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Students blast off for Spring Break



A surfer catches a wave in New South Wales, Australia. Many Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students will be heading to beaches and oceans this Spring Break.

Destinations include home, tours and beaches

By K. AARON VAN
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News Writer

With spring break only hours away, at least one student is looking forward to a week of relaxation on the Pacific coastline, although the Cavanaugh resident is traveling farther north than most.

Megan Kimmet will be flying home to Anchorage, Alaska, where 30-degree temperatures, moose and glaciers are likely to greet her.

"I'm used to having snow until late April ... so it'll be nice to go back to what I'm used to," said Kimmet. "I get to go to the glaciers; it's just awesome-looking, with the icebergs out in the water; it's nice and relaxing to see."

While Anchorage does not attract the typically sun-thirsty Spring Break crowd, it remains a popular destination for "younger outdoorsy people who want to go hiking in the wilderness," according to Kimmet.

"Up there you can see so many more stars, and they're so much brighter," she said.

While the stars may be

brighter, the sun is not.

"It's still dark for a lot of the day now," said Kimmet, with the sun setting around 6:30 p.m. and rising at 7:45 a.m.

Unlike the Alaska-bound Kimmet, other members of the Notre Dame community will be on campus, working full-time.

One such member, Keenan Hall custodian Michael Adamek, will be busy cleaning rooms during his daily shift from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

"It's mandatory," said Adamek of the spring break shift. "We have to do it."

Instead of sweeping the halls and cleaning the showers, however, Adamek and his colleagues will be scouring students' rooms.

"We're going to vacuum, dust and clean the sinks," he said.

With this in mind, Adamek offered a final word to those students who will soon be departing.

"Spread the word around: empty every wastebasket," Adamek said.

Joining Adamek at Notre Dame, many juniors have

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Over 140 attending CSC-sponsored service learning seminars

By DUSTIN VON HANDORF
News Writer

While the majority of the Notre Dame student body will be spending their free time over spring break with family and friends, other students have chosen to donate their break to serve the poor in several cities through seminars

offered by the Center for Social Concerns.

Each of the seminars is one credit hour and aims to combine Catholic Social Tradition with civic engagement. Students attend meetings before traveling to familiarize themselves with the activities they will be taking part in over the break. Upon their return, they write a reflection paper

about their experiences.

One of the seminars, and currently the CSC's most popular, is the Appalachia seminar, which offers over 140 students the opportunity to work with several agencies in Southern states.

Carl Loesch, director of the Appalachia Seminar and

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Prom dresses make 'princesses for a day'

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

Every girl dreams of being a princess, complete with a sparkly dress and prince at her arm, and with the help of concerned Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students and staff members, the wishes of local high school students are about to come true.

Inspired by a similar drive in Fort Wayne last year, Princess for a Night is an event that provides local high school junior and senior girls with a dress, free of charge, to wear to their prom.

The effort is actually a merging of two different drives, said Saint Mary's junior Aubrey Szany, one of the students who suggested the idea to Erin Ytterberg, chair of Princess for a Night and staff member in the Office of Research at the Graduate School.

"After I began to get involved in this project through the [Residence Hall Association], I came to find out that there were two other girls on campus who were doing a prom dress drive. We kind of combined efforts, though our drive is done for St. Joseph's County,

and theirs is for Walkerton County," Szany said.

Ytterberg said that while no campus organizations are directly involved, the Junior League of South Bend — of which she is a member — and Ziker Cleaners are running the project.

Though this is the first year for the event, Ytterberg said there was a strong response from local merchants and community members. She said she hopes for an equal effort from the student population. She encouraged students to ask friends, family members and even neighbors to check their closets for extra dress and said that donations will be accepted to purchase special dress sizes.

"We currently have around 400 dresses, and we are hoping for more," she said. "We all remember prom and what a special and exciting event it is during high school. We want every girl to have the opportunity to go and feel like a princess, and not be held back because of the expense."

Szany agreed, adding that Princess for a Night is an event that most college women would have little

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OIT re-engineers new Net connection

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
News Writer

The Office of Information Technologies has worked to re-engineer its new Internet connection with the service provider and optimistically hopes that it will be activated again in two weeks.

The connection was activated twice last week, but hardware failures both times rendered the connection inoperable several hours after it had been activated.

The connection will initially replace the Internet connection to all buildings on campus except dorms, increasing the bandwidth from 25 Mbps to 100 Mbps. The Internet2 connection will also be increased from 20 Mbps to 100 Mbps.

Chief Technology Officer Dewitt Latimer characterized the two failures as a surprise on the part of the University, disappointment on the part of

the Internet service vendor and embarrassment on the part of the hardware vendor.

Latimer said that during the second attempt to activate the connection, both the Internet service vendor and the vendor of hardware that transmits data through the fiber to the Chicago were monitoring the connection. It failed approximately one hour after activation, and while the connection was later re-established, the hardware vendor was unable to explain why it failed, prompting OIT to request that a different hardware vendor be used.

"It's one thing for it to fail and the hardware manufacturer to say, 'Yep, we know exactly why it failed ...' but when they keep throwing their hands up in the air and saying 'We're not really sure why it failed,' that's when it's time to do business with another company," Latimer said.

Hardware from the new vendor, Cisco Systems, has been ordered and will be installed by the Internet service vendor. OIT will then test the connection again before attempting to reactivate it.

Similar testing, pushing the maximum 100 Mbps of traffic down the link, also occurred before the connection was activated both times. Additionally, four South Bend companies had been using the fiber for Internet access for 45

days before Notre Dame activated its connection. But no one has been able to explain why the connection functioned with the test traffic and the companies' traffic, but failed when Notre Dame used the link.

"We are still trying to understand what differences existed between the test and production grade traffic that may have triggered the equipment failure. We are not waiting for that to occur, we are going to insist that they use equipment that has been demonstrated to be effective in environments just like this," Chief Information Officer Gordon Wishon said.

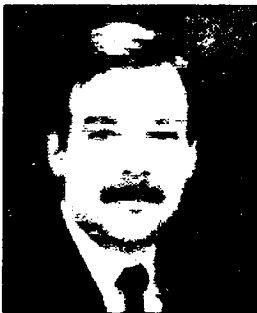
Latimer said the failures were out of the control of the network engineering team, which deserves praise for their efforts to implement the new connection.

"If anybody had a sour taste, it was them. They busted their tails to do this right and got penalized by a gremlin in the network gear," Latimer said.

The initiative to change the Internet connection was undertaken over a year ago in an effort not only to increase bandwidth, but to lower the costs of Internet service, which are extremely high in the Michiana region due to a lack of competition.

"Notre Dame is in a region

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Latimer



Wishon

INSIDE COLUMN

Home
sweet home

While other Domers are spending their Spring Breaks in exotic locations like the Caribbean or Mexico, I'm spending mine in Dallas. (Yes, I'm from Texas.) And I'm really excited about it.

Although I've usually traveled over the break, I think it will be nice to just kick back at home. I'm looking forward to some quality time with my parents, my dog and my bed. I miss my mattress lots.



Joe Trombello

Assistant
News Editor

There will be no Real-Worldesque exploits at my house. Nothing Panama-City like. Just lots of sleep and reading (maybe even a little for fun) and television. Three cheers for Game Show Network and Great American Country. I've missed all those songs about pickup trucks and break-ups and cowboy boots. Outkast ain't got nothing on the Dixie Chicks.

I'll still be able to lounge around by the pool, if I choose, but it won't be with exotic white sand or crashing waves. Unless you count the noises from the family with their annoying children in the backyard next to ours. Maybe they'll be inside. With the flu.

The mid-semester breaks always come at the best times, too. I think Notre Dame pinpoints the exact moment when you are so stressed out you can't see straight and immediately declares a week-long break. Maybe it cuts down on liability insurance or the lines at the health services center. God knows they need help with that.

Dallas is actually a pretty happening place, something I've realized more now that an Observer friend is going to live there. We have great culture, sports and weather — most of the time. The food is pretty good too; it usually beats home cooking. And there's no strange smell like another Texas city that begins with "H" and ends with "ouston."

I'm sure I'll hear plenty of wild stories about hook-ups and beverages and cruise ships when I return, and I doubt I'll have anything nearly so interesting to share back, but it won't bother me a bit.

And of course I could do a lot worse.

I could be here. Studying for the MCATs.

(Best of luck, medical school applicants.)

I just don't envy you.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: HOW ARE YOU GETTING TO YOUR SPRING BREAK DESTINATION?



Tracy Dolan
Freshman
McGlinn

"We're taking a road trip to UVA."



Aaron McLeran
Grad Student
Fischer Grad

"Jogging."



Stephanie Madla
Sophomore
Howard

"Rollin' like Molly Huddle in a 5K."



Kristin Pene
Sophomore
Howard

"Pacing 'SED The Bobbler.'"



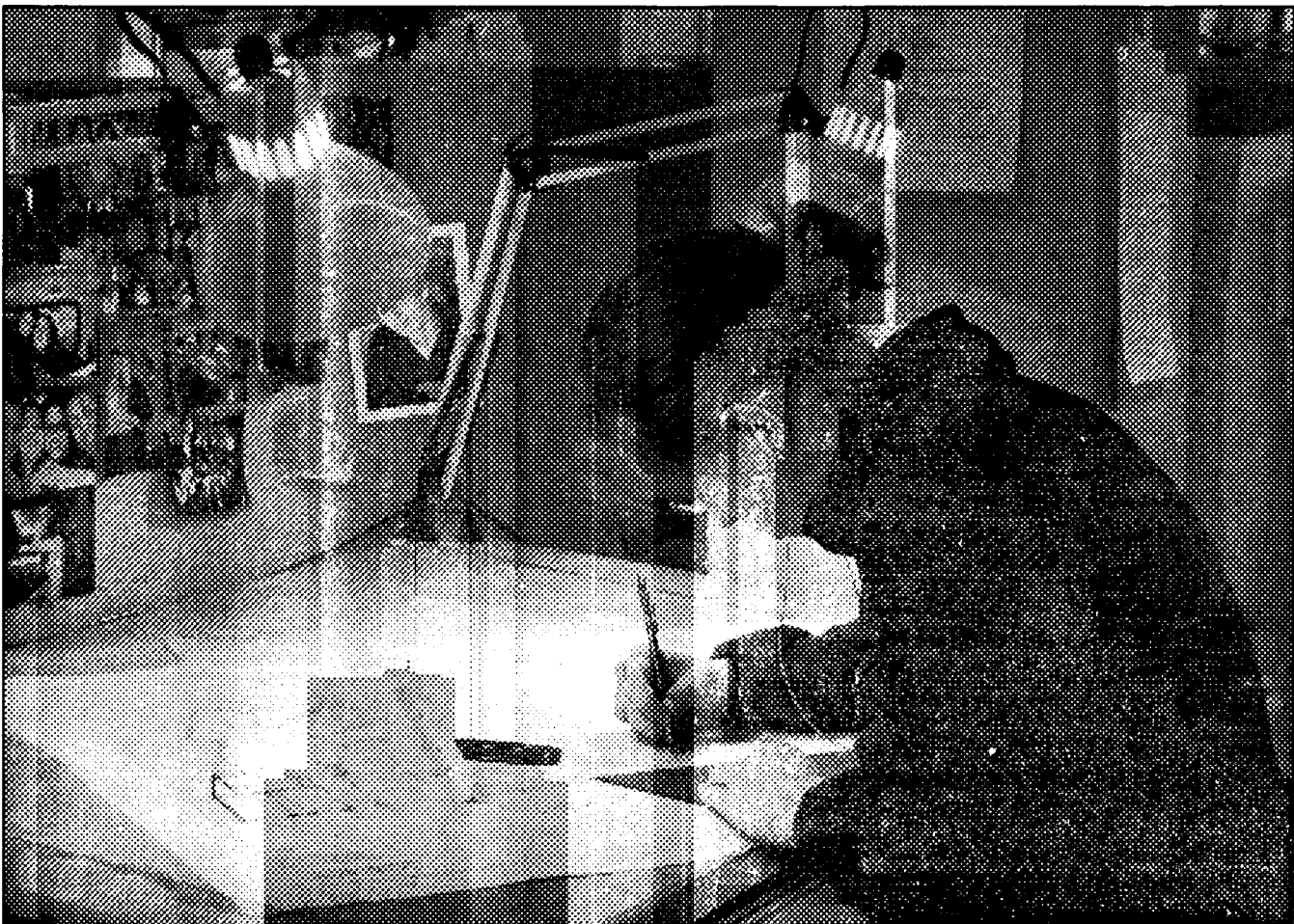
Sarah TeBeest
Freshman
Pangborn

"Driving like ten hours."



Tom Wang
Freshman
Alumni

"Plane."



MATTHEW SMEDBERG/The Observer

Sophomore Kelly Morgan works late in Bond Hall on an architecture project. Drafting an art museum in Paris, Morgan's work is due after Spring Break, but she has already spent a month on her project.

OFFBEAT

Seniors fight in retirement community over salad

WINTER HAVEN, Fla — A dispute at the salad bar turned into a food fracas at an upscale retirement home, with a man taking a bite out of another's arm and other residents suffering minor injuries.

Police said resident Lee Thoss, 62, of the Spring Haven Retirement Community was picking through the lettuce, which disgusted 86-year-old William Hocker, who was standing in line behind him.

Hocker told Thoss no one wanted to eat food he had been playing with. Thoss

yelled and cursed at him, Hocker told police, and Hocker called him a nasty name. Then, witnesses said, Thoss then began punching Hocker in the face.

In the buffet melee that followed, Allen Croft, 79, tried to grab Thoss, who bit him on the arm, reports said.

Ohio teacher admits to duct taping students

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A high school math teacher is accused of using duct tape and plastic ties to restrain female students in his classroom.

Police Sgt. Sheila Wilson said Robert Martin, 25, admitted he bound the girls' hands with plastic ties and covered their mouths with duct tape in three incidents in May, September and October. Two of the girls were 15 and the other was 17.

Wilson said Martin, a teacher at Walnut Ridge High School, claimed it was just horseplay.

"He indicated one of the girls said she had never been handcuffed and he asked her if she wanted to be handcuffed," Wilson said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Midwest Ecology and Evolution Conference will be held March 5 to 7 at McKenna Hall. Michael Rosenzweig, Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Arizona, will give the keynote address tonight at 7:30 p.m.

The Omaha Theatre Company for Young People will perform "How Anansi Came to America" tomorrow from 3 to 5 p.m. in the O'Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary's.

President of the Irish political party Sinn Fein, Gerry Adams will speak at Washington Hall March 16 at 5 p.m. Adams, an advocate of the reunification of West Ireland, is Member of Parliament for West Belfast.

A pizza and pro-life persuasion discussion will occur in the Knights of Columbus building from 6 to 7 p.m. March 16.

The ND Schola Musicorum will present an all-day concert of Gregorian Chant and early polyphony music in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. The event will occur March 17.

Legends will sponsor a Saint Patrick's Day Party with the band Another Pint. The concert will occur Saint Patrick's Day, March 17, beginning at 9 p.m.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.

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'Monologues' come to SMC unofficially

By ANNELIESE WOOLFORD
Saint Mary's Editor

An underground student reading of The Vagina Monologues took place Feb. 27 in Regina Hall, despite a March 2001 statement by Saint Mary's President Marilou Eldred that the College would no longer sponsor public readings of the controversial play on campus.

Saint Mary's spokeswoman Melanie McDonald said small groups of students often gather on campus for many reasons without official endorsement, and the College does not oppose the right of these groups to gather for purposes of reading plays, books or other texts.

Senior Amanda Wishin, who attended the underground event, said about 80 students gathered in Regina Hall's north lounge for the Feb. 27 reading.

The reading was not sponsored, endorsed or advertised by the College. However, Saint Mary's officials said they had advance suspicions that it might occur.

"I became aware [Feb. 24] that an underground reading of The Vagina Monologues might take place on campus this year," vice president for Student Affairs Linda Timm said.

Students cited a variety of reasons for attending the reading, ranging from peer support to interest in the Monologues themselves.

"I decided to attend because I believe they are empowering and inspiring for all women," senior Carrie Freeman said. "I have attended an above-ground performance of The Vagina Monologues in London. I enjoyed it so much that I was really looking forward to seeing the reading at Saint Mary's."

Freeman said that she learned of the impromptu reading through word of mouth from other students.

The Observer was unable to contact the students who organized the reading.

The most recent official performance of The Vagina Monologues in 2000 at Saint Mary's, caused an overwhelmingly negative response. McDonald

said members of the immediate campus community, in addition to external constituencies such as the Board of Trustees, Parent's Council and alumnae complained about the performance.

She said attention should focus on consistently respectful treatment of females, instead of on the annual clashes that the Monologues provoke.

"It's important to note that Saint Mary's goes well beyond a once-per-year reading of The Vagina Monologues to raise awareness about and combat violence against women and cultivate respect for human sexuality," McDonald said.

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"I decided to attend because I believe they are empowering and inspiring for all women."

Carrie Freeman
senior

Judge rules: custody to mother

Girl, kidnapped in infancy, to be reunited with birth mother

Associated Press

MOUNT HOLLY, N.J. — A judge approved a plan Thursday to grant custody to the biological mother of a 6-year-old girl who was allegedly snatched from her crib as a newborn.

"I'm going to have her pronto — very, very soon," said Luz Cuevas, the mother of Delimar Vera.

Her lawyer, Andrew Micklin, said the custody transfer will be a gradual process before the girl lives permanently with her mother.

The little girl's case was thrown into the national spotlight Monday, when authorities in Philadelphia announced they were charging the only mother

she has ever known — Carolyn Correa — with kidnapping, arson and 13 other crimes.

Police said Correa took the 10-day-old baby from her crib in December 1997 and then set fire to the home to cover her tracks. The infant was thought to have been consumed in the flames.

Cuevas attorney Anthony Cianfrani said the biological mother told authorities she believed Delimar had been kidnapped, but that nothing was done.

In the meantime, Correa, 42, named the baby Aliyah Hernandez and raised her in Willingboro, N.J., just a few miles from Philadelphia.

Six years passed before Correa, the little girl and

Cuevas all wound up at the same birthday party, where Cuevas said she had a hunch Aliyah Hernandez was really her own daughter.

To obtain possible DNA evidence Cuevas thought would prove the girl was hers, Cuevas pretended there was gum in the child's hair so she could pull off several strands. The strands were later turned over to police.

But Chad Summerfield, a forensic scientist with the Philadelphia police, said tests were unable to produce any DNA because the strands lacked roots or follicles. As a result, authorities took swabs of saliva from the girl, Correa and the couple who were believed to be the little girl's biological parents.

Probe blasts Ariz. prison system

Associated Press

PHOENIX — A prison warden was demoted and eight other supervisors reassigned after an investigation into a 15-day hostage standoff in a watchtower found gaps in security compounded by "years worth of bad decisions" at all levels of Arizona's prison system.

"The findings of this committee, to say the least, are disturbing," Herb Guenther, co-chairman of the panel investigating the hostage situation, said Thursday. "This is a monster that is awry right now. It will be a monumental task to turn this agency around."

The panel, appointed by Gov. Janet Napolitano, found that the hostage situation was the

result of "a series of small but critical gaps in security" that were made worse by inattention and complacency across the prison system.

The panel was part of ongoing investigations into how two inmates were able to overpower two guards on Jan. 18 and hold them hostage in the tower at the Arizona State Prison Complex-Lewis in Buckeye, about 50 miles southwest of Phoenix.

One hostage, Jason Auch, was released Jan. 24. The other, a female guard who said she was raped, was released Feb. 1, the day inmates Ricky Wassenaar and Steven Coy surrendered. Wassenaar has said the standoff was the result of a failed escape attempt.

Investigators concluded that a crisis of some kind at a state prison was inevitable given what it called chronic underfunding by the Legislature, a lack of adequate training for officers, severe staffing shortages and poor morale.

"Many things went wrong," the panel said. "Some spontaneous and isolated, others the result of long-term institutional neglect and decay."

The panel found that one of the direct problems leading to the standoff was the fact that there was only one officer for 19 inmates in the kitchen, where the incident began. It also determined that of the 800-plus officers at the prison, half have two years or less of service.

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decided to forgo hedonism for extra MCAT study time.

Keough Hall resident Michael Annen said he plans to use the week to get in extra study time.

"I don't have a ton of time during the [school] week to study for it, so this gives me a week where I can concentrate on it."

This is the first year that Annen has not left campus, and his plans contrast sharply with last year's trip to the Bahamas, according to friend Jake Granatino.

"I can understand his need to stay on campus," said Granatino. "There can be a lot of distractions over spring break."

This year, however, Granatino is traveling to Ft. Lauderdale, and many of his other friends are heading for cruises in such places as New Orleans, California and the Caribbean.

Annen said that he had mixed feeling about not being able to attend the cruise with

his friends.

"It sucks, but it's my future, and I've got to do it," he said.

His friends are not the only students traveling to California, however, as the Glee Club starts its biannual tour in Sacramento.

Freshman Jonathan Lin will be traveling from the capital of the Golden State all the way north to Vancouver, "taking stops and doing shows in Sacramento, Seattle, Portland."

During the week, the club members will stay both with host families and in hotels.

"This is a record: we get three nights in hotels this trip," Lin said.

Lin said that he plans to use the free time to do some sightseeing.

"On the free days, [we will] just drive around town and see the sights," he said.

As Lin and others prove, Spring Break affords all students the opportunity to work, play or just simply relax.

"The possibilities are endless," Lin said.

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that has traditionally not been well served by the major national carriers," Wishon said. "The effect of the lack of competition in the area was principally felt through high prices."

Latimer said that the new connection, which is a direct feed to Chicago, will cost the University about eight times less than its current connection with the service provider Genuity.

Wishon said the process of installing the connection, called a "dark fiber," was approached as a development initiative.

"It's not an easy engineering feat to get a dark fiber or any fiber connectivity across that span of distance [from Notre Dame to Chicago] ...," Wishon said.

While the new connection will be contractually limited to a bandwidth of

100 Mbps, the connection has the ability to allow 600 Mbps of bandwidth to Chicago.

Initially, it will not carry dorm Internet traffic from ResNet, which currently has 45 Mbps of bandwidth through South Bend service provider Gramtel. By the summer time, though, this traffic will be shifted to the new connection and the University will no longer use Gramtel for an Internet connection.

However, the University will maintain a connection with Gramtel that can be activated in short notice in the event that the new connection should fail.

"It would be naïve on our parts to put all our eggs in one basket, even though the circuitry is engineered to be redundant throughout," Latimer said. "The future also holds to promise of additional redundant connections between here and Chicago."

"It's not an easy engineering feat to get a dark fiber or any fiber connectivity across that span of distance [from Notre Dame to Chicago]"

Gordon Wishon
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Delays in lakes barrier plague Army

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Great Lakes lawmakers criticized the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on Thursday for delays in setting up an electric barrier to protect the waterways from invasive species.

The Corps had planned to spend \$4.4 million this year to build the barrier on the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, but its proposed 2005 budget slashed funding for the project to \$500,000.

Sens. Mike DeWine and George Voinovich, both R-Ohio, and Carl Levin, D-Mich., and 22 other lawmakers sent a letter to the Corps this week asking that the funding be restored so the project can be completed this year.

They said the barrier is needed to keep species such as the Asian carp, which can destroy a system's food supply, from swimming up the Mississippi River to the Chicago River and into Lake Michigan.

A temporary barrier has already been in operation on the Great Lakes for several years. Lawmakers said its positive results show the need for a second barrier, which consists of electric cables under the canal that emit low-level charges to keep fish away.

Corps officials in Washington and Chicago did not return calls seeking comment.

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Educational Immersions, explained the program.

"[Students] work with agencies, such as churches, schools, and area agencies," he said.

Students will mostly work on home repairs, but they will also have the opportunity to participate in some meetings with area officials. The participants chose their location from 14 sites in West Virginia, Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky.

The CSC also offers the Children in Poverty seminar in New York.

"Students learn more about the issue [of poverty]. They meet with the United Nations, churches and schools to learn how children are affected by poverty," Loesch said.

Students who participate in the Washington D.C. seminar will study documents by the U.S. Catholic Bishops to better learn how to bring faith into the realm of politics.

"The theme is faith and citizenship," Loesch said.

The Migrant Experiences seminar takes place in Immokalee, Fla. and allows students to better understand the immigrant experience.

According to Loesch, the seminar lets students "live and work with migrant workers and thus learn about issues such as immigration [and] fair wages related to migrant farm workers."

The L'Arche seminar allows students to interact with people living in a community built specifically for disabled persons in Toronto, Canada. This seminar takes place with the cooperation of L'Arche International, a conglomerate of faith-based communities.

Finally, some students are taking the Holy Cross Mission Seminar in Coachella, Calif. Ten to 12 students will live with parishioners, mostly Hispanic, to better learn about the experience of Hispanic ministry.

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trouble lending a hand to.

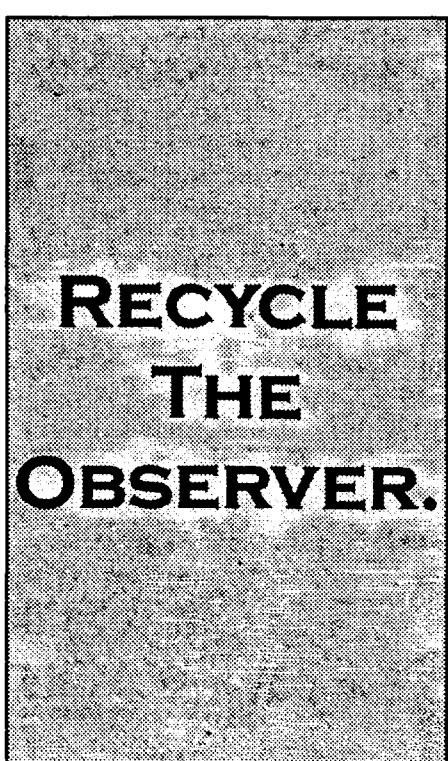
"I know at home I have tons of dresses I don't even use, so why would I hold on to them if they're just going to sit there and I could be putting them to good use for people who can't afford them?" she said. "It's really hard to find an inexpensive dress, and it's an amazing thing for people with very little money to be able to get a good dress for free."

The deadline for the drive is March 19 at 5 p.m., and once everything is organized, St. Joseph County will hold an event at University Park Mall where the high school girls can choose the dress they want.

Though Ziker Cleaners was the dress collection point through February, there is no designated spot as of now. However, students can bring dresses to Ytterberg in the Office of Research at 511 Main Building.

Now all that's missing from the picture is the prince, but that's another story.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

9/11 convict gets new trial

KARLSRUHE, Germany — The only person in the world convicted in the Sept. 11 attacks won a retrial Thursday after an appeals court faulted Washington for refusing to allow testimony from a key al-Qaida captive.

The Federal Criminal Court overturned the conviction of Mounir el Motassadeq, a Moroccan, leaving German prosecutors with little to show for their efforts to pursue suspects who may have belonged to the Hamburg cell that included three of the suicide hijackers.

A month ago, el Motassadeq's friend Abdelghani Mzoudi was acquitted of identical charges of giving logistical aid to the cell. Relatives of Sept. 11 victims again expressed frustration and Germany's top security official, Interior Minister Otto Schily, called Thursday's ruling "regrettable."

Euro heat worst in 500 years

WASHINGTON — Last year's deadly summer in Europe probably was the hottest on the continent in at least five centuries, according to researchers who analyzed old records, soil cores and other evidence. More than 19,000 people died.

Researchers at the University of Bern, Switzerland, collected and analyzed temperature data from all over Europe, including such climate measures as tree rings from 1500. They found that the climate has been generally warming and last summer was the most torrid of all.

NATIONAL NEWS

Bush ads anger 9/11 families

WASHINGTON — President Bush's campaign commercials — on the air just one day — have angered several relatives of victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, and a firefighters union that has endorsed Democratic rival John Kerry demanded the ads be pulled.

The White House defended the commercials, which show images of the skeletal remains of the World Trade Center and firefighters bearing a stretcher through the rubble.

"It makes me sick," said Colleen Kelly, who lost her brother Bill Kelly Jr., in the attacks and leads a victims families group called Peaceful Tomorrows.

NYC rejects same-sex marriage

NEW YORK — The fight over gay marriages reached the nation's largest city Thursday as about three dozen same-sex couples asked for licenses and were turned down. One applicant warned, "This isn't going away."

Couples in a New York suburb were also rejected, but across the country in Portland, Ore., a line of at least 100 hopefuls snaked around a building as Multnomah County handed out licenses to gay couples for a second day.

STATE NEWS

Cash crunch hits trash dump

BLOOMINGTON — The state has denied Monroe County officials' request to double a property tax rate to raise money to correct violations at the county landfill.

The opinion by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance leaves the Monroe County Solid Waste Management District in deep financial trouble and little time to find a solution.

"We're talking about days," County Commissioner Joyce Poling, who serves on the waste district board, said Wednesday.

District Director Mary Ellen Gray estimated this week that the district did not have enough money to keep operating for more than one month.

The district faces about \$1 million in unexpected costs.

AP poll: Bush, Kerry tied in race

Results show neither candidate has majority; Nader voters could swing outcome

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In the first poll since John Kerry locked up the Democratic nomination, Kerry and President Bush are tied while independent Ralph Nader has captured enough support to affect the outcome, validating Democrats' fears.

The Republican incumbent had the backing of 46 percent, Kerry 45 percent and Nader, the 2000 Green Party candidate who entered the race last month, was at 6 percent in the survey conducted for The Associated Press by Ipsos-Public Affairs.

Bush and the four-term Massachusetts senator, who emerged as the nominee Tuesday after a string of primary race wins over several rivals, have been running close or Kerry has been ahead in most recent polls that did not include Nader.

Since Nader entered the race Feb. 22, campaign strategists and political analysts have been trying to assess the impact of another presidential bid by the consumer activist whom Democrats blame for Al Gore's loss in 2000.

Four years ago, Nader appeared on the ballot in 43 states and Washington, D.C., garnering only 2.7 percent of the vote. But in Florida and New Hampshire, Bush won such narrow victories that had Gore received the bulk of Nader's votes in those states, he would have won the general election.

Exit polls from 2000 show that about half of Nader's voters would have backed Gore in a two-way race. Nader dismisses the spoiler label.

While Nader's support in



President Bush shakes hands with school children Thursday after he had his motorcade pull over on the way to the airport in Bakersfield, Calif. According to an AP poll, Bush is tied with presidential hopeful Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass.

the AP-Ipsos poll was 6 percent, his backing in polls in 2000 fluctuated in the single digits — often at about 4 percent, but sometimes higher. This year, Nader is unlikely to get the Green Party nod and facing a stiff challenge in getting his name on the ballot in 50 states.

Kenneth Freeman, an 86-year-old retiree from New Smyrna Beach, Fla., who leans Democratic, was clearly unhappy with Nader's presidential bid.

"Ralph Nader is fouling it all up," Freeman said. "He's taking votes away from the Democrats. I think he's on an ego trip."

Bush's job approval in the AP-Ipsos poll was 48 percent, with 49 percent disapproving, which is essentially the same as last month when 47 percent approved of the president's job performance.

His approval rating, which soared close to 90

percent after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and remained high for months, has dipped to the lowest levels of his presidency in recent weeks.

Six in 10 said the country is on the wrong track, up from last month, while slightly more than a third of those surveyed — 35 percent — said the country is headed in the right direction.

"We're 240-something days from Election Day. We've got a long way to go and expect it to be a close race throughout, no matter what the factors are," said Terry Holt, a spokesman for the Bush campaign.

The poll was conducted Monday through Wednesday as Kerry captured nine of 10 Super Tuesday elections and claimed the nomination. Nightly results suggested that Kerry did not get a bounce from winning the

nomination.

"For all those who want to bring change to America, we need to remain united behind the Democratic nominee," said Kerry campaign spokeswoman Stephanie Cutter.

Kerry, who had solid backing from 28 percent of the voters, was running strong among minorities, people with low incomes, single people, older voters and Catholics.

Bush, who had solid backing from 37 percent, performed well among whites, men, Protestants, homeowners and suburban dwellers.

"I'm worried about the Democrats taking control," said Stephanie Rahaniotis, a Republican from Lynbrook, N.Y. She said after the Sept. 11 attacks, she feels safer with Bush in charge and thinks Democrats will "divert our attention from the military."

HAITI

U.S. Marines get mixed reactions

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE — U.S. Marines trained their rifles down gritty streets and into a teeming market as they patrolled the Haitian capital with other peacekeepers Thursday, drawing smiles and a few angry words, but no resistance.

Hatred is still simmering among various factions nearly a week after President Jean-Bertrand Aristide was ousted in a rebellion that left at least 130 people dead, with new killings discovered outside Port-au-Prince.

As the Marines rolled into the looted port area in eight Light Armored Vehicles and ventured into the crowds, onlookers gathered around in curiosity but showed no fear.

At one point, a Marine poured a can-teen of water over his head to cool off in the sweltering heat, drawing chuckles from passers-by.

"I feel much safer now the Marines are here," said Frantz Labissiere, 44. "I wouldn't be here if the Marines weren't here."

But not everyone shared his view. As the convoy passed an angry knot of people, one youth shouted: "You took our president — now you're taking our country!"

Others held up photographs of Aristide, who fled the country Sunday as rebels neared the outskirts of the capital and the United States and former colonial ruler France pressed him to resign.

Haiti's first freely elected leader lost a lot of popularity in Haiti — and in Washington, which restored him to power in 1994 after he was ousted in a 1991 military coup — because he allegedly used militant loyalists to attack and intimidate his opponents, failed to help the poor and condoned corruption. Aristide, in exile in the

Central African Republic, has denied the accusations.

The Central African Republic will offer him permanent asylum if he asks but would find it difficult to pay for his upkeep, the government said Thursday.

"I can't say definitively if Mr. Aristide will stay here or if he'll go, but if he asks us, we won't refuse him," Communications Minister Parfait Mbaye told The Associated Press in Bangui.

The Organization of American States announced the establishment Thursday of a tripartite council that is the first step to forming a government of national unity in Haiti. The members are Leslie Voltaire, who was Aristide's Minister for Haitians Abroad; former opposition Sen. Paul Denis, a member of the Democratic Platform coalition; and Adama Guindo, the U.N. resident representative in Haiti.

Senate attributes leak to two ex-GOP staffers

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two former Senate Republican staffers are to blame for distributing Democratic computer memos about judicial nominees to Republicans, but the computer files also were not adequately protected, said a Senate report released Thursday.

Democrats are calling for an outside investigation, but the committee has yet to decide what its next step will be. The report said 4,670 files were found on a GOP aide's computer, "the majority of which appeared to be from folders belonging to Democratic staff."

Senate Judiciary Chairman Orrin Hatch said the intrusion was inexcusable.

"I am mortified that this improper, unethical, simply unacceptable breach of confidential files occurred," said Hatch, R-Utah.

Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., who said his office was targeted for the snooping, suggested that Illinois U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald be appointed as a special prosecutor by the Justice Department to review the information uncovered so far and make recommendations on how to proceed.

Added Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y.: "It is my view and the view of a few others, that the only way to get to the bottom of this is a special counsel with full investigative powers."

A report released by the Judiciary Committee and authored by Senate Sergeant-at-Arms William Pickle's office faults two former GOP aides: Manuel Miranda, who worked for Senate Majority Leader Bill

Frist and Hatch, before resigning, and Jason Lundell, a clerk who worked on nominations for Hatch before leaving last year.

The report said the investigation did not identify any other individuals besides Miranda and Lundell "who were accessing other users' files on the Judiciary Committee computer network."

This marks the first time Lundell has been named. Senators had been referring to him as a "young Hatch staffer." No address was available for him.

Miranda, in an e-mailed statement, said the report "merely colors in what we volunteered over three months ago, but does so at the cost of \$500,000."

Regardless, "the report fails to find any criminal hacking or any credible suggestion of criminal acts," said Miranda. He also asked for an investigation of what he called "unethical substance" of the Democrats' memos.

Conservatives say the memos prove the Democrats colluded with liberal groups concerning which Bush nominees to block, and at least one ethics complaint has been filed against Durbin and Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., based on the leaked information.

Punishment for the snooping was "beyond the scope of this report," but if the Justice Department attempts to prosecute, lawyers could use the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act — a misdemeanor punishable by a fine and a year imprisonment upon conviction, the report said.

NBC airs Princess Diana tapes

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Princess Diana sadly described an unhappy and desperate existence in her early life married to Prince Charles in audiotapes recorded by her biographer.

The Princess of Wales described her early knowledge of Prince Charles' affair with Camilla Parker Bowles, her battle with bulimia and several suicide attempts in recordings broadcast Thursday in a two-part NBC News special.

"I just had tremendous hope in me which was slashed by day two," she told her biographer Andrew Morton with an ironic snicker.

Diana, who was 36 when she died in a 1997 auto accident in Paris, also described how sad she was in her relationship with Prince Charles.

"My husband made me feel so inadequate in every possible way," she said. "Every

time I tried to come up for air, he pushed me back down again."

NBC wouldn't say how much it paid author Morton's publisher for the tapes, which served as the basis of the special, "Princess Diana: The Secret Tapes."

When Morton's book, "Diana: Her True Story" was published in 1992, it punctured the fairytale fantasy so many royalty fans had cherished. At the time, Diana did not acknowledge being the source of it.

But when Morton published a revised version barely a month after Diana's death, he said the princess was the source of the original version.

There were few, if any, revelations in 1997's "Diana, Her True Story — In Her Own Words."

But Morton included a 46-page transcript of words he said were all Diana's except for some in parentheses. He said they substantiated everything he had written previ-

ously about her.

Diana had cooperated with the book "fully and frankly and consistently over an eight, nine-month period of time," he said.

Morton said he obtained the taped comments from the princess by using a go-between who conducted the interviews but wanted to keep his identity secret.

Within days, however, the book's publisher Michael O'Mara issued a statement saying Dr. James Colthurst, a longtime friend of Princess Diana, had taped her interviews.

NBC used mostly stock footage of Diana to illustrate its special. But in next week's second part, it will use never-before-seen footage purchased from Diana's former speech coach of her practicing speeches.

NBC has acknowledged that the tapes provide no new revelations, but contends it will be illuminating to viewers to hear Diana's own voice.

Coast Guard finds terrorist connections

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Nine people with ties to terrorist organizations were identified during a 14-month Coast Guard and FBI investigation into national security threats and document fraud among U.S. merchant ships, officials said Thursday.

The investigation also found thousands of cases of potential fraud and identified individuals working on ships who had arrest warrants pending against them.

"Through extensive and detailed investigative efforts, we have reduced vulnerabilities to terrorism by preventing the fraudulent use of credentials by those who seek to harm our nation and its citizens," said Admiral Thomas Collins, the Coast Guard commandant.

The FBI and Coast Guard examined the records of more than 200,000 individuals who work aboard commercial ships, including passenger ships. Such employees must apply for credentials from the federal government that certify they are qualified to work aboard the ship and that allow them to embark and disembark while at


a foreign port.

It is a federal crime to make false statements on the credential applications or to fail to disclose a required piece of information, such as past drug use. Some of people who did so are being referred to U.S. attorneys around the country for prosecution, said Coast Guard spokeswoman Jolie Shifflet.

No details were available about the nine people possibly associated with terrorist groups. Since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks blamed on al-Qaida, U.S. officials have been concerned that terrorists might enter the country via seaports or launch attacks on oil tankers or other ships.

About a dozen individuals have been arrested because of the pending criminal warrants against them. The Coast Guard is working to revoke the mariner credentials of those who were obtained under false pretenses.

In addition, the Coast Guard, FBI and Navy screened mariners who were working on commercial ships carrying material for the war in Iraq, with about a dozen of them removed from the vessels when questions arose.



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Ask Jeeves buys search sites

SAN FRANCISCO — Online search engine Ask Jeeves Inc. is buying a family of popular Web sites that includes Excite.com and iWon.com, doubling the company's size as it vies to wrest market share away from industry leaders Google Inc. and Yahoo! Inc.

The value of the cash-and-stock deal announced Thursday climbed to \$420 million after Ask Jeeves' shares soared by 40 percent on the news.

Emeryville, Calif.-based Ask Jeeves is paying \$150 million in cash and 9.3 million shares of its stock for Interactive Search Holdings, a privately held company in Irvington, N.Y., with about 200 employees and more than \$100 million in annual revenue.

Martha jurors look at perjury

NEW YORK — The Martha Stewart jury indicated Thursday that it was focusing on whether her stockbroker committed perjury in an interview about a phone message he left for the homemaking maven.

But jurors completed their second day of deliberations without reaching a verdict against Stewart or broker Peter Bacanovic. They were to resume deliberations Friday morning.

In a note to the judge, jurors asked about a charge that Bacanovic committed perjury when he told investigators he left a message for Stewart on Dec. 27, 2001, that simply gave the price of ImClone Systems stock.

Dell loses namesake chief exec

DALLAS — Michael Dell is stepping aside as chief executive of the computer company he started in his college dorm room 20 years ago and built into a powerhouse whose low-cost, direct-selling model revolutionized the industry.

Dell, 39, will be replaced by president and chief operating officer Kevin Rollins in July, Dell Inc. announced Thursday. However, Michael Dell will remain involved in day-to-day business as chairman.

The selection of Rollins as the successor was not a surprise. He was seen as Dell's right-hand man as the company grew to become the world's leading seller of personal computers.

CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY

ND prof works on U.N. effort

COBA's Williams helps to develop ethical guide for multinational corporations

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

In an effort to improve corporate responsibility worldwide, a Notre Dame business professor has been working to advance the U.N. Global Compact. The compact is an agreement, promulgated by Secretary-General Kofi Annan, in which multinational corporations agree to certain standards of behavior.

Father Oliver Williams, academic director of the Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business, has been cited by Business Week as one of the "outstanding faculty" in MBA programs.

The compact began in 1999, when Annan gave an address to the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. The forum brings together international leaders from the areas of business, policy and economics who are "committed to improving the state of the world," according to the organization's Web site.

In the address, Annan encouraged corporations to support nine principles concerning human rights, labor rights and the environment. In the compact, companies agree to support human rights, as laid out in the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights; to uphold workers' rights to collectively bargain; to eliminate forced labor and child labor; to eliminate work-related discrimination; to act responsibly with regards to the environment and to develop "environmentally friendly technologies."

"[Annan's] thesis was that if we want free trade to continue, we have to find ways to level the playing field," Williams said. "He said we need a global compact, with the understanding of the major movers and shakers [in business]."

The documents principles are nothing new. Most of them can be specifically traced to previous international documents, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Labor Organization's principles and the Rio Meeting on the Environment.

Williams said the compact is different from many ethical codes, in that it takes a positive approach, rather than explicitly prohibiting objectionable behavior.

"[Annan] wasn't saying business should not do certain things," Williams said. "They should bring certain values. We're asking multinational companies to be the advance guard of bringing moral values into [international business]."

However, Williams said



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Father Oliver Williams has been working on the U.N. Global Compact, a set of ethical principles for international businesses. A photo of Williams and U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan sits in the background.

the document could be improved.

"The one glaring omission here is that there's nothing about corruption," Williams said. He said it has been difficult to get U.N. member nations to agree to add anti-corruption principles to the document, because of corrupt governments in many of those nations.

After noting Williams' previous work in ethical business — he has written a book entitled "Global Codes of Conduct" — Annan's office approached him about helping to encourage companies to sign the compact.

"I had a lot of experience in codes of conduct, how they work and what doesn't work," Williams said. In 2002, Williams hosted a meeting on campus, in which he gathered top U.N. officials, as well as executives from major international companies, including Hewlett-Packard, Merck, Nike and Shell.

Williams said several companies were eager to sign the compact after the meeting. "We got HP and Pfizer to join as a result of that meeting, and DuPont has also signed," Williams said. "The companies we invited were model companies ... that were already doing these

things."

Last year, Williams had a similar conference in South Africa to attract the attention of companies there.

"The multinationals based in South Africa are relatively few, but there are surprisingly several dozen companies that have huge capitalization," he said.

Williams is no stranger to U.N. efforts in South Africa. In 1994, he was a member of the U.N. Observations Mission, which oversaw the elections that ended apartheid in that country.

He said that while it can be difficult to persuade businesses to maintain high ethical standards, there are incentives.

Because many influential non-governmental organizations have joined the compact, "policy dialogues" can take place between organizations and companies.

"What [businesses] can do in these policy dialogues is sit down with [their] most strident critics in intelligent dialogue," Williams said. "It's a great forum for multinationals to sit down and talk ... in a setting that's not a media event."

Williams said that while some companies might sign the compact without enacting its principles, he is confident that media pressure will help the program lead

to higher ethical standards in global business.

"Companies are like people: some are scoundrels and some are very admirable," he said. "If a company signs up and doesn't do anything about changing their practices, they're exposing themselves to tremendous bad press."

Local networks in several countries, which address problems specific to their respective nations, administer the compact.

"The problems in South Africa aren't the same as the problems in the United States," Williams said.

In addition, the United Nations maintains an office in its Secretariat building in New York. Williams said the program is so important to Annan that the office is adjacent to the Secretary-General's suite.

He said the compact can help to boost the reputation of the United Nations, which has suffered from U.S. and international criticism because of events leading up to the war in Iraq.

"The fact is, some of the criticism of the United Nations has been well-founded," Williams said. "A program like the Global Compact can lend credibility to the United Nations and lend legitimacy."

Williams said he was optimistic that the compact will catch on with more international businesses.

"It has a great opportunity to be — and I think it will be — an instrument to advance the moral purpose of business."

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Service instead of sun

When people think of Notre Dame pride, they remember Rudy, Knute Rockne and the Golden Dome.

But perhaps the biggest points of pride for the Fighting Irish should be the South Bend Center for the Homeless, the Logan Center or the University sponsored Summer Service Projects that send students around the nation and the world every year.

Right now midterms are ending, the weather is getting rainy and for most students nothing sounds better than sun, sand and a week away from schoolwork.

This is even more reason to commend more than 200 Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students who will spend the next week doing service in Appalachia, Washington D.C., Toronto and other locations through the spring break Social Concerns Seminars. These students will spend their break painting houses, picking tomatoes with immigrant workers, meeting leaders of the Civil Rights movement and learning about the need and opportunities for social service in many different parts of the nation.

College is a both a place to learn and to kick back and have fun. During the semester, it is easy to forget how many people never have the chance at a Notre Dame education or anything else that will help them get good jobs to support themselves or their families. But you don't have to go far from Notre Dame to see that not everyone has the same advantages as many Notre Dame students.

As Catholic institution and an institution of higher learning, the University has made it a goal to instill a sense of social responsibility in its students. A week of service or even a three-month service project may not do much to change the face of poverty, but the experience can change the outlook of a student who will one day be in the position to make a difference. No one can blame students for wanting to spend a hard-earned break relaxing with their friends. But students taking part in Social Concerns Seminars deserve extra credit for their decision to do something a little more selfless with their spring breaks, as does the University for making these programs available.

The Observer Editorial

The politics of language

All across the nation, "activist judges" are "legislating from the bench" while their liberal compatriots wage "class war." Sound frightening? Well, before you run off in fear of civil liberties or social welfare programs, give a second

John Infranca

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thought to the language of my first sentence. Such mis-leading and vacuous sound bites have become the parlance of the day for conservatives throughout the United States. Liberal and progressive citizens, as well as anyone concerned with the depth and honesty of our political and social discourse, should be eager to expose them for the shams they are. These terms do nothing but polarize or stifle meaningful debate simply for the sake of political advantage.

"Judicial activism" is frequently denounced by conservatives who claim the interpretation of the constitution should follow a "strict constructionist" approach that goes in search of the "framers' intent." It is rather interesting where these strict constructionists often end up: with decisions that happily coincide with elements of the conservative social agenda. Among these are recent decisions involving the 11th Amendment. Alden v. Maine and other cases have denied citizens the right to sue their own state governments over unpaid wages and similar injustices. If you have a chance, read the 11th Amendment. It protects states from suits by citizens of other states or foreign nations. It says nothing about an individual not being allowed to sue their own state. Somehow, a conservative majority of the Supreme Court concluded that the "framers' intent" was to disallow suits against one's own state. If that is the case, the framers did a funny job of writing it down, don't you think? Judicial activism, as its critics define it, is done by both conservatives and liberals. The difference is that only when liberals do it is it bad. The reality is that our constitution

would not have endured for over 200 years absent judicial decisions that sometimes move beyond the literal text. There is an obvious reason for this.

Alexander Hamilton, a signer of the Constitution who also helped assure the document's ratification, was also the first Treasury Secretary. Despite these accomplishments, I would not seek Hamilton's advice should my computer crash late on the night before this column was due. Nor would I seek his tutelage were I preparing for a duel. The reasons for both should be fairly obvious: Aaron Burr in the case of the latter while Hamilton's death nearly two centuries before the invention of the computer explains the former.

Hamilton's inability to predict the invention of the computer or deduce methods by which one might retrieve a lost file should not be held against him. He was a product of the time in which he lived, limited to deriving knowledge from the experiences and data available within colonial America. Hamilton, being dead, is unlikely to adjust to the times. The Constitution he advocated is, however, a living, breathing document that can adjust. It does this through our nation's courts.

The fruits of these efforts can be found in landmark Supreme Court decisions like Brown v. Board of Education, which ruled segregated schools unconstitutional or more recently Atkins v. Virginia, which declared the execution of a mentally retarded individual to be "cruel and unusual punishment." Such decisions have expanded the freedoms understood to be protected by a document written, ironically enough, by a group of men who were largely slaveholders. These interpretations reveal that, behind the time-conditioned language of the Constitution, is an understanding of justice that can and must be allowed to speak to the present.

The deceptive use of language I have spoken of also extends to our nation's fiscal policies. Denunciation of "class warfare" is the standard response of President Bush and other conservatives to questions regarding his tax cuts for the

rich, cutting of social programs, the lack of funding for his education policies and other issues that greatly benefit the already rich at the unwelcome sacrifice of the increasingly insecure and poor. Somehow questioning these policies is "class warfare," while the President's efforts to cut funding for investigating corporate violations of minimum wage laws, Family and Medical Leave mandates, and child-labor laws as he increases the budget for investigating and auditing labor unions is not.

Conservatives would have one think that the advocates of "class warfare" who object to these tax cuts seek to build a socialist state. They ignore the fact that the highest personal income tax rate in the United States, currently 38.6 percent, was 71 percent when President Regan entered office. Twenty years of conservative activism has lowered it to 38.6 percent, accompanied by continual under funding of social welfare programs. This is not class warfare?

Those who advocate for the welfare of working people and the poor are not sparking class warfare — who would want to go to war with people who drive military vehicles like the Hummer? — they are responding to class warfare and seeking social justice. The same is true of judges denounced as "activists." Perhaps this is why we also call them "justices." Attempts to manipulate language for political advantage serve no one. They simply limit freedoms or endanger the impoverished. Individuals of all political stripes should seek to expose them for the empty rhetoric they are.

John Infranca is a theology graduate student. His column appears every other Friday. He can be reached at jinfran1@nd.edu. He is glad this column, with echoes of one of the President's recess judicial appointments, will be published right before a break. How is that for irony?

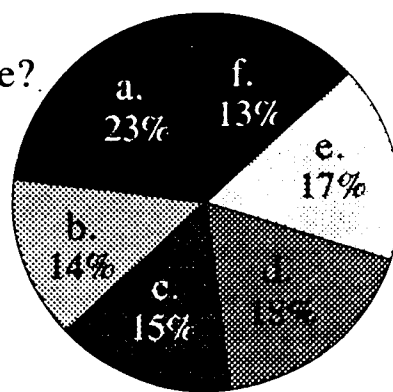
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"To the man who only has a hammer in the toolkit, every problem looks like a nail."

Abraham Maslow
psychologist

U-WIRE

Where did the jobs go?

In the 1990s Americans saw some of the greatest economic prosperity in U.S. history. The influx of new computer and communications technology, combined with the pro-growth economic policies of former President Clinton, created more than 22 million domestic jobs. The nation experienced record job expansion, stable growth in the stock market and the first budget surplus in decades.

Jonathan Steed

Unfortunately, those times of prosperity have changed, partly due to the enormous amount of outsourcing of domestic jobs overseas.

The Battalion

Nearly three million jobs have been lost since President George W. Bush took office. Many of the jobs that have disappeared are manufacturing jobs throughout the Midwest and in the heartland, where corporate fat cats seek to increase the size of their wallets by shipping good-paying industrial jobs to nations where they can hire cheap labor and avoid environmental regulations.

Many of these corporate executives are some of the largest contributors to both the Republican Party and Bush's re-election campaign. Thus, it is no surprise that N. Gregory Mankiw, chairman of Bush's council of economic advisers, said in a recent economic report that outsourcing was good for the American economy.

Mankiw and Bush are out of touch with American workers, especially those who have lost their jobs due to outsourcing. According to salon.com, many of the jobs being sent overseas aren't just in manufacturing but are white-collar service sector jobs as well.

For example, if a person calls a customer-assistance help line for instructions on how to use a new computer, there is a good chance the representative

one is talking to is in India or Thailand. Many of the types of jobs economists hoped would replace the disappearing domestic manufacturing jobs are being shipped overseas. This poses a serious threat to long-term economic growth in the United States.

The combination of manufacturing and service-related jobs being outsourced and sent overseas is having a devastating impact on the U.S. economy. For instance, citizens in Ohio have lost 192,000 jobs since Bush took office. Nearly one-fourth of those were due to outsourcing. When a person loses a job, their ability to purchase goods and services is diminished substantially, which reduces total demand in the economy.

Furthermore, without incomes, citizens pay less taxes, causing a reduction in the tax base needed to fund various government programs and services. The loss of more than three million jobs, combined with Bush's irresponsible tax cuts that disproportionately benefit the wealthy, has created a record budget deficit as well. It is no surprise that the loss of American jobs, many due to outsourcing, is wreaking havoc on our economy and way of life.

The United States is no longer the only nation in the world that has a substantially educated workforce. Countries such as China and India now have substantial amounts of educated citizens eager to find work. They are willing and able to work for a fraction of the wages U.S. citizens do.

Without any real protections and laws preventing jobs from being outsourced overseas, corporate executives

have no reason to keep jobs here in America. If they can make huge profits at the expense of dedicated employees and workers, they will more than likely take advantage of the cheap labor and educated workforces abroad.

The American worker can take steps necessary to preventing the rise of outsourcing. For starters, workers must not shy away from organizing unions to create substantial collective bargaining powers that will give them a voice with their employers. As the nation recently saw with supermarket workers on strike and a lock-out in southern California, organized labor still has great power and influence in protecting American jobs.

Additionally, workers must vote for officials who will look out for them and their jobs and not protect the corporate executives who dig deep into their pockets to fund the campaigns of Bush and his friends. Having elected officials on the side of ordinary Americans who work hard and play by the rules is perhaps one of the best assets a factory worker or engineer can have in preventing his job from going overseas. Until Americans wake up and understand the threat that outsourcing has on their livelihood, and until they take action to prevent the hemorrhaging of domestic jobs overseas, this unfortunate trend will continue.

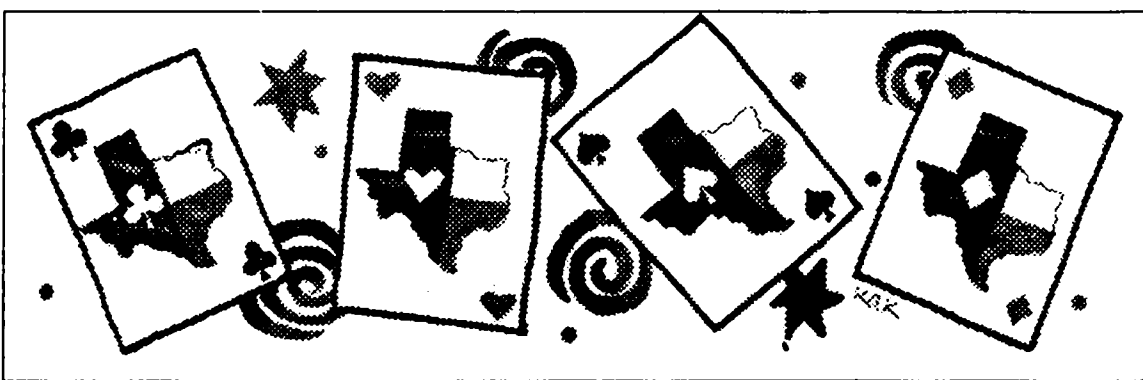
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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Poker column pointless and rude



I am writing in response to an article entitled "Texas Hold 'em" that was published on Mar. 2. This article caught my attention because, like the author, I also participate in a weekly card game, mostly centered around the Texas Hold 'em version of poker.

Whenever I read a Viewpoint article, I am curious how the author is going to make his or her topic relevant to his readers. Usually they succeed in taking an apparently random or ordinary event and highlighting the take-home point that lies just beneath the surface.

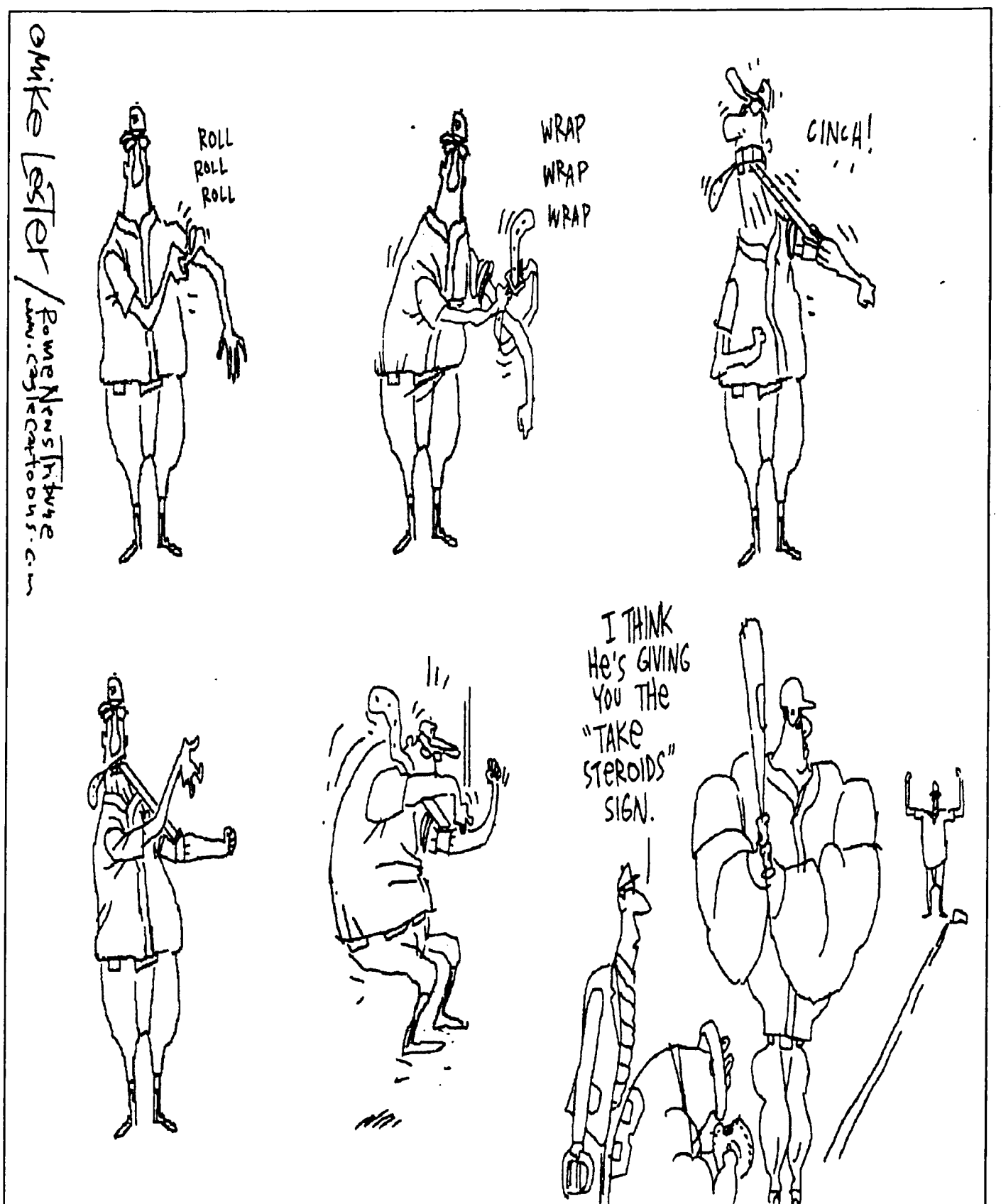
In this case, I was looking forward to learning how a discussion about a weekly poker game might be translated into a comment on friendship, bonding, stress relief, luck, risk-taking, etc. In fact, I was even more eager for the punch line after reading through two paragraphs of rather dull play-by-play of poker hands. But instead of any meaningful conclusion, the self-proclaimed moral of the story was "ladies come in pairs, and if you have a six and a nine be aggressive, for it is the money hand."

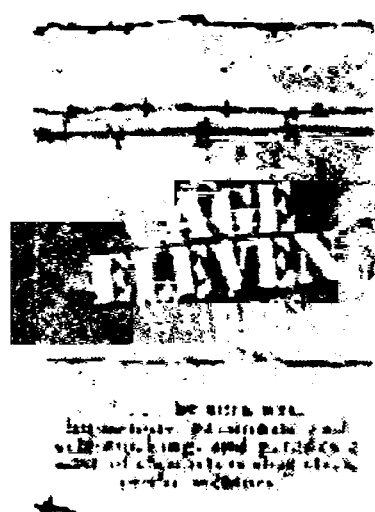
Not only is this message completely pointless, but a more suspicious reader might interpret it as crude.

In the future, I would hope that you are more selective in publishing Viewpoint articles. I think the space occupied by this article would have been better filled by an ad for Friday rib specials.

Jim Kelly
alumni
Class of 1999
Mar. 4

EDITORIAL CARTOON



Recommended
reading from the
Scene staff

Cage Eleven

by Gerry Adams

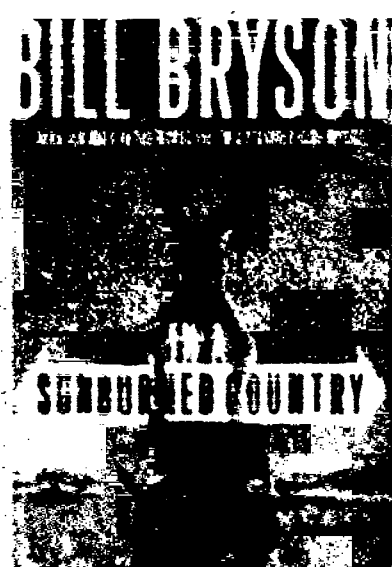
Gerry Adams is the current president of Sinn Féin and lifelong activist for peace and unity in Ireland. He was imprisoned without trial and suffered interrogations and torture during his four years at Long Kesh Prison, most of it in cell block "Cage Eleven." He wrote this collection of essays while imprisoned, and it was smuggled out after he was released. As president of Sinn Féin, Adams helped author and broker the Good Friday Agreement for peace in the late '90s and remains one of the most influential voices in Ireland and in international politics. Adams is coming to ND on the 16th, and this would be a good background before attending his lecture.

-Recommended by Patrick Vassel

bill bryson

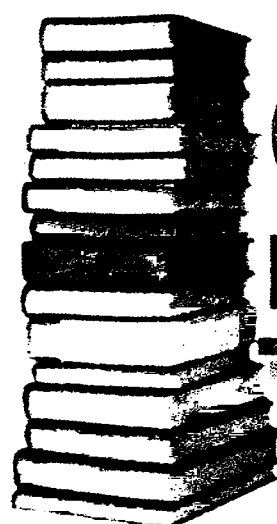
*Notes from a Small
Island, A Walk in
the Woods, and In
a Sunburnt Land*

by Bill Bryson



Bill Bryson's travelogues are perfect for would-be worldwide travelers who are still waiting for the chance to see what's out there. During his travels through Europe, Great Britain and the United States Bryson has managed to pin down the quirks of every country through a gallery of colorful characters. The books are also packed with facts, both useful and simply bizarre. Reading Bill Bryson is the next best thing to actually going around America or overseas yourself.

-Recommended by Maria Smith



SPRING BREAK

"Goat," a hard-hitting memoir

By TAYLOR CLARY
Scene Writer

Considering the recent overwhelming popularity of memoirs in literature, the memoir of a twenty-something male coming to terms with his identity would seem, at first glance, to have already been done. It would be easy to disregard Brad Land's major writing debut, "Goat," as simply another example of a novice author self-consciously writing his own story. However, Land offers much more than a carbon copy of what has recently been showing up on bookshelves. In just 208 pages, his gritty and frank narrative style, brutal honesty and ability to capture his own quirky and, at times, unstable personality provide a refreshing alternative to the often arrogant tone of other memoirs.

Land's story is dark and his subject matter often gruesome and violent, but he manages to make it entirely readable. His story spans two years. In the first, Land is robbed, beaten and abducted by two men to whom he gives a ride when leaving a party. In the second, he follows his younger brother, Brett, to Clemson University in South Carolina, 70 miles from his home. He pledges his brother's fraternity, Kappa Sigma. Land finds the pledging process barbaric and the hazing techniques physically and emotionally traumatic, especially after his abduction the previous year. Throughout his story, Land is plagued by feelings of isolation and paranoia as he searches for his own voice and tries to understand his place in society.

Land skillfully weaves his accounts of these two brutal events into a tale that is shocking and disturbing, yet insightful and oddly enjoyable. In the first chapter the author immediately dives into the details of his abduction, explicitly describing his near-fatal beating. Although he provides graphic descriptions of his physical injuries, it is the incident's emotional repercussions that plague him and are the topic of the rest of his story. The memory of his assailants still haunts him as he heads to Clemson. During the pledging process, Land and his fellow pledges, 'goats' as they are called, are subjected to hazing rituals that include physical beatings and binge drinking. Ironically, these practices of "fraternal brotherhood" alienate Land from his actual brother, and he is overwhelmed by feelings of self-loathing and displacement.

Along the way, Land chain smokes to ease his nerves, keeps a tally of the growing contents of his pockets, and falls in love with every girl he meets, fantasizing that each one will save him from the fraternity and himself. His methods of coping with the pressures of pledging a fraternity are not enough to dispel his nagging conscience that repeatedly tells him he doesn't belong. As a result of his own self-doubt and desire to be "normal" Land subjects himself to the brutality of the pledging process far longer than he should, and walks away with a bleak but less burdened future. Despite the plaguing unhappiness he felt as a "goat" he still

admits, "I'm also terrified of what I will be without the fraternity, that I will be nothing, that I am already nothing."

As a writer, Land is able to gracefully walk the line between honestly telling the terror of his experiences and appearing to ask for pity from the reader. He never entirely blames the fraternity members for his problems or even their own actions, recognizing that they are also victims of the same traditions and systems. Furthermore, he realizes the role his own unstable emotional state played in creating his situation. Land, now 27 years old, has just enough distance from these two years to provide insight but still remain close enough to his emotions at the time to write this memoir in a believable stream of consciousness.

"Goat" provides a glimpse directly into the author's mind. He often fumbles with words and their ability to articulate his emotional state, but seems to find that the truth of raw emotions is best expressed through simplicity. It is this frank, honest writing style that makes "Goat" so enjoyable and makes Land an author worth looking for in the future. Land never gives the impression that he is glossing over details or trying to portray himself as the innocent victim. He writes unselfconsciously of his own faults and the role he plays in his own unhappiness, making his accounts of others more believable. Land's memoir begins, "This is how it goes..." and at its close, it feels as if he has told it exactly how it went.

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AK READING



ND boxing coach expresses creative side

By JOE HETTLER
Scene Writer

There are some days when 81-year-old Jack Zimmerman doesn't feel like doing 151 straight pushups. But once he begins, he always finishes.

"I'm a pushup freak," said Zimmerman, who normally does between 151 and 201 every morning. "I do pushups every day."

The Notre Dame boxing coach has undertaken a variety of hobbies during his life — from pushups to racing pigeons. Zimmerman now officially adds the title of poet to his name, recently publishing a book, "Dead Mouse," of almost 30 poems.

"I tried things like writing my initials on a tree; after a while, it grew over. After a while I marked mud turtles with paint — never caught the same ones. As I got older, I got thinking, maybe I can make something a little more permanent than that," Zimmerman said. "All of my life I've pointed toward writing because a writer needs to have an innate love for literature."

Zimmerman has been writing for much of his adult life and said he always wanted to have his work published. He continued to write and occasionally took his poems to two friends at Office Max, who would then critique Zimmerman's work. Both sides made corrections and after numerous revisions, Zimmerman had his poem book.

"I have 26 poems that are more or less accidents to be in here," Zimmerman said. "I didn't exactly select them; they just evolved and we had to have a display [for the poems]."

Zimmerman, or "Zimmy," as he is called by some of the boxers, writes about a diverse number of topics in his poem book. He has poems about love,

drugs, insects, death and other themes throughout the collection. Zimmerman has priced his work at \$19.95, though he is not yet seeing it anywhere. He said he is working on selling the collection online.

Zimmerman is also quick to point out that writing poetry is not a simple or fast process. He usually goes through several stages of revisions with each poem.

"I stole this from another writer: When I write, it's like I just vomited and I have to clean it up," Zimmerman said. "I have a writing, a rewriting, a re-writing, and I never quit. I might go back to a poem and correct it or adjust it years later."

Zimmerman got the interesting title of his poem book — "Dead Mouse" — from an experience he had 30 years ago. While repairing his fireplace, Zimmerman found the skeleton of a mouse. He was going to throw the mouse away, but Zimmerman's mother came in the room and told her son that she knew what to do with the mouse.

"She was delighted," Zimmerman said. "She said, 'That's nice — I know what to do with that.' She put it in a glass and hung it on my wall. It's been there for 30 years."

That wasn't the only story that contributed to the title, though.

"The reason [the name] is so prominent is that I had a childhood friend — Marvin Peterson — and I would say to him, 'How you doing, Pete?' and he'd say, 'I have the strength of a dead mouse.' So that's where that came from," Zimmerman said.

Poetry was not Zimmerman's first love, though. As a youngster, Zimmerman's father took him to boxing matches, and as Zimmerman grew older he would frequently get into fights with other kids, eventually leading him into the ring.

"I had a couple of street fights and gained a reputation," Zimmerman said. "After that, it was like I had to get another notch on my gun. I had to prove it."

Despite being small in stature, Zimmerman made people take notice of his boxing abilities.

"The best thing ever said about me was that I looked like I couldn't bite a marshmallow, but you'd better watch your [butt]," Zimmerman said. "I always loved that because I did look like a wimp."

Zimmerman has been working with Bengal Bout fighters for 12 years. Before each fight, he prepares the boxer's equipment and gives them some final words of encouragement.

"[Bengal Bouts] is unlike the professionals," he said. "You're fighting your friends to the extent they might even beat you. It's just that way."

When Zimmerman is not coaching boxers or writing poetry, he keeps pigeons as pets and is a member of the American Racing Pigeon Union.

Part of the season, pigeons are first, and part of the season, boxing is first," Zimmerman said. "I've been grandfathered by the American Racing Pigeon Union. I have an honorary membership."

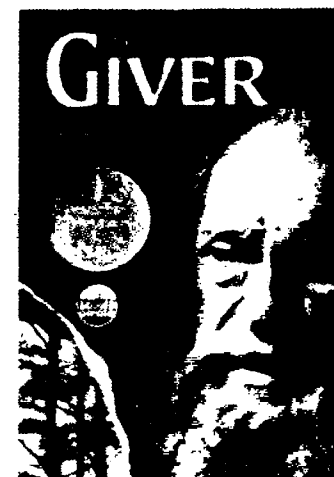
As for boxing and poetry, Zimmerman does not plan on quitting anytime soon, "as long as [God] allows me to keep going."

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Recommended reading from the Scene staff

The Giver

by Lois Lowry

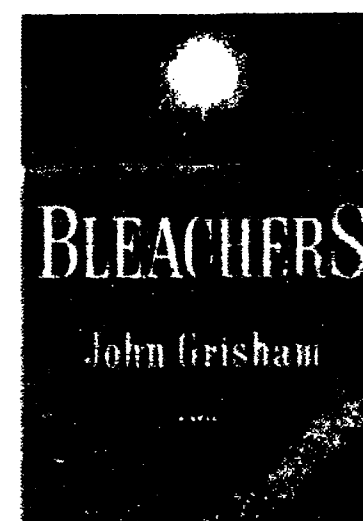


Lois Lowry's "The Giver" is a poignant reminder that children's books aren't always just for children. When 12-year-old Jonas is chosen to be the Receiver of Memory in a community without pain, poverty, unemployment or broken homes, he discovers that his job is the hardest responsibility he could possibly bear. Through Jonas' story, "The Giver" questions whether removing suffering from life is worth the price it must inevitably bear.

-Recommended by Sarah Vabulas

Bleachers

by John Grisham



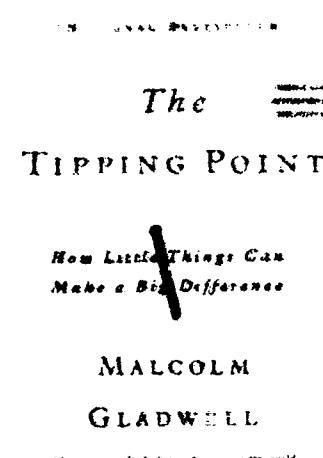
As some may know, Grisham came to campus a few weeks ago to speak about his love of baseball and athletics. This is a fairly easy read and a great football story from an outstanding author. Any sports fan and/or John Grisham fan will appreciate this story of a high school football team enduring tragedy and moving through the tensions of coaches, teammates and the drive to win. The Blue & Gold game is coming up, and this will definitely get you in the mood.

-Recommended by Patrick Vassel

The Tipping Point:

How Little Things Can
Make a Big Difference

by Malcolm Gladwell



Ever wonder how ideas become infectious? Gladwell has the answer in his extremely fascinating novel explaining everything from the success of Paul Revere's famous ride to how just a few teenagers in Greenwich Village managed to create the Hush Puppy fad in the 90's. Gladwell explores how just a few people acting differently can create a wave of change until it "tips" and creates a social epidemic. Whether just for enjoyment or learning the secrets of how to influence the masses, everyone can benefit from reading "The Tipping Point."

-Recommended by Ken Dineen

Dead Mouse

-No Mourners-



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NHL

Hamhuis' 5-point night helps Nashville defeat Pittsburgh

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Dan Hamhuis scored a goal during a five-point night and the Nashville Predators built a five-goal lead early in the second period in beating Pittsburgh 9-4 Thursday, extending the Penguins' home winless streak to 16 games.

Pittsburgh is 0-15-1 at home since Dec. 29, and can tie the NHL record for longest home winless streak against Anaheim on Saturday night. The Ottawa Senators went 0-15-2 during a 17-game winless streak from Oct. 28, 1995, through Jan. 27, 1996.

The Penguins rallied from deficits of 5-0 and 6-1 to cut Nashville's lead to 6-4 midway through the third on Dick Tarnstrom's goal, but David Legwand scored his 15th of the season less than a minute later to start a burst of three Nashville goals in the final eight minutes.

Adam Hall scored two of the Predators' four goals in the third period.

About a minute after the game ended, the teams traded pushes, shoves and a few punches as they both tried to leave the ice, but the skirmish was quickly broken up.

The Predators, trying to hang onto one of the Western Conference's final two playoff spots, exploited the NHL's worst penalty-killing unit by scoring a season-high six power-play goals — including their first four.

Hamhuis, the NHL leader in rookie ice time, had a goal and four assists after never getting more than two points previously in an NHL game.

Steve Sullivan had a power-play goal and two assists and now has seven goals and nine assists in nine games since being traded by Chicago. The Predators are 6-2-1 with Sullivan and have twice scored five or more power-play goals with him, getting five in a 7-3 victory over San Jose on Feb. 18.

Nashville has 17 power-play goals in its last nine games.

Penguins rookie goalie Andy Chiodo had been 2-3-1 since being called up from the minors, but experienced by far his worst NHL start by yielding power-play goals to Marek Zidlicky, Martin Erat, Andrew Hutchinson and an even-strength goal by Jordin Tootoo in the first 16:12.

Hamhuis made it 5-0 early in

the second period before Pittsburgh tried to get back into it with goals by Milan Kraft, Josef Melichar, Landon Wilson and Tarnstrom.

Bruins 3, Rangers 1

Sergei Gonchar immediately showed how he can bolster the Boston Bruins' power play.

Gonchar scored in his Boston debut, and Joe Thornton had two goals Thursday night to help the Bruins end a four-game winless streak with a victory over the New York Rangers.

"It was a relief. You want to do the best you can, and then you score a goal in your first game and the team wins. What else would you want?" Gonchar said.

Gonchar, the All-Star defenseman acquired Wednesday from Washington, gave Boston a 3-0 lead with a power-play goal 9:51 into the third. He took a pass from newly acquired center and former Capitals teammate Michael Nylander and beat Mike Dunham from just inside the blue line for his eighth goal of the season.

"They are two guys that are going to help our team. But we had success tonight because it was really a collaborative effort," Boston coach Mike Sullivan said. "That's why this team has been successful, and we feel will continue to be successful, and we think these two guys can help us."

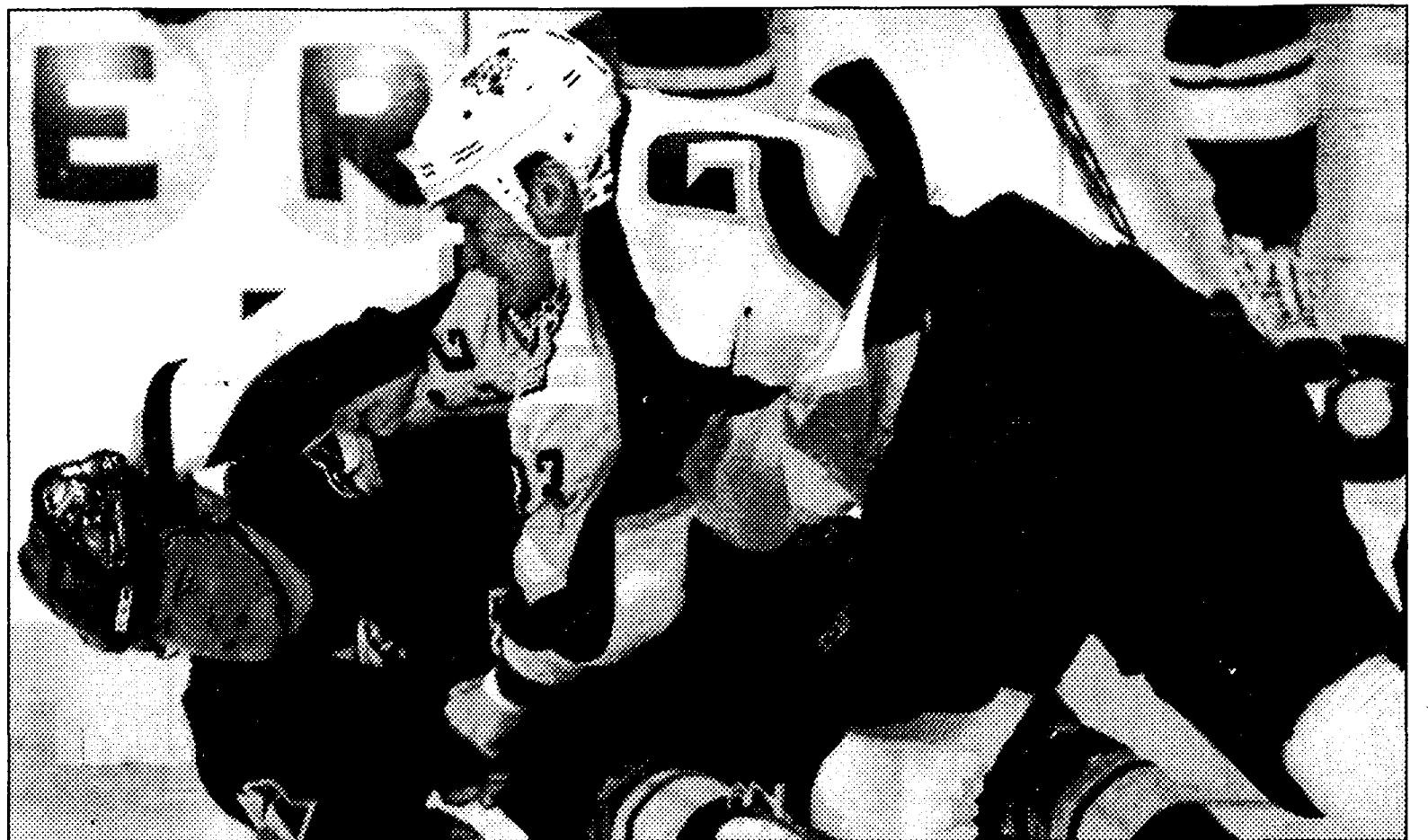
Thornton got both goals in a 4:52 stretch midway through the second period. He opened the scoring at 6:44 with his 18th of the season when he took a cross-ice feed from Jiri Slegel and beat Dunham from the top of the right circle.

Thornton then pushed Boston's lead to 2-0 at 11:36 with a wrister from the left circle.

"The confidence in the room just goes up with adding two guys like that. You have extra jump in your legs and that's what happened tonight," Thornton said.

Nylander was obtained earlier Thursday from the Capitals for a second-round draft pick in 2006 and future considerations.

In their first game since trading away Brian Leetch, Alex Kovalev and Petr Nedved, the Rangers put just 17 shots on net and went 1-for-6 on the power play. Jaromir Jagr ended Boston's hopes for its first home shutout of the season with a power-play goal at 19:18



Nashville's Jamie Allison knocks Pittsburgh's Tom Kostopoulos to the ice during the Predators' 9-4 win over the Penguins on Thursday night.

of the third period.

"I think there could be some residual effects. I'm OK with the effort, but it has to improve an awful lot," Rangers interim coach Tom Renney said.

Slegel had a pair of assists for the Bruins. The two-goal effort was just Thornton's second of the season. He scored twice in a 5-4 win over Atlanta on Feb. 3.

Felix Potvin made 16 saves for Boston. Dunham stopped 26 shots for New York.

Maple Leafs 6, Islanders 2

Newcomer Brian Leetch had three assists in the Toronto Maple Leafs' victory over the New York Islanders on Thursday night.

Acquired on Wednesday from the New York Rangers, Leetch donned a different uniform for the first time in his 17-season NHL career.

The two-time Norris Trophy winner made an immediate impact, setting up two power-play goals by Bryan McCabe and one by Mats Sundin.

Robert Reichel, Gary Roberts and Darcy Tucker also scored for the Maple Leafs, who have won three straight with No. 1 goalie Ed Belfour back in net.

Belfour, plagued recently by a sore back, was rarely tested as the Islanders managed just three shots in the first 33 minutes. Toronto outshot New York 24-18, including 9-2 in the first period.

Leetch assisted on Sundin's power-play goal at 7:02 of the

first by threading a pass to Roberts, who passed to Sundin in front of the net.

McCabe's one-timer from the blue line after Leetch's pass made it 2-0 at 12:25.

Reichel scored with 54 seconds left in the first after goaltender Rick DiPietro went down before he shot the puck, and Roberts' tip-in gave Toronto a 4-0 lead midway through the third.

Leetch faked a shot before passing to McCabe, whose one-timer during a two-man advantage made it 5-0.

Trent Hunter and Mark Parrish scored power-play goals in the third for New York. Tucker got his 20th of the season at 16:30.

Excited that Leetch might improve Toronto's chances to win its first Stanley Cup since 1967, fans gave the star defenseman a huge ovation when he was introduced before the game.

Leetch played an integral role in helping the Rangers win the 1994 Stanley Cup, their first since 1940. He had 11 goals and 23 assists in 23 playoff games to earn the Conn Smythe Trophy as playoff MVP.

One fan held up a sign that read: "Welcome to the playoffs Leetch." The Rangers haven't made the postseason in seven years.

Blues 1, Oilers 1

Chris Osgood made 31 saves, including a penalty shot by Ryan Smyth, to help the St.

Louis Blues tie the Edmonton Oilers Thursday night.

The Blues earned only their second point in five games under new coach Mike Kitchen. They're 0-3-2 in that span, totaling five goals, and 0-5-2 in their last seven overall.

However, St. Louis stayed two points ahead of the Oilers, their closest pursuer on the fringe of the Western Conference playoff race. The Blues entered the night in ninth place, four points behind Los Angeles for the final spot.

Alexander Khavanov ended a 62-game goal drought early in the third period for the Blues, and Raffi Torres got his 19th for the Oilers to force overtime. Petr Nedved had an assist in his first game with Edmonton since being acquired from the New York Rangers.

Osgood was at his best in regulation, while Jussi Markkanen stopped eight shots in overtime for Edmonton. Dallas Drake hit the post with 4:05 to go for St. Louis.

Khavanov's first goal of the season, and first since Feb. 13, 2003, put the Blues ahead at 1:42 of the third. Khavanov was activated earlier Thursday after missing 15 games with a bruised ankle, and his offensive instincts helped when he pinched and was alone for the rebound of a shot by Pavol Demitra.

Torres' second goal in three games tied it at 8:31. The goal came at the end of a flurry of shots against Osgood.

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FENCING

Irish to host Midwest Championships

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

The wait is finally over. After cruising through the regular season with only one combined loss, the Notre Dame men's and women's fencing teams will begin their postseason run when they host the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships on Saturday at the Joyce Center.

Fourteen other teams will be in attendance on Saturday, but No. 5 Ohio State will probably provide the biggest challenge for the No. 2 Notre Dame men's team. The top ranked women will have to contend against the No. 2 Buckeyes and No. 6 Northwestern. The Irish squads met both teams earlier this season at the Notre Dame Dual Meet, also held in the Joyce Center. In two very intense matches, the Notre Dame men and women narrowly defeated the Buckeyes by the respective scores of 15-12 and 14-13.

Northwestern did not prove nearly as much of a challenge to the women who handily dispatched the Wildcats by an 18-9 margin.

However, head coach Janusz Bednarski feels that the Irish will have to make an extra strong effort to repeat their success against Ohio State and Northwestern.

"They will respond very strongly," he said. "They brought all the best fencers, even those who did not compete during the regular season because they had a problem with eligibility. It looks that they did everything to be stronger at the end of the season."

The Irish have historically dominated this tournament, taking first place in either the men's or women's division every year since 1984. This included a decade-long stretch of dominance when the Irish swept both the men's and women's competitions from 1989-1999.

This year, women's fencing will defend its title while the

men will attempt to rebound from last year's loss to Ohio State. The men had previously won 19 consecutive conference titles dating back to 1984.

The conference championships will be the first exposure that the many freshmen will have to the playoffs of college fencing. With almost half of the men's lineup filled with freshmen in addition to three more women rookies, Saturday's competition will be a trial by fire.

Freshman saber Patrick Ghattas sees this competition as a new challenge from his previous fencing experience.

"I'm a little nervous because before I came to college fencing was always an individual thing for myself," he said. "Now there's so much more of a team aspect to it that if I fence well then I'm letting down the team, not just myself. It's a lot more pressure."

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Colorado makes changes to its football program

Associated Press

AURORA, Colo. — Colorado announced sweeping changes to its scandal-ridden football program Thursday, barring recruits from visiting bars and private parties and putting them under the close supervision of parents and coaches.

Calling the guidelines the strictest in the nation, university president Betsy Hoffman and chancellor Richard Byyny said recruits will now visit the Boulder campus during the off-season so coaches and athletes will have more time to focus on them. All activities will be planned, approved and supervised by a coach.

The recruits, primarily high school athletes, also will be limited to a single night's stay during campus visits, instead of the usual two. A 1 a.m. curfew will be moved up to 11 p.m.

"As painful an experience as it may be, we view it as an opportunity to set the standard for an issue all colleges and universities must be concerned about," Hoffman said.

Seven women have accused Colorado football players or recruits of rape since 1997. The school faces federal lawsuits by three of the women who say they were raped by football athletes at or just after a 2001 off-campus recruiting party.

Asked if the new guidelines will hurt recruiting, Byyny said: "It really doesn't matter. We want to have a model program."

"We want to make sure students understand they are here first for an education," he said.

Athletic director Dick Tharp said the new policies would be evaluated for other athletic programs.

Football coach Gary Barnett is on paid leave for remarks he made in connection with two of the seven rape allegations, including disparaging the athletic ability of a former player who said she was raped by a teammate in 2000. No charges have been filed in the cases.

Colorado football players also have been accused of hiring strippers for recruits and taking recruits to parties where alcohol was available.

Boulder County prosecutor Mary Keenan has said she believes the program offered sex and alcohol to lure recruits to Boulder, a claim university officials have denied.

The Board of Regents has appointed a panel to investigate, and Gov. Bill Owens tasked the state's attorney general as a special prosecutor to determine whether criminal charges should be filed. The scandal helped spur a congressional hearing on college recruiting practices that is scheduled for next week.

SMC GOLF

No. 7 Belles to open season at Methodist Invitational

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

The No. 7 Saint Mary's Belles head into their first competition of the season Saturday in Pinehurst, N.C., at the Methodist Inaugural Invitational — keeping in mind coach Mark Hamilton's mantra.

"The will to win is important, but the will to prepare is imperative," Hamilton said.

For the first four days of their stay, the Belles will acclimate themselves to outdoor play after practicing indoors during the winter. They will spend the last two days of the March 6-13 trip challenging teams at the Invitational.

Hamilton said the team anticipates tough competitors in No. 3 Methodist College.

"We'll face some of the best right off the bat," Hamilton said. "This meet will be a barometer to see where the

team is at after playing one of the best teams in the country."

The team has already seen much success this year, with a first place finish at the MIAA Championships highlighting the fall season.

"We made a lot of strides towards the end of the season," Hamilton said.

Among the key contributors for the Belles are last year's NCAA Individual Champion Stephanie Simmerman, First Team All-MIAA pick Megan Mattia and team scoring leader Julia Adams. Team captain Liz Hanlon is also expected to add consistent scoring and leadership.

"We have a solid core of players and a deep team," Hamilton said. "The women all get along, and there's a great team atmosphere. They really enjoy each other's company, and let the results follow."

The team hopes those results will ultimately bring them to the NCAA finals and a possible NCAA championship in May. With the competitive attitude the Belles have going into the spring season, this outcome seems quite possible.

"We're not afraid to challenge any team, anywhere. That might sound crazy, but I think that's the attitude we need to have," Hamilton said.

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USILA Men's Lacrosse

	team	record	points
1	Johns Hopkins	1-0	193
2	Maryland	1-0	189
3	Syracuse	1-0	182
4	North Carolina	1-0	163
5	Princeton	1-0	157
6	Duke	1-0	140
7	Loyola	1-0	121
8	NOTRE DAME	1-1	119
8	Rutgers	1-0	119
10	Cornell	1-0	117
11	Denver	2-0	80
11	Georgetown	0-1	80
13	Massachusetts	0-1	76
14	Air Force	2-0	70
15	Ohio State	1-1	53
15	Virginia	1-2	53
17	Towson	0-1	34
18	UMBC	0-1	27
19	Hofstra	0-1	26
20	Penn State	1-1	25

IWLCA Womens' Lacrosse

	team	record	points
1	Princeton	0-0	298
2	Duke	3-0	286
3	Maryland	1-1	247
4	Georgetown	1-0	240
4	Loyola	1-0	240
6	Dartmouth	1-0	207
7	Syracuse	1-0	199
8	James Madison	1-0	187
9	Virginia	1-1	183
10	Boston University	0-0	159
11	Vanderbilt	1-1	151
12	NOTRE DAME	2-0	119
13	North Carolina	2-0	118
14	Penn State	0-1	114
15	Ohio State	1-1	102
16	California	2-2	64
17	Stanford	0-0	60
18	Yale	0-1	45
19	Cornell	0-1	37
20	Northwestern	2-1	27

USA Today/NFCA Top 25

	team	record	points
1	UCLA (24)	16-0	624
2	Arizona (1)	21-0	601
3	LSU	18-3	552
4	California	17-2	509
5	Oklahoma	16-4-1	493
6	Florida State	17-2	477
7	Washington	13-6	476
8	Georgia	12-4	450
9	Alabama	15-3	436
10	Stanford	13-5	407
11	Michigan	20-5	393
12	Louisiana-Lafayette	12-2	368
13	Tennessee	18-4	299
14	Oregon	13-4	246
15	South Carolina	11-2	221
16	Fresno State	8-4	221
17	Nebraska	8-7	180
18	Pacific	14-2	162
19	Texas	11-9	148
20	Arizona State	18-9	133
21	Iowa	6-4	116
22	South Florida	16-5	96
23	Florida	17-2	76
24	Georgia Tech	15-3	76
25	Oregon State	15-6	70

NFL



Terrell Owens makes a catch in a game Dec. 7 against the Arizona Cardinals. Owens was traded to the Ravens from the 49ers for a second-round draft pick after he failed to become a free agent.

Owens traded to Ravens from 49ers

Associated Press

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — Four-time Pro Bowl receiver Terrell Owens was traded to the Baltimore Ravens by San Francisco on Thursday after a paperwork error prevented him from becoming a free agent.

Owens, who quarreled with coaches, teammates and opponents during the last few seasons, was given permission by the 49ers to seek a deal after his agent failed to file a document voiding the final years of his contract.

He gives Baltimore, which surrendered a sec-

ond-round draft pick, the top receiver it has been lacking for years, even in 2000, when the Ravens won the Super Bowl.

Ravens coach Brian Billick said at a news conference Thursday, "The profile we got was of a player that, given his level of proven productivity and his desire to win, seemed to fit the Raven profile."

Billick also said he wasn't worried about the wide receiver's difficult relationship with the 49ers. "However he treated people or dealt with people before is not of concern to me because the Baltimore Ravens weren't a part of

that."

Owens was due to become a free agent on Wednesday. But he failed to file papers by Feb. 21 voiding the last two years of his contract and the NFL ruled that he still belonged to San Francisco.

Unless Baltimore agrees to renegotiate his contract, the mixup could cost Owens millions.

He is due to make \$17.7 million in base salary over the next three seasons, including \$5.3 million next year — a relative bargain for one of the NFL's best receivers.

Owens had been hoping

to land a signing bonus of more than \$15 million from Baltimore, Philadelphia, Atlanta or a handful of other teams with the cap space to sign the star receiver.

Owens has spent all eight of his NFL seasons with the 49ers, who drafted him in the third round in 1996.

He and Indianapolis' Marvin Harrison are the only receivers with more than 5,000 yards and 50 touchdowns over the past four seasons. Last season, Owens had 80 catches for 1,102 yards and nine TDs — his lowest totals since 1999.

IN BRIEF

Capitals trade Nylander to Bruins for draft pick

BOSTON — The Boston Bruins acquired center Michael Nylander from Washington on Thursday in the teams' second deal in two days.

The Bruins gave Washington a second-round draft pick in 2006 and future considerations for Nylander.

Nylander becomes the sixth Capitals veteran to be traded this season as the money-losing team slashes payroll. Steve Konowalchuk (Colorado), Jaromir Jagr (New York Rangers), Peter Bondra (Ottawa), Robert Lang (Detroit) and Sergei Gonchar (Boston) have all been dealt since October.

Gonchar was sent to the Bruins on Wednesday for rookie defenseman Shaone Morrisson and first- and second-round draft picks.

Boston general manager Mike O'Connell said the Bruins filled their most glaring needs with the

late-season deals.

"We went into this time of year looking for a defenseman and a second line center and we accomplished that," O'Connell said.

Dredge leads at Dubai, Woods has rough day

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Tiger Woods has the \$3 million appearance fee at the Dubai Desert Classic. Little-known Bradley Dredge of Wales has the lead.

Woods had a long and frustrating day Thursday, and was at even-par through 12 holes when the first round was suspended because of darkness.

The start of tournament was delayed 2 1/2 hours by fog, and about half the field failed to finish the round.

Dredge took an early lead with an 8-under 64. David Howell of England was three back after a 67, and Richard Green of Australia shot a 68. Ernie Els opened with a 70,

and Darren Clarke of Northern Ireland had an even-par 72.

Kearse passes physical for Eagles

PHILADELPHIA — Jevon Kearse wanted to make a difference for a Super Bowl contender, and the Philadelphia Eagles were desperate for a pass rusher.

Each found what they were looking for Thursday when the former Titan signed a \$66 million, eight-year contract with the Eagles in a bold move for a franchise known more for shying away from big-ticket free agents.

Kearse had 36 sacks and went to the Pro Bowl in his first three seasons, twice earning All-Pro honors. But he had just 11 1/2 sacks in the last two injury-plagued seasons.

Kearse said he was never 100 percent last year, but the Eagles ran him through a series of tests and he passed a physical early Thursday to complete the deal.

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ND SOFTBALL

Softball to travel to Fla. over break

By HEATHER VAN
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Sports Writer

After knocking off three of six ranked opponents in the early season, Notre Dame has finally jumped into the rankings, grabbing No. 23 in the latest polls.

The Irish (10-4) look to continue their play of late as they travel to Florida Atlantic for the FAU/Worth Invitational. This is the first time since 2000 that the Irish will not be in California for spring break, as they have participated in the Kia Classic at Cal State-Fullerton for the past three years. This year, the tournament did not coincide with the Irish's spring break.

At Florida Atlantic, the Irish will face four teams, two that are under .500. Saturday, they are set to face Massachusetts (4-7). The Minutewomen are led by pitcher Jenna Busa, who is 2-4 with a 3.08 ERA. The matchup will be the teams' third time and the first since 1997.

In the second game, the Irish will face Florida International (4-13). The Golden Panthers are led by their pitching staff, who has recorded a 1.38 staff ERA for the season. Saturday's game

at 12 p.m. will mark the first time these teams meet in softball.

Sunday, Notre Dame is set to face North Carolina (11-7) at 2 p.m. The Tar Heels are led by Emily Price, who is hitting .444 with four home runs and 16 runs. The last time these teams met, the Irish knocked off the Tar Heels at the 1999 National Invitational Tournament.

The Invitational concludes Sunday at 2 p.m., when the Irish face Florida Atlantic (17-9). The host of the tournament boasts Pam Mazzarella, who is hitting .385 with seven doubles and six RBI.

Following the tournament, the Irish will practice for the rest of the week in Florida, before they travel to No. 4 Florida State to face the Seminoles and participate in Florida State's Seminole Classic. The Seminoles took second in last weekend's NFCA Leadoff Classic, where the Irish won the Silver Division. Jessica van der Linden led the Seminoles, as she has been named ACC Player of the Week every week this season.

Meanwhile, the Irish have been led by Meagan Ruthrauff and Heather Booth. Ruthrauff was named the Big East Player of the Week after hitting three

home runs in the NFCA Leadoff Classic, including two game-winners. She hit .368 with nine RBI on the weekend.

Booth, on the other hand, has led the Irish from the mound. She won all three of her starts in the NFCA Leadoff Classic with complete-game showings. In the opener against Northwestern State, she had seven strikeouts and only gave up six hits. She then pitched eight innings against Cal State-Fullerton, giving up just eight hits and one earned run while striking out 11. The next day, Booth pitched a complete game shutout against No. 14 Nebraska, giving up just four hits and striking out five.

At the Seminole Classic, the Irish will face Michigan State (8-3) and Troy State (7-5) Friday, Mar. 12. They will face Georgia State (3-5) and Maryland (5-5) Saturday. The Spartans come off a championship at the Golden Panther Adidas Invitational at Florida International after beating the Golden Panthers 3-2.

The Irish have matched their second-best start in school history, as the 1995 and 2000 teams both started 10-4.

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ND TRACK AND FIELD

Notre Dame set to host last meet of the season

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

Just one.

That is how many more chances the members of the Notre Dame Track and Field team have to qualify for next week's NCAA Championships as they enter this weekend's Alex Wilson Invitational. The annual Invitational will begin tonight at 6 p.m. at the Loftus Sports Center and competition will resume Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m. with the women's triple jump.

Notre Dame has already qualified athletes in eight events, but many more Irish runners, jumpers and throwers are close to qualifying for Nationals. In an interview last week, assistant coach Tim Connelly discussed his expectations for the meet.

"We hope to do a little fine tuning at the Alex Wilson," he said. "We want to get a bunch of NCAA qualifiers."

Headliners of current qualifiers for the Irish is distance runner Molly Huddle. The sophomore is coming off a victory in the 5,000 meters at last week's Big East Championships and is currently qualified for the NCAAs in both the 5,000 and 3,000 meters.

Juniors Lauren King and Kerry Meagher have qualified for the National Championships in the mile run to make the women's distance runners one of the strongest areas of the team. King is a returning All-American; she finished seventh in last year's mile run. Her best time this year is 4 minutes, 42.98 seconds, while Meagher is not far behind with a 4:45.98.

The women's distance medley relay team is also qualified for Nationals as they have

turned in a time of 11:07.94, currently fourth nationally and second in the Big East.

The other member of the women's team who has already qualified is high jumper Stacy Cowan. The sophomore is presently ranked 12th nationally as she has cleared a height of 1.78 meters.

The men's team is led by sprinter Selim Nurudeen. The junior qualified for Nationals last week in the 60-meter hurdles in a conference championship time of 7.79.

Like the women, the men have also qualified their distance medley relay team. The team, consisting of Ryan Postel,

Thomas Chamney, Eric Morrison and Kurt Benninger has posted a time of 9:45.33 to rank 17th nationally.

Morrison and Benninger are also qualified in the mile run. They are ranked second and third in the Big East, with times of 4:02.80 and 4:03.67, respectively.

Topping the list of Irish athletes not yet qualified is triple jumper Godwin Mbagwu. The senior has jumped 15.31 meters this year and needs to improve his distance by .29 meters to qualify.

Sophomore Ryan Postel is also close to the qualifying time in the 400 meters as he needs to drop his mark by a few tenths of a second.

A number of women's sprinters are also very close to qualifying. Seniors Ayesha Boyd and Kristen Dodd along with freshman Maryann Erigha are just a bit off the mark in the 60 meters. Dodd also can qualify for the 200 meters by dropping her time from 24.42 to 24.20.

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BASEBALL

Irish ready to compete in Texas tournament

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

Even 1,300 miles away from Notre Dame and Eck Stadium, the Irish will have a "home" game as they host the Alamo City Irish Baseball Classic in San Antonio.

No. 7 Notre Dame (6-0) kicks off an eight-game, nine-day spring break Texas road trip with four games against Southern Illinois, Texas-San Antonio and Penn State beginning Saturday.

The event — which had been called the Irish Baseball Classic in past seasons — is put on every year by the Notre Dame Club of San Antonio. All four games will be played in San Antonio's Wolff Stadium, a double-A minor league ballpark.

The following weekend, the Irish travel to Round Rock, Texas, for four games against Penn State, Arizona, Texas Tech and Illinois.

With the break from classes, Irish coach Paul Mainieri is excited for his team's opportunity to get so many games under its belt.

"I'm like a little kid this week. It's nothing but baseball," he said. "It's eight games in nine days and usually the weather is beautiful."

"We play in two beautiful ball parks, and we play against a bunch of outstanding teams. If you love baseball and college baseball, then this is what you live for."

Even without the strain of trying to balance classes, studies and baseball, Mainieri is aware of the challenge his players will face heading into the week's games.

"It's great for [the players], because they get a break from school, and they can just concentrate on baseball," Mainieri said. "But it's also a new challenge, because all of a sudden, you're playing eight days out of nine, so physically there's a new challenge there."

The probable starting rotation for the Irish this weekend will feature junior right hander Chris Niesel against Southern Illinois Saturday, sophomore lefty Tom Thornton on the hill Sunday against Texas-San Antonio and freshman righty Derik Olvey slated to start Monday against Penn State.

Offensively, the Irish have been on a tear through the first two weekends of play, batting .352 as a team and averaging 10.5 runs per game. Shortstop Greg Lopez leads regular Irish starters with a .409 batting average and 10 RBIs. Backup freshman catcher Sean Gaston was named National Co-Hitter of the week by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association and Big East Player of the Week for beginning his Irish career 10-for-12 at the plate last weekend.

Outfielder Brennan Grogan has started the year 7-for-15 for Notre Dame, and first baseman Matt Edwards is batting .400 with three home runs and eight

RBIs.

Mainieri is hoping that Notre Dame's hot hitting and strong play will continue during its trip to Texas this week.

"Traditionally, we play very well during spring break week," he said. "So considering the start that we've had, if we can go down there and play well, we will have given ourselves a good head start before we've even come home to play a home game."

Notes:

♦ Junior pitcher Grant Johnson, who missed Notre Dame's four games last weekend with tonsillitis, will likely return to action this weekend with the Irish.

"Johnson is feeling better. He threw [Wednesday], and he's feeling really good," Mainieri said. "We're hoping that he's going to pitch this weekend, probably not Saturday, but hopefully by Sunday or Monday he'll get back on the mound."

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Paul Mainieri
Irish baseball coach

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish to challenge top teams

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

The women's lacrosse team hopes to build on a quick start when No. 12 Notre Dame (2-0) welcomes No. 19 Cornell to the Loftus Sports Center Sunday at 12 p.m.

The Big Red (0-1) will be the second in a string of four consecutive ranked opponents for the Irish.

"[Cornell] is a big game on our schedule," head coach Tracy Coyne said. "They're athletic and well-coached, and we're expecting it to be a good game."

Following the contest, the Irish will travel to Orlando, Fla., to challenge No. 2 Duke on Wednesday before facing off against No. 8 James Madison next Sunday.

"Duke is going to be loaded with blue chippers, and it's a team we look forward to playing because we know we're going to be tested by one of the best teams," Coyne said. "If we want to be at that level, we have to be able to beat a team like Duke."

While the Blue Devils (2-0) are currently ranked 17 spots ahead of the Big Red, Coyne doesn't

believe the Irish will have to worry about looking past a lower-ranked Cornell squad.

"We're absolutely not looking past Cornell," Coyne said. "We were embarrassed by them last year. I just don't think anyone [returning from last year] is thinking about any other game than that one."

On Sunday, the Irish had no trouble polishing off No. 17 Stanford and gaining a little vengeance in the process.

Eleven months after the Cardinal topped the Irish in a 14-13 double overtime heart-breaker, the Irish ran all over them, jumping out to a 6-0 lead midway through the first half.

By the time the final whistle sounded, four Irish players had at least a pair of goals — including four tallies from both senior mid-die/attack Meredith Simon and senior middie Abby Owen — and Notre Dame had trounced its way to a 16-5 victory.

The Irish survived a scare just two days earlier on Feb. 27

from the University of California at Berkeley in the season opener.

After building commanding leads of 5-1 and 8-2, the Golden Bears shocked the Irish by reeling off seven straight scores to take a 9-8 lead with less than nine minutes left in the contest.

Although Owen and Simon were each able to find the back of the net on free position shots to regain the lead with 4:21 remaining, the Bears weren't done. Cardinal

Leanne Zilioli scored on a last-ditch free position shot with five seconds left to tie the score and force overtime.

But Owen was up to the challenge. The senior scored both Irish goals in the extra period, and Notre Dame was able to hold on for a dramatic 12-11 victory.

"The California game didn't go exactly as we expected it to go, but we did what we had to do to win," Coyne said. "Good teams find a way to win."

"At different points, somebody had to do something in order to put us in the position to win in the end."

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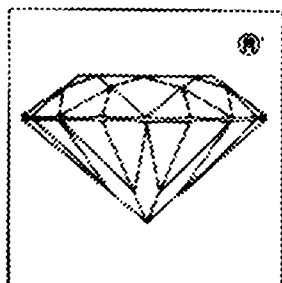
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worthwhile."

That's the message Brey wants his younger players, who aren't getting 30-plus minutes each night, to hear and remember when things aren't going as well as one hopes.

Timmermans had practice battles with quality players — Troy Murphy, Harold Swanagan and Ryan Humphrey. Jones' list is comparable — David Graves, Matt Carroll and Dan Miller.

Jones and Timmermans sat on the bench watching the stars of previous Notre Dame teams lead the Irish to NCAA Tournaments. The duo, now as seniors, is trying to lead the Irish on a late-season run at being selected for their fourth NCAA Tournament bid in as many years.

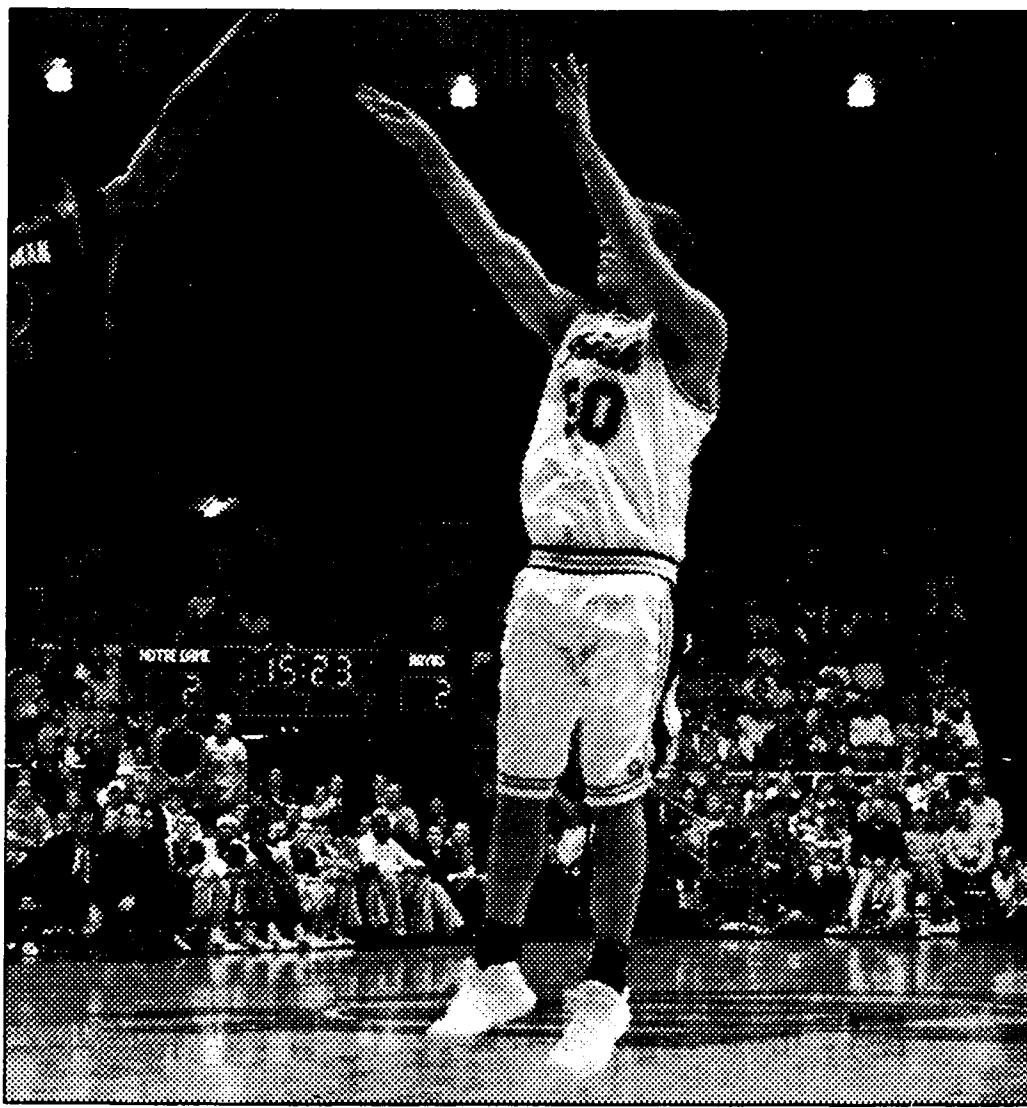
Unlike past years, Brey isn't looking at his seniors to score a combined 35 points per game and be the ones who must make the shots down the stretch. These seniors know and understand their roles for the Irish.

Thursday night Jones did what he did best — shut down an opponent's leading scorer as he held Georgetown's Gerald Riley to 10 points on 3-of-13 shooting. Jones, who said he wouldn't come out of his offensive game, did take 11 shots in trying to make his last home game a memorable one. His coach wasn't surprised after the game.

"He knew he had me hostage tonight," Brey joked.

Timmermans maintained his inside presence on defense — pulling down eight rebounds — and sat in the middle of the Georgetown zone, passing out of the high post to the open man.

Just looking at the box score doesn't reveal what Jones and Timmermans mean to the Irish. That's not what these two seniors have been about in their careers.



Senior Tom Timmermans drains a two-point shot early in the first half. Timmermans finished with 3 points and 8 rebounds.

Jones and Timmermans understand playing in-your-face defense, battling down low for the rebound and getting on the floor for a loose ball is how they help the Irish win.

"I told the younger guys in the locker room that you should look at these guys, some of you guys that aren't playing, these are guys that have paid their dues and it's all working for them as a part of a very good team," Brey said. You don't see guys like that, I'm really proud of how they've handled their careers. Now they are taking advantage of a bigger opportunity and really deliver."

The fans recognize how hard these seniors have worked in their careers while wearing a Notre Dame uniform. Timmermans feels the crowd's standing ovation when Brey

called a timeout to remove him from the game shows he "finally has that respect that I've worked for over the last four years."

Jones thanked the same appreciative fans for a memorable four years and told the student body, "We're making a run at the NCAA Tournament, and we need you behind us the entire way."

Then Jones and Timmermans went into the front row of the students, interlocked arms and swayed to the alma meter.

Thursday night was their time to have the spotlight shine on them.

And they deserved it.

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Hoyas

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ished with just 10 points, shooting 3-for-13 from the field. Riley combined with guard Ashanti Cook and center Courtland Freeman to shoot 9-for-40.

Forward Brandon Bowman led Georgetown with 17 points and 15 rebounds, the 12th straight game he has led the team in boards.

Three blocks from Jordan Cornette (two points, 10 rebounds, four assists) and tough man-to-man defense from Cornette, Jones and the rest of the team held the Hoyas to the lowest point total for an Irish opponent this season.

Torrian Jones is a senior and role player, one who has taken a larger leadership role this season but still remained disciplined on the defensive end. His perfection the man-to-man is part of what held Georgetown to such a shooting percentage.

"[Our defense has been] really keen on covering your man by yourself," Jones said. "[Before], you got a big man like Torin [Francis] back there that can block shots and give you that inside presence ... you have a little room for error. But with him not back there sometimes, you got a four-guard lineup out there. So you really have to concentrate on keeping your man in front of you and not making your team get in help, because you can't afford create mismatches."

Defense is not the only method of preventing a team from scoring. Protecting the ball on offense prevents running teams like Georgetown from scoring in transition. Notre Dame made sure the Hoyas did not rush them out of their offense, turning the ball over just five times all game, though Georgetown leads the Big East

with an average of 10.64 steals per game.

"We played with a lot of poise, and we're able to limit our turnovers lately because of our new offense that we've implemented and just the tempo we've adapted to," Thomas said. "We're aware of how well they get up into teams, and they forced me into a lot of turnovers last year at their place, but I was just trying to make sure that as a team we handled the ball well."

After a Thomas turnover at the 16:14 mark of the first half, Notre Dame went 24 minutes and four seconds before its next turnover. Solid guard play from Thomas and Quinn is the key ingredient in preventing turnovers, and it is also, coach Mike Brey believes, what wins the Irish ball games.

Quinn and Thomas must lead the charge on Saturday at Saint John's and in the first round of the Big East tournament.

NOTRE DAME 61, GEORGETOWN 48 at the JOYCE CENTER

NOTRE DAME (15-11, 8-7)

Thomas 7-17 1-2 19, Quinn 6-12 3-4 18, Cornette 2-3 2-2 6, Cornette 1-4 2-2 5, Jones 2-11 1-2 5, Timmermans 1-4 1-2 3, Falls 1-4 0-0 3, Carter 1-1 0-0 2.

GEORGETOWN (13-13, 4-11)

Bowman 6-15 3-5 17, Riley 3-13 2-2 10, Cook 4-18 0-0 9, Freeman 2-9 2-3 6, Causey 1-4 0-0 2, Kilkenny-Diaw 1-1 0-0 2, Reed 1-1 0-0 2.

	1st	2nd	Total
NOTRE DAME	30	31	61
Georgetown	16	32	48

3-point goals: Notre Dame 9-24 (Thomas 4-8, Quinn 3-6, Falls 1-3, Cornette 1-3, Jones 0-3, Timmermans 0-1), Georgetown 5-14 (Bowman 2-4, Riley 2-5, Cook 1-5). Fouled out: None. Rebounds: Notre Dame 39 (Cornette 10), Georgetown 48 (Bowman 15). Assists: Notre Dame 16 (Thomas 6), Georgetown 10 (Freeman, Causey 3). Total fouls: Notre Dame 12, Georgetown 15.

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Dillon

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"I have zero talent," Dillon says. "I'm just a slow guy that keeps his hands down."

Ask him about his style in the ring, and he'll say, "I'm stubborn in the ring. I don't change strategy enough to fit my opponent."

Constantly self-evaluating, complacency just isn't in Dillon's vocabulary.

Even after winning his first fight in the Bengal Bouts as a freshman in February of 2001, Dillon refused to pat himself on the back.

After the fight, he said, "In the second round, the corner really helped me out." Keep in mind that this was after completing six weeks of the most intense training he had ever experienced. He pushed himself harder than he ever had before in order to secure that first win, and where does Dillon put the credit? To someone else — his cornerman.

While personally critical outside the ring, he is actually a dynamic specimen inside. Even in his earliest days with the club, Dillon was dominating opponents. He drew blood on one of the first punches he ever threw in sparring sessions.

"I remember bloodying my opponent's nose in my first

sparring session," Dillon said. "It was a good friend of mine who happened to have a weak nose."

Over the years, he has grown from a brutish slugger to more of a technical counter-puncher.

He has maintained a willingness to take a punch throughout his career, believing it will open a chance for a strong counter-attack.

At times his style in the ring says to opponents, "Hit me. I'll hit you back, harder and more often."

Dillon picked up the counter-punch style during a fight his freshman year, a fight that Dillon refers to as a turning point.

"In between the 2nd and 3rd rounds, my cornerman, Edward Hernandez III, told me that I was going to have to start being

the aggressor and to take one punch to score three more."

Dillon lost that fight to then-captain Brian Hobbins, but he had an important realization before its end.

"I came out and threw as

hard as I could. I was able to back Hobbins into the corner. I saw him back up and saw myself take control," he said. "For those few seconds in the ring, I realized what people meant when they said that boxing is about one man imposing his will upon his opponent."

Since that day, Dillon has

been imposing his will upon his opponents more often. Both as a sophomore and as a junior, Dillon advanced to the semifinals. On Wednesday night he earned his first career trip to the finals, improving his overall record to 6-3.

Though Dillon is at his most self-deprecating when he recaps his fight history, he is never dismayed or second-guessing.

The focus is always on the next step. Dillon said his most recent loss to Charlie Gough in the semifinals of last year's Bouts was especially motivating.

"I felt out of shape going into the tournament. It was my personal worst performance. It has me extremely motivated for this year to be technically perfect and in better shape than anyone in the program," Dillon said.

Dillon has fought his career best in this year's tournament, successfully balancing his co-presidential duties with training.

"Being a captain has really totally changed everything about practice for me. Four [p.m.] to 6 [p.m.] no longer belongs to me, and I never plan on getting any of my work in during the regular practice time," Dillon said.

The change in training hours has not altered his dedication

at all, and Dillon believes his personal training is a responsibility of his as captain.

"I feel a responsibility to be in the best shape I can be in and have the best technique possible in order to set an example for some of the younger guys. I also never want anyone to think that I don't represent the

program well as a captain," he said. "I have a long history of outstanding boxers and leaders as captains to live up to. I don't want to let down the guys who came before me."

Growing up in South Bend,

Dillon had the chance to see firsthand many of those who came before him.

"I grew up hearing about and watching the bouts with my grandfather and my dad, who both went to Notre Dame, too," Dillon said. "Watching the fights and hearing stories about the fights with them is what really got my interest going. And it's the work ethic that they both have instilled in me that has kept me going these four years."

Dillon has certainly come a long way since those early days as a spectator, but he characteristically denies any major achievements or tremendous growth in ability.

"I think it's easier for me to relate to a kid who is really

struggling with boxing because I didn't come in and immediately dominate in my first or second year the way most of the captains do," he said. "I've struggled and continue to struggle to become a decent fighter, so the guy who is struggling with his first year of boxing can relate to me and see that you don't need much skill to have some success in the program if you are willing to put in the time."

He is a senior captain, club co-president, possesses tremendous talent in each hand, has earned the respect of every boxer in the club, and will be fighting in the 2004 Bengal Bouts finals Mar. 17. Yet Dillon still claims he doesn't have much skill. He just wants to be a decent fighter with some success and says that, maybe, if he puts in the time, he will.

Humility is an understatement.

There is a famous quote written on the wall of the Joyce Center boxing room which reads in part, "The credit belongs to the man in the arena, whose face is marked by dust and sweat and blood."

Every boxer in the program has read it numerous times and can probably recite most of it from memory.

Dillon has seen this quote for every day for the last two months and too many times to count over the last four years. One would think it would have sunk in by now.

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Pat Dillon
Bengal Bouts captain

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Lakers

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that it is also competing for a possible NCAA berth, however, and will certainly be focusing on Lake Superior State just as hard as the team focused on last weekend's sweep of then-No. 4 Michigan.

"We're already thinking about [Lake Superior]," the coach Dave Poulin said after the Irish defeated the Wolverines 5-2 Saturday night. "We've already discussed it as a team."

The Lakers enter this weekend's series with a record of 6-15-5 in the CCHA, placing them in 11th place in the 12-member CCHA. That record is somewhat deceiving, however, as the Lakers have gone 2-1-2 over their last five games and tied the Irish in a 2-2 game earlier this season at the Joyce Center on Nov. 22.

Much like the Irish, the Lakers have been bolstered by the play of a freshman netminder who has collected some of the best stats in the nation.

Rookie Jeff Jakaitis is in the top three of the CCHA in GAA with a 2.15, compared to Notre Dame's David Brown, who leads that category with a 2.03 GAA. Jakaitis' save percentage is also remarkably close to Brown's, with the two goalies collecting a .932 and .933 save percentage,

respectively.

Although he has struggled some this season, Laker backup goalie Matt Violin is an NHL draft choice, so Notre Dame's opponent this weekend has some considerable depth in net — something which was not the case with Michigan, who was forced to use their unseasoned backup after an injury in Friday's game to No. 1-starter Al Montoya.

Unfortunately for the Lakers, they also have the lowest scoring offense in the CCHA, which does a lot towards explaining Jakaitis' record of 4-7-4.

Hitting at only a 2.09 goals per game clip, the Lakers

are nearly an entire goal behind Notre Dame's 8th place offence with 2.81 goals per game.

Not a single player on the Lakers' roster has more than 20 points so far this year.

The team's leading scorer is forward Dominic Osman with 19 points (10 goals, nine assists), followed shortly behind by Bo Cheesman with 18 points (11 goals, seven assists) and Trent Campbell with 17 points (four goals, 13 assists).

Notre Dame faces the Lakers Friday and Saturday with face-off scheduled for 7:05 p.m. each night.

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Irish hockey coach

Big East

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takes on No. 9 Georgetown and No. 6 West Virginia plays No. 11 St. John's.

Eight of the 12 teams in the tournament are contending for an NCAA Tournament berth.

To put into perspective how good the conference is, No. 8 Virginia Tech is 21-6 this season and was ranked for several weeks.

"This is certainly the deepest the conference has been," McGraw said. "It's amazing how competitive it is. In a first-round game we're probably going to play Rutgers, who was picked second in the conference this year."

Notre Dame will rely on its tough defense to travel deep into the tournament.

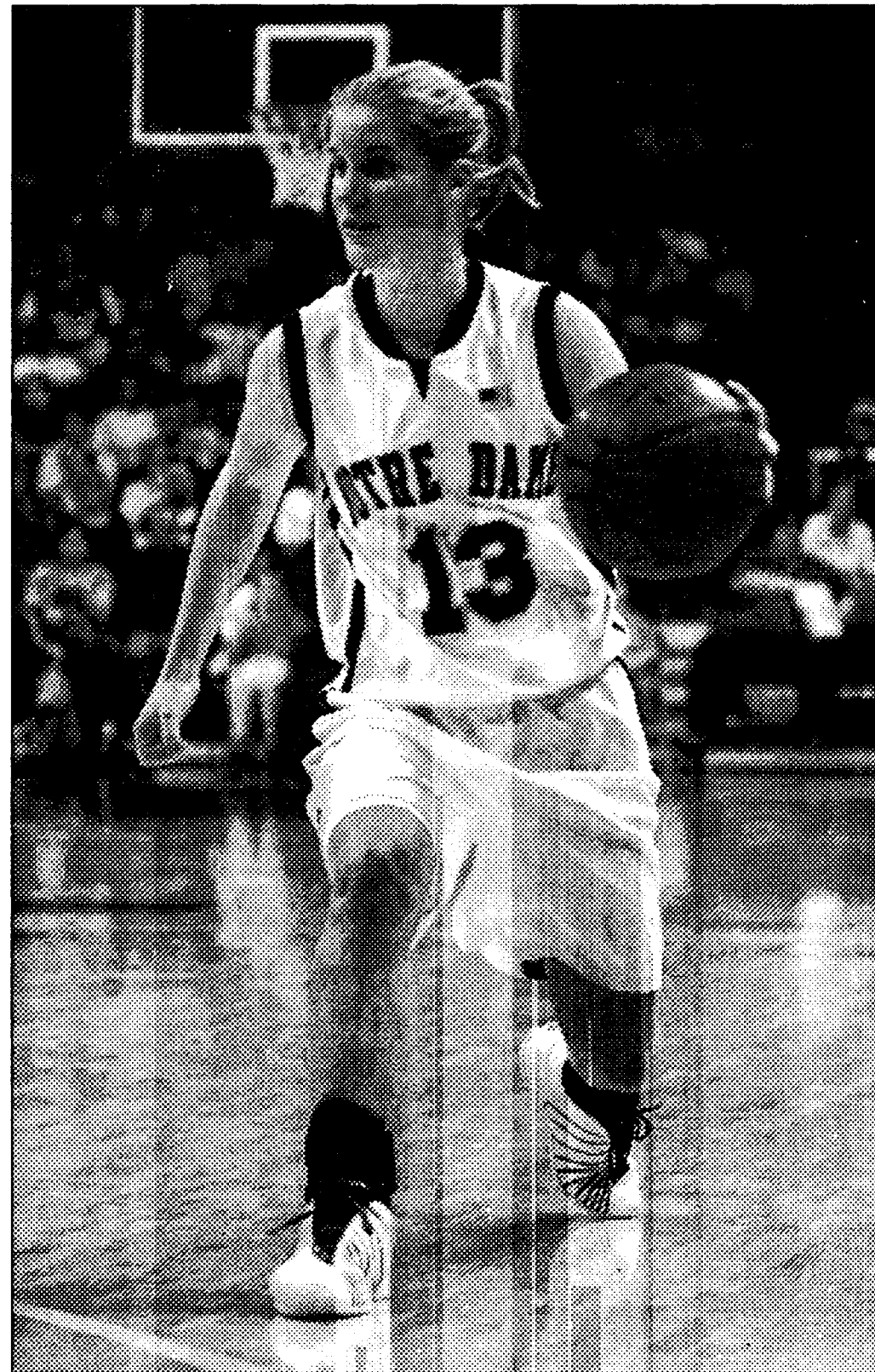
The Irish have held 10 of their last 14 opponents under 40 percent shooting and are 8-2 when accomplishing this feat.

Notre Dame has also held its opponents to 59 points a game.

The biggest question mark for Notre Dame is its ability to play away from the Joyce Center. All nine of the Irish losses have come on the road this season, while the team is 13-0 at home.

Jacqueline Batteast has been the leader on both the offensive and defensive end for the Irish. She averages 15.1 points and 8.3 rebounds. Megan Duffy could be Big East Most Improved Player after scoring 10.6 points and running the Notre Dame offense well.

The Irish are a virtual lock for an NCAA Tournament berth after beating seven top-25 teams during the season. Heading into the conference



MEGAN DAVISSON/The Observer

Megan Duffy dribbles against Syracuse on March 2. Duffy is in the running for Big East Most Improved Player award.

tournament, Notre Dame will look to improve its seeding.

But with this year's conference, getting any wins in the tournament will be impressive.

"It's just been a really good year in the conference," McGraw said.

The Irish will play their first game against either the Scarlet Knights or the Pirates at 6 p.m. Sunday.

The semifinals are Monday and the finals are Tuesday.

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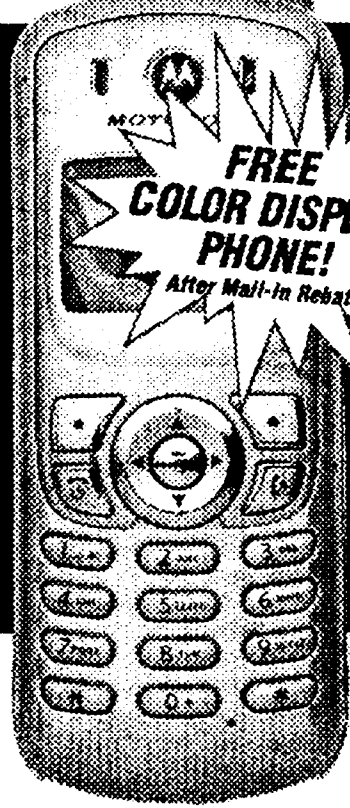
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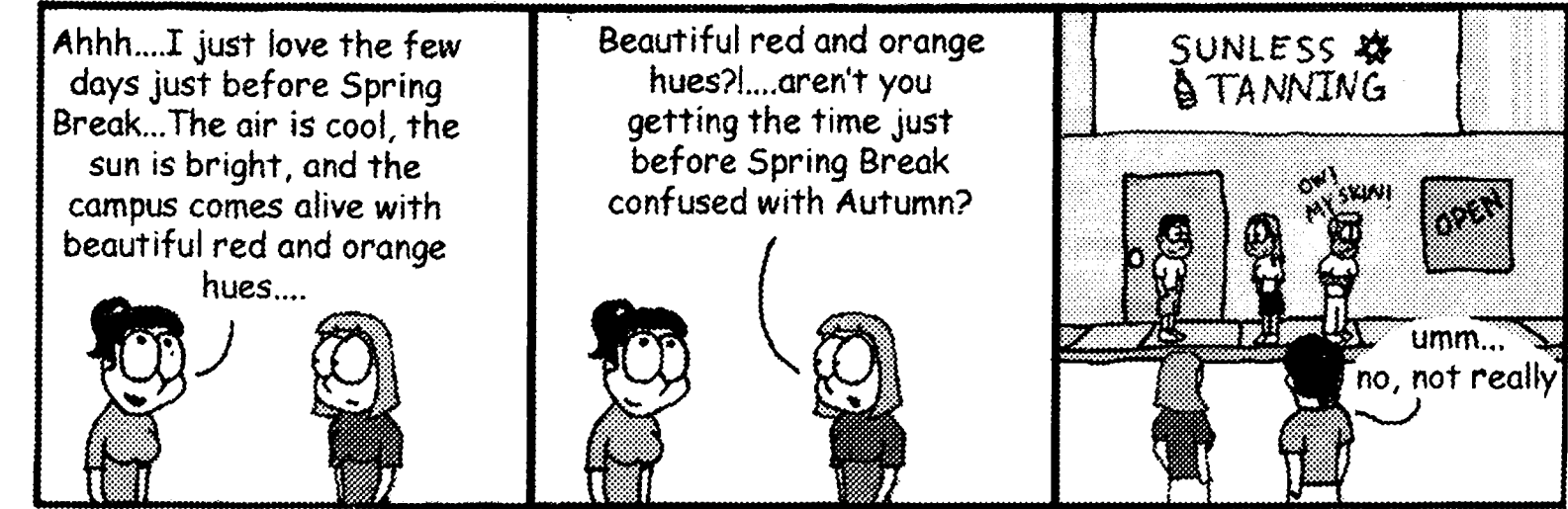
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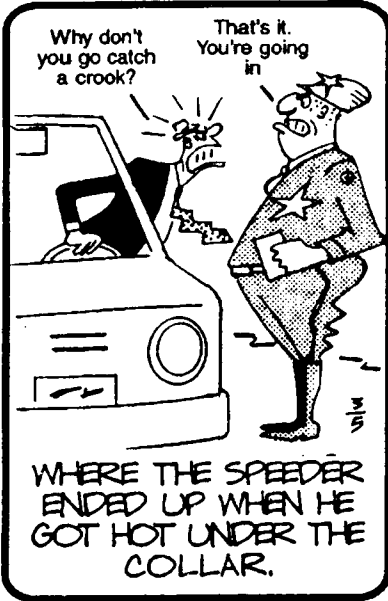
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1 Old trail terminus

8 Public hangings

15 Pushes

16 Race place

17 Test-of-time passer

18 Ends, e.g.

19 "The Piano" co-star

20 Supporter of a drop leaf

21 Keep someone awake, maybe

22 Order in the court

23 Bit of elementary Latin

25 Free

27 About to explode

28 Nonconformists

33 They're related
- 34 Kind of affiliation: Abbr.

35 Stars, e.g.

36 One raising Cain

37 Municipal council mem.

38 Something a company won't reveal

40 Beersheba locale

42 It may be between the seats

43 Horned rock climber

44 Times, e.g.

46 Some are shaded

50 Be granted

52 Garam (spice mixture in Indian cuisine)

53 Fast, agile runner
- DOWN**

1 Draws (on)

2 "One for My Baby" composer

3 Marsh of mystery

4 Beta release, essentially

5 Product line

6 Abbott, to Costello, e.g.

7 Collier's, for one: Abbr.

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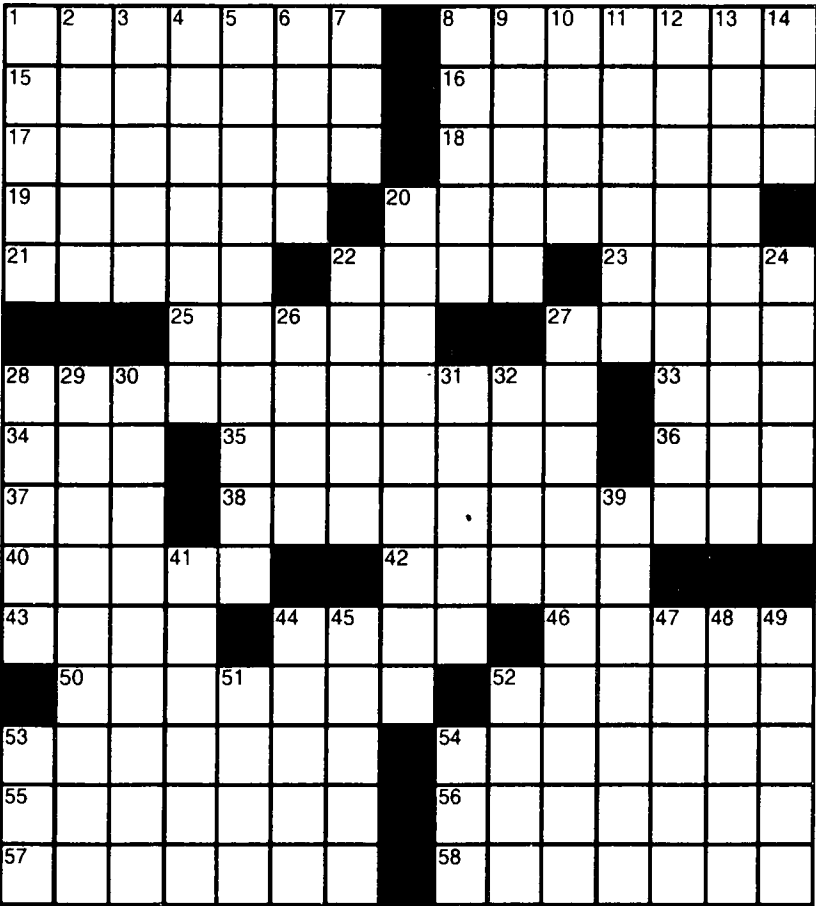
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24 Rule to live by



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27 "Something's not right here"

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30 Coot

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39 Knocking off

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't hesitate to take the advice offered by friends and relatives. Not only will their suggestions be helpful but they will also relieve your stress. Don't make unreasonable promises. ***
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

New York is next

Irish leash Hoyas, need wins in New York

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Critics have spent the week saying the Irish must win at least the next three games to have a shot at the NCAA tournament.

One down, two to go.

Notre Dame defeated Georgetown 61-48 on Thursday night behind 19 points from high point man Chris Thomas and 18 points from Thomas' backcourt mate, Chris Quinn.

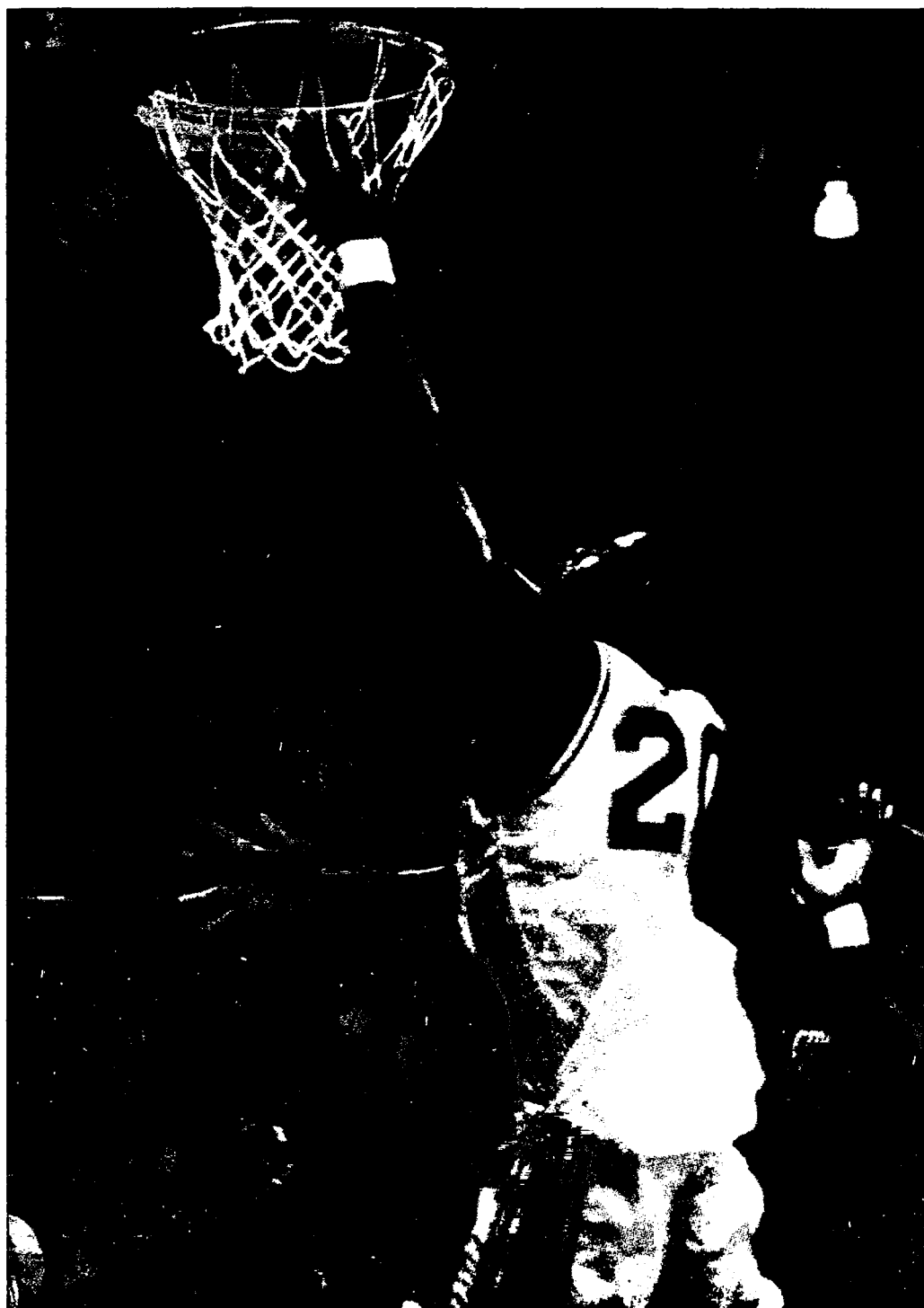
One of the main stories in a dominant performance by the Irish was the Hoyas' shooting, or the Irish defense — or both.

"We really guarded them and made them take tough shots," Thomas said. "Nobody really got good looks, and if they did, we were blocking out and limiting their second chance opportunities."

While Rick Cornett and Tom Timmermans combined for 18 rebounds, Georgetown out-rebounded Notre Dame. This was due, however, to longer shots and longer rebounds, Thomas said.

Georgetown shot 28.1 percent from the floor, compared to 37.5 percent for Notre Dame. The Hoyas' leading scorer Gerald Riley (17.8 points per game) fin-

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Senior Torrian Jones skies for the hoop in Notre Dame's 61-48 victory over Georgetown. It was Jones' final game at home.

MEGAN DAVISSON/The Observer

Jones, Timmermans enjoy final home experience

After three years of being role players for the Irish, it was fitting to watch seniors Torrian Jones and Tom Timmermans leave their home court to a standing ovation on Senior Night.

It was an opportunity for Jones and Timmermans to get the acknowledgment they deserve from all the fans that have watched this duo develop into leaders for the Irish in their senior season.

For three years, Jones and Timmermans were the ones Irish coach Mike Brey sent into the game to get the seniors on their last night at the Joyce Center.

Thursday night, it was their turn to watch from the bench as the final seconds ticked away.

"I just got to see my career culminate and come to an end," Jones said. "I got to watch us win on our home floor in my last game."

"It makes everything I did here

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Matt Lozar

HOCKEY

Irish look to finish strong on road

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

They're on the home stretch — on the road.

The Irish (17-11-4, 13-10-3 in the CCHA) face the Lakers in a two-game series this weekend, as Notre Dame attempts to secure home-ice advantage in the first round of the CCHA playoffs for the first time since the 1999-2000 season.

Notre Dame currently has 29 points and sits in a tie for fifth place with Alaska Fairbanks. They are one point behind fourth place Ohio State and three points behind third place Michigan State.

The Irish need only one point to eliminate Western Michigan from contention for the sixth home-ice spot for the CCHA playoffs.

Notre Dame realizes

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish ready to rumble

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

This season, even the top seeds in the Big East tournament don't get an easy draw.

The conference has so many quality teams that even the higher seeds could exit the tournament quickly.

"It's really an up-for-grabs year," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "If you look at the No. 2-8 teams, it's a tough game no matter who you have to play."

Notre Dame finished the regular season 12-4 in the conference and earned a sec-

ond-place finish behind Connecticut. The top four teams in the conference receive a bye into the second round. Villanova finished at No. 3, while Miami is No. 4.

"No one has ever won without the bye," McGraw said.

"So that's really critical."

"It's really an up-for-grabs year."

Muffet McGraw
Irish basketball coach

Notre Dame faces the winner of the No. 7 Rutgers versus No. 10 Seton Hall first-round game. The Irish have lost to both teams in the regular season. In

other first-round action, No. 5 Boston College faces No. 12 Syracuse, No. 8 Virginia Tech

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BENGAL BOUTS

Pat Dillon: humble boxing hero

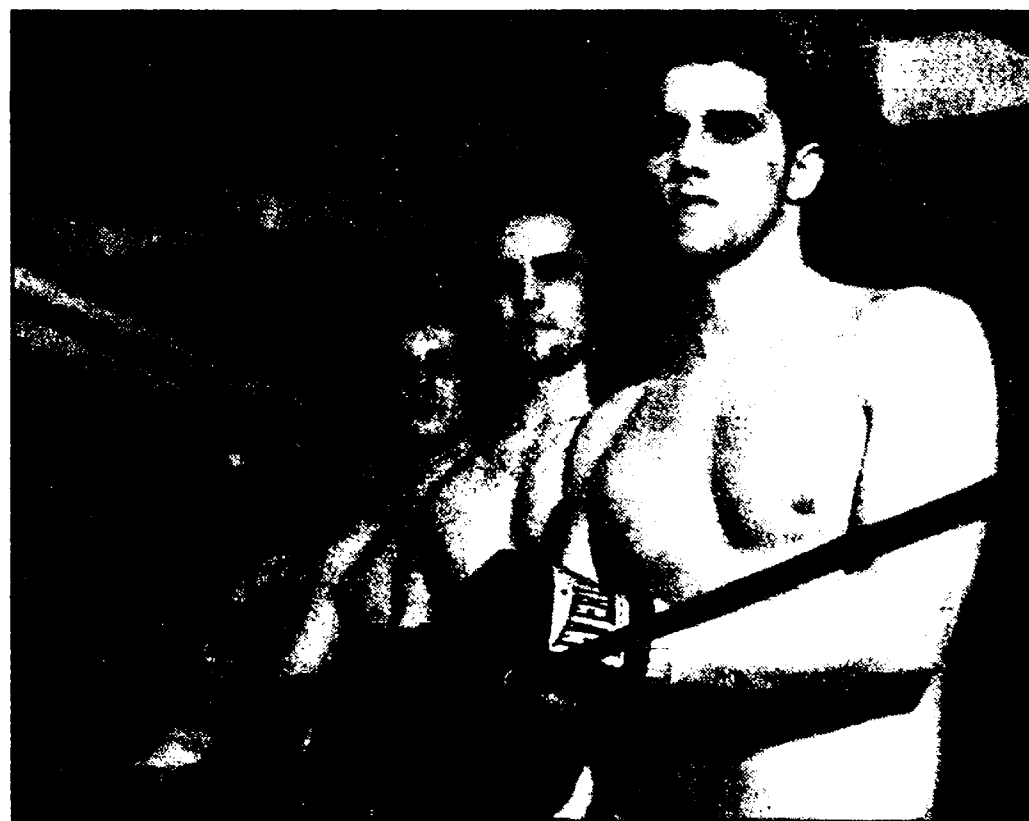
By LUKE BUSAM
Sports Writer

A dominating right cross. A lightning-quick left jab. A relentless work ethic.

Those are just a few of the more recognizable traits that earned Pat Dillon a club captaincy as a junior and the club co-presidency as a senior. Those are also just a few traits that make Dillon an outstanding boxer.

But ask him about those stand-out traits, and he won't admit he has them. And the fact that the boxer has never taken credit for any of his success or any of his talents nearly says more about his character than all those qualities combined.

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Pat Dillon and fellow Bengal Bouts captains Tommy Demko, Stefan Borovina and William Zizic take a break from practice.

SPORTS AT A GLANCE

BASEBALL

The Irish travel to San Antonio to participate in the Alamo City Irish Baseball Classic.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Notre Dame faces three ranked teams over the break.

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ND TRACK & FIELD

The Irish are set to host the final home meet of the season this Saturday.

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ND SOFTBALL

Notre Dame travels to participate in the Florida Atlantic/Worth Invitational.

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FENCING

The Irish are hosting the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships.

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