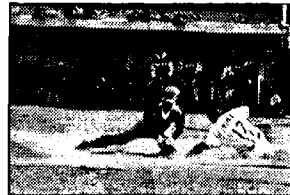
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BASEBALL

Tamayo overcomes diversity to throw for victory

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Assistant Sports Editor

This year, Irish starting pitcher Danny Tamayo is a dominant right-hander with a 2-1 record, baffling opposing batters with a halting change-up and a fastball with pinpoint control.

But his sophomore year, Tamayo couldn't even throw a baseball, let alone pitch a Division 1 college baseball game.

In March 1999, doctors removed a tendon from Tamayo's left forearm and wrapped it around his right elbow, a procedure known as the Tommy John surgery, named after the former

baseball pitcher that first used the operation. It would be a year until Tamayo would pitch again.

"I was relieved to have something I could do about [my elbow]," said Tamayo. "I wanted an answer to my pain."

Although with the Tommy John surgery there was a chance Tamayo would never pitch again, he was confident that the procedure would allow him to continue his career. The surgery has a 95 percent success rate, and is becoming increasingly common in baseball.

Still, the rehabilitation would be a feat requiring great mental strength and dedication. Tamayo's rehab consisted of daily sessions with baseball trainer Mike Bean, a man he credits greatly for his recovery. He concentrated on resistance work, and exercised his forearms by squeezing socks, and then a clay ball, between sessions.

"I was just building back my muscles,

and eventually the throwing came around," said Tamayo.

Tamayo also impressed his head coach, Paul Mainieri. "[His rehabilitation] shows a lot about his desire," Mainieri said. "He's a very loyal person, and his loyalty to our school and our baseball program is extremely high."

A year after his surgery, Tamayo returned to the mound on March 7, 2000, pitching the final inning in a win over Manchester. His teammates promptly mobbed him after he secured the final out of the game.

But for Tamayo, the true turning point on the road back to pitching came against Rutgers last year. Tamayo started against the Scarlet Knights, and was able to work five innings while readjusting to being back on the mound.

"In that game it started to click," said Tamayo. "It's funny, I felt like I had to almost remember how to pitch — but in that game I said to myself 'I can do this.'"

Tamayo was only 14 months out of the operating room when he took the mound against Mississippi State in the NCAA Starkville Regional on May 28, 2000, on the Bulldogs home field at Dudy-Noble Field.

Simply put, he pitched a masterpiece. Tamayo was dominating in a complete game, three-hit shutout, throwing just 105 pitches. The Irish won 7-0, setting up the final showdown with Mississippi State that Notre Dame eventually lost by a heartbreaking 10-9 margin.

If Rutgers was the turning point for
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LIZ LANG/The Observer

Notre Dame pitcher Danny Tamayo prepares to deliver. Tamayo recovered from Tommy John surgery in order to continue playing baseball.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The question remains: Will Murphy leave the Irish?

The question came within minutes of Notre Dame's season-ending loss to Ole Miss in the NCAA Tournament. Would Troy Murphy stick around for his senior season?

The question was repeated within minutes after every game of Notre Dame's season.

"Are you planning to play for the Irish for four full years, Troy?"

The question was asked at every press conference, beginning within minutes of Murphy's April 2000 announcement to stay at Notre Dame for his junior year.

"Have you thought about next year, Troy? Are you going to enter the NBA draft?"

Fans chipped in their reasons

why Murphy should stay, chanting "One more year" at Notre Dame's final home game against George-town. Opponents gave Murphy motivation to leave,



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with players double-teaming him, crowds harassing him and opposing coaches begging for him to go pro.

Murphy must have felt like his CD player was stuck on repeat,

with the question of whether he would stay in college the only audible words. Yet the two-time All-American never wavered in his answer to the incessant grilling, always responding that he would sit down and weigh his options once the season ended.

"It's something I'll look at after the season," Murphy said March 6 in New York, the day he accepted a second straight award as Big East Player of the Year.

Now that the season's over, the question keeps coming, but a little more urgency awaits the answer, as Murphy has until May 13 to declare for the NBA Draft.

Stay or go? A good lawyer, or even an ambulance-chaser,

could make a strong case either way.

On the go side?

Millions of dollars. Privacy, a luxury Murphy doesn't enjoy beneath the Notre Dame bubble. Freedom from the sky-high expectations of Irish fans. The chance to fulfill his dream of playing in the NBA. The been-there, done-that factor — that Murphy has little left to accomplish on an individual level in college.

"For him, it's more than a basketball decision," Irish coach Mike Brey said Sunday. "If it was just a basketball decision, he would have told you today he's gone."

In his three years, Murphy led Notre Dame from a team with

no tournament to go to in 1999 to NIT runners-up in 2000 to Big East division champions and one shot from the Sweet 16 in 2001. Team success, including getting Notre Dame back into the NCAA Tourney for the first time since 1990, was a big part of Murphy's decision to stay a season ago.

"We had a nice run in the NIT last year," Murphy said, "but I didn't think I would be able to consider my college career a success unless we made a run in the NAAs."

Now that he's taken the Irish to March Madness, will he be as motivated to stick around the college scene? Especially when

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at Hofstra
Saturday, 1 p.m.



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Saturday, TBA



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vs. Western Michigan
Tuesday, 4 p.m.