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Poorman unveils new alcohol policy

♦ **Policy prohibits hard liquor, dances in dorms and outlines new tailgating rules**

By JASON McFARLEY
News Writer

The University's top student life official unveiled Monday broad changes to the school's alcohol policy, challenging students to seek out non-drinking activities and heading off his own



Poorman

concerns about an alcohol-centered campus climate.

Father Mark Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, announced three landmark changes that target drinking among undergraduate students:

- ♦ a ban on "hard" alcohol in residence halls,
- ♦ a barring of in-hall dances
- ♦ and a rewriting of the tailgating policy to permit of-age students to drink in designated parking lots on home football weekends

The changes — the first major revisions since 1988 — may prove a watershed moment.

"I felt like we needed some change two years ago," Poorman said. "We looked hard at what we think would have the greatest impact on campus. The changes are grounded in what we've heard over the past two years."

Poorman announced the changes

Monday to the alcohol task force of the Campus Life Council. He'll formally introduce the measures to the CLC on March 25.

Poorman sent word of the changes swiftly to campus in an e-mail Monday. The text of that message also appears in a full-page advertisement in today's Observer.

Announcement of the changes would have come later, Poorman said, but he wanted to end speculation about the impending action. For nearly two weeks, visitors to the student-run Web site NDToday.com have fueled the rumor mill, posting messages about the University tightening the alcohol policy.

In the letter to students, Poorman said a study of alcohol use and abuse that began in 2000 yielded both "encouraging and alarming" results. He said data collected through focus groups and surveys found that many students either

don't drink or do so in moderation, but officials "cannot overlook or excuse abusive drinking."

"I want a campus culture that is creative, that finds lots of alternatives [to drinking] and that isn't completely rooted in alcohol use," he told The Observer.

Barring any challenges from Poorman's colleagues, the policy amendments will take effect in the fall. Poorman said the changes already have the support of University officers, who will likely approve them in July.

Notre Dame adopted an alcohol policy in 1984, and it underwent revision four years later. The University banned kegs in residence halls in the late 1970s.

Poorman acknowledged that the current policy is disjointed and doesn't clearly spell out rules governing on-campus drinking among undergraduates. A more "user-friendly" policy in the fall will provide clearer guidelines, he said.

"In general, it's a good policy," Poorman said. "It just needed improvements to lead to a healthier, safer environment."

It's an environment that will prohibit hard liquor in dorms.

Poorman believes the move will curb cases of intoxication, alcohol poisoning and hospitalization which usually involve students consuming drinks with high alcohol content.

He offered no clear-cut definition for "hard liquor," saying officials would base that determination on proof, or alcohol, content.

On a mostly residential campus

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ND grad dies in Hancock scaffolding accident

By HELENA PAYNE
News Editor

During the mid-semester break, some members of the Notre Dame community gathered in Merrillville, Ind. to remember 1994 Notre Dame graduate Melissa Cook who died after scaffolding from Chicago's John Hancock Center fell to the ground in high winds, killing three people.

On March 9, the day of the accident, Cook was driving with her cousin, Jill Nelson, and their mothers to her 30th birthday celebration at a restaurant in the city. She stopped at the traffic light in front of Hancock Center to let a pedestrian pass when the scaffolding gave way, killing both Cook and Nelson, a Purdue graduate, who were in the front of the car. Cook's mother and her aunt, Nelson's mother, were in the backseat and survived with injuries.

The Chicago Tribune reported that police are investigating the cause of the accident, which some have attributed to high winds and others to poor regulation of the scaffolding. Both Cook's parents and the family of the third victim, Nanatta Cameron, have filed wrongful-

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Starbucks opens in LaFortune

By HELENA PAYNE
News Editor

Notre Dame's first Starbucks opened for business in LaFortune Student Center last Thursday during the mid-semester break and has been steadily filling with customers thirsty for its brewed beverages.

"We've been busy since we've opened the doors," said Jim Labella, general manager of the Huddle in LaFortune. The store lead is Kim McComb, a former employee of the Huddle.

Starbucks, a national chain, sells coffees, teas, and other items such as mugs and thermoses, all of which are available at Notre Dame's shop. All of the employees who prepare the beverages, called "baristas," become skilled at mixing the numerous drinks on the menu.

Labella said students were eager to apply for jobs with Starbucks once they heard it was opening a shop on campus.

"We filled up our shifts immediately," said Labella, adding that he had to turn many applicants away.

Labella said he predicts success for the University's Starbucks because students are already familiar with the coffee shop from their hometowns.

"Students really seem to recognize the brand names," said Labella.

Freshman Brian Ahrt said he made his first visit to the campus Starbucks Monday



KYLIE CARTER/The Observer

Students enjoy the new Starbucks that opened in LaFortune over spring break. The coffee shop will be open until 4 a.m. on weekends and the manager hopes it will become a new late-night destination on North Quad.

because he had frequented the place in his Cincinnati, Ohio hometown.

"This place reminds me of it," said Ahrt who ordered a tall chai tea.

Sophomores Meghan O'Donnell and Leslie Devereaux also visited Starbucks Monday after a morning class to catch up on spring break gossip. A tall caramel macchiato and a grande steam cider sat on their table as O'Donnell commented on the wood and colors that makes the campus Starbucks like others she has visited.

"I think everyone's really happy that it's open," said O'Donnell, who is from Michigan. "They did a really

good job representing [Starbucks]."

Devereaux added that she was an avid Starbucks drinker and thought the business would be a good addition to campus.

"I think it's more unique than any place on campus," Devereaux said.

Although Starbucks might have name recognition with students, there are still other businesses on campus that sell coffee, including Reckers and the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore. These shops, especially Reckers, have contributed to a southward and westward migration during

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Labor secretary selected as SMC speaker

By SHEILA EGTS
Saint Mary's Editor

U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao will deliver the commencement address at Saint Mary's on May 18.

Chao, a native of Taiwan, is the first Asian-American woman appointed to a president's cabinet in United States history. She was confirmed by the U.S. Senate in January 2001.

According to Susan Dampeer, assistant to Saint Mary's President Marilou Eldred, Chao was an appropriate choice for Saint Mary's because she received her undergraduate degree in economics from Mount Holyoke College, an all-women's college. Dampeer will host Chao on campus and hopes that the selection for the speaker will be welcomed by students.

"We look to students for lots of input and ask them to submit



Chao

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INSIDE COLUMN

Come sail away

Oh captain, my captain. Oh, no. I checked my email late on Monday night and was flung into a fit of shocked disbelief over some changes to the alcohol policy. I know that the vague statistics will be attacked, the pros and cons and more cons of the policy will be debated vehemently, and the "to drink or not to drink, wait, no, college kids always drink" tendencies will be intricately examined in the pages of The Observer in the next few weeks. It will get ugly and maybe a bit redundant, no doubt.

Katie Hughes

Copy Editor

But before the Viewpoint e-mail box is overrun, before we get a follow-up e-mail saying what the policy "really" means, I'm just a little emotional. If these policies are for real, then I think some mourning is in order. No more Crush in the Lewis courtyard? No more Wake-it-shake-it in the sweaty bastment of Alumni or what would you do for some beads at Mardi Gras? Rest in peace rum and coke? See ya screwdrivers? Adios mis margaritas? Denied for daquiris? Ta-ta tequila?

It's a lot to hit a girl with in one e-mail.

I think I fall somewhere in between the "significant number" of students who never drink or drink "very moderately" and hardcore falling down weirdos who do disgusting things to the bathrooms. I've said some pretty stupid things that I thought were brilliant and witty because of alcohol, have woken up feeling like a train was driving through my head and my saliva glands had stopped functioning on a few Sunday mornings, but have never suffered any "serious and harmful behavioral problems almost always [involving] alcohol."

In response to my own rampant emotion and the little voice in my head that just keeps saying "why, oh why, ohhhh why does the man keep us down?" I decided to do some of my own informal research on the subject of alcohol.

One hundred percent of college students will drink if they want to no matter what the policy is.

Some 89.2 percent of girls say that beer tastes like bubbly, bitter shiznit, and 45 percent of guys said they had found girls prefer 'yummy drinks' made with hard alcohol.

Ninety-eight percent of Natural Light distributors said they "fully support" a ban on hard alcohol in dorms, purely for the safety of the students, of course.

Twelve percent of people who have done a body shot in the last year say it is the only form of contact with the opposite sex that they had experienced in that time period and they will "sure miss them."

Ninety-six percent of off-campus housing landlords said that they "fully support" a ban on hard alcohol, purely for the safety of the students, of course.

Eighty-six percent of students agreed with the statement "they just don't want us being able to make a drink called 'sex on the beach' because it has the word 'sex' in it."

Fifty-three percent of math professors agreed with this math equation: "not drinking in dorms=drinking off campus=messing with one of the coolest things about living here."

Ninety-four percent of English professors agreed that W.B. Yeats was a "pretty famous guy," and he said, "The problem with some people is that when they aren't drunk, they're sober."

About 97.3 percent of people who claimed power hours were their "favorite recreational activity" were relieved that the new policy would not affect them.

Seventy-nine percent of students who were "moderate drinkers" said they were "so upset by the new policy that they would have to get extra super blasted this weekend."

After giving myself ample time to move through the stages of grief over the loss of the old alcohol policy, and as I move into the final stage of dealing with grief and acceptance, I will have already

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

CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In the March 7 issue of The Observer, a front-page article about the Faculty Senate incorrectly reported that this year's senate rescinded last year's vote to disband the group. The senators only considered a resolution to overturn the vote. The Observer regrets the error.

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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"I expected them to give us a game. They played with nothing to lose. My hat goes off to them."

Head basketball coach Mike Brey on his team's final home game, a 76-68 win against Providence

"I can't say, 'Put your faith in ResLife anymore.'"

Former peer advocate Nikki DePersis following her resignation after a controversial sexual assault case

"The bummer about driving for 30 hours after a cruise is that we will be very tired when we come back. We're hoping the adrenaline will kick in and that we'll make it."

Saint Mary's senior Alissa Blair on her spring break plans

BEYOND CAMPUS

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Arizona student charged with killing her infant

TUCSON, Ariz.

A University of Arizona student is facing a first-degree murder charge after allegedly killing her newborn baby and burying it in the backyard of her parents' eastside home, police officials said.

Heather M. Porzel, an agriculture sophomore, was arrested March 9 on the charge of killing her newborn daughter just after birth, Tucson Police Department Sgt. Marco Borboa said.

Borboa said Porzel gave birth to the baby in the bathroom of the home and buried it a week later in the backyard.

Borboa said on the night of March 9, Porzel's mother called 911 after her 18-year-old brother found the



family dog had dug up the newborn infant in the backyard of their home. Borboa said an autopsy revealed the baby was a healthy female with blond hair and 3 inches of umbilical cord attached to her belly.

Police said although the baby

appeared to have been born healthy, they didn't know whether she was buried alive.

"Although results from the autopsy didn't reveal how she died, it has been confirmed as a homicide," Borboa said.

Porzel was booked into Pima County Jail in lieu of an \$800,000 bond. On Friday morning, Pima County Jail officials said Porzel declined interviews from all news reporters.

Porzel's mother declined comment over the phone Sunday afternoon.

Borboa said Porzel was arraigned last week.

Arizona Daily Wildcat

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Lender cancels student loans

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.

For students who depend solely on financial aid to pay their college expenses, the cancellation of a loan could be devastating. Such was the case for Florida State graduate student Kristina Goodwin when she learned the Sallie Mae/American Express lender she had chosen to service her spring financial aid is no longer in the loan business. "I called to find out about my loans and when my money would be coming," Goodwin said in an e-mail to fellow classmates. "To my shock, I found out that my lender, Sallie Mae/American Express, was no longer in the loan business and was canceling its business with Florida State University." Goodwin, a former admissions adviser, said she is familiar with the financial aid process and sent an e-mail to warn her classmates of the situation. She and at least 50 other students were affected, according to Financial Aid Director Darryl Marshall. American Express announced its departure from the student loan business on its official Web site.

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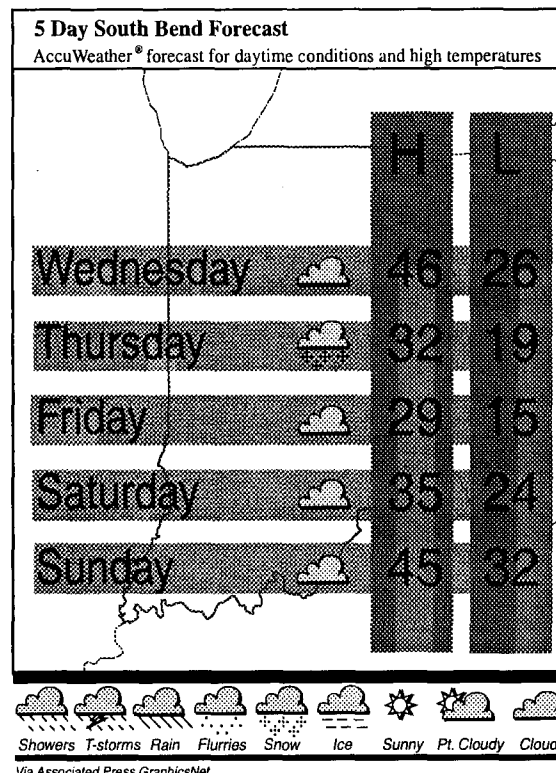
Regent blasts affirmative action

ANN ARBOR, Mich.

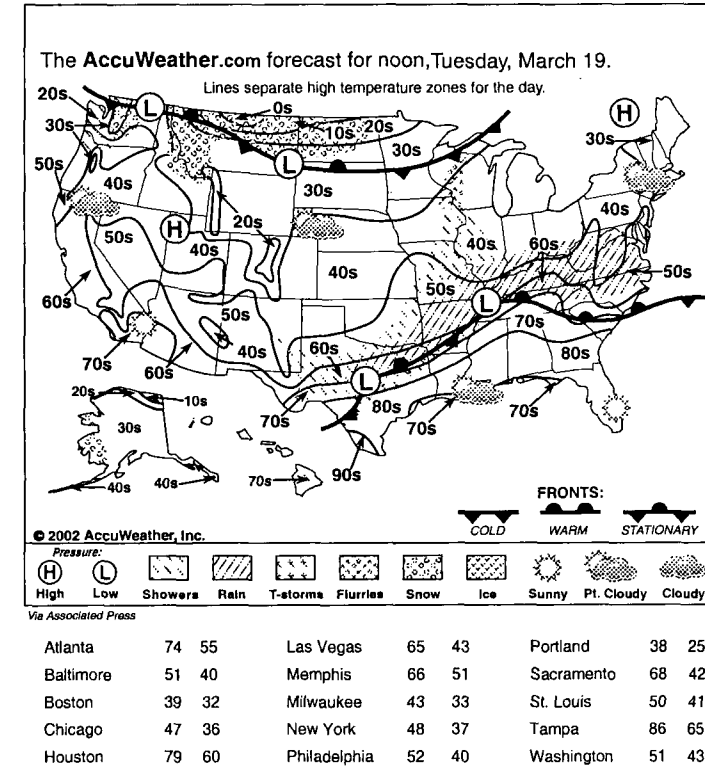
Supporters of the two lawsuits challenging the use of race in admissions said they were shocked and disappointed by University of Michigan Regent Dan Horning's remarks in a letter to a fellow regent, but they believe his statement will not affect the outcome of the cases. In a letter written by Horning to Regent Kathy White, which was sent anonymously to The Michigan Daily, Horning expressed anti-affirmative action sentiments and attacked White for her alleged views on the racial composition of the board. "I have openly defended the importance of a diverse student body, yet privately I have held to my chest that I don't think our admissions policies will withstand this legal challenge and I certainly don't feel they are based on merit," Horning said in the letter. Horning went on to say he believes the University's admissions policies keep qualified students out while admitting less qualified minority students.

Michigan Daily

LOCAL WEATHER



NATIONAL WEATHER



Student leaders react to new policy

By JASON McFARLEY
News Writer

Displeased with sweeping changes to the University alcohol policy, student leaders decried the modifications Monday and vowed to organize a campus movement against the decision.



Norton

Student government officials expect today to contact the Student Activities Office to reserve space on the Fieldhouse Mall. They plan to hold an all-campus town hall meeting there Wednesday to voice their concerns about University decision-making and to garner student feedback on the alcohol policy changes.

"It's really hard for me to accept that these three things are the solution to the drinking problem," said Brooke Norton, student body president, referring to the trio of changes officials unveiled Monday.

The changes, which will affect only undergraduates, include:

- ◆ a ban on hard liquor in residence halls,
- ◆ a ban on dances in residence halls
- ◆ and a new tailgating policy that allows drinking-age students to register to host tailgaters in a cordoned-off parking lot on home football weekends

"They present it as holding the

community to a higher standard," said Judicial Council President Tim Jarotkiewicz. "However, students are going to look at it as punishment."

A sticking point for seniors Norton and Jarotkiewicz is that students were frozen out of the drafting of the changes. While Father Mark Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, said his office collected student input through focus groups and surveys, Norton claims the changes Monday were another instance of University officials locking students out of the policy-making process.

"That's the main issue here," she said. "It's another thing where students weren't included in the process. No students were involved in the creation of the solution."

Norton recalled that since she's been a student here, she's witnessed administrators shut down several tradition-rich events — Sophomore Siblings weekend, campouts for football tickets and the freshman Graffiti Dance.

And now dorm dances. "[The changes] are going to hurt the dorm system," Jarotkiewicz said of the majority-residential campus. "The

dances are about being together in the dorm and having a good time together."

Peter Rossmann, senior class president, said the changes also prompt safety concerns. He suggested that more students would travel off campus to drink and put themselves in danger walking or driving back to campus.

"This is certainly going to result in more people going off campus," Rossmann said.

Rossmann and other student leaders questioned the reasoning behind the changes.

"If you're not a part of it, you can't really support something that you didn't help make," said sophomore Pat Hallahan, a sophomore Sorin Hall senator and

chief of staff for the student body president- and vice president-elect.

Norton expected to e-mail undergraduates today, alerting them to plans for the Wednesday meeting. She also hoped to draw a large student turnout to March 25 Campus Life Council meeting where Poorman will formally introduce the changes.

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Brooke Norton
Student Body President

PBS anchor will speak on-campus tonight

Special to the Observer

Jim Lehrer, executive editor and anchor of "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer" on PBS, will deliver the Red Smith Lecture in Journalism at 8 p.m. today in the Hesburgh Library's Carey Auditorium. The lecture is free and open to the public, with a discussion period to follow.

Lehrer, a correspondent and anchor at PBS for the past three decades, was teamed with Robert MacNeil on "The MacNeil/Lehrer Report" and "The MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour" for 20 years. During the 1995-96 season, Lehrer became sole anchor of "The NewsHour."

A winner of two Emmys and a member of the Television Hall of Fame, Lehrer received the National Humanities Medal in 1999. He also has won the Fred Friendly First Amendment Award, the George Foster Peabody Award and the William Allen White Foundation Award for Journalistic Merit. In 1991, he was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

During the last four presidential elections, Lehrer served as moderator for nine of the nationally televised debates among the candidates, presiding exclusively over all of the debates in both 1996 and 2000.

A former newspaper reporter, columnist and city editor in Dallas, Lehrer is the author of



Jim Lehrer will speak at 8 p.m. today in the library auditorium.

13 novels, two memoirs and three plays. His novels include six about a fictional lieutenant governor of Oklahoma as well as "The Last Debate," which is about journalism.

The Red Smith Lecture in Journalism was established in 1983 to honor the sportswriter and 1927 Notre Dame alumnus Walter W. "Red" Smith, who won the Pulitzer Prize in 1976 for distinguished criticism. At the time of his death in 1982, Smith was a columnist for The New York Times.

The Smith Lectureship, which is administered by Notre Dame's John W. Gullivan Program in Journalism, Ethics & Democracy, is made possible by a gift from John and Susan McMeel and Universal Press Syndicate.

This Week in Campus Ministry

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03/19 today

RCIA-Study Session

6:30 p.m.
330 Coleman-Morse Center

Confirmation-Session #12

7:00 p.m.
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Campus Bible Study/CBS

7:00 p.m.
114 Coleman-Morse Center
Fr. Al D'Alonzo, csc, Director

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday through Tuesday
11:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Fisher Hall Chapel

03/20 wednesday

Sant' Egidio Community

6:00 p.m.
Log Chapel

Interfaith Christian Night Prayer

10:00 p.m.
Morrissey Chapel

03/21 thursday

Bible Study (in Chinese and English)

8:00-9:00 p.m.
Wilson Commons
Ben Fisher, bfishcer@nd.edu
Heidi Oberholtzer, oberholtzer.1@nd.edu

03/22 friday

Eucharistic Adoration

11:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Bible Study (in Chinese)

7:30-9:30 p.m.
Call 631-5653 for information.

807 Mass

8:00 p.m.
Hammes Student Lounge
Coleman-Morse Center

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Fatima Retreat Center

03/24 sunday

Palm Sunday

Basilica of the Sacred Heart

RCIA Morning of Reflection

10:30 a.m.
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Pick up applications:
Monday, Feb. 25 - Monday, Apr. 8

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Retreat Date: Apr. 19-21
Pick up applications:
Monday, Mar. 18 - Friday, Mar. 22

Spanish Mass

1:30 p.m.
Zahm Hall Chapel

Law School Mass

5:00 p.m.
Law School Chapel

MBA Mass

7:00 p.m.
Mendoza College of Business Chapel

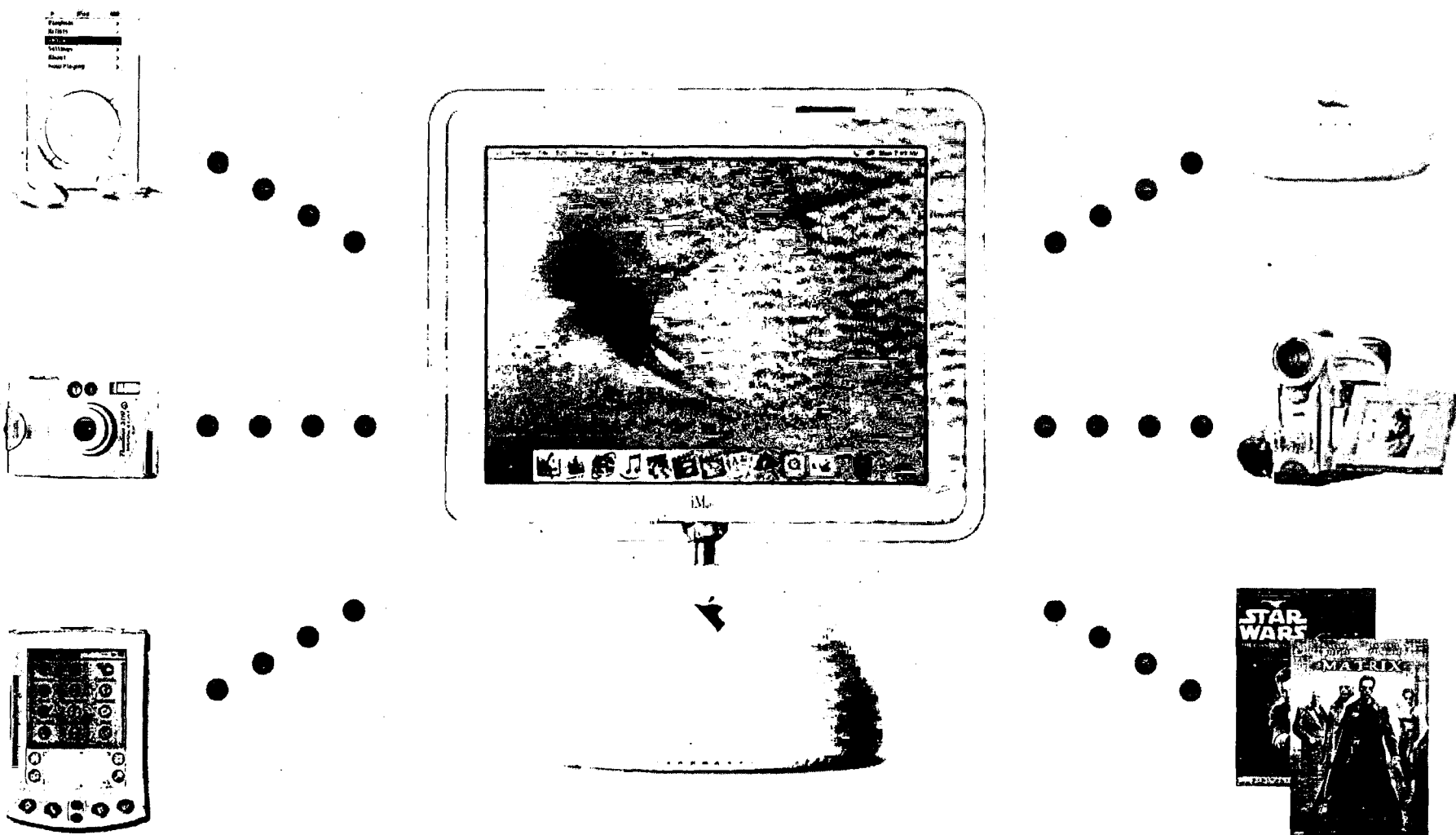
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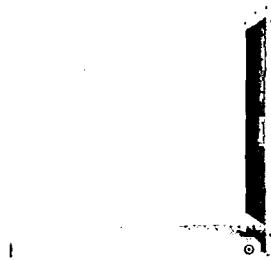
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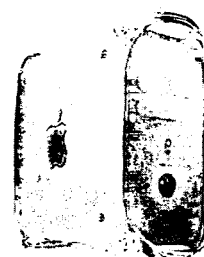
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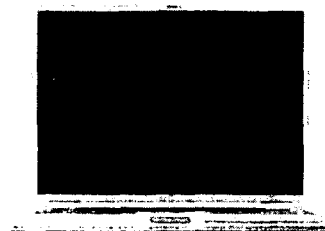
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Andrea Yates' defense attorney, George Parnham, speaks with the news media before the sentencing phase of her murder trial. Yates was formally sentenced to life in prison.

Mom gets life sentence for drownings

Associated Press

HOUSTON

Andrea Yates was formally sentenced to life in prison Monday for drowning her children as some of her relatives went on television and accused her husband of not doing enough to help her.

Wearing an orange jail jumpsuit, Yates walked into court and looked toward the bench where her family had sat during the four-week trial. The only familiar faces were a pair of jail psychiatrists who treated Yates last June after she confessed to drowning her five children in the bathtub.

Asked by state District Judge Belinda Hill if she had anything to say, Yates shook her head no. The judge then told Yates she was going to prison for two concurrent life terms for drowning three of her children.

"Good luck to you, Mrs. Yates," Hill said as she dismissed the 37-year-old former nurse, who will be eligible for parole in 2041.

Defense attorney George Parnham asked that Yates stay at the Harris County Jail for as long as possible to continue receiving care for her mental illness. She will be closely watched for at least 30 days and then

remain in protective custody, prison officials said.

Jurors last week rejected an insanity defense and convicted Yates of capital murder in the drownings of Noah, 7, John, 5, and 6-month-old Mary. Evidence also was presented about the drownings of Paul, 3, and Luke, 2.

The same jury rejected lethal injection as a punishment Friday, meaning Monday's life sentence was automatic.

"She wants to know what all this means and it's very difficult to explain," defense attorney Wendell Odom said. "She wants to know what's happening.

"I think Andrea right now thrives on solitude and being quiet and being away from it all."

Her family, however, was far from quiet.

Brian Kennedy, her brother, in an interview broadcast on ABC's "Good Morning America," called Russell Yates an "unemotional" husband who was inattentive to his sister's needs.

"I think that any man and woman whose spouse was that severely down, confused, that sick, that I would do whatever it would take to make sure my other half would get the help that was necessary," Kennedy said.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Cuba arrests drug trafficker: Cuba announced Monday it was holding an alleged Colombian drug trafficker and challenged the U.S. to join Cuba in the fight against narcotics smuggling. The Cuban government did not say whether it would hand over Rafael Miguel Bustamante Bolanos to the U.S. if such an agreement was signed, but suggested it would be more cooperative if accords existed.

Four killed in Kyrgyzstan riot: Supporters of a jailed opposition lawmaker battled police in southern Kyrgyzstan, leaving four dead and dozens injured. The president urged calm after the rare clash and blamed his political foes for the violence. Opposition groups said riot police initiated the violence, while officials insisted demonstrators started the rampage.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Bush focuses on economic recovery: While some experts say the recession is already over, President Bush has decided to focus on restoring economic health until the last report confirms a recovery. He brought a job-growth message on Monday to Missouri, where he was raising money for the White House's hand-picked Senate candidate.

Floods ravage Kentucky, Tennessee: A second day of heavy rain in the hills of Kentucky and Tennessee triggered floods and mudslides Monday that destroyed dozens of homes and forced some to flee by boat as water lapped at the rooftops. Tennessee authorities blamed at least five deaths on the storm, which dumped as much as 6 inches of rain on the region Sunday. Throughout Kentucky, at least 250 homes were damaged or destroyed. Officials called the flooding in eastern Kentucky the worst in the region in 25 years.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Woman finds body in alley: A woman walking her child to school Monday morning discovered a man's body in an alley on the city's south side. Investigators Monday afternoon still were trying to determine a cause of death for the victim, identified as Bradley A. Swabb, 26. Police said his injuries were not consistent with a motor vehicle accident. "There is a lot of trauma to the head and face," Capt. Robert Weller told The Star Press. "I can't tell you that's the cause of death or how that occurred."

Explorers find Incan ruins in Peru

Associated Press

LIMA

Explorers have found the extensive ruins of an Inca town, complete with human remains, sprawled spectacularly across a mountain in southern Peru, the expedition leaders said Monday.

The ancient settlement clings to the slopes of a rugged peak in a region of the Andes Mountains where the Incas hid after the Spanish conquest. It consists of more than 100 structures, including a ridge-top truncated pyramid, ceremonial platforms and a five-mile-long irrigation channel.

British author Peter Frost, who led an eight-member expedition to the area last year, said it is the largest Inca site found since 1964 when American explorer Gene Savoy discovered Vilcabamba, considered the capital of the empire's jungle refuge.

"Few, if any, Spanish conquistadors ever reached the southern part of Vilcabamba," Frost said in an interview, referring to the region around Vilcabamba. "This site may ultimately yield a record of Inca civilization from the very beginning to

the very end, undisturbed by European contact — an unparalleled opportunity."

The Incas ruled Peru from the 1430s until the arrival of the Spaniards in 1532, constructing stone-block cities and roads and developing a highly organized and militarized society.

The settlement is 290 miles southeast of Lima and about 24 miles southwest of Machu Picchu.

"The site turned out to be far more extensive than we expected," said Alfredo Valencia, a Peruvian archaeologist.

Market Watch March 18

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NASDAQ-100 INDEX (QQQ)	+0.56	+0.21	37.44
SUN MICROSYSTEM (SUNW)	-1.10	-0.10	8.96
ORACLE CORP (ORCL)			12.60
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-0.12	-0.02	16.52

Starbucks

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nights. Rather than taking away business from the other places, Labella said Starbucks could be a complement to them.

"Starbucks is really more than a coffee shop," said Labella. "We want to create a cool place to hang out – sort of like Reckers. Our hope is to create the late night space on the north side of campus."

At the same time, Labella said he wants it to be a com-

fortable atmosphere that is not only for sobering up.

"We're hoping the students respect the place," said Labella.

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Chao

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suggestions of who they would like to see at commencement," said Dampeer. "We hope that the students are excited to have Secretary Chao on campus."

Dampeer said she will suggest to the commencement planning committee that a Saint Mary's student accompany Chao for the day to represent the College.

Chao will also deliver the commencement address at

Depauw University in Greencastle, Ind., following her visit to Saint Mary's.

As the head of the Department of Labor, Chao manages issues such as wages and work hours, workplace safety and pension and health benefits.

Before coming to the Department of Labor, Chao was a distinguished fellow at The

Heritage Foundation, a Washington-based public policy think tank.

Previously she served as president and chief executive officer of United Way of America (UWA), where she restored public trust and confidence in the nation's largest charitable-giving institution after it was tarnished by mismanagement.

Prior to joining UWA, Chao was director of the Peace Corps, the world's largest international volunteer organization. She also served as deputy secretary of transportation under former President George Bush.

"Secretary Chao is an excellent example of what women can achieve with hard work and a solid education," said Eldred. "Her story will inspire our graduates as they begin life beyond college."

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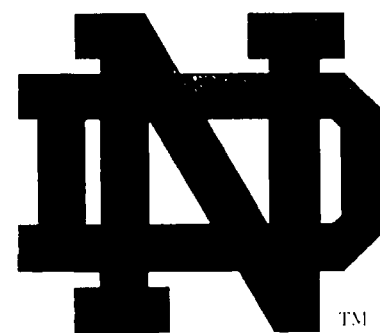
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HP - Compaq proxy fight nears an end

Associated Press

CUPERTINO, Calif.

The proxy fight over the \$21 billion acquisition of Compaq Computer Corp. by Hewlett-Packard Co. gave individual investors a rare chance to directly influence the fate of two companies — and perhaps an entire industry.

HP's shareholder vote on the deal Tuesday shaped up as one of the closest corporate elections ever. The company and opponent Walter Hewlett both claimed to have momentum over the other.

Although both sides left open the possibility they would announce Tuesday that they had won, the official results won't be known for weeks. Independent proxy counters must verify each vote, and each side can challenge whether the proper people signed certain ballots.

HP and Compaq say the deal is essential for their long-term survival in the consolidating computing industry, and HP chief Carly Fiorina has staked her reputation on seeing the acquisition through.

Hewlett, the son of one of HP's late co-founders, says HP is overpaying for Compaq, would get bogged down selling low-margin personal computers and services and can't afford to risk the complex integration of the companies' massive organizations.

Coming into Tuesday, about 22 percent of HP stock — including the 18 percent held by the Hewlett and Packard families and foundations — had come out against the acquisition. About 9 percent was publicly in favor.

That gave an unusual amount

of power to individual investors, who control one-fourth of HP stock.

Consequently, the company and Hewlett swamped HP's 900,000 shareholders with letters, advertisements, telemarketers' phone calls and multiple ballots, since investors can change their votes as many times as they want.

"This company has a lot of investors, and every one of them is going to count," said Hewlett spokesman Todd Glass.

Most investors mailed their proxies, but at least 1,000 shareholders were expected to cast their votes in person at HP's meeting Tuesday in Cupertino.

Former HP engineer Jane G. Evans, 75, already voted her shares for the deal but said she would attend the meeting to try to persuade fellow retirees to approve the acquisition too.

"I think it will revitalize our company and drive it into the future," she said.

Rarely do proxy fights turn into such cliffhangers, said Charles Elson, director of the Center for Corporate Governance at the University of Delaware.

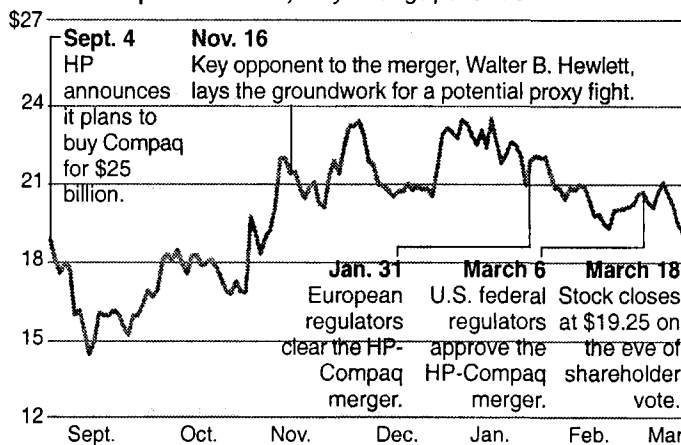
"Usually you get a pretty good sense of how it's going to go one or two days out. The fact that neither side is claiming victory shows that this ranks up there as one of the closer ones," Elson said. "It's going to go down to the wire."

The most recent proxy fight this close, he said, was last year's banking merger of Wachovia Corp. and First Union Corp., which was approved by 60 percent of Wachovia shares after rival SunTrust Banks Inc. made an unsolicited takeover bid for Wachovia.

Too close to call

The merger between Hewlett-Packard Co. and Compaq Computer Corp., the computer industry's biggest merger, is being decided Tuesday as shareholders vote in one of the closest corporate elections ever.

HP's stock performance, daily closings per share



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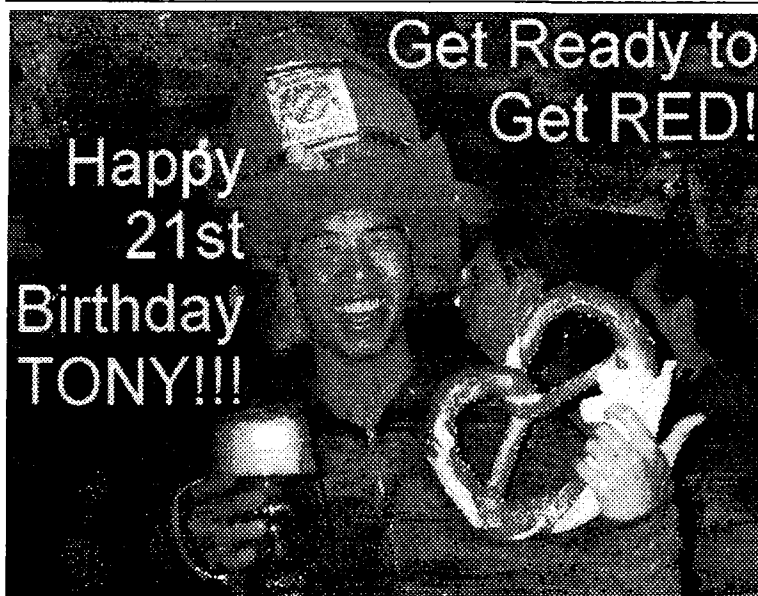
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Accident

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death lawsuits.

Cook, an accounting major, played softball for her first two years at Notre Dame under the team's then-head coach Brian Boulac, now an assistant athletic director for the Joyce Center.

"She always gave her best," said Boulac, who recruited Cook from Merrillville High School in Indiana where she played short-stop.

Boulac said Cook often smiled and joked with her teammates to lift their spirits.

"She put everybody at ease,"

Boulac said.

Cook, called "Mo" by her close-knit group of friends in her dorm, Lyons Hall, remained in contact with many of those friends over the years.

"They still come back for football weekends and they're always together," said Joe Russo, director of financial aid and the father of one of Cook's close friends.

The funeral of Cook and Nelson was Saturday at Saints Paul and Peter Church in Merrillville, Indiana. The two were buried side-by-side.

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Alcohol

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where dorms are central to student life, the long-standing tradition of dances in residence halls will go the same way as potent alcohol. Poorman said the in-hall dance ban springs from a pattern of students ditching the dance to drink.

"Some of the most problematic behavior occurs at dances where the focus is on individual gatherings," he said. "Rectors say that outside dances are more successful in limiting intoxication."

The ban doesn't hurt tradition, according to Poorman. Dances can still be held off campus or at non-dorm on-campus venues. It follows a trend, too, of halls holding their dances at off-campus locales such as the College Football Hall of Fame and Coveleski Stadium.

It comes at a time when student life officials are expanding on-campus social space options, announcing in the past several months plans for a revamped Alumni-Senior Club, purchase of an off-campus house for event programming and dedication of space on the second floor of South Dining Hall for meetings, dances and other functions.

But it also means that some hall signature events — O'Neill Hall's Mardi Gras and Alumni Hall's Wake, for examples — will be cancelled. Signature events that aren't dances or alcohol-centered — such as McGlinn Hall's Casino Night or the Fisher Hall's Regatta — will continue or be looked at on a case-by-case basis, Poorman said.

"I believe the halls can have great signature events that don't depend on hosting a large, alcohol-based

dance," he said.

Officials will enforce the new tailgating policy with the same eye toward cracking down on alcohol-laden partying.

The revised policy allows students 21 and older to register to host tailgaters in a designated parking lot before home football games. It clears up confusion surrounding enforcement of tailgating rules from last fall.

"It's a much better policy because now it mirrors Indiana state law," Poorman said.

The policy allows all graduate students to tailgate freely.

Poorman was enthusiastic that the changes would better serve the University's academic and Catholic mission and empower students.

"A big part of this effort was to empower students who don't want to organize their social lives around the use and abuse of alcohol," Poorman said.

He noted that the policy could have called for an outright ban of all alcohol — a so-called dry campus — but said that wasn't the type of environment he wanted to create.

The new policy will be flexible in that students who now want to move off-campus can arrange through the Office of Residence Life and Housing to have their on-campus housing deposits refunded, Poorman said.

The actual language of the alcohol policy that will appear in duLac won't be written until this summer. Poorman said student government officials would have input in the rewrite.

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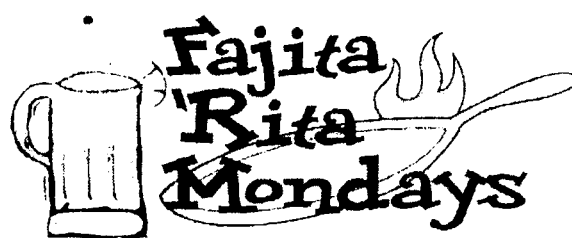
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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Board grants more money to campaign

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
News Writer

In the last week for the current Saint Mary's Board of Governance, members voted to increase the amount of money given to the Senior Leadership Committee's campaign after conferences with representatives from the committee and discussion. Combined with a previous grant, the BOG has donated a total of \$595 to the campaign.

"We re-evaluated what they were doing and decided that we needed to help them out more," said Michelle Nagle, Saint Mary's student body president. "Originally, we weren't quite sure where all of the money was going. With a clear understanding it was easier to decide what we needed to give."

Prior to spring break, BOG granted the committee \$145 to help educate the student body on the group's mission to encourage seniors to donate to the college in their final year as students and also after they graduate.

This week, BOG agreed to allocate an additional \$450 to assist the campaign with mailings and publicity.

The Board also approved two co-sponsorships in Monday's meeting. Erin Schenz and Julia Fletcher represented themselves and three other students who will be traveling down to Clifty Falls State Park to attend a conference sponsored by the Indiana Branch of the American Society of Microbiology. Schenz, Fletcher and one other Saint Mary's senior will be presenting the research they completed for their senior comprehensives.

"It will be a great chance for us to network and get feedback on our research," Schenz said. "The two juniors will benefit from the exposure. It is also a really good chance for professors to walk around and get a feel of the graduates that are out there."

Fletcher and Schenz asked for \$498 to cover the costs of a car rental, lodgings and food for their trip.

"There will be lots of undergraduates and graduates there," Fletcher said. "We will represent our department. We found some new information in our comps, we would like

the chance to present it to people."

Schenz also stated the group plans to present their experiences to the biology club at Saint Mary's, the parent organization to the microbiology club on campus.

Brigid Buhrfiend, the president of Saint Mary's chapter of Toastmasters International I, asked BOG for a co-sponsorship to cover the costs of a reception to reintroduce the chapter to the campus. Toastmasters International is an organization devoted to helping students improve their public speaking skills.

"We lost our chartership during the 1999-2000 school year," Buhrfiend said. "We still ran as a club on campus, but we rechartered the club

this year. On April 7 we are planning a charter meeting, and the district governor of Toastmasters is coming from Indianapolis to present our charter

"We re-evaluated what they were doing and decided that we needed to help them out more."

Michelle Nagle
Student Body President

to the club."

According to Buhrfiend, costs would include transportation for the district governor, food and advertising for the event. The club plans to invite members of the administration, including Saint Mary's President Marilou Eldred and all the deans.

"We've all worked very hard to make it get this far," Buhrfiend said. "But we can't do any fundraising through Toastmasters — it is not allowed in the bylaws."

Toastmaster International's rules do allow for clubs to collect dues, but most of that, Buhrfiend said, had to go towards the charter this year.

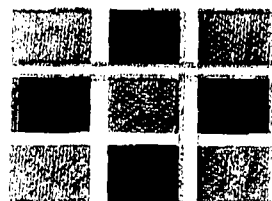
Before it lapsed two years ago, Toastmasters International I had been a presence on campus since 1980. It now boasts 20 members, Buhrfiend said. BOG approved \$250 to assist the club in its preparations for the reception.

In other BOG news:

♦ Tiffany Mayerhofer, Student Activities Board coordinator, announced that "How Well Do You Know Your Roommate" will take place in Dalloways coffeehouse on Wednesday, March 30, at 7 p.m. Also according to Mayerhofer, "Ocean's 11" will be shown at

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NAACP protests S.C. flag during ND games

By TYLER ROSEN and
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The Duke University Chronicle

GREENVILLE, S.C.

While the Duke University basketball team battled Winthrop and Notre Dame inside Greenville, S.C.'s Bi-Lo Center this weekend, a different battle raged outside the arena.

During two of the three NCAA Tournament sessions over the weekend, representatives from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People protested the Confederate flag's presence on the grounds of the state Capitol building in Columbia, S.C.

"We want to remind America that economic sanctions will continue against South Carolina because the state insists on disrespecting African-Americans and all those who cherish freedom," Nelson Rivers, director of the NAACP's branch and field division, said in a statement. "The NAACP demands that the Confederate battle flag be removed from a place of sovereignty."

Before Saturday's Duke-Notre Dame tip-off, pro-flag demonstrators, who held up large Confederate flags and signs, waited for the NAACP, which had conducted a mile-long march to the arena earlier in the morning.

Winston McCuen, one of about 25 pro-flag protesters that turned out Saturday afternoon, said the Confederate flag, moved from atop the Capitol dome in July 2000 to a special memorial on the Capitol grounds, deserves a location befitting honor.

"[The flag is] something to be held as one of our jewels, one of the things we're most proud of," McCuen said. "It's a symbol recognized around the world of independence, self-government [and] secession from tyranny."

The Greenville native also

blasted the NAACP. "This is part of their ongoing campaign to culturally cleanse the South," McCuen said. "They're not setting their focus on the real problems of the black community."

The NAACP has picketed welcome centers throughout South Carolina since the beginning of the month and has imposed an economic boycott on the Palmetto State since January 2000.

While the opposing sides were publicly unabashed in their views, Duke participants in the NCAA Tournament gave a more muted response. Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said that given his team's obligations as a member of the NCAA, he would not comment until after the season.

Duke guard Matt Christensen gave a similar response Friday as the Blue Devils prepared for their second-round duel against Notre Dame.

"Most of the people on the team have some pretty strong personal views about that," the team's eldest member said. "But none of us want to say anything that would detract — or distract — from what we're trying to do."

Duke guard Dahntay Jones expressed his dislike of the flag.

"The state shouldn't have flown any people's way of thought or way of living," Jones said. "I think that situation is wrong."

Teammate Mike Dunleavy, Duke tri-captain, expressed his unease with the flag, but said he understood the feelings of pro-flag activists.

"State-wise, country-wise, there are a lot of things our country takes pride in," Dunleavy said. "Certainly, I'm not someone who supports the Confederate flag because of what it does represent. I think to each his own — everybody has his own opinion on it, so I don't really want to get into it further than that."

Okla. telemarketers ordered to pay \$39M

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A federal judge has ordered an Oklahoma City telemarketing group to pay \$39 million to customers who allegedly were deceived into paying huge sums for magazine subscriptions.

The judge granted the Federal Trade Commission's request that the companies be charged with contempt for violating the terms of a 1996 settlement with the government. The resulting fine is the largest ever involving federal telemarketing rules, the FTC said Monday.

The companies are Diversified Marketing Services Corp., National Marketing Service Inc., NPC Corporation of the Midwest Inc. and Magazine Club Billing Service Inc. Officers of the companies were also named in the government complaint.

Messages left for several attorneys identified by the FTC as representing the companies were not immediately returned.

Judge Vicki Miles-LaGrange of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma found the companies in con-

tempt on March 4 and ordered them to give the money to the FTC within 30 days, the agency said. She also required the FTC to submit a plan for how consumers will be repaid.

The FTC had first accused the telemarketers in 1996, alleging they lied to customers about the cost of magazine subscriptions, billed their accounts without permission, refused to then cancel subscriptions and threatened consumers' credit ratings. The companies settled the charges by agreeing to refund \$1.5 million to consumers and to not continue the alleged practices.

The FTC sought the contempt order in January, alleging in a complaint that the telemarketers had not changed their ways as agreed and instead acted as if they had "erased from their minds that they had been sued."

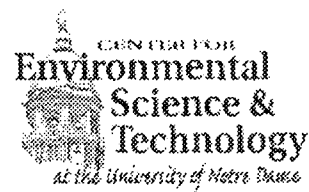
Isaura Whitesides, 28, of Laredo, Texas, said she agreed a year and a half ago to pay about \$40 to the telemarketers to enter a sweepstakes and get 20 free magazine subscriptions. She said she was shocked when a bill arrived for nearly \$900.



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San Francisco OKs instant runoffs

Associated Press

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This city became the first major U.S. city to adopt instant runoffs for nearly all municipal races, a move that is encouraging fringe candidates — always a boisterous voice here — to think they may actually have a chance on Election Day.

Currently, if no candidate for a city office gets more than 50 percent of the vote, a runoff is held weeks or months later between the top two vote-getters.

The new instant system would avoid this second round of balloting by allowing the voters to rank candidates as their first, second and third choice. Those preferences would be used to pick a winner.

The idea won 55 percent approval from San Francisco voters on March 5.

Opponents have criticized it as undemocratic and confusing. Proponents have said it will open the political process to more outsiders and save money, since runoffs cost taxpayers about \$1.6 million each.

"It will benefit the city in terms

of the millions of dollars it will save and also the wear and tear on the department of elections," said Mark Leno, a member of the city Board of Supervisors. "It will encourage greater voter participation."

The concept has been used for decades in Ireland and Australia. London recently elected its mayor using the system, and Cambridge, Mass., has been electing City Council members through instant runoffs since 1941.

In Vermont, where the Legislature steps in and picks the winner if no one gets a majority for governor, lieutenant governor and treasurer, 51 communities recently approved nonbinding resolutions in favor of instant runoffs. Alaska will have a referendum on the ballot this fall.

The San Francisco system will be different from the one in Cambridge, where voters pick from a slate of candidates to fill multiple slots — a method that makes it possible to win with only 10 percent of the vote.

In San Francisco, the process will be used for most major city offices, including mayor, sheriff, treasurer, district attorney, pub-

lic defender and Board of Supervisors. The counting method will kick in whenever a candidate fails to get a majority.

Under the system, the candidate with the least number of votes is eliminated, and the second choices of voters who selected this loser are added to the tallies of the remaining candidates. If this does not create a majority winner, the process is repeated: The third choices of voters whose first and second choices have been eliminated are applied to the remaining candidates, and so on, until someone gets a majority.

Chris Bowman, a Republican political consultant and former member of the San Francisco citizens advisory committee on elections, said the process goes against the "one man, one vote" principle.

"I see it as undemocratic. There may be challenges made in court," he said.

While Democrats have long dominated city politics, San Francisco voters also have a soft spot for fringe candidates, giving Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader half as many votes as George W. Bush in 2000.

Instant winner, no runoff required

San Francisco is the only large city in the nation to approve instant runoffs for local elections. With instant runoffs, separate runoff elections are not needed when no candidate wins a majority of first choice votes.

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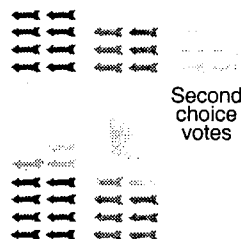
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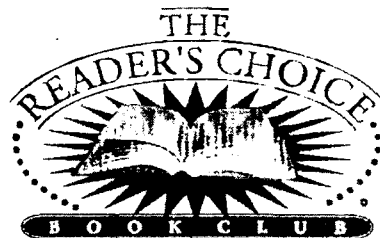
James Walsh was found dead Saturday after arriving at Des Moines International Airport on the America West Express flight from Phoenix. He had a history of heart and kidney-related problems.

A report by the Polk County medical examiner's office said members of the flight crew reported that he looked "kind of stiff" and didn't move during the trip.

The report also said Walsh's daughter-in-law told investigators his fingertips were turning purple and she couldn't find his pulse, but when a flight attendant checked on Walsh the daughter-in-law told her he was "just sedated, sleeping and had a pulse."

After they landed at Des Moines, Walsh's son, Mark Walsh of Green Valley, Ariz., wheeled his father into the terminal and was met by his sister, a registered nurse. The sister said he was dead at that time, and he was later declared dead at a hospital.

The medical examiner's office report said Mark Walsh told investigators he was "pretty much convinced he died in the airport terminal in Phoenix."



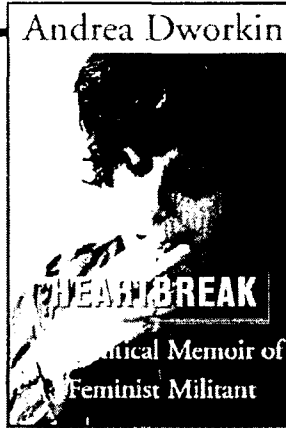
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Policies hurt residential communities

This editorial is first in a series commenting on the proposed alcohol policy changes at Notre Dame.

From the day students arrive on campus as freshmen, they live together, grow up together, learn together, have fun together.

And drink together. Unlike so many other universities where students typically move off campus after their first or second year, Notre Dame has preserved a residential community where seniors commonly live next door to freshmen. The upperclassmen's presence promotes pride in the residence halls and provides underclassmen with convenient access to mentors close to their age.

However, by imposing an alcohol policy more stringent than Indiana state law and forcing student dances out of the residence halls, the University will motivate more students to find off-campus housing

and social activities and unnecessarily disrupt the residential campus community.

While stricter enforcement of laws pertaining to underage drinkers certainly falls under University jurisdiction, the proposed ban on "hard" alcohol prevents students of legal drinking age from

choosing what type of alcohol they may consume. The loss of this freedom will almost certainly drive more students, especially upperclassmen of legal drinking

age, to riskier off-campus social situations and destroy the traditional bond between upper- and underclassmen that is essential for the preservation of residence hall community life.

The University has also shown a disturbing trend toward cancelling alcohol-related events in recent years. Events that were once considered unchangeable Notre Dame traditions, such as the Graffiti Dance, Sophomore Siblings Weekend and campouts for football tick-

ets, have been eliminated by an administration fearful of alcohol-related consequences. Each decision caused the cancellation of a campus tradition with no replacement event planned to maintain the sense of community. If in-hall dances are abolished, SYRs will be the latest campus event to transform from tradition to memory. This means signature hall events such as Alumni's Wake, O'Neill's Mardi Gras and Lewis' Crush would be eliminated.

Alcohol is undeniably a major part of residence life at Notre Dame. Although the University is attempting to improve student life by shifting the focus away from a practice detrimental to student health, the proposed policies will harm the community itself during the transition. By removing the privilege of students of legal drinking age to choose what they drink and by eliminating in-hall dances, the residential community Notre Dame takes such great pride in will be irrevocably and negatively affected.

The
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Editorial

Pedophilia was overlooked

One point still needs to be made on "The Vagina Monologues." A lot of things could be said. But I offer here no criticism of the students who participated in the play or attended it nor of the author and promoters. And if the play had been done for a class in a course and not opened to others, including non-students, and publicized, there would be no objection.

The only issue I raise here is the judgment of the administration in permitting academic units to sponsor a public play which presents an act of pedophilia as a benefit to the child-victim. "Pedophilia," as commonly used today, includes adult-child sex, whether heterosexual, man-boy or woman-girl and whether or not the child is pre-pubescent. Each is an objective moral wrong because it is contrary to nature and the divine law of the author of that nature.

The sexual exploitation of male and female children is a problem in many countries. The Department of Justice reports that 67 percent of all U.S. victims of sexual assault are under the age of 18, 34 percent are under age 12 and most perpetrators are adults. As seen recently in Boston, the scandal caused by relatively few homosexual, pedophile priests, facilitated by negligent bishops, has rocked the Catholic Church in many countries. Against this background, one would think that the administrators of any institution that claims to be Catholic would avoid any equivocation on pedophilia of any sort. Yet our leaders allowed Notre Dame to be used for a public play which presented pedophilia — child abuse — as a benefit to the victim. Our leaders acted here, as elsewhere, in what they saw as the best interest of Notre Dame and its students. The problem is a failure of prudential judgment. To put it in context let us consider the monologue in question.

In "The Little Coochi Snorcher That Could," an adult "Southern woman of color" describes, among other childhood sexual memories, her encounters at age 16 with a "gorgeous" 24-year-old woman in the neighborhood. The child's mother agrees to the woman's request that the child spend the night with her. (I omit explicit details.) "I'm scared but I really can't wait. Her apartment's fantastic ... the beads, the fluffy pillows, the mood lights ... She makes a vodka for herself and then ... the pretty lady makes me a drink ... The alcohol has gone to my head and I'm loose and ready ... as she gently and slowly lays me out on the bed ... Then she does everything to me... that I always thought was nasty before, and wow, I'm so hot, so wild ... I get crazy wild ... Afterward the gorgeous lady teaches me ... all the different ways to give myself pleasure. She's very thorough. She tells me to always know how to give

myself pleasure so I'll never need to rely on a man. In the morning I am worried ... because I'm so in love with her. She laughs, but I never see her again. I realized later she was my surprising, unexpected, politically incorrect salvation. She transformed my sorry-ass coochi snorcher and raised it up into a kind of heaven."

The student director of V-Day 2002 at Notre Dame said in the Feb. 18 Observer, "This monologue is neither an endorsement of underage sex of any kind nor is that act meant to be judged in any manner itself. ... That monologue is meant to reveal one woman's journey from a time when she thought of her vagina as a dark, horrible 'bad luck zone,' to referring to it as 'a kind of heaven.'"

That the monologue, however, encouraged a tolerant attitude toward the activity is seen in the comment of a woman Notre Dame student in the Feb. 15 Observer: "[T]he story of the young girl and the 24-year-old woman ... is a little scandalous. However, nothing about it is 'violent,' and after one hears the story from the girl first-hand through the monologue, the age difference question is lost in the beauty of her own self-realization."

Why did our leaders offer Notre Dame — "the University of Our Lady" — as a forum for a public portrayal of an act of pedophilia as a "salvation" for the child-victim? Perhaps our leaders did not know what was in "the Monologues." If so, they were negligent. The George O'Leary experience could raise that as a possibility. Or maybe our leaders knew the play contained this favorable portrayal of child sexual abuse as a benefit to the victim and still approved its public presentation. If so, their misjudgment rose to a new level beyond ordinary stupidity. Or maybe our leaders knew it was wrong but were unwilling to risk the ire of various activists. If so, one might understandably suspect that we are governed by anatomical wonders with neither brains nor guts. In any event, no amount of academic double-talk can justify this public presentation at a Catholic university, which is what Notre Dame claims to be.

This misjudgment by our leaders is very serious as well as inexcusable, especially in light of the pedophilia crisis in the Church and elsewhere. The University has a duty to rectify this blunder. That rectification would be advanced by the resignation of all those responsible from their administrative positions.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Questioning
'grave disorder'

In response to Professor Charles Rice's Feb. 26 comments about homosexuality, I ask him to tell us what he (speaking for himself as a man, a father and a grandfather) considers the "grave disorder" at the core of homosexuality. Is he familiar with or does he have reasoned objections to the approach of the Notre Dame Standing Committee for Gay and Lesbian Student Needs to this topic?

Since he thinks the American Academy of Pediatrics is wrong to endorse adoption by same-sex couples, perhaps he thinks of homosexual behavior as a sort of savagery, a sort of psychopathology inherently incompatible with parenthood. But interpersonal manipulation and exploitation and child abuse are forms of savagery not unknown among heterosexual married couples.

Are homosexual couples

inherently selfish, likely to avoid all obligations to their own and future generations? Neither Professor Rice nor the Vatican has evidence supporting such a claim. Professor Rice's objection to adoption by same-sex couples is, if anything, a religiously-based imposition of selfishness on persons he does not know and is in no position to judge.

Obedience to authority has a place in the life of any Roman Catholic. Nevertheless, to make repeated accusations that a group of people, no more likely to treat others as tools or objects of contempt than anyone else, are gravely disordered, simply because some ecclesiastical documents assert this to be the case, is to make a tool of oneself, and to mock the parable of the Good Samaritan.

Edward Manier
philosophy professor
March 18, 2002

Open minds, not dead
dogmas, will lead
to real truth

When I first set foot on Notre Dame's campus as a freshman, I thought I had all the answers and that my beliefs and values were set in stone. Nearly four years later, I now see not only how those answers, beliefs and values have changed, but also immature and wrong I had been. This makes it easy to understand how Vincent Mata could throw off such arrogant and insulting remarks in his letter "Truth is not relative" in *The Observer* on Mar. 7.

Catholic doctrine is in fact opinion. It is just as much an opinion as Buddhist doctrine, Jewish doctrine or any of the countless others. While Catholic doctrine "flows from the truths God has revealed to man," it is based on the belief that God exists. As there has never been any concrete evidence that can clearly prove the existence of God, this completely becomes a matter of personal opinion or faith. If Mata chooses to believe in the existence of God and in Catholic doctrine, good for him, but that is only his opinion and is not then made into a universal for all of us "scandalous, anti-Catholic sinners."

Secondly, how offensive, closed-minded and arrogant of Mata to assume that Catholic doctrine is the only correct one. Out of the thou-

sands and thousands of religions and sects of the past and present, he has the audacity to claim that his is the only one to come from truth. That isn't strength in faith, that is ignorance and disrespect to the beliefs of others.

The great philosopher John Stuart Mill believed that as soon as we refuse to question our values and beliefs we are left with nothing more than "dead dogmas." These "dead dogmas" are hollow and without substance as they are never challenged or tested and thus never forced to be compared with other values or beliefs. Maybe Mata would like to transform Catholic doctrine into a "dead dogma." That way he can be rid of us "open-minded types" and become a follower, unquestionably believing anything the Vatican cares to dish out to him. Or maybe four more years of education and life experiences will open his mind and soul and allow him to see real truth, not youthful arrogance masquerading as truth.

David Fulton
senior
off-campus
March 18, 2002

Ignoring terror is a dangerous gamble

PROVIDENCE, R.I.

This past weekend, you probably heard a lot about the luck of the Irish. In fact, I'm willing to bet that beer-soaked festivities this Saint Patrick's Day resulted in a lot of luck for Irish people this weekend. But despite their potential sexual fortunes, the Irish simply don't compare to the Americans.

Joshua
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Despite everything that has happened to this country in the past six months, we continue to enjoy a string of luck that is virtually unprecedented in history.

For a while during the '90s, we gambled on the fact that luck, rather than sacrifice, would keep the peace. On Sept. 11, we lost big. But we still refused to leave the table. We continued to rely on luck, rather than targeted military action, to ensure our safety. By fearing the necessary expansion of the war on terror, we forgot what Kenny Rogers so wisely told us in "The Gambler": "You gotta know when to hold 'em, know when to fold 'em, know when to walk away, know when to run." Put simply, if we do not take action against potential threats, we are, again, relying on a lucky roll of the dice to keep us protected.

Sure, we had a good streak going. But as President Bush and few others recognize, it's time to stop gambling with our future. It's time to stop trusting that this mysterious "luck of the Americans" is going to protect us from Saddam Hussein. It may be the case that only bombs and sacrifice can accomplish this.

Today in Iraq, we have a vicious

murderer of thousands of his own people ruling the country. Hussein's regime has been in contact with terrorists in the past. And he is fast building a program that will produce weapons of mass destruction.

But who cares? We're America — nothing so terrible as Sept. 11 can happen again.

The fact that we've never had a nuclear device exploded in a major city of ours isn't simply luck — we're above the cruel dice rolling that has ruled the fate of every previous civilization. We've had so many good hands, that we've forgotten that we're gambling. Our fortune has become almost matter of who we are; it's inherent in our citizenship.

I guarantee that if we do indeed use physical force to dismantle Iraq's nuclear arsenal there will be an immediate and

unthinking outcry against this action by the majority of students at Brown. Why is this? Because much of the left-wing politics in this country assumes that we need not take proactive

action against terrorism. We need not worry if a cruel dictator whose stated enemy is the United States gains access to nuclear weapons.

They fail to realize that without action, it's luck, and nothing more, that protects us. And as we all realized six months ago, that luck can run out all too easily.

I do not necessarily advocate immediate military action against Iraq. The politics surrounding the issue are complex, and the inherent dangers of such actions are great. But while the country falls back into its

reassuring sleep in the coming months, we continue to dance dangerously on the thin line of luck.

We will never completely take away the threat of terrorism. In the end, life comes down to chances. But what we can do is put the odds in our favor. Sure, the horse with the gimpy leg and the crazy look in his eyes might win, but would you put your week's check on him?

Throughout the late 20th century, we couldn't lose. We kept rolling the dice, and kept sneaking past Park Place and Broadway, landing in the safe, warm bosom of "Go." When Sept. 11 came along, we should have been smart enough to get out of the betting game and actually start to earn our money. Instead, I fear we are beginning to scoff at this momentary lapse. The fact that we've avoided a further major terrorist incidence in the subsequent months only emboldened our gambler's heart.

We've failed to notice that in the corner there's a husky, mustachioed pit boss with a penchant for biological warfare. Saddam Hussein is watching us gamble, knowing that eventually, we're going to start pulling some bad hands. We can either take our money off the table and stop relying on luck to pay the rent, or keep going this way. In the end, the house always wins. The luck of the Americans will not continue. Every few generations, we are forced to earn our fortune. Let us not instinctively fear the prospect of working for a living.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Fleck's new live album flows with solo talent

By MIKE SCHMUHL
Scene Music Critic

Bela Fleck is a musical chameleon. Constantly experimenting with unorthodox instruments and toying with different styles of music, Fleck is a very influential name in music and even considered "the world's greatest banjo player."

OK, you're thinking a banjo? Your instincts would probably hint at a dirty hillbilly with missing teeth wailing on his banjo his Uncle Cletus gave him for Christmas when he was eight. However, listening to Fleck's playing is a little more advanced.

Plucking away at his electronic synth

banjo, Fleck performs a type of music that can't be labeled. From progressive jazz and traditional bluegrass to funk and world influences, Fleck and his "Flecktones" have either tried a certain approach to music or will try it in the very near future. With the help of some accomplished guest musicians, Bela Fleck and the Flecktones continue to experiment with various musical tastes and attempt to capture the essence of one of their live shows through their latest release, *Live At The Quick*.

The set starts off strong with a short intro and "Earth Jam." An impressive bass line and a smooth sax play behind Fleck's incredible banjoing. As the other instruments slow, Fleck continues to play at a rapid pace for the rest of the

song. Varying tempos and beats within a song is difficult to do, but Fleck makes it seem easy.

The song, "Zona Mona" is a relaxing track that includes two saxes and Fleck's banjo. A Caribbean feel is added to the mix with the addition of steel pan percussion. "Scratch & Sniff," the best song on the album, revolves around a funky bass line and teases from the sax and banjo.

Fleck's skill shines through when he performs the classical piece, "Prelude from Bach violin partite #3." A six-minute act on acoustic banjo, Fleck tests the limits of his musical scope.

The next few songs showcase the talent of the Wooten brothers, two members of the Flecktones. On "Ovombo Summit," Roy "Future Man" Wooten solos on his own invention, the synth axe Drumitar. The percussion device is essentially an electronic drum in the shape of a guitar. With African chanting in the background, Future Man pounds away at his instrument to create a bizarre interlude in the show.

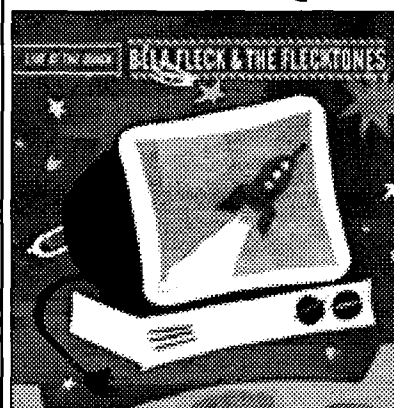
"Improv/ Amazing Grace" is a five-minute solo by one of the best bassists in the world, Victor Wooten. Starting off with only a few notes, Wooten builds the song into a mass of complex lines and structures before returning to the

individual talent of the musicians is unbelievable, but the improvisation on some of the tracks becomes crowded and annoying.

In general, Bela Fleck proves that he can still experiment with a range of genres and instrumentations. The album has a couple solid songs and some great soloing, but the length of most of the songs and dull jams bring down the overall experience. In comparison to Fleck's earlier work, *Live At the Quick* falls short of expectation and quickly fails in being a great live album.

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Live At the Quick

Bela Fleck and
the Flecktones

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Bela Fleck is well-known for his unique, live performances, but his band's latest live release lacks the band's earlier flare of jazz and funk improvisation.

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CAMPUS BAND

Senior John Heieck brings a fresh sound to town

John Heieck is not what you'd call a stereotypical Notre Dame senior. That's probably due to the fact that few of his classmates have real aspirations of rock stardom.

In a move that would probably wouldn't go over too well with most Notre Dame parents, Heieck is about to forgo his four years of education at Notre Dame to make a run at the rough and tumble world of the music industry. While most seniors are applying for nice, comfy desk jobs with Accenture, Heieck is rehearsing and dreaming of the stage. Music has always been important to Heieck, but after graduation, he hopes to make music his life.

In a continuing trend to further the Notre Dame community's knowledge of its own campus bands, The Observer sat down with the senior English major to talk about his borderline obsession with U2, life at Notre Dame as a rocker and the future career of a "nameless wonderband."

Observer: For those who don't know you, give the story of your band — kind of a brief general history of the band's existence.

Heieck: The band is comprised of Brandon Bodammer on drums, Andrew Penke on bass and background vocals and me on lead vocals and guitar. Andy and I have been in and out of bands since high school, but the three of us have been together for about a year and a half now. Our trip to ND is the band's first appearance outside of our hometown of Omaha, Neb.

Observer: Describe your musical style.

Heieck: The question every original band dreads to answer ... Well, I would describe our present musical style as rhythmically-driven pop-rock, with a definite emphasis on serious song writing; something I believe, in my humble opinion, is lacking in today's "Godchildren of Grunge" rock resurgence.

Observer: What are your biggest musical influences?

Heieck: U2, The Beatles, Radiohead, The Smashing Pumpkins, Stone Temple Pilots, Bob Dylan, The Doors, Neil Young, Fleetwood Mac, The Beach Boys, Beethoven, Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters ...

Observer: What can ND students expect from one of your live performances?

Heieck: Lots of cross-dressing. No wait, that was last weekend at Heartland ... Just kidding: I think



Photo courtesy of John Heieck

Senior English major John Heieck can be seen with his band Wednesday from 9 to 11 p.m. at BW-3's and then again on Friday from 10:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. at Benchwarmer's.

ND students can expect a moving and energetic live performance. Basically, and I hate to pigeon-hole us in this way, but if you like U2 and the Beatles, you are probably going to enjoy our two-hour show.

Observer: So, what's up with the name of your band?

Heieck: That's a great question. Originally we were W i d e

Awake, but I recently discovered a well-travelled West Coast band with the same name. Normally, that wouldn't be a big deal, but they have a reasonable following in Seattle. So right now, we're kind of in limbo. Personally, I'm pushing for Drunk in Public, but I don't think Andy or Brandon will go for that.

Observer: How has going to Notre Dame affected your life in a band?

Heieck: It has been both a blessing and a curse. Andy and Brandon both went to college in Omaha, which have made rehearsals quite rare, but precious. It also forced Andy and I to develop individually as song writers, which has, in the long run, greatly benefitted the band. When we have song-swapping sessions, he and I begin in two totally different places both literally, as in our different experiences at home and abroad, and metaphorically, as in our different mindsets at the time. Somehow, during those sessions the songs come into focus, at which point Brandon has to lay down some kind of groove to make sense of it all. It's actually quite miraculous that anything comes out at all.

Observer: Why should Notre Dame take notice of this band?

Heieck: Notre Dame should take notice of this band now because someday soon we will be an international sensation. That may sound crazy, but you have to be a little nuts to join a band in the first place.

Observer: When did you know that being in a band was right choice for you?

Heieck: I think I knew I wanted to be in a band after I saw U2 at Arrowhead stadium five years ago. I know a lot of U2 fans didn't like the PopMart Tour, but I thought it was amazing — it was like seeing a rock concert on a space station. After that, I was hooked. I formed a really awful grunge band and began playing gigs in Omaha. I've been writing and playing ever since, refining my style as I mature.

Observer: Do you have any advice for college students who want to start their own band?

Heieck: Well, for bands to really work, two things have to exist. First, everyone has to be on the same page in terms of musical direction, or want the same things. Second thing is that people in the band are people you have to get along with. The guys in my band are my best friends. You need that to get through the bad times. If you don't have that



Photo courtesy of John Heieck

Bandmates (left to right) Brandon Bodammer, John Heieck and Andrew Penke will be bringing their special blend of musical influences, creative song writing and pop-rock rhythm to South Bend this week.

... well that's why a lot of bands break up.

Observer: When and where can Notre Dame kids find you guys playing live?

Heieck: We're playing two nights this week: Wednesday at BW-3's from 9 to 11 p.m., and Friday at Benchwarmer's from 10:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. The first show I believe is all ages, and both shows will have drink specials.

Observer: Do you plan on playing in the South Bend area again or is this a one time offer?

Heieck: We will definately come back in the future, but have no immediate plans on coming back next year. It depends on how well received we are. We hope to come back during the fall or so, but it's a long trip from Omaha.

Observer: What does the future hold for the band?

Heieck: Well, I graduate from Notre Dame in May. Afterwards, our nameless band (apart from having a name by then) will begin playing full time across the country. We hope to be signed to a major label shortly thereafter, at which point we will take over the world.

Observer: What else should Notre Dame know about this nameless wonderband?

Heieck: HA! That's a great way of describing us. I think I will call us "The Nameless Wonderband" until we get a real name. I guess I want people to know, that if you are looking for something fresh, melodic and original, come check us out. You won't be disappointed.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish drop shocker to Aztecs

By COLIN BOYLAN
Sports Writer

For most people, a trip to San Diego during spring break would probably sound like a pretty nice idea. But for the Notre Dame women's tennis team, the visit turned sour in a hurry.

The Irish capped off a two-match road trip in San Diego against No. 48 San Diego State and suffered a surprising 5-2 loss.

The defeat dropped the team's season record to 11-6 and took some of the luster off an impressive 5-2 victory over Air Force earlier in the week.

"I thought we played awful," said head coach Jay Louderback. "We were really strong in doubles but we just let it get away for some reason in singles."

Things looked good for the Irish when Becky Varnum and Lindsey Green won their doubles match by the score of 8-4. Sarah Jane Connelly and Alicia Salas followed with an 8-5 win to clinch the important doubles point.

But the Irish could not capitalize

on that momentum and the result was a disastrous singles performance.

At singles spots two through five, the Aztecs were able to sweep the Irish without much difficulty. The only Irish players that were even able to push their matches to three sets Varnum at No. 1 singles and Connelly at No. 6.

Varnum eventually ended up falling in a third set tie-breaker to Silvia Tornier, while Connelly was able to grind out a 4-6, 7-5, 6-4 victory over Julia Ana Chidley.

But by that point, the damage had already been done.

It was the two California natives on the squad who seemed to struggle the most on their home turf. Both Green and Nina Vaughan played in Southern California during high school, but lost in 6-3, 6-0 and 6-3, 6-2 decisions respectively.

"Both Green and Vaughan did fine in doubles, but for one reason or another, no one was really able to put it all together," said Louderback.

Nonetheless, the Irish still finished the trip west with a 1-1 record that was balanced by a

Monday victory over Air Force.

In a stark contrast from Friday's match, the Irish actually lost the doubles point but were able to rebound in singles and take the match 5-2.

Katie Cunha got the ball rolling on the singles side when she posted an impressive 6-2, 6-2 victory over the Falcons' Ashley Gee.

Air Force then took a brief lead when their No. 1 player Brooke Parsons topped Becky Varnum 6-4, 6-3, but the Irish rebounded nicely with wins from Salas, Connelly and Vaughan to clinch the win.

After Vaughan's victory, sophomore Emily Neighbours followed with a 6-7, 6-2,

1-0 win at the No. 6 singles spot for her first victory of the year.

"Lindsey had to sit the Air Force match out, so we needed Emily to play well and she really came through for us," said Louderback. "I thought she came out kind of

nervous, but she played through it and ended up with a win against a very tough opponent."

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TRACK AND FIELD

Irish seniors excel at NCAAs

By DAVE COOK
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's and women's track and field teams capped off the indoor season last weekend with the NCAA Indoor Championships. The Irish had shown their depth and young talent throughout the indoor season, but it was the seniors who shined in the national spotlight.

Seniors Ryan Shay, Luke Watson and Liz Grow capped off their collegiate indoor careers with top ten finishes in each of their respective races, earning each of the three runners All-American honors.

Shay became the most decorated track and field athlete at Notre Dame, earning All-American honors for the ninth time in his collegiate career with a sixth in the 5000-meter run. Shay finished in 14:02.97.

"I just go out there and try to win every race I'm in. I don't pay attention to racking up All-American certificates. If it happens, it happens. But I don't really think much of it," said Shay. "But, I hope at Stanford [outdoor invitational] that I can qualify for nationals in the 10,000-meter run."

Watson was the only other men's athlete to represent the Irish at nationals, finishing in third place in the 3000-meter run with a time of 8:02.18. It marked the second time in his career that Watson was named an All-American, his first being in 2000 when he was All-American in the distance medley relay. Shay also ran in the 3000, finishing in 18th place with a time of 8:18.75.

Watson's third place finish was also the highest place that any track and field athlete has finished at nationals since Heisman Trophy runner-up Raghib "Rocket" Ismail finished second in the 55 meters in 1991.

The efforts of Watson and Shay earned the men's team a 21st place overall at nationals with nine points. Tennessee won the men's title with 62.50 points.

Grow finished fourth place in the 400-meter dash with a time of 52.88 seconds. Her fourth place finish is the best result ever by a female track and field athlete at Notre Dame.

Grow was also a part of the mile relay team that had been ranked third going in to the meet. They did not do as well as they had hoped and finished in ninth place.

Other competitors for the women at nationals were junior Tamiesha King in the long jump and freshman Lauren King in the mile. King finished 13th with a jump of 6.02 meters. Lauren King took 11th place in the mile with a time of 4:45.09 in the preliminary race. Her time was less than a tenth of a second from qualifying for the mile finals.

Overall, the women finished tied for 34th place with five points.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish prepare for Big Red test

By CHRIS COLEMAN
Sports Writer

The No. 15 Irish women's lacrosse team, coming off strong wins over Boston College and George Mason, looks to build on its undefeated start when meeting the tenth-seeded Cornell Big Red today at 4 p.m.

This is the first ever meeting between the two programs, both of which are building a reputation in lacrosse. Cornell is the first of many ranked teams that the Irish will face this spring.

"This is the first game to really show what we are about," captain Alissa Moser said.

Cornell, unbeaten in its first three games this season, will be a big test for the Irish. Both teams beat Stanford earlier in the season, and that result seems to favor the higher seed Big Red, as Cornell beat them 20-5 while the Irish beat Stanford 10-5.

The Irish defense looks up to the

task to handle the scoring prowess of the Big Red, lead by defensive Big East player of the week, goalkeeper Jen White. White has a season save percentage of .611 and caused 3 turnovers in each of the last two games. But to stop a deep team like Cornell the Irish will have to be thinking defensively.

"Cornell has a lot of seniors and anyone on their team can handle the ball and be a threat to score," said Moser. "Everybody is going to have to be on their game defensively."

Offensively the Irish have yet to score less than 10 goals in a game on their way to the first 4-0 start in the six-year history of the team.

Danielle Shearer has stepped up as a leader on the field and received the Big East offensive player of the week for her efforts. She recorded six goals and five assists in the wins against George Mason and Boston College, while leading the team in both goals (9) and points (17).

"She has found she can use her speed to take on any defender one-

on-one," said Moser. "Dani can really get the team started (scoring)."

Moser and Natalie Loftus, both seniors, have nine and seven goals respectively.

The Irish will need to continue to put up numbers on the scoreboard to compete with Cornell, which scores an average of 15 goals a game.

The Irish hope to carry with them the momentum they gained from easily defeating Big East opponent Boston College at home on Saint Patrick's Day. The Irish won 14-5 and the closest the Eagles came to challenging was early in the game when they made it 4-2.

The Irish laxers made it clear which team was greener by scoring five more goals before the half to increase the lead to 9-4. The Irish never looked back, winning easily and moving them to 1-0 in conference play.

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Irish sophomore Matt Howell chases a Penn State player earlier in the year while junior Travis Wells looks on. Notre Dame went 1-2 in action during spring break.

MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish win 1, drop pair during spring break

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's lacrosse team experienced a wide range of emotions over spring break. On March 9, the Irish won their first game of the season against Rutgers by a score of 11-6, but the exhilarating thrill of victory would not last long as the Irish dropped their next two contests in heartbreaking fashion.

On March 12, the Irish dropped their third game of the season 7-5 to host No. 4 Virginia. Four days later, the Irish lost a dramatic double-overtime thriller to visiting No. 3 Loyola 7-6. The emotional loss marked the second overtime defeat this season for the Irish.

In the win against Rutgers, freshman midfielder Brian Gordiano led the way with two goals and two assists for the first points of his collegiate career. Fellow freshman Matt Malakoff also added a goal in the contest, while sophomore Dan Berger continued his strong offensive play, netting two more goals against the Scarlet Knights.

The team's trip to Charlottesville, Va. marked the return of Irish coach Kevin Corrigan to his alma mater, Virginia.

Defense was the key to Notre Dame's strong showing against the Cavaliers. The game was tied with only 1:45 remaining in the game when Virginia's Billy Glading scored the game-winning goal.

Junior goalie Nick Antol made 17 saves against the potent Cavalier attack. Brian Giordano continued his stellar play leading the Irish with two goals in a losing effort.

Against Loyola, the Irish defense rose to the occasion and held the undefeated Greyhounds to only six goals in regulation. After Notre Dame won the face-off to open the

second overtime, Loyola's Michael Sullivan ended the game with a shot that got just past the reach of junior goalie Nick Antol giving the Greyhounds a 7-6 victory.

Senior captain Devin Ryan led the Irish with a hat trick for his sixth, seventh, and eighth goals of the season. Sophomore Dan Berger also scored registering his team-high tenth goal of the season.

Although Notre Dame's record currently sits at 1-4, the Irish have played remarkably well for an extremely young team that has battled against the toughest competition in the nation.

"We lost our four games this season by only a combined five goals. It's tough to lose like that," said Brian Giordano, "but we're proving to ourselves that we can compete against the top teams in the country."

Notre Dame's post-season hopes are still very much alive. The Irish have yet to open up play in the Great Western Lacrosse League. Notre Dame's standing in the GWLL will determine whether the Irish qualify for the playoffs. All of the experience against top teams outside the GWLL should serve many of the younger Irish players well when they begin division play in a few weeks.

"We just need to take one game at a time," said Giordano. "I sense no letting down at all. We have a really great group of seniors who are really helping us come along. We will learn from these losses and continue to improve."

Before the Irish worry about division play and their post-season prospects, they will look to avenge their only regular season loss of last year when they host Hofstra this Saturday at 3:30.

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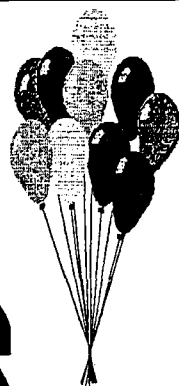
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FENCING

Fencers capture 12 spots

♦ Irish qualify maximum number of competitors to National Championships

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

At the Midwest Regional Championships on March 9, the Notre Dame fencing team had one goal in mind: qualify the maximum 12 fencers for the National Championships. They took care of 11 of those spots themselves, but needed a little help to get the twelfth.

In men's sabre, the Irish only officially qualified Andre Crompton for nationals. By finishing in the top four, a fencer automatically qualifies for the national championship. Crompton finished fourth and qualified for the second straight year.

But for the Irish to qualify their other men's sabre fencer, they had to wait five days before the NCAA selection committee gave junior Matt Fabricant the at-large bid.

Fabricant matched his seed by finishing fifth at the regional competition. His day was highlighted with a 5-4 comeback victory over Wayne State senior Jakub Krochmalski.

"I was just trying to go out and fence hard," said Fabricant. "I dropped three today but I beat some good people. I thought I fenced well."

Fifth-year senior Andrzej Bednarski finished sixth and will not qualify for his fourth NCAA Championship.

Three Irish fencers took first place at the regional competition. Junior epeeist Ozren Debic won his third regional title by dominating the competition and going

undefeated in the round-robin matches.

Freshman Derek Snyder, visibly affected by his complications from tonsillitis, took third place and qualified for nationals. Coach Yves Auriol was impressed by the freshman's efforts.

"Derek Snyder showed a lot of guts today," Auriol said. "It was really a challenge for him. This morning we weren't sure if he could fence."

Senior Steve Mautone finished fourth in men's epee. Since a school can only qualify two fencers per weapon, Mautone will not qualify for his first national competition.

Freshman Michal Sobieraj returned from his foot injury to claim the men's foil title. Junior captain Jan Viviani finished second in claiming the other spot for nationals. Senior Brian Casas finished sixth and will not return to the NCAA's.

On the women's side, freshman Alicja Kryczalo continued her impressive debut season in winning the foil title. In a fence-off for the title, Kryczalo defeated Ohio

State's Hannah Thompson 5-3. Fellow freshman Andrea Ament finished third to qualify for the

national championships.

Other qualifiers for the women were sophomore Kerry Walton also qualified for nationals with a third in women's epee, and junior epee captain Anna Carnick was fourth. Sophomore Destanie Milo qualified with a second in women's sabre, and senior sabre captain Carianne McCullough took third to qualify. Walton is the only new qualifier in that group.

Auriol feels his confident in his team but knows some

fine-tuning will be necessary to win the national title.

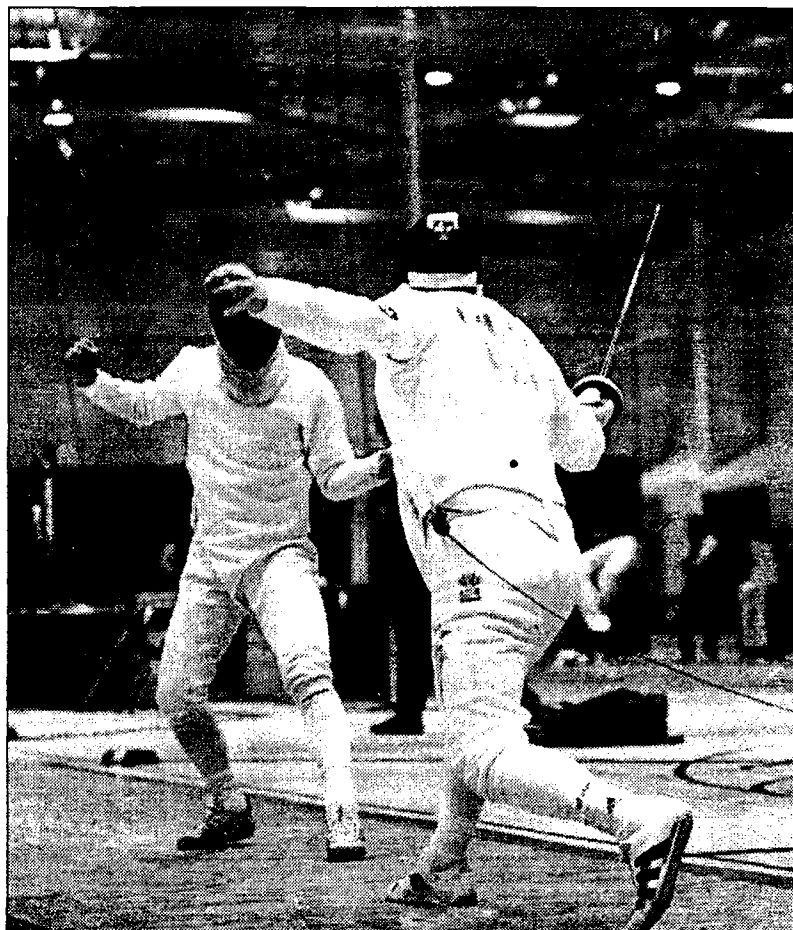
"You know when you have a car running well, and you want the car to run a little bit better, so you make an adjustment, we want to do that [with the team]," the coach said.

Starting Thursday, the Irish will attempt to win their first national championship since 1994 at the national championships at Drew University in New Jersey.

Note:

♦ Penn State, national champions from 1995-2000, was the only other school to qualify 12 fencers. Defending national champion St. John's qualified 11. Ohio State was the only other school to qualify double-digit fencers with 10.

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Junior captain Jan Viviani, right, lunges at his opponent in an earlier meet. Twelve Irish fencers will compete for nationals this week.



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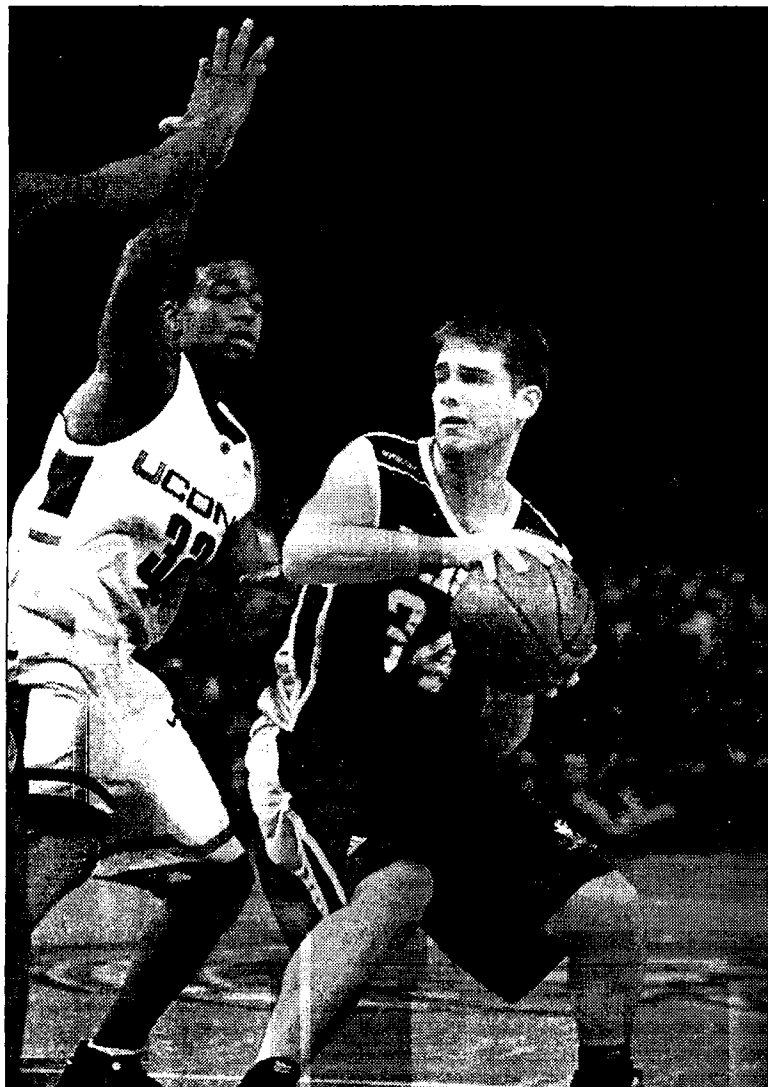
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Senior David Graves looks to pass the ball around a Connecticut defender in the Big East Tournament March 8. The Irish lost to Duke 84-77 in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

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thanks the class bully as he receives a swirly. "It's an honor to be crushed by you," the Irish said as the Blue Devils' water-boys tossed in alley-oop after alley-oop.

Fast-forward three years. Then pick your jaw up from the floor when you realize how far Notre Dame has come.

Instead of being wowed by the Blue Devils, Notre Dame was sick of hearing about them. Instead of rolling over and accepting defeat, the Irish fought back with an underdog spirit that would have made Rocky proud.

And, after the game, instead of saying they could have won, the Irish said they should have won.

As freshmen, Graves and Swanagan welcomed those moral victories three years ago. After all, you have to learn to walk before you can run.

Now, Irish players scorn the very thought of them. Perhaps that's because they're sprinting after the nation's top programs.

"We don't accept moral victories," Chris Thomas said. "Deep down inside, we'd rather see it than believe it."

Why, when weary Irish players straggled toward the bench during every time-out, did Brey look each one in the eye and yell, "Don't give me that friggin' tired look." And when Matt Carroll hit a long jumper early in the second half, why did Brey pump his fist and shout, "Oh yeah, oh yeah!"

Because the Irish didn't know they were supposed to lose. And even if they did know, they didn't care.

When Graves hit shot after shot, he ran down the court with his arms elevated. When Ryan

Humphrey sent virtually every Blue Devil shot into the next area code, he cracked a smile. When Tom Timmermans threw up a lay-up and got fouled, the bench leapt to its feet.

Teams don't celebrate when they play Duke. Never.

That's how far Notre Dame has come from the days when losses came in bunches and Irish basketball was a synonym for doormat. Now, they believe they should win. Every game.

But the Irish still lost. And that shows they have a ways to go, too.

Notre Dame outplayed Duke for 34 minutes but still fell six minutes short. Top-notch teams don't let the opponent

score 20 of the last 26 points, like Notre Dame let Duke do.

And most of all, top teams — like Duke — play like it's their right to win.

"There's a

fearlessness about them, and there's a belief it's their destiny to win," Brey said. "When they put the jersey on, you don't think you're supposed to lose."

But the Notre Dame uniform is starting to make a name for itself, too, and the Irish are slowly adopting Duke's aura of invincibility. When Humphrey talks about playing Notre Dame's style of basketball, everybody knows what he is referring to. When Matt Carroll says the Irish just have to play like themselves, teams start quaking in fear.

"This," Graves said, pointing right at the word 'Irish' emblazoned across his chest, "this is pride. This means something now."

"It didn't before."

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nity for an upset slip through their fingers as they struggled down the stretch, making only

two field goals in the last six and a half minutes of the game. Duke scored 20 of the game's final 26 points.

Although the Irish trailed 45-39 at halftime, they came roaring out of the locker room at the start of the second half. After

Duke's Mike Dunleavy made a 3-pointer, the Irish reeled off a 14-0 run to take a 53-49 lead.

Notre Dame led for most of the second half, and when Irish point guard Chris Thomas hit a mid-range jumper with 6:24 to play to put the Irish on top 71-

64, the Irish held their largest lead of the afternoon.

But Duke refused to quit. The Blue Devils slowly chipped away at the Irish lead and tied the score at 71 on a pair of Chris Duhon free throws nearly two minutes later. Notre Dame wouldn't retake the lead for the rest of the game.

"When they were down seven, and their life was flashing before their eyes, [Duke] really locked in," Brey said. "And they have the ability to do that."

Duke's Jason Williams, the national player of the year, gave the Blue Devils the lead for good when he hit a pair of free throws to give Duke a 77-75 lead with 1:04 to play.

After Duke's Carlos Boozer hit another free throw, Tom Timmermans was fouled going for a lay-up. The sophomore center made both free throws to close the gap to 78-77, but it was the closest the Irish would get the rest of the way. Williams made two more free throws to give the Blue Devils a three-point lead.

The Irish had one final chance to draw even, but Thomas, who finished with just four points and had trouble scoring against one of the best backcourts in the nation, took a difficult 3-point shot that rattled off the rim. Carroll grabbed the rebound, but was called for an offensive foul as he drove to the basket.

The Blue Devils, who only made 3-of-9 free throws during the first 19 minutes of the second half, shot 11-for-12 from the line in the final minute to preserve the Blue Devil victory.

"Every game we've played, we've had a chance to win it," Graves said. "It was two great teams playing and throwing heavyweight punches at each other, and both teams responding. Unfortunately, time ran out on us."

Notre Dame dominated the inside, outscoring the Blue Devils 36-22 in the paint. Matt Carroll and Ryan Humphrey grabbed 12 rebounds, and Humphrey and Harold

Swanagan added 15 and 13 points apiece respectively.

But the Irish only made 4-of-18 3-point shots and had trouble shutting down Duke's potent offense. While Notre Dame concentrated on limiting shots by Carlos Boozer, Mike Dunleavy and Jason Williams, the Irish didn't have an answer for Duke backup guard Daniel Ewing, who finished with 18 points.

"I take my hat off to Daniel Ewing," Brey said. "I can live with him making big shots instead of Williams, Dunleavy or Boozer just crushing us. We had to give up something."

The game, which was extremely physical at times, boiled over at the end of the first half. With 16.3 seconds left in the half, Humphrey and Duke's Mike Dunleavy got tangled up battling for an offensive rebound under Notre Dame's basket. Humphrey was called for both a technical and a personal foul, and Dunleavy made all four free throws to give Duke a six-point lead heading into the half.

"I know Mike, it wasn't intentional, it was just two people wanting to win," Humphrey said. "When you're aggressive, sometimes emotions get the best of you. I wouldn't do anything to hurt Mike, just like I wouldn't want anybody doing anything to hurt me. It was just two people being aggressive who got tangled up, that was it."

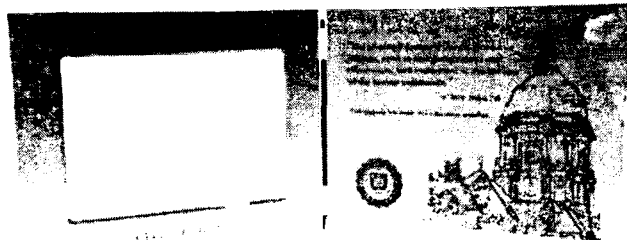
Saturday's game marked the end of the college careers of Graves, Humphrey and Swanagan. The trio played an instrumental role in taking Notre Dame from a Big East doormat to back-to-back appearances in the NCAA Tournament.

"There's nothing negative coming out of our locker room," Graves said. "We went out there and proved we belonged in this tournament. We pushed the best team in the country to the brink, and unfortunately the ball didn't come our way."

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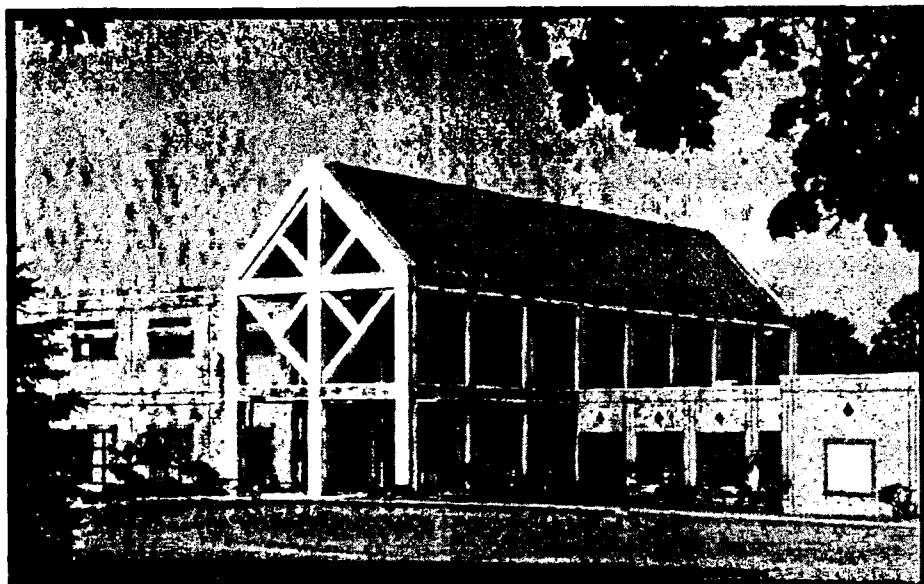
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"We got a lead and we played a lot of players. In postseason we'd never intentionally run the score up on anyone — I've been on the receiving end of that," Summitt said. "We tried to set within our team a certain level of expectation."

Although Summitt claimed she wasn't trying to show up the defending national champions, Snow — who has dunked in a game three times already this season — clearly was looking to make the SportsCenter highlight reel late in the second half.

As the crowd of 5,799 went nuts each time she got the ball, Snow dribbled down court on a fast break with just over two minutes remaining and jumped into the air where it appeared she was ready to put down a two-hand slam before she was fouled by Wicks.

"When I saw Michelle leaking out and I heard the crowd start to roar I was like 'Oh, I better get my springing legs on,'" Wicks said with a laugh. "I think that may have been the best play of the game for me, the positive for the night, that I didn't have someone dunk on me, as sad as that is."

McGraw didn't take the moment so lightly.

"You're down 37 and there's

a lot of pressure and you're just trying to let the game end I think," McGraw said. "To see something like that, I would have been really disappointed if she had dunked on us."

According to Lawson, Tennessee isn't satisfied just to have ended the season for the defending national champions, but they did use Notre Dame's experience as motivation going in.

"I think it really gives us more focus in our preparation for them, knowing that they did have veteran players that have been through battles and have won a championship," Lawson said. "Our focus was not to overlook them and realize that this is a good basketball team."

Despite the lopsided score, McGraw said that the experience of playing in an environment such as Tennessee's was a positive experience for her team, a group graduating just one senior, forward Ericka Haney, to build on.

"Our team is young, this is a learning experience for us," McGraw said. "This is how you grow as a team, to go through something like this. You go back, watch the film and figure out what you have to do to get better and how to get to where we want to be. That's what we're going to work on."

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Golfers grab 2nd in best finish this year

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

After a disappointing performance two weeks ago, the Notre Dame women's golf team spent a week practicing in Tampa, Fla. that culminated in its best finish of the 2001-02 season.

The Irish finished second out of 22 teams at the Snowbird Invitational, sponsored by Northern Illinois University, last Thursday and Friday. Notre Dame was led by freshman golfer Karen Lotta, who finished in fifth place with her rounds of 77-73.

"We are really pleased about how we finished, especially coming off of [the Tulane Green Wave Invitational]. We did a lot better this time," said junior Terri Taibl, who shot a 36-hole total of 155 to tie for 13th place.

Notre Dame, with a 36-hole team total of 617, finished 17 strokes behind tournament champion Arkansas State. The Indians, with a total of 600, set both a 36-hole tournament record and a single round record after Friday's team score of 295.

Arkansas State's Shellie Wenzel won the tournament with a record-setting total of 139 strokes for 36 holes. Wenzel finished 11 strokes ahead of Lotta.

The Irish were disappointed in their play two weeks ago when they finished 14th at the Tulane invitational in New Orleans. Over spring break, the team focused their efforts on preventing a disappointing performance from occurring again. While the team was in Florida last week, coach Debbie King had the team playing rounds every morning and practicing every afternoon.

"We were on the course pretty much the whole week," Lotta said.

The opportunity to practice and play in warmer weather benefited the team during the tournament, according to Taibl.

"I think everyone had a better mindset coming into the tournament. It also helped having a

couple days prior to the tournament to practice," she said. "Everyone was just feeling a lot better mentally about playing."

Because of the South Bend weather, the Irish have not had many opportunities play outside, so the week in Florida was important to give them the chance to play outdoors every day.

The practice rounds went well, giving the Irish increased confidence heading into the tournament.

"We were expecting to go down there with a good chance to win. We were pumped up to play well,"

Lotta said.

Although Notre Dame finished second, and not first, the Irish were still very pleased with their performance.

"We all put in good performances as a team. Instead of just one or two people playing well, we all stepped up," said Lotta.

In past tournaments, the Irish have had trouble getting all of the players to perform at the top of their games, but last week, everyone seemed to achieve their potential.

"We were just trying to do the best that we can, and have everyone play as well as they could on the same day so we could get a nice low team score, and fortunately it happened for us," Taibl said.

Senior Kristen McMurtrie tied for ninth place with a 36-hole total of 153 on the par-72, 5,940 yard Pebblecreek Golf Course. Sophomore Shannon Byrne finished third for the Irish with her rounds of 83 and 76 that put her in 25th place. Sophomore Rebecca Rogers shot 170 to finish tied for 75th place and senior Lauren Fuchs tied for 47th place after shooting two rounds of 82.

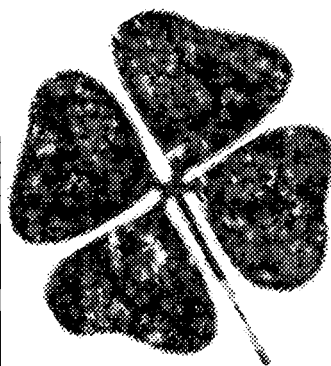
"Everyone basically played like how we know that everyone can. Finally everyone put it together at the same time," Taibl said. "This has been our best finish in awhile."

The Irish do not compete again until the Indiana Invitational on April 6.

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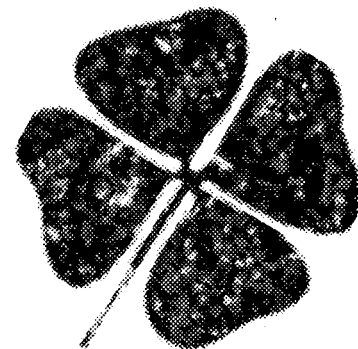
Terri Taibl
junior golfer



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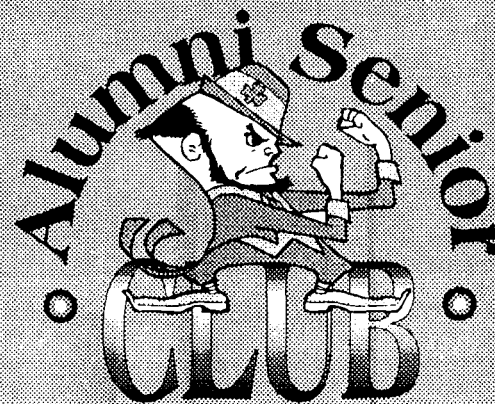
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HOCKEY

Irish end season on high note in CCHA playoffs

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Editor

The Irish entered the CCHA playoffs over spring break riding a five-game winning streak and hoped to keep the momentum going for the final leg of their season-ending run.

The Irish used that momentum to steal two of three games from fifth-seeded Nebraska-Omaha and advance to the Super Six round of the tournament at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit.

But that would be as far as the Irish would get as they dropped a close 3-1 loss to third-seeded and No. 12 Northern Michigan.

Coach Dave Poulin was pleased with the play of his team during the last six weeks of the season, which included a five-game winning streak and an upset of No. 3 Michigan State on its home ice.

"They played very, very well," Poulin said. "I think it has been the best I've seen our teams play in my seven years here."

In the opening game of the playoffs, the Irish dropped a tough 3-2 loss in double overtime when first-team All-CCHA forward Jeff Hoggan knocked in his 24th goal of the season just 40 seconds into play to break the tie.

Defender Tom Galvin record-

ed the first goal for the Irish and Brad Wanchulak would be credited with the game-tying goal in the third period on an apparent own-goal by the Maverick center Hoggan as he drew the puck back from a face-off and past Ellis into his own net.

"I really think that we won the series with the post-game Friday and the way we handled Saturday," Poulin said. "I could already tell by the way [our players] were reacting that there was going to be no feeling sorry for themselves."

The Irish returned to the ice with poise the following night and notched their own overtime victory by a 2-1 margin.

Notre Dame got on the scoreboard first by way of junior Evan Nielsen's power play goal at 8:52 of the first period.

Freshman goaltender Morgan Cey fought off the brunt of the Maverick attack until 6:07 of the third period when Anthony Adams tied the game on a Nebraska-Omaha power play.

Senior David Inman would record the game-winner for the Irish, however, eight minutes into overtime play when he knocked in a Galvin rebound for his 18th goal of the season.

With the series tied at one game each for the two teams, the Irish returned to the ice Sunday night for the final game of the series and came away with their second 2-1 victory to

advance to the next round.

After falling behind early, the Irish tied the game with just four seconds left in the first period on John Maruk's third goal of the season off of a rebound from junior John Wroblewski during the Irish power play.

Then at the 18:03 mark of the second, the Irish took the lead for good on a wrist shot from Nielsen that slid past Ellis.

"With the way that overtime works in the playoffs, the periods are a full 20 minutes, so it was as if we played four games in three nights," Poulin said. "We came back Friday against Northern Michigan, and we played very well."

Notre Dame took the early lead against the Mavericks when senior David Inman knocked home his 19th goal at the end of the first period.

"Against Northern Michigan, we went up early, but we just couldn't get that 2-0 lead," Poulin said.

Instead, the Wildcats tied the game at 17:37 of the second when Chris Gobert scored his first of three goals on the night.

At 7:30 of the final period, Northern Michigan took the lead for good when Gobert stripped the puck away from an Irish defender at the blue line and skirted the puck behind Cey for the go-ahead goal. Gobert added an empty-netter with 16 seconds left in regulation for the



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An Irish player attempts to corral the puck in a Jan. 19 game with Nebraska-Omaha. Notre Dame took two of three games from the Mavericks last week to advance in the CCHA playoffs.

final tally of 3-1.

The Irish finished their season with an overall record of 16-17-5, but Poulin was proud about his team's performance at the end of the season.

"You get experience in these games by playing in this game. One of our goals this season was to make it to Joe Louis Arena, and we accomplished that," said Poulin.

With only three seniors departing after this season,

Poulin seems excited about the future for his young club that includes 12 freshmen and sophomores from this year's squad.

"I'm excited already," Poulin said. "I'm here in the office on the Monday after the season ends getting ready for next year."

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March 18, 2002

Dear Notre Dame Students:

As you may know, the Office of Student Affairs has spent the last two years looking closely at alcohol use and abuse at Notre Dame. During the 2000-01 academic year, we gathered 30 focus groups from both the campus and the local community, including students, faculty, administrators, hall staff, parents, alumni, law enforcement and city officials, landlords, and tavern owners. Their varied perspectives provided insight into the many effects of alcohol use and abuse both on our campus and beyond. This year the process has continued as we have talked at greater length with rectors and the University's officers and trustees. We also have closely analyzed the incidence of alcohol abuse at Notre Dame and compared our experience both with that of other institutions and with campus trends nationally.

The picture that has emerged from our study of this issue is both encouraging and alarming. A significant number of Notre Dame students either do not consume alcohol or consume very moderate amounts. Alcohol is not central to the social lives of these students, and many students are making responsible decisions about alcohol.

At the same time, our study also confirmed the perception that a significant percentage of Notre Dame students engage in abusive drinking. The health consequences of alcohol abuse have been well-documented; the academic and social costs are perhaps less evident, but no less real. A third of Notre Dame students report missing classes because of drinking. Serious and harmful behavioral problems almost always involve alcohol. Students' lives are often disrupted by intoxicated friends or roommates. Hall staffs spend a disproportionate amount of time and energy addressing behavior related to alcohol. Local residents are disturbed by intoxicated students in their neighborhoods.

Abusive drinking is not unique to Notre Dame, nor is it a "new" problem. Be that as it may, we at Notre Dame cannot overlook or excuse abusive drinking because it is typical among college-age students, is part of a "tradition" or somehow constitutes a "rite of passage." With national studies showing that nearly half of college students engage in binge drinking, many in higher education consider alcohol abuse to be the single most important health and safety issue on college campuses today.

Over the past 15 years, the University has addressed this issue with some success. The progress we have made in terms of responding to the educational and therapeutic needs of students with regard to alcohol is particularly noteworthy. The Office of Alcohol and Drug Education offers many programs that help students examine their choices about alcohol and educate them on the dangers of alcohol abuse. Through the Counseling Center and local agencies, confidential treatment is available for students concerned about their drinking or who have a serious drinking problem. Our commitment to providing these educational and therapeutic resources is stronger than ever, and we encourage students to take full advantage of them.

We also have addressed the alcohol issue at Notre Dame through the behavioral expectations articulated in the Alcohol Policy. Created in 1984, the Alcohol Policy was based on the report of the University Committee on the Responsible Use of Alcohol. Some modifications were made in 1988 through the work of the University Committee on Whole Health, and the Use and Abuse of Alcohol. The Alcohol Policy has remained largely unchanged since then.

When we began this study and consultation process two years ago, we wanted to know if the campus community supported the Alcohol Policy as currently written, especially since fourteen years had passed since the last major revision. While the consensus from the focus groups basically supported the current policy, a strong sense emerged that modifications were needed to address the most serious and dangerous abuses. With this in mind, we have carefully reviewed the policy and identified specific areas of change.

Today I met with the Alcohol Task Force of the Campus Life Council to outline for them those areas of the Alcohol Policy we intend to modify, and next week I will meet with the entire CLC to discuss these modifications. Because I know that any change to the Alcohol Policy is of great concern to students, I would like to share with you what I told the Alcohol Task Force. Effective in the fall of 2002, the Alcohol Policy will be modified in the following ways:

- **Students, regardless of age, will not be allowed to possess or consume "hard" alcohol in undergraduate residence halls.**

While one obviously may become intoxicated by consuming any alcoholic beverage, we heard credible evidence that the most serious incidents of intoxication occur when students consume hard alcohol. In general, the students involved in these most serious incidents of intoxication seemed to fall into two categories: those who were inexperienced with hard alcohol, and those who deliberately consumed large quantities in a short period of time, usually in the form of "shots". Because of the high alcohol content in relation to volume, the abuse of hard alcohol is particularly dangerous.

- **Residence hall dances will be held outside of the hall, either at on- or off-campus venues.**

The Office of Student Affairs is working with other University departments to give students access to a variety of venues on-campus where halls can host dances.

Dances are an important part of hall life, playing a critical role in building hall unity and spirit. While we hope to preserve the rich traditions associated with these dances, we also wish to eliminate unhealthy patterns that have become part of these events over the years. Many halls across campus simply do not have a common room large enough to host a dance for hall residents and their dates. In part because of these space constraints, the focus of the in-hall event has become not the dance itself but the gatherings in individual rooms. Hall staffs have reported many incidents of problematic behavior during in-hall dances as students traveled back and forth between the dance floor and the private gatherings.

To a certain extent, this change reflects a trend in hall dances that already has begun. According to a recent survey by Student Activities, the number of dances held outside the halls over the past three years has increased steadily; of the 47 hall dances held during the 2001 Fall Semester, 29 took place outside the halls.

- **Undergraduate students who are 21 years of age may host tailgate gatherings in a designated parking lot on home football Saturdays, provided that these gatherings are properly registered.**

Graduate students may host tailgate gatherings without registering. Rules regarding consumption at tailgate gatherings hosted by alumni, family and friends will follow Indiana law. Students who are not 21 may not host tailgate gatherings where alcohol is served, nor may they possess or consume alcohol at tailgate gatherings hosted by others. In accordance with Indiana law, those who provide alcohol to minors at tailgate gatherings will be penalized, and abusive drinking by anyone, regardless of age, will result in sanctions.

Some confusion has existed in the past about our tailgating policy. By adopting a policy that mirrors Indiana law, with its accompanying privileges and responsibilities, we hope that our expectations of students will be clearer, both for those who are of majority age and those who are underage.

I know that many of you will have questions about these changes. The details of the new policy will be finalized as it is formally drafted, a process that will happen over the next several months. While we anticipate no other substantive changes, during the drafting process we also intend to streamline and reorganize the Alcohol Policy so as to make it easier to read and understand. As in years past, Student Government will have the opportunity to be included in the *du Lac* revision process.

The issues associated with alcohol abuse are complex, and there are no simple answers. I welcome continued dialogue about this important topic, and I look forward to continuing to work with students, faculty and administrators to create a healthier campus environment. In this, as in all things, Notre Dame's goal must be "the formation of an authentic human community graced by the Spirit of Christ."

Yours in Notre Dame,

(Rev.) Mark L. Poorman, C.S.C.
Vice President for Student Affairs

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Leadership needed for return to prominence

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. All right, let's start this off with an apology and a disclaimer.

To compare women's basketball to football is a stretch at best, in many ways the two sports couldn't be more different. So I'm sorry in advance.

And I think Muffet McGraw is one of the greatest coaches ever to grace this campus — her face doesn't line the same wall in LaFortune as Lou Holtz's for nothing.

But on Sunday night McGraw said something that scared me. It reminded me of Bob Davie. And it reminded me of something Davie said after the 2001 Fiesta Bowl, or should I say, the Oregon State Night at the Races.

"We don't have the same team speed as they do and that's something we need to work on in the future," McGraw said, explaining why her team was woefully unprepared and

consequently dismantled 89-50 by No. 6-ranked Tennessee Sunday night.

Now McGraw's team didn't face the same expectations Davie's squad did in the BCS bowl that year, despite the fact that the 2001 Irish won the NCAA Tournament. With six freshmen, the team was expected to struggle. Going out in the Round of 32 is respectable.

But falling by 39 points, a margin Notre Dame hadn't lost by since before freshmen Jacqueline Batteast and Kelsey Wicks were born, is inexcusable, regardless of the opponent.

The Irish have brought worse teams in to play even better Connecticut and Tennessee squads in the past, and have never lost quite this badly. Unranked and rebuilding after a Final Four appearance in 1997, an Irish squad featuring a freshman Ruth Riley twice managed to stay within 20 of No. 2-ranked Connecticut.

Even in 1993, when the Irish went just 15-12 and went out in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, they stayed within 31 of top-ranked Tennessee.

On Sunday night, Tennessee out-rebounded Notre Dame 51-37. They forced 25 Irish turnovers while turning the ball over 17 times themselves. They took away Notre Dame's outside shot, holding the Irish to

just four three-pointers, none by Alicia Ratay, after the game was out of reach.

So speed may have been a problem Sunday. More than a few times Tennessee had taken two shots on their end before I was done writing down which Notre Dame player put up a brick to give them the ball.

But Notre Dame has fast defenders. Ericka Haney, Le'Tania Severe and even a knee braced Jacqueline Batteast could run with the best of them. Amanda Barksdale was in excellent defensive position all night. Where the Irish lacked, and where Tennessee built an advantage that at one point reached 42 points, was in composure in leadership.

"We could never get anything going offensively and that really hurt us defensively.

Emotionally, we were spent because we were just so frustrated that we couldn't score and then they were scoring so easily," McGraw said. "That just really hurt us that we couldn't convert. We had some open 3's, we had a lot of open looks but we couldn't make anything and we just felt a little bit down."

Meanwhile, on the other end of the floor, Tennessee was working the right mindset to advantage.

"You can feed off the frustration of the other team when

they're not getting as many open looks as they're used to," Lady Vols' guard Kara Lawson said. "It creates a lot more emotion when you get a defensive stop, when you get a shot clock violation when all five players are really bumping down and playing hard together."

So while Tennessee came together and used their attitude to their advantage, Notre Dame fell right into their plan. Just as in their Big East tournament upset loss to the Orangewomen of Syracuse, the Irish failed to adjust when the shots didn't fall on their end. But while Ratay stepped up at the end of that game and made it close, none of Notre Dame's veterans came forward to stop the bleeding Sunday night.

In fact, only Wicks — the same freshman who led the Irish in scoring against Connecticut earlier this season — seemed unfazed by the environment.

McGraw looked at Sunday's game a positive experience for her team, something they can learn from. But this means a leader must step up from within and not allow the team to give up.

Coming back next year, the Irish have three rising seniors — Karen Swanson, Ratay and Amanda Barksdale; two juniors — Severe and Jeneka Joyce;

and this year's group of freshman. Of this core, only Ratay and Joyce among the upperclassmen will have the opportunity and ability to turn a game around.

Joyce has been hurt much of the last two seasons and has led from the bench. Ratay proved her ability against Syracuse, but seemed silent and more willing to pass the ball off than shoot.

So next fall, the Irish will have a talented core of sophomores with a full college season under their belt. And they will have a first-team All Big East selection in Ratay entering her senior year.

But to make sure all that potential isn't just energy at rest, the Irish need a leader who can instill an attitude like Lawson did for Tennessee Sunday night. Maybe it'll be Ratay. Maybe it'll be Joyce. Maybe a sophomore like Wicks can assume the prominent role.

But somebody must step up and this team must refuse to play at any level except full speed, using Sunday night as motivation. Otherwise, it'll be just another rebuilding year.

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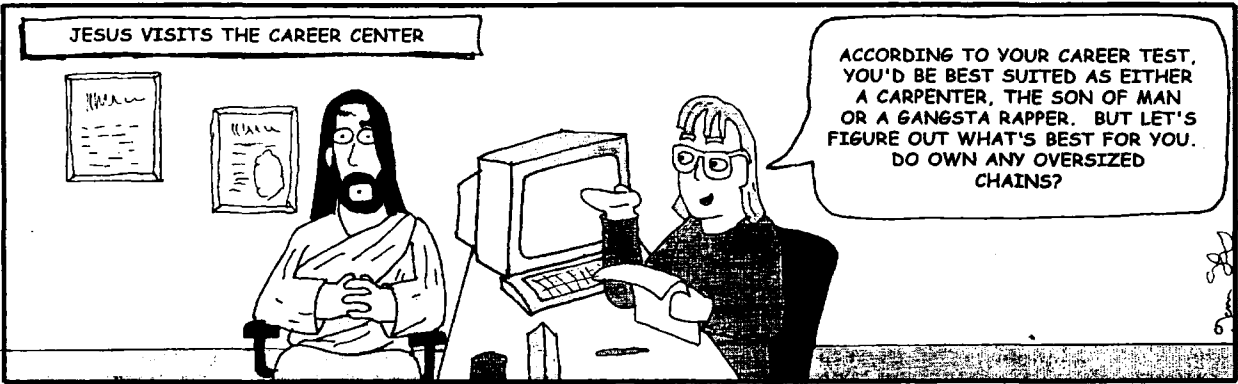


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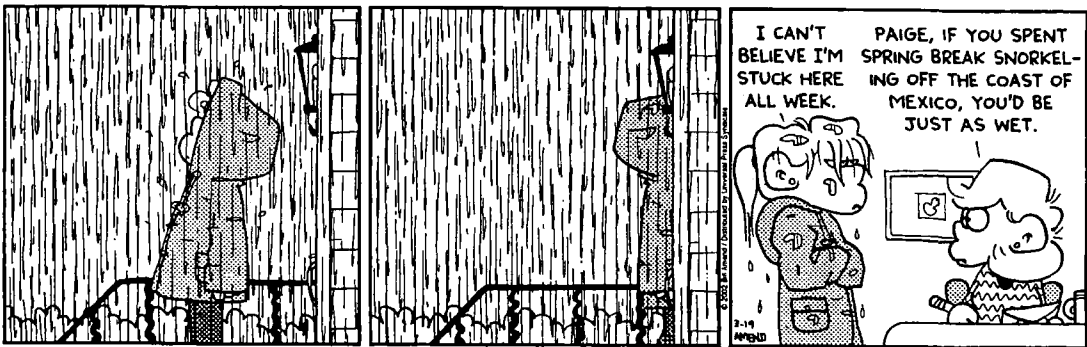
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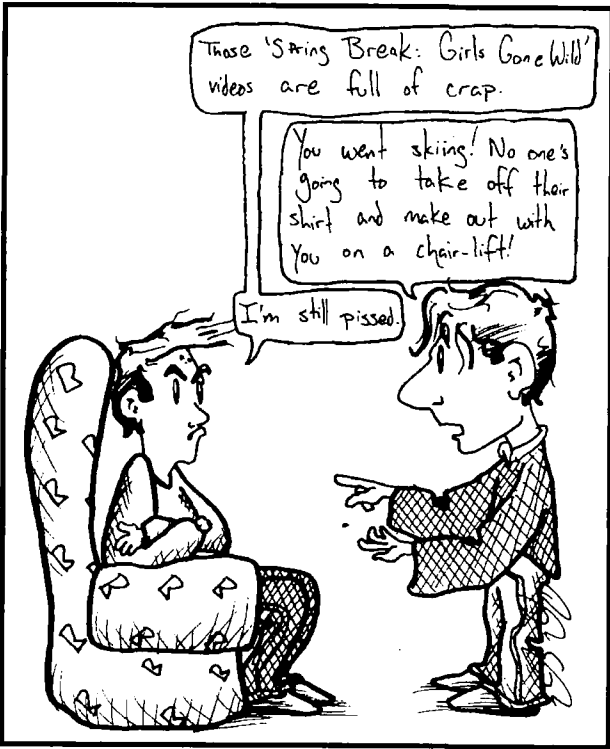
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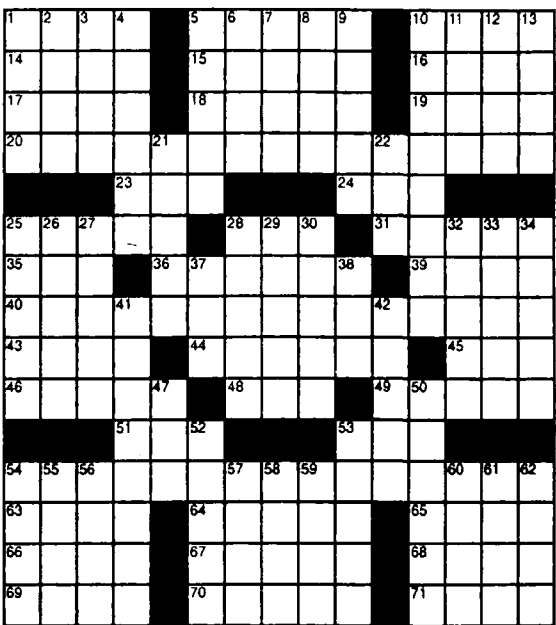
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38 Outfield surface
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42 Spinning toys
47 "How exciting!"
50 Naval standard
- 52** Dads
53 "The ____ of Wakefield"
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56 Kind of cat
- 57** Ending with hard or soft
58 Be wise to
59 Quiet type?
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Happy Birthday: All you have to do is make a few changes this year and everything else will fall into place. Take the initiative and make your dreams come true instead of just hoping that they will all by themselves. The time to take responsibility for yourself and your future is now. Your numbers are 2, 8, 14, 26, 31, 45

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your ability to make extra money will help you pay those unpaid bills that have been hanging over your head. Starting your own small business on the side could lead to greater profits in the future. ○○○

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't react too quickly to what others have to say. You will be overly sensitive and this could cause you to take things the wrong way. Listen, observe and stay calm. ○○○

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will be bound and determined to complete whatever you start today. You will have many opportunities available to you and if you are quick to take advantage of what's going on around you, profits can be made. ○○○

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Do not volunteer your services today. Too many other important issues will arise that you have to deal with. Focus on your home and making the necessary alterations. ○○○○

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't trust those you work with today. You may find yourself in an awkward position if a colleague asks you to cover for him or her. Work on your own projects and avoid getting involved. ○○

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You

will be enthusiastic and inspirational today, sparking interest in anyone you talk to. Your confidence level should be up and your ability to present your ideas with gusto will help you move in a positive direction. ○○○○○

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You have everything going for you so don't get dragged into joint ventures with someone who needs you more than you need him or her. Focus on yourself, your direction and your goals. ○○○

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Emotional issues will be difficult to handle today. Keep a cool head and let others do the talking for now. You will have a much better assessment of the situation if you listen and observe. ○○

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your ability to get things done will put you in a good position at work. If you aren't employed you should be able to find employment or accomplish a lot doing the chores that you have to complete today. ○○○

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): If you aren't happy with the way you look or your current style, today is the time to make a change. You will have some great ideas that won't be that expensive. ○○○○○

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): This may not be the best day to get along with family members but if you make plans for everyone to get involved in a joint effort, things will run relatively smoothly. Much can be accomplished if you are well-organized. ○○

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll be in the mood to get together with good friends or relatives. This is a good day to let others know how you feel and what your intentions are. ○○○○

Birthday Baby: You will tend to stick to conventional beliefs and attitudes and will be dedicated to any group or organization you join. Your interest in philosophy and in education will lead you to distant lands.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Luck of the Irish runs out

By ANDREW SOUKUP
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GREENVILLE, S.C.

If Notre Dame was to knock off top-seeded Duke in the second round of the NCAA Tournament, Irish coach Mike Brey knew the Irish would have trouble keeping Duke's point total low.

So he wanted his team to score points. And he wanted a lot of them.

"We were not going to stop them," Brey said. "That's why I said, 'Can we get 85 to 90?'"

Eighth-seeded Notre Dame played one of its best games this season, but they couldn't keep up with top-seeded Duke down the stretch as the Blue Devils advanced to the Sweet 16 with an 84-77 win over the Irish.

"This was one of the tougher games I've been involved in the NCAA as far as two teams going after each other, and I've been in a lot of them," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "That's a credit to Mike's team and his staff. We feel fortunate to win."

Neither team had trouble scoring, as nine players scored in the double-digits. Notre Dame matched Duke shot for shot, basket for basket from the opening tip and refused to be intimidated by the Blue Devils.

"You have to be aggressive with them," said David Graves, who along with Matt Carroll, finished with a game-high 20 points. "You can't step back, and if you do, they're going to kill you."

The Irish let a golden opportu-

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◆ Underdog Irish put up hearty fight against Duke

GREENVILLE, S.C.

Those poor Irish basketball players.

Didn't they know they were supposed to roll over and bow down to mighty Duke? That they should only jump around during the pre-game warm-ups because the Blue Devils wanted to jump over them during the game?



Andrew Soukup

Sports Writer

Pardon Notre Dame for not rolling over and accepting Duke's invulnerable status. They already did that three years ago. And they had quite enough of it then, thank you very much.

When David Graves and Harold Swanagan played basketball for the Irish as mere freshmen, back in what may come to be known as the Dark Age of Notre Dame basketball, a small charter plane from South Bend, Ind. flew across the United States and landed on the frozen Alaskan tundra for the Great Alaska Shootout.

During that tournament, Notre Dame played Duke and lost. Big time. The final score was 111-82. Graves said they lost by 50. Swanagan thought it was closer to 90.

In Alaska, Notre Dame played like the scrawny little kid who

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Above, Irish players Charles Thomas, Tom Timmermans, Harold Swanagan and Torrian Jones look on in disbelief as the Irish fall just short of an unlikely upset of top-seeded Duke. At right, Chris Thomas dribbles around a Blue Devil defender.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Tennessee overpowers Irish in 89-50 defeat

By NOAH AMSTADTER
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The Irish came out green Sunday night — in more ways than just the special uniforms they put on for St. Patrick's Day.

In their NCAA Midwest Regional second round contest against No. 6-ranked Tennessee, Notre Dame's young team was overmatched in virtually every aspect of the game,

falling 89-50. The loss was the most lopsided for the Irish ever under head coach Muffet McGraw. Only a Karen Swanson three-pointer with three seconds remaining prevented the team's first 40-point loss since 1983.

"We could never get anything going offensively and that really hurt us defensively. Emotionally, we were spent because we were just so frustrated that we couldn't score and then they were scoring so

easily," McGraw said of Tennessee's 45.3 field goal percentage compared to Notre Dame's 28.8 percent clip. "That just really hurt us that we couldn't convert."

After the Irish came out aggressively on both ends of the floor and built a 4-2 lead, Tennessee reclaimed the lead when freshman Britney Jackson hit the first of her two three-pointers on the night. By the midpoint of the first half, Tennessee had built a 25-14

lead, which they increased to a 53-27 halftime advantage.

"Our five starters got us off to a quick start," Lady Vols coach Pat Summitt said. "I thought the defensive intensity in the first few minutes was just terrific. It certainly gave us a lot of momentum and really ignited our offense the whole way."

Tennessee saw eleven players score, led by junior guard Kara Lawson's 16 points. Jackson added 10 while Michelle Snow came off the bench to score 11

points for the Lady Vols. Freshman Kelsey Wicks, who also led the Irish with 16 points against No. 1 Connecticut earlier this season, came off the bench to pace the Irish with 10 points.

Even as Summitt removed her starters in the second half, Tennessee's bench continued its aggressive offensive attack, building a 42-point lead before Swanson's last-second shot.

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