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Number of full professors trails average

Percentage of full professors at Notre Dame

- Notre Dame's percentage of faculty who are full professors trails the national average

University of Notre Dame: 45%

Average of Top 20 Academic Institutions: 55%

- The percentage of full professors at Notre Dame who are women also trails the national average

University of Notre Dame: 11%

Average of Top 20 Academic Institutions: 16%

Source: Office of Institutional Research

MIKE HARKINS/Observer Graphic

By JOE TROMBELLO
Assistant News Editor

Less than half of Notre Dame's faculty members have achieved the rank of full professor and the University has the lowest percentage of full professors among top twenty institutions, which may lower the rankings of individual departments.

According to statistics provided by the Office of Institutional Research, 45 percent of Notre Dame's faculty is at the rank of full professor, a statistic equal to or better than a number of Notre Dame's Catholic peer institutions but one that falls behind

the top twenty peer institutions, that have 55 percent of their faculty at the full professor rank.

University administrators said that a number of factors, including the cyclical nature of hiring, the increasing difficulty of the University's promotion standards, the University's emphasis on teaching as a factor in promotion decisions and the difficulty that some faculty may have in receiving appropriate mentoring all play a role in why Notre Dame has fewer full professors than other peer institutions.

Transitional Period

Carol Mooney, vice president and associate provost, said that changes to Notre Dame's

standards with respect to tenure and promotion might partially explain the smaller number of faculty who are full professors. Some faculty who were either hired or received tenure before the University increased its emphasis on research may not be meeting the higher expectations.

"[The] University has been transitioning to a place where research is more important than it has been historically," she said. "We have some people hired [and tenured] before the research expectations were higher and they have never performed at a level necessary to be promoted."

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In the shadows

Brothers of Holy Cross are called to minister in education, not sacraments

Editor's note: This is the second of a four part series focusing on the religious of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross.

By ANDREW THAGARD
Senior Staff Writer

Brother Thomas More Beere's story sounds almost unreal.

For over half a century, Beere, 79, has dedicated his life to educating children and promoting the word of God — initially in the United States but predominately in Bangladesh.

"At that time, Bangladesh was probably the poorest country in the world," he said, remembering his time there while sitting on a couch in Columba Hall's parlor. "I spent [the first] year, every day, all day long, [learning the lan-

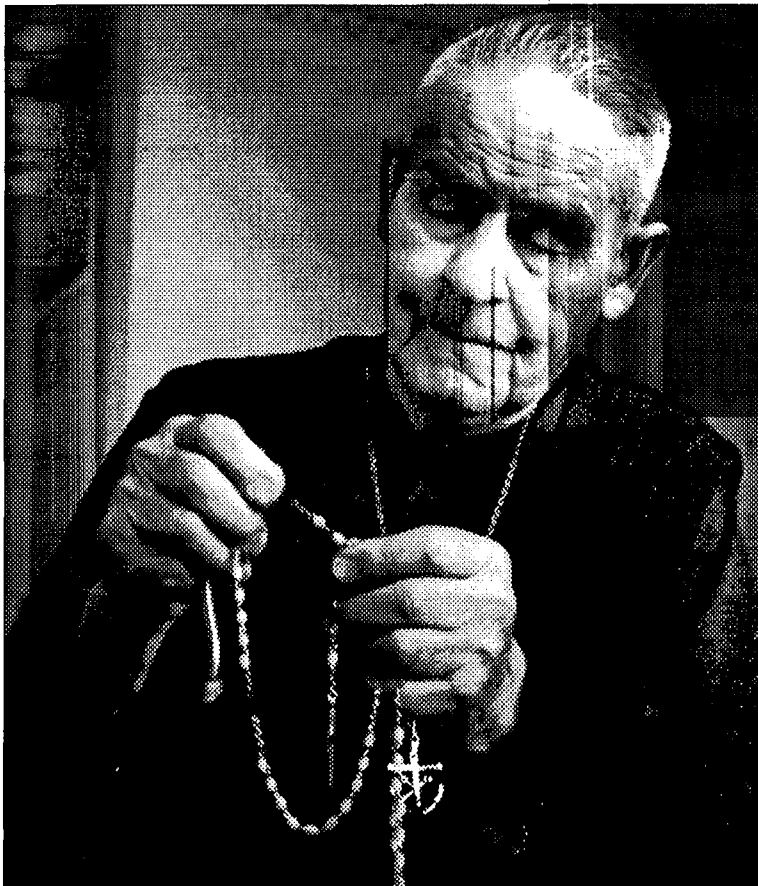
guage]. The syntax, the words — everything is completely different."

Beere remained in Bangladesh for 54 years, teaching at high schools, recruiting boys for vocations in religious life and later training young men at a trade school. His experiences represent a lifetime of service that few could match. It's a life that's brought him tremendous joy but also a degree of sadness, particularly in regard to the limited time he's spent with his family.

"I really enjoyed my time there," he said. "I was never home [however] for funerals or weddings. This summer I'm going to the wedding of one of my grandnephews. They said, 'You have to come, you've never been to a wedding.'"

While many of his contempo-

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CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Brother Thaddeus Gottemoller makes a rosary from materials he inherited from his father decades ago. Gottemoller, 92, has served the Congregation of Holy Cross for the last 72 years.

Panel discusses Brown case

By JANICE FLYNN
News Writer

Students and faculty gathered Monday night in the first of a two-part series commemorating the 50th anniversary of the historic Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court decision for a panel discussion and a documentary screening.

Educational institutions across the nation are honoring the anniversary of Brown, which declared segregation in public schools unconstitutional. Discussion has turned to focus on the legacy of Brown and the present condition of American public schools.

The documentary "The Road to Brown" depicted racial segregation from the birth of the nation up to the present day. It particularly focused on the life of Charles Hamilton Houston, an oft-forgotten but crucial individual to the long process of toppling racial segregation, who has been called "The Man Who Killed Jim Crow."

Jack Pratt, associate dean of the Law School, gave a brief introduction to Houston, asking the audience to keep in mind the "life-threatening" conditions in which Houston worked.

Houston, a prestigious black lawyer, traveled throughout the south in the 1930s. Equipped with a movie camera, he captured the discrepancies between black and white schools. With a tenacious group of gifted black lawyers that included his student Thurgood Marshall, Houston chipped away at seg-

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Group discusses dorm exercise equipment

By ANDREW THAGARD
Senior Staff Writer

A lack of sufficient voting members to hold an official meeting did not dissuade the Campus Life Council from discussing a perceived lack of exercise equipment in the dorms and delivering committee reports on Monday.

Wyatt Maxwell, a member of

CLC and the Hall President's Council, read members a letter from HPC Athletic Chairmen Erinn Rigney and Bill Bonner, outlining what they perceive to be a lack of sufficient exercise equipment in the residence halls — particularly within female dorms. The letter also noted that equipment present in the dorms is often in poor condition and that a lack of usable equipment hinders the

well-being and fitness of residents.

"[The HPC Chairmen] would like to see more invested in this," Maxwell said. "It might be something for the CLC to look at next year."

Kathy Brannock, rector of Howard Hall, and Heather Rakoczy, rector of Pangborn Hall, said that residents have asked for additional exercise equipment in the past for their

respective dorms but that space constraints made such requests difficult to address.

"I wouldn't mind buying the equipment but we have no room to put it," Brannock said. "In Howard Hall it's just not feasible."

The debate expanded into one focusing on gender inequalities in general within

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INSIDE COLUMN

The Look

Do you ever get the Look? You know, the Look that is just screaming "I can't believe someone like you got in a school like this." I get it a lot. So I'm writing this column as a sort of service project. If you've ever been a recipient of the Look, you can read it and think, "Wow, this girl is even more spaced out than I am." Or, if you can top my experiences, you can write me an e-mail. Then I can laugh at you.

Kate Gales

Sports Production

Oh man, I really hope I get some stories from people. I'll be sympathetic. I promise. So top these. Please.

I shocked myself with Christmas lights. It hurt. It was not fun. I told Erin, who lives across the hall. She gave me a Look. "You touched open wires without turning the lights off?" I really didn't know you were supposed to do that. I guess you could say that the news was a shock ... zing.

I fell down the stairs of my dorm. What makes the story better is that the door was open, and I fell out the door, too. Very embarrassing, let me tell you. People were watching me. They gave me the Look. My best friend, who tore both her ACLs, gave me that test to see if I tore anything because my knee was so swollen. She also gave me the Look.

I made a CD for a guy, code name Ignatius, on Valentine's Day. I wrote "To Ignatius, from Kate" on the front while my brother, code name Xavier, was explaining to me the fine art of CD making. The next day, his roommate asked me who Xavier was. I was confused. Very confused. Until I realized that I had been on the phone with my brother and inadvertently written "Xavier" on the CD — and given it to Ignatius. I was so upset, I screamed. My roommate asked me why I was screaming. She gave me the Look. Then she laughed. I just about died.

I set my alarm without looking at the hour. I went to and sat through the entire 8:30 calculus class instead of my 9:35 while realizing it. Where were my friends and the professor? Why did I not understand the material? For some reason, I didn't think to question it.

I tried to say Reese's Pieces. But I added a "nis" in the middle of "pieces." Say it out loud and you'll realize why it was awkward when I said it to my football coach. He gave me the Look. Then he laughed so hard he rolled around on the ground.

I challenge you to top those.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Kate Gales at kgales@nd.edu.

CORRECTIONS

In Monday's story "Protests prompt Taco Bell response," University spokesman Matt Storin should have been quoted as saying that he was unaware whether letters from the Progressive Student Alliance had been delivered to University President Father Edward Malloy and he was unaware whether Malloy knew of the letter.

In Monday's sports' story "Malloy responds to criticism" that discussed the publication of a column written by Malloy in The New York Times, Storin's quote should have read, "There was a column in the Times that didn't make the print edition here, but we felt that although you can't address a specific column with another, there were some things said about the University and its attraction to players of color that needed to be said."

QUESTION OF THE DAY: Do you work? If so, where?



Carolyn Lethert
Junior
Pasquerilla East

"I work at The Huddle, only the best place ever."



Eric Doversberger
Junior
Dillon

"Props out to the Kaneb Center and crew and the always present animal crackers."



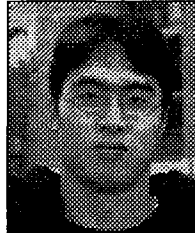
Katl Sedun
Junior
Cavanaugh

"No."



Nicole Gonsalves
Freshman
McGlinn

"The Huddle."



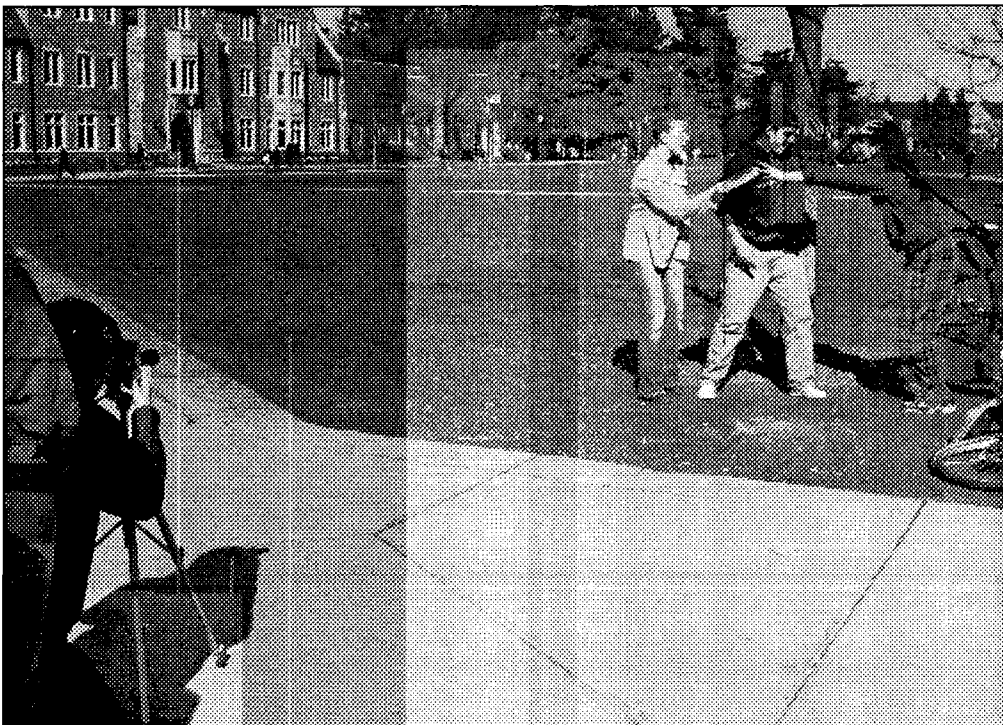
Paul Chung
Sophomore
Knott

"At the Math Office."



Vincent Lynziski
Sophomore
Keenan

"Nope."



MATTHEW SMEDBERG/The Observer

A group of students shoot a movie for a film production class in front of South Dining Hall Monday afternoon.

IN BRIEF

Class registration for Fall 2004 will begin for rising seniors this morning and continue through Thursday on IrishLink.

The Keough Institute and the law school will sponsor a lecture by Michael Farrell of the Irish Human Rights Commission "Using International Human Rights Law in Practice" at 12:15 p.m. today in the Law School Courtroom. Farrell will also lecture on "Civil Rights, the Law and the Conflict in Northern Ireland" at 5 p.m. in the Law School Courtroom.

The English Department will sponsor a talk on "Playboys and Riot Grrrls: Drama and the Fighting Irish Audience" by assistant professor Susan Cannon Harris at 7 p.m. tonight in the Reckers hospitality room. Refreshments will be served.

Stanford University professor Teresa LaFromboise will speak on "Changing and Diverse Roles of American Indian Women in 21st Century United States" at 7 p.m. tonight in DeBartolo Hall room 131.

The Mini-Medical School Lecture series will continue tonight at 7 p.m. when Dominic Vachon presents a lecture "Transcending Suffering: Spirituality and Maintaining compassion in the Encounter with Human Pain."

Amnesty International will sponsor a showing of the film "Dead Man Walking" tonight at 7 p.m. in DeBartolo Hall room 119.

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

OFFBEAT

W.Va. county overrun by stray cats

FAIRMONT, W.Va. — Marion County apparently is being overrun by stray cats. Brenda Leonard, manager of the Marion County Humane Society, said she has no idea how many there are, but the problem is so bad, "I have people who rent cat cages, set them by their house and try to catch them for us."

Leonard said they received 28 cats at the shelter between March 11 and 26.

Fairmont Council member De'Andrea Bussey is proposing residents register their cats and get a license, like dog owners do. The

registration fee would go to the humane society's spaying and neutering program.

Prom couple sticks together

HAGERMAN, Idaho — When at the prom, it's best to stick to your date.

No problem for Lynlea Jayo and Josh Traugher, a high school couple who used duct tape, thrift-store jackets and bed sheets to make their own formal wear for just \$30.

Jayo and Traugher's creativity put them in the running for \$2,500 scholarships. The Duck brand duct-tape company also gave \$2,500 to the school as part of a national con-

test.

"It's my last prom, and I wanted to go with a bang," Traugher said. "I think we hit on something way different."

Her dress was made from an old bed sheet. She used three rolls of black and red tape on the hourglass-shaped gown with spaghetti straps.

"I thought about a lot of different ideas, but it's hard to imagine what a duct tape dress will look like until you make it," Jayo said.

Because of an extra layer of duct tape, Traugher's jacket weighed 14 pounds.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 63 LOW 38	HIGH 47 LOW 38	HIGH 58 LOW 38	HIGH 51 LOW 32	HIGH 50 LOW 30	HIGH 45 LOW 35
	Atlanta 72 / 50 Boston 50 / 36 Chicago 66 / 40 Denver 64 / 40 Houston 75 / 65 Los Angeles 69 / 54 Minneapolis 64 / 38 New York 54 / 42 Philadelphia 81 / 61 Phoenix 60 / 47 Seattle 60 / 47 St. Louis 72 / 52 Tampa 88 / 68 Washington 59 / 47					

COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Group begins term with brief meeting

By MATT BRAMANTI
Senior Staff Writer

The new members of the Council of Representatives convened to begin the 2004-05 student government term in a brief, informal meeting Monday evening in LaFortune.

The 25-minute meeting — the shortest of the year — lacked the urgency that marked recent COR sessions, when members struggled to complete a massive constitutional overhaul by the March 31 deadline. But on Monday night no official business was conducted, no minutes were read and several members were absent.

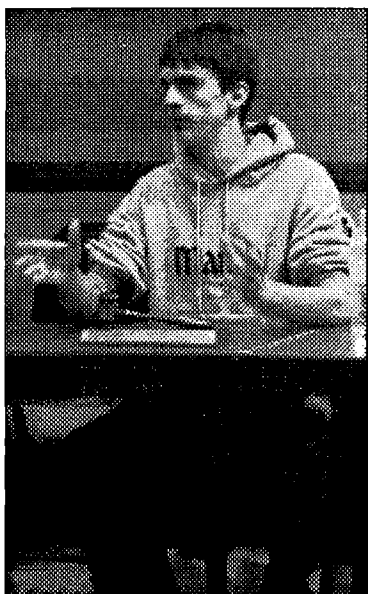
But that relaxed atmosphere won't last for long. Next week, COR must approve the fiscal budget for the entire Student Union, totaling roughly \$600,000 in money from student activities fees and sales of "The Shirt."

Student body president Adam Istvan — in his first COR meeting as president — said he expects the budget to pass, but acknowledged there will be contentious issues.

"It could be a long meeting," Istvan laughed.

In next week's meeting, the council will also approve the nominations of its new members, a process that has traditionally been a "rubber stamp."

Istvan said student leaders' transition to the revamped constitution is progressing, but he acknowledged that it would not



SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

Student body president Adam Istvan led his first Council of Representatives meeting Monday. The meeting lasted 25 minutes and was informal.

happen overnight.

"It's going to take a while for the new constitution to sift its way out," he said. "Bear with us until we get the hang of what each group is supposed to be doing."

Istvan also announced COR members will attend a daylong retreat at the Creek House, an off-campus house owned by the Student Activities Office, as well as a longer leadership development weekend in Michigan.

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Members open new session

By NICOLE ZOOK
News Writer

The new members of the Saint Mary's Board of Governance convened for the first time Monday to review procedures and discuss a controversial comedian duo that performed on campus last week.

"We're going to go through things thoroughly to make sure we get the rhythm down," student body president Sarah Catherine White said.

The group also discussed recent student reactions to "Alfred and Seymour," a comedy duo that performed during lunch March 29 in the dining hall. Several students have

written about the Student Government Association sponsored event, raising concern that the pair portrayed stereotypes about blacks.

"Students around campus have been talking about these issues," White said. "Some took offense, some were concerned that we weren't sensitive enough and brought this act to campus. We are addressing this issue."

SGA will be sponsoring an open forum tonight at 6 p.m. in Haggard Parlor to discuss the performance. White emphasized the need for board members to keep in touch with issues on campus by attending such forums.

"As leaders here on campus, we need to be informed and

have an informed perspective," she said.

In other BOG news:

♦ Take Back the Night will be held April 15. The event is a tri-campus walk and rally to raise awareness for violence against women. It begins at Holy Cross at 5 p.m., stopping at Saint Mary's at 5:30 p.m., continuing on to Notre Dame and then returning back to Saint Mary's for a pep rally at 7:30 p.m.

♦ Spring day on campus will be held the weekend of April 18. It will include tours led by SGA at 12:15 p.m., followed by lunch and an open house for new students at 2:30 p.m.

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Miller receives math award

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

The Mathematics Association of America awarded Saint Mary's math professor Don Miller its Indiana Section Distinguished Service Award Friday.

This award is given to one person in the state and is awarded based on extraordinary contributions to the Mathematics Association of America and improving education in the mathematical sciences in America.

Miller has been a math professor at Saint Mary's since

1967 and previously served for 10 years as the head of the department. He recently published work on state lotteries.

Miller is also known as a versatile teacher, an expert in statistics and operations research and a leader in mathematics curriculum development. He was awarded the College's Spes Unica award in 1992 for outstanding service.

Miller was anonymously nominated for the Distinguished Service Award by one of his colleagues and selected by the executive committee of the MAA.

"It is very exciting to be

selected to win this award," Miller said.

Miller served at the national level of the MAA as an officer in the Special Interest Group on Environmental Mathematics and is known for his widely recognized work in both the Mathematical Contest in Modeling and the Society of Industrial and Applied Mathematics.

Miller currently teaches simulation, statistical applications and probability courses at Saint Mary's and also serves as Saint Mary's softball coach.

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Easter Vigil, April 10th, 8pm
Easter Sunday Services, 10am

Learn To Dance!

Ballroom Dance Club

Lesson This Week: West Coast Swing!

Rockne 301- 7:30 Beginners
8:45 Advanced

Faculty

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Mooney said that a committee has been investigating how top twenty institutions handle long-term faculty who do not produce the necessary research to meet promotion standards. She said the committee's report, which will be delivered at the April meeting of the Provosts' Advisory Committee, is not yet complete but has reached some tentative conclusions.

"The reason there was a committee constructed was to see if we were out of step with other institutions — are we demanding too much," she said. "Our tentative conclusion is no."

Women Faculty

Mooney said that she does not perceive the discrepancy between percentages of full professors as a "significant problem," but she said she does view the lack of female full and associate professors in comparison with other institutions to be of particular concern.

"We clearly lag behind in terms of female full professors," she said.

Maura Ryan, associate provost, repeated Mooney's concerns.

"I think that promotion and hiring of women at the full professor rank is a serious problem here," she said.

Ryan said that statistics provided by the Office of Institutional Research indicate that while Notre Dame has a higher percentage of female assistant professors in comparison with top twenty institutions, the University has fewer percentages of both associate and full professors who are women. While 39 percent of professors at the assistant rank are women — compared with 36 percent at top twenty peer institutions — Notre Dame lags behind these peers at both the associate (26 percent versus 33 percent) and the full (11 percent versus 16 percent) ranks.

Mooney said that the statistics show that more women faculty members leave before receiving tenure than men, but the percentage of women who make full professor is equal to or higher than male professors here.

"Once tenured, women are promoted to full professor at a higher rate," she said.

Mooney said that the women's group WATCH has discussed and focused on this issue, while both she and Ryan have taken steps, including interviewing junior women faculty, to better assess how women faculty are doing.

Science

Joseph Marino, dean of the College of Science, said that eight out of 80 full professors in the department — or 10 percent — are women. Marino said that his College is making significant attempts to hire and promote the best women faculty.

"If we were not doing anything at the front end [hiring women faculty], then I would [be worried]," he said.

Marino said that about one of out every three recent hires in the College at the assistant level have been female faculty. However, Marino said that he is careful only to hire the best quality faculty of either gender in order to have fewer problems with denial of tenure or promotion.

"The key is trying to hire the

best young faculty," he said.

Marino said that hiring women faculty is of special concern as more women are continuing to enroll in the College.

"We do want to increase the number of female faculty because we want to have role models for students — you want more female role models," he said.

Arts and Letters and Mentoring

According to departmental strategic plans, some departments in the College of Arts and Letters believe that fewer numbers of full professors may play a role in damaging their rankings or their program's potential.

"Our analysis also identifies small faculty size and a low proportion of senior faculty as depressing our ranking," the 2002 Psychology department plan reads.

The plans for the Departments of Romances Languages and Classics respectively have both made the addition of senior, often endowed, faculty their top priorities.

Mark Roche, dean of the College of Arts and Letters, noted that those departments have already made great strides.

He emphasized that the Department of Psychology recently promoted two faculty members to the rank of full professor and has hired two additional full professors who will be joining the department in the next academic year. In addition, he said the department has promoted eight faculty members from assistant to associate professor in the last six years, the most of any department in the College.

Roche said that although the lack of full professors in some departments may be of some concern now, he believes that the cyclical process means that departments will soon be able to catch up.

"[I] don't view it as a long-term problem," he said. "Although it may affect the next National Research Council rankings, ten years from now I anticipate that we may have caught up."

Roche noted that he identified mentoring to be an area in which the college could improve, and he said that providing associate faculty members with more feedback on their performance and profiles would be helpful in the promotion process.

"I identified early on that we had a significant number of associate professors that were not getting feedback on performance and didn't know what to do to move on to the next step," he said.

Roche said that the college has undertaken a variety of tasks to promote better faculty mentoring. An annual panel discussion was held Friday to discuss the process and expectation of promotion from associate to full professor. In addition, he said that the college has implemented a policy of providing special leave to associate professors who have been at the level for ten or more years. Two grants were awarded in the 2003-04 academic year, with two or three additional grants available for next year to provide a full year of leave to professors whose research and publication records may not be quite up to the promotion standards.

"It's a way to give extra time to associates who ... haven't been able to turn around a research project," he said.

Roche said the level of commitment that some associate faculty members spend on service may leave them with less time to complete research.

Other feedback opportunities, such as pre-screening committees, lunch conversations with associate dean of faculty Gregory Sterling and departmental mentoring also provide associate professors with opportunities to gauge their standing with respect to promotion standards.

Roche said that although some faculty members may retire without having achieved the rank of full professor, these faculty should consider themselves a valuable part of the Notre Dame community, especially because Notre Dame's emphasis on teaching as a standard of promotion means that such faculty are inherently well-qualified teachers.

"One advantage of Notre Dame is that the culture here is so supportive of good teaching," he said. "Faculty who retire as associate professors will be highly esteemed."

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regation laws set into place by the 1894 Supreme Court case Plessy v. Ferguson.

Houston died in 1950, but many of his prominent contemporaries are now being highly sought after as the May anniversary approaches.

"Major universities are devoting a great many resources to bring in major speakers, historians, and participants in Brown," said Stuart Greene, a professor in the Education, Schooling and Society Minor.

In the second half of the night, Bill Carbonaro, a sociology professor, and Richard Pierce, a history professor, explained the legacy of Brown in light of their respective disciplines.

Carbonaro described Brown as an important "lever for social change," a lever requiring individual action for implementation. Pierce called the case a "euphoric moment" in context of the greater civil rights movement.

The ensuing question-and-

answer session raised several educational debates. Students and faculty discussed how the legacy of Brown manifests itself in controversies such as the No Child Left Behind Act, voucher programs and the theory of racial perpetuation.

The second part of the discussion will take place today from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse lounge.

A panel of ESS students will speak about the legacy of Brown as it relates to their own research. The discussion will focus on two areas: the broad implications on public education and the local affect on the South Bend area.

The event is one of the only campus events commemorating the anniversary. In February, the Notre Dame Law School sponsored a speech by Jack Greenberg, a lawyer in the Brown case.

"Universities all over the country are having these kinds of conversations," said Stuart. "We thought it was really important that Notre Dame students have this conversation as well."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

25 killed, dozens missing in flood

PIEDRAS NEGRAS, Mexico — Torrential rains swelled a tributary of the Rio Grande by 25 feet early Monday, causing a flash flood that inundated a Mexican border city, killing at least 25 people and forcing hundreds more into shelters.

Dozens more people were missing; the death toll was expected to rise. Mexico declared a state of emergency in the area.

Floodwaters from the Escondido River began receding after the rain stopped by midday, but heavy, dark clouds loomed over Piedras Negras, a city of 200,000 people about 150 miles southwest of San Antonio. Supplies of drinking water, electricity and gas were cut.

Hundreds of people were left homeless, radio stations reported, and announcers read the names of people staying at shelters to help families find missing relatives.

Suspect arrested in bombing

MADRID, Spain — Authorities announced another arrest in the Madrid terror bombings Monday and sent police to patrol subway and bus stations, as a newspaper said a group linked to al-Qaida threatened to turn Spain into "an inferno."

Court officials said the arrest came Saturday in Ceuta, a Spanish enclave on the Moroccan coast. No details were given on the man's identity or possible role in the March 11 train attacks, which killed 191 people. Another suspect whose weekend arrest was also announced Monday has been released after questioning, officials said.

The arrest raises to 16 the number of people in custody, including six charged with mass murder.

NATIONAL NEWS

Scandal rocks voucher program

MILWAUKEE — One school that received millions of dollars through the nation's oldest and largest voucher program was founded by a convicted rapist. Another school reportedly entertained kids with Monopoly while cashing \$330,000 in tuition checks for hundreds of no-show students.

The recent scandals have shocked politicians, angered parents and left even some voucher supporters demanding reforms.

The troubles have helped lead to passage of a state law requiring voucher schools to report more financial information to the state. Democratic Gov. Jim Doyle signed it last month.

But so far, efforts to impose more rigorous academic standards on voucher schools have failed.

L.A. Times wins five Pulitzers

NEW YORK — The Los Angeles Times captured five Pulitzer Prizes on Monday for coverage ranging from devastating wildfires in its backyard to a civil war on the other side of the globe — the second-most awards ever won by a newspaper.

Coverage of the war in Iraq led to two prizes: Anthony Shadid of The Washington Post for international reporting, and David Leeson and Cheryl Diaz Meyer of The Dallas Morning News for breaking news photography.

STATE NEWS

Blaze destroys foam plant, 7 hurt

BREMEN — An explosion and fire at a factory that makes foam cushioning products destroyed the company's plant on Monday and injured seven workers.

Sections of the Bremen Corp. plant's roof collapsed, and the structure was considered a total loss, said Barb Capron, a fire dispatcher in the town about 20 miles south of South Bend. No dollar estimate of the damage was immediately available.

Six of the seven workers who were hurt suffered minor injuries, and one plant employee was taken to a hospital in South Bend for treatment of non-life threatening injuries.

HAITI

U.S. supports interim government

Powell visits U.S. troops in Port-au-Prince, predicts U.N. peacekeepers will help

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE — Secretary of State Colin Powell gave assurances Monday of full U.S. support for Haiti's interim government but said democracy cannot flourish until politically motivated private armies lay down their weapons.

"Without disarmament, Haiti's democracy will be at risk," Powell said at a news conference with Haiti's interim prime minister, Gerard Latortue. Latortue told Powell that all of Haiti's political parties agree that municipal, legislative and presidential elections should be held in 2005.

Powell said prospects are good for sending a U.N.-sponsored peacekeeping force to replace the U.S.-led multinational force that arrived shortly after the Feb. 29 departure of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Almost 2,000 U.S. troops are serving in Haiti and are expected to leave in June, along with Canadian and Chilean troops. Their combined total is about 3,600 troops.

Most Caribbean leaders have refused to participate in the U.S.-led international force, angry that the Security Council refused their urgent plea to send troops in time to save Aristide, Haiti's first democratically elected leader. Trinidad has said it may send troops to Haiti.

Powell rejected proposals by some of Haiti's Caribbean neighbors for an inquiry into circumstances of Aristide's sudden departure five weeks ago.

"I don't think any purpose would be served by such an inquiry," Powell said. "Haiti was on the verge of a total security collapse."

"On the last weekend in February, I think we averted a bloodbath," he said.

Aristide and many Caribbean leaders allege the United States coerced Aristide into leaving. The



Associated Press

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell met with U.S. Marines Monday at the National Palace in Haiti where he announced possibilities for a U.N.-sponsored peacekeeping force to replace the U.S.-led multinational force.

Bush administration insists that Aristide left Haiti voluntarily. Caribbean countries have not recognized the interim government, arguing that Aristide is Haiti's legitimate leader based on elections held in 2000. Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., says Aristide was the victim of a U.S.-sponsored coup d'etat.

Powell pledged to help Haiti's new government earn recognition within the 15-member Caribbean Community.

Aristide initially took up residence in the Central African Republic. He went to Jamaica about three weeks ago for family reasons, the Jamaican government said. Little has been

heard from Aristide since his arrival there.

U.S. officials have pressed Latortue in recent days not to give government positions to leaders of armed groups who have criminal backgrounds.

About 10 days after his appointment as prime minister, Latortue appeared in public with some insurgent leaders and hailed them as freedom fighters.

Powell said Latortue assured him Haitian government posts won't go to criminals or human rights violators.

"I'm sure, as we go forward, any names that are known to us who are involved in wrongdoing or acts of violence we will

make known," Powell said.

Latortue announced Monday he would create a commission modeled after South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission to deal with past crimes and grievances. He didn't give details.

Latortue said he pleaded with Powell for more international aid.

"Haiti is in a state of total bankruptcy," Latortue said. "We're asking international donors to assist us with some of the urgent tasks at hand, particularly with creating opportunities with jobs."

Powell said \$9 million will be released for a special Organization of American States mission.

Spirit rover ends NASA tasks on Mars

Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — NASA's Spirit rover wrapped up its primary mission to Mars on Monday as it continued to roll across the planet's surface on an extended tour that could last through September.

The unmanned robot, marking its 90th full day on Mars, had accomplished all of the tasks NASA considered essential to declare the joint mission a success. Its twin rover, Opportunity, was getting close to achieving the same.

"Spirit has completed its part of the bargain, and Opportunity doesn't have much left to do," said Mark Adler,

manager of the \$820 million mission.

The mission's key tasks included a requirement that one of the rovers travel at least 1,980 feet — a mark Spirit surpassed on Saturday.

Between the two of them, the rovers also had to take stereo and color panoramas of their surroundings, drive to at least eight locations and operate simultaneously for a minimum of 30 days.

NASA assumed technical and other problems would ground the rovers fully one-third of the time they operated on Mars.

Despite computer memory problems that left Spirit sidelined for 2 1/2 weeks, it has still spent more days at

work than expected. Opportunity must function for another 20 days before meeting all its goals, Adler said.

"It's better than we could have possibly imagined," Adler said.

NASA has extended the mission through September. If the rovers continue to function, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory will apply for money to extend the project again, Adler said.

Beginning Thursday, NASA will begin updating software on the rovers. The new software should allow Spirit to travel farther each day while navigating autonomously and help Opportunity conserve battery power at night.

Brothers

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aries have either passed away or relocated to warmer climates to enjoy the retired lifestyle. Beere and his colleagues are still up at 7 a.m. for morning prayer and return home at 5 p.m. for evening prayer and Mass after a day that usually involves ministry of some kind.

Beere and the other men of Columba Hall are Holy Cross Brothers. Combined, they've contributed hundreds of years of service to an order whose mission centers on education.

The Brothers of Holy Cross have given the world Blessed Brother Andre Bessette, a reported miracle worker, and Brother Columba O'Neill, a man renowned for his devotion to the sacred heart of Jesus. The brothers have established elementary schools, high schools and colleges in North America, Europe, Asia and Africa. And, if you ask a member of their order, Notre Dame itself was founded by a group of Holy Cross brothers accompanied by their "chaplain," Father Edward Sorin.

"Part of why we exist is to serve other people," explains Brother Robert Fillmore, the Provincial Superior for the Midwest and a man who has given 44 years to the order to date.

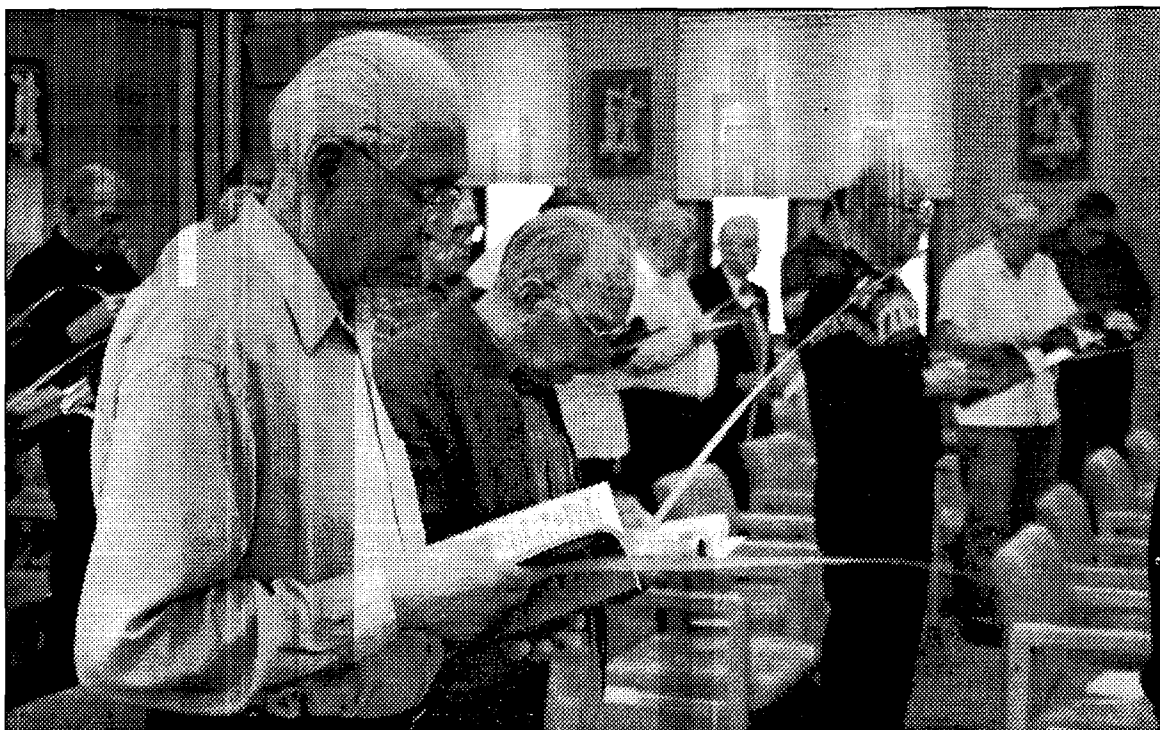
But for all its accomplishments, the Brothers of Holy Cross remain largely in the shadows and today — 184 years after it was founded — a long-term decline in vocations makes its future somewhat uncertain.

Looking back

The order of the Brothers of Holy Cross, originally named the Brothers of Saint Joseph, was born in France during a period of heightened persecution of the Catholic Church after the nation's bloody revolution. Its founder envisioned the small group of men reestablishing schools throughout France which had largely closed down during the previous years of turmoil.

"Our founder discovered the real need to establish schools again," Fillmore said. "Education was the major thrust [then] and that is what we continue to do [today]."

By 1835 Father Basil Moreau, who was overseeing the order,



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Brother Thomas More Beere and other Brothers of Holy Cross participate in a Palm Sunday Mass at Columba Hall. Unlike priests, brothers do not celebrate Mass, although the Holy Cross Brothers do take the vows of poverty, celibacy and obedience.

orchestrated the merging of the brothers with groups of priests and nuns to form the Congregation of Holy Cross. Six years later, the congregation reached the American frontier and during the century that followed, it continued its original mission of education as it expanded outward.

Vatican II instituted dramatic changes throughout the Catholic Church, particularly in terms of its relationship with the laity. This resulted in increased opportunities for the non-clerical — opportunities that some would argue had a bigger impact on nuns and brothers than priests.

A brother's role

"Only a priest can do the work of a priest but you can't hardly name anything [done by a brother] that can't be done by qualified lay people," said Brother Richard Gilman, president of Holy Cross College.

Still, the process of becoming a brother remains a long one that usually takes a minimum of four years. It includes a one-year period of discernment, a one-year post-college candidate program, a two-year novitiate — what Fillmore calls "boot camp for brothers" in which candidates receive their formal training — and final vows.

As a result, brothers, explains Fillmore, are recognized by the Church as consecrated lay people. The Holy Cross Brothers adopt the vows of poverty, celibacy and obedience. Unlike priests, brothers cannot celebrate Mass or hear confessions but as Brother Joseph McTaggart interjects, "that's defining [our mission] in terms of a negative."

Indeed, most brothers hold priests and their ministry in high regard but ministering the sacraments and looking after a parish isn't what they felt called to do.

"I thought first about becoming a priest because two of my friends from high school were in the seminary," Beere said. "I [decided] I did not want to minister the sacraments ... I did want to be a teacher and I did want to become involved with young people. I wanted to be able to lead a religious life."

Beere said that it's a decision he's never regretted.

"My father [a craftsman] was very upset at the time. He wanted me to become a priest so that he could make me a chalice," he remembers with a chuckle. "Everyone has different ideals. It's very important to get in somewhere that will [motivate you for a] lifetime."

Looming challenges

Motivating young men to join the order, however, is something that has challenged the brothers in recent years, despite increased opportunities to serve the needy and attempts at modernization.

In the decades that followed Vatican II, interest in religious life initially increased, but in recent times the flow of vocations has slowed to a trickle. In response to changes in the Church, the order has expanded the scope of its ministry. In 1986, it outlined changes to the organization, dividing brothers into smaller communities, creating a less structured day and officially exchanging habits for layman's garb.

Despite the changes, recruitment of new brothers remains a challenge for the order.

"Everybody's saying the numbers will go back [up] and everything will go back to the way it was," Gilman said. "I don't think it will ... There's definitely a role for the life of a brother ... but from my point of view I think the Holy Spirit is saying we don't need as many."

Uncertain future

In recent times, the order recruits about one new member annually in the United States, Fillmore said. The last time a man took his final vows in the

Midwest province, however, was 18 years ago. And while vocations in developing nations are higher, the average age of a Holy Cross brother was 60.5 worldwide in 1995. This average age has decreased slightly in recent years, but the change is due more to the death of older brothers than an influx of new members, Fillmore said.

Today there are 664 Holy Cross brothers worldwide but many are retired. Meeting the needs of older brothers while continuing its ministry is one of the primary challenges that the order faces.

"We just don't have the people to minister ... it's sad but it's the way it is," Fillmore said. "It's a life and death situation in terms of [our future]. The tragedy is it's such a good life."

The decline in vocations, say many brothers, is not due to a lack of motivated, spiritual people but to a channeling of that energy into different forms.

"Certainly the spirit is working in persons of your age. The desire to give is still there," said Brother James Newberry, citing the high number of Notre Dame graduates who go on to pursue service work as an example. "But, I don't think [this generation] perceives the religious life of today as something they're interested in."

Still, the order is working hard to ensure its continuation and there is an air of determination among its members that statistics can't capture. It's present in the resolve of brothers who teach disadvantaged children around the world. It's evident in the hope that brothers like Fillmore have in the discernment house that will be constructed in Holy Cross Village to promote vocations. And it's present in the tenacity of the order's oldest members. Members like Brother Thaddeus Gottmoller, 92, who has served the Congregation of Holy Cross for 72 years and continues to tend the grounds surrounding Columba Hall and make rosaries from materials he inherited from his father decades ago.

It seems doubtful that this group of men who tamed the Indiana wilderness, worked to better the lives of countless generations of Bangladesh's poor and who minister to today's aging will go without a fight.

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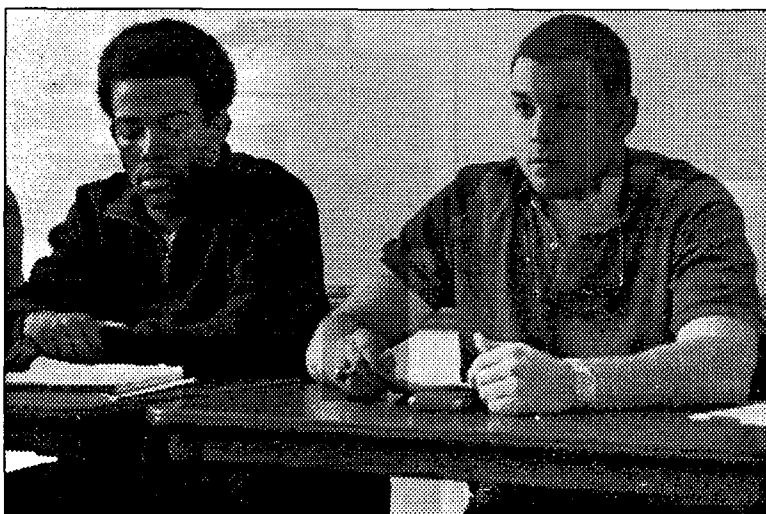
the dorms and led Jeremy Lao, chairman of CLC, to suggest the possibility of introducing a resolution at the next meeting requiring next year's council to form a committee on the issue.

Rectors present along with David Moss, assistant vice president of Student Affairs, encouraged students to voice their opinion on these and other issues by completing the annual rector evaluation forms — an opportunity that students often fail to take advantage of, they said.

"We take these [the evaluations] very seriously," Moss said.

In other CLC news:

♦ Work continued on CLC's attempt to implement a mandatory social awareness course into all students' schedule in the future. Lao informed members that he met with Eileen Kolman, dean of the First Year of Studies, to discuss the proposed requirement.



MATTHEW SMEDBERG/The Observer

Hall President's Council member Wyatt Maxwell, right, presented a letter about exercise equipment in dorms to Camps Life Council Monday while Elliot Poindexter looks on.

"She gave me ideas on how we can approach this from different angles," he said, adding that Kolman suggested the possibility of identifying existing courses that could fulfill such a requirement.

Lao said that he plans to meet with Ava Preacher, assistant dean of the College of Arts and Letters, and Carolyn Woo, dean

of the Mendoza College of Business, to solicit additional advice and support. The committee plans to introduce a resolution on the issue at the next CLC meeting Lao added.

♦ CLC will hold its final meeting of the year on April 19.

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Ridge: Private sector must pay for security

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — The federal government cannot afford to pay for the increased security needed to protect U.S. ports from terrorists, Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said Monday.

"We need to talk to the private sector," Ridge said. "We don't have enough public money to do everything that needs to be done."

Ports and shipping companies are facing a July 1 deadline to have security programs in place for their docks and vessels or face potential fines. The programs are based on regulations developed by the Homeland Security Department and the Coast Guard under the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002.

The federal government plans to spend nearly \$3 billion on security programs this year but Ridge said "we can't go around using public money for every private sector need."

He noted the 360 ports protected by the Coast Guard do about \$1 trillion in business every year.

Sam Ruda, who heads the maritime division for the Port of Portland, said user fees likely will be needed to help pay the cost of increased security.

"I'm not really expecting that the federal government is going to bear the burden," Ruda said.

The Port of Portland is the major railroad freight center for most of the West and is the nation's top export center for wheat shipped from as far as the Midwest.

MARKET RECAP

Stocks			
Dow Jones	10,558.37	+87.78	
Up: 1,538	Same: 120	Down: 1,832	Composite Volume: 1,400,331,264

AMEX	1,262.87	-2.30
NASDAQ	2,079.12	+21.95
NYSE	6,715.09	+34.76
S&P 500	1,150.57	+8.76
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	11,958.32	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	4,480.70	+15.10

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	-2.37	-0.12	4.94
SIRIUS SAT RADIO (SIRI)	+5.63	+0.20	3.75
IPIX (IPIX)	+66.67	+4.66	11.65
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	+0.39	+0.101	25.951
ORACLE (ORCL)	+1.51	+0.19	12.77

Treasuries			
30-YEAR BOND	+1.43	+0.71	50.43
10-YEAR NOTE	+1.93	+0.80	42.20
5-YEAR NOTE	+2.62	+0.82	32.14
3-MONTH BILL	-1.62	-0.15	9.12

Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl)	-0.01		34.38
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	-6.20		416.30
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+0.075		107.10

Exchange Rates			
YEN			105.1
EURO			0.8333
POUND			0.549
CANADIAN \$			1.315

IN BRIEF

CVS buys half of Eckerd stores

DALLAS — CVS Corp. scrambled the top ranks of the drugstore industry by acquiring about half of J.C. Penney's Eckerd chain to push past Walgreen Co. in number of stores and challenge its rival in total revenue.

Penney announced Monday that it had sold Eckerd to CVS and Canada's Jean Coutu Group Inc. in two deals valued at \$4.53 billion.

CVS of Woonsocket, R.I., will get about 1,260 Eckerd stores and support facilities in Texas, Florida and several southern states, as well as Eckerd's pharmacy benefits management and mail order businesses, for \$2.15 billion. It plans to rename the stores.

EU, Philip Morris near \$1B deal

BRUSSELS, Belgium — The European Union and the maker of Marlboro cigarettes said Monday they were near a \$1 billion deal to end years of legal wrangling by cracking down together on smuggling and counterfeits that are costing both sides enormous sums.

Under the draft agreement, Philip Morris International would make payments over 12 years totaling about \$1 billion — the biggest sum the EU has ever extracted from a single company.

In return, "all disputes" would be resolved between the company, part of the U.S. tobacco and food giant Altria Group Inc., and the European Commission, which has filed two lawsuits in recent years against Philip Morris and was contemplating a third.

Report: Lax rules led to blackout

WASHINGTON — Disregard for voluntary rules intended to ensure the flow of electricity opened the way for last summer's blackout in eight states and Canada, investigators said Monday in their final report. They urged government standards with teeth to ward off future outages.

There was a clear understanding long before the blackout last August that the Ohio region where the problems began was highly vulnerable to grid instability, said the report from a joint U.S.-Canada task force.

Had the situation been properly addressed, the cascading blackout that sped across states from Michigan to New York and into Canada probably would have been averted, the report concluded.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Bank of America to ax 12,500

Financial behemoth to lay off 7 percent of work force after FleetBoston merger

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Bank of America Corp., newly merged with FleetBoston Financial Corp., said Monday it will cut 12,500 jobs — or nearly 7 percent of its work force — over the next two years.

Approximately 30 percent of the cuts will come through attrition, the Charlotte-based bank said, with the remaining jobs — about 8,750 — being eliminated through layoffs and vacancies that won't be filled.

The cuts will begin this month, as the company starts to notify affected employees from its combined work force of 181,000.

Several workers leaving Bank of America's headquarters in downtown Charlotte Monday evening were not aware of the company's plans. Loan officer Veronica Dawkins said she had not received any word from the company.

"There's been a lot of talk around the office, but no one has given me any indication whatsoever that I need to worry," Dawkins said. "I'm hoping it works out for everybody."

The completion last week of Bank of America's merger with Fleet created the nation's No. 3 bank with assets estimated at \$966 billion.

With about 5,700 branches, the new bank's footprint reaches from California through the South and up to New England. In assets, the bank trails only Citigroup and another planned megamerger between



Kenneth Lewis, CEO of Bank of America, at podium, joins officers of the New York Stock Exchange and company representatives for the opening bell at the exchange on Monday. Later in the day, the bank announced 12,500 layoffs.

Chicago-based Bank One and J.P. Morgan Chase.

Spokeswoman Eloise Hale said the bank would not specify where positions would be eliminated, saying only that they will take place "corporation-wide."

"When we discuss job reductions, we are talking about positions not necessarily people," said Marc Oken, transition executive for Bank of America. "As a large employer, we will continue to create jobs over time. These are difficult decisions and we are committed to supporting our associates during this time."

Bank of America chief executive Ken Lewis has said he wants to achieve about \$1.6 billion in cost savings by the end of 2005. The two banks don't have a large number of overlapping branches that can be closed, which is a major

source of savings in many bank mergers. agreement, the company committed to maintain overall employment levels in New England.

Bank of America said it will attempt to find new opportunities within the bank for workers affected by the eliminated positions. According to the bank, it filled more than 37,000 positions last year through a combination of internal transfers and external hires.

Bank of America shares rose 74 cents to close at \$81.25, Monday on the New York Stock Exchange.

Bank of America has 100-year-old roots in California, where it financed Hollywood movies and the Golden Gate Bridge.

It was bought by NationsBank Corporation, which adopted the Bank of America name and moved it to North Carolina in 1998.

"These are difficult decisions ..."

Marc Oken
transition executive

GE executive to speak on campus

By MATT BRAMANTI
Senior Staff Writer

As part of an increasing effort to reach out to Notre Dame students, a top executive from the General Electric Co. will speak today in the Mendoza College of Business.

George Oliver, a vice president at GE since late 1998, will lead a discussion entitled "Insights on Effective Leadership" in the Giovanni Commons in the basement of the Mendoza College of Business at 12:30 p.m.

Oliver runs GE Water Technologies, which produces and markets water-treatment systems for industrial and consumer use. The business employs about 5,000 people, mostly in primary regional centers in Trevose, Penn. and Minnetonka, Minn., as well as overseas centers and the company



Oliver

describes it as "a key growth platform for GE."

Oliver joined GE in 1982 in the aircraft engines subsidiary, rising to the vice president for engine services by 2000. In 2002, Oliver was named general manager of GE Betz, after GE acquired water treatment company BetzDearborn in a \$1.8 billion deal. Following two more major acquisitions, the water businesses were consolidated into GE Water Technologies in the reorganization of the General Electric Co. earlier this year.

Following the talk, GE will host an open house in the Commons from 1:15 to 2 p.m., in which company representatives will be available to speak with students interested in careers at GE. The company, which dates back to 1892, is the world's largest industrial conglomerate, with \$134 billion in revenues last year. It employs about 315,000 people in more than 100 countries worldwide.

Andrew Schoppe, a 2003 MBA graduate from Notre Dame, is a contract manager for the commercial locomotives business of GE Transportation. Schoppe said the

day offers unique opportunities for GE employees and Notre Dame students to meet each other.

"[GE Water Technologies] is a business that most people might not be aware of," Schoppe said. "We want to strengthen that relationship."

While Oliver was not available for comment, Schoppe said the senior executive is eager to speak at the business school, which has traditionally been a significant source for management talent at GE. "He was excited to get to meet Notre Dame students, and to learn what they have to offer the business he runs," Schoppe said.

While the events are primarily targeted at business majors, Schoppe said all students are welcome to familiarize themselves with GE.

"Even if you don't know what GE is, come out to the open house," Schoppe said. "We can provide some guidance."

The day's events are co-hosted by the MBA Marketing Club and the MBA Finance & Investment Club.

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Voicing dissent

Last week, during the National Student Week of Action, freshman Tony Rivas went on a seven-day hunger strike to call attention to migrant worker struggles and university policies incongruent with Catholic Social Teaching. Thankfully, his brave act received the appropriate media coverage.

Yet, Notre Dame has a bad habit of ignoring the acts of its resident activists, thereby defeating attempts to build a politically engaged campus, on any issue. If people knew more about what real students are doing for justice like Rivas, integrating social concerns in Domer life would not seem so challenging. A movement of any group, especially students, needs all kinds to work successfully. Five people in particular taught me this.

Meet the professional, who in the past year has elevated her activism to her highest priority. Whether protesting FTAA in Miami, attending the World Social Forum in India or giving keynote speeches at activist conferences, Cecilia Garza integrates her passion for justice into her life impressively. She works with the Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign — a widespread movement to end poverty — intensely during breaks and mobilizes here on campus. This past year, I have watched her become increasingly anxious, ready to leave Notre Dame for full time organizing. While I shall be sad to see her go, I rejoice in knowing that soon she will be exactly doing exactly what she wants: fighting for change and teaching others to do the same.

Meet the renegade, who places no limit on her concern for human dignity and social justice. While Brigitte Gynther's main work focuses on the Taco Bell boycott with the Coalition of

Immokalee Workers, talking to her gives one information about tons of issues and disputes around the world worth attention. She maximizes her time, spreading it among several campaigns, yet dedicates her all to each. To me she represents an ideal spiritual and moral life for she is ultimately concerned with the quality of human life and works toward concrete solutions to social inequities.

Meet the angel, who cares so much for people and shows it in her friendships and justice work. I admire how Kate Maich incorporates faith with activism, by engaging Catholic Social Teaching through academics and social work. She brings her passion for labor rights — fortified by her work with National Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice — to all Progressive Student Alliance campaigns. With every task, she proceeds with an alert precision, aiming for inclusiveness and success. She recognizes her weaknesses and works to increase her knowledge of issues by going into unfamiliar disciplines and bringing her ideas to discussion. I see she genuinely longs to dedicate herself to service after college to not only help people, but also to further challenge herself and to do more for causes she already cares for deeply.

Meet the artist, whose silliness and sarcasm brings needed relief to often tense and difficult times. Tad Skotnicki's wit provides fresh perspectives to discussions and enlivens our protests. His guitar playing and lyric improvising at last week's mass protest at Taco Bell made the event extra exciting. Every time I talk to him, I end up learning something new, whether about music, history, philosophy or literature. Most of all, he is honest and unreserved in expressing his thoughts and opinions. Such an attitude delights especially in a time of so much insincerity.

Meet the pragmatist, who brings a sense of process and order to the color-

ful mix in PSA. Christian McNamara can always be counted on to offer a helpful tip or framing concept for an event. He fills in the gaps with careful thinking and valuable experience. It was a pleasure working with him this past year especially in our meetings with University officials concerning the athletic department contract with a Taco Bell franchise. His demeanor and style impressed me and I learned from simply watching him. He listens to people and takes time to understand their situation before offering an opinion. I admire his wide range of interests and willingness to venture beyond conventional student life.

With abundant academic and funding resources, chiefly the Center for Social Concerns and the Higgins Labor Research Center, Notre Dame students have a great opportunity to pursue social change. The University's prestige assures that any real success activists achieve will cause rippling effects throughout the collegiate landscape and the country.

The five students I mentioned recognized this aspect of Notre Dame and worked diligently to be the change they wanted to see on campus and in the world. They taught me everything I know about organizing and I shall always be thankful for their guidance and friendship. I will continue to use them as my model and I hope similar groups of students will continue to rise up and carry on the work and spirit of activism on this campus.

Kamaria Porter would like to thank everyone who came to Fair Food Friday of the Century to spread the news of the Taco Bell boycott. Also, she would like to thank the Week of Actions organizers, panelists and patrons. She can be contacted at kporter@nd.edu.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You must be the change you want to see in the world."

Mohandas Gandhi
philosopher

A Domer's hiking experiences

This week's column has it all: death-defying escapes, a suspenseful, engaging plot and even a few romantic intrigues. OK, so I lied about the last two. But hopefully a description of my hiking tour through Cornwall (England's most south-westerly county) might still provide you with a few moments of distraction.

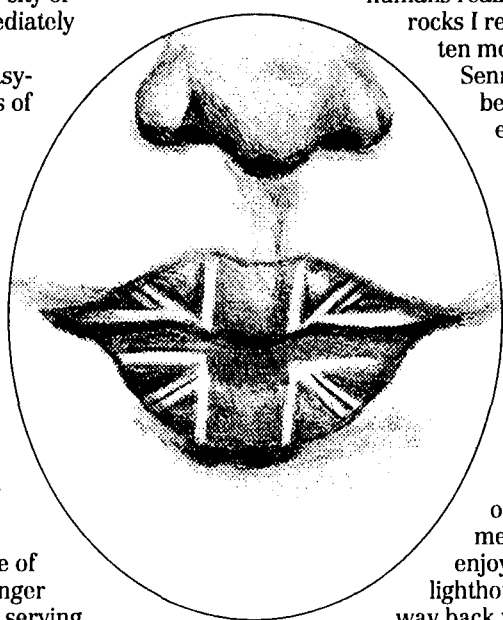
First, some scene setting. We are still on vacation here, and instead of visiting the traditional tourist locales I decided to embark on a spontaneous, solitary and ill-conceived walking adventure. Before I began my three-day trek around the tip of England, I thought I had prepared everything I would need: a guide-book, a highly-detailed map, two sandwiches, some socks and my trusty Reeboks. My trip began with a six-hour train ride to the coastal city of Penzance. I arrived at 2 p.m. and immediately began walking.

Outside of the cities, the route was easy-going — stretching through coastal fields of bright yellow gorse, which are tall, thorny plants that grow along the coastline. Occasionally I would meet a local trudging the path like myself and ask them to take my picture: I think fully a third of the locals were dressed in full captain's regalia, looking like refugees from the 1800s. On this first day I did not reach as far as I had hoped, and so as the sun rapidly dimmed beneath the horizon I wandered into Lamorna Cove, a beach community of about ten buildings. Unfortunately, as I wandered through the ever-darkening streets, I came to the realization that my guide book was dangerously out of date: some of the B&B's which it recommended no longer existed and another was now currently serving only lesbian women — I thought about a disguise, but it was hopeless.

I wandered into the Lamorna Hotel and asked the receptionist for the names of any local B&B's. A kind guest happened to overhear and offered to drive me around, looking for any free rooms; it turned out that he was a graduate of Oxford, and so we swapped stories about tutes and Oxford's unique jargon. We found the Oriental Cottage, a beautiful two-story overlooking Lamorna's river, and so I wished my friend farewell. However, none of the local establishments served dinner, so it was back to the hotel's receptionist, where I met my friend again. He offered to treat me to dinner with his wife: a rich, three-course feast topped off by a Uruguay wine and a late-night discussion over tea. I thanked him as profusely as possible, returned to my gorgeous river-

Geoff Johnston

A Domer at Oxford



side rooms and slept like the dead.

Next morning at the crack of dawn after a hearty English breakfast I set off, eager to conquer more of the trail. Hugging the steep, rocky coast, the path stretched over miles and miles of sandy beaches, rocky outcroppings and steep cliffs, while birds twittered about and the sea raged below. After hours of walking I made it to Logan's Rock, a large promontory connected to the mainland by a ten-foot wide stretch of path. I decided to scramble up one of the nearer crags, hoping to enjoy the glorious views from top. I had forgotten what real fear was like until then; I really do not have a chance to experience that emotion in my isolated world of papers, abstruse discussions and mathematical constructs. But crawling up slippery, lichen-covered rocks in worn tennis shoes, with a fog rapidly rolling in, miles away from any other humans, I quickly remembered just how fragile humans really are. After scrambling through the rocks I returned to the trail, walking for about ten more miles until at late dusk I reached Sennen Cove, a mile-long beach nestled between the cliffs. I ate at a local pub, enjoyed a well-earned Guinness, and slept at Myrtle Cottage, raring to meet the next day.

Early next morning I was off again, alone amongst the crags, singing Metallica to myself as I walked the coastline.

Unfortunately I was soon lost from the trail, and I wandered through hillsides of dense thorns, falling on the occasional rock and cursing as I rubbed my thorn-ridden hands.

After having climbed down a rocky outcropping I noticed the trail high on the cliff side and hiked back to meet it to continue my journey. I enjoyed my sandwich lunch next to an old lighthouse and consulted my map to find a way back to Penzance.

Eventually, like all good stories my trip came to an end, and I hailed a bus returning to Penzance as I wandered down the highway. Later that evening as the train barreled down the track and I examined my thorn-eaten hands I was reminded of the words of the poet and naturalist Robert Frost, "Two roads diverged in a wood/And I took the one less traveled by/And that has made all the difference."

Well, I traveled that lonely road and now only one concern remains: where are the tweezers?

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Bush succeeds with tax cuts

The economic growth in 2003 and 2004 has proven Bush's critics dead wrong. The Bush tax cuts, modeled after the JFK and Reagan tax cuts, were designed to stimulate all facets of the economy, and have proven successful. The U.S. Commerce Department announced that the U.S. economy expanded at a rate of 7.2 percent in the third quarter — the fastest rate of growth since 1984, since the last major tax cuts. Reagan and JFK knew it. Bush knows it. Tax cuts work.

The Bush plan slashed taxes across the board — not just for the wealthy. Personal income tax brackets were cut by 2 percent each, for taxpayers of all income levels. The dividend tax cut, in part, explains why the stock market is reaching pre-recession levels. Most of middle-class America "the bulk and backbone of this country" is invested, in some form, in the stock market (i.e., retirement plans). It only makes sense to allow them to keep more of what they earn and to encourage investment. There is more incentive to invest more money, which will continue to spur the market.

Small business owners are retaining more capital, allowing them to hire more workers and create new jobs. According to the law, sole-proprietorships and S corporations must pay personal income tax. Thus, reducing personal income taxes for all taxpayers tends to help small businesses. That may explain why 308,000 new jobs were created in this past month of March. The "jobless recovery" argument is futile now.

Since August, we've added 750,000 new jobs. Consumers have more in their pocket, which could explain why consumer spending is up. Inflation is low. Manufacturing productivity is up. Since 2000, after-tax disposable income is up 10 percent. We currently have a 68 percent home ownership rate the highest rate ever. Also, 1.5 million minority families have moved into homes of their own. Family incomes are up, which is, in part, due to the child tax credit of \$1,000 per child. Numbers do not lie. Considering Sept. 11, the dotcom collapse and the corporate scandals, I think what Bush has managed to do with his tax cuts is quite impressive.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Support Catholic politicians

The New York Times ran an article on April 2, entitled "Kerry, Catholic and Candidate, Creates Uneasiness for the Church." The Times was right in that it is worth noting Kerry is the first Catholic Presidential candidate on a major ticket in more than forty years. However, the New York Times barely scratched the surface of what is essentially a coup for Catholicism with respect to the Democratic party: The Democrat's leader in the United States Senate, Tom Daschle of South Dakota, is also Catholic. So is Representative Nancy Pelosi, the Democrat's leader in the House of Representatives. And it could get better (or worse, depending on your view of things): on almost every pundit's short list for the Democrat's vice presidential nominees are Governor Bill Richardson of New Mexico and Senator John Breaux of Louisiana — both are Catholic.

Interestingly, the faiths' of the Republican leaders stand in stark contrast. Both President Bush and Vice President Cheney are Methodist. Senator Majority Leader Bill Frist is Presbyterian, and Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert lists himself simply as Protestant. Because so few people see Hastert as the real leader of the Republicans in the House, Tom Delay, for good measure, is Baptist.

The real purpose of the New York Times piece was to examine the controversy that Kerry's nomination will almost inevitably cause in the coming months for Catholics. Kerry, like the rest of the Catholic Democratic leaders, are not considered by many Catholics to be "true" Catholic politicians, because they all maintain a pro-choice stance on abortion rights. Archbishop Raymond Burke of St. Louis is calling Kerry's Catholicism into question by stating that he would refuse Kerry communion should he be at Mass in St. Louis. Burke's contention actually begins to get at the heart of a much larger question: why do "non-true" Catholic politicians do so well in the Democratic party?

I will not attempt to provide an answer, however, I think the issue raises two important points. First, Catholics who question Kerry's Catholicism — or Daschle's or Pelosi's — may want to consider that it is because of his Catholicism, and not in spite of it, that makes him a Democrat. If Catholicism has an enduring effect on its followers, then there has got to be something about Catholicism which makes being Catholic and being Democrat such a good fit. I know many Catholics are not pleased to see John Kerry as a

presidential nominee, but concluding he is not a true Catholic is a simplistic dismissal which cannot lead to any enhanced understanding of Catholicism.

Second, perhaps Catholic Republicans should ask themselves why is it that they defend the Republican party with any degree of intensity in light of the fact that the party as it stands right now does not seem to want to be led by Catholics. This also should be considered in light of the fact that President George W. Bush felt it politically necessary and strategic to visit Bob Jones University in the last election. The founder of Bob Jones University did not care what a Catholic's political views were. Ironically, Bob Jones did not discriminate when it came to Catholics; his animosity extended to us all. I am not suggesting that the Republican party is anti-Catholic, but it is disconcerting to read Observer Viewpoint columns where people defend the Republican party as the party for Catholics when the party clearly has not shown it is interested in such a title.

In the end, regrettably I am sure Kerry's nomination will be more a source of controversy than a matter of pride for Catholics. The whole dilemma reminds me of another article back from 1998 in "George Magazine," where a story was written about Daniel Patrick Moynihan as a "living legend" in the United States Senate. In the piece he was asked who his political hero was and he responded Al Smith. The only reason Moynihan gave was that Smith was the first Roman Catholic presidential nominee from either major political party. Such is the way Catholicism was meant to be; that there should be something good in and of itself when a fellow Catholic has potentially risen to the top of the political world. Undoubtedly many Catholics will not share in such a sense of triumph if two Catholic Democrats become the president and vice-president, but will instead call into question that very Catholicism. Sadly, all this will show is the communal sense of our Church is considerably far from where it ought to be.

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Some Tasty Treats for Easter

C O L U M N B Y M A U R E E N M A L L O Y

After forty long days of depriving yourself from everything from sweets to soda, Easter Sunday provides the perfect opportunity to try your hand at some easy traditional recipes for your family celebration. Your mom will probably insist on preparing the ham, but maybe you can add some tasty sides and desserts to the feast. Here are some ideas for you to start cooking.

Hot Cross Buns

3/4 cup warm water (110 degrees F/45 degrees C)
3 tablespoons butter
1 tablespoon instant powdered milk
1/4 cup white sugar
3/8 teaspoon salt
1 egg
1 egg white
3 cups all-purpose flour

1 tablespoon active dry yeast
3/4 cup currants
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 egg yolk
2 tablespoons water
1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 teaspoons milk

Put warm water, butter, skim milk powder, 1/4 cup sugar, salt, egg, egg white, flour and yeast in bread maker and start on dough program. When 5 minutes of kneading are left, add currants and cinnamon. Leave in machine until double in size. Punch down on floured surface, cover and let rest 10 minutes. Shape into 12 balls and place in a greased 9 x 12 inch pan. Cover and let rise in a warm place until double in size, about 35 to 40 minutes. Mix egg yolk and 2 tablespoons water. Brush on balls. Bake at 375 degrees F for 20 minutes. Remove from pan immediately and cool on wire rack. To make crosses: mix together confectioners' sugar, vanilla and milk. Brush an X on each cooled bun. Recipe makes 12 buns.

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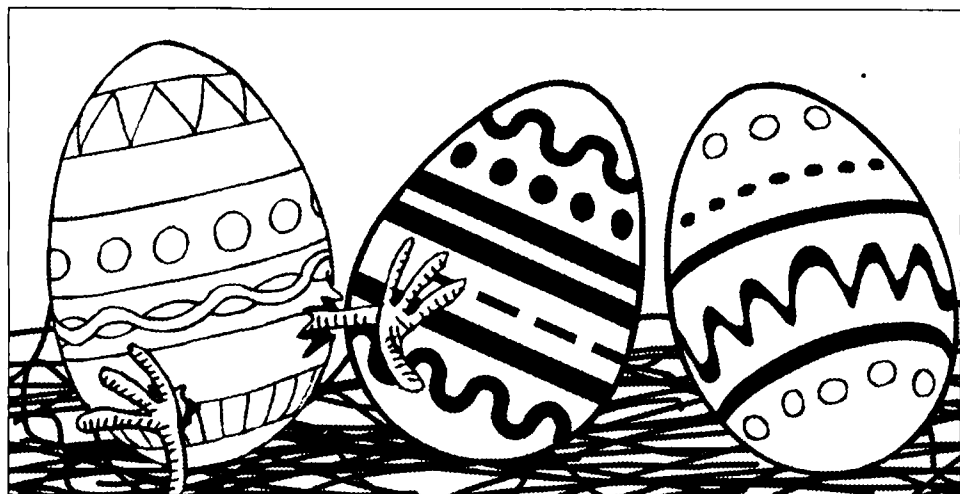
Carrot Cup Cakes

2 cups sugar
1 1/3 cups vegetable oil
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
3 extra-large eggs
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
2 teaspoons baking soda
1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
3 cups grated carrots (less than 1 pound)
1 cup raisins
1 cup chopped walnuts
For the frosting:
3/4 pound cream cheese, at room temperature
1/2 pound unsalted butter, at room temperature
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
1 pound confectioners' sugar

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Beat the sugar, oil and vanilla together in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with a paddle attachment. Add the eggs, 1 at a time. In another bowl, sift together the flour, cinnamon, baking soda and salt. With the mixer on low speed, add 1/2 of the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients. Add the grated carrots, raisins and walnuts to the remaining flour, mix well and add to the batter. Mix until just combined. Line muffin pans with paper liners. Scoop the batter into 22 muffin cups until each is 3/4 full. Bake at 400 degrees F for 10 minutes then reduce oven temperature to 350 degrees F and cook for a further 35 minutes until a toothpick comes out clean. Cool on a rack. For the frosting, cream the cream cheese, butter and vanilla in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with a paddle attachment. Add the sugar and beat until smooth. When the cupcakes are cool, frost them generously and serve. Makes 22 cupcakes.

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The Nanovic Institute presents the film



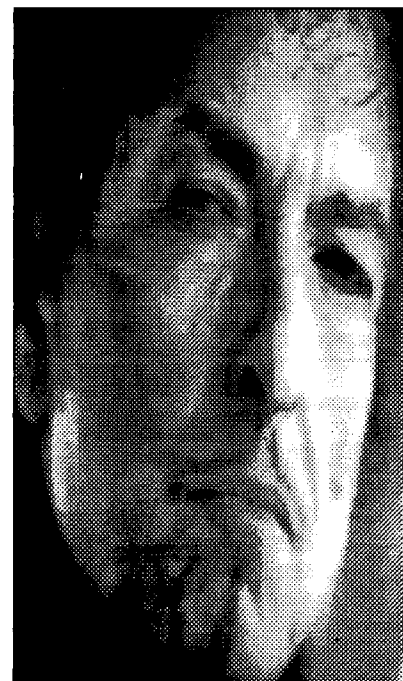
By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

When the Nanovic Institute introduced its international film series this year, the organizers wanted to make sure students who came to the festival had a chance to understand the important issues behind the films.

The films in this year's festival were chosen to fit the theme of "Women in European Film — Loss, Identity, Belonging." This has included several dark films such as the French film "Chaos" in January about an Algerian prostitute and the controversial Irish film "The Magdalene Sisters" in

February about Catholic laundries. Algerian playwright Alek Baylee Toumi and Irish Studies professor Luke Gibbons were asked to introduce the two films to provide historical context for the issues involved.

This Wednesday for the last film of the series the Institute will present "Lilja 4-Ever," a Swedish film released in 2003 depicting the struggles of Lilja (Okshana Akinshina), a 16-year-old girl living in an unidentified ex-Soviet republic. Her mother abandons her in the slums of the city to move to the United States, and she is forced to move into in a squalid apartment with only her abused 11-year-old friend, Volodya (Artiom Bogucharskij), for care or company. As



Bob Dylan and Adriana Lima star in Victoria's Secret's most recent commercial. This odd pairing is amusing considering Dylan's reputation as an anti-establishment figure from the 1960s.

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"Lilja 4-ever" and is holding a workshop about the issue of human trafficking



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he two begin to starve, Lilja turns to prostitution as a way to support herself. When Swedish businessman Andrei (Panel Ponomarev) appears and promises to save Lilja from the slums, her situation appears to be improving, but it is only the beginning of the problems she will face.

"Lilja 4-Ever" deals with trafficking of women for prostitution, an issue which has become relevant not only in Europe, but in other parts of the world as well. In Europe women are most often transported from poorer Eastern countries to the more prosperous West, often under false pretences as shown in this film.

The movie is the sixth release for director Lukas Moodysson, who has

dealt with the issue of terrorism in his latest film known in English as "Terrorists: The Kids They Sentenced." In a discussion with Amnesty International member Becky Hless Moodysson described some of the effects he hoped his film would have on an international level.

"...I hope that the film will spread in Eastern Europe and that that will lead to some young women not traveling to the west," Moodysson said. "I hope that people in the West will open their eyes and realize that this is the flipside of our rich societies, these are the people we're stepping on, these are the people we're exploiting to sustain and expand our welfare."

In preparation for the showing the Nanovic Institutes, the Department of Gender Studies and the Center for Human Rights organized a workshop on human trafficking to help students understand how the issue affects the world today.

"We reached out and pulled together different groups to work on this project because it's obviously a global problem," Daniel Mattern, series organizer, said.

The workshop will include talks by European Commission official Telmo Baltazar and Human Rights Watch member Marina Pisklakova. Baltazar spent eight years working for the Task Force for Justice and Home Affairs, and

has been the counselor of the EC delegation to the United States dealing with terrorism, border control, immigration and trafficking issues since 2003. Pisklakova has been recognized in her native Russia and around the world for her work as a women's rights activist, and was honored by the Human Rights Watch as one of the eight most significant human rights activists working today.

The two-hour workshop will be held at 4 p.m. on Wednesday in room 125 of the Center for Social Concerns. The film will be shown at 7 p.m. in the Carey Auditorium of Hesburgh Library.

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Bob Dylan sick of love? Obviously not

unpredictable singer/songwriter is up to his old tricks yet again by appearing in a Victoria's Secret ad campaign

— New, from the MiracleBob? ers in a new series led face intercut del Adriana Lima Venice in a bra, like heels. Don't year-old Dylan on. Love Sick," from ning 1997 album nd," provides the op for the spot, , 30- and 60-sec-

ond versions.

It promotes a new line of lingerie, the "Angels" collection — which explains the wings on Lima's back as she prances across a palazzo near a Venetian canal.

"It's weird," said New York disc jockey Dennis Elsas, who's played Dylan music for three decades. "I would be hesitant to say it's awful or wonderful. It's just strange."

The commercials began airing a week ago, and will run for the next two weeks, said Ed Razek, chief creative officer for Victoria's Secret. The company experienced an immediate uptick in sales once the spots ran, he said.

Dylan was not a hard sell when approached about the campaign, Razek said. The company had already decided to use the song when its corporate boss, Les Wexner, suggested inviting Dylan himself.

The Rock and Roll Hall of Famer quickly agreed, although no one's quite sure why.

"I can't speculate to his reasons, I never talked to him about why he decided to come to the party, but he did," Razek said. "He's iconic, a living legend."

Dylan's spokesman did not return messages for comment about the campaign.

It's the first time in his 40-plus years as an international star that Dylan has appeared in an ad campaign, although his "The Times They Are a Changin'" was used in a Bank of Montreal commercial in 1996.

Back then, Dylan was ripped for selling out. His association with ladies in lingerie, as opposed to some corporate entity, failed to produce much antipathy — particularly in an era where Led Zeppelin, Peter Dinklage and Sting recently licensed songs for commercials.

But the strange mingling of Dylan and décolletage prompted

plenty of comment, from a New York sports writer's Sunday column to various Internet chat rooms.

"On first glance, this is wrong on so many levels, but after viewing it I really admire Bob Dylan," wrote one Dylan fan in a chat room. "I only hope that when I reach Dylan's age someone approaches me to ask if I would like to be paid to fly to Venice and do a commercial with several supermodels."

Once you reach that level of acceptance, as Elsas observed, the Dylan spots don't seem so bad.

"What would you rather have Bob Dylan selling ladies' under-

NCAA BASKETBALL

25 years ago, Bird-Magic made NCAA history

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — The 1979 national final was the day Magic Johnson and Larry Bird gave college basketball a permanent spot among America's top sports events. It was also the day Bob Heaton got "posterized."

Heaton was a forward for Indiana State — one of those "other guys" — when the Sycamores played in the famous championship game against Michigan State. He stood under the basket, seemingly in good position, waiting to take a charge from Johnson.

Instead, Johnson dunked over Heaton, knocked him to the ground and pointed at him for emphasis. It was a signature moment in a signature game that found its way onto the cover of Sports Illustrated — and the walls of kids' bedrooms nationwide.

"I didn't realize exactly what had happened until I saw all the replays," Heaton said.

Twenty-five years later, as Georgia Tech and Connecticut prepared for their title game Monday night, many of the players involved in the Magic-Bird matchup concede they didn't realize they were part of history at the time.

In 1979, Bird and Johnson were already stars, and the game was

hyped as a showdown between them, but cable TV hadn't yet saturated the country with college hoops. In fact, several Indiana State players said they never saw Johnson play until the Final Four that season.

"The idea that Larry and Ervin went on to have such great pro careers, and that the rivalry didn't stop there, is what made it seem bigger in retrospect," said Greg Kelser, a forward on Michigan State who played in the NBA for six seasons. "That's what magnifies the game."

As is true in so many cases, it didn't live up to the hype.

Stifled by Michigan State's zone defense and a number of long-armed players, Bird shot 7-for-21 and Heaton went 4-for-14. The Spartans won 75-64 in a game that didn't seem that close, and while Johnson and Bird went on to change the NBA, most of the rest of those players soon ended up like Heaton, their playing days ending with graduation.

"I'm so grateful and humble that I just had a chance to be there," said Indiana State guard Steve Reed, who got his masters in hospital administration and has worked in that field since he graduated.

"These days, it blows my mind to think I was there," he said.

The memories that week weren't only on the basketball court. The

Final Four was played in Salt Lake City, and as a special treat for the participants, the teams were given a special invitation to the Mormon Tabernacle.

Michigan State's Terry Donnelly recalls walking in with the other teams and hearing the Mormon Tabernacle Choir play the Indiana State fight song. After a brief break, the choir followed up with the Michigan fight song instead of Michigan State's.

"We might have been the only team to actually boo inside the tabernacle," Donnelly said.

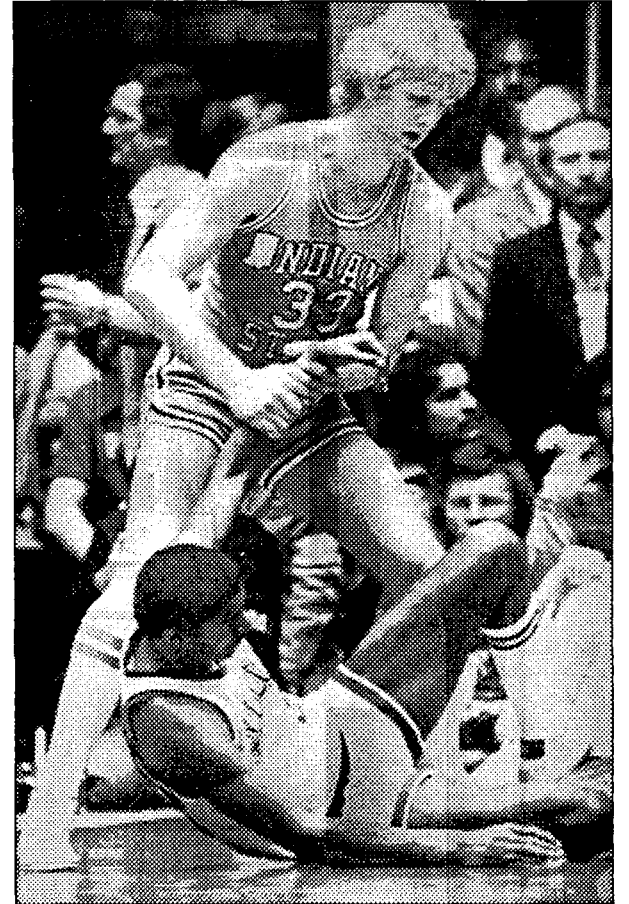
While Johnson played a great game for Michigan State, going 8-for-15 and getting to the line 10 times for 24 points, it was Donnelly who was practically perfect.

He went 5-for-5 from the floor and 5-for-6 from the free-throw line.

The only miss? It came on the second of two free throws, when he looked to the bench and saw teammate Rick Kaye jokingly flashing him an obscene gesture.

"I started believing. I missed the free throw because of that," Donnelly said. It didn't matter. Michigan State had this game firmly in hand.

It always bothered Bird that he didn't play better, and he never really embraced his role in one of the most important college games ever.



Associated Press

Larry Bird and Magic Johnson fight for the ball during the 1979 national championship.

GOLF

Daly wants his golf to be the focus at The Masters



Associated Press

John Daly, shown chipping out of the sand on Monday, is hoping for a green jacket at Augusta.

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — A cola in his hand and a cigarette never too far from his lips, John Daly never looked more at ease as he stepped out of the Augusta National clubhouse Monday, far removed from a world of trouble.

"I'm just so happy to be here," Daly said quietly. "To me, this is like heaven."

The Masters also is his haven.

He wants desperately for this week to be all about his golf, which has been so good the last two months that he came out of nowhere — a place Daly knows all too well — to return to Augusta National.

Daly has such control of his game that no one would be surprised to see him in a green jacket on Sunday.

"If this is his week, there's no reason he can't win," Adam Scott said. "His length is awesome and his short game is pure. It's a matter of it clicking this week."

But even as Daly played a practice round with good friend Fuzzy Zoeller, his mind was two states away.

Daly's wife and her parents were in a federal court in Mississippi for the start of their trail on money laundering charges. They wound up pleading guilty in an agreement with prosecutors. Sherrie Miller Daly, indicted last July just five days after giving birth to Daly's first son, was offered five years' probation with six months of house arrest.

Prosecutors have said that Daly didn't know about the trouble that led to the indictment, which alleged that his wife and in-laws conspired to buy and sell drugs using cash from previous transactions.

He said he would stand behind his wife of nearly three years, and strong recommended she take the plea bargain.

"You don't beat a federal court, a federal judge and the FBI. There's no way," Daly said in the parking lot. "I told Sherrie, 'You've got to look after what's ahead of you. If there's probation, house arrest, you've got to take that. I know you're not a convict. I know you're not guilty of anything. But you're not going to win.'"

This is might not be the best way

to prepare for the first major championship of the year, especially on a daunting course like Augusta National that is expected to be firm, fast and troublesome.

But then, distractions seems to be a constant companion.

Daly was the ninth alternate when he drove through the night to the 1991 PGA Championship, then stunned the golfing community by overpowering Crooked Stick to win his first major.

He went through alcohol rehab, a nasty divorce and a suspension from the PGA Tour for rash behavior, then showed up at St. Andrews for the '95 British Open and added a silver claret jug to his trophy collection.

A victory this week at Augusta National — certainly not out of the question considering his skills — would make him only the 15th player in history to capture three of the four majors.

Daly generates a buzz unlike any other player.

He walked only 100 yards from the clubhouse to the putting green, and a wall of people caved in around him.

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NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Titans clash tonight in Tennessee-UConn bout

Once-dominant Volunteers could end Huskies' two-year-long championship run

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Everyone, it seems, has a spin on this latest national championship game between Connecticut and Tennessee. Jessica Moore's is unique.

When Connecticut goes for its third straight NCAA title in women's basketball Tuesday night, the last obstacle for the Huskies is the only school that has won three in a row.

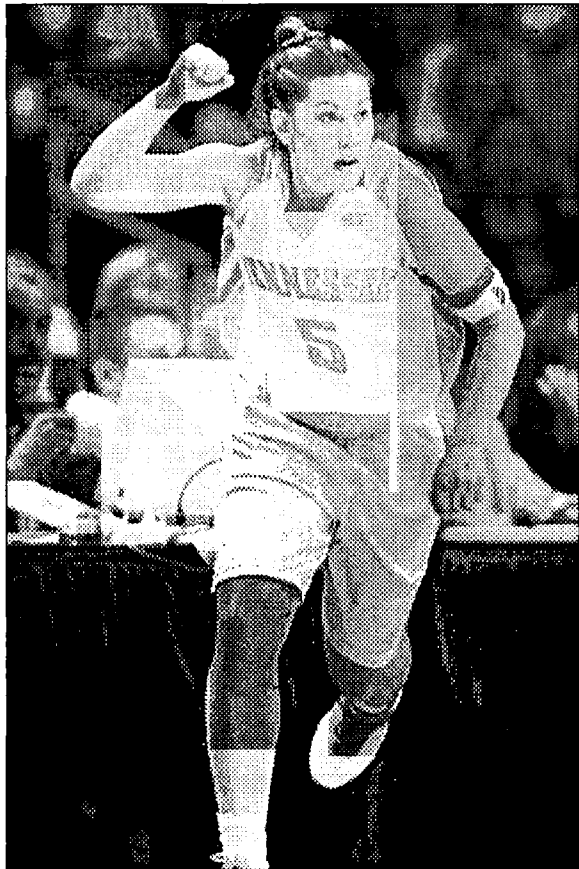
"I was comparing it to Miss America," said Moore, UConn's 6-foot-3 center. "After she is done reigning, she passes the crown down to someone else. It's like if we win it [Tuesday] night, then they will be passing the crown down to us."

Actually, that crown or torch or whatever you want to call it already has been passed. With its two straight championships and three in the past four years, Connecticut clearly has supplanted Tennessee as the nation's pre-eminent program in the women's game.

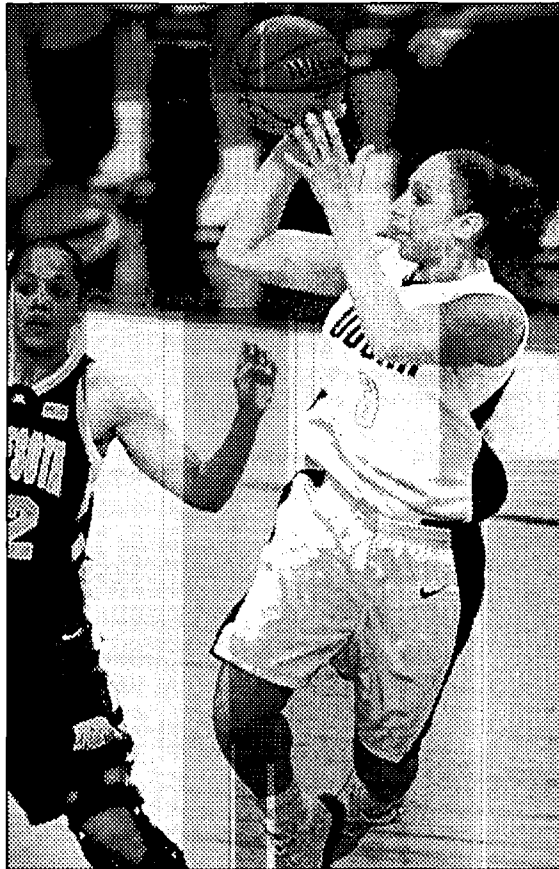
Tennessee has won six titles, but none since 1998. Even Tennessee's Shanna Zolman said this is "Geno's era," a reference to UConn's brash, successful coach, Geno Auriemma.

That's what gives this rivalry a buzz, no matter how many times they meet in the finals. This will be the second straight year the schools have played in the women's championship game and the fourth such meeting since 1995. Connecticut won the three previous games and beat the Lady Vols in the semifinals en route to the 2002 championship.

Yes, there's a pattern here. And after all the talk this sea-



Indiana native Shawna Zolman, left, and Connecticut's Diana Taurasi lead their teams into tonight's women's college basketball championship game.



Associated Press

son about parity and balance in women's basketball, the two giants again are the last ones standing.

"That's just the way it seems to work 'out, doesn't it?" Auriemma said. "I feel real good that three out of the four [championship games], we have beat the team that everybody associates with the best team, the best program over the last 20-some years."

"So it's only fitting that if you want to win, that's who you've

got to beat. And if they want to win, they've got to beat us."

The Lady Vols are looking to do just that. They've got some turf to protect, after all. They like being the only program with three straight titles, which Tennessee accomplished from 1996 to 1998.

"We don't want UConn at all up there in the ranks with us," Zolman said. "We would love nothing more than to be able to not only get a ring ourselves, but also not allow them to get

three in a row. We're going to be working hard for that, I guarantee it."

Connecticut (30-4) kept its title hopes alive with a 67-58 victory over Minnesota on Sunday night, giving the school two teams in championship games. The UConn men played Georgia Tech in San Antonio on Monday night.

Tennessee (31-3) beat LSU 52-50, its third straight two-point victory decided in the final two seconds."

But whatever the circumstances when these two teams get together, the subject of Auriemma's relationship with Tennessee coach Pat Summitt is bound to surface. That's about all that was discussed before last year's game, played after Auriemma's crack that Tennessee was the "Evil Empire."

"We really don't have a relationship," Summitt said. "I don't have his cell number. We don't talk. We speak before and after the games. That's it."

"But that's the relationship that Geno worked very hard to create. At one time, I thought we had a pretty good relationship. So I don't know why it went south, but that's the way it is."

Summitt finds it all the more puzzling because Connecticut has dominated her team recently. The Huskies have won five straight against the Lady Vols and seven of the last eight, including an 81-67 victory in Knoxville this season.

"You would think as many times as he has beaten us, he would feel sorry for me and talk to me," Summitt said.

Auriemma seemed tired of the whole thing.

"That's irrelevant," he snapped. "Only thing that exists is UConn plays Tennessee, five on five in basketball."

As for those who were looking for something a little different on this final night, well, they'll have to wait a year.

"Everybody wants to see two different teams, but there's that saying the cream always rises to the top. And these two programs are that," Connecticut's Maria Conlon said.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Drexler among group named to college Hall of Fame

University of Houston star one of six elected to college basketball's shrine

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Nicknames have followed Clyde Drexler throughout his basketball career.

In college, he played for the electrifying "Phi Slama Jama" teams at the University of Houston. As a pro, he was Clyde "The Glide" for his speed, ball handling and swooping moves to the basket.

As an Olympian, he played on the first "Dream Team."

Now, he can add something a little more formal: Hall of Famer.

Drexler was one of six former players, coaches and team executives announced Monday as the newest members of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Joining him are Lynette Woodard, an Olympic gold medalist and first female Harlem Globetrotter; coach Bill Sharman, already in the hall as a player; the late Maurice Stokes, the 1956 NBA rookie of the year; Jerry Colangelo, chairman of the Phoenix Suns; and Drazen Dalipagic, an international star for Yugoslavia.

Drexler, who in 1997 was selected one of the NBA's 50 greatest players, was humbled to be a new member of the hall.

"I grew up watching a lot of them and to be in the same class as they are is phe-

nomenal," Drexler said. "It kind of validates your career as a basketball player. I think that I'm the luckiest man in the world."

In college, he played in two Final Fours. In his 15-year NBA career, Drexler led the Portland Trail Blazers to the NBA Finals in 1990 and '92, and won a championship with Houston in 1995.

He is one of three players in league history to accumulate 20,000 points, 6,000 rebounds and 6,000 assists.

"The fun is in the journey whether you win or lose, you've got to have fun," he said.

Woodard averaged 26 points at Kansas and was co-captain of U.S. team that won an Olympic gold medal in 1984. She also played professionally in Europe and two seasons in the WNBA.

Woodard served as interim head coach at Kansas this season in place of Marian Washington, who announced in January she was taking a medical leave and retired in February.

"I started out with a love for the game," she said. "This is magical."

A pioneer of the women's game, she recently attended a practice for a high school all-star team at the women's Final Four in New Orleans.

"Their bodies and arms are totally cut

and they run like deer and racehorses and with attitude and passion," Woodard said.

Sharman, inducted as a player in 1976, won titles as a coach in the ABL, the ABA and the NBA. In the 1972 season, he led the Los Angeles Lakers to a 69-13 record, including an NBA record 33-game winning streak.

He joins John Wooden and Lenny Wilkens as the only members enshrined as a player and a coach.

"As a player, I felt I deserved it because of all my hard work. As a coach, I want to give my players credit," Sharman said. "They are the reason I'm in as a coach, they're the ones I want to congratulate."

Stokes, the league's top rookie in '56, had his career cut short when he was paralyzed in his third season when he fell during a game. He died at the age of 36 in 1970.

Colangelo was named general manager of the Suns at the age of 28 and is a four-time NBA executive of the year. He also was instrumental in creating the WNBA.

Dalipagic was a three time European player of the year, leading his country to 12 medals in European, World and Olympic competition, including the Olympic gold at the Moscow games in 1980.

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Clyde Drexler
former University of Houston
standout

Purdue's Keady, UConn's Calhoun among those snubbed

Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Gene Keady is not a Hall of Famer — at least not this year.

The longtime Purdue coach, who last week declined an offer to coach at San Francisco, was among 16 finalists for induction into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Clyde Drexler and Lynette Woodard led a group of six inductees. Their election was announced Monday at a news conference in San Antonio, the site of this year's NCAA Final Four.

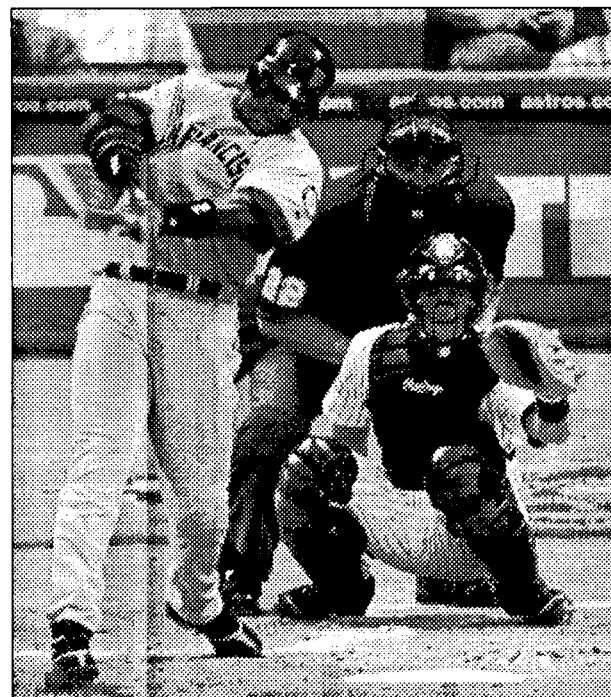
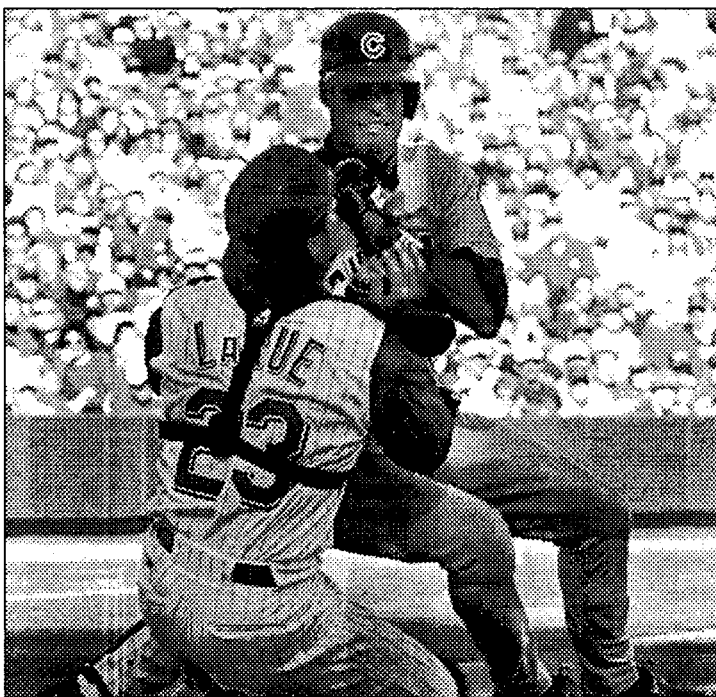
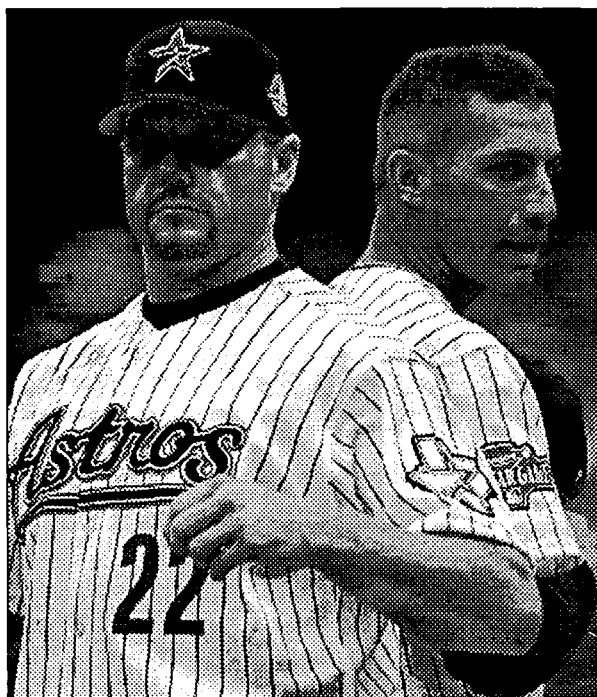
"I'm not disappointed because I've never assumed anything in life," Keady said in a statement released by Purdue. "I've never assumed I'd have success or accolades. You achieve those things by working hard and being surrounded by the right people."

In 24 seasons, Keady has guided the Boilermakers to a 505-249 record, six Big Ten titles and 17 NCAA tournament appearances.

Keady, 67, hasn't fared as well in recent seasons, going 66-58 with just one NCAA tournament.

MLB

Cubs, Tigers wins highlight Opening Day



Houston pitchers Roger Clemens and Andy Pettite, at left, are introduced before Houston's opening day game. At middle, Mark Grundzielanek is tagged out at home in the ninth inning against Cincinnati, but the Cubs still won 7-4. And in his first official at-bat of 2004, Barry Bonds lines a double to left field in the Giants' opening day game.

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Sammy Sosa couldn't get a hit. Kerry Wood couldn't get past the fifth inning.

Big problems? Not for these newly confident Cubs.

Corey Patterson homered and Moises Alou doubled with the bases loaded Monday, leading the defending NL Central champions to a 7-4 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

After winning their first division title in 14 years, the Cubs got a good start on their next quest: back-to-back winning seasons for the first time since 1971-72.

"Last year, we were not really sure how good we were," said Patterson, who tore knee ligaments on July 6 and missed the rest of the season. "Since we did well last year, it builds more confidence. We know everyone is gunning for us."

The Reds had another disappointing debut in Great American Ball Park, where 42,122 fans watched a lineup missing Ken Griffey Jr. stumble out of the gate once again.

Griffey reluctantly took a few more days to rest a strained calf injured a week ago in Florida. The injury-prone outfielder paced in the dugout with a

bat in each hand, but never got to hit.

"We played some spring training games without him and we did all right, but you always want a stud like that in your lineup," shortstop Barry Larkin said.

Instead, the day belonged to the Cubs, who got little from their top starter and best run producer, but won anyway.

"This is a new year, a new opportunity to go all the way," said Alou, who doubled home three runs in the third. "We feel we have the team to do it. We just need a little luck. We feel we're going to win a lot of games."

Detroit 7, Toronto 0

Ivan Rodriguez, Rondell White and Jason Johnson made sure the Detroit Tigers had a different start in 2004.

Rodriguez and White homered in their Detroit debuts Monday, backing Johnson in a season-opening 7-0 win over the Toronto Blue Jays.

"This is a completely different team. Everybody is happy, and everybody is hungry to win," Rodriguez said.

Last year, Detroit began 0-9 and set an American League record with 119 losses. The Tigers, who hadn't won an opener since 2000, spent the offseason trying to rebuild a franchise that hasn't

finished with a winning record since 1993.

"We have a big, fat chip on our shoulder," Dmitri Young said. "We're not going to be the laughingstock. That's a thing of the past. They ain't going to laugh tomorrow or the day after. We were confident, borderline cocky out there today."

Pittsburgh 2, Philadelphia 1

Kip Wells showed the Pittsburgh Pirates what a No. 1 starter is supposed to look like on opening day. The finish by Jose Mesa was just as good.

Wells often was overpowering in working out of two big jams and outdueling Kevin Millwood, and the Pirates rode Craig Wilson's homer and Tike Redman's tie-breaking double to a 2-1 victory Monday over the Philadelphia Phillies.

Wells (1-0) provided the strong start with seven strikeouts in six shutout innings. Mesa, the Phillies' castoff closer, pitched a perfect ninth for the save against his former club.

The Phillies dumped Mesa and his 6.28 ERA after last season to trade for former Astros closer Billy Wagner, even though Mesa had 111 saves in three seasons with them.

Mesa was relieved to preserve this

lead; he still remembers blowing a 2-1 lead and the save against Florida in his first game with Philadelphia.

Milwaukee 8, St. Louis 6

For most teams, a winning record after the season opener is no big deal. The Milwaukee Brewers are different.

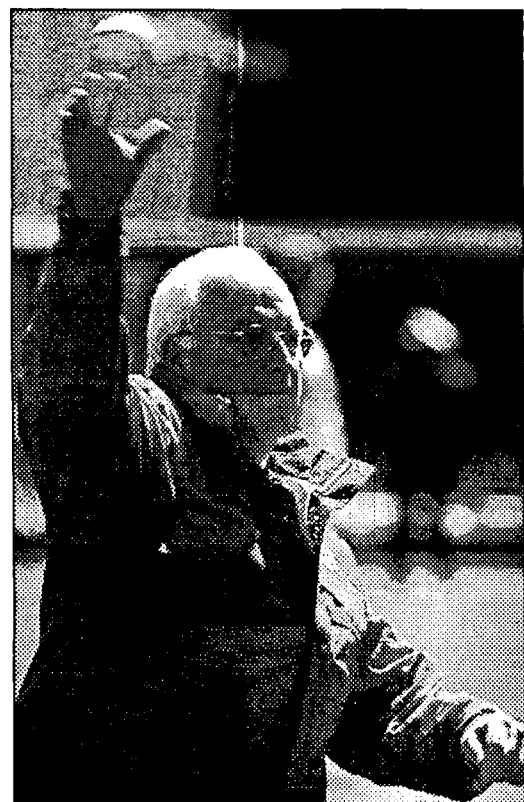
Their victory over the St. Louis Cardinals, with President Bush watching from a box above home plate, is the first time the downtrodden franchise has been above .500 in two years. The Brewers haven't finished with a winning record since 1992.

"Even though it's one game, it seems like all spring you work seven weeks for this day," manager Ned Yost said. "We're kind of glad this day's over, and we're really especially glad we started off with a win."

Ben Grieve hit a two-run homer and Podsednik had four RBIs, including a tiebreaking, three-run shot off Matt Morris in the sixth inning for the Brewers, who began last season with six straight losses and never recovered in a 68-94 season.

Morris had a two-run double in the fourth for St. Louis. But he gave up seven runs, five earned, in six innings, and three of the five batters he walked ended up scoring.

Bush, Cheney throw out ceremonial pitches



Vice President Dick Cheney throws out the first pitch in Cincinnati.

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — President Bush is getting the hang of throwing out first pitches. At Busch Stadium on Monday, the catcher hardly had to move his mitt.

Bush said, in advance, "My wing isn't what it used to be."

But when he reared back and threw, the pitch was right in there. He also had said he planned to throw a "hopping fastball" to open the Brewers-Cardinals game, but it looked more like an off-speed pitch. The Cardinals' Mike Matheny caught it easily.

"It just goes to show you a guy can get lucky occasionally," Bush said.

Three years ago, Bush's opening-day pitch at Milwaukee's Miller Park ended up in the dirt. Ever since, he has joked about being nervous when he approaches the mound. Bush is a former managing partner of the Texas Rangers.

No umpires called them, but Bush's first pitches at Game 3 of the 2001 World Series and at the 2001 College World Series were both deemed strikes.

Monday, Bush marched to the mound and with no windup threw the

ball home. He wore a red Cardinals jacket. Fans chanted "U-S-A! U-S-A!"

The president chose the fiercely contested electoral state of Missouri to throw out this year's first pitch — actually on baseball's third opening day, after games last week in Japan and Sunday night in Baltimore.

In the stands, political opinion was mixed.

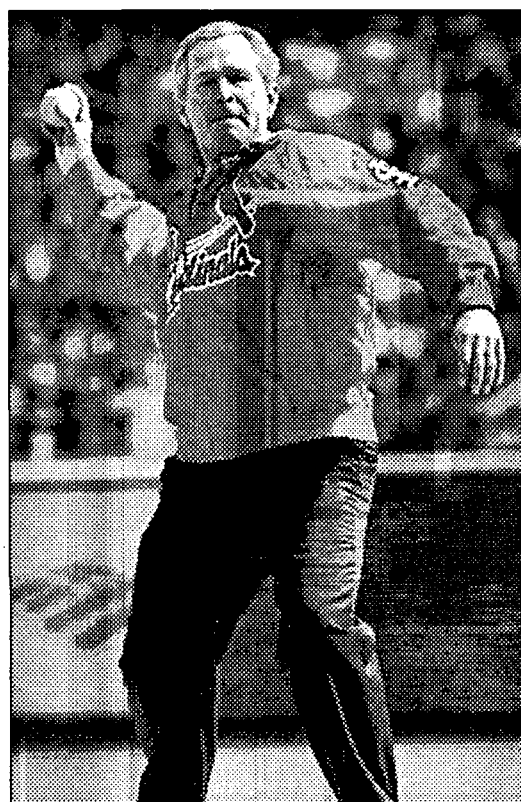
"Kerry is probably a little more attuned to what the less-than-elite of America need," said Jay Sarver, a financial business consultant from St. Louis, referring to Democratic Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts.

LuAnn Heuerman, 43, of Effingham, Ill., and her brother carried a large "Welcome to St. Louis President Bush" sign into the stadium. She said, "I think he's here because he enjoys baseball."

Some fans waited more than an hour to get through metal detectors — some didn't get inside in time to see Bush's toss.

The White House sent Vice President Dick Cheney to throw out the first pitch Monday in Cincinnati, where the Reds were facing the Chicago Cubs.

"It turns out we don't need a radar gun on him either," Bush joked.



President Bush throws out the first pitch in St. Louis.

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ESPN Baseball Top 25

	team	record	points
1	Texas (22)	31-4	977
2	Stanford (15)	23-4	968
3	LSU (2)	24-5	901
4	Rice (1)	24-6	898
5	Miami	24-6	823
6	Mississippi	24-4	751
7	South Carolina	23-5	721
8	Long Beach State	20-8	713
9	NOTRE DAME	22-3	692
10	Wichita State	16-3	599
11	Southern Miss	24-4	542
12	Nebraska	21-5	484
13	North Carolina	23-6	455
14	Auburn	21-9	448
15	Arizona State	22-9	370
16	Tulane	22-8	352
17	Texas A&M	26-8	351
18	Tennessee	25-5	280
19	Florida	25-8	272
20	UC Irvine	19-6-1	260
21	Florida State	23-9	248
22	East Carolina	24-6	241
23	Central Florida	27-5	89
24	Florida Atlantic	26-7	84
25	Washington	17-8-1	54

NBA

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
New Jersey	45-31	.592	4-6	-
Miami	38-39	.494	8-2	7.5
New York	36-41	.468	6-4	9.5
Boston	35-42	.455	6-4	10.5
Philadelphia	32-45	.416	4-6	13.5
Washington	24-53	.312	3-7	21.5
Orlando	19-58	.247	0-10	26.5

Eastern Conference, Central Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Indiana	56-21	.727	6-4	-
Detroit	50-27	.649	8-2	6
Milwaukee	39-38	.506	5-5	17
New Orleans	38-39	.494	3-7	18
Cleveland	32-44	.421	2-8	23.5
Toronto	30-46	.395	2-8	25.5
Atlanta	25-52	.325	4-6	31
Chicago	22-55	.286	4-6	34

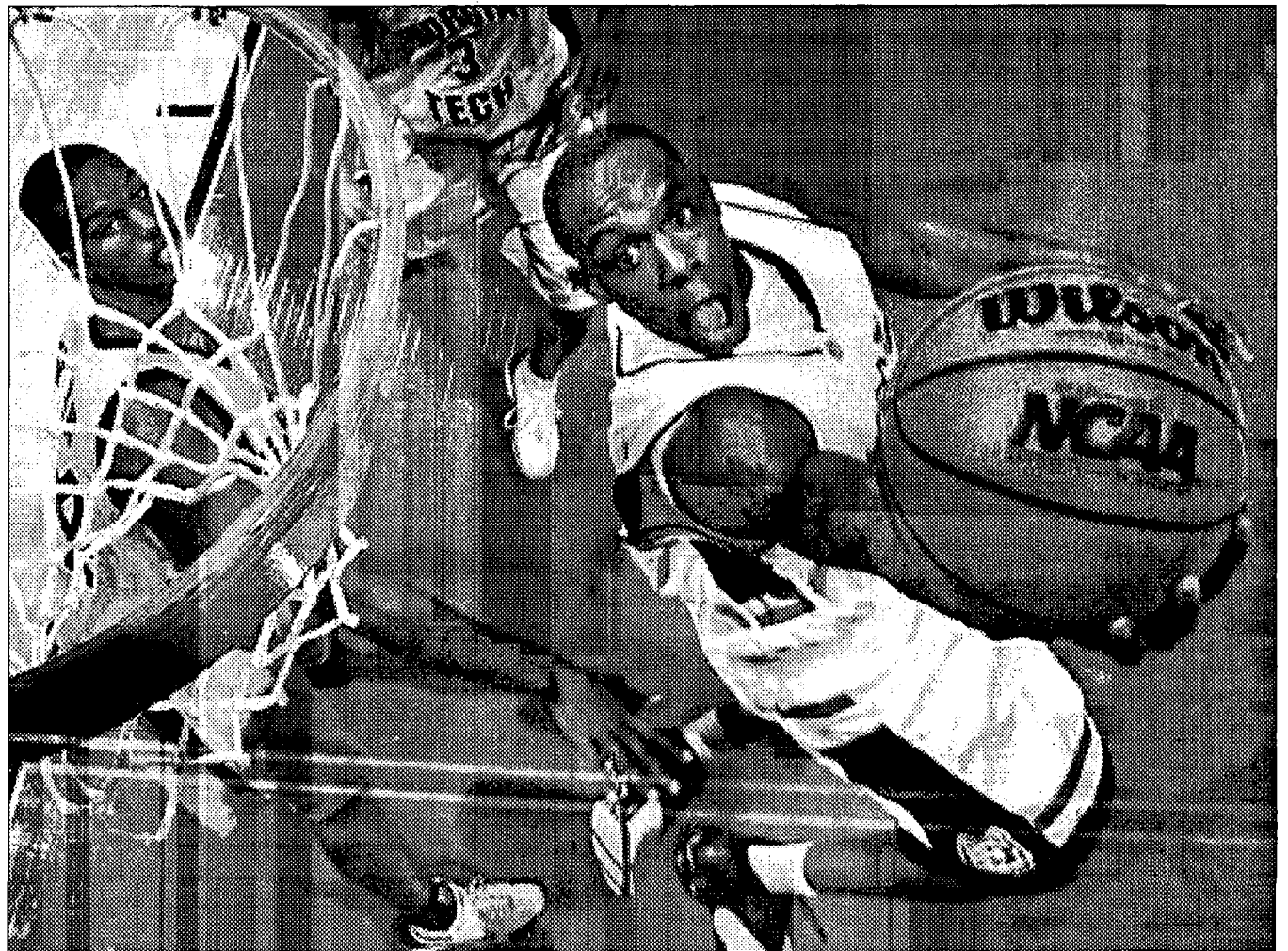
Western Conference, Midwest Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Minnesota	54-24	.692	8-2	-
San Antonio	52-25	.675	8-2	1.5
Memphis	49-27	.645	8-2	4
Dallas	48-28	.623	6-4	5
Houston	42-34	.553	3-7	11
Denver	40-37	.519	5-5	13.5
Utah	40-37	.519	6-4	13.5

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Sacramento	53-23	.697	4-6	-
LA Lakers	53-24	.688	9-1	.5
Portland	39-37	.513	6-4	14
Seattle	35-42	.455	6-4	18.5
Golden State	24-42	.447	8-2	19
LA Clippers	27-51	.346	0-10	27
Phoenix	26-51	.338	4-6	27.5

NCAA BASKETBALL



Connecticut guard Taliek Brown drives to the basket in front of Georgia Tech forward Theodis Tarver. Connecticut won the championship title with a 82-73 victory over Georgia Tech.

Connecticut claims national title

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO —The Connecticut Huskies really do have it all: the All-America center, the flashy guards, the coach who gets everything right, and now a national title won with ease.

Led by 24 points from Emeka Okafor and 21 from Ben Gordon, the Huskies outclassed Georgia Tech 82-73 on Monday night to win the championship many predicted they'd get from the very start of the season.

They looked like champions from beginning to end, running when they wanted, controlling the middle at other times, grabbing just about every loose ball and making the Yellow

Jackets look ordinary.

UConn became the first team since the 1996 Kentucky Wildcats to win the title after being ranked first in the preseason. The Huskies wound up on top of the college basketball world, thanks to a tall, quick, deep and talented roster put together by Calhoun.

"Going wire-to-wire is one of the hardest things you can do, and it wasn't just the beginning of the year for us," Coach Jim Calhoun said. "This wire-to-wire went September to April, and that's as hard as it gets."

The 32-year coaching veteran missed making the Basketball Hall of Fame by one vote this week. After the way he built and guid-

ed this team, it's hard to imagine why. He coached UConn to its second championship in six seasons, and joined Mike Krzyzewski and Bob Knight as the only active coaches with multiple titles.

On Tuesday, tiny Storrs, Conn. — the home of the Huskies — could become the undisputed capital of the basketball universe. The women's team takes on Tennessee in the title game in New Orleans, and with a win, Connecticut would become the first school to sweep both championships.

Some say the Huskies' success starts with Okafor, the Final Four's most outstanding player. He also had 15 rebounds for his

24th double-double of the season, which was marked by persistent injuries. Prowling the lane on both ends, using his lanky 6-foot-10 frame to block two shots and alter dozens more, he dominated on offense and negated Tech's Aussie center, Luke Schenscher.

Of course, UConn has more — much more — than Okafor, and every element was working.

Gordon, a junior who led the team in scoring, hit all three of his 3-pointers during the first 20 minutes to help the Huskies take a 15-point lead at halftime. His backcourt mate, Taliek Brown, bounced back from a rough game in UConn's semifinal win over Duke to finish with nine points.

All-American Okafor leads Connecticut

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Emeka Okafor powered inside, slammed home a rebound and got the Connecticut cheering section to go crazy.

At the center of everything, Okafor put on an All-American performance in the biggest game of his life, punctuating it with that rim-shaking dunk late in Monday night's 82-73 win over Georgia Tech for the NCAA championship.

And somehow, up in the stands, Pius Okafor managed to stay relaxed. With fans around him standing and shouting, he politely applauded his son's stuff while 10 other family members looked on.

"I'm very calm," Okafor's father said in the closing minutes. "I'm so

proud of him and so excited that he's playing at this level."

Oh, and this from Dad: "He's played better than this."

Maybe, but certainly not in a game of this magnitude.

The most dominant player in college basketball was picked as the tournament's Most Outstanding Player after scoring 24 points and getting 15 rebounds.

Okafor raised his arms high after corraling the final carom. He controlled the glass at both ends by setting up shots on offense and altering attempts on defense.

"It was a great season," the 6-foot-10 center said. "We had our ups and down. This moment makes it all worthwhile."

"We came out and snuck by Duke.

Then we came out and grabbed the national title," he said.

Behind Okafor, it was never as close as the end result indicated as UConn won its second crown in six seasons. The Huskies' 15-point lead was the biggest in an NCAA title game in 37 years, and Okafor never let Tech get near until the outcome was decided.

The Yellow Jackets simply had no answer for him, despite trying to give 7-foot 1 Luke Schenscher as much double-team help as they could.

Okafor will get his finance degree next month with a 3.8 grade-point average. He's expected to be among the top picks in the NBA draft in June.

Still a junior, Okafor was met by chants of "One more year!"

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Portland at LA Lakers, 10 p.m., TNT

Houston at Golden State, 10:30 p.m., FOX

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Undefeated Irish will look to improve against Ohio, OSU

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

Armed with long staffs, the Irish have begun an uprising and the state of Ohio is the next target on the map.

Or at least that's what it looks like to the rest of the collegiate women's lacrosse world.

With their next two games against Ohio (5-3) and Ohio State (4-5), the No. 3 Notre Dame women's lacrosse team (8-0) continues its undefeated season today at home against the Bobcats and then travels to Columbus for a Saturday game against the Buckeyes.

Notre Dame cruises into the game riding a school record twelve-game winning streak extending back to last season. For midfield/attack Kassen Delano, the early season success solidifies in the players' minds that they are now in the upper echelon of collegiate lacrosse teams.

"We're not intimidated by the other team anymore," Delano said. "[We used] to be more intimidated of other teams but now we're just confident that we can get it done."

For the Irish to get it done against Ohio, they will need to contain the Bobcat freshman sensation Dana Dobbie, who has scored 11 goals in her last two games and will challenge a proud Irish defense.

"Our defense has been great, but one of our keys to success is going to be shutting her down," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "We feel pretty good defensively how we can match up against her."

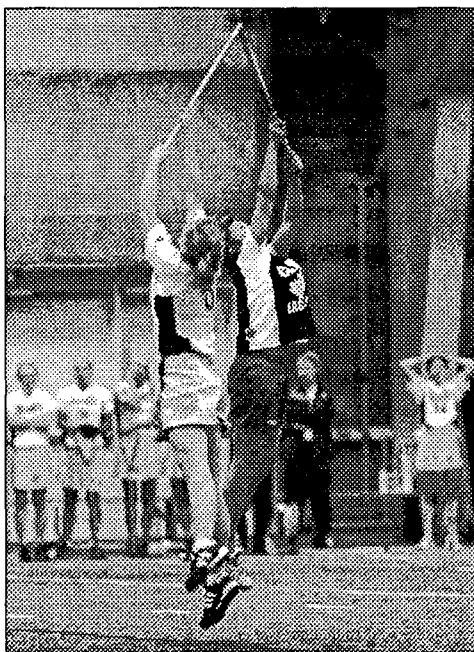
The Irish defense has indeed been stingy this year. Behind a formidable defense led by the goaltending of Carol Dixon, the Irish have allowed their opponents to reach double-digit goal totals only twice all year.

While the defense has helped the Irish to their fast start, the team hopes to avoid becoming a victim of its own success. Coyne knows that while a perfect record is a great achievement, Notre Dame will not be sneaking up on anyone.

"The cat's out of the bag," Coyne said. "People know what we're about and they've had an opportunity to see what we can do."

However, she openly welcomes any and all challengers feeling that adversity only makes her team stronger.

"We know that people are going to



MEGAN DAVISSON/The Observer
Freshman midfielder Meghan Murphy goes for the ball against a Team Canada opponent in February.

bring their best game, and that's fine," she said. "I feel that any time we're put in that competitive situation and we're tested it's just gonna make us that much better."

Notre Dame will have many opportunities for such "competitive situations" as the season draws to a close. After the two non-conference games against the Ohio schools, the Irish will resume Big East competition when they travel to the nation's capital for a showdown with No. 2 Georgetown. The Hoyas will be the first in a string of brutal season-ending opponents for the Irish. Notre Dame concludes its regular season with games against five of the top 15 teams, including Big East foe and 10th-ranked Syracuse.

But Coyne feels that part of reason the Irish have been so successful is that the team never looks beyond the present.

"I haven't gotten a sense from the players that they're looking ahead," Coyne said. "We haven't [even] talked about Ohio State at all."

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

No. 27 Irish record big wins against Marquette, Miami

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

Jay Louderback isn't one to underestimate Notre Dame's opponents.

Heading into last weekend's meets against Marquette and No. 18 Miami, the Irish coach predicted challenging matches. Sure enough, both teams turned on the pressure.

But the Irish (10-6) didn't wilt under the spotlight. Against Marquette (3-14), No. 27 Notre Dame relinquished just 14 games in singles, sweeping both singles and doubles for a quick 7-0 win. Sunday's meet against Miami (13-3) spurred Notre Dame to the top of the Big East standings after a 5-2 win against the Hurricanes. For the eighth time in nine years, the Irish are nearly guaranteed the first seed in the Big East Championship, which begins April 29.

The Golden Eagles were first to challenge the hard-nosed Irish on Saturday afternoon. Notre Dame claimed an early lead 1-0 after sweeping doubles for the fifth time this season. At No. 2, senior co-captain Alicia Salas and sophomore Lauren Connelly bounced back from a 3-2 deficit to walk off the courts with an 8-4 win. Their victory against Annabelle Espinosa and Genevieve Charron upped the duo's record to 10-5 in dual matches.

Senior Emily Neighbours and sophomore Kiki Stastny, paired together for the first time Sunday, recorded their first win at No. 3. Their clinching win came against Andrea Bukacek and Dominika Dabrowski 8-3. For the majority of the season, Stastny has competed with junior Sarah Jane Connelly at No. 3. Louderback said he has experimented with different combinations of players at No. 3, piecing together a solid lineup in preparation for the Big East tournament.

"Emily has played well in practice lately and has worked hard this year. We thought she was very deserving of a chance to compete," Louderback said.

In singles, Sarah Jane Connelly broke her four-match losing streak, topping Bukacek 6-1, 6-0 at No. 6. No. 92 Catrina Thompson followed up, quickly massacring Smith 6-0, 6-0. Clinching the win for the Irish was Christian Thompson, who trounced Charron at

No. 2 6-0, 6-0. At No. 4, Lauren Connelly added to Notre Dame's success, defeating Espinosa 6-0, 6-3.

Stastny and No. 10 Salas rounded out the win for the Irish, each contributing individual victories. Stastny bested Dabrowski 6-1, 6-4 at No. 5 and Salas beat Garcia Briseno 6-4, 6-1 at No. 1.

Notre Dame faced rival Miami next on Sunday afternoon. Although the Hurricanes extended two singles matches to tiebreakers, the Irish came out on top 5-2. No. 3 Neighbours and Stastny were first off the courts, dropping their match 8-1 to Banada and Mari Toro. Catrina and Christian Thompson contributed the first win at No. 1 doubles, upsetting No. 22 Melissa Applebaum and Megan Bradley 8-6. Salas and Lauren Connelly matched their win with a 8-6 defeat of Staci Stevens and Sara Robbins 8-6 at No. 2. The pair rebounded from a 6-5 deficit in the match.

The Irish demonstrated their staying power with an early 3-0 lead in singles. Sarah Jane Connelly was first to complete her match, winning at No. 6 versus Bennacer 6-3, 6-0. Sister Lauren Connelly registered the next Irish victory, beating Stevens at No. 4.

Miami's only points came from wins at Nos. 1 and 3. No. 4 Salas was edged 6-3, 1-6, 6-2 and Toro outlasted Catrina Thompson 6-0, 7-6 (7-5).

At No. 5, Stastny garnered the clinching win, putting the Irish ahead 4-3 with two singles matches still on the courts. Stastny's 1-6, 6-4, 6-4 snapped Banada's 21-match winning streak. Louderback cited Stastny as an individual that stepped up her game during the meet.

Louderback said that he noticed an extra spark in the team's play as their matches wound down. Case in point: Christian Thompson knocked off Melissa Applebaum at No. 2 1-6, 7-5, 6-3 to complete the win for the Irish.

"All of our kids really played well at the end of their matches, which is something we've been working on in practice," Louderback said. "We're not doing as many drills, but we're playing more sets. The more we play in practice, the better we play in our meets."

The Irish will be on the road next weekend at No. 37 William and Mary.

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ensured the victory for the team. **We Are Money, 21, Bubba's Sparks, 7**

An orange prison jumpsuit. A Speedo and Mardi Gras beads. A printed shirt. A construction vest. And a captain attired in a full suit and tie. Bubba's Sparks might not have come out with the victory, but they attracted the attention of spectators everywhere.

"We started with the shortest guy we could find," said captain Tommy "Two-Times" Bemiller. "Then we found the drunkest guy, then we picked someone off the floor of Finnegan's."

"Then we found the guys with the biggest... ego, and then we found our Sparks."

We Are Money was called "O'Neill plus one" by one member.

"This is the All-Star team," said captain John Burke.

Although We Are Money dominated play, a brief interlude playing with a Frisbee instead of a basketball proved entertaining to Bubba's Sparks — also members of the Ultimate Frisbee team.

"I only found out there were balls that weren't flat, like, yesterday," said Sean "Flirty" O'Neill, the man in the Speedo, who signed a spectator's body in celebration following a field goal.

"Are we in the NIT?" asked Matt "M to the C to the A" Amenta, a member of Bubba's Sparks.

Cacique Jones 21, Who Wears Short Shorts 13

"After game one, it's clear that Bookstore Basketball is 70 percent height, 15 percent hustle and 20 percent being sober," said Mike Murphy of Cacique Jones.

The team's slight height advantage contributed to a victory over Who Wears Short Shorts. Their quest for victory began while working on the John Kerry campaign.

"It's shooting baskets to beat Bush," team member Greg Garcia said.

Short Shorts, made up of freshmen, looks forward to the future. "We definitely want to do [the Tournament] again," said captain Kevin Braun. "We'll go at it again and win a few next year."

Braun plans to give his support to his RA David Yeagar, who has seen success in past tournaments. However, the loss does

not undermine his team's effort and their opponents agreed.

"Their zone surprised us, but once we started shooting over it, we pounded inside to our big guys," said Tom Koffey of Cacique Jones. "They really hung in there."

We Hit It From Deep and Are Good in the Box 21, Top Gun 15

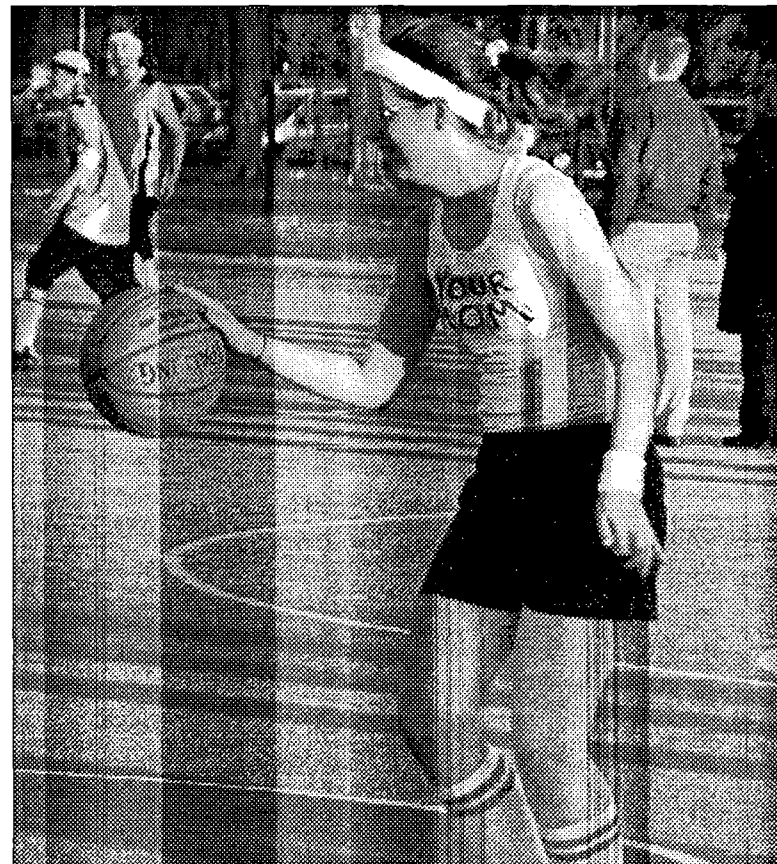
Two athletic teams faced off in this first-round match-up, both showcasing skill, but We Hit It From Deep prevailed in the end.

"We got guys who can hit from outside, and we got guys down low who just can't be stopped," said the captain of We Hit It From Deep, James Bracken.

The team consisted of dorm-mates and their co-workers from the Food Service and Supply offices, who often play basketball together at Rolfs on the weekends.

Top Gun exploded with a furious rally to tie the score at 13, but could not go any further. The teams' trademark "danger zone" defense was no match for the inside-outside combos of We Hit It From Deep.

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SOFIA BALLON/The Observer
Anne Kwiatt of Your Mom dribbles against an opponent today at the Bookstore Courts. The preliminary rounds of Bookstore Basketball XXXIII began on Friday and ends today, as ranked teams begin play tomorrow.

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pitcher Steffany Stenglein. Stenglein earned her second straight Big East Pitcher of the Week award Monday after winning three games last week, including two in Big East play. The junior gave up just one earned run in 19 innings last week, good for a 0.37 ERA. In Big East play, she struck out 13 in 12 innings, while walking just one batter.

Also pitching well for Notre Dame has been Heather Booth. Booth is second in the Big East with a 1.13 ERA.

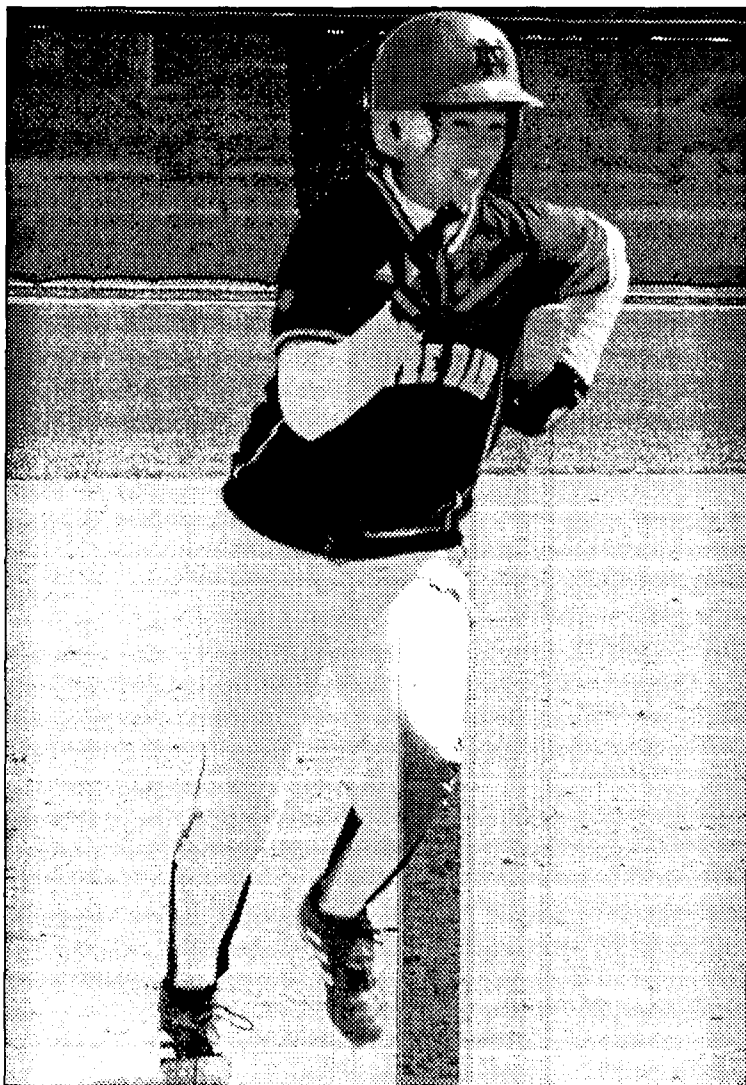
"[Stenglein and Booth] are very key because April is huge and having two pitchers that strong and having two relievers that's very key for our team," Hartmann said. "Going into the post-season having both throwing very well is key for our team."

Offensively, Hartmann has been joined by Meagan Ruthrauff, who leads the Big East in on-base percentage (.468). Ruthrauff also has led the Irish in RBIs over the last ten games, with 16. She batted .379 in that period as well.

For the Irish, their success has been due to consistency.

"[The key] is the complete game we've played — the hitting, the pitching, the defense," Hartmann said. "One of the things we stress the most is consistency."

But when Purdue comes to town, they will be without Andrea Hillsey (.280, 18 RBI,



SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

A Notre Dame softball player heads for home plate during Saturday's game. The Irish play Purdue today at 4 p.m.

11 stolen bases), who suffered a knee injury and is out for the year. Meanwhile, Tricia Lilley leads the Boilermakers with a .389 average and 24 RBI. On the mound, Brooke Baker leads the way with a 1.67 ERA and a 13-3 record.

Purdue has a winning record at Ivy Field, where they are 3-2. Two years ago, they came to Notre Dame and lost 4-2, but the Irish hope that this year will be different.

"We learned from a lot of our mistakes in the pre-season," Hartmann said.

Today's doubleheader is set to start at 4 p.m.

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CLUB SPORTS

Water polo defeats top-ranked teams

Special to The Observer

Behind the stellar goaltending of Brigette Alge, Notre Dame's women's water polo club had a very strong showing at the Miami Invitational this weekend. Notre Dame splashed Northwestern 16-3 in the opener as Kristy Bohling exploded for five goals and Bridget O'Neill and Allison Gienko rifled in three goals each.

In the first of two marquee matchups, the tenth-ranked Irish gave No. 1 and defending national champion Cal-Poly all it could handle in a tense 5-3 loss. O'Neill scored twice and Gienko once in the defensive struggle.

The Irish rebounded to upend No. 7 Florida in their next game 9-7. Katie Lantos, Kimmy Moore and Bohling made the big contributions that secured the victory.

With Janna Stewart continuing to spell Alge in goal with quality minutes, the Irish defeated Illinois in their final game by a 9-5 count. O'Neill and Bohling again led the club in scoring.

Cycling

The cycling club traveled to Purdue for a road race and a circuit race this weekend.

The pack of 60 stayed together for 35 miles until it was cut into four groups by the strong crosswinds. The Irish' Mike Lavery found himself in the second group and went on to take 21st place in the sprint

finish. Grant Kleiber and John Kurtz ended up in the third group, placing 35th and 36th, respectively. In the 30-mile novice race, first timer Geoff Gisler placed a strong 17th out of 42 racers.

Sunday's race was 35 laps on a 0.7-mile course with six sharp turns. The fast, crash-marred race was split into two groups midway through, with all of the Irish racers trapped in the second group. Kurtz was lapped by the leaders and removed from the race, while Lavery narrowly held off being lapped until the end, when he took 34th out of 58 riders. In the 25-lap novice race, Gisler took 20th out of 35 racers.

Ultimate Frisbee

An injury-depleted Notre Dame squad was missing three key senior starters at the Illinois Invitational this weekend as the club dropped five of six contests.

After defeating Wheaton College 15-12 in their opener, the Irish lost to Indiana, 14-7; Illinois, 15-3; St. Cloud State, 13-8; and Purdue, 14-12. Team player of the tournament honors went to sophomore Ryan Butler for his steady offense, solid throws and downfield defense while playing the monster position.

Matthew Sullivan and Jake Ament kept the offense alive with their lay-out grabs. The club was able to work on its zone defense in preparation for the upcoming sectional tournament.

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Wednesday, April 7



Baseball vs. Valparaiso @ 6:05 PM



Football

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"I think we both learned a lot from each other bouncing things off each other. He did a great job last year and was a great back," Grant said. "I was glad to be able to learn from him and be around him. ... I was glad to be able to play with him, and I think he was glad to play with me."

Grant learned from watching Jones what he needed to do to become the back fans, the coaching staff and Grant know he can become. He has to be patient to let the offensive line open holes, but once those holes open, the running back has to hit the hole at top speed.

That's something he didn't do last season. Grant would either plunge straight into the offensive line before the hole developed or not be aggressive enough to burst through the hole once it opened.

Improving that decision-making was a major goal in the winter and is a focus this spring.

"The main thing was his acceleration after the cut," Notre Dame running backs coach Buzz Preston said. "We had to get in [during the off-season] and look at the film. You can look at the things they did well and didn't do well. It gives them a chance to get a little more mentally sharp."

In the hole, Grant knows he has to break that first tackle and

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Irish running back

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Irish running back

pick up the extra yards to maintain drives. Grant worked hard in the off-season doing drills to increase his agility, and ran track to increase his speed.

But not only are the coaches looking to Grant to improve his production, but also to become a leader for the 2004 team. The dedication Grant has shown since the end of the 2003 season is an indication he's ready to accept that role as one of the few seniors on the offense.

I think with Ryan being a senior, with two years of experience, you are going to ask and demand [a lot] out of a young man like that," Notre Dame offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick said. "You really ask him to be a leader by example both on and off the field, which I think Ryan has done a really good job in the off-season. He is trying extremely hard to be a leader on the field."

Grant can show that leadership on the field by bouncing back from a disappointing 2003 season and taking his game to a level beyond what he showed in 2002.

With an entire offense that has gained invaluable experience last year, the opportunity is there for Grant not to

watch from the sidelines and have a year like Jones.

"In spring ball everyone is going to make mistakes, but we are going to grow and get better as spring ball goes on," Grant said. "What we are just looking after is for guys to get after it."

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles host Knights today

Saint Mary's hopes to sweep MIAA rival Calvin in conference play, looks forward to postseason

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

After winning their previous five of six games, the Belles will look to continue their solid play Tuesday, when they host Calvin.

Saint Mary's (10-13 overall, 3-3 in the MIAA), has responded well after a dismal seven-game losing streak coming off their spring break in Florida.

The Belles are viewing tomorrow as an important match-up for the outcome of their regular season. Calvin is currently 4-0 in

the MIAA and 8-6 overall.

"If we play up to our potential, [we can] sweep Calvin," said captain Katrina Tebbe. "Getting two wins from them could come down to whether we go to the conference tourney or not."

The Belles have worked hard to reach this point and hope to play well into the postseason.

After failing to provide run support early in the season, the Belles have lately come on strong with the bats, and hope to continue that tomorrow.

"We definitely need to

bring the bats like we have in the last four games and make a solid defensive stance," said Tebbe.

On Saturday, the Belles swept Adrian, winning 9-5 and 4-0. In the first game, Tebbe went 3-for-4 with an RBI. In the second game, Libby Wilhelmy tossed a complete game shutout, giving up two hits and striking out two.

Today's game with Calvin will take place at Saint Mary's. The first pitch is scheduled for 3:30 p.m.

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Baseball

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closest teammate is John Torres, who is batting .243 on the year. The Cougars have been shutout in eight games this season, while the Irish have gone 109 consecutive games without suffering a shutout by comparison.

On the mound, the Cougars have experienced more of the same futility. The Chicago State pitchers have put up a team ERA of 14.59, while its opponents' ERA is 2.16.

Meanwhile, the Irish (22-3, 6-0) are beginning to

click on all cylinders after their second straight three-game sweep in Big East play.

The Irish are batting .319 as a team and are led at the plate by shortstop Greg Lopez with a .372 batting average. Third baseman Matt Macri, who was named Big East Player of the Week for his 6-for-12 performance against Villanova over the weekend, is batting .356 and leads the team in runs scored (28) and RBI (26). Macri was also likely acknowledged for his stellar defensive play in the series, getting 16 chances in the field without making an error, while adding several Major League-caliber stops

at the hot corner.

First baseman Matt Edwards and designated hitter Matt Bransfield are tied for the team lead in home runs with five a piece.

The Irish are currently third in the Big East in team batting — three points behind the leader Pittsburgh at .322 and one behind St. John's at .320.

Notre Dame leads the Big East in pitching with a staff ERA of 3.62 and possesses an opponent batting average of .245.

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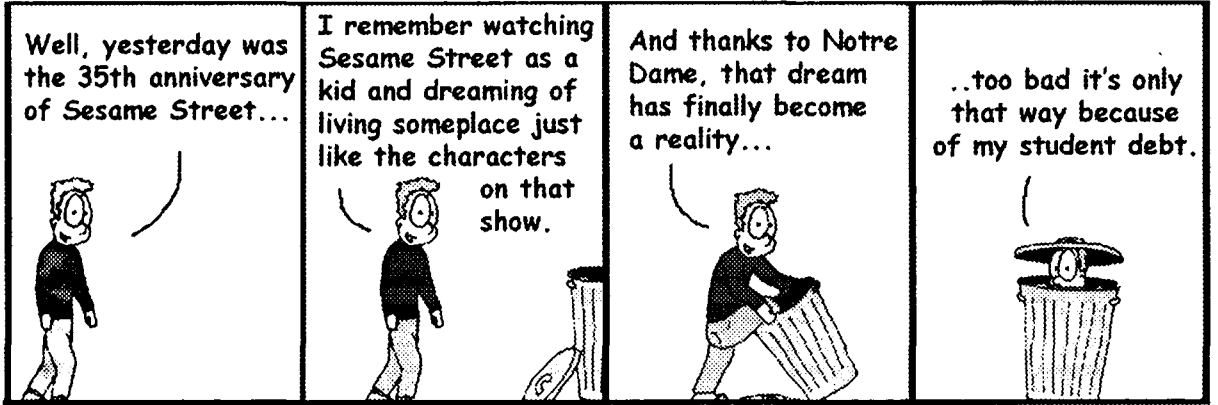
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't let someone you work with put words in your mouth. You will have to be careful not to fall into traps set by jealous peers. You need to get out and do something energetic. ****

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Property purchases or renovations will be valuable in the long run. You can make a big difference to loved ones if you make your home a place of comfort and upgrade your entertainment center. ***

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Tourney locations see heartbreak and hope in preliminarites

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

Curb Your Enthusiasm wasn't taking any chances on an early first-round exit.

"Third round or bust, baby!" said forward James Gower after the game.

His celebrated their decisive 21-3 victory over No Chance in Hell, wearing No. 40 jerseys with "Kemp" written on the backs.

Coach Erik "Krzyszewski" Christensen dia-

grammed a variety of plays in preparation for the tournament and was a sideline force to be reckoned with, ensuring Curb Your Enthusiasm's domination.

"We had a whole scheme worked out — a plethora, you could call it," he said, after a Bob Knight-esque tantrum which resulted in a broken clipboard.

"Some of the guys have been tossing the name 'Mastermind' around the office," he added modestly.

Mike "Hollywood" Healy attributed the

team's success to a variety of factors.

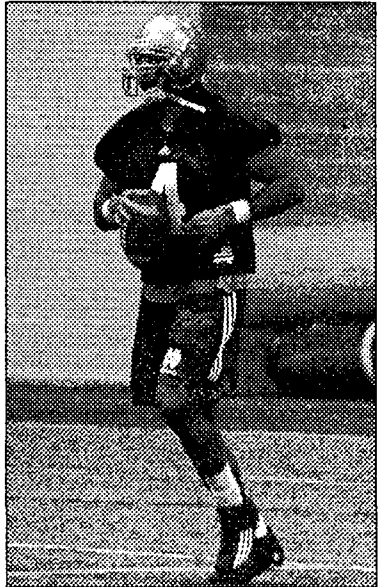
"We came out, had faith in God from the beginning, and gave 115 percent," he said. "We also rallied behind captain Andy Astuno — he put up 19 and scored even more."

The women of No Chance in Hell complained about Astuno's play, after he collided with one of his opponents in the final possession, leaving her in tears.

However, Gower's game-winning basket

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FOOTBALL



PAMELA LOCK/The Observer
Irish running back Ryan Grant, a 1,000-yard back two years ago, jogs in the team's first practice of the season.

Grant not living in the past

Irish running back enters spring out of Julius Jones' shadow

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

Ryan Grant went from being the seventh back in Notre Dame history to rush for 1,000 yards in a season on a 10-3 Notre Dame team to standing in the shadows of Julius Jones and see the Irish fall to 5-7.

It's not something he wants to remember anytime soon.

"I didn't play as well as I'd like to, but that's in the past," Grant said. "We have to look forward and get things together so we can be the best team we can be."

Grant started 2003 as the starter, and the Irish looked to have a two-back system of Grant and Jones to punish opposing defenses for 60 minutes.

But Grant wasn't able to build off that success from 2002, and Jones became the feature back for the Irish. Despite that role reversal, Grant and Jones didn't have any tension between them.

In fact, the duo became closer in 2003 than they did in 2001 when Grant was a heralded freshman from Nyack, N.Y. and Jones struggled as a junior with the Irish.

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ND SOFTBALL

Hartmann leads the Irish against Purdue

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
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Ever since returning home after a spring break road trip, the Irish have hit their stride, winning 11 of their last 12 games.

Now, Purdue (22-12, 0-2 Big Ten) comes to town today to face red-hot Notre Dame (28-10, 4-0 in the Big East) in a non-conference match up.

"In order for us to win we have to go out there and play the way we are," third baseman Liz Hartmann said. "We

have to dominate and show them that this is our home field and not let them hang around with us."

Hartmann has been one of the keys to the Irish recent success. In the last 10 games, she has a .429 average (12-for-28), including four doubles, two home runs and five RBIs.

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Irish third baseman

"[The key is] getting into the rhythm, feeling the flow of the game," Hartmann said.

"I'm feeding off other girls, and we are always trying to spark each other."

Another hot Irish player is

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BASEBALL

Powerful Irish face struggling Cougars

After sweeping Villanova, Notre Dame faces 1-26 Chicago State

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Senior Staff Writer

The Irish reserves ought to be excited.

No. 5 Notre Dame — coming off a three-game sweep of Big East rival Villanova and riding a nine-game winning streak — returns to action today to host hapless Chicago State (1-26).

Notre Dame position players who usually sit the bench and Irish pitchers who rarely make it out to the mound will likely have a chance to play against the heavily out-manned

Cougars.

To say the Cougars have struggled this season would be an understatement. As a team, Chicago State has hit a paltry .203 this season, while opponents have batted .421. In 27 games, the Cougars have scored just 69 runs, or 2.55 a game. In comparison, their opponents have put 406 runs on the board for a staggering average of 15 runs per game.

Jonathan Sakurai leads the Cougars in hitting with a .293 average, but his next

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

SMC SOFTBALL

Calvin at Saint Mary's

Today, 3:30 p.m.
Saint Mary's hopes to continue its recent success.

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ND TENNIS

Notre Dame 7 Marquette 0

The Irish hold steady at No. 27 with a pair of weekend wins.

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WOMEN'S LAX

Ohio at Notre Dame

Today, 3 p.m.
The undefeated Irish take on the 5-3 Bobcats.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Connecticut 82 Georgia Tech 73

Huskies get Jim Calhoun's second national title in a dominant effort against Tech.

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Tennessee versus Connecticut

The Volunteers are the only thing that stand between the Huskies and a third-straight title.

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MLB

The major-league baseball season kicked off today, with many highly-touted teams.

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