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In preparation for the upcoming concert this week, music critic Tim Bodony takes a special look at G. Love and Special Sauce.

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Hiring non-unionized workers is contradictory to SMC as an institution that supposedly values human rights, say some jstudents.

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Gas line break forces evacuation of five buildings

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

A broken gas line on a University construction site Monday caused no injuries but forced the evacuation of several nearby buildings, disrupting morning classes.

The break occurred around 10 a.m. after a backhoe struck a 4-inch gas line near the site of the new philosophy-theology office building, still under construction as an addition to Decio Faculty Hall, according to Notre Dame Fire Department Operations Chief John Antonucci.

Notre Dame fire officials responded to an emergency call about 10:09 a.m. and arrived on the scene with a risk management officer and a crew from Northern Indiana Public Service Company, Antonucci said.

While Antonucci said he gave word around 10:15 a.m. to evacuate, some students in neighboring O'Shaughnessy Hall said they remained in their classrooms until at least 10:30 a.m., when fire alarms sounded.

"Our class was running late. It was 10:30, and we should have been out five minutes earlier," said junior Katrina Myers. "I could definitely smell gas while sitting in class."

Senior Kelly Potter gave a similar estimate of the time of evacuation.

"It was around 10:30. I couldn't smell gas in class,

but once we were in the halls, I could smell it and had an idea of what was going on. Still, most people treated it like it was only a fire drill," Potter said.

Antonucci said NIPSCO workers made temporary repairs to the line within an hour.

Following the repairs, students, faculty and staff were allowed to reoccupy the five campus buildings that had been evacuated: O'Shaughnessy Hall, Decio Hall, Stepan Chemistry Hall, the Radiation Library and the Computing Center/Mathematics Building. By 11:30 a.m., students, faculty and staff were allowed to reoccupy the buildings.

"We ordered people to evacuate as a precaution, but NIPSCO had repairs done within the hour and we were able to give the all clear around 11:20 or 11:30," Antonucci said.

Antonucci said firemen on the scene helped evacuate buildings and directed students away from the area between Stepan and O'Shaughnessy. Many students reported being directed toward DeBartolo Hall.

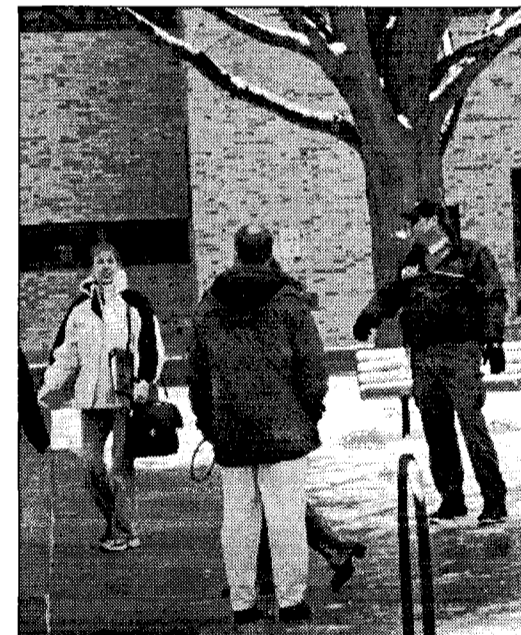
The temporary gas outage closed the grills during lunch at South Dining Hall. The grills reopened for dinner.

The damaged gas line was at the north entrance of the philosophy-theology building, which is scheduled to be open in the fall. The building is adjacent to O'Shaughnessy Hall and the Radiation Lab.



University construction of the new philosophy-theology building caused the evacuation of several buildings around campus as well as the gas supply to South dining Hall. Fireman officials notified the administration in the buildings affected, but some students remained in classrooms for an additional 15 minutes. Although no injuries were reported, the gas line break interrupted classes for more than an hour.

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Ambassador addresses 'two Colombias'

By BRIGID SWEENEY
News Writer

As part of a two-day conference focusing on democracy, human rights and peace in Colombia, Ambassador Luis Alberto Moreno addressed a group in McKenna Hall Monday afternoon, offering goals and plans for the country in the 21st century.

"Colombia's problems are very complex and interrelated," he said. "We need a lot more self-reflection to understand ourselves better, to understand where we want to go and how we want to get there."

Moreno, who has served as the Colombian Ambassador to the U.S.

since 1998, explained the problems Colombia faces.

"There are currently two Colombias," he said. "In urban, modern Colombia, 70 percent of the population lives in 10 cities, and Bogota [the capital city] has a lower crime rate than Washington, D.C."

The other Colombia, however, struggles with drug trade, a lack of schools and roads, devastation of rain forests and human rights problems. This Colombia encompasses the rural Amazon basin farming community, which, according to Moreno, "is living in the 19th century."

In order to combat these problems, he offered several suggestions, including

a Human Rights Early Warning System to prevent disappearances, massacres and other human rights abuses.

Moreno urged the audience of professors, authors and human rights activists to resist associating Colombia with other countries that also infringe upon human rights.

"Colombia's case is unique because, unlike China and other human rights violators, it is a democracy," he said. "The problem is not a dictator, but rather the pressure of drug traffickers."

In order to resist this pressure and the resultant lawlessness, Moreno turned to Colombian armed forces.

"We must accept the fact that we still have a lot to do," he said. "We need better, more accountable armed forces. We need technological advances and troop training to form modern forces that sever all ties with paramilitary groups."

Moreno also called for a change of attitude in countries' interactions with Colombia.

"Complaining idly will not get the job done," he said. "We need creative ideas to increase productivity, strengthen infrastructure, and protect the environment. We need to support free trade initiatives in order to promote growth and job creation,

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Knight to speak at Stepan Center

By ERIN LaRUFFA
News Writer

Famous to some, infamous to others, the man with the red sweater is coming to Notre Dame.

Tonight, before a crowd of Notre Dame students and South Bend community members, college basketball coach Bobby Knight will offer his insights on coaching and motivating students.

"Some people really seem to like him as a basketball coach. Some people seem to hate him, I guess because of his temper problems," said Stephen Christ, the student in charge of organizing the event for the Student Union Board (SUB). "But everyone seems very interested."

Knight was recently fired as Indiana University's head men's basketball coach after nearly three decades and a handful of national championships, but also many well-publicized outbursts. Texas Tech then hired Knight as its head men's basketball coach.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Dining hall etiquette

Here I sit at The Observer trying to think of a topic for my Inside Column. Now, I know there are several different ways I could go with this. Maybe I should talk about W's tax plan, or maybe the Mir crashing back to Earth.

No, I think I will talk about something that is of grand national importance — The dining hall.

Yesterday I was sitting in the dining room at SDH when I saw this guy drop his tray. His bowl came crashing down, and food splattered all over the floor.

The guy did not try to clean up his mess. He just left it there for some dining hall worker to clean it up.

It reminds me of an incident from breakfast last year. I dropped my tray near the drink machines. I was embarrassed at dropping my food, but since it was breakfast not many people were around. Immediately I bent down to clean up my food. A dining hall worker came up behind me and cleaned up my food for me. She reassured me to go get more food and to not worry about the mess.

I understand that it is the dining hall worker's job to clean up food. But is it really that hard to clean up a bowl and a plate?

Most, if not all, of the people who go to Notre Dame come from middle class backgrounds. There wasn't much that we lacked growing up beyond the new He-Man toy or nerf toy. Notre Dame students volunteer at a much greater rate than the average University. We participate in Summer Service Projects and dorm service days.

So let's not take the DH workers for granted. Don't be a jerk for something as simple as cleaning up your plate.

I think that the next time I see this in the dining hall I am just going to go ballistic and punch someone. Of course I won't punch the guy in the dining hall. Especially if he is bigger than I am.

Maybe I will just take my aggression out on the feta cheese in the salad bar.

Another thing that bothers me about the dining hall is the guy who stands in front of the cups at the drink machines. He is the guy who waits until the drink machine right by the cups is open. Meanwhile, a line of seven or eight people begins to form behind the one guy waiting for cups.

I am sure most of you have experienced this phenomenon in the DH. Those of you who haven't experienced this are probably those causing the problem in the first place.

I can't tell you the shame the first time I found out that my friend Pete is one of those guys. He waited right in front of the cups for me to get done filling my cup. I thought I had taught him better than that. Apparently not.

Bottom line, don't be that guy.

So in closing, let me stress that this isn't of national importance. Stuff that happens in dining hall isn't oppressing anyone, and it really isn't taking money out of anyone's pocket. There are more important things in the world, like global warming. But considering it snowed yesterday, I don't think we need to worry about that. So I guess the dining hall is the most important thing happening right now.

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

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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"We are delighted to have more inviting facilities and a more comfortable environment for everyone."

Assistant First Year of Studies
Dean Kevin Rooney on the new Coleman-Morse center

"It's tough, but [Jones] understands the consequences if he does something that's against school rules."

Running back Tony Fisher on Julius Jones' suspension from spring practice

"If [Murphy] decides not to come back, I'll be the first to congratulate him."

Head coach Mike Brey on Troy Murphy's decision on whether to enter the NBA draft or play for the Irish for a full four years

"[Saint Mary's carries] a lot of clout and when they do something like this, it influences others to follow."

Mike Kruk, union representative, on the college's decision to use a non-union firm

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Police, mob face off after Penn State loss

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. At least three people — a female student, an apartment security guard and a Pennsylvania State University Police Services officer — suffered face and head injuries, State College Police Chief Tom King said.

Traffic signs and light posts sustained damage and several windows were broken, but the State College Police Department has not yet released a cost for the vandalism.

Police estimated 4,000 people — many of whom were intoxicated — swarmed into "Beaver Canyon" following Penn State's loss to Temple Friday night in the NCAA men's basketball tournament.

The disturbance began shortly



after midnight as crowds gathered on Beaver Avenue between Garner and Pugh Streets, banging street signs and cheering "We Are Penn State" and "Temple Sucks."

As the size and volume of the crowd increased, some students took turns climbing up the street sign at Beaver Avenue and Locust Lane, the center of the unrest.

Officers in riot gear initially focused on trying to keep people on the sidewalks. After revelers started tossing beer bottles and cans from nearby apartment balconies, King said police were forced to give dispersal orders.

The disturbance reached a breaking point at about 12:15 a.m., when crowd members toppled the Stop/Do Not Enter sign in front of Cedarbrook, 320 E. Beaver Ave.

Police then formed a line and pushed south on Locust Lane, urging people off the street and aiming pepper spray at the crowd.

Officers subsequently used the wedge tactic to divide and disperse crowds gathered on the other side of Locust Lane and in either direction on Beaver Avenue.

DUKE UNIVERSITY

Professor to view Earnhardt photos

Monday a Duke University professor became one of the last people to look at the autopsy photos of racing legend Dale Earnhardt Sr. Dr. Barry Myers, professor of biomedical engineering, was appointed Thursday as the expert who will review the photos and answer three questions from the Orlando Sentinel, as per the agreement between the newspaper and Earnhardt's widow, Teresa. After the viewing, the photos would be sealed. But further complicating the legal battle over the photos, the Volusia County medical examiner on Friday called the agreement that would put a permanent seal on a public record "illegal." In a motion, County Attorney Daniel Eckert repeated the mantra that the county, who has custody of the photos, sees no exemption in the state public-records law to deny access to them. "Those portions of the...agreement, which provide for permanent sealing of the file...are illegal and void as they pertain to (the medical examiner)," the motion stated. "The court's approval of a settlement agreement cannot create an exemption where one does not exist by statute."

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES

President Fox discusses Internet

Newly elected Mexican President Vicente Fox met with Gov. Gray Davis, University of California President Richard Atkinson and 25 educators from both sides of the border at UCLA Wednesday to discuss the high-speed Internet2 connection between the University of California and Mexico. Davis also announced the opening the second California House in Mexico City, which will be home to the UC's Education Abroad program. Due to time constraints, Fox limited his time at the James West Alumni Center to just under half his expected hour-long stay. Afterward, he went to Macgowan Hall for an interview with the Spanish language television station Univision. Fox, who was elected president in December after more than 70 years of single-party rule, said Mexico has lost a lot of time in the last century and is lagging in the technological era. "Right now we have one computer for every 50 inhabitants," Fox said at the Alumni Center. "In other parts of the world, there will be a one to one ratio, so we have to speed up the process of connecting."

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Boston	41	30	Milwaukee	35	27	St. Louis	52	35
Chicago	38	28	New York	40	31	Tampa	66	59
Houston	62	57	Philadelphia	42	30	Wash DC	43	30

IU construction plans underway near ND

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
News Writer

Indiana University is finalizing plans for a building on the corner of Angela Ave. and Notre Dame Ave. that will house its South Bend Center for Medical Education and Notre Dame's Walther Cancer Research Center. The Center for Medical Education is currently located in the basement of Haggar Hall.

"It will be an IU building on IU property. IU is responsible for its construction, but Notre Dame will have a long term lease that lets us review the building's final design," University Vice President and Associate Provost Jeffrey Kantor said.

The South Bend Center for Medical Education is a branch of the Indiana University School of Medicine and one of eight satellite centers in its medical school. The center has 32 first and second year medical students who are registered as Notre Dame graduate students and enjoy the same benefits as all Notre Dame students, such as tickets to football games, access to campus housing and campus grade reports. The students complete their education at Indiana's main campus at Bloomington.

The Walther Cancer Research Center is a collaboration of the Walther Cancer Institute and the College of Science and studies the

treatment and prevention of cancer.

"It is a pre-clinical, fundamental medical research facility — there are no patients," said Kantor.

The space for the new center is built on the same property Northern Indiana State Hospital occupied. The state-owned facility was closed in 1999 and IU worked in cooperation with Notre Dame to obtain the property from the state. The hospital has been destroyed and planning for the new facility, set to open in 2003, is almost completed.

"We are still designing the interior, and have about three more meetings left before construction can begin," said Dr. John O'Malley, director of the South Bend Center for Medical Education.

The new building will greatly increase the center's space and makes it a possibility that the center's enrollment may eventually increase above the current 32 students.

"It will at least triple the amount of space we have and its conceivable that the number of students could increase," said O'Malley.

Kantor said that when the center moves from its current location in the basement of Haggar Hall, that space will be assigned to the psychology department, where the space is "badly needed."

SMC 'takes back the night'

By MYRA McGRUFF
Saint Mary's Editor

In the annual tradition of Take Back the Night, more than 20 students from both Saint Mary's and Notre Dame campuses joined together Monday night to call awareness to sexual assaults that have occurred on the Saint Mary's campus.

The international event is a ritual symbolizing a recovery of space where a specific sexual assault took place. The students formed circles around each site on Saint Mary's campus where a student had been sexually assaulted.

Students said prayers, sang chants and read poetry to represent the reclaiming of a space. As specified in part of a chant, reclaiming space signifies two points: one to empower women and two as strength for victims of sexual assault.

"Women are given a chance to gather and raise awareness about an issue that affects all of us," said Katie Pyonter, Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination (CARE) officer.

CARE hopes that by sponsor-

ing events like Take Back the Night, awareness will be raised about the security of students everywhere.

They hope college campuses will see the importance of making campuses safe for all students so students are not afraid to walk around campus at night.

"I don't have the ability to walk alone at night and feel safe," said Julie Frischkorn, CARE officer.

Understanding students do not feel safe, CARE also hopes the walks provides people with a safe space that stands for more than just reclaiming and naming a tangible place as safe.

The participating students saw the event as an opportunity for people that have been attacked to speak out.

"It makes people involved more aware but also provides a spiritual healing and forgiving," said participant Lindsay Evans. Those involved in the event came not only to heighten their

awareness, but also to stand in solidarity with survivors.

Although they may not have been assaulted, students felt an obligation to stand up in a safe space for their friends.

"I had a friend who was attacked and I knew the guy and it was never reported. I came

because she couldn't be here," said Evans.

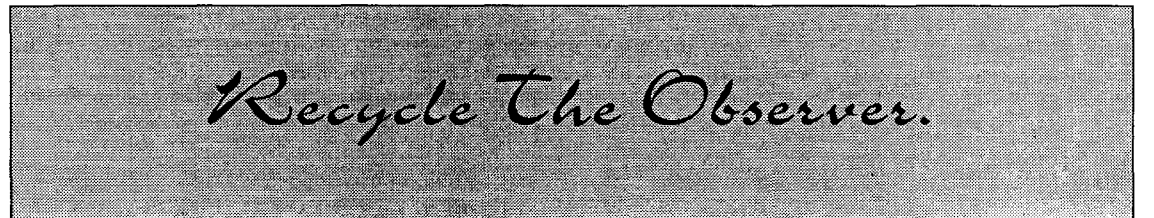
Other students came in the name of empowerment.

Feeling that victims do not get a voice or a place to feel understood, students wanted to come and experience self-expression without censorship.

"I can bring back to Notre Dame, to people that do not feel they have a place to express their feelings, that there is an organization that does empower women to feel safe and express it," said Jana Vandergoota, a Notre Dame fifth year.

"It makes people involved more aware but also provides a spiritual healing and forgiving."

Lindsay Evans
participant in the events



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Knight

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Some students praised the success of Knight's basketball program, while at the same time denouncing some of Knight's actions.

"He is a good basketball coach but some of his methods aren't right," said freshman Mike Vitlip.

"I think that he's a good coach but sometimes he uses a power hungry approach," said sophomore Abbey Coons.

Vitlip and Coons are not planning to attend the speech because of other commitments, but both said they would probably be attending if they could. Sophomore Alex Clark similarly said he wished he was going to be able to hear Knight speak.

"He'll be interesting — controversial, but different is always good for college campuses," Clark said. "You can't just discount him because he's a little outrageous." Some students were even stronger in their defense of Knight and said they were looking forward to listening to his speech tonight.

"I think he'll show a more humane side," junior Harold Johnson said.

"I want to know why he choked someone. I want to know why he threw the chair," said Jae Scarborough, a sophomore.

"All you see is Bobby Knight yelling at people," Johnson said. "There has to be something good about the guy." The public and the media misrepresent Knight, according to Johnson.

Both Johnson and Scarborough pointed to

Knight's success as a head coach and his ability to recruit players.

"I think he is a good coach — I like Bobby Knight," Scarborough said. He added that one of his friends from high schools was recruited by Knight to play at Indiana.

Because of his reputation, his speech could lead to a significant discussion on campus, according to graduate student Cristina Mendoza.

"Maybe it's good to get dialogue going on what's appropriate for adult role models," Mendoza said, adding that she was "frankly surprised that Texas Tech would hire him." Whether or not it will start a discussion about role models, Knight's behavior certainly has put him in the headlines, particularly when he was fired as Indiana's coach and then hired to coach Texas Tech.

"Bob Knight's in the news so much, especially recently," said Christ in explaining why he thought Knight would be a popular speaker at the University.

Christ also pointed to the growing popularity of basketball at Notre Dame as a reason why the SUB chose to invite Knight.

"Notre Dame was so into basketball this year," Christ said.

"He's a figure that's definitely had a major impact on NCAA basketball," said Vitlip.

The SUB's budget and ticket revenue will cover the entire cost of the event, which includes a fee to Knight of an amount Christ said he could not disclose.

Before any of today's ticket sales, 1,200 of the available 1,800 tickets had been sold, according to Christ. He expects to sell

CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Group rejects Fac. Senate resolution

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

Two resolutions were passed unanimously at the Campus Life Council meeting Monday but another resurrected old conflicts within the body's ranks.

With little disagreement, members approved resolutions dealing with access to residence halls and eating disorders, but discussion about — and the subsequent rejection of — a Faculty Senate-initiated resolution reshaped strife that has plagued the council since the resolutions were sponsored three weeks ago.

In a semester that has seen divisive issues split the council down faculty-staff lines, Monday's meeting stretched past an hour and 45 minutes and took the CLC into seemingly familiar territory.

The dispute centered around a resolution sponsored by professor Stuart Greene of the Faculty Senate. The proposal deals with academic freedom for students and calls for the printing of the University mission statement in du Lac, Notre Dame's guide to student life.

"With this resolution, we're asking that the University reaffirm its commitment to academic freedom," Greene said.

But Bill Kirk, who has voiced unwavering opposition to recent measures by the senate, again on Monday expressed concern.

"I'm saddened that we're again talking about this issue, given our previous discussions in which I've found this matter difficult and problematic," said Kirk, assistant vice president for student affairs. "Academic freedom is an issue this community has not yet had."

It is inappropriate to bring it here before this body right now. "The resolution resembled one that was submitted for a CLC vote on March 6.

On that date, members rejected one of three academic freedom resolutions up for a vote, and there was strong sentiment that Greene presented what

in effect was an amended version of it Monday.

However, some argued that that wasn't the case.

"We shouldn't be saddened. This is an issue that students have voiced support for," Student Senate representative Seth Whetzel said. "This isn't a mask or a guise for trying to get this passed because we haven't passed other resolutions." Some confusion surrounded the actual vote on the resolution.

When the initial 9-6 vote in favor of the resolution didn't represent the required two-thirds majority for passage, Brian O'Donoghue, the student body president and usually non-voting CLC chair, voted for the resolution and noted its approval.

A review of CLC bylaws indicated that the chair can only vote to break a tie, so O'Donoghue, an obvious proponent of the resolution, passed his gavel to Brooke Norton, student body vice president, making her the chair. In a second vote, O'Donoghue again voted for the measure, but it failed 9-7 — a vote that reflected students and professors in favor of the proposal and rectors and administrators in opposition to it.

Another resolution sponsored by Greene and targeting faculty involvement in campus clubs will be up for consideration at the CLC's April 23 meeting.

The council unanimously approved a resolution on residence hall access Monday.

It calls for universal access by 2003 to dorms for students, rectors and faculty through the Lenel system, a swipe-access mechanism. Ten dorms already have the system installed, and the resolution proposes each of these halls to make it available to the Notre Dame community no later than this fall.

"We currently have 27 different access policies. Should this pass, we'd have 18 different policies, which is better than we have now," said Father Dave Scheidler, St. Edward's Hall rector.

Brendan Dowdall, a Student Senate representative, said 822 survey responses from students indicate that there are discrepancies between students' views of access policies and the actual rules that are in place. He said through Lenel most groups at the University have equal access to dorms during visitation hours.

The CLC also unanimously approved a resolution regarding the inclusion of information about eating disorder support services in du Lac.

"By including this information in du Lac, students can know about the various resources available to them both on and off campus," said Luciana Reali, a student senator.

Kirk said the University has tried in recent years to include more resource information in the handbook but has faced complaints from students about the book getting thicker and a lack of desire to read it from cover to cover.

Amy Szeslak, a Hall Presidents Council representative, suggested making the eating disorder information more accessible by publishing it separately from du Lac. She pointed to sexual assault resource information made available to the University community last fall.

In other CLC news:

◆ O'Donoghue said his office has chosen University social space as the topic for the Spring 2001 Board of Trustees Report. Student government officials opted not to write the report on faculty service, tenure and promotion. O'Donoghue said the Office of the President will likely sponsor a student forum tentatively scheduled for next week to garner feedback on the social space issue.

◆ Members of the CLC's task force on du Lac revisions said they looked at the handbook over Spring Break to determine areas they'd like to propose changes to when the University revises it this summer. The group has six student members and has planned weekly Monday meetings to discuss issues that may come under consideration for revision.

Colombia

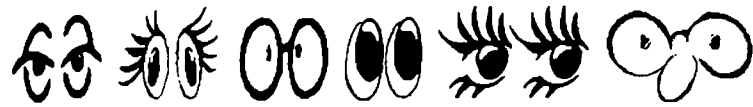
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as economic stability leads to political stability."

The conference, which continues today, is the result of a collaboration between The Kellogg Institute for

International Studies, the law school's Center for Civil and Human Rights, The Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and the Colombian Commission of Jurists.

It is part of a three-year initiative designed to address vital issues affecting modern Colombia.



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Carmen Lomas Garza

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Tuesday, March 27

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Six charged in Malawi coup plot: Six people have been arrested on charges of plotting a coup against Malawi's president, police said Monday. The six have been charged with treason and accused of trying to replace President Bakili Muluzi, said Milward Chikwamba, police commissioner for southern Malawi. Treason carries a death sentence in Malawi, a former British protectorate.

Saudis ban Pokemon cards: Saudi Arabia has banned Pokemon cards, saying they show symbols associated with Israel and are harmful to kids. Saudi Arabia's highest religious authority has declared a fatwa, or religious ruling, against the cute little characters Japan's Nintendo has made into a multibillion dollar enterprise that is enormously popular around the world.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Plane skids off taxiway: A Southwest Airlines plane with 141 people on board ran off a taxiway at Baltimore-Washington International Airport Sunday, but no one was injured. Flight 459 skidded onto a grassy field as it was preparing for takeoff to Nashville, airport spokesman John White said. Passengers were taken back to the terminal and checked onto another flight to Nashville, White said. Technicians were checking the plane Sunday night for a cause of the skid.

Nun murdered by monk: A nun was found stabbed and beaten to death in a Miami suburb at the Eastern Orthodox Church school where she lived and worked, and an 18-year-old monk confessed to the slaying, police said Monday. Mykhaylo Kofel, a Ukrainian belonging to the Byzantine Monastic Order of the Eastern Orthodox Church, was jailed without bail on charges of murder and burglary.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Politicians eye Gary airport: Some of Indiana's top political leaders are trying to land a meeting with a federal official to pitch a plan to expand Gary's little-used airport. The plan, which is backed by Chicago Mayor Richard Daley, is aimed at relieving some of the burden on Chicago's two airports. Gov. Frank O'Bannon, Gary Mayor Scott, Indiana's two U.S. senators and others hope to meet with Secretary of Transportation Norm Mineta to discuss the preliminary draft of the Gary-Chicago Airport's master design plan.

Market Watch March 26

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DELL COMPUTER (DELL)	-6.37	-1.75	25.69

UNITED KINGDOM

U.S. fighters missing in Scotland

Associated Press

LONDON
 Two U.S. F-15 fighter jets were reported missing Monday over a Scottish mountain range, the U.S. Air Force said.

The aircraft, on a training flight from the U.S. airbase at Lakenheath, 75 miles northeast of London, lost contact with ground control when they were over the Cairngorm Mountains in the Scottish Highlands, Lakenheath spokeswoman Maj. Stacey Bako said.

The F-15C models involved carry

only a pilot, Bako said.

A Royal Air Force spokeswoman said two RAF Nimrod reconnaissance planes and three Sea King helicopters from Scottish bases were searching the area, helped by two RAF mountain rescue teams on the ground.

Grampian police in Aberdeen said they had no reports of any planes coming down.

The Royal Air Force spokeswoman said the planes left Lakenheath at around 12.30 p.m. (6:30 a.m. EST) for a three-hour sortie over the Scottish Highlands.

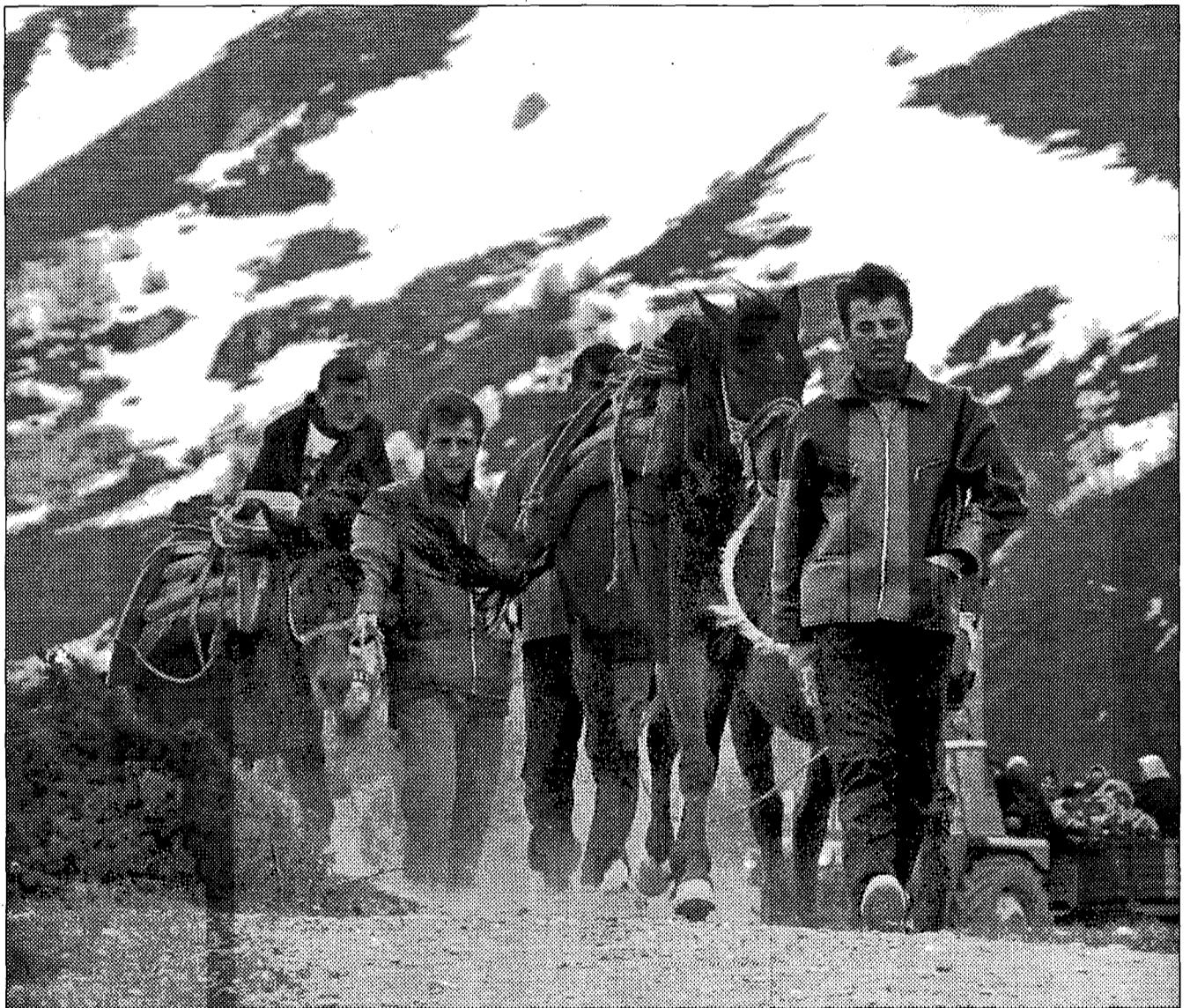
They last made radio contact about

45 minutes later, said the spokeswoman, speaking on condition her name not be used.

With four peaks over more than 4,000 feet, topped by Ben Macdhui at 4,296, the Cairngorms are Britain's loftiest mountain range.

Weather in the Cairngorms for most of the afternoon has been cold and bright with good visibility and light southerly winds, the Meteorological Office said. But snow and sleet showers were beginning to develop in the mountains, where temperatures near the mountain peaks are about 21 degrees.

MACEDONIA



AFP Photo

Ethnic Albanian refugees from Macedonia cross the border into Kosovo, fleeing the escalating conflict between government troops and opposition forces.

NATO urges restraint in conflict

Associated Press

SKOPJE
 The Macedonian government came under pressure Monday from NATO and the European Union to show

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 "Troops purge civilian community" page 7

restraint in its crackdown on ethnic Albanian rebels, signaling new momentum for a political solution to end the six-week standoff.

With the battlegrounds

quiet, NATO Secretary-General Lord Robertson and European Union security affairs chief Javier Solana arrived in the former Yugoslav republic for talks.

Referring to gains made by the Macedonian army in recent fighting, Robertson said on arrival, "They have taken the military high ground above Tetovo, now is the time (for the government) to take the political high ground."

Similarly, Solana, who arrived later, told reporters, "Now is the moment for politics."

"Objectives cannot be met through violent acts," he said. Robertson and Solana both held talks with Macedonian President Boris Trajkovski.

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Tetovo, Macedonia's second-largest city, spraying houses with bullets and forcing the guerrillas to pull back.

Even while saying the time had come for a political effort, Solana and Robertson underlined NATO and EU support for the Skopje government's action. NATO has worried that the rebel insurgency could widen ethnic divisions in Macedonia — where at least of the quarter of the population are ethnic Albanians living with a Slav majority — and open up a new Balkan war.

BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Renner passes leadership

By COLLEEN McCARTHY
Assistant News Editor

The 2000-2001 Board of Governance met for the last time along with members of the 2001-2002 Board, marking the end of student body president Crissie Renner's term and the beginning of former student body vice president Michelle Nagle's term as president.

"We encountered some unexpected turbulence this year but I think that we [Board of Governance] handled the situations and acted in the best interest of the student body," said Renner. "There's not a doubt in my mind that you will continue to serve the student body well. I'm so glad to see Michelle [Nagle] in this position [student body president] and there is no one I'd rather see in this position."

Nagle reported to the Board that she and student body vice president Kristin Matha have already begun work to achieve portions of their campaign platform.

One of the items she and Matha have begun forging ahead on is the establishment of a position for a Holy Cross College representative to sit on the Board.

"We've been in touch with Holy Cross College about creating a representative position to increase communication between Saint Mary's and Holy Cross and we should have that in place by the start of the next school year," Nagle said.

On the issue of the negative reaction to faculty to the study day proposal, Nagle said she and Matha have a meeting set this Thursday with Susan Vanek, chairperson of the committee on academic standards, to discuss what options remain.

In other news:

♦ The Board voted to give a co-sponsorship of \$600 to the Senior Leadership Campaign. The goal of the campaign is to encourage seniors to begin giving dona-

tions to Saint Mary's. The group sought a co-sponsorship to cover the cost of various incentives such as free movie rentals to lure seniors to give.

"The campaign happens every year and the goal of it is to get future alumnae in the habit of giving back to Saint Mary's," said Molly Kahn, student representative to the Board of Trustees and member of the Senior Leadership Campaign committee.

"Saint Mary's has given us so much in our four years here and what we do get for the money we pay to go here is phenomenal."

This year, the group is focusing on getting a higher rate of participation from seniors, rather than focusing on the amount raised.

"We want to have incentives to encourage people to give and that is why we sought this co-sponsorship," said Kahn.

♦ Women's Issues Commissioner Julie Frishkorn reported that after *The Vagina Monologues* controversy, many people have requested a forum be held to discuss issues surrounding academic freedom, censorship, students rights and inclusiveness on campus.

The Women's Center will sponsor a forum on Wednesday at 7 p.m. The forum will feature two neutral facilitators.

On Friday from 5:30-7 p.m., there will be an open house for the re-opening of the Women's Center in the basement of LeMans Hall. The newly painted room will also be equipped with a TV, VCR and a variety of new literature.

♦ Student Diversity Board president Akmaral Omarova said Hunger Awareness Week was a success despite a few "bumps in the road."

"The week went very well and the hunger banquet was a success as was the walk we co-sponsored with the sophomore class board, but we would have liked more participation overall," said Omarova.

Final Four tickets on sale

Special to the Observer

A limited number of reserved seats for the 2001 Women's Final Four will go on sale to Notre Dame students at 9 a.m. today at the Joyce Center Ticket Office (Gate 1).

The Women's Final Four will take place Friday and Sunday in the Savvis Center in St. Louis. Tickets for the

collegiate basketball tourney are \$100 each, which includes the Friday semi-final game and the championship game on Sunday.

Students wishing to purchase tickets must present a valid student I.D. at the ticket window. Students can present a maximum of six student I.D.s at the time of purchase.

Student tickets will be

available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Wednesday. Beginning Thursday, any unsold student tickets will be sold to those currently on a waiting list held by the ticket office.

Any questions regarding the Women's Final Four ticket sale should be directed to Jim Fraleigh, assistant athletic director, at 631-7356.

CORRECTIONS

♦ In the Asian Month article, the reference to the Asian Club was incorrect. The club is named Pacific Islanders and Asian Club (PAC).

Also, the treasurer, Karla Flores, referred to as Caucasian in the article is Mexican-

American. PAC was not co-sponsored by the Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs and the student diversity board, it was founded by two students in the 2000 spring semester

mistakenly identified the Pom Squad as performers in Troop ND. The Pom Squad performed at the International Festival, not Troop ND's Urban Groove

♦ The front page photo in Monday's Observer

The Observer regrets the errors

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Former V.A. nurse gets life imprisonment

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. A federal jury on Monday decided on life imprisonment for a former veterans hospital nurse who killed four patients by injecting them with a heart stimulant.

Kristen Gilbert, 33, was spared a sentence of death by injection. She would have become the only woman on federal death row.

U.S. District Judge Michael Ponsor formalized the jury's recommendation, sentencing Gilbert to four consecutive life terms without the possibility of parole. He also sentenced her to two 20-year terms for trying to kill two other veterans, and to several lesser charges.

Ponsor could not have overruled the jury to impose the death penalty. Before the formal sentencing, he allowed some relatives of the victims a last chance to speak.

Claire Jagadowski told the judge of the loss of her husband, 66-year-old Stanley Jagadowski: "I still listen for his key in the door. Now I have to face old age alone."

Gilbert declined an opportunity to address the judge. She wept softly when the jury's decision was read.

Her father and grandmothers had pleaded with jurors to let her live, saying a death sentence would be devastating to them and Gilbert's two sons.

"It's a very bittersweet day when you think your daughter is going to get life imprisonment instead of the death penalty," said Gilbert's father, Richard Strickland.

Assistant U.S. Attorney William Welch had called Gilbert a "shell of a human being" who deserved

to die for the cold and calculating way she murdered her victims: injecting them with overdoses of the heart stimulant epinephrine, also called adrenaline, causing their hearts to race out of control.

Prosecutors had argued that she wanted to attract attention, especially from her lover, a hospital security guard, for the way she handled herself during emergencies.

Gilbert was convicted March 14 of the first-degree murder in the deaths of three veterans. She also was convicted of second-degree murder, which is not subject to the death penalty, in the death of a fourth veteran, and of trying to kill two other veterans.

Defense attorneys said a life term in prison was a punishment harsh enough for a young woman convicted on evidence they said was only circumstantial. They had argued that the deaths were due to natural causes.

"It is easier to incite good and decent people to kill when their target is not human but a demon," defense attorney Paul Weinberg said. "Kristen Gilbert is not a monster, she is a human being."

Jurors deliberated for less than six hours Friday and Monday on whether to impose the death penalty. Since they were not unanimous, the sentence defaulted to life in prison.

In the past century, only two women have been executed by the federal government. There is no state death penalty in Massachusetts, but Gilbert was eligible for it under federal laws because her crimes took place on federal property, the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Northampton.

MACEDONIA

Troops purge civilian community

Associated Press

TETOVO

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In the most intense fighting in six weeks of conflict with the rebels, the army broke through a roadblock and moved into the ethnic Albanian village of Gajre, 2 1/2 miles northwest of Tetovo, setting afire homes suspected of sheltering rebels. Two helicopters strafed the thickly forested hillsides.

After taking Gajre, the troops regrouped and set up positions overlooking Lavce, another rebel-held village just north of Gajre. The army said it had also taken Tetovo Kale, an ancient Turkish fortress cresting a hill that it said had been a rebel stronghold.

Two soldiers, one police officer and four civilians were slightly injured, govern-

ment spokesman Antonio Milososki said. Police spokesman Stevo Pendarovski said the four civilians were a family riding in a taxi that entered an area of intense combat. He said the army had "captured several terrorists."

While not suggesting all-out victory, Prime Minister Ljubco Georgievski said government forces were doing well, asserting that the thrust to "clear the terrain of terrorists ... is being carried out successfully, and already key positions have been taken." But the army acknowledged that the rebels, who have ties to ethnic Albanian militants in the neighboring Yugoslav province of Kosovo, were formidable and well-armed opponents.

Pendarovski said a police vehicle was sprayed with machine-gun fire in an ambush north of the capital, Skopje, although the five officers inside

escaped injury.

"The commanders on the ground confirmed that we are facing an organized terrorist resistance, including sophisticated weapons, cannons and mortars," Army Col. Blagoja Markovski said Sunday.

Milososki said Sunday's offensive — which the government had threatened last week to "neutralize and eliminate" the rebels — had gone according to plan. "Several terrorist positions have been taken ... we will go on until the final takeover of all terrorist positions." Hundreds of refugees streamed across the border into Kosovo early Monday. Many told of Macedonian helicopters firing on them as they fled their homes.

"While walking through the hills, helicopters came above our heads and started firing into the woods which were filled by refugees," said Arif



SOURCE: Compiled from AP wire reports

"This is a fight against the terrorists, not against any single ethnic community."

Nikola Dimitrov
national security advisor

Azemi, 35, after walking for 10 hours to Kosovo with his five children in tow.

The rebels in Macedonia say their aim is limited to more rights for ethnic Albanians within Macedonia, who are outnumbered by Slavs three to one. The government accuses them of seeking independence and drawing on Kosovo for fighters and weapons.

Although ethnic relations with the majority Slavs had been relatively trouble-free, substantial numbers of the ethnic Albanian minority felt they are being treated as second-class citizens.

The struggle appears to have radicalized a large segment of Macedonian Albanians.

"This is a fight against the terrorists, not against any single ethnic community," national security adviser Nikola Dimitrov said in Skopje.

"We undertook this action because the long-term existence of terrorism here endangers the pillars of Macedonia's multi-ethnicism."

TOUR GUIDE APPLICATIONS

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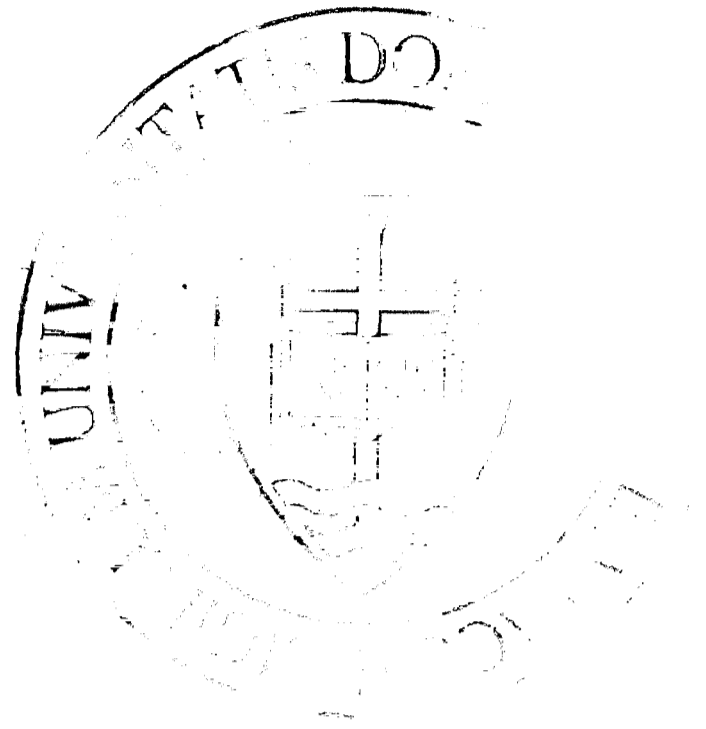
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Evidence found in Dartmouth murders

◆ Knives in suspect's house stained with victim's blood

Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H.

Knives found in the bedroom of one of the teen-agers accused of murdering two Dartmouth College professors were stained with blood matching one of the victims, according to court documents released Monday.

The two knives were found in a box in the bedroom of Robert Tulloch, 17, according to the prosecution documents.

Tulloch and James Parker, 16, both of Chelsea, Vt., are accused of fatally stabbing Half and Susanne Zantop in the professors' Hanover home on Jan. 27.

"On one knife, DNA consistent with Susanne Zantop was detected," the documents say. "On the second knife, DNA consistent with Susanne Zantop was detected, with a mixture of another source of DNA." The documents do not identify the source of the additional DNA.

An attorney for Tulloch did not immediately return a call seeking comment, but Doug Brown, a San Diego lawyer who represents the Parker family, said people should not make a judgment about the suspects until the evidence can be tested independently.

"It's incomprehensible and inconceivable that Jimmy Parker could have had anything to do with this crime," he said.

"The nature of these documents does not undermine their confidence in the innocence of their son."

A judge released search warrants and other arrest information after prosecutors said they no longer would fight to keep the documents secret. Earlier this month, a judge released documents describing what led police to the suspects, who were arrested last month at an Indiana truck stop.

Parker bought the two knives over the Internet several weeks before the killings, the documents say. Investigators have said the boy's fingerprints were on a knife sheath found at the Zantop home.

Police also concluded that footprints inside and outside the Zantop home matched Tulloch's left boot, the documents said.

The papers released Monday also say that during a search of Tulloch's home Feb. 16 and Feb. 17, investigators saw "several documents including literature, school essays, and books, including 'Der Fuhrer,' which addressed the topics of Germany, Hitler and the inactivity of America during the Holocaust."

Police also saw literature "referencing the Ku Klux Klan" and violent computer games. Computers were seized from the homes of both boys.

FDA probes Acetaminophen

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Evidence that many Americans may poison their livers by unwittingly taking toxic doses of acetaminophen has the government considering if consumers need stiffer warnings about the popular over-the-counter painkiller.

It's not the first time acetaminophen, best known by the Tylenol brand, has drawn federal concern. There are warnings not to take it if you consume more than three alcoholic drinks, because the combination can poison your liver.

But the latest worry is about overdoses: taking too much for too long, or mixing the myriad acetaminophen-containing headache, cold/flu and other remedies, or just popping extra pills.

Because acetaminophen is nonprescription, people think "it must be safe and they take it like M&Ms," sighs Dr. William Lee of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

Lee's data suggest acetaminophen overdoses could be a bigger cause of liver failure than some prescription drugs recently banned for liver poisoning, such as the diabetes medicine Rezulin.

He tracked more than 300 acute liver failure cases at 22 hospitals and linked 38 percent to acetaminophen, versus 18 percent of cases caused by other medications. In a second database track-

Acetaminophen by another name

Many Americans may be unknowingly overdosing on the drug acetaminophen, best known by the Tylenol brand, according to a recent study. Many over-the-counter drugs contain acetaminophen, which can cause liver damage if taken in heavy doses. Here is a sampling of drugs that contain acetaminophen.

Prescription medicines

Tylenol with codeine
Percocet
Vicodin

Cold and flu remedies

4 Way Cold
Bayer Select Flu Relief Caplets
Benadryl Cold
Comtrex Hot Flu Relief
Dristan Cold and Flu
NyQuil Liquicaps
Robitussin Honey Flu
Tylenol Cold and Flu
Vicks Dayquil Liquicaps

Pain relief remedies

Aspirin-Free Excedrin Caplets
Tylenol
Anacin-3
Infants' and Children's medicines
Children's Tylenol Cold
Dorcol Children's Fever and Pain Reducer
Feverall Children's
Infants' Anacin-3
St. Joseph's Aspirin-Free Fever Reducer for Children
Tylenol Children's Elixir

SOURCES: Complete Guide to Prescription and Nonprescription Drugs; The Physician's Desk Reference

ing 307 adults suffering severe liver injury — not full-fledged failure — at six hospitals, Lee linked acetaminophen to 35 percent of cases.

Most were accidents and should have been preventable, Lee contends.

The findings surprised Food and Drug Administration officials, who this month began investigating how big a risk the painkiller poses and whether Americans need more explicit warnings to use it safely. They even are seeking data from Britain, where so many people used acetaminophen for suicide that British health authorities now restrict how many tablets are sold at once.

Acetaminophen's liver toxicity

"is conspicuous in its magnitude compared to some of the other bad players we've taken off the market," says Dr. Peter Honig, FDA's postmarketing drug safety chief. "We're looking at the data to decide if something has to be done, and what."

Certainly millions of Americans safely take acetaminophen every day. Tylenol maker McNeil Consumer Healthcare calls it one of the safest over-the-counter products and insists liver failure occurs only with substantial overdoses.

"This is not a casual, 'Oops, I took an extra pill,'" stresses McNeil vice president Dr. Anthony Temple.

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GERMANY

Protestors reject nuclear shipment

Associated Press

WOERTH

A train loaded with some 60 tons of nuclear waste in six sealed containers crossed into Germany from France late Monday, angrily awaited by protesters along its route to a waste dump.

The shipment is carrying radioactive waste left over after spent nuclear fuel from German power plants was reprocessed at a French plant.

Hoping to avert violence, Germany put 15,000 police on alert along the route as the train headed toward its border. About 2,000 officers awaited the train in the border area, and the station at Woerth — where a German locomotive was to be attached — was heavily guarded.

Protesters were camped out awaiting the train's arrival, and police removed a group of people who earlier blocked the track south of Woerth.

In northern Germany, hundreds of people took part Monday in sit-down protests on rail tracks near the waste dump. Some 400 were removed by police, and at least 35 more were detained after loosening ties under a 50-yard section of track. Officials said the damage would not affect the shipment.

The political impact was already being felt in Berlin as the train trundled through France earlier in the day. The Greens party faced cries of betrayal from anti-nuclear activists that are among its core supporters.

Rooted in the anti-nuclear movement, the party now is in the government that approved the first cross-border waste shipment since 1997.

Anti-nuclear activists said authorities prepared at least nine alternate routes for the transport across Germany to be able to skirt protests.

Police braced for a repeat of clashes with protesters that accompanied the last shipment four years ago. They promised tough action against any blockades by demonstrators.

Especially vulnerable was

the final 12-mile stretch from a rail terminal to the waste dump, where trucks will transport the containers — each with about 10 tons of radioactive waste sealed in 28 glass casks.

In Valognes, France, a few Greenpeace activists stood watch early Monday as the transport left, firing flares and waving banners against the nearby La Hague reprocessing plant before being removed by police.

Anti-nuclear groups say their aim is to drive up the cost of waste shipments and persuade utilities that nuclear plants are not economical.

"Every transport from La Hague makes another transport to La Hague possible, securing the continued operation of the nuclear power plants," said Rasmus Grobe, a spokesman for a protest group whose symbol, a large yellow X, has appeared on walls and roads across the country.

German and French leaders agreed on a resumption of nuclear traffic last January, with the German government saying it has tightened safety rules for the transports since the previous administration suspended shipments in 1998 because of radioactive leaks on some containers.

ARGENTINA

Congress passes recession measure

◆ President gains legislative power to tackle economy

Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES

After 15 difficult months in office, Argentina's president won initial approval Monday for special powers to tackle a 33-month-old recession that shows no signs of easing.

Argentina's lower house voted 151 to 81 in favor of ceding some of Congress' lawmaking authority to President Fernando de la Rúa, part of his request for unilateral-decree powers to help revive the economy.

House lawmakers were expected to continue debating specific powers line-by-line later Monday before handing the proposal over to the Senate for final consideration.

De la Rúa and Economy Minister Domingo Cavallo have argued that sweeping executive powers are needed to trim taxes, deregulate financial markets, reorganize federal agencies and cut red tape in bureaucracy as cost-saving stimulants to recovery.

But House deputies were expected to impose limits, denying the president the power to fire public workers, reduce pension benefits or sell state assets.

"We will end this long recession and we will resolve the

problem of fiscal solvency. We will create conditions so that those who want to will be able to invest and work," De la Rúa told Argentina's largest daily, Clarín, before the House debate.

Cavallo has said the success of the government's economic plan could hinge on whether

special powers are granted. As envisioned by Cavallo, Congress would have the power to supervise the executive branch only through a committee formed of leaders of the two main parties in Congress.

Opponents argued that special powers go beyond the Constitution and pose a threat to the separation of the executive and legislative branches.

Argentina's economic crisis has trapped South America's second-largest economy in a fog of 14.7 percent unemployment and expanding public debt totaling \$120 billion, nearly half the country's gross domestic

product.

The economy's continued ill health could pose high stakes for emerging markets. But as a precaution, the International Monetary Fund in December led a \$40 billion emergency package meant as insurance against any Argentine default on debt payments.

Last October, Vice President Carlos Alvarez quit after suggesting the administration didn't have the political will to combat an influence-peddling scandal in the Senate. He was the most visible

leader of the left-leaning Frepaso movement, the junior partner in the ruling coalition led by De la Rúa's centrist Radical party.

Further political turmoil arose in March when Economy Minister Jose Luis Machinea called it quits after a lackluster performance.

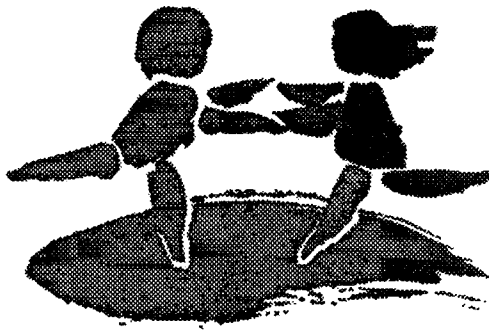
Successor Ricardo Lopez Murphy lasted less than two weeks, booted out over a harsh proposal of \$4.5 billion in new spending cuts.

"We will end this long recession and we will resolve the problem of fiscal solvency."

Fernando de la Rúa
Argentinian president

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This Week in Campus Ministry

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RCIA : Rehearsal for Rite of Acceptance

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Notre Dame Encounter Retreat #65

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Basilica of the Sacred Heart
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Spanish Mass
Presider: Rev. Tom Bednar, csc

Sunday, April 1, 8:00-10:00 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
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One of the best examples of the mediation or authority of the Church in the New Testament is the Council of Jerusalem. There, in approximately the year 50 A. D., the early church had to decide one of the most important questions in all of church history. Should all Christians have to abide by the Jewish religious ritual laws such as circumcision? If the Council decided in favor, then all the Romans and Greeks would effectively have to become Jews first in order to become Christians. By deciding against imposing circumcision and the many dietary and other laws of the Old Testament, the Church opened itself to the evangelization of all the ancient world.

Faith FAQs & Catholic Facts

by Father J. Steele, c.s.c.

A person's relationship with Christ is always personal and direct, but the Catholic Church considers itself a mediator between Christians and Christ. How can this be?

Q.10

Much of world history was shaped by this one singular decision, found in Acts 15. The issue was not left to individual Christians to decide for themselves in their own consciences. The decision was made by the apostles and elders of the church gathered together and drawing on the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and their knowledge of Christ and his teachings. The decision was made once and for all, and has never been revisited because Christians recognize the mediated authority of the apostolic ministry of the Church.

The church gives us the scriptures, the sacraments, teachings, and generations of witnesses and their testimony to the power of Christ in their lives.

This leaves the question of whether this apostolic ministry continued after the apostles had died. Again, we turn to scripture for evidence of an ongoing apostolic ministry. Paul, writing to Timothy about his call to ministry, speaks of the "gift of God given through the imposition of my hands." (2Tim 1:6-7) To Titus Paul gives orders to put aright the Church of Crete by appointing presbyters (antecedent term for priests and bishops). (Titus 1:5) Besides the scriptural evidence, the writings of the early church fathers are unanimous in their understanding of the apostolic ministry continuing from generation to generation through the laying on of hands.

One final note, the mediation of the church whether through the formation of teachings or through the ministry of the sacraments never replaces or opposes the immediate and personal relationship between a Christian and Christ which is always necessary and is at the heart of any real conversion. The church is rather the Body of Christ which gives to the individual believer the spiritual resources to enter into that personal relationship. The church gives us the scriptures, the sacraments, teachings, and generations of witnesses and their testimony to the power of Christ in their lives.

Ever wonder why we as Catholics do what we do or believe what we believe? Please send us your questions, comments and suggestions to ministry.1@nd.edu.

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Campus Bible Study, an interfaith Christian bible study group with Fr. Al D'Alonzo, c.s.c., will resume on Tuesday, March 27, 7:00 pm in room 114, Coleman-Morse Center.



All are welcome.

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Wanna play Mario Kart?

Listen, this is how it goes, and this is how I have accepted it for the past four years. There are two, maybe three types of relationship statuses at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame:

1. You are in a committed relationship, which means that you are basically married but do not actually live together.

2. You are single. You are single, but you hook up whenever, whenever and however you can.

I promised myself that I would not do this, would not broach this subject, but I think it has to be done. I am not going to complain about the way things go because it has been done — numerous times. But dating here is just a subject that is huge and time and thought consuming, so why not?

People, just accept it. Dating on these campuses sucks. The previous are your three options and that is how it goes. (Although I have heard the legend about a guy going up to a girl whom he barely knew and asking her out to dinner. Just like that. I think, though, that it was really a well-worn myth.)

Anyhow, I notice that a lot of people seem to misconstrue what, exactly (when it actually happens), a date is. I can honestly say I am not really sure. But I can tell you what a date is not.

- A date is not:
 - Sitting around, drinking beer, watching movies and then making out.
 - Anything involving Mario Kart, Mario Soccer, Mario Golf, Dream Team 2000, PlayStation or Nintendo 64 in general, beer and then making out.
 - Going to an SYR or formal — and making out.

These are not dates. I do not care if they do sometimes involve dinner, flowers, nice conversations, smooches, whatever. They are not dates! They are make-out sessions with G-rated foreplay.

It makes me wonder if other colleges across the nation are like this. Are the schools in this community so academically based that we lose all concept of socializing with the opposite sex? Are we as students so involved with our studies in order to better ourselves for the real world that the capacity for normal dating is like a 747 flying right over our heads? Very, very doubtful.

It is amazing then, to me, that people get married after graduating from here. How did they manage to meet their significant other when only three months back they could hardly form a coherent sentence or talked so much the object of their affection backed away very quickly?

I would like to add in here that I am not pin-pointing this on the guys. Girls are just as junky in the dating scene, let me tell you. Although I have noticed that we take it to the opposite end. We are predominantly the ones who chatter on and on and on, not leaving you any room to talk. And I understand why some guys do not hold up their end of the bargain in a conversation — because there are those girls out there who, after talking to a guy for five minutes, assume that (ha, ha) they are now dating.

That in mind, I would like to clear something up for anyone guy or girl who feels that way. If I "dated" every guy I have ever had more than a five minute conversation with, then currently I would have approximately 35 boyfriends. (Hmmm ... actually, that is

something to think about ... maybe then my mom would get off my back about not dating anyone.)

Kidding aside, dating is a tricky thing. No one wants to be the first one to admit feelings for the other person, for fear of rejection and complete humiliation. These can be such strong feelings that it is hard sometimes to tell if you are even dating another person. I would like everyone to take a step back, look at what they think might be considered dating and ask themselves this: Do you only meet in bars or are you intoxicated when you see the other person? Then you are not dating. If you have never

seen the inside of your love interest's room, then you are definitely not dating. And this last one, though specific to the Saint Mary's woman, is key: If "your man" has never made it to this campus, then you are by no means, I am talking absolutely not, dating.

Dating is definitely not a bad thing. I like it, a lot of people like it, it can be fun. Here is one thing to keep in mind which I think might clear up a lot of confusion for some and maybe even start a campus-wide dating

wave. Going out on one date with a person does not mean you have to marry that person. That is the whole point of dating. You get to pick and choose and maybe someday you will get lucky. Never deny yourself the benefit of options. Why do you think they invented 31 Flavors?

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



Molly Strzelecki

Growing Up to be a Kid



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Blaming tool for the actions of its user

I would like to address Melissa Beiting's letter yesterday. Throughout the meanderings of her response to Scott Brodfuehrer's column, which admittedly I did not read, Ms. Beiting professes that administrators of schools should not be blamed for the acts of these teens, and perhaps rightly so. Instead, however, she contends that guns (inanimate objects) are to blame. How convenient this argument has become in an age where no one is responsible for his or her actions.

I contend that the person who commits the crime is responsible. It is a drastic conclusion I realize, in this age of ultra-political correctness but imagine if we held just those who actually did wrong accountable, no matter how horrendous the crime. I just cannot fathom blaming a tool for the actions of its operator. To the best of my knowledge we do not revere the paintbrush of Michelangelo, but rather the man.

Perhaps I am too nostalgic, remembering back to the days when my forefathers took up arms against forced tyranny, or maybe I am too aware of the defenselessness that resulted

when Stalin banned private gun ownership, but I cannot accept that guns are responsible for our high crime rates. If an example of an "uncivilized" country with high gun ownership and low crime were desired I might point to Switzerland. There nearly every household has a firearm, but I don't remember reading about too many school shootings in Switzerland. The fact is that there is no correlation at all between gun ownership and crime, and pawing off responsibility for the terrible actions of an individual is only an attempt to justify their actions and thus contribute to the act's repetition.

Violence does indeed hurt, but displacing the responsibility onto anyone and anything other than the perpetrator neither heals nor helps.

John Lidle
sophomore
Alumni Hall
March 26, 2001

DILBERT

SCOTT ADAMS

QUOTE OF THE DAY



"She's the sort of woman who lives for others — you can always tell the others by their hunted expression."

C. S. Lewis
writer

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Migrant Experiences Seminar increases awareness

Over Spring Break, 15 of my friends and I went to Florida. Our destination was, however, unusual. As participants in the Center for Social Concern's Migrant Experiences Seminar, we spent the week in the agricultural town of Immokalee, studying and living with migrant workers.

We lived and worked with the workers who bring most of the United States its winter tomatoes and oranges. Most of the workers that pick these crops are immigrants from Mexico, Haiti or Guatemala. These workers work hard to keep America fed and are paid sub-poverty wages. Agricultural workers are exempt from most major labor regulations: no benefits, union or minimum wage. Their pay is based on how much they pick. Every morning they wait to see if they

might be able to get a job in the fields. As the seasons change the workers move to follow the crops.

During our week in Immokalee we saw many injustices and problems. We saw small, run-down hovels being rented for up to \$200 per week. The workers who lived there can count themselves lucky for finding a place to live. I met a 20 year-old immigrant from Guatemala whose month-long journey to the United States had ended only 15 days earlier and she still had found no work. She was sad and lonely, wondering why she came to America; she could have been unemployed in Guatemala. But most of all, we saw hard working, honest men and women living in squalor, trying to provide for their families and feed America.

The Catholic Church calls us to live

in solidarity with these workers. Pope John Paul II says that we are called "to restore to agricultural [workers] ... their just value ... To proclaim and promote the dignity of all work but especially of agricultural work." (Laborem Exercens, On Human Work, #21, 1981). We, the participants in the migrant experiences seminar, hope that you will join us in a real way that can make a difference. For over 20 years, the price that a worker received for a bucket of tomatoes has remained at 40 cents. Several years ago, a farmworker advocacy group, the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, negotiated a five-cent raise from most major pickers. All except one agreed to this change: Six L's packing company. Because of Six L's unwillingness to talk about the possibility of increasing their wage, the Coalition is calling for

a nation-wide boycott of one of Six L's major buyers, Taco Bell. If Taco Bell was to raise the price of a Chalupa one quarter of one cent, they could more than double the wages of the workers. Please join us in standing in solidarity with these workers by attending an informational and organizational meeting at the CSC on Thursday at 7 p.m. Go to the Coalition's website at www.ciw-online.org. And next time you take a bite of tomato or pick up an orange, think of those unappreciated workers who supply us with the bounty of food we rely on everyday.

Chris Rupar
sophomore
Keenan Hall
March 26, 2001

Students address building plan concerns

Non-union builder inconsistent with school values

We are writing in direct response to the article, "SMC To Hire Non-unionized Workers" dated March 23. We're very surprised that Saint Mary's has decided to contract with the non-unionized company, Majority Builders Inc.

We question many of the comments made by our president's financial advisor, Keith Dennis, and are disappointed with the lack of the information provided. As Dennis stated in the article, "four contractors presented proposals that were much higher than the product budget."

What is the projected budget for this project? What were the bids of the first four contractors? How much higher were they than the projected budget? What is the difference between the unionized and non-unionized budget bids? None of these numbers were provided in the article. We would appreciate and challenge our administration to provide this information to the larger community.

Dennis also claims that, "four out of the eight subcontractors Majority has chosen for the job are unionized." The subcontractors are unfortunately a minority of the total workforce building our new maintenance building.

Are we requiring Majority Builders to only allow workers receiving a living wage and health benefits on the job? Did Saint Mary's write such pre-qualifications into their contract, particularly in light of the merit system Majority Builders Inc. works within? What exactly are these pre-qualifications? How exactly do they benefit the worker? Again we challenge the Saint Mary's administration to answer these concerns.

Until these questions are answered, we do not feel secure endorsing the decision the administration has made on our behalf.

As a Catholic institution who values the dignity of all human beings, the hiring of non-unionized workers is contradictory. Majority Builders Inc. assumes that a living wage is a privilege one earns rather than a basic human right. The company does this through a merit system which awards long term employees with such things as a living wage and health benefits. Beginning employees do not receive such "rewards."

By contracting with this company, Saint Mary's is contributing to the devaluing of workers. As the article states, this decision was made after months of deliberation. Saint Mary's, as a leading force in the South Bend community, is setting a standard that seems detrimental to the larger community.

We are surprised that a college, who just a year ago signed a Code of Conduct in support of unions on the international level, is undermining union organizing at home. As concerned community members we await our administration's response regarding this issue.

Unionized workers a Catholic issue

As a member of the Notre Dame-Saint Mary's and South Bend Community, I am deeply troubled by Saint Mary's College's decision to contract the construction of a new maintenance facility to Majority Builders. Saint Mary's has awarded this project to a company that has consistently undermined the rights and dignity of its workers in paying substandard wages.

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's continue to stress an interest in forging strong partnerships with the South Bend Community. However, in choosing Majority Builders, Saint Mary's tacitly endorses the exploitation of local workers. Saint Mary's has placed its

own economic interest above the interests of the community and basic human dignity. As Catholics, we have a moral obligation to make economic decisions and investments that enhance economic opportunity, community life and social justice (U.S. Bishops, A Catholic Framework for Economic Life, #9). If we indeed value this community, we must value its working men and women by ensuring that they enjoy a fair wage, safe and healthy working conditions, a right to participate in society and job security.

It seems reasonable that we consider the welfare of our community by patronizing (as we have done in the past) only contractors that honor the fundamental rights and dignity of workers and share our concern for bettering the community ... UNION contractors. As our faith tells us, "(Unions) enable workers to make positive and creative contributions to the firm, the community, and the larger society in an organized and cooperative way" (U.S. Bishops, Economic Justice for All, #304, 1986). In making decisions we must demonstrate our commitment to the Gospel and our ethic of service and action for justice.



Peacemakers
Saint Mary's College
March 26, 2001

Julie Hodek
senior
Off-Campus
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ALBUM REVIEW

Indie rocker Yorn emerges through talent and honesty

By MAUREEN SMITHE
Scene Music Critic

When 26 year-old Pete Yorn sang at a school talent school, his friends urged him to put down the microphone. Thankfully, he chose not to heed the advice of his friends and moved to California after college to start a band.

The result is something like a fairy tale — for both Yorn and his listeners. This New Jersey native has the potential to become a big city rocker with Musicforthemorningafter, his first major label release.

The product of many hours spent recording in his garage, the album gently flaunts Yorn's introverted style and lyrical creativity. With hints of Eddie Vedder and Jeff Buckley in his voice, it is no wonder that "Rolling Stone" hails him as one of the "Next Big Things for

2001."

Opening with the crackle of a needle on vinyl, Yorn establishes a vintage legitimacy that continues throughout the album. "Life on a Chain" — the song he acoustically sang alone to seal the deal with Columbia — is the first of many love-inspired songs. "I was alone/ You were just around the corner from me." It is the kind of song you want to listen to in a convertible with the top down and the volume up.

Yorn's ballad writing reaches its height with "Lose You." "I don't need a better thing/ I'll settle for less/ It's another thing for me/ I just have to wander this world alone." The mournful love song mood of "Lose You" paired with the quirkiness of "For Nancy" confirms Yorn's diverse musical breadth.

Yorn takes on a rebel attitude with "Murry," playing with foot-tapping

drums and a heavier guitar tune. "He won't follow/ His lines are drawn for him/ And he don't want to try." This is one of the more rock-infused songs on the album.

The most lyrically and acoustically

beautiful song on the album, "EZ," proves Yorn's impressive vocal range. "It was easy when you were younger/ You can put it back together/ It was there if you ever wanted it/ But you closed the door and said goodbye for good."

The hushed tone in his somber acoustics, including "EZ" and "Simonize," takes the listener on a tour of Yorn's mind, giving his songs meaning beyond the lyrics.

Yorn's indie good looks and impressive musical talent are enough to make any girl fall instantly in love with him. But to make sure he has

every female listener drooling, he includes the secret track "A Girl Like You," a love song so simple and honest it will draw tears. "Someday I'll look into her green eyes and know that she'll come with me/ A girl like you/ Too many things I do not care for/ But one thing that I adore/ Is a girl like you." Yorn has star appeal in more ways than one.

Having contributed to both movie and television soundtracks, Yorn's dabbling in the Hollywood circuit lends legitima-



Photo courtesy of www.peteyorn.com

After a number of movie and television soundtrack contributions, Pete Yorn has now released his first full-length, major label record, Musicforthemorningafter.

cy to his resume. He composed and recorded the score for the movie "Me, Myself and Irene," including the song "Strange Condition" which appears on that soundtrack and on Musicforthemorningafter. The song "Just Another" can also be found on Songs From Dawson's Creek Volume 2.

It is hard not to like Pete Yorn. His guy-next-door attitude and honest willingness to speak his truth present a unique appeal. Listen to this bit of advice and follow it: buy this CD.

Musicforthemorningafter

Pete Yorn

Columbia Records

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ALBUM REVIEW

Old 97's succeeds by breaching musical boundaries

By LAURA KELLY
Scene Music Critic

If the Old 97's are trying to define themselves with a single album, the eclectic Satellite Rides has accomplished exactly what they wanted.

Their country/rock/British Invasion/pop sound bounces on every track, shifting styles and dynamics even within the songs themselves. From first listen, it's clear the four boys from Dallas are playing more smoothly than ever, and still managing to keep their tunes to the quick radio-length bites that have become their signature.

Several tracks on Satellite Rides leap out as instant singles, more traditional rock or pop songs that could become fast favorites. "King of All The World" is a happy, sing-along tune, with some of Rhett Miller and Ken Bethea's hardest guitar work. The catchy "Bird in A Cage" has a jumpy beat from Philip Peeples on the drums and a refrain that's

guaranteed to stick in your head — "a bird in a hand is worth a bird in a cage is worth a bird on a telephone wire."

Singer/songwriter Miller's mastery of the quirky, quipping one-liner winks at the listener from every song. The sly Casanova of "Rollerskate Skinny" asks his girl, "Do you wanna meet up at the Picwood Bowl/ We can knock nine down and leave one in the hole." But Miller's real talent is condensing the frustrations and celebrations of love into a few brief verses. In "What I Wouldn't Do," he agonizes "I'm in love with you but I kill myself trying to figure out how to do it/ You're on a pedestal/ I'm on the edge of a shelf." And in one of the album's shortest and sweetest tracks, Miller describes the moment of popping the question: "Someday somebody's gonna ask you/ A question that you should say yes to/ Once in your life." Not the sugary fluff of boy bands, but lyrics that are refreshing and simple.

Miller's poetic talent aside, the best part of the album is the true Old 97's sound, their unique blend of country rock. "Up The Devil's Pay" is a perfect example — how many pop bands can begin a melancholy love song with yodeling? While Satellite Rides is full of the twang of steel guitars and Miller's country singer-like wail, this newest release still

has a definite rock edge. The guitar entrance on "Book of Poems" is reminiscent of an AC/DC rock ballad opening, but the song then slips in a Cure-like energy. "Weightless" shows the band's spacey side, a slow, trippy song with lyrics like "I reckon heaven is a place where time is non-existent yeah/ and the things that are important, yeah/ don't take any time at all."

Ironically, Satellite Rides sounds like a greatest hits album from this relatively young bar band. Every style and mood the group has tried is featured here, from mournful country western to dark alternative rock to pure bouncy pop. Miller presents some of his best song-writing, and the group's energy on every track reveals an experienced sound.

The addition of a bonus CD that includes six live tracks, including a strong version of the cult favorite "19," makes Satellite Rides a must-have for Old 97's fans.

Satellite Rides



Old 97's
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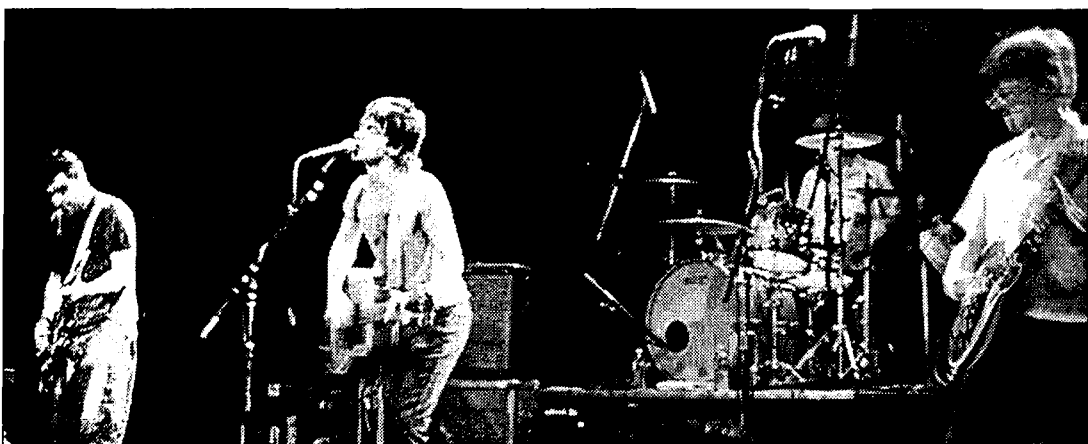


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Never a band to play by industry standards, the Old 97's have once again written a poetic and energetic album that defies classification with Satellite Rides.

SPECIAL FEATURE

G. Love and Special Sauce serve up a treat at ND

By **TIM BODONY**
Scene Music Critic

The novelty of commending a band or performer that blends seemingly disparate styles has worn off by now. Such a process is practically as old as music itself. A truly unique artist nowadays would be one that is easily classifiable, drawing influence solely from one genre, and never leaving the confines of that genre in his or her own music.

G. Love and Special Sauce is not one of these artists, yet the Philadelphia band still manages to forge its own distinct sound that is ultimately greater than the sum of its parts.

G. Love has also made his affinity for cooking well known to his fans in a number of tasty songs like "Recipe," "Cold Beverage" and "Baby's Got Sauce." He has even produced a 30-minute instructional video called "Cookin' with G.," which follows Chef G. through the entire culinary process, from the shopping to the desert.

And now he is ready to serve up "The Electric Mile," the latest creation of his other kitchen, the

recording studio. As usual, G. Love and Special Sauce throw all sorts of ingredients into their pot: rap, reggae, rock, blues and more, producing a robust and booty-shaking concoction in which no one ingredient predominates over the others.

Like most entrees, the flavor of this band comes from the sauce — the Special Sauce that is. Consisting of Jimi Jazz Prescott on the upright bass and Jeff "The Houseman" Clemens on drums, Special Sauce drives the music from beneath.

On each of the band's five major label releases, Prescott and Clemens have consistently put forth the type of subtle rhythmic maneuvers that make jazz freaks scream with ecstasy. On stage, they command less attention than their more picturesque and flamboyant front man, but their ability to lay down one thick groove after another is undeniable.

One certainly cannot overlook the contributions of G. Love when trying to dissect the band's distinct sound. His guitar playing is noticeably street-schooled, where chord charts are discarded in favor of trial and error

methods of moving fingers around the fretboard until it sounds good. His vocal stylings, all too reminiscent of Fenster in "The Usual Suspects," are fluid and seductive, if not totally comprehensible.

Regarding the band's discography, it would appear at first glance that G. Love has gone through a gradual process of maturation. Eight years ago he pronounced himself "the Kool-Aid Kid" who must have his beverages refrigerated before he consumes them. He proceeded to tackle larger issues on 1997's "Yeah It's That Easy," including a tribute to a fallen Philadelphia police officer. On 1999's "Philadelphonic," G. Love ventured into the realm of spirituality, pulling quotes from Baird T. Spalding's "Life and Teaching of The Masters of the Far East" in the song "Numbers." But truthfully, G. Love has always put forth both silliness and seriousness in his songs, a point he makes quite adamantly.

"I've always written all those types of songs, and some of my earliest songs have had an important social message," insisted G. Love in a recent phone interview. "Some of the first songs I ever wrote, like 'This Ain't Living' and 'Eyes Have Miles' [both from the 1994 self-titled debut record], have dealt with serious issues. When people tell me that my music has gotten more mature, I always say that I write songs about my life, which is everything from God to just hanging out." The Electric Mile follows this rule completely.

G. Love again displays his passion for interracial understandings in songs such as "Unified," "Praise Up" and "Free At Last." But a dose of realism has now tempered G. Love's predominantly optimistic view on the prospects for unity.

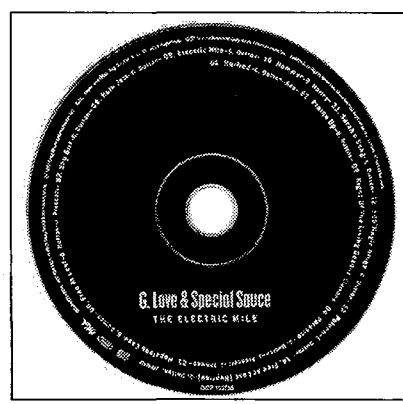
"Unified" concedes his

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G. Love and Special Sauce

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belief that "It would be so nice, but the world's not ready," given that the powers-that-be "Don't want it in their government/ they don't want it in their poli-tricks." With an unstoppable up-tempo reggae beat propelling it along, the song still manages to inspire more dancing than pondering.

G. Love displays his passions for women in almost equal proportions; this is how a man named Garret Dutton earns the title of G. Love. The love flows on "Sarah's Song," a countrified back porch ode to pastoral and feminine beauty featuring some inspired harmonica playing from G. Love, and on the following track, "100 Magic Rings."

But to make The Electric Mile's most memorable musical and lyrical statement, "Parasite," G. Love shifts into his street preacher mode. On top of a low-fi hip-hop beat, G. Love graphically conveys the view from the bottom, picking up right where "This Ain't Living" left off. In that song, guest rapper Jasper lamented: "Once I start gaining, the taxes start taking/ 'cause the government's perfected funk fakin'." Now Jasper, entering the mix with a line from Bob Marley's "Burnin' and Lootin'," is back to report that nothing has changed.

"It was just time," G. Love said about the decision to record with Jasper again. "He has such a vocal presence, and he totally took the song to another level."

He says the same thing about John Medeski, who contributed keyboard parts to about half of the songs on Electric Mile. His presence helps to give the album a spacier and more layered feel than any of the band's previous recordings, in which studio production had never been a particular priority. The more polished production and engineering on "Philadelphonic" and "The Electric Mile" is something of which G. Love is proud.

"I was listening to some of our previous records the other day," he said, "and I realized how far we've come in terms of production. Coast to Coast Motel [the

band's second album] had no production, which was a mistake. Yeah, It's That Easy was not well produced, but Philadelphonic had production coming together more."

G. Love credits live sound technician Chris DiBeneditto with helping the band get all the sounds they wanted, which on Electric Miles ranges from trippy guitar and synth effects to crystal-clear drums and bass.

"But ultimately," G. Love admits, "no one has been able to figure out how to produce us but us. We're the ones that have to do it."

The presence of new material inevitably begs the question of how to treat the classic older tracks that have become cult favorites. G. Love was characteristically cool when asked if he would rather push newer material as his trademark, to avoid being known simply as "the guy that did 'Cold Beverage' and 'Baby's Got Sauce'."

"I feel the newest stuff the most," he admitted, "but we play songs from all our records. We realize that 'Cold Beverage' and 'Sauce' are really popular, but we still don't play those songs every night. You got to mix it up."

And of course, a conversation with G. Love about an upcoming concert at Notre Dame could not be complete without some discussion about the 2001 NCAA basketball tournament.

"I'm sorry about the NCAA," he said at the beginning of the interview, obviously referring to men's team second round exit. "We have a pool going on the tour bus, and I picked Notre Dame to do exactly what they did. But I forgot that I had picked Ole Miss, so I was still cheering for you guys during the game."

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NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Taurasi sends UConn to face Notre Dame in Final Four

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

Lose a star, plug in another. Win a championship, go after another. The years and players may change, yet it almost wouldn't be a women's Final Four without Connecticut.

Diana Taurasi, a freshman who didn't even start until UConn lost its two returning All-Americans, dominated with her scoring and court savvy as the Huskies rolled into the women's semifinals again with a 67-48 victory over Louisiana Tech on Monday night.

This will be UConn's fifth trip to the Final Four under coach Geno Auriemma since 1991. It has won national titles in 1995 and last season.

Taurasi, who combines the discipline that Auriemma demands with a sleek game polished on the Los Angeles playgrounds, had 17 points, 10 rebounds and four assists Monday as the second game of the season between the long-time women's powers turned into a romp.

"I don't know, I've never gotten nervous," said Taurasi, the nation's top high school player a year ago. "I'm just out there playing with four other girls, playing carefree."

"When I was growing up, I never played with girls — they used to whine all the time — so I'd just go to the playground and play with the guys."

"She's really come out of her shell during this tournament and I love her for it because she's gotten us back to the Final Four," teammate Swin Cash said of Taurasi, who has started only a third of UConn's games yet was chosen as the outstanding player in the Big East tournament and the regional.

At the end of the game, UConn's Sue Bird leaped excitedly in the air and the Huskies

pulled on their regional championship caps at midcourt to begin singing — what else? — "Who Let the Dogs Out?"

The Huskies have won 15 in a row even while losing stars Svetlana Abrosimova and Shea Ralph to season-ending injuries. Ralph dressed in her UConn warmup suit Monday, often leaping off the bench to yell encouragement or offer advice.

"We're going back to the Final Four and that's hard to do," said Bird, who had nine points and five rebounds. "I think a lot of people didn't believe we could do it when we lost our two All-Americans."

This Eastern Regional final was supposed to be closer — much closer — than UConn's 71-55 victory in Ruston, La., but it wasn't, not with Taurasi knocking down 3-pointers, making beautiful entry passes for layups and shutting down Tech off-guard Brooke Lassiter.

Lassiter had 19 points in Saturday's 78-67 victory over Missouri but was limited to seven points on three shots and three rebounds, rarely getting an open look or an open lane to the basket.

"Connecticut just plays this game a little better than we do now," coach Leon Barmore said. "The question all season was where the scoring would come from. Our strength is our inside game, and we went there and we went there, but defensively they just pushed us off the ball."

Takeisha Lewis, who had 27 points and 17 rebounds Saturday, also was a non-factor against UConn's relentless man-to-man defense, finishing with seven points on 3-of-15 shooting and only four rebounds.

The Lady Techsters' inability to get its stars open shots led them to shoot only 28.6 per-

cent.

"I thought if we could keep it close to the 10-minute mark we had a chance to pull an upset — it would have been a great upset — because they do have a short bench," said Barmore, whose team had won 19 in a row.

Purdue 88, Xavier 78

Katie Douglas, Kelly Komara and Camille Cooper are going back to the Final Four. Xavier's remarkable postseason ride is over.

Komara played a superb game filling in for injured point guard Erika Valek and Douglas hit two critical 3-pointers while battling through an off night shooting as Purdue beat Xavier to win the Midwest Regional.

Douglas, Komara and Cooper all played on Purdue's 1999 national championship team. They still have a chance to win another.

The Boilermakers (30-6) will play the West Regional winner, Southwest Missouri State, in the national semifinals Friday night in St. Louis.

Xavier (31-3) had become one of the darlings of the NCAA tournament after upsetting Tennessee, the No. 1 seed overall, 80-65, in Saturday's regional semifinals.

But the Musketeers couldn't keep the magic going and saw their 21-game winning streak, the nation's longest, come to an end.

Komara, named the regional's outstanding player, was forced to move from shooting guard to the point after Valek tore the anterior cruciate ligament in her right knee in the Boilermakers' victory over Texas Tech on Saturday.

She responded with 20 points on 6-for-12 shooting, five assists and four steals.

"Kelly Komara was huge for us tonight," Douglas said. "Just talking to Kelly before

the game, she was ready to play. She provided a huge spark for us. Thank God she was there in the first half because I sure wasn't."

Douglas, 3-for-13 from the field, finished with 19 points after scoring only two in the first half. Cooper added 16 and Shereka Wright 14. Shalicia Hurns had 10 points and 12 rebounds.

"None of their players surprised us," Xavier coach Melanie Balcomb said. "This is an excellent Purdue team. They're great players. They're All-Americans. They're a Final Four team. I expected them to do everything they did well. We were just trying to stop some of it."

Taru Tuukkanen led Xavier with 23 points. Nicole Levandusky had 19 points and 10 rebounds for the Musketeers, whose NCAA tournament record before this season had been 1-3.

Purdue becomes the first school to reach the Final Four under three different coaches. Lin Dunn took the Boilermakers in 1994 and Carolyn Peck guided them to their title in 1999.

This trip is coming under Kristy Curry, in her second season as coach.

"We're not talking about just going to the Final Four," Curry said. "We want to win. We've got some unfinished business."

SW Missouri State 104, Washington 87

She wowed them in the West. Now Jackie Stiles is headed back to Missouri to the biggest stage of all.

With a lot of help from her friends — especially Tara Mitchem — Stiles brought Southwest Missouri State to St. Louis and the women's Final Four with a victory over Washington in the West Regional final.

"I can't imagine a better way to end a career," Stiles said.

Southwest Missouri State (29-5) will play Purdue in the semifinals Friday night in St. Louis, just a 3 1/2-hour drive from the Lady Bears' Springfield campus.

Stiles scored 32 points despite sitting out 41/2 minutes early in the second half and fouling out with 3:25 to play. As she left the court, she drew a standing ovation from the capacity crowd of just under 11,000, nearly all of them Washington fans.

The 5-foot-8 dynamo — the leading scorer in women's NCAA Division I history — led the Lady Bears to their second Final Four and first since 1992.

Stiles scored 73 points in her two games in Spokane to become the first woman to top 1,000 in a season in Division I.

She isn't the only blonde, ponytailed big-time sharpshooter for SMS. Mitchem scored 23 points on 7-for-7 shooting, three of them 3-pointers, and was 6-for-6 on free throws.

"I can't say enough about my teammates," Stiles said. "They really stepped up and hit big shots."

Southwest Missouri State shot 63 percent from the field (35-for-56), including 8-for-15 on 3-pointers in its biggest offensive game of the season.

Erika Rante added 16 points and 11 rebounds for the Lady Bears. Loree Payne scored 17 for Washington (22-10), including three 3-pointers. Kellie O'Neill added 14, while Megan Franza, Andrea Lalum and LeAnn Sheets each scored 12.

Southwest Missouri State is the only Final Four team that didn't play its first two tournament games at home. SMS beat Rutgers in Piscataway, N.J., before traveling cross-country to Spokane.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Rhode Island welcomes Baron

Associated Press

SOUTH KINGSTOWN, R.I. Jim Baron, the former St. Bonaventure basketball coach with a reputation for rebuilding

struggling teams, took over the Rhode Island program Monday. He replaced Jerry DeGregorio, who resigned after the season with a 12-48 record, the worst two-year stretch in school history.

"I knew it would be a challenge, but I've been through it before," Baron said.

The 49-year-old Baron has a 206-202 record in 14 years as a coach. He took over the struggling St. Bonaventure program in 1991 and took the Bonnies to the NCAA tournament two years ago. His team was 18-12 this season, earning an NIT berth.

In 1995, Baron was voted Atlantic 10 coach of the year for guiding the Bonnies to their first postseason berth in 12 years.

Athletic director Ron Petro said Rhode Island needed someone with a track record of recruiting quality student athletes and of turning around teams.

"He will make an immediate impact on our program," Petro said. "He is a well-respected coach and disciplinarian and well-liked by his peers."

Baron has his work cut out for him — the Rams are recovering from academic suspensions, injuries and a 9-23 season.

Baron said he considered bringing some of his assistants to Rhode Island, but he hasn't made any decisions yet.

The athletic department said Baron will be paid a base salary of \$150,000. He may earn added compensation through attendance incentives and bonuses that are part of the five-year contract.

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NFL

Owners want to end taunting on all levels

Associated Press

PALM DESERT, Calif. Football's elders will speak symbolically this week to every kid playing football — professional, college and high school. Taunt no more, they will say. Don't wag your finger in an opponent's face, don't stomp on him or spike a ball near him. That's 15 yards and, probably, a fine.

"High school coaches are saying, 'You represent the highest level of the game and whatever you let take place on Sunday, our guys are doing it on Monday,'" Minnesota coach Dennis Green said Monday as the league's rules-making competition committee officially announced it will crack down on the taunting that's become prevalent in NFL games.

That and a rule banning the wearing of bandanas under helmets were among the items approved by the committee and to be voted on later this week at the annual spring owners' meeting, which this year is more like the meeting of coaches, general managers and other team officials.

That's because 11 of the 31 owners aren't present.

One theory is they stayed away for fear of being subpoenaed to testify at the \$1 billion suit filed by the Oakland Raiders against the NFL, which is currently taking place in Los Angeles. Many of those missing — Wellington Mara of the New York Giants, Robert Kraft of New England and Tom Benson of New Orleans, to name three — are normally heavily involved in committee matters.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue flatly said the trial had nothing to do with the absences.

"This is the fifth meeting in five months," he said. "We've gotten a lot of our business done."

But Robert Tisch, co-owner of the Giants, said the trial was one of the factors that kept Mara home. "He didn't want to spend his time worrying about someone serving him," Tisch said of his partner, whose son John, the team's vice president, is representing him.

That makes the competition committee the focus of the activity.

It has been discussing realignment, which won't be decided on until late May — just before the June 1 deadline for reshaping the league for the 2002 season, when Houston will rejoin as the 32nd team.

It also hopes to extend instant replay, which has always been voted in (or out) on a one-year basis, for three more years. "That will be very close," said Tampa Bay general manager Rich McKay, co-chairman with Green of the

committee, which voted 7-0 with one abstention (Indianapolis president Bill Polian) to extend replay three years.

Both said that if the three-year extension fails to get the 24 votes needed, they will revert to one year.

Then there is the taunting and scuffling issue.

Tagliabue said it most often happens early in the game, most often on the kickoff or

one of the early plays.

"The teams are fired up and when they hit there's a lot of emotion that can lead to scuffling," he said.

"This year, the officials will throw flags early in the first preseason game, throw them in the regular season and throw them until it stops."

The players guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct are also subject to fines, although the fines won't be substantially increased from previous years.

"One fine is all it takes," McKay said. "They normally don't do it again."

The ban on bandanas could be more sensitive because a large majority of the players who wear them are black. A few years ago, according to league sources, banning them was brought up by Gene Washington, the league disciplinarian, but was shot down by Tagliabue.

But Green, who like Washington is black, said he had banned bandanas on his team with little protest.

"We have a uniform code and the uniforms are supposed to be the same," he said. "That includes what you wear on your head."

"High school coaches are saying, 'You represent the highest level of the game and whatever you let take place on Sunday our guys are doing it on Monday.'"

Dennis Green
Minnesota coach

NBA

Two teams request move to Memphis

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn.

Faster than you can say barbecue and Elvis, Memphis has gone from no NBA teams to having two franchises that have applied to move there.

After three decades of searching for big-time sports, the city learned Monday it could be the new home of the Vancouver Grizzlies or Charlotte Hornets.

"Memphis' best days are ahead of it, and this is another step in that evolutionary process," Mayor W.W. Herenton said.

The Grizzlies and Hornets both asked the NBA for permission to relocate to Memphis, effective next season.

Each team said it would play in The Pyramid, a \$65 million arena opened in 1991, until a new stadium costing up to \$250 million could be built.

The Pyramid seats 19,000 for basketball.

Grizzlies owner Michael Heisley passed on Louisville, Ky., Anaheim, Calif., and New Orleans in choosing Memphis, which would be the NBA's smallest market.

The Hornets, meanwhile, want the option to move in case Charlotte voters reject a new \$215 million downtown arena in a referendum in June, co-owner Ray Wooldridge said.

Wooldridge has said he wants to keep his team in Charlotte but that it needs a backup plan if the voters oppose a new stadium. Monday was the NBA deadline for teams to apply to move.

Financing for a new Memphis arena still is unsettled, but much of it would come from state and local government, through tax breaks and construction bonds. As now proposed, no referendum would be

required, though the city council and county commission will have a say in the process.

"There are a number of details and intricate negotiations that will take place in the ensuing months. I hope Memphians will have an open mind," Herenton said.

Though Herenton said an NBA franchise would be an economic and public relations boost for the city, he noted some citizens undoubtedly will oppose construction of a new stadium.

Talk about a possible move by the Grizzlies has been swirling through Memphis, but there has been little mention of the Hornets.

"This is great news for Memphis because it makes it even more likely that Memphis will receive an NBA franchise," said Autozone founder J.R. "Pitt" Hyde, leader of a business group that has been searching for a team for the past year.

Hyde said at a news conference that his local investor group would buy "up to 50 percent" of a franchise, regardless of what team might move to Memphis.

An NBA relocation committee will be appointed in a week to review both applications and make a recommendation to the league's board of governors within four months.

Michael Glenn, a vice president of FedEx Corp., said the company has made a major commitment to buy naming rights for a Memphis team and the new stadium. Glenn declined to give fig-

ures. He also said any talk about a new team name is premature.

The Hornets say they need a new arena to be profitable. Wooldridge told The Charlotte Observer the team could lose as much as \$40 million next season if he did not apply for relocation and the referendum failed.

Memphis, with a metropolitan population of just over 1 million and a TV market ranked 40th nationally, would replace Salt Lake City as the smallest market in the NBA.

The city is known for its plentiful barbecue restaurants and as the home of Elvis Presley, who died in 1977.

The decision to move gives Heisley a chance to build a new fan base for his Grizzlies, a 7-year-old franchise that has

scattered support in Vancouver and is expected to lose \$40 million this year.

For Memphis, landing either team would end a search for a major professional sports franchise that has lasted more than three decades.

In 1974 and 1993, Memphis was a finalist for NFL expansion teams but lost out each time. The former Houston Oilers used Memphis as a temporary home in 1997 before moving in 1998 to Nashville, where they became the Titans.

"We've been trying to get to this point for many, many years," Hyde said. "Now I think it is incumbent on the citizens of Memphis to get behind this effort to show that they fully support the building of a new arena."

"Memphis' best days are ahead of it and this is another step in that evolutionary process. I hope Memphians will have an open mind."

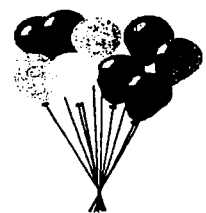
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SWIMMING

Swimmers make the grade

Special to the Observer

The Notre Dame men's swimming and diving team continued its tradition of excellence in the classroom during the fall semester and earned an Academic all-star team award from the College Swimming Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) on Monday.

Notre Dame ranked second in the nation for the 2000 fall semester with a 3.324 team grade point average (GPA) just behind BYU.

BYU claimed first with a 3.35 mark. St. John's (3.279), Florida (3.21) and Denver (3.19) rounded out the top five on the CSCAA list.

1.	Brigham Young University	3.35
2.	University of Notre Dame	3.324
3.	Saint John's University	3.279
4.	University of Florida	3.21
5.	University of Denver	3.19
6.	Dartmouth College	3.18
7.	Southern Methodist University	3.15
8.	Providence College	3.13
9.	Iowa State University	3.11
10.	Saint Peter's College	3.10

To earn All-Academic honors as a team, the entire team must average at least a 2.8 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

In all, 31 Division I swimming and diving teams met the criteria for the 2000 fall semester.

The Notre Dame men

posted the top mark in the nation for the 1999 spring semester (3.352) and dropped to second in the 1999 fall rankings.

The Irish were ranked seventh for the 2000 spring semester, but rebounded to the second spot in the fall.

Carlson, Conway earn academic honors

Special to the Observer

Notre Dame hockey standout senior Dan Carlson and cross country All-American junior Pat Conway have been selected to the Verizon - C O S I D A Men's Academic All-District Five At-Large Team for fall and winter sports.



Carlson

Carlson led the Notre Dame hockey team in scoring with 17 goals and 25 assists for 42 points which ranked him ninth among all scorers in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA).

The senior left wing finished his career with the Irish scoring 52 goals and 80 assists for 132 points to finish 20th on Notre Dame's all-time scoring list.

He set a school record for playing in more games (158) than any other player in Notre Dame history. Carlson was an honorable mention all-CCHA selection and was named to the league's eight-man all-academic team.

An Irish alternate captain during his senior season, Carlson owns a 3.49 grade point average with a double major in finance and computer applications and has been named to the Dean's List in five consecutive semesters at Notre

Dame.

Carlson, who hails from Edina, Minn., was an Academic All-American during the 1999-2000 season.

Carlson earned MVP for the Irish in the 1999-2000 hockey season.

Conway took All-America honors at the 2000 NCAA cross country championships with a 36th place finish while helping the Irish to a ninth place.

His 17th place finish at the 2000 NCAA Great Lakes Regional played a key role in Notre Dame qualifying for the NCAA Championships.

The junior cross country runner Conway was 21st at the Big East Championships in November where Notre Dame finished fourth overall.

He was also a scoring member of Notre Dame's 1999 Big East Championship squad.

As a member of the men's track team, Conway finished fourth in the mile at the 2001 Big East Indoor Championships after finishing 10th as a sophomore in 2000.

Conway will be one of Notre Dame's top distance runners this spring during the outdoor track schedule.

He is a dean's list student with a 3.64 grade point average in accounting.

Conway hails from Springfield, Va.

Carlson and Conway were among 10 men's athletes from District Five who now advance to the national ballot for Academic All-America honors.

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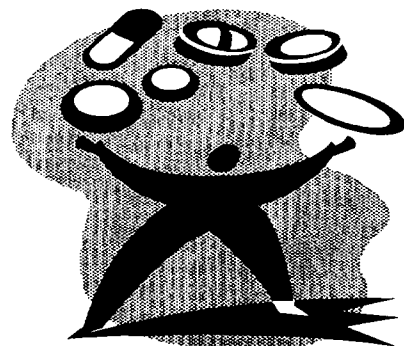
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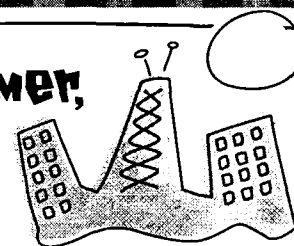
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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish attack freezes Pioneers, 20-2

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

Pity the Denver women's lacrosse team.

It must have thought it left the snow behind them in Colorado, but it encountered another snowstorm in South Bend, Ind. And that was before the Pioneers even set foot in the Loftus Sports Complex for their match against the Irish.

And when Denver finally arrived Sunday afternoon, they found themselves at the mercy of the Fighting Irish. Notre Dame unleashed a blizzard of goals en route to blowing away Denver, 20-2.

The win was the largest in school history for the Irish. It was the first time they scored 20 goals in a single game — a school record — and just the second time they held an opponent to just two goals in a game. The last time the Irish had only two goals scored against them was in 1999, when they beat Davidson 18-2.

With the win, Notre Dame improves to 4-1 on the season, matching their best start in school

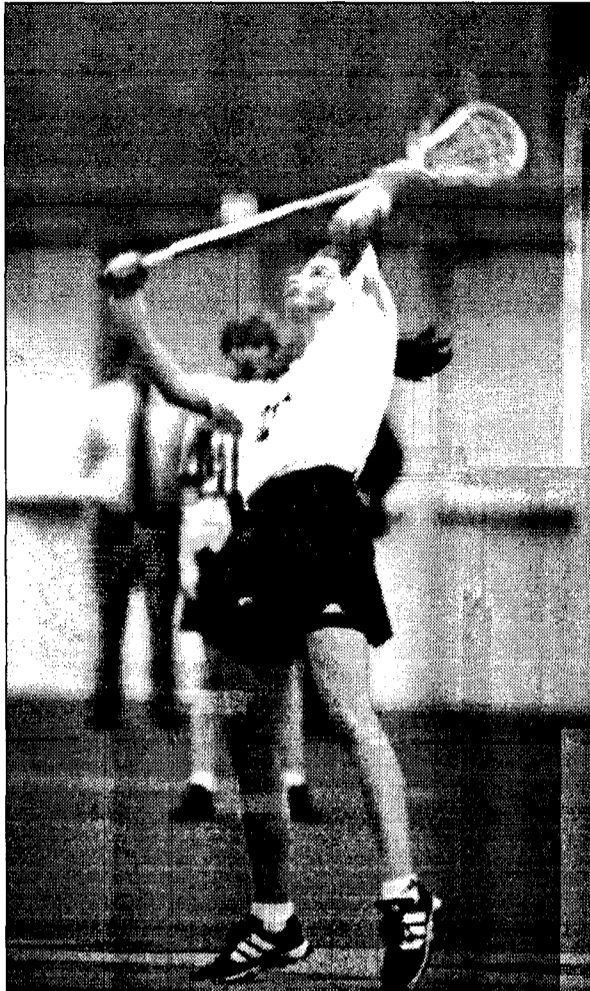
history. The last time the Irish began a season 4-1 was in 1997, their first season of play.

Senior attack Lael O'Shaughnessy continued her dominating performance so far this season by scoring two goals and adding four assists. O'Shaughnessy, last week's Big East Player of the Week, leads the Irish in scoring. She has seven goals and 15 assists for a team-high 22 points.

Sophomore defender Eleanor Weille chipped in three assists and a pair of goals, totaling five points. Before Sunday's game, Weille had three points in her entire collegiate career.

In all, 10 different players scored for the Irish. Juniors Natalie Loftus and Maureen Whitaker and sophomore Kelly McCardell each scored two goals. Three other players, Meridith Simon, Lauren Fischer and Mia Novic, scored for the first time in their collegiate careers.

Notre Dame plays later today, when they travel to head coach Tracy Coyne's alma mater, Ohio University. The match begins at 3 p.m.



JEFF HSU/The Observer
A Notre Dame player looks for the ball during a game last season. The lacrosse team will face off against Ohio University today at 3 p.m.

Hofstra

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Irish set up a play to try and tie the game. The play broke down, however and Hofstra goalie J.P. Brazel made the save. Brazel attempted to clear the ball but Irish midfielder Steve Bishko came up with a clutch play to steal the pass.

Bishko passed the ball to David Ulrich who spotted his brother Todd Ulrich streaking down the middle.

Todd Ulrich took his brother's pass right in front of the goal and tied the game with just seconds remaining.

"That was a pretty clutch play right there," David Ulrich said.

Todd Ulrich's goal was not enough, however, as Tierney's goal in overtime won the game for the Pride. After battling back from a three-goal deficit and tying the game so late in the

game, David Ulrich said the Irish had a let down in overtime.

"It seemed like every time we clawed our way back into it, they would put a couple more on the board," the senior captain said. "When we did finally tie it, we let our guard down because we were so relieved to catch them. But you

"It seemed like every time we clawed our way back into it [Hofstra] would put a couple more goals on the board. You have to hand it to Hofstra, they played a great game."

David Ulrich
senior captain

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The loss dropped the Irish from No. 2 to No. 7 in the latest USILA / STX men's lacrosse poll. The Irish hope to return to

basics and cut down the mental mistakes in their next game against Ohio State.

"These [next games] are the most important games because if we win our conference we are definitely going to the tournament," Adams said. "We just have to get back to the basics. All the mistakes we made were basic errors."

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"Failure, to me, is not having the desire to try. Having the desire to try is in its own way success."

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame splits weekend matches with SEC foes

By STEVE KEPPEL
Sports Writer

It was a weekend of ups and downs for the Notre Dame women's tennis team as they traveled to Kentucky and Tennessee. The seventh ranked Irish continued their streak of five straight victories with a 5-2 win over Kentucky on Saturday, but lost a disappointing match to ninth-ranked Tennessee 6-1 on Sunday.

"We played awful this weekend," said senior all-American Michelle Dasso who struggled through injuries. "We played better as a whole against Kentucky and a lot worse at Tennessee."

The Irish came out on a tear against the Wildcats winning the doubles point and taking four of six singles matches. Dasso and Becky Varnum, the eighth-ranked Irish duo, defeated 44th-ranked Carolina Mayorga and Sarah Witten 8-4, while Lindsay Green and Nina Vaughan picked up the other win over Shannon Stafford and Leigh Bradwell 8-2.

After the doubles matches, the Irish built on their momentum with singles wins by Varnum, Caylan Leslie, Kimberly Guy and Nina Vaughan. Vaughan, who is currently ranked 99th in the country, had the most entertaining win of the day coming back to beat 79th Bradwell 6-2, 1-6, 6-4 at the No. 3 spot. At the No. 1 position, third-ranked All-American Dasso, who has been battling a back injury, lost a rare singles match to 77th-ranked Mayorga 7-5, 2-6, 6-2.

"I wasn't 100 percent physically this weekend but there are no excuses I was very disappointed in myself," said the Irish captain. "I haven't been able to play as much to prepare for the matches. It is very frustrating, I feel like I let the team and coaches down a bit."

On Sunday, the Irish traveled to the hostile environment of

Tennessee to face the ninth-ranked Volunteers. Notre Dame started off the day by dropping two doubles matches and losing the doubles point. Dasso and Varnum had the only doubles win, their 11th straight, defeating No. 45 Vilmarie Castellvi and Kim Gates 8-6.

"Losing the doubles point is always a little set back but you can't dwell on it and have to be able to take it in singles," said Dasso.

"Tennessee is a very tough place to play," said Vaughan. "The crowd is always rowdy and obnoxious and we were expecting that."

After losing the doubles point, things only got worse for the Irish as they lost all but one of the singles matches while battling injury and loud and fiery players.

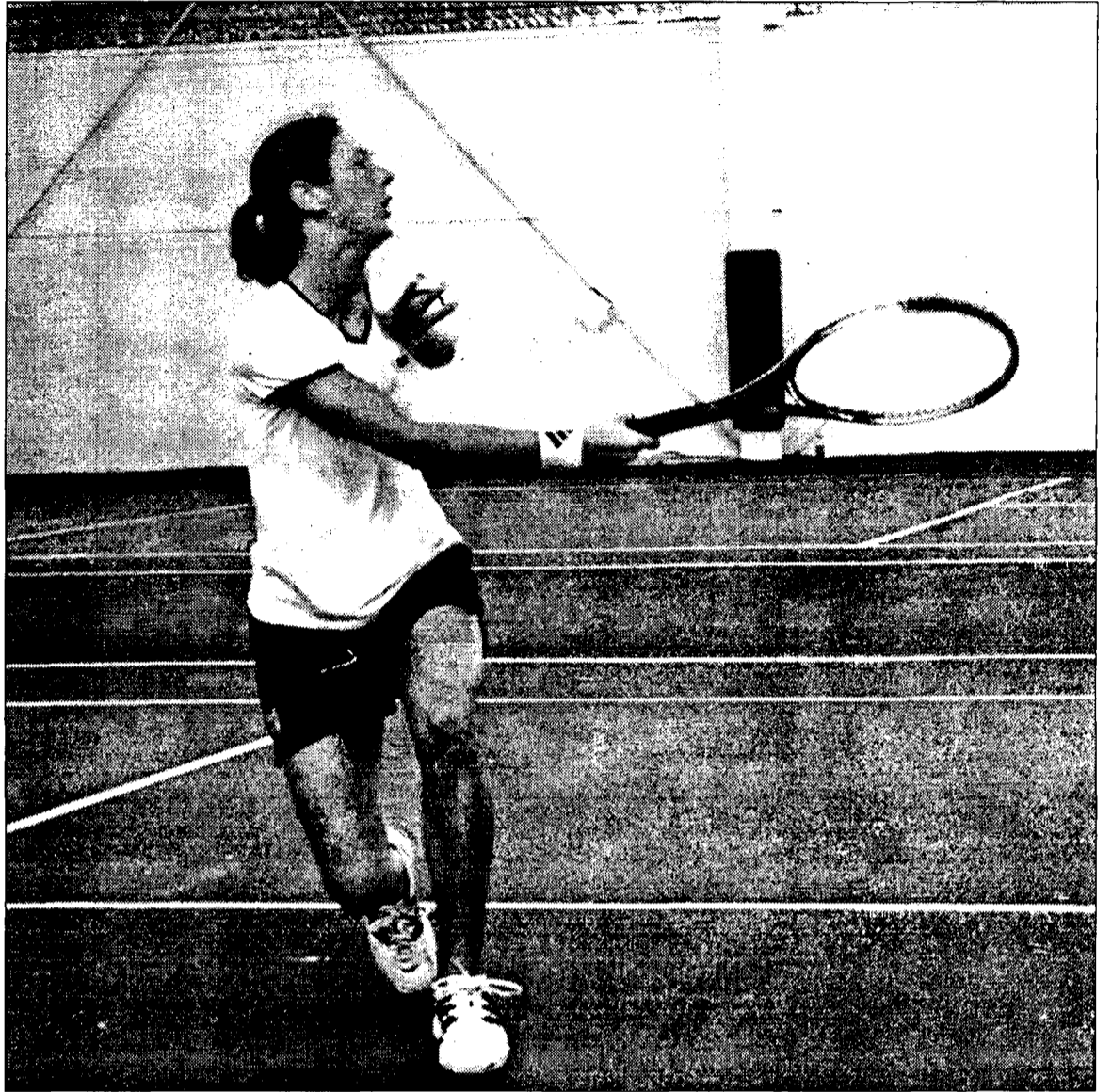
Tennessee went up 2-0 with wins over Vaughan and Varnum at Nos. 2 and 3 singles, and clinched the match as No. 65 Alison Ojeda defeated Dasso in straight sets 6-1, 6-0. This marked the second straight singles loss for Dasso, who earlier set the Notre Dame record for most ever singles victories.

"We fought hard in all our matches," said Dasso, "but just got flat outplayed. They were fighters and were really loud."

"It was a tough loss, it would have been a great opportunity to beat another top 10 team but we can't dwell on it. It's time to learn from it now instead of at the end of the season, I would love to see them again in the NCAA's," said Dasso.

The loss is only the fourth this season for the Irish, who had previously won nine of their last 10. They hope to pick up the pieces next weekend as they take on Iowa at home and prepare for the rapidly approaching Big East Tournament.

"We expect to win the rest of the matches but can't take anyone too lightly. We have to expect them to play their best against us," said Dasso.



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Notre Dame senior Michelle Dasso returns the ball to her opponent during a match in February. Saturday, Notre Dame claimed victory over Kentucky, but dropped its Sunday match to ninth-ranked Tennessee.

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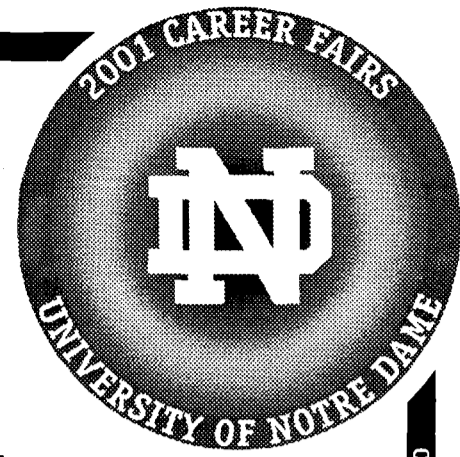
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SOFTBALL

Irish open at home vs. Broncos

By LIA GARCIA MILHOAN
Sports Writer

The 12th-ranked Irish women's softball team looks to continue its strong start today when it faces Western Michigan in a 4 p.m. home opener at Ivy Field.

Over Spring Break the Irish (18-3) traveled to Southern California for the KIA Classic and came away with a 7-2 mark while defeating four ranked teams.

"It was an overall team effort," said senior Sarah Kirkman. "Everyone did their job well and that made us very effective."

Junior Jenny Kriech said of the Classic, "It helped the chemistry of the team. Spring Break can be a challenge to keep on the field and off the field separate. But we have such good chemistry that off the field can only help us on the field."

"On Spring Break we spend the whole week together and there are two ways to go," said senior captain Jen Sharron. "You can come back and love each other or hate each other. This was the best Spring Break I've had. We had a chance to grow as a group. We won and lost big games together but we proved we were able to compete with the elite teams."

Strong pitching and dangerous hitting has keyed the Irish success. Kirkman said, "Up and down the line we're dangerous. Whenever one person was not able to be successful, the next person was. Our whole lineup is dangerous."

Complementing the hitting has been impressive pitching most notable from Sharron and freshman Kristin Schmidt. On the year, Schmidt owns a 0.95 ERA and is 8-1 in six starts for the Irish. Sharron, one of the best pitchers in Notre Dame history, holds a 2.08 ERA and has pitched a team leading 73.2 innings.

Western Michigan holds a 5-8 overall record and is on a three game winning streak coming into Tuesday's game. Most recently, the Broncos swept a doubleheader against Oakland.

Kirkman feels that the keys for the game are for the Irish to come out strong and keep their focus. "If we play our game we should have no problem, but we have to remain focused," she said.

Rodriguez's contract defies spirit of baseball

The Texas Rangers will pay shortstop Alex Rodriguez \$252 million over the next 10 years. For \$25 million a year, you'd think they would have Bill Gates digging grounders out of the hole or at least Bill Clinton.

Jeff Baltruzak

Assistant Sports Editor

Rodriguez might hit .400. He might hit 55 home runs with 180 RBIs, win the Triple Crown, but he, Alex Rodriguez, will not win the World Series, will not bring a ticker tape parade to downtown Dallas, and will not place a golden championship ring on each one of his teammates' fingers in October.

Worst of all, Rodriguez won't even give Texans a reason to turn off the NASCAR race and head down to the ballpark for Gun Rack Night.

Why did the Rangers invest in Rodriguez? Is it because the stock market is in the crapper and they are looking to diversify their portfolio?

No. It's because the Rangers want to win, and they think Rodriguez will help them win baseball games.

And he will. He'll get hits, advance runners, help score runs. He'll help win games, but he won't win them himself. Last time I checked, Rodriguez was just one player, albeit an outstanding one, and not even the President of the United States.

The \$252 million signals to everyone that the Rangers expect Rodriguez to produce extra wins for the team. Nobody pays somebody that much to "give it their all" or "try their best." Little Leaguers give it their all, and all they get is a plastic trophy and a party at Pizza Hut at the end of the season.

Baseball is a team sport. It has been since the 1800s when players used to have huge mustaches and drink mint juleps in between innings. Back then, players didn't even have numbers on the back of their jerseys, let alone names.

The Texas Rangers might as well be called Alex Rodriguez and 24 Guys That Wear the Same Uniform As Him. But that won't fit on the front of a jersey.

It can be very refreshing to see 33 guys playing baseball together, some better and more highly touted than others, but never the less a team. Go to Frank Eck

Stadium on Wednesday, and watch the No. 13 ranked Notre Dame baseball team destroy Toledo — together. Watch the team lay down bunts, advance some runners, and score runs together, not wait for an Alex Rodriguez to bash some homeruns and then save the free world.

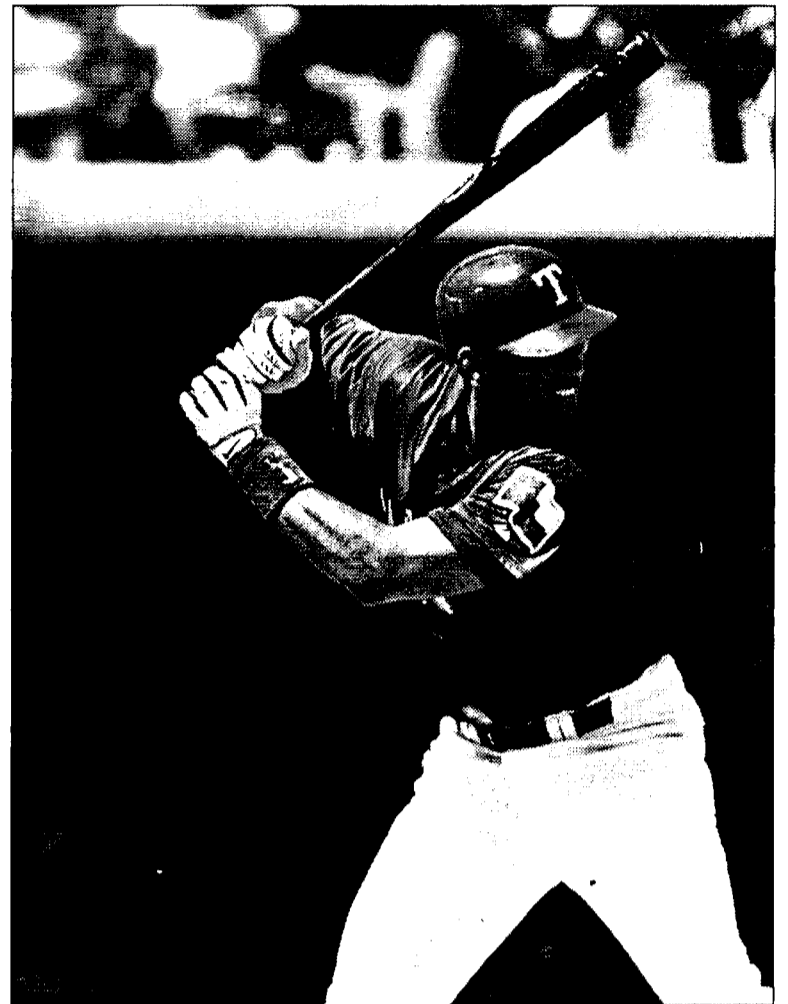
The Irish does not win on overwhelming, Mark-McGwire-crazy-on-creatine offense, smacking home runs left and right, but rather through solid pitching and intangibles like perfectly executed hit and runs.

Watch the team support each other. Watch each member of the team make exactly the same salary — nothing. It really is refreshing.

Every member of the Notre Dame baseball team understands the common purpose they all play for, from head coach Paul Mainieri down to the freshmen.

When Mainieri won his 600th college game earlier this season, a reflection of his great success in the coaching profession, all he could do was gush about how great his assistant coaches and players are. That's what people on a team do, that's what people do when they understand that baseball is about being part of a team.

I know I sound like a T-ball coach, but what is baseball without the team concept? Ever try to play one-on-one baseball? Its tough, I tried it once. But then my friend and I forgot where the ghost runners were, and all hell broke loose. I attacked him with my



The Texas Rangers agreed to pay shortstop Alex Rodriguez \$252 million dollars over the next 10 years.

plastic bat, and after some brief fisticuffs, we decided to go inside and let MTV rot our brains.

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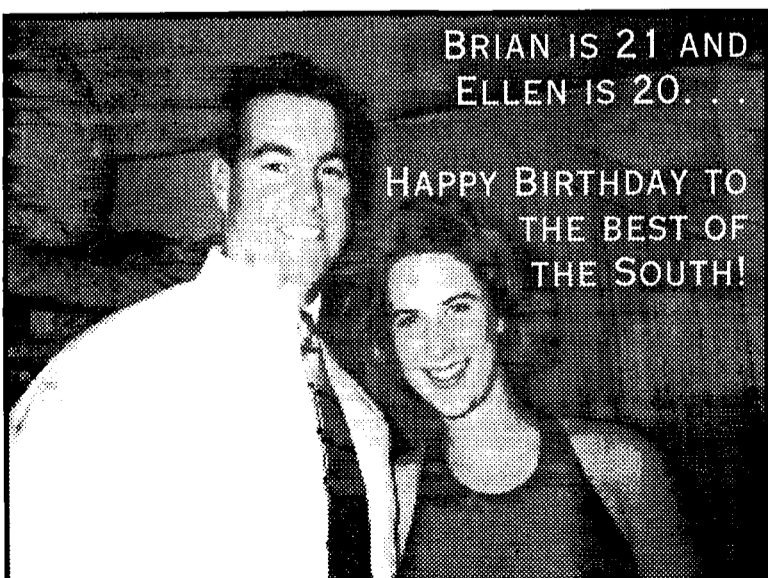
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named Regional Most Valuable Player.

Notre Dame limited the Commodores to 41.7 percent shooting for the game.

McGraw used a 1-3-1 zone defense throughout much of the game to stifle Foster's team.

"I think they did a terrific job with their defense," Foster said. "I think for the first time in a long time, we acted young, but I think they had a lot to do with that. They acted very mature and poised."

Zuzana Klimesova led the Commodores with 27 points, including three 3-pointers. The junior from the Czech Republic also grabbed a game-high 12 rebounds.

"We played tentative," Klimesova said. "We gave up a lot of shots we shouldn't have and our demeanor wasn't what it was since we faced Georgia in the SEC tournament. We were scared, and that's not the way we have been in a long time."

While Riley shined, Vanderbilt's second-team All-American center Chantelle Anderson struggled.

The sophomore scored only 14 points and left after collecting her fifth foul inside on Riley with 6:22 remaining in the game.

"We knew getting her out was something that would be to our advantage," Riley said. "The coaches told me to attack."

Anderson admitted that she did not play her best game Monday.

"For the first time in a long time, I played immature and Ruth Riley took advantage of it," Anderson said.

Vanderbilt's 6-foot-6 center collected her third foul as she tagged Riley inside 1:07 into the second half. Naismith Award winner Riley hit both free throws to put the Irish up 42-40.

Notre Dame would never trail again. When Riley scored under the basket with 5:28 remaining, the Irish built their biggest lead of the night, 64-52.

"We're ready to move on," McGraw said. "The first thing our players said when we got back to the locker room was 'two more games.' I think they're happy, but not as happy as me. We're ready to get down to business."

The contest started out as a defensive battle. Neither team could find the basket until Ratay hit a 3 at the 2:12 into the game. The teams then traded leads until Vanderbilt held Notre Dame scoreless for a three-minute stretch midway through the half. A Klimesova lay-in with 12:44 remaining put the Commodores up 15-9.

The Irish stormed back, outscoring the Commodores 14-5 over the next four minutes to take a 23-20 lead. The Irish built that lead to 36-29 when Riley scored down low with 3:35 remaining.

But the Commodores wouldn't go quietly into the night. Behind five points by Jillian Danker and four from Klimesova,

Vanderbilt outscored Notre Dame 11-4 to end the half. Danker's bank shot with three seconds remaining knotted the contest at 40 heading into the locker room.

It was the first time this season that Notre Dame has entered the locker room with the game tied, and only the third time they failed to lead after the first 20 minutes.

Riley

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Prouder than 1997, when McGraw and the Irish advanced to the school's first Final Four. Maybe this is why: the first time, Notre Dame was the underdog.

The Irish were seeded sixth and upset third-seeded Texas in the second round.

From there, they beat second-seeded Alabama and fifth-seeded George Washington before losing to Tennessee.

This time, since the Connecticut win on Jan. 15, a national semifinal berth was expected.

And with the expectations comes daunting pressure.

At least that's what the cliché says.

But on Monday night, the Irish remained calm, a characteristic they struggled with last season. They suffered their 11th straight defeat to Connecticut in late February 2000, lost to Rutgers in the Big East semifinals after leading by nine with four minutes left and squandered a 17-0 lead to Texas Tech in the Sweet Sixteen.

In this year's Elite Eight contest, they received big nights from Alicia Ratay (17 points on 7-of-11 shooting, including 15 in the first half) and Kelley Siemon (16 points, 7 rebounds and 5 assists).

And although she shot just three times and scored only three points, Niele Ivey dished out nine assists and did her usual solid job at the point, leading and directing the Irish to St. Louis.

Which happens to be Ivey's hometown.

Watch out for the countless Ivey-St. Louis connection sto-

ries this week.

"It will hit me more when I walk into the airport back home and there will be so many people there," Ivey said of the. "I know my phone is ringing off the hook right now."

So is Riley's.

In the match-up between the best two centers in the country, Riley got the better of a foul-plagued Chantelle Anderson.

With 6:22 left, Anderson tried to block Riley's shot but was

instead whistled for her fifth foul.

Anderson just stood there, a look of disbelief on her face, a look of relief on the Irish players' faces.

"A few years from now," head coach

Jim Foster said, "and she [Anderson] might be the best post player who ever walked on the court."

Easy with the hyperbole. I know this is the time of year where legends are made and goats emerge, and where Dicky V's hype reigns supreme.

While Anderson sat on the bench, Riley scored Notre Dame's next 11 points.

In the final 12:13, Riley scored 18 of the 22 Irish points.

But it was her poise, her intangibles that made Foster wish he could trade centers for the night.

"I watched film and she [Riley] had a shot blocked," Foster said. "The girl tried to stare her down. Ruth just sort of looked at the player and laughed at her. Not in a menacing sort of way, in a 'that's not going to work' sort of way. It was the kind of thing you might see on the playground."

Or the front yard of a small

Indiana town, perhaps Macy.

But never mind how good Ruth is. It is the supporting cast, the Iveys and Ratays and Siemons and Hanays and Joyces and Barksdales that makes this team better than the 1997 squad and a team capable of winning the national title.

The 1997 team featured two star players (Beth Morgan and Katryna Gaither) but little else.

The 2001 team features two star players (Riley and Ivey) plus much more.

In 1997, a trip to the Final Four was an improbable journey.

In 2001, anything less than a Final Four berth would have been seen as a failure.

"Last time we were so thrilled to be there," McGraw said. "We took a thousand pictures. This team is definitely focused, they have a more business

like approach.

"The first thing they said when we got into the locker room (on Monday night) was two more games. They are obviously very happy but they're not as happy as I am. They're ready to get back to work."

But for a few moments on Monday night, the players had a chance to mix some pleasure with business.

When Niele Ivey cut the last strand of the net, she stepped down the ladder and gathered with her teammates near center court.

They put their arms around each other, smiled, danced and sang a tune.

Its name?

"Who Runnin'?"

"We were runnin' tonight," guard Imani Dunbar said.

All the way to St. Louis.

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BASEBALL

Irish hurlers shut off Panthers, fall short against Hokies

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Assistant Sports Editor

This past weekend, the Notre Dame baseball team did its best Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde impression, shutting Pittsburgh out 3-0 twice on Friday, but blowing two run leads in the bottom of the ninth in each of its two games against Virginia Tech on Saturday losing 3-2 and 9-8.

Friday's games followed a familiar formula for the Irish this season, with outstanding pitching from seniors Aaron Heilman and Danny Tamayo coupled with sufficient hitting to win.

Tamayo (3-1), pitching in the early game, allowed only four hits while walking none. He sent 10 Panthers packing with strikeouts, five of which were called third strikes, while throwing just 89 pitches in the seven inning contest.

Junior catcher Paul O'Toole provided the offensive spark for Notre Dame. He smacked a two-run double into the left center field gap that scored two, giving the Irish a 3-0 lead in the third frame. Neither team would have a runner cross the plate for the rest of the game.

Heilman secured his team leading sixth win with a gem, allowing just two hits. The All-American was especially vicious in the fifth, when he struck out Panthers Bryan Spamer, Scott Folmar and Tony Railing with only 12 pitches.

"I think the one big thing I did was spotting my fastball," said Heilman. "That let me get ahead of hitters."

But Pittsburgh was never out of the game, as the Irish only led 1-0 until the ninth inning. Shortstop Alec Porzel had two RBIs in the final inning when he doubled home teammates O'Toole and Steve Sollmann.

The Irish's hitting has struggled as of late, and though Notre Dame walked away with the win in the second game on Friday, they left ten runners stranded.

"Our hitting hasn't been that great," said Heilman. "But we know it will turn around."

J.P. Gagne, starting his second game of the season, pitched well the first six innings of the opener with Virginia Tech, but was unable to finish strong in the seventh and final inning of the contest.

The game was a light-hitting affair, with 13 singles, seven by Notre Dame.

The Irish led 2-0 going into the last inning, but Virginia Tech singled twice to put runners on first and second. Tech centerfielder Chris Hutchinson attempted to move the runners over, and ended up at first when Notre Dame was unable to field his bunt.

That set the stage for the Hokie's Brad Bauder, who

singled down the rightfield line for two runs. Second baseman Marc Tugwell then won it with yet another single.

"I don't think it was anything we did, you have to tip your hat to Virginia Tech for getting those four hits," said Irish head coach Paul Mainieri.

Saturday's second game would seem like deja vu for the Irish. Notre Dame went up 8-6 after a four-run eighth inning, spearheaded by a triple by leadoff hitter Steve Stanley and a double by Porzel. Sophomore Kris

Billmaier also had a homerun in the inning.

But the Hokies would roar back, rallying with two outs and scoring three in their last at bat. Christian Simmers had the double that put Virginia Tech up for good.

With the losses to Tech, the answer to Notre Dame's hitting woes remains to be seen.

"We have good hitters, but they need to become more

consistent," said Mainieri. "We haven't put our hits together, but we have the ability."

Mainieri pointed out the four-run eighth inning in the nightcap at Virginia Tech as an example of the offensive fireworks that Notre Dame is capable of producing.

"We were able to string hits together, and hit for some extra base power," said Mainieri.

Notre Dame lost ground in the polls over the weekend. The Irish dropped from No. 8 to No. 13 in the Collegiate Division 1 poll, with similar drops in the Baseball America and Baseball Weekly/ESPN Coaches' polls.

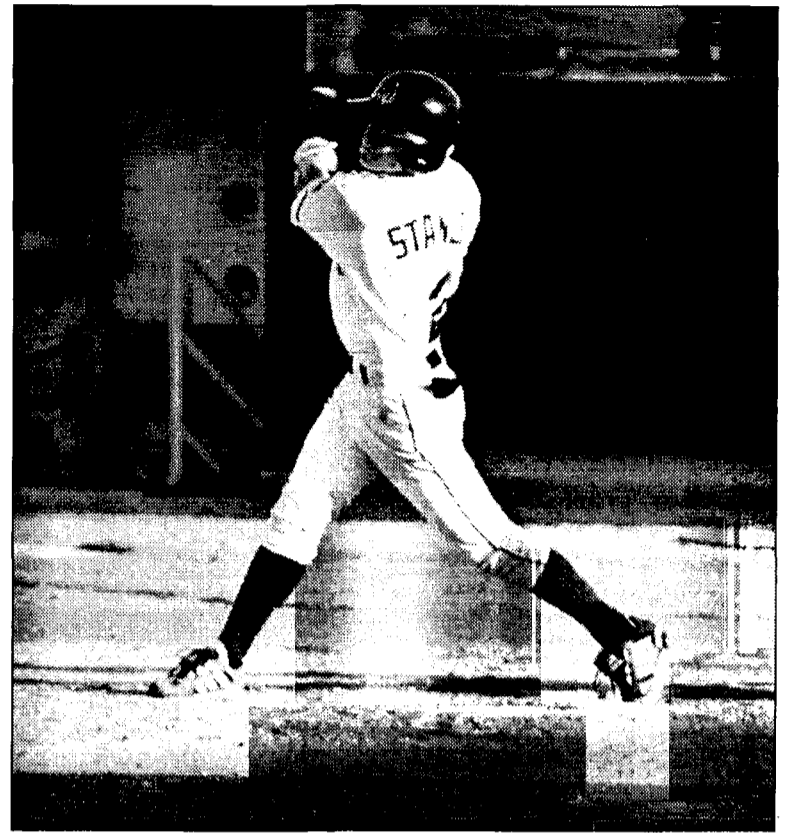
Though the Irish ended the weekend a disappointing 2-2 to run their season record to 16-4-1, there could be lessons from the Virginia Tech games.

"I think we can take some things out of [the two losses]," said Heilman.

Tuesday's home game against Western Michigan was cancelled because South Bend's winter dusted Frank Eck Stadium with snow, and the game has been rescheduled for May 2. The Irish will retake the field on Wednesday against Toledo at Frank Eck Stadium at 5:05 p.m.

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Paul Mainieri
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Notre Dame junior centerfielder Steve Stanley takes a swing against Bowling Green last year.

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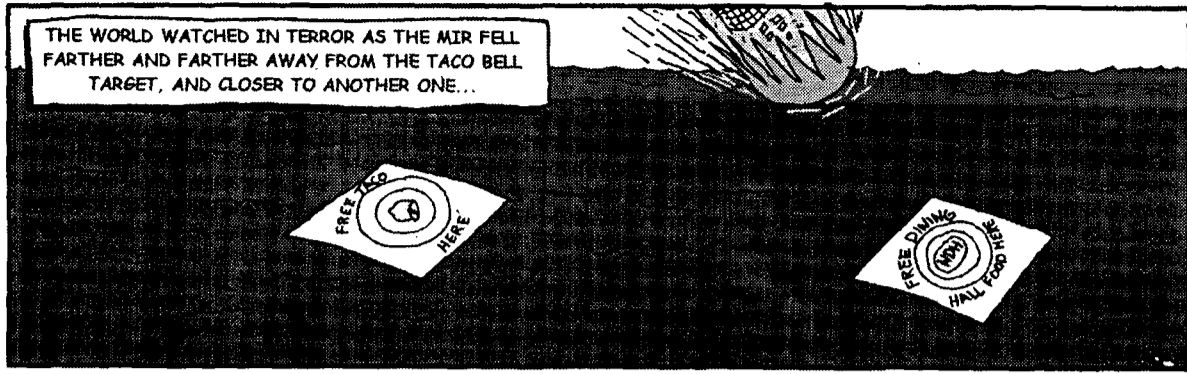
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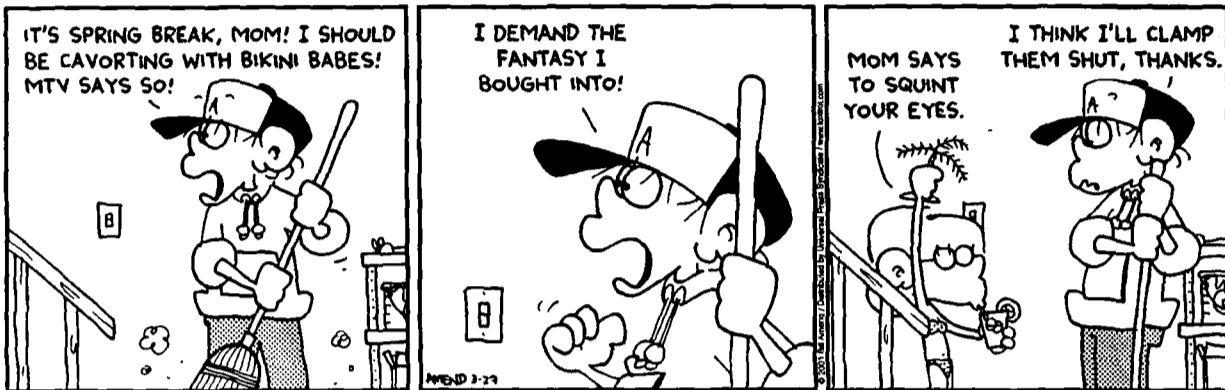
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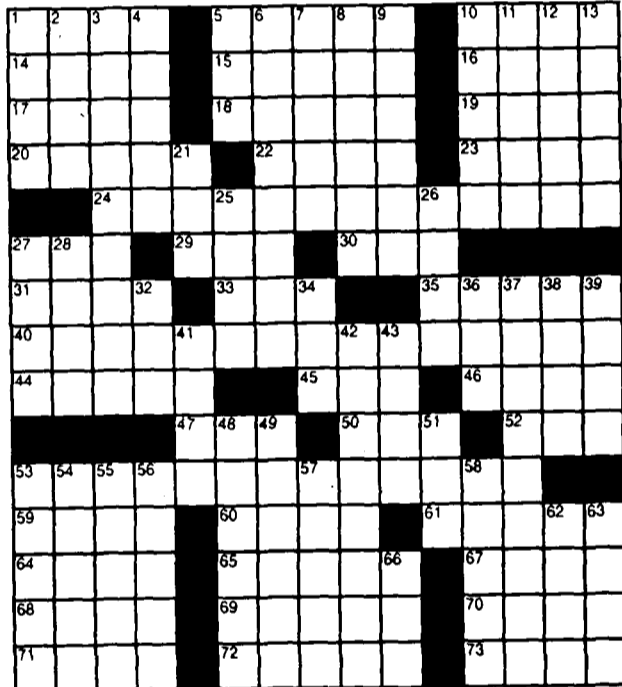
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Warsaw Pact land
 - 5 1990's Philippine leader Fidel
 - 10 What "m" is in F = ma
 - 14 Singer Turner
 - 15 Off from the center
 - 16 Amo, amas, ___
 - 17 Label on some sportswear
 - 18 1985 Glenn Close film
 - 19 Cuban boy
 - 20 Track star Carl
 - 22 Main point
 - 23 What might follow catch or latch
 - 24 Y
 - 27 See 41-Down
- DOWN**
- 29 Storekeeper's stock: Abbr.
 - 30 Et ___ (footnote abbr.)
 - 31 Campus locale
 - 33 Large shoe specification
 - 35 Self-mover's rental
 - 40 Y
 - 44 "Mission possible" group?
 - 45 "___ you nuts?"
 - 46 Jazzman Herbie
 - 47 "___ likely!"
 - 50 British rule in colonial India
 - 52 Rebel Turner
 - 53 Y
 - 59 Rat's learning place
 - 60 Lined up
 - 61 Maine forest sight
- DOWN**
- 64 Musical work
 - 65 Russian writer Maxim
 - 67 Don Juan's mother
 - 68 Go-___
 - 69 "The door's open!"
 - 70 Lightly burn
 - 71 Farm mothers
 - 72 "Ta-ta!"
 - 73 Poet ___ St. Vincent Millay



Puzzle by Michael Shlayman

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- 28 Stage actor Alfred
 - 9 Boil
 - 10 Large estate
 - 11 ___ acid
 - 12 December drop-in
 - 13 Prepared to sing the national anthem
 - 21 ___ Lanka
 - 25 Was positive
 - 26 Prefix with lateral
 - 27 Swimming pool shade
 - 49 Seat of power
 - 51 Toast topper
 - 53 Light up
 - 54 Sweet fruit
 - 55 Sky-blue
 - 56 They may go out on a limb
 - 57 Strong suit
 - 58 Clamor
 - 62 Rapper Combs
 - 63 Poet Pound
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can raise the value of your home if you do some renovations. Get the whole family to pitch in and help, but don't take on jobs that require an expert.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Positive action to alleviate concerns about aging can be dealt with through cosmetic surgery or fitness programs. You'll feel better about yourself if you make changes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Emotional upset will result if you overspend on your partner. Take time to organize your financial situation and look over your personal papers. Real estate deals will turn out to be lucrative.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't be surprised if your mate has a change of heart. Anger is not becoming. Try to be patient, for you can't control the way someone feels about you. Give him or her the space required.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll be the center of attention. You can gain popularity if you attend functions that are related to your chosen field. Don't let a physical

attraction to a colleague lead you into an affair.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Clear up those small but important details. You will feel much more comfortable in social settings if you know your work is up to date. Romantic connections can be made if you mingle.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be prepared to deal with overindulgent individuals. Don't let them get away with a "poor me" attitude. Speak up clearly and give them an ultimatum if they wish you to remain in their lives.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your interest in starting your own business will mount. Talk to individuals who are already in that position. You can gain an inside look at the pitfalls of being your own boss.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Joint financial ventures will turn sour. Try to salvage what you can. You will be taken advantage of if you aren't choosy about the company you keep.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your emotional attitude will confuse others. Be honest with yourself and your family. Don't take on too much or make promises to family members that you know you can't keep.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can make financial gains if you are realistic about your assets. Real estate investments can be bought or sold. Transfer money to the investment offering the best returns.


PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't take on more than you can handle. You'd be best to spend a quiet day catching up on the little things you never find time to do. Don't feel obligated to take care of everyone else.

Birthdays: You are creative, outgoing and intuitive. Your sense of others is acute, and you aren't likely to warm up to anyone who isn't worthy of your generous nature. You have a colorful way of expressing yourself.

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SPORTS

Jekyll and Hyde
The Irish baseball team claimed victory early this weekend, against Pitt but changed faces and blew two two-run leads against Virginia Tech.
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THE OBSERVER

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish play like Champions

Irish earn trip to Final Four with 72-64 victory

By NOAH AMSTADTER
 Sports Editor

DENVER

The sign in the stands said it all. Halfway up the Notre Dame fan section, a sign bearing the famous football slogan "Play like a champion today" rose above the cheering crowd.

Behind an All-American effort from Ruth Riley the Irish did just that.

With the Midwest Regional championship game knotted 40-40 at halftime, Riley carried the Notre Dame women on her back, scoring 20 of Notre Dame's 32 second-half points to push the Irish (32-2) past the Vanderbilt Commodores (24-10), 72-64.

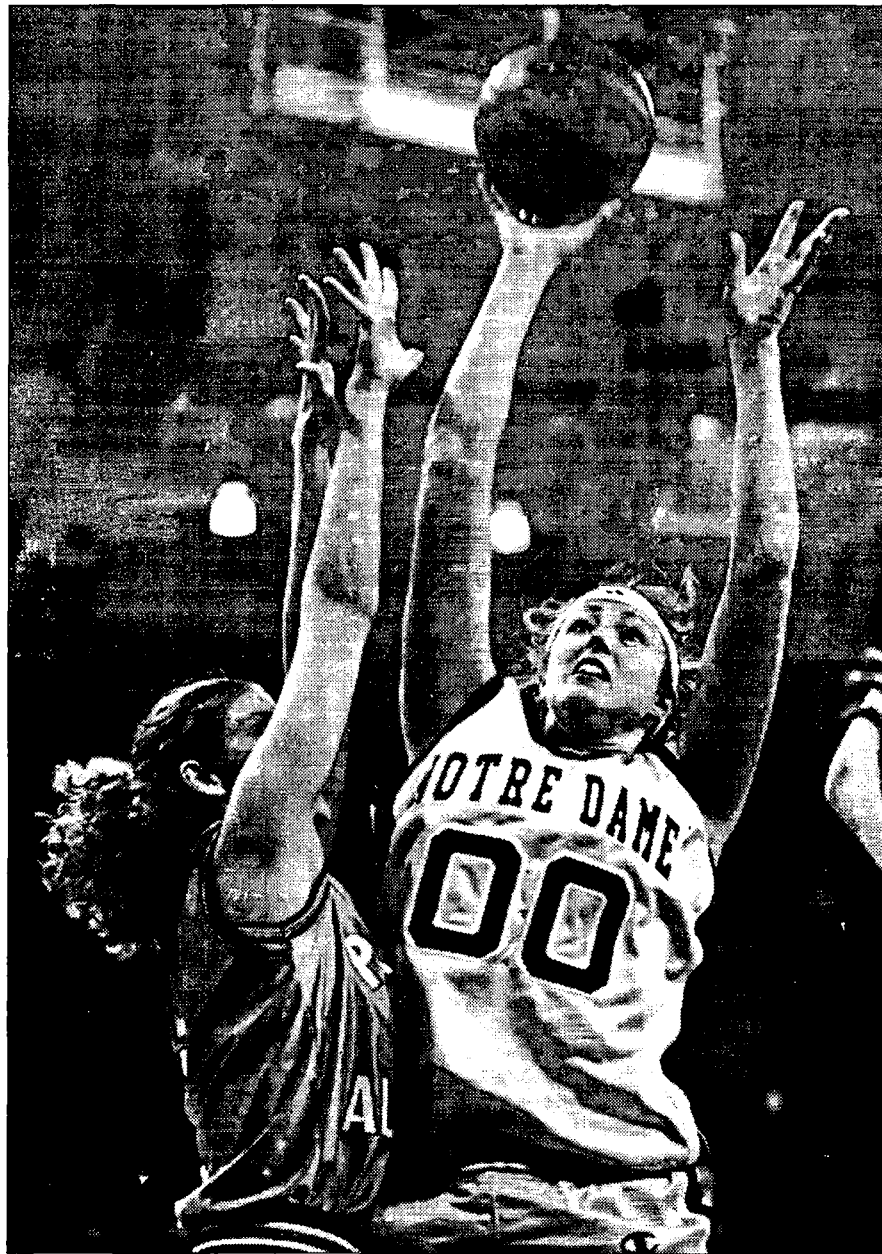
The senior finished with a game-high 32 to go along with six rebounds to send the Irish to their second-ever Final Four this weekend in St. Louis. Notre Dame takes on Connecticut Friday evening.

"She was absolutely terrific," Vanderbilt coach Jim Foster said. "She played like the best player in the country. I love her demeanor and her makeup. She's a quality kid and it shows in every dimension."

Alicia Ratay also came on strong for the Irish, scoring 15 first-half points, including three 3-pointers. Ratay finished with 17 for the game to go along with five rebounds.

"She kind of got everybody relaxed," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "She played really steady and poised. She was hitting some big shots in the first half."

Siemon added 16 points and a team-high seven rebounds for Notre Dame. Ratay, Riley and Siemon were all named to the All-Midwest Regional team, while Riley was



ERNESTO ARNOULT/The Observer
 Ruth Riley goes up for a basket in a game earlier this year. Riley scored 32 points and led the Notre Dame to a 72-64 victory over Vanderbilt.

Riley plays key role in victory over Vanderbilt

DENVER

We saw her dominate, dictate, create and celebrate.

We saw her score 32 points, grab six rebounds, block three shots and make the Vanderbilt frontcourt look like a bunch of third-graders.

We saw her with scissors in hand, climbing the ladder, snipping a piece of the net and waving to no one in particular.

Guess what we didn't see?

Ruth Riley's insides.

"I didn't really feel that well [during the game]," Riley said after Notre Dame's 72-64 win over Vanderbilt. "It's been a couple of days. They said it might have been something I ate. I'm feeling a little better now."

No big surprise there.

Add another chapter to the Ruth Riley Story.

National Player of the Year, Academic Player of the Year, Big East Player of the Year, Big East Defensive Player of the Year, Midwest Regional Most Valuable Player.

Now a trip to the Final Four.

"This has been a storybook season," head coach Muffet McGraw said. "This is my proudest moment as a coach."



Tim Casey

Assistant Sports Editor

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Pride knock Irish from No 2 ranking in OT thriller

By MIKE CONNOLLY
 Sports Writer

Head coach Kevin Corrigan said the men's lacrosse team's No. 2 ranking was a big target for all Notre Dame's opponents for the rest of the season.

On Saturday, Hofstra's Michael Tierney hit the bulls-eye.

Tierney scored his second

goal of the game in sudden death overtime as the Pride handed the Irish their first loss of the year, 11-10.

The Pride led for most of the game by taking advantage of Irish mistakes.

Although Notre Dame made several mental errors in their wins against Virginia and Loyola, Hofstra was the first team to make the Irish pay for their errors.

"Hofstra jumped out to an

early lead and whenever we made a mistake they capitalized on it unlike Virginia and Loyola," attack David Ulrich said. "We just had a lot of mental break downs in whatever we did. It kind of took us out of our game."

"We made even more [mistakes] than the past couple of games," defender Mike Adams said. "In other games, in one area we might have done poorly in clearing or defense

but this game, it was pretty poor across the board. We got lucky because we made some big plays but just not enough."

Although the Pride took advantage of several Irish mistakes, Notre Dame still managed a comeback to send the game to overtime. Hofstra scored three third quarter goals to build a 9-6 lead. Todd Ulrich scored a goal with 45 second left in the third to cut the lead to 9-7.

The Irish opened the fourth with back-to-back goals from John Flandina and Chad DeBolt. DeBolt's game-tying goal was the first of his career.

Bryan Walker scored his second goal of the game 34 seconds after DeBolt's goal to give the Pride a 10-9 lead with eight minutes left in the game.

With 30 seconds left, the

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