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■ STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Griffin and Nass name Gillard as chief of staff

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN
Assistant News Editor

The incoming student government administration named former vice presidential candidate Mary Gillard to the position of chief of staff.

"While we were running and after we won, at least 20 people came up to us and asked us about the position," said student body president-elect Matt Griffin. "All were qualified. But in the end, we thought that [Gillard] would be the best choice."

Gillard, who assumes the post on April 1, when Griffin and Ereik Nass take over as student body president and vice president, will handle all intra-office communication and organize the office of student body president.

"The job is to make sure the office stays on task and focused, meeting deadlines and advising the president and vice president," said Brendan Kelly, who served as chief of staff of the present administration until he resigned two weeks ago.

"I am really looking forward to

working with Matt [Griffin] and Ereik [Nass]," Gillard said. "It is really key now that people with experience, which all three of us have, are making sure that the transition goes smoothly."

That transition is to the new



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Mary Gillard

Student Union constitution which is being suggested by the student government reform committee.

Nass, Griffin and Gillard all currently serve on the reform committee.

"The two of us wanted someone we could count on and would support us in accomplishing our goals for the year," Griffin said.

"We think that Mary will be the one to do that," he added.

The new chief of staff will assemble the office staff for the president and vice president. "We will meet this week and accept applications by the end of the week," said Gillard.

Page stresses responsibility

NFL Hall of Famer explains quest for equal opportunity

By T.J. THORNTON
News Writer

As the first person of color on the Minnesota Supreme Court and an inductee to the NFL Hall of Fame from the Minnesota Vikings, Alan Page is a natural mentor and leader. This Notre Dame alumnus has actively served as a model by starting a foundation and teaching audiences about his goals and dreams.

Page began his speech last night with the words of Martin Luther King, Jr.

"The biggest problems we face are not the result of bad people doing bad things, but of good people doing nothing," he quoted.

Page stressed the responsibilities that people have as citizens to build their own character and the character of others by figuring out "what is right and wrong, and then choosing to do what is right." Certainly, the "doing" is paramount, and Page suggests that the area most in need of attention is the educational system.

The Page Foundation addresses the problems of those immersed in this system by providing grants for disadvantaged students to continue



The Observer/Megan Doohar

Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Alan Page stressed the importance of mentorship in his speech last night.

their education past the secondary level, but also by offering hope to students who, without financial assistance, would not be able to attend college. The foundation began in 1989 by granting 10 students partial scholarships for post-secondary education in Minnesota; this year it has awarded 325

students with scholarships. The Page Foundation has a unique stipulation that asks its scholars give something back to the educational community, helping to develop the character of all parties. This requirement may be fulfilled through

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'Vodou' lounge...



The Observer/Katie Kroener

Nine Vodou flags, made by Haitian artists, are currently on display in the rotunda of the Main Building in celebration of Black History Month. The term "vodou" derives from "vodun," which means god or spirit in the language of the West African Fon people.

■ MULTICULTURAL BEAT

Knott Hall focuses on individual diversity

By HEATHER MACKENZIE
News Writer

Focusing on all differences at Notre Dame, not just those involving race or ethnicity, Knott Hall sponsored an all-dorm celebration of individual diversity last week.

Including three panel discussions, a hands-on workshop, and a dinner prepared by

Knott residents, the dorm's multicultural week was derived from the extensive planning of multicultural commissioner Annette Henderson.

"Last year we really focused on racial differences," said Henderson. "This year, we tried to incorporate ethnic differences and also generate a respect for diversity in general."

A panel discussion hosted by international students and Knott residents who have studied abroad began the week-long celebration. Two other panel discussions, which focused on the idea that diversity at Notre Dame is not solely based on color, were also highlights of the week.

"Multiculturalism is not just about racial differences,"

Henderson emphasized. "Every type of difference can be diversity."

The week ended with a "Meal of Nations" prepared for the dorm by several Knott residents. Members of the Irish Guard were also present to teach residents the "Irish Clog Dance."

"Annette did a wonderful

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■ BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Members discuss summit

By MELANIE GARMAN
News Writer

Members of the Saint Mary's Board of Governance met last night to discuss the leadership summit that will take place this Wednesday in Haggard Parlor at 6:30 p.m.

Both Saint Mary's and Notre Dame student governments will be represented at the conference primarily to discuss possible methods of improving relations between the two schools.

The board recounted the National Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities (NASCCU) conference which took place this past weekend. The conference focused on the Catholic character of American colleges and universities.

Sarah Siefert, communications commissioner, suggested that an effort be made to generate awareness about NASCCU and expressed her feeling that Saint Mary's, having strong Catholic character, has much to offer Notre Dame and other like institutions.

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

Sliding into home

As spring break rapidly approaches, we find ourselves in a flux of seasons. I don't mean the seasons of Mother Nature; we know that real seasons don't exist in South Bend. If you blink, you might miss the transition from cold miserable rain and clouds to warm miserable rain and clouds.



Melanie Waters
Assistant Accent Editor

Spring is actually recorded as the 14 minutes of sunshine in April where there is no rain and the mud is shallow enough to wade rather than swim to class.

I am referring to a different set of seasons, which have more in common than you might think. In just over a month, the gross national consumption of Cracker Jacks and overpriced beer will skyrocket as baseball season commences with Opening Day 1997.

If you look around, you may notice that overpaid men in tight pants aren't the only ones anticipating sweaty palms. Seniors in particular will agree that there's a rash of ridiculously happy females perpetually holding out their left hand to admiring and admittedly jealous friends. They're not checking out a manicure — they're checking out the blinding hunk of diamond that recently landed there in exchange for a lifetime of love, loyalty, and a vow to learn to cook lasagna like his mother.

Engagement season is upon us, and friends here as well as old buddies from home are dropping like flies at the mercy of Cupid's arrow. A frightening reminder that the real world is just a toss of rice away, many of us would rather hear "here comes the peanut guy" than "here comes the bride."

If you look carefully, though, you'll see that baseball and bridal festivities have many hidden similarities. What better way to bridge the gender gap than to combine the two?

Guys know baseball involves a big diamond. Girls know weddings involve a big diamond. No big difference! You can be really symbolic by popping her a diamond at the diamond, although my research has shown that remarkably few ladies would be thrilled to see "Will you marry me" on the JumboTron right next to Omar Vizquel's statistics.

Brides-to-be can learn a lot from stadium food. Who actually enjoys broccoli quiche and snotty appetizers you can't pronounce? Weddings would be a lot more fun with hot dogs and nachos, and the bride could do way better than a pile of fondue pots if she charged stadium prices for each guest to eat.

Bridesmaids have to learn that their chances for success would vastly improve if they lunged for that elusive tossed bouquet wearing shin guards and a Rawlings Gold Glove mitt.

Baseball and marriage both involve long-term contracts, although hopefully an engagement doesn't require the mediation of a slimy agent to close the deal. If it does, your fiancé is probably in the mob, and you'll want to maybe reconsider this relationship.

On the upside, unless you're way off the mark, getting engaged involves a much lower risk of spitting or obscene scratching, depending on what kind of weirdo your true love is. And, with a little luck, the Macarena will be banned from both stadiums and receptions this year. Either way, everyone could benefit from letting a little hardball into their hearts. Hey, you pop fly, pop the question...what's the difference, anyway?

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■ WORLD AT A GLANCE

Indian town cremates its dead after 190 die in hall fire

BARIPADA, India
Sharad Das stood near the entrance of the straw-and-thatch hall, watching electricians fiddle with wires.

"Suddenly, there was a flash and the roof was on fire," he said Monday, standing beside the charred bodies of his grandfather and uncle.

At least 190 people were killed Sunday when the blaze gutted the hall at a Hindu religious gathering in this town in eastern India.

More than 100 others, many covered with burns, were lying on the floor of Baripada's hospital Monday, overwhelming the town's single medical center.

Das, 30, said 2,000 people were in the hall when he finished lunch. He gazed idly at three men working



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with wires near the ceiling in the middle of the men's hall, one of three temporary structures on a sprawling playground.

Another building was a dormitory for women and the third housed the main auditorium, where Hindus listened to lectures on spiritualism, sang hymns and meditated. At least 12,000 devotees had gathered for the annual three-day ceremony to seek the blessing of the late Swami Nigamananda, a Hindu spiritual leader.

About 2:30 p.m. Sunday, the fire broke out.

"The roof in the middle of the hall was on fire within seconds. I tried to

run in, because my grandfather and uncle were inside. But people were running out. They were pushing me," he said, adding that he stumbled and fell.

Judge gives gag order in Cosby case

NEW YORK

A judge imposed a gag order Monday on lawyers in the case of a woman accused of trying to extort \$40 million from Bill Cosby by claiming she was his illegitimate daughter. U.S. District Judge Barbara Jones agreed to the order during a brief hearing at the request of prosecutors. Autumn Jackson, 22, who has been free on bail since her Jan. 18 arrest, and co-defendant, Jose Medina, 51, both attended the routine pre-trial hearing. Cosby has said there is a possibility he is Ms. Jackson's father because he had sex with her mother. Cosby has said he gave money to Ms. Jackson for educational purposes for several years, as he has for other young people needing assistance. Ms. Jackson pleaded innocent last week. Her boyfriend, Antonay Williams, 26, of Perry, Fla., pleaded guilty to helping in the alleged extortion plot and has agreed to testify for prosecutors.



Chavis says he's converting to Islam

CHICAGO

The Rev. Benjamin Chavis, the former head of the NAACP, says he's becoming a Muslim and joining Louis Farrakhan's Nation of Islam. "I'm turning to Allah, God bless you," Chavis told a crowd of 6,000 Sunday that turned out for a speech by Farrakhan. Chavis is a minister in the United Church of Christ and worked for that church before he was named executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The NAACP fired him in August 1994 after 16 months for committing \$330,000 without board approval to settle sexual harassment claims against him. Since then, he has been a frequent Farrakhan ally and played a major role in organizing the October 1995 Million Man March on Washington. "I have spend the last 40 of my 49 years working in the civil rights movement to build black unity," Chavis told The Wall Street Journal. "So this is a convergence where a Christian minister and a Muslim minister have decided to work together and I intend to help build a new nation, not a new church and not a new mosque." "I still believe in Jesus Christ," added Chavis, who has a doctorate in divinity from Howard University. Most of Farrakhan's speech was an exhortation to followers to lead more righteous lives, though he closed with an attack on commercialism and American values.

Russia, Chechnya search for missing

MOSCOW

Russian and Chechen authorities have agreed to work together to search for almost 1,500 servicemen and civilians unaccounted for since the war in the breakaway republic. Chechnya President Aslan Maskhadov and his government promised to help search for the missing, exhume unidentified dead and update missing-in-action lists, Vladimir Zolotaryov, head of the Russian commission on the missing in Chechnya, said Monday. Officially, 1,233 Russian servicemen and 240 civilians remain missing in Chechnya, the Interfax news agency reported. Some 400 Russian servicemen and 120 civilians were released last year with the help of his commission, Zolotaryov said. Meanwhile, Chechen refugees have started returning home from the neighboring republic of Kabardino-Balkaria, where they fled during the two-year war between Russia and Chechen separatists that ended in August. The first refugee convoy, assisted by the U.N., set out for Grozny on Sunday, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported. Chechen leaders consider their southern republic to be an independent state, while Russia says it will never allow the territory to secede.

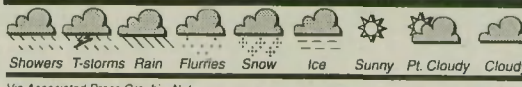
New data allows for radiation analysis

WASHINGTON

A new review of data from the 1979 nuclear accident at Three Mile Island in Pennsylvania raises the possibility of stronger links between cancer and radiation exposure there, a study said today. Applying new analytical techniques to the old data, the team at University of North Carolina said lung cancer and leukemia rates were at least twice as high for residents living downwind from the reactor than upwind. But Steven Wing, an epidemiology professor who is the study's lead author, said the analysis is inconclusive and called for further study. The new study was published in Environmental Health Perspectives. It questioned an assumption made by researchers in 1990 who studied cancer cases within 10 miles of Three Mile Island, site of the nation's worst commercial nuclear accident. Maureen Hatch, who was at the Columbia School of Public Health in New York in 1990, assumed that exposure to radiation was relatively low following the accident. She said radiation measurements and her mathematical analyses supported that assumption. The 1990 study found a slight increase in cancer risk after the accident. But the study said that "does not provide convincing evidence that radiation releases ... influenced cancer risk" during the six-year period after the accident.

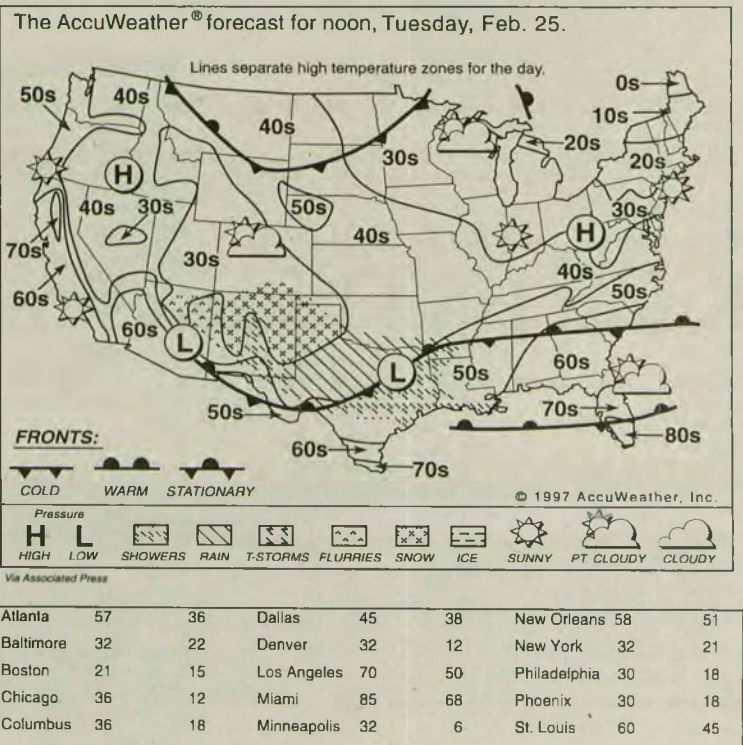
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■ NATIONAL WEATHER



■ SECURITY BEAT

MON., FEB. 17

3:16 p.m. An off-campus student reported the theft of his bookbag from the South Dining Hall. The bookbag was unattended at the time of the theft.

6:24 p.m. An off-campus student reported the theft of his laptop computer from the first floor of the Hesburgh Library. The computer was inside a bookbag, which was left unattended at the time of theft.

7:10 p.m. A Cavanaugh Hall resident reported the theft of her textbook from the Hesburgh Library. The book was unattended at the time of the theft.

10:41 p.m. Security arrested a South Bend resident on Douglas Road for driving while intoxicated.

TUES., FEB. 18

12:49 p.m. A Dillon Hall resident was transported to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of a sports injury.

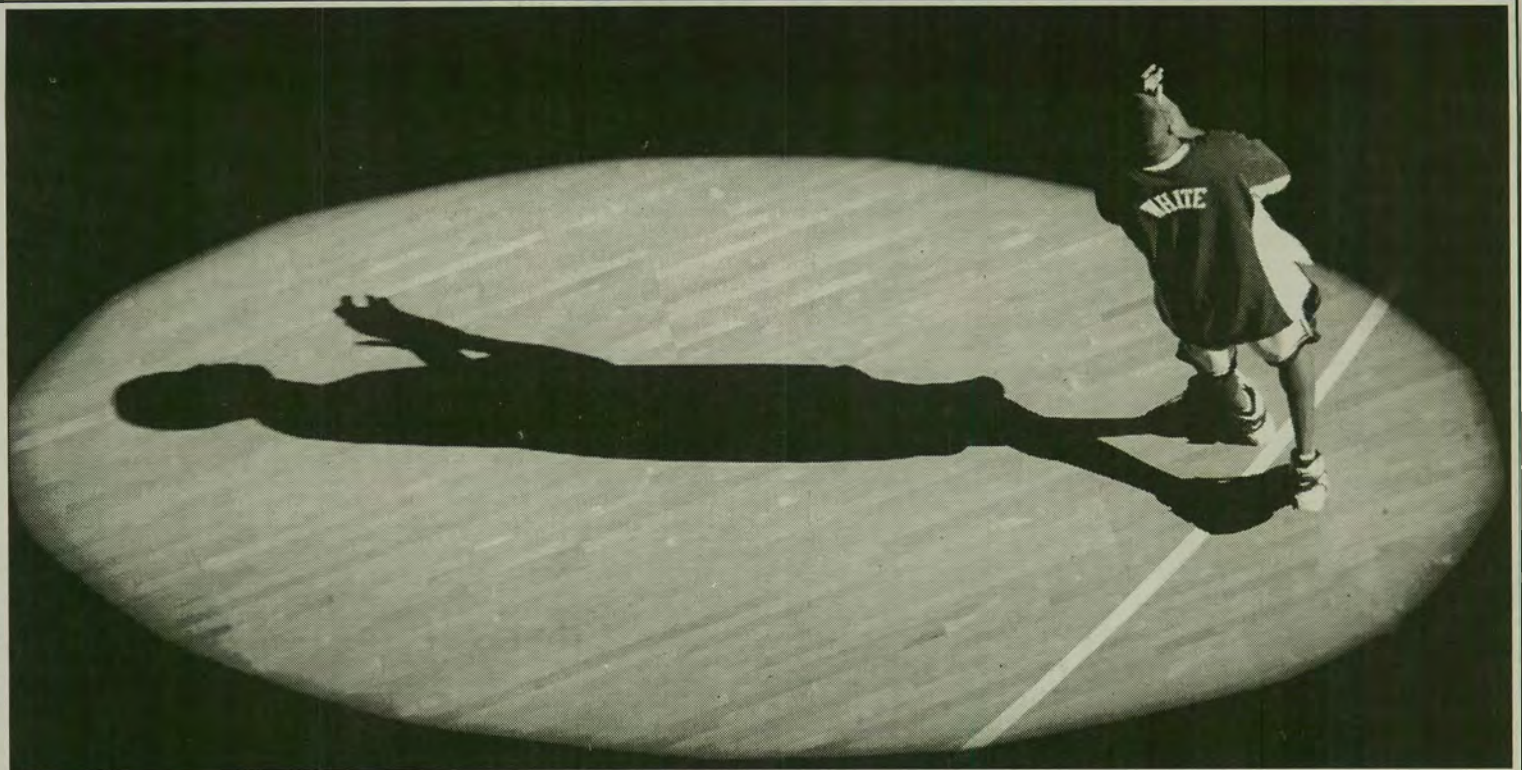
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12:11 p.m. A University employee was transported to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of a sports injury.

3:02 p.m. A Knott Hall resident reported the theft of her bookbag from the North Dining Hall. The bookbag was unattended at the time of the theft.

8:04 p.m. A Flanner Hall resident was transported by Security to the University Health Center for treatment of a sports injury.

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Rob Finch won an award for this photo featuring Irish point guard Admore White. The Nov. 22 edition of The Observer (below, left) also won recognition.



TOP OF THE LINE....

Observer photographer, staff win overall honors

By KEN PRENDERBURG
West Coast Correspondent

ORANGE COUNTY, Calif. The Associated Collegiate Press presented The Observer with two awards of excellence at the ACP national convention, held Feb. 20-23 in Huntington Beach, Calif.

Junior Rob Finch was named Sports Photographer of the Year, winning with his photo of Irish point-guard Admore White. The picture ran in the Feb. 7 edition of The Observer.

In addition, The Observer placed third for Newspaper of the Year in the daily publication category for

four-year colleges. The paper was represented by the Nov. 22 edition. The 44-page paper included a 12-page Holtz pullout and a black-and-white football insert.

The conference attracted organizations and speakers from over 60 colleges and universities throughout the United States.

Delegates attended workshops throughout the weekend, culminating in the final awards ceremony on Sunday.

Keynote speakers were David Gray, executive director of the Society of Newspaper Design, and Pam Johnson, executive editor of the Arizona Republic and the Phoenix Gazette.

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job to bring together the women of Knott to share in a unique and wonderful meal," said Mary Anne Boley, a resident assistant. "Sampling in each other's creations was a great way to involve everyone."

Sister Kathy Haas, rectress of Knott, agreed.

"It is enjoyable when the women of the hall can join together in a meal time, especially to celebrate something like our diversity within

the dorm and on campus," Haas said.

Cheryl Igiri, a member of the Student Government Diversity Council, was enthusiastic about Knott's involvement in multiculturalism.

"It is really great when a dorm committee takes the initiative to organize and plan its own events rather than waiting for other campus organizations to do it," Igiri said.

Igiri hopes that dorm events like Knott's multicultural week will help promote diversity awareness in individual residence halls and throughout campus.

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tutoring or encouraging students in similar circumstances.

Witnessing the damage that ignorance and apathy can create, Page emphasized education as a "front-end solution" to the problems of violence and crime.

"[Education] prepares people to take advantage of opportunities in life," he asserted, but he stressed that citizens must first ensure that opportunities exist in order to prevent people from reverting to crime and hate.

"People must be sure that intolerance and the other by-products of an inadequate education do not interfere with the opportunities available to students of color," he said.

Page reiterated that effective action designed to improve the system can start on a micro level. The educational system requires money and some profound reforms, but it also necessitates a student body excited about learning, parents who are concerned about the progress of their children, and community members who both monitor and personally interact with the schools and the students.

Many students in the system are abandoned at an early age; Page relayed a story about the illiteracy of some of his NFL teammates to illustrate this point.

According to Page, when mentors encourage students in their educational pursuits and teach them about their own aspirations, it can make a difference in preparing them to be responsible citizens.

■ SCIENCE NEWS

Scientists create genetically cloned sheep

By MATT CRENSON

Associated Press Writer

It is as if the birds and the bees suddenly have been rendered irrelevant.

Around the world, biologists gathered at laboratory water-coolers yesterday to assess the latest installment in a gripping biotech soap opera — the creation, as if by magic, of a wee lamb named Dolly.

Scottish scientists have revealed that they used a mammary cell from an adult ewe to create little Dolly in the spitting genetic image of its ovine mother. They've successfully repeated the experiment eight times since then.

"The whole thing is just a mind-blower," said Ursula Goodenough, a geneticist at Washington University in St. Louis.

The achievement raises countless questions about fate, immortality and the nature of self, but none of that will apply to humans or anything else unless scientists can duplicate their feat in other creatures. And years of failed experiments suggest that won't be easy.

"There's certainly no way to rule out the possibility, but I wouldn't wager an awful lot that it would ever be successful in humans in the foreseeable future," said David Kirk, an embryologist at Washington University.

Even if it is, experts are split on how sim-

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Elections commissioner Emily Miller announced that the Saint Mary's class elections would be held on Tuesday in the dining halls; run-offs will take place on Thursday. She encouraged every Saint Mary's student to vote.

In the course of revamping the constitution, the duties for four more commissioner positions were defined. According to student body president Jen Turbiak, the descriptions of the positions and interviewing

process will be outlined on the back of the March calendar.

The board agreed to fund a pilgrimage to El Salvador. Sarah Gillen, a junior, will travel with faculty members Keith Egan, a religious studies professor, George Trey, professor of philosophy, and Sister Betty Smoyer to experience the culture and political struggles of a third-world country. Gillen proposed a co-sponsorship from the BOG to offset the expenses of the trip.

Beth Ann Miller, president of the Student Academic Council, announced that the Honoring Women's Dinner will be held Sunday. She also stated that in support of Black History

Month, SAC will be sponsoring Prdeiganda Assenga's speech on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge.

Lori McKeough, head of the Student Activities Board, reminded board members that applications for the 1997-1998 SAB coordinator are due March 7.

Nikki Milos, the president of the Residence Hall Association, commented on the success of spirit week and the All-Campus dance.

The meeting continued with class updates and was adjourned by Turbiak. Next week's meeting will be held Monday, at 8 p.m. in Haggard Parlor, room 306.

ilar a human clone would be to its progenitor. A clone would look almost identical to the person who spawned it, biologists said, but personality or susceptibility to some diseases could still vary quite a bit. Childhood nutrition and even a mother's experiences during pregnancy can affect how a person turns out just as much as genes do.

That means the chances of evil Nazis reproducing dozens of little Hitlers with blood from a handkerchief, as they did in the 1978 movie "The Boys from Brazil," are pretty remote. Never mind the fact that blood cells don't have nuclei, so there's no genetic material in them to clone. So it's a bit too early to mourn the End Of Sex and declare a Brave New World in which people have first names and model numbers.

In fact, there seems to be something unique about sheep that makes them especially suitable for cloning. Researchers have tried for decades to do the same trick with frogs and mice, with no luck. Frogs cloned from adults die in the tadpole stage. And cloned mice don't develop far beyond an undifferentiated ball of cells.

So what is it about sheep?

Nobody knows. But if someone can figure it out, they may be able to extend the cloning process to pigs, cows, maybe even people.

That would be a boon to the biotechnolo-

gy industry, which could use the Scottish cloning process to make specially designed pigs and cattle for organ transplantation.

"Pigs are of great interest to be used as organ donors for humans," said James Robl, a professor of veterinarian animal science at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Pigs are advantageous for transplants because they have organs roughly the same size as corresponding human parts and aren't susceptible to mad cow disease and related afflictions that can be passed to humans.

The Scottish process would be useful for transplants because, in addition to creating a copy of the adult animal, it gives scientists a more elegant means of genetically editing their creations. So a pig clone could be made with special immune system genes that allowed its organs to be transplanted into a human without rejection.

Predictably, animal rights activists aren't too happy about that, or the other immediate economic implication of the feat — that genetically identical herds would allow more efficient care and slaughter of farm animals.

"The main thrust of this experimentation has not been for organs, it's been for factory farming," said Ingrid Newkirk, president of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

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Amid criticism, Clinton solicits more donations

By LAWRENCE KNUTSON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

Ignoring criticism over the way Democrats paid for last year's presidential campaign, President Clinton pressed ahead yesterday to raise more political cash — even the kind he says should be banned.

"I appreciate you being here for our party because this is not something the president can do alone," Clinton told guests at a dinner held by the Democratic Business Council, a donors' group.

The event raised \$500,000 for the Democratic National Committee, 65 percent of it in unregulated "soft money."

Clinton told the business audience this is of those historic times when many things are going right for the country, especially for its expanding economy.

"The tendency is either to relax and let things happen and have a good time, or frankly find something to fall out about and fight about," he told the audience of about 75 contributors.

"We must not do any of those two things," he said, adding that the positive signs in the economic chart represent "what you are investing in" by contributing to the Democratic Party.

"This is what are participating in," Clinton said.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry acknowledged earlier that more than 60 percent of the contributions consist of soft money of the kind Clinton raised

by the millions for the party in 1996 and which he now says should be banned.

Monday night's event marked the third fund-raiser Clinton has attended since his inauguration for a second term last month.

Although the Democratic National Committee has placed voluntary limits on soft money — cash devoted to party-building efforts — it has not banned such contributions outright.

McCurry was unapologetic about that.

"The president will continue, as we've said over and over again, to help the party raise money," he told reporters. "They need the money. They need to be competitive with the Republican Party."

The GOP, he said, "has been actively and aggressively raising money on their own."

McCurry challenged Republicans either to follow the restrictions the Democrats have imposed on soft money or to ban it altogether.

Responding to questions at his daily news briefing, McCurry said he had no information to indicate that Democratic fund-raisers sought up-front contributions for attending a White House coffee klatch with Clinton or that as much as \$50,000 was sought as the price for being invited to watch the president deliver his weekly radio address from the Oval Office.

"I think (Clinton) would regret anyone attempting to market any aspect of the coffees that required a direct dollar donation, because that would be contrary to his wishes," McCurry said.

He said the radio address is attended by all sorts of people with contributors included among many people who do not give money to the party.



Clinton

■ ADDENDUM

Editor's Note: The following are candidate profiles of the freshman tickets in Saint Mary's class elections, which were omitted from yesterday's report.

The Observer regrets the error.

By LORI ALLEN
Saint Mary's News Editor

The three tickets running for sophomore class board are: Janet Horvath for president, Aryn Seminara for vice president, Sarah Clinger for secretary, and Erin Vartabedian for treasurer; Nancy Midden for president, Angie Little for vice president, Julie Duba for secretary, and Michelle Samretta for treasurer; and Kimmi Martin for president, Erin Hall for vice president, Bridget Heffernan for secretary, and Belmrie

Gonzalez-Estevez for treasurer.

The Horvath ticket is running on the platform, "Putting Plans Into Action," and wants to get the future sophomore class more involved and informed about what the board is planning.

"We want to take student feedback and take what the students want and put that into action," said Horvath.

"The most important thing is for the class to get out there and vote. I am very familiar with all of the candidates running and I think that they would all do a great job," said Horvath.

The Midden ticket, running on the platform, "Make Your Mark," wants to improve class unity and communication between the board and the rest of the class.

They plan on implementing monthly newsletters, in addition to an e-mail address, and they want them to hold open meetings and forums.

"We hope to offer the freshman class a chance to improve and make their mark on Saint Mary's College with our help," said Midden.

The Martin ticket is running on the platform, "Don't Just Vote, Vote for the Best." The ticket wants the honor of leading the College's first graduating class of the new millennium.

"We would like to encourage communication between the class and the elected officials, and strengthen the class unity while improving relations with Notre Dame. We really want to get in touch with the students and improve the class unity," said Martin.

INS admits immigration gaffe

By CONNIE CASS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

The government failed to do full background checks on as many as 180,000 of the 1 million immigrants granted citizenship last year, and nearly 11,000 of those naturalized had felony arrest records, officials confirmed Monday.

Officials of the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the parent Justice Department said they have yet to determine how many, if any, of the immigrants not fully checked should have been denied citizenship. Their joint investigation won't be completed for several more months.

Congressional Republicans pointed to the preliminary findings as evidence of their contention that the Clinton administration's Citizenship USA program was rushing to produce new citizens who were expected to vote Democratic in the 1996 election.

INS officials, while acknowledging they made errors in screening the 1.2 million people who applied for citizenship in the 1996 fiscal year, have said repeatedly that the ongoing problem was not politically motivated.

They said Citizenship USA was created to end a backlog of cases that forced many applicants to wait two years before their cases were processed.

So far, by matching FBI records and an INS computer database, the internal investigation has found the names of about 66,000 new citizens who apparently were never subjected to an FBI criminal background check, as required by law.

"The Justice Department is assuming until shown otherwise that those people were not checked," said Justice spokeswoman Carole Florman.

INS spokesman Eric Andrus confirmed that the agency so far has been unable to verify that those names and finger-

prints were vetted by the FBI, but he said more detailed study might lower the number substantially.

In addition, in another 113,000 cases, the applicants' names were checked but their fingerprint cards were rejected by the FBI — typically because the prints were smudged.

In some of those cases, Andrus said, a second set of fingerprints may have been sent to correct the problem, but INS has so far been unable to document that.

A congressional aide familiar with the issue estimated that from 8 percent to 10 percent of citizenship applicants have some type of rap sheet — record of a misdemeanor or felony conviction, but not necessarily a conviction.

But many were still eligible for citizenship, especially before a stricter law took effect this year. Only convictions count against an applicant, and only for certain specified crimes.

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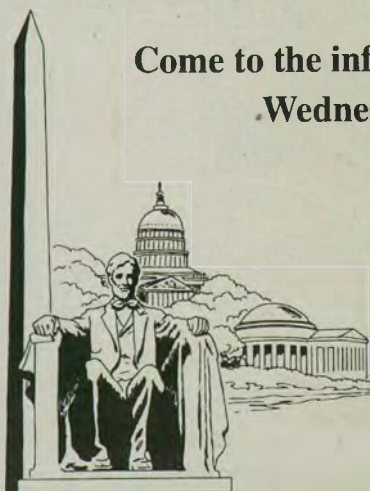
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## ■ RUSSIA

## Yeltsin chides premier for pension tardiness

By DAVE CARPENTER  
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MOSCOW

A feisty Boris Yeltsin publicly dressed down his prime minister on Monday and called for a Cabinet shakeup over the government's failure to pay wages and pensions on time.

The reprimand brought with it no new ideas for resolving a problem that has plagued millions of Russians for months. But it was the strongest evidence yet that Yeltsin is back in fighting form and eager to show he's in charge after a long absence because of health problems.

"Many Russians are dissatisfied with the government, its chairman, and, accordingly, the president," Yeltsin sternly told Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin in the Kremlin. "And such people are already a majority. I am worried by this."

His remarks, made at the start of their meeting, were broadcast extensively as the top story on nationwide newscasts.

Yeltsin called on the prime minister to make Cabinet changes if needed to solve the problem.

"The essential thing is that

the government has been unable to pay wages and pensions on time," he told a somber Chernomyrdin, who looked down at the floor as the president spoke to him.

"It may be worth replacing someone," Yeltsin said. "Let's have some proposals for changes, some candidates."

Chernomyrdin and presidential chief of staff Anatoly Chubais largely have run the country for much of the past eight months while Yeltsin has been away from the Kremlin with heart trouble and pneumonia.

But after Yeltsin chastised Chernomyrdin, his chief spokesman denied that Yeltsin is considering firing him at any time in the near future.

"There was no mention (in the meeting) of the Russian prime minister's dismissal at all," Sergei Yastrzhembsky was quoted by the Interfax news agency as saying.

Despite Yeltsin's strong remarks and past promises, he has proved unable to solve such deep-rooted problems as the wage and pension delays, which have provoked a growing number of strikes and protests.

He made assurances when he returned to the Kremlin at the end of December that payments would be made on time, but did not launch any major initiatives. Two weeks later, he was hospitalized with pneumonia and he has been recovering ever since.



Yeltsin

## ■ IRAN

## Rebel army opposes regime

By EILEEN ALT POWELL  
Associated Press Writer

CAMP ASHRAF, Iran

Dozens of men and women in smart olive green military uniforms end their day at this desert camp with a unified shout: "When the command comes, we will not hesitate!"

The camp is in Iraq, but the words are in the Iranian language, Farsi, and the order they await is to march on Tehran.

Camp Ashraf is one of five bases maintained in Iraq by the National Liberation Army, a force of 30,000 Iranians committed to wresting control of their homeland from the Islamic clerics who have ruled since 1979.

The fighters are equipped with tanks and heavy artillery. At least a third are women. They accuse Iran's "mullahs regime" of denying democracy, repressing women and carrying out a savage campaign against all political opposition.

"For our people, I joined the National Liberation Army to help overthrow the regime," said Batul Ibrahim, an 18-year-old woman who crossed from Iran on foot last year. "We are willing to die for our freedoms."

Such words are echoed throughout the ranks at Camp Ashraf, a heavily guarded compound about 65 miles northeast of Baghdad and just 55 miles from the Iranian border.

While few doubt their dedication, there has been outspoken criticism of the move-

ment's tactics as well as skepticism about its ability to take on Iran's army.

The National Liberation Army was formed in Iraq a decade ago by Massoud and Maryam Rajavi, long-time leaders of the Mujahedeen Khalq, or People's Warriors. The group first opposed the shah's rule in Iran, then that of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini

Iraq and Iran fought a brutal war in 1980-88 and still have not reconciled.

The Rajavis and their followers dismiss the criticism as "Iranian propaganda," contending the State Department report was a result of U.S. efforts to improve relations with Iran's leadership.

The liberation army, they argue, gets its legitimacy from being the military wing of the National Council of Resistance of Iran, a Paris-based government-in-exile formed by six opposition factions, including the Mujahedeen, and hundreds of individuals.

The council meets twice a year, in Paris and Baghdad, to debate policy issues. Its council's "charter of fundamental freedoms" calls for free and fair elections, religious and ethnic tolerance, and women's rights once Iran's government is ousted.

Iran's government paints the exile army as a tool of the Iraqi regime of Saddam Hussein. But the Iranian opposition leaders say their financial support comes from the 4 million Iranians in exile and donations sneaked out of Iran.

Rajavi, 49, is commander of the exile army. His wife, Maryam, 43, resigned as deputy commander in 1993 when she was elected by the council to be "transitional president" of Iran once the mullahs are overthrown.

In an interview, Mrs. Rajavi emphasized that ousting the Tehran regime would involve not only the exile army but organized resistance in Iran.

**'We are willing to die for our freedoms.'**

*Batul Ibrahim  
National Liberation Army*

after the Islamic revolution.

In a 1994 report, the U.S. State Department characterized the Mujahedeen as a cult of the Rajavis that employs terrorism not unlike the mullahs and has little real support within Iran. The U.S.-based group Human Rights Watch has accused the Mujahedeen of torturing members who tried to quit.

Labib Kamhawi, a professor of political science at Jordan University who has studied regional opposition movements, predicts the regime in Tehran will be changed from inside Iran, not outside.

He calls the exile army "insignificant" compared with Iran's 500,000-man military. And, he adds, "Once the Mujahedeen took refuge in Iraq, they lost their credibility inside Iran."

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# IRA informant calls for U.S. to deny support

By GENE KRAMER  
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WASHINGTON  
An Irish Republican Army member who turned police informant appealed to Americans today to deny all support to his former comrades unless they renounce terrorism permanently.

The Clinton administration should join the Irish Republic government in Dublin to make clear to the Irish nationalist movement that violence will not be tolerated, Sean O'Callaghan told reporters.

O'Callaghan was released from a British prison Dec. 6 after serving about eight years of multiple life sentences for two 1974 murders and other terrorist strikes that he admitted committing as a teen-ager.

He said today that Irish-Americans who drop money into collection boxes should stop "romanticizing" about the movement to drive the British from Northern Ireland and recognize that their donations fuel terrorist bloodshed.

O'Callaghan gave no figures on U.S. contributions that he said peaked in the 1970s.

"The tragedy is the donors never have to face the consequences of their actions ... they sleep snugly in their beds" while people are killed, he said. American dollars intended for peaceful political action free other Irish Republican Army funds to buy guns, he said.

With the onset of spring, "Northern Ireland could tip over the edges into really serious bloodshed" because the IRA "has now abandoned the cease-fire and is back to murdering people," he said. It could produce a violent reaction from extremists among

the province's Protestant majority, he warned.

Since his release from prison, the 42-year-old O'Callaghan has given occasional news interviews but not disclosed where he will live.

He plans to convey his message to Americans at the National Security Council, congressional panels, newspaper editorial boards, television shows and think tanks in Washington before continuing to Boston, New York, Chicago, Indiana and California.

Asked after his arrival from Europe on Saturday night if he fears for his life at the hands of the IRA, O'Callaghan acknowledged "there's the reality of danger" that could increase, but probably not in the United States. "I don't believe they'd be quite that stupid," he said.

He said he has decided "either you do what you think is the right thing or you go into hiding. I'm Irish. I'm not hiding from Gerry Adams." Adams heads the legal Sinn Fein party, a political ally of the banned IRA.

O'Callaghan grew up in the republic of Ireland, joined the IRA as a teen-ager and rose to become a Sinn Fein executive, then grew disillusioned.

As an informant for Irish authorities cooperating with Britain's Scotland Yard, O'Callaghan said his warnings helped foil several IRA operations. They included plans to bomb a 1983 concert at London's Dominion Theatre that Prince Charles and Princess Diana were to attend and interception of a 1985 IRA arms shipment from Boston, he said.

On Tuesday, O'Callaghan is to participate in a debate organized by Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., a friend of Adams.

## ■ CHINA

# Albright makes official visit

By BARRY SCHWEID  
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## BEIJING

Declaring that U.S. relations with China are the key to world stability in the 21st century, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright warned Chinese officials Monday that they must "act constructively" and improve their country's record on human rights.

Otherwise, she said, China could face condemnation by the United States and its European allies.

"I said I would tell it like it is, and I told it like it is," Albright said of exchanges she held with President Jiang Zemin and other top Chinese officials on the eve of a memorial service for Deng Xiaoping.

She was the only Western leader permitted to visit

Beijing during a six-day mourning period for the paramount leader. Albright said she considered that "an extremely good sign" that China will move toward even greater cooperation with the United States.

Jiang put aside a speech he was preparing for the service to talk to Albright for 45 minutes. Prime Minister Li Peng gave her an hour and Foreign Minister Qian Qichen, two hours and 45 minutes.

Albright, speaking first at the U.S. Embassy and then at a joint news conference with Qian, signaled the Clinton administration's commitment to improving relations with Beijing.

But she noted differences over human rights and a growing trade deficit — \$39 billion last year up from \$33

billion in 1995.

"There is no question our relations with the Chinese are a key to stability as we go into the 21st century," she told some 100 U.S. Embassy workers and family members.

Albright, on her first foreign tour as secretary of state, was received with respect by Chinese officials.

Deputy Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing greeted her with kisses on both cheeks at Capitol Airport.

But at the news conference, Albright said that "problems do remain" in China's sale of missile technology and chemical weapons ingredients to other nations — suspicions center on deals with Pakistan, Iran, Iraq and Libya — and that American and Chinese officials will meet in Beijing next month to go over them.

## ■ THE VATICAN

# Pope plans trip to Lebanon

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## VATICAN CITY

In yet another addition to his crowded travel schedule this year, Pope John Paul II will spend two days in Lebanon in May — a visit that was delayed in 1994 because of security concerns.

Doctors have recommended that the pope cut back on his activities, and his trips this year are no more than two or three days, except for a 10-day stay



John Paul II

in his native Poland. But the 76-year-old John Paul clearly does not intend to stay at the Vatican.

Two 1997 destinations will have dramatic backdrops: the war-damaged cities of Sarajevo and Beirut, the Bosnian capital's predecessor as an urban symbol of civil conflict.

John Paul goes to Sarajevo on April 13 and Beirut on May 10-11. Both visits were put off in 1994 because of security worries.

In between, he plans a two-day visit to Prague. Trips to Poland, Paris and Rio de Janeiro also are on the agenda in 1997.

John Paul's health problems in recent years have included bowel surgery, a dislocated shoulder and a hip replacement. His appendix was removed last October.

The announcement of the Lebanon trip came from papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls on Monday shortly after the Lebanese prime minister, Rafik Hariri, visited John Paul at the Vatican. Hariri also met with leaders of Italy, Lebanon's

main trading partner.

The pope is expected to celebrate a Mass in Beirut and meet with young people as well as religious and political figures.

The focus of his visit will be to release an "apostolic exhortation," or formal response, to a meeting held by Lebanese bishops at the Vatican in 1995. As part of a broad message, the bishops called for the withdrawal of Israeli and Syrian forces from Lebanon.

Israel controls about 15 percent of Lebanese territory, a swath of land in the south it claims as a buffer zone. Syria maintains about 40,000 troops in Lebanon.

The Vatican has been pushing for troop withdrawals through diplomatic channels, and it is unlikely John Paul will directly call for such a move but he could well hint at it, Vatican officials said.

"The Holy Father is very aware of the situation, and that Lebanon is in need of regaining its sovereignty, its independence, its liberty," Lebanese Cardinal Nasrallah Pierre Sfeir said.

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# Summit targets family values

By LAURA MECKLER  
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WASHINGTON

Former President Bush says he hopes an April summit on community service will help others realize what he's been saying for years: Government cannot solve the nation's deepest troubles.

"Congress cannot legislate good parenting. No president can sign a bill forcing you to be a good neighbor," Bush said Monday in a speech to the



Bush

American Association of Health Plans.

Bush plans to join President Clinton and retired Army Gen. Colin Powell in leading a meeting to encourage private companies and individuals to do their part. Former President Ford and former first ladies Nancy Reagan and Lady Bird Johnson are also expected to attend the Philadelphia meeting April 27-29.

"I hope the message this gathering ... will send is a strong and simple one: You don't have to be president to be a leader and to make a difference. You don't have to be a first lady to touch the lives of others," Bush said.

"I only wish that I could have done more as president to use

the bully pulpit of the White House to help strengthen our families."

The upcoming summit, he said, has already prompted some private companies to pledge free services such as immunizations and eye care.

Bush noted that he came under fire in 1988 for his "thousand points of light" philosophy encouraging Americans to serve their communities and those in need. Some criticized the slogan, saying it was his way of excusing government from meeting those needs.

The April summit is meant to shine a spotlight on volunteerism and community service; no new government initiatives are expected.

## 'The Pill' works the morning after

By LAURAN NEERGAARD  
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WASHINGTON

American women who are raped, whose birth control fails or who just forget in the heat of the moment can use high doses of ordinary birth control pills to prevent pregnancy, the government said Monday.

The Food and Drug Administration said six brands of birth control are safe and effective "morning-after pills," the first federal acknowledgement of the emergency contraception that European women have been prescribed for years.

"The best-kept contraceptive secret is no longer a secret," said FDA Commissioner David Kessler. "Women should have the information that this regimen is available."

The decision opens the door for companies to specially package birth control pills for women to have on hand in case of an emergency, just as the pills are routinely sold overseas.

Contraceptive manufacturers so far have refused to sell what the government terms emergency contraception here, citing litigation and political fears.

So while it is legal for doctors to prescribe emergency birth control — and the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology in December endorsed it — few physicians know the proper doses and few women even know to seek it.

The FDA's decision could change that. One small company, New Jersey-based Gynetics, is developing a specially packaged version of birth control that it hopes to sell for emergency use next year.

And the FDA's instructions were purposefully detailed enough to tell family-planning clinics and private doctors the right dose to hand to women today.

"This should be in everyone's medicine cabinet," said Janet Benshoof of the Center for Reproductive Law and Policy.

The FDA announced Monday that high doses of six popular birth-control brands, when taken within three days of unprotected sex, are 75 percent effective at preventing pregnancy.

For every 100 women who have unprotected sex during the second or third week of their menstrual cycle, eight would normally become pregnant — but only two would if the women took emergency contraception, explained Dr. James Trussell of Princeton University.

His research convinced the FDA that emergency contraception could prevent up to 2.3 million unplanned pregnancies a year, 1 million of which now end in abortion.

"We're going to see a really big change here," said Trussell, who helped set up a hot line and Internet service that offers women information about emergency contraception and addresses of nearby doctors who already prescribe it.

## Study: Drug programs lack effectiveness

By ROBERT GREENE  
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WASHINGTON

Many schoolchildren still turn to drugs between the fifth and eighth grades despite billions of federal dollars that have been spent on drug education since 1987, the Education Department said Monday.

A report commissioned by the department said "effects were small" even in the programs that appeared to curb drug use. Despite the negative results, the department wants more money in 1998, with tighter standards for who gets it.

The report suggested that schools will need to spend more time and money on drug prevention than the \$10 in federal, state and local funds now being spent per pupil.

The department also said that schools don't carefully choose their programs.

For instance, the report found better results at schools where students took part in programs other than D.A.R.E., which operates in about 70 percent of school districts.

D.A.R.E., which stands for drug abuse resistance education, relies on police officers and other law enforcement officials who visit fifth-grade classrooms for 17 hours each year. The program receives federal money through school districts.

"What we really want to do

is to begin to get school districts to examine what they're doing," said Bill Modzeleski, director of the Education Department's Safe and Drug-Free Schools program.

The department wants \$620 million next year for the program, up from \$558 million this year and \$438 million in 1996.

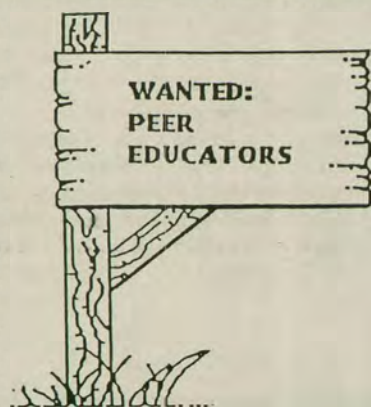
The study tracked 10,000 students in 19 school districts yearly for four years, starting with a group of fifth- and sixth-graders in 1991-1992.

The sample doesn't give a statistically reliable picture of the whole country. Nor does the study give any measure of what drug use would be without any programs. But department officials said this study and others make clear that too many children are turning to drugs.

Eighteen percent of eighth-graders and 24 percent of ninth-graders reported being heavy users of alcohol, meaning they drank more than ten times or were drunk at least once in the past 30 days. Eighteen percent of eighth- and ninth-graders had used marijuana in the month before the survey, and 5 percent reported being heavy users.

Twenty-six percent of the older students smoked cigarettes.

Bill Alden, a national executive with D.A.R.E. America, said it's foolhardy to think that program can "inoculate children for life."



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## FIRST PRINCIPLES

# Where is the right reason in Right Reason?

"The freedom of which Jesus speaks is not freedom from tyranny or 'external authority'; it is not even freedom from slavery ordinarily understood." —Right

**Irfan Khawaja**



Reason.

"Here we have religion and robbery the allies of each other — devils dressed in angels' robes and hell presenting the semblance of paradise." —Frederick Douglass.

The February issue of Right Reason, like its predecessors, contains much howling and growling about the moral and intellectual sins of the fallen world around us. All campus publications play this role at times, but unlike most campus publications, RR has serious intellectual pretensions. RR invokes Reason, Truth, Authority, and the Church, and wants you to know that it is not embarrassed to capitalize these words, even when they appear in the middle of a sentence. Read no further than p. 3, and you will find yourself in the august company of Frederick C. Kelly III, holding forth on the unlikely connections between queer theory, Nietzsche, T.S. Eliot, Camus, and God. Pretty heavy stuff. But don't be fooled into thinking that RR is just "frivolous and intellectual stimulation." No, RR is about hard-core morality: "Modern man finds himself alone in the universe with nothing but an abyss beneath him."

So RR is trying to give modern man the Moral Caulking, if you will, to seal the abyss beneath his woeful feet. Obviously, a publication that takes so haughty an attitude toward its audience is bound to provoke questions about its own moral

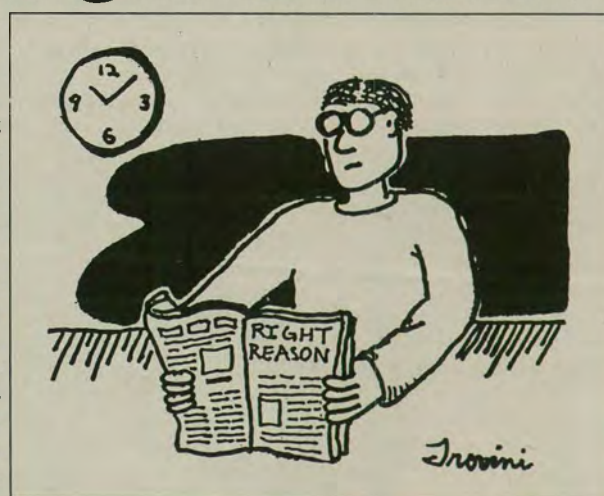
and intellectual bona fides. Alas, despite its fears about "modern man's" precarious descent into "the abyss," I am not sure RR itself has a leg to stand on.

Consider the argument of RR's cover story, "Casting Off the Yoke," a discussion of Notre Dame's rejection of the strictures of Ex Corde Ecclesiae, the apostolic constitution on Catholic higher education. As a non-Catholic, I have no real interest in debating the specifics of Notre Dame's responsibilities on this issue: principles first, I say. So what are RR's principles? RR claims that "the principle of academic freedom is a bad principle...because it misunderstands the purpose of the academy." The purpose of the academy, on their view, is the promotion of the Truth; all freedom is properly "freedom for the Truth," not freedom from coercion, slavery, or external authority of Christ, embodied in the Catholic Church. Hence...

Hence what? Setting aside the dubious cogency of their argument, RR is remarkably evasive about what conclusion they want to draw at this point. One conclusion they want desperately to reach is that Notre Dame's Catholic theology faculty be required to teach only orthodox Catholicism to their students, as determined by the local bishop. There's just one problem: that is hardly the only conclusion that their argument implies. The claim about the theology faculty is a pretty modest one. By contrast, the cavalier repudiation of the principle of academic freedom — and the entire idea of "freedom from coercion" — is a wholesale rejection of the very idea of rights as understood in the Bill of Rights, and in the classical liberal conception of inquiry from Milton's Areopagitica on. This doesn't bother our brave would-be censors/dictators, who have the nerve to run a favorable review of Robert Bork's *Slouching Toward Gomorrah*...in an attempt to show solidarity with "classical liberalism" and the American Way (p. 10)! Freedom for the Truth? Maybe they could start by aiming at freedom from contradictions.

The repudiation of "the principle of academic freedom" implies that Notre Dame should be a University by, for, and of orthodox Catholics, that every student's every move should be monitored and held to the scrutiny of Church teaching, and that everyone else, including all Protestants, should just leave town. I'd like to see RR explain that one to the Calvinists on our faculty, what to speak of the Jews, the Muslims, or the atheists. But the repudiation of academic freedom is the least of it, since if the rejection of academic freedom stems from the repudiation of "freedom from coercion," then it ought to follow that not only Notre Dame, but the entire world, should be ruled by a theocratic dictatorship headquartered in the Vatican.

I'm exaggerating, right? RR just wants to tyrannize a bunch of Notre Dame theologians, not the entire world. And they just want Domers to obey parietals — they don't mean to justify dictatorship or slavery. Guess again. RR concedes quite openly that the "freedom" they have in mind is "not even freedom from slavery ordinarily understood." That merely sounds like toleration for slavery, but in a truly astonishing passage, the anonymous writers of "Casting off the Yoke" actually quote from St. Paul's letters with approval, saying that "he directed slaves to obey their earthly masters as they obey Christ himself." Well, yes he did. But you would expect conservatives, who are supposed to know some history, to know that this is an argument that, for two millennia, has been used by apologists for slavery to justify the peculiar institution. As the historian David Brian Davis notes, "As Christians looked less to an imminent millennium and more to the need of accommodating themselves to the world, they tended to accept [slavery] as a necessary framework for controlling sin..." (The Problem of Slavery in Western Culture,



p. 89). St. Paul's letters, Davis reminds us, fit the bill very nicely. Is this the kind of emancipation that RR has in mind? And they're blaming Notre Dame for "casting off the yoke"?

Ideas, Fred Kelly earnestly reminds us, have consequences. An odd sentiment, coming from a publication that tolerates slavery but not homosexuality. But if ideas have consequences, shouldn't one take them more seriously? If one's ideas justify slavery — real, temporal slavery of the sort that requires the forced labor of bodies in the physical world — perhaps one should re-examine one's views before one falls into the abyss of idiocy. And if two millennia of moral catastrophe don't convince someone that slavery is such a bad thing, it is a little unclear what basis they have to be lecturing the world at large about "freedom for the Truth." In his editorial, Frederick C. Kelly III offers the observation that "Camus captured something about twentieth century man with the description 'he fornicated and read the paper.'" To this I can only say: if "modern man" had nothing better than to read the February RR, he'd be well-advised to stick to fornication.

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Those who make peaceful revolution impossible will make violent revolution inevitable."

— John F. Kennedy



# Being Here

## Chicago's Wilco visits Stepan tonight

By ASHLEIGH THOMPSON  
Associate Accent Editor

**W**hen Wilco experienced rebirth after the dissolution of their former project Uncle Tupelo, perhaps there were some skeptics. And not without reason. Few bands make it the first time around, not to mention the second.

But Chicago-based Wilco is not your average "alternative" band, and even though the music industry doesn't usually take kindly to a band they're unable to place in a specific, marketable genre, their catchy sound is spreading like an unidentified virus.

But how do you label a band with a vocalist who some have compared to Paul Westerberg, and that claims musical influences ranging from the Rolling Stones to The Beatles to the Beach Boys? Describe the end product as something like The Replacements or Freddy Jones Band?

Wilco is none of these bands. They claim their own distinct sound and stick to it, and the result ranges from intense to simply fun.

After attending a Wilco show, music critic Dave Tienen aptly described them comment-

ing "There's an off-kilter simplicity and open-heartedness about this band that's difficult to dislike. In some ways they're also a better live act than on disc. The uptempo tunes such as 'Monday' seemed to have an extra measure of kick beyond what came across in the studio."

And the new, unique sound is not going unnoticed. What began in the recording studio as enough solid songs for a CD with some extra jams recorded for fun, developed into a fine tuning of almost 30 viable tracks. This eventually was narrowed down to 19 songs ready to be heard. After releasing this sophomore effort *Being There*, a two CD set from Warner Brothers/Reprise Records, Wilco wallows in national attention.

USA Today described them as a cross between "Nashville twang and Seattle despair." Rolling Stone magazine featured Wilco on a recent cover, after rewarding their October release with four stars.

MTV wanted interviews, and Chicago's famed venue the VIC was graced by a sell-out. Their hit single "outtaste (outta mind)" is on heavy rotation from New Orleans to Chicago's wildly successful FM station, Q101. They can even be heard on South Bend's own "Bear," WRBR.

So why this widespread acclaim? Perhaps it's their spontaneity, unpredictability, or simply their honest music. Wilco plays music anyone can hum

or dance to. Lyrics can be understood by all. While technically impressive, Wilco never imposes an aura of disdain upon the listener. Tweedy repeatedly tells interviewers that he wants *Being There* to have a going-through-your-record-collection quality. Good.

Anyone choosing to jump out of their chair to groove will be aptly rewarded by energy reciprocated by the band.

Singing, song-writing, guitar-playing front man Jeff Tweedy seems to be the most vocal of the members, and remarked in a recent PollStar, "We like it when a crowd goes absolutely ape s--t for no reason or when there's a crowd that's kind of dead and it's a challenge. When the keyboard suddenly transposes itself a whole step up, that's a challenge, and we like it!"

This enthusiasm seems to be shared equally among band members.

concerned with image right now?

After their debut album *A.M.*, and now with *Being There*, few doubt the band's talent.

**'Quirky, but fun, which is kind of a capsule description of this band anyway... There's an off-kilter simplicity and open-heartedness about this band that's difficult to dislike. In some ways they're also a better live act than on disc.'**

Dave Tienen  
Music Critic

Perhaps what separates them from other acts is their attitude.

After the recent birth of Tweedy's son Spencer, he seems to offer a new outlook, reflected by the lyrics he writes. He describes feeling more free to create now, with thankful feelings of lessened pressure gained from a perspective of what's truly important.

He admits to being goofier, and interviews paint him with a phone in one ear and a baby monitor in the other. When Wilco graces the Stepan stage tonight, they'll probably leave the baby monitors at home, but there's no doubt that the energy and talent will be in top form.

Anyone interested in Wilco can contact them through Reprise Records in California at (818) 846-9090 or in New York at (212) 484-6870.



Jay Bennett contributes with guitar and keyboard, while Ken Coomer contributes in the percussion department.

John Stirratt plays bass, while Max Johnson accompanies on the album with fiddle, mandolin and dobro. Bob Egan helps out in concert on a variety of instruments. Their playfulness is perhaps best expressed in their video for "outtaste," as the band plays the tune while jumping out of an airplane. Not your average image-conscious garage band.

And why should they be



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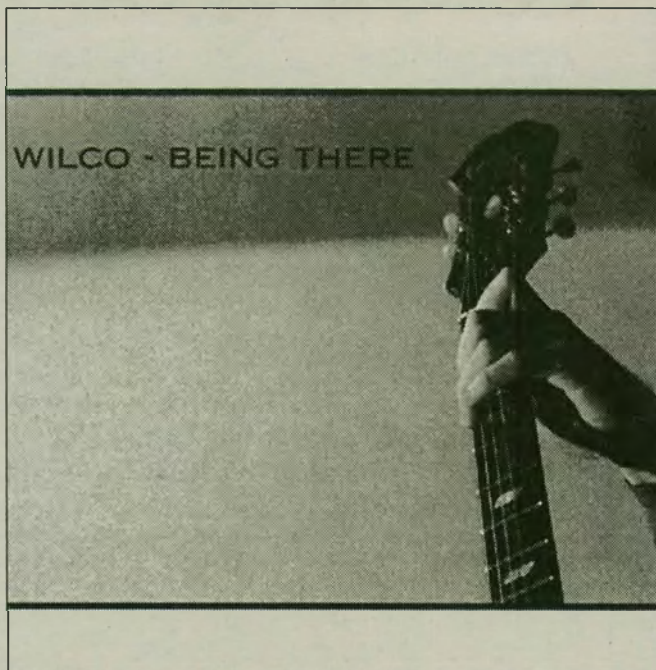
## Being There

★★★★★  
(out of five stars)

Who the hell is Wilco? This seems to be the general sentiment running rampant throughout our respective campuses. Wilco is a great band, who fortunately or unfortunately (depending on your out-look) not been overplayed on the radio waves. Across the nation (including myself) have heard their sound and consistently ranked them among the best of 1996. Wilco's second album, a follow up to their first, *Being There*, is a testament to their talent. They draw their music from divergent sources (rock, blues, folk, polka, and even a little country thrown in for good measure) and prove that there are still artists in the world.

Uncle Tupelo frontman Jeff Tweedy teamed with bassist John Stirratt, Max Johnston, and Ken Caillat to produce this very moody and very mellow album. The themes of the album range from love and hopelessness to a more optimistic and rejuvenation. The sound is rootsy and reminiscent of all the great whiskey/piano bar bands of the nation. It is simple in that they do not rely on wailing guitars or pound frantically on their drums or scream incessantly about only what they sing and play their instruments with class and sophistication that translates into a great sound.

Beneath the raspy voice of Jeff Tweedy lies a melancholic undertone throughout much of the album. This is especially true in the first two of the album. Using instrument and voice distortion to create a somber mood of the song, "misunderstood" sets the tone for the rest of the album. Tweedy's music is as simple as his music. In the song, Tweedy sings "I still love rock and roll." And this is quite true. Tweedy, who wrote all of the songs on *Being There*, has put his whole heart and soul into each song and



Courtesy of Reprise Records

doesn't leave the audience wondering what he is thinking.

The next two songs, "monday" and "outsatite (outta mind (whose opening notes sound remarkably like the opening of Sesame Street))" offer a strong contrast to the previous couplet. The music is poppy and the lyrics are catchy. This optimistic sound is only experienced on a few other occasions throughout the album, "i got you (at the end of the century)" and "someday soon." With so many sad songs, however, one would expect the music to become whiney, but Tweedy and the gang do an excellent job in maintaining their composure and avoiding that infernal bleating.

In "forget the flowers," Wilco incorporates a banjo into their repertoire to give a country edge to a ballad, a style that can be likened to Cracker. "Say you miss me," sounds like a song from the sixties with its ooooh-ahhh refrain and notes of sentimentality.

Clearly, Wilco has adapted some of the best music to fit their unique style. The definition of eclectic is taken from the best sources. It is difficult to say that *Being There* is an eclectic album because of the country twangs, but they put such a great twist on the country sound and other previously recognized styles that it makes Wilco's sound irresistible. Listening to the album is like listening to the Americanized history of music.

by Joey Crawford

# September 67

## Lucky Shoe

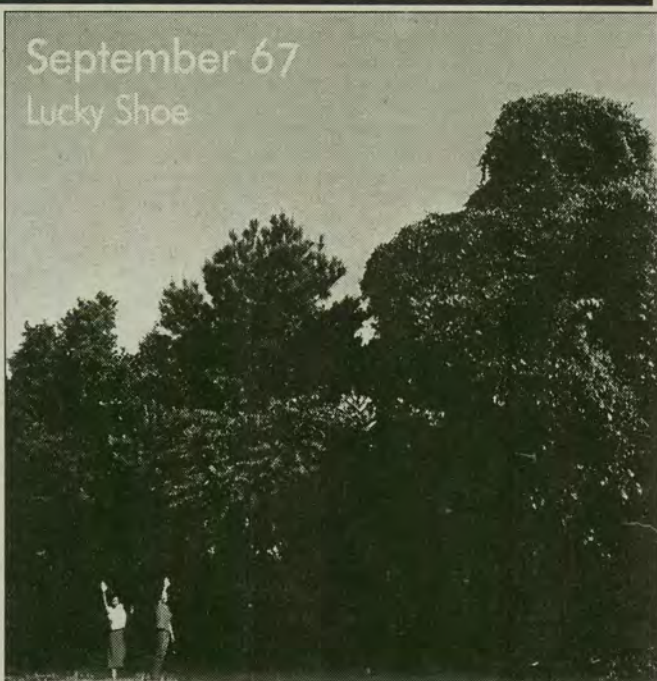
★★★★★  
(out of five stars)

The societal role of the country ballad has been changed along with a new tradition of song-writing. September 67's first release, *Lucky Shoe*, provides a thoughtful re-interpretation of the songs of old, keeping some of their structural elements and style but adding the lyrics and music into a more contemporary sound. This is accomplished by adding vocal and structural complexity. Singer/guitarist Shannon Worrell gives the old songs a new depth.

Shannon Worrell has established herself in the Charlottesville music scene as a highly poetic and expressive songwriter. As a local hero there, she released a solo album that has caught the attention of both critics and labels. This is her first major label release. It's not another effort though, as Worrell is joined by Kristin Hersh on the lead voice while Ashbury Valley (the nooks and crannies with well placed harmony) and David Lowery (Camper Van Beethoven, Cracker), who also co-produced the album.

September 67 would fall into the post-country category created by R.E.M. and Uncle Tupelo. This isn't by accident, but the influences are evident in the instrumentation. It isn't completely country, but it has a folk feel. Worrell delivers the songs in a highly poetic fashion that recalls earlier folk traditions. The words seem to have the same emphasis as the music, fusing them into a poetic whole.

Violin, mandolin, cello, Wurlitzer and Mellotron provide accompaniment, the predominant feature of September 67 is Worrell's voice, which sets the tempo for each song. The instruments follow



Courtesy of The Enclave

Worrell as she climbs hand over hand up the lyrical rope ladders she's hung. Individually they don't offer a great amount of complexity, they simply fill each song out with the perfect backdrop for the intended scene. Worrell creates some clever situations in the songs. An overlooked model pines for Michelangelo's love as he is sculpting David. A rich woman, embarrassed by her wealth, wishes for the love of a "poor boy" and tries to justify her guilt by sharing it.

Quoting single lines of the songs wouldn't do them any justice, as the verses aren't just filler around a clever chorus. Rather, they function as a piece of an intricate structure which relies on all its parts to become a whole. There's not a pronounced hook to be found on *Lucky Shoe*. Instead, the songs evolve in an on-going process, each part anticipating the next as if it's a cross-country car trip through different states of mind. Each song also evokes a highly personal feel, touching on certain universalities which can be found in all events. *Lucky Shoe* is a warm embrace from a talented emerging songwriter. Shannon Worrell has created a spot for herself among the greats in her craft.

by Jim McNamee

### ■ MONEY TALKS

# The Tax Man Cometh

By JUSTYN HARKIN  
Money Talks Correspondent

Attention all accounting majors! Lock your doors, change your phone number, do anything you can to disavow any affiliation with the College of Business Administration because soon you will be the most popular people on campus. And no, it will not be because of your sparkling personalities.

Tax season is virtually upon us and for most students, the thought of sitting before an income tax form is enough to make their skin crawl.

Although April 15, the deadline for mailing all income tax returns, seems relatively far away, now is the best time to start thinking about your taxes. First and foremost, you need to find out whether you'll be filing your income tax return yourself. If such is the case, something you'll want to consider will be where and how you plan to file.

Before you begin, however, you will need to confirm whether you have to file at all. Chances are that if you have worked and received monetary compensation (a paycheck) you will have to pay taxes. The most confusing issue for tax-paying college students, however, is their status on their parents' taxes. The tax code essentially allows parents to continue claiming their adult children (defined as son, stepson, daughter, or stepdaughter above the age of 19) as dependents on their tax statements as long as the children are attending a college.

Simply speaking, just because your parents can still use you as a tax deduction does not mean you do not have to file an income tax return. As long as your gross income is greater than the amount that your parents had deducted, you are going to have to pay taxes.

If you did not understand any of the above gobbledygook, understand this: you will have to pay taxes.

The Internal Revenue Service has several district offices across the country, so the address where you'll have to send your statement may be different from that of your roommate. Indiana residents, for example, send their statements to the office in Cincinnati, Ohio. Illinois residents, on the other hand, will send theirs to Kansas City, Missouri. It may seem like a trivial issue, but on April 15 at 11:45 p.m. you're not going to have the time to panic.

How you file is another thing to be considered. If you do not have any accounting majors for friends and you actually have to do your own taxes, you are not necessarily confined to the conventional paper tax return.

The Form 1040PC, for example, is a computer generated tax return and because it is IRS approved software, there are fewer possible errors to be made. You can find IRS accepted software advertised in computer magazines or at your local software store.

It is important to note, however, that the 1040PC is still a paper form, and it should not be confused with an electronic return. It still needs to be mailed, and the deadline still applies. Electronic returns are faster, safer, and more accurate than mailing because they are transmitted over telephone lines directly to an IRS computer; however, electronic returns must be done through an appropriate accounting agency.

An additional thing to consider when filing your return should be whether you can claim any deductions. For the most part you won't be eligible for deductions such as claiming yourself as the head of the household or moving expenses because of your student status, but that by no means disqualifies you for other deductions.

If you have kept receipts from any donations to charity you may be able to deduct them from your income tax. Of course, this is an extremely touchy area, and you should consult an accountant or other knowledgeable person before making any such deductions.

Proper planning when dealing with a donation to charity may actually allow you to receive a bigger tax return. For example, if you plan on purchasing a new computer, whether now or in the near future, consider donating your old one to a church, school, or similar charity. You will be doing the charity a great service and chances are you will receive more money by claiming that as a tax deduction than you would if you tried to trade or sell the old computer.

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## ■ FENCING

# Irish slash Wildcat hopes of weekend upset

By DAVID FRICK  
Sports Writer

The fencing team took the opportunity at the Northwestern meet this weekend to solidify its place as the top team in the Midwest.

Led by a strong women's performance that combined for only eight defeats to 120 victorious bouts, the squad soundly defeated their five opponents. The significance of these victories is similar to the situation for Irish football. For many schools, to defeat the Irish fencers would make their season.

But the other teams, led by Northwestern University, would have to wait for another day.

"They were all set to beat us, and we spanked them," said junior epee captain Anne Hoos.

The women were led by a complete effort by each member. Undefeated performances were turned in by freshman epeeist Magda Krol, sophomore epeeist Nicole Mustelli, senior epeeist Maria Thieneman, sophomore foilist Myriah Brown, senior foil captain Rose Saari, and sophomore foilist Sara Walsh.

For Walsh, her record has now accumulated to an incredible 48-0 this year, and 128-2 for her career. As unpredictable as fencing matches can become, Walsh is the closest thing to a sure thing.

"Everything is coming together as we get closer to the post-season," said Walsh.

The men also delivered a strong performance all-around, though they did hit one speed bump along the way.

Fencing without a warm-up due to poor driving conditions, the epee squad received a shock as it was defeated 6-3 by Lawrence University. But the team refused to accept this mediocrity and defeated the rest of their opponents 31-5.

"The epee team did poorly in their first match, but regrouped well to finish out the day fairly strong. We just need more consistency," said head coach Yves Auriol.

The weekend also allowed the team to substitute many members who had little experience in competition. Led by freshman epeeist James Gaither and sophomore sabreist Steve McQuade, those members accepted the challenge and led the team to victory in all but the Lawrence defeat of the epee squad.

"The weekend gave some of the top fencers some rest and allowed others to get experience. For Steve McQuade to go 7-1 is particularly impressive," said senior sabre captain Bill Lester.

Perhaps the greatest benefit of the weekend was to get a chance to see the opponents for next weekend's Midwest Team Championships.

"The weekend allowed us to see who we will be going up against in the next couple of weekends," said Lester.

## ■ SOFTBALL

# Season opens in Arizona

By ALLISON KRILLA  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame softball action heated up this weekend as the Irish traveled to Tempe, Ariz. for the opening of the 1997 season. Despite a rocky start, the preseason Big East favorites came away with their first win of the year, a 4-2 victory over Auburn.



Nichols

Facing host Arizona State, the Irish showed signs of their months of indoor practice on the Loftus Center turf, lasting only five innings in the desert heat, for a 9-1 defeat. Their second-consecutive five-inning loss came at the hands of interstate foe Indiana, a 10-1 drubbing by the Hoosiers.

"It was our first time playing outdoors, and our first time playing on dirt," said head coach Liz Miller.

Her message to rally the troops: "Step up the intensity." And that they did.

The Irish played a solid 10-inning game against a tough Iowa team that participated in the 1996 World Series. Although the outcome favored Iowa, 4-3, starting pitcher Kelly Nichols turned in the weekend's best pitching performance, allowing eight hits and one run, while striking out five. Nichols, last season's NCAA leader in saves, made her first start of the 1997 season and worked seven strong innings despite being hampered by rotator cuff tendonitis.

"Kelly threw extremely well," said Miller. "Our main concern is to keep her healthy. We plan to use her more than ever in a starting role."

Notre Dame saved the best for last, a 4-2 win over Auburn, their first victory of the season.

Second baseman Dawn Cunningham's two-run single in the top of the seventh sparked the offense, and fellow sophomore Angela Bessolo thwarted a late surge by the Tigers to record the complete game.

Captains Katie Marten and Meghan Murray began the season with a bang, leading

the Irish offense this weekend. Marten went 6-12 with a .833 slugging percentage, including two triples. Murray exploded with an RBI triple against Iowa, finishing the tournament with a .417 batting average, one stolen base and one run scored.

"They (Marten and Murray) were great on and off the field. All the seniors brought leadership and intensity. They have set high goals and are setting a great example to attain them," said coach Miller.

Next up for the Irish, the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Leadoff Classic in Columbus, Ga., Feb. 28 - March 2.

Their first-round matchups include South Carolina, a 3-0 winner over the Irish in the NCAA regional in 1996, and Texas A&M.

"This tournament is unique because all the teams finished last season highest in their region. It will be very challenging," said Miller.

Notre Dame hopes to be up for this challenge, mixing their offensive and defensive weapons with leadership and intensity.

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Bengal Bouts guys are hot, except  
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## ■ MEN'S SWIMMING

## Irish salvage seventh place in Big East

By JOHN COPPOLELLA  
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's swimming and diving team competed in the Big East Championships in Piscataway, N.J., last weekend. Although they placed seventh in the competition, the same place they finished last year, the Irish were successful in this meet because they posted their best times of the year. The improvement is characteristic of this team, which has gotten stronger with every race this year.

"We swam extremely well," stated head coach Tim Welsh. "We were much faster in this meet than we were a year ago and, in 18 of the 20 events we swam, we swam our fastest times of the year. Many of our swimmers posted season bests and lifetime bests."

Among these strong performances, there were a few outstanding efforts. Steve Whowell finished second in the 100 meter backstroke with a time of 57.25 seconds. Senior captain Matt Rose swam the fastest 50 meter breaststroke split of the 13

teams in 25.49 seconds to pace the Irish and then capped off the men's performance with a second consecutive fifth-place finish in the 200 meter breaststroke. His time of 2:05.45 was his career best.

Freshman John Lubker placed fifth in the 1650 meter freestyle and the relay team of Chris Fugate, Whowell, Ry Beville, and Ron Royer finished fifth in the 200 meter medley on Wednesday and sixth in the 400 meter medley on Thursday.

While the Irish were unable to win the Big East Championships like their female contemporaries, they made important strides not only in this competition, but throughout their whole season.

The Irish men have improved dramatically, even from one year ago, and are gradually closing the gap between them and the elite swimming teams of the Big East.

The Irish return to the pool for their last meet of the year in the Shamrock Classic this weekend.

## Champs

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Ketelhohn placed sixth in the three meter event while Rhiana Saunders placed 17th. After the first day, Miami led the competition with 105 points and the Irish in second with 87.

"We knew from the results of the first day that we were going to have a good meet," Kline commented. "The medley relay win and the freestyle results really gave us a lot of confidence which continued throughout the rest of the meet."

"I think we came out excited after the first day," Courtney South commented. "Villanova won the 200 medley relay last year, but we managed to beat them and set a school record. We knew that we did well, but we also knew that we had to keep working hard and get the job done."

Head coach Bailey Weathers said, "I knew from the first day that our results were going to be better. We knew the first day was our weakest, and I felt that we would improve as the meet continued."

The second day started with even more thunder, as the Irish continued to keep pace with the Hurricanes. The day began with Gallo setting a new school record as she took second place in the 500 freestyle. Newell placed fourth with an NCAA consideration time of 4:54.59. Shepard's record in the 50 freestyle was eclipsed in less than a day by South with a time of 23.97 seconds.

The Irish continued their relay success with a second place finish in the 400 medley relay. The team of Brooks, Kline, Barger, and South posted an NCAA consideration time of 3:47.25, setting another school record. Ketelhohn and Saunders continued their diving success by placing sixth and 13th in the one-meter event.

"We had another good day on Thursday," Weathers said, "We started the day with one person seeded to make the finals and we had seven by the end of the night. We swam way above our expectations."

Notre Dame overtook the Hurricanes on Friday through a team effort by several Irish swimmers. The duo of Barger and Newell led the Irish as they took first and second in the 100 butterfly, both posting NCAA consideration times along the way. Brooks struck again, as she won her second consecutive Big East 100 backstroke title, claiming another school record and posting another NCAA consideration time of



The Observer/Rob Finch

Backstroke Erin Brooks won her second consecutive 100 and 200 yard backstroke titles to lead the Irish at the Big East Championships.

55.85.

Suddarth and Kline took second and third in the 100 breaststroke, with two more NCAA consideration times of 1:03.70 and 1:04.13 and Suddarth breaking another school record.

Gallo and South took second and third in the 200 freestyle as Gallo set yet another school record with her time of 1:50.72. She too qualified for the NCAAs with that swim.

The Irish finished the night with a win in the 800 freestyle relay, a seventh consideration time and another school record. The team was ecstatic when it led at the end of the day.

"We knew that once the third day was over, we would have a clear advantage," Brooks said. "Miami's key was its divers, and once the diving part of the competition was over, we could take control of the final day."

"We thought that Saturday would be our strongest day of the meet," South commented. "After we took the lead on Friday, we knew that our chances had increased."

The final day started with the Irish holding a slim lead over Miami. However, they proceeded to give the Hurricanes no chance for a comeback, as they out-distanced them by a 661-547.5 margin to claim the title. Brooks tied a school record with her 1:57.68 to win her second consecutive Big East 200 backstroke title while Hollis was third in 2:01.26. Newell won the 200 butterfly title while Barger was third. Suddarth was third in the 200

breaststroke and South was second in the 100 freestyle. The Irish capped off the title with a second place finish in the 400 freestyle relay.

For them, it was a victory beyond all others.

"I thought we worked harder than ever this year," Brooks said. "The freshman class was just phenomenal this season. They played a major role in this season's success."

The final stats give a glimpse of how the Irish dominated the competition.

The team set seven school records and posted 11 NCAA consideration times. The win was especially sweet for Weathers, as he was named the Big East women's swimming coach of the year.

"I think that it was really exciting for him to get nominated in just his second year here," South commented. "He was responsible for recruiting the freshman class that played a major role in our success."

"I don't think it could have gone to a better person," Kline said. "We went into the tournament last year as an underdog and we placed third. This year, we were in the same position. Coach Weathers was able to turn our team around."

"I think the award is more representative of the team and hard work and effort they put in," Weathers said, "More importantly, though, I think the championship is a really important step for us. It's something that we can look back on during the season, and it's something the whole Notre Dame community can take pride in."

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## ■ BENGAL BOUTS

# Newcomers making their presence known early

By KATHLEEN LOPEZ  
Sports Writer

On Wednesday night in the Joyce Center, four first year boxers will be tested on what they learned in the ring on Sunday. In their first test, these four came out with outstanding performances in the first round of Bengal Bouts.

Some will face their mentors. Freshman Mike Maguire will take on his mentor, junior captain Lucas Molina, in the 135 pound weight class.

In the 145 pound weight class, senior Matt Ramarge must show his new found knowledge against junior captain Fred Kelly.

Junior Shawn Mahoney will be quizzed on his techniques by top-seeded senior Pat Maciariello, in the 170 pound weight class.

Maguire managed to settle his first round nerves, as he defeated sophomore David Murphy in the opening round.

"I was extremely nervous," said Maguire about Sunday night. "Unless you go out there and do it, you don't know what it is all about. So I didn't know what to expect."

Maguire does have some athletic history. In high school he was a wrestler. Unlike most boxers, Maguire's nerves will remain on edge because he will face his mentor and friend Molina.

"When I first started, I didn't know the sport or any guys," said Maguire. "I looked up to him (Molina) and the rest of the

guys. It will be almost like fighting a coach on Wednesday night, because I respect him a lot."

Also facing a captain on Wednesday night will be Ramarge. He defeated freshman Brian Daigle, and now will face Kelly.

"Fred (Kelly) is a really good fighter," said Ramarge about Kelly. "He likes to come right at you, so I am going to have to defend myself."

The former baseball player and runner attributes "getting and staying in shape" as the main reason for joining Bengals.

The talk of the tournament may be Mahoney in the 170 pound weight class. Mahoney had a stellar opening performance against fellow junior Josh Akers. The Bouts caught his eye last year, but the time factor came into play.

"I thought about it last year," said Mahoney. "I really did not have the time, and so this year I had to do it. The main reason I do it is to get in shape."

Mahoney compares fighting in the ring with being somewhat of a celebrity.

"It was like something that you only see on T.V.," said Mahoney.

"Mahoney has a good reach," said Kelly about the newcomer. "It will be a good fight against Maciariello and Mahoney. Mahoney will have to do a good job to fend off Pat because he is a strong guy."

Even though he had a spectacular debut on Sunday afternoon and is being touted as the

dark horse of the tournament, Mahoney remains modest. "I am just glad that I came this far."

While some of the newcomers are seeded in the lower half of their brackets, first year standout, freshman J.R. Mellin finds himself in the No. 2 seed in the 150 pound weight class. Mellin, a former runner in high school, is following in the foot steps of his grandfather and cites that as his reason for joining Bengals.

"My grandfather was a good boxer, so boxing was in the family," said Mellin. "Also I think that it is a great sport because you have to face your fears."

"I think it takes a little of the pressure off because of the matchups, like in the first round," said Mellin about being seeded second in the class. "It is a plus all the way around. For me it just reinforced my own confidence."

"J.R. comes straight at you," said Kelly about the freshman.



Freshman Mike Maguire (right) and sophomore David Murphy deliver glancing blows during the first round of the 135 pound division.

"If he makes it in to the finals, it could be a good fight with Polina."

Wednesday night is when the

test will occur.

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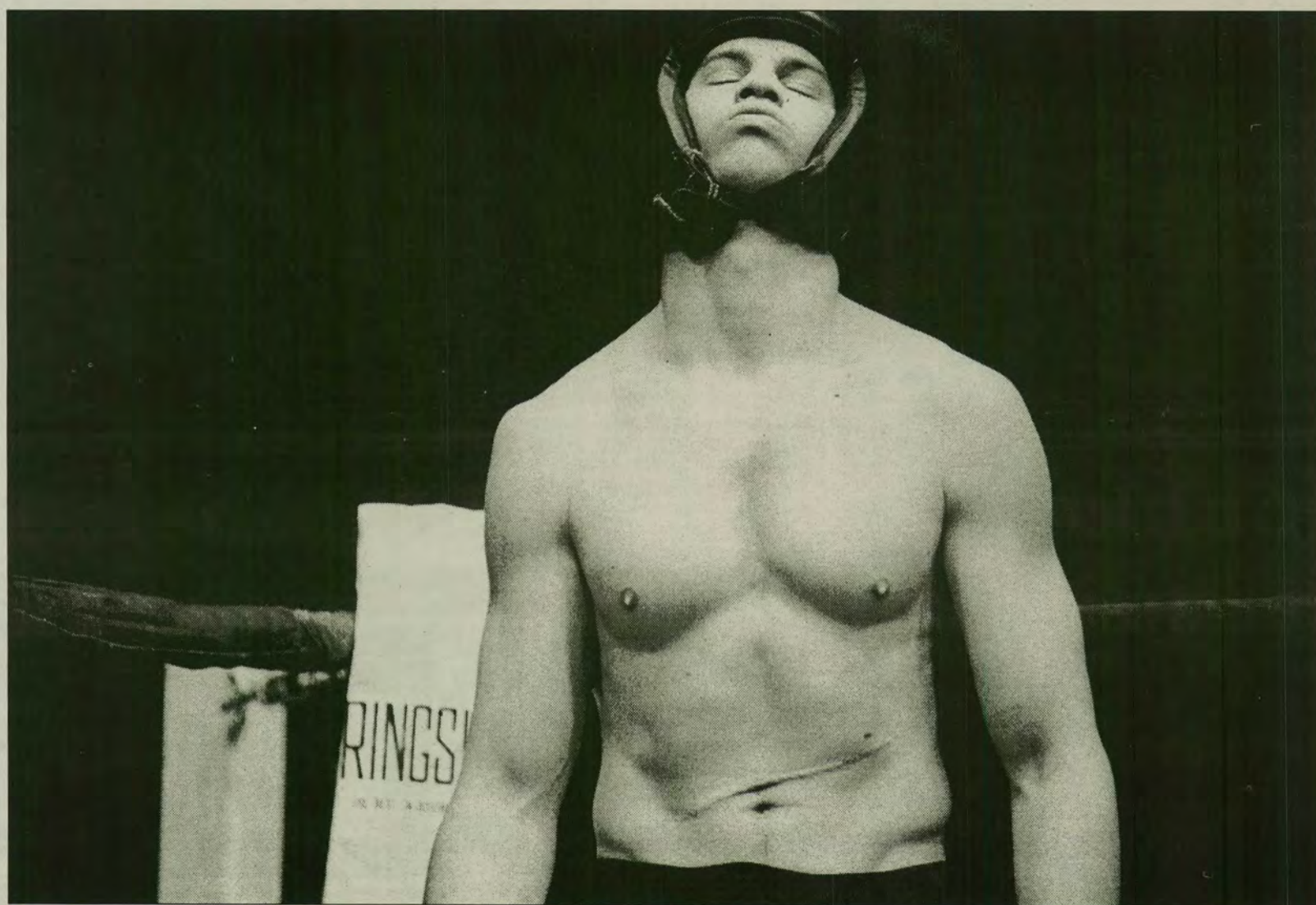
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Dillon junior Ryan "The Scar" Rands stretches his neck as he waits for his opponent to arise from the canvas.



One of the Bengal Bouts referees prevents a fighter from falling (above).  
The coach of the blue corner (right) watches on during first round action.





# WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Mountaineers to host season finale



The Observer/Mike Ruma

Senior center Katryna Gaither will look to lead the Irish past a West Virginia squad that has failed to challenge Notre Dame as of late.

By JOE CAVATO  
Sports Writer

Katryna Gaither and Beth Morgan took over in the second.

After struggling to pick up their last two wins, the Irish will take on a squad that they have had success with in the past to try to get their offense going before post-season play begins.

Last season, the Irish defeated West Virginia 73-55 and earlier this year they toppled the Mountaineers in their most astounding offensive performance of the campaign with a 103-58 triumph. The 18-10 West Virginia squad will most likely be the second seed in the upcoming Big East Tournament.

In Notre Dame's last two contests they have not dominated the game to the extent they would have liked. The Villanova Wildcats used a slow-paced style to stay close to the Irish and Seton Hall hung with the Blue and Gold well into the second half. Despite the struggles, the squad has continued to win by over ten points per game and feels good about its efforts.

"I feel really good about how we've been playing," head coach Muffet McGraw said. "Different people have stepped up and had big games."

In Saturday's 14-point win over the Pirates, junior guard Mollie Peirick turned in a terrific first half before seniors

Another factor contributing to the closer games is that it is the second time these squads have seen the Irish.

"In the last couple of games we played, the teams have been pretty good," Rosanne Bohman said. "Whenever you play a team the second time around, it will be a better game."

With tonight's contest being the last game before tournament time, the Irish are hoping to just maintain the momentum that winning 14 of their last 15 games has given them.

"We're just going to take it as any other game," Bohman said. "Overall we have been playing really well recently."

West Virginia will look for junior forward Talisha Hargis to lead the way in hopes of knocking off the Irish. Hargis ranks fourth on the Big East scoring list as she averages just under 18 points per contest. The Mountaineers will also have revenge on their minds as their 45 point loss to the Irish earlier in the year ended a six game West Virginia winning streak.

"I am sure that they will be ready to play and have a bit of revenge in mind," Bohman said. "I think it will be a lot better game the second time around."

## Baseball

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four innings, giving up just one run and striking out five.

On Saturday, second-ranked USC offered the Irish no relief. The Trojans jumped all over starter Gregg Henebry and chased him from the mound after 2 2/3 innings.

Notre Dame did rally to narrow the margin to 6-3 at the end of five, but fell apart thereafter, allowing eight runs in the final four innings.

Senior right-hander Mike Balicki provided a silver lining for the Blue and Gold as he threw 2 1/3 innings of one-hit, scoreless baseball in middle relief.

Offensively, Mike Amrhein continued to hit the ball well. The first baseman went two for four with an RBI and a run scored.

The Irish concluded their rocky opening weekend with a Sunday showdown against

Mississippi. The Bulldogs came out swinging against juniors Dan Stavisky and Pat Davis, scoring nine runs in the first three innings.

Notre Dame bats remained hot though, as they out-hit Mississippi 11-10.

Amrhein went three for four with two RBI and designated hitter Jeff Wagner recorded three hits in five plate appearances.

Although Mississippi went on to win the game 11-5, head coach Paul Mainieri was encouraged by what he saw.

"Amrhein showed that he is going to have a sensational year," remarked Mainieri, "and Wagner continued to hit the ball hard. Turco also showed some life with the bat that he didn't have last year."

There was even a reason for the coach to express optimism about the pitching staff and defense.

"(Brad) Lidge was really a bright spot for us," explained Mainieri. "He held Mississippi to two runs over five innings

and got five strikeouts. (Freshman) Brant Ust (also) made some phenomenal plays at third base."

Mainieri was hesitant to cite the team's lack of previous outdoor play as an excuse, but admitted that it did present the Irish with a difficult challenge.

"There is no question it was a severe handicap. A lot of pitchers had tough outings pitching outside for the first time," acknowledged Mainieri. "We walked a lot of batters and gave our opponents a number of scoring opportunities."

Considering the level of competition and the circumstances leading up to the weekend for Notre Dame, Mainieri's outlook seems appropriate.

"I wish to dwell on the positives," stated Mainieri. "To lose three games to that caliber of opponent is not (terrible). We did a lot of good things."

With some patience and continued hard work, it certainly appears that the Irish will have nothing to worry once their regular season is in full swing.

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former walk-on Pete Miller to leave the squad before the year started (due to a lack of a scholarship), but then return and be counted on to consistently hit a few threes each night, all the while thrilling the home-town crowd?

Who would have expected that the home games, particularly the hard-fought conference games, would be so genuinely entertaining?

The answer to these questions is actually pretty simple.

The Irish, as a team, did.

They had to have heard the nay-sayers, be it the members of the media or their classmates. But they didn't listen.

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Not only will Notre Dame take

the floor tonight with a legitimate shot at an NIT bid (something that hasn't happened since 1992), they will have an opportunity to finish their Big East season with a .500 record. It would take a win over the Hurricanes and a victory at Boston College to achieve the mark, but don't underestimate the gritty Irish.

Granted, the Big East is experiencing a terribly down year (just one ranked team, No. 17 Villanova), but to go from a 4-14 record in 1995-96 to the current 7-9 mark is admirable regardless.

Saturday's 22-point effort in overtime had to be the high point of the season.

The Irish showed the crowd pretty much everything they could ever hope to see.

In what amounted to a five-minute highlight session, there were dunks by Matt Gotsch and scorer David Lalazarian, swats

from Miller and Derek Manner, and threes from Lalazarian and White.

And there were plenty of cheers from the sold-out crowd of appreciative fans.

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■ WOMEN'S TENNIS

## Mixed results at Indoor Championship

By BILL HART  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's eleventh ranked women's tennis team had mixed results over the weekend, wrapping up their role in the USTA/ITA Women's National Indoor Championship with a win over Alabama and a loss to Vanderbilt.

On Friday, the Irish rallied back from being down 2-1, to beat the Crimson Tide 4-3. They began the match by securing the doubles point in three matches. The duo of Tiffany Gates and Jennifer Hall won No. 1 doubles while Courtney Haskell and Kelley Olson won the third doubles match.

In singles play, the Irish lost the first two matches before Gates won in three sets, 6-1, 2-6, 6-4. Olson rallied after trailing by a set and being down 5-1 in the second set of the deciding match to win 6-7 (3), 7-6 (2), 7-5. Darcie Sweet won at No. 6 in two sets, 6-1, 6-2, to seal the victory.

On Saturday, Notre Dame lost to No. 15 Vanderbilt by a final score of 5-0. The Irish team of Gates and Hall won No. 1 doubles before the Commodores came back to win the next two matches and the doubles point. In singles action, Vanderbilt clinched the victory with wins at No. 1, 2, 4 and 5. Matches No. 3 and 5 had to be suspended during the day.

With the results, the Irish record stands at 5-3 on the year, while Vanderbilt improves to 8-3 and Alabama falls to 6-2. The team next plays at Wisconsin on February 27, before returning home to face Duke on March 1.

■ MEN'S TENNIS

## North Carolina edges Irish

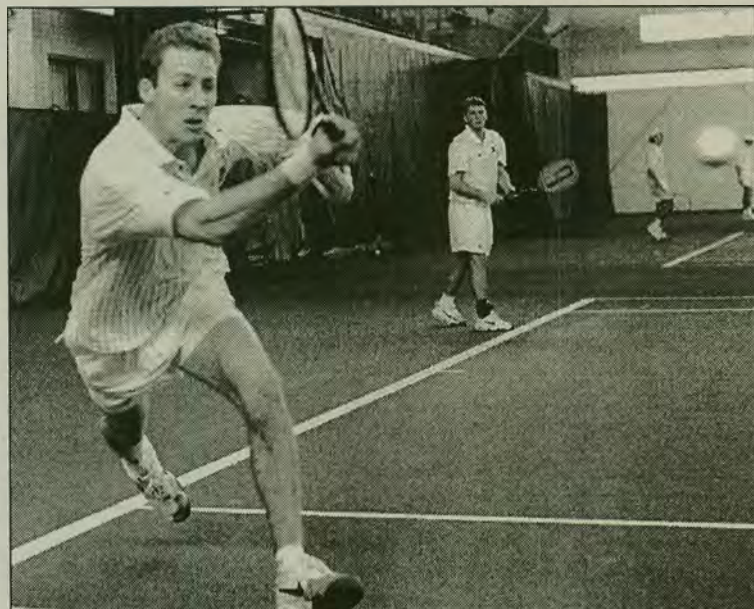
By JIM ZALETA  
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's tennis team was defeated No. 14 North Carolina on Sunday. The Irish fell to 8-3, while the Tar Heels remained perfect at 4-0. North Carolina won the match 4-3, capturing the doubles point which turned out to be the deciding factor as the singles matches were spilt evenly. The heart of the lineup of No. 2, 3 and 4 proved strong for the Tar Heels.

"There mid to low part of the lineup is exceptionally strong. Where most teams drop down in this area, their whole team is talented," Irish Coach Bobby Bayliss said.

In the doubles matches junior Jakub Pietrowski and sophomore Brian Patterson won easily over Tony Thomas and Tripp Phillips 8-2. North Carolina took the No. 2 and 3 doubles matches by scores of 8-6 and 8-5. Eric Saunders and Paul Harsanyi defeated senior Ryan Simme and junior Danny Rothschild.

Harsanyi has an unorthodox routine of serving right-handed and playing left-handed. He



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Junior Danny Rothschild (left) lunges for a forehand during a doubles match this weekend. Rothschild was victorious in his singles match.

also has one of the hardest serves in college tennis. Robert Tedesco and Eric Gordon won the No. 3 doubles match over freshmen Ryan Sachire and Trent Miller.

Miller commented, "They play hard, and the matches between these two teams always come down to the wire."

The last match to finish on Sunday was the No. 2 singles match between Pietrowski and Phillips.

It turned out to be the deciding factor for match. Pietrowski, down a set and trailing in the second 5-2, came back to force a tie-breaker. Phillips took full control of the tie breaker and defeated Pietrowski 7-6, 7-6.

In No. 1 singles Sachire had a tough first set, but dominated the second to win 7-5, 6-2. Sachire improves his No. 1 singles record to 5-2.

The Irish also won at No. 5 and 6 singles. Rothschild easily defeated Gordon 6-2, 6-2. Junior Eric Enloe defeated the Adam McNab and his overpowering serve. In two sets, Enloe won 6-3, 6-4. In No. 3 singles, Harsanyi defeated Patterson 6-3 in the first set, and shut him

out 6-0 in the second with his big, strong serves. Thomas won over Simme at No. 4 by a score of 6-2, 6-2.

"We lacked intensity," Simme commented. "We didn't play like we are capable of playing. It didn't seem like we were ourselves Sunday."

The Irish continue their season on Wednesday when they travel to Michigan State. The Irish have had a tough time defeating the Spartans recently winning matches with the score 4-3 over the past two years.

"They play tough matches," Bayliss said. "We can't underestimate them."

The 4-1 Spartans are currently ranked 69th in the country, and 8th in the region, six spots behind the Irish. Michigan State is led by sophomore Tray Eubanks. Eubanks is ranked 77th in the country. He has an impressive 15-5 record this season at No. 1 singles.

"We should be fired up after the disappointing loss on Sunday," Simme added. "We are looking to turn things around (after last weekend)."

The match begins at noon in East Lansing on Wednesday.

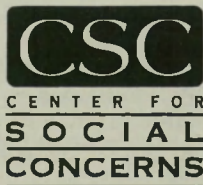
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## Canes

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they did on the road against Seton Hall in the previous game, the Irish asserted themselves to the delight of a raucous crowd.

Anyone who has attended a Notre Dame home game knows the term "raucous" must be used loosely, but head coach John MacLeod also knows that it's a start.

"There's nothing like the crowd we had here the other day," MacLeod said. "I'd still like to see more students come to the games because they really support our team. This is an exciting team. This is a fun team and it's a good team. We've had a solid following all year long and it seems to be getting bigger throughout the year. This crowd has been great this year."

As senior Admore White sent the game to the extra session Saturday, the Irish were not about to lose the crowd's energy in overtime.

"Once the team gets the momentum going, the crowd gets behind us," White added.

Especially when they cheer for a team that does not give up easily.

"This team is a very resilient club," MacLeod said. "They don't get discouraged."

Along with White, starters Matt Gotsch and Pete Miller and reserve Marcus Young will also participate in their last home game against Miami. Each has demonstrated improvement over their four years, culminating with the team's best year during this period.

"It's a special night for the seniors," MacLeod said. "They've accomplished quite a bit this season."

Beating Miami tonight would be another accomplishment, considering the Hurricanes have been atop the Big East 7 the entire year. The Hurricanes are currently tied for second with Georgetown in that division at 9-7. Now in their sixth Big East season, Miami has a chance to break their own record of nine conference wins.

"They have a deeper club than last year," MacLeod noted. "They have experience and are a versatile team."

"Miami is an excellent team,"



The Observer/Bret Hogan

Pete Miller, who did not even have a scholarship before the season, has provided an important outside threat for the Irish attack this year.

White said. "They crash the offensive boards and they have a unit just like us. They play hard and aggressive and come out to win every time."

The Hurricanes have encountered problems doing just that in their past three games. Saturday's 77-73 loss to St. John's marked their third straight Big East defeat.

"They (Miami) were on a tear to start the year and have now dropped a few close ones," MacLeod added. "The St. John's game went right down to the wire. They could have won it."

Sophomore forward Tim James has emerged as a force for Miami. James possesses an outside touch while also able to bang with the big bodies inside.

"Tim James is a very talented player," White added. "He's going to be a focus for us to try and contain him."

Forward Derek Manner will draw that assignment most of the night as he attempts to

clamp down on the leading Hurricane scorer. James enters the game averaging 14.8 points along with 7.2 boards per contest.

Junior sharpshooter Kevin Norris also worries MacLeod, as Norris is currently draining 33 percent of his three-point attempts.

"We have a lot of things we have to be tuned into," MacLeod said. "Norris is a major problem because of his ability to shoot the ball outside."

With a win tonight or Saturday at Boston College, the Irish will put themselves in good position to make the post-season for the first time since 1992. Asked if that scenario is accurate, MacLeod only confessed knowledge of one fact.

"The only thing I know is that the green and orange are going to be in here tonight," he said.

Knowing they are playing here has meant a lot for the Irish this season.

## TRACK

# Stars aim for NCAA Championships

By WILLY BAUER  
Sports Writer

Three of Notre Dame's indoor track stars put the Alex Wilson Invitational to good use by improving on their national ranking for the NCAA indoor championships or qualifying for the meet.

"The meet went very well," said coach Joe Piane. "Actually it went exceptionally well. It was great considering we were coming off the Big East meet. It was a very good weekend."

Freshman Jennifer Engelhardt, who has already qualified for the NCAA's, improved on her best leap of the year at the Alex Wilson high jump event. Engelhardt cleared nearly six feet to improve her position for the NCAA championships.

Senior Jeff Hojnacki continued to step to the forefront of the men's team. He again dominated the longer distance event, posting the third best time in the country in the 800-meter run. He also has qualified for the NCAA championships and improved his na-

tional ranking.

Junior Allen Rossum has came full circle after taking a year off, and qualified for the NCAA championships. Rossum, an All-American in 1995, finished in second place at the Big East meet last weekend, and qualified in the 60-meters. Rossum is currently in sixth-place nationally, heading into the NCAA meet.

"He has been running exceptionally well," said Piane. "He ran a converted 6.18 in the 55-meters. He can be faster than that as well. It's virtually unknown that he was a track All-American when he was a freshman, and I believe that more people should know that."

A meet that was supposed to be low-key turned out to be anything but. The Mayo Track record in the 400-meters was broken. The former record held by Derek Mills from Georgia Tech was that of 45.75 seconds.

"It was an exciting meet," said Piane. "It was a great meet with fantastic performances. It was great in all the events."

The Irish will be split this weekend, sending some team members to the USA Track meet in Atlanta and some to the Silverton Invitational in Ann Arbor, Michigan.



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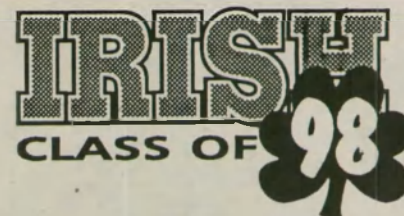
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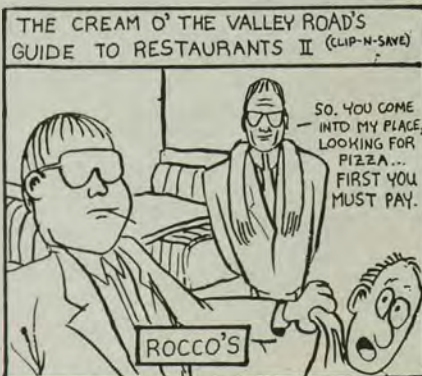


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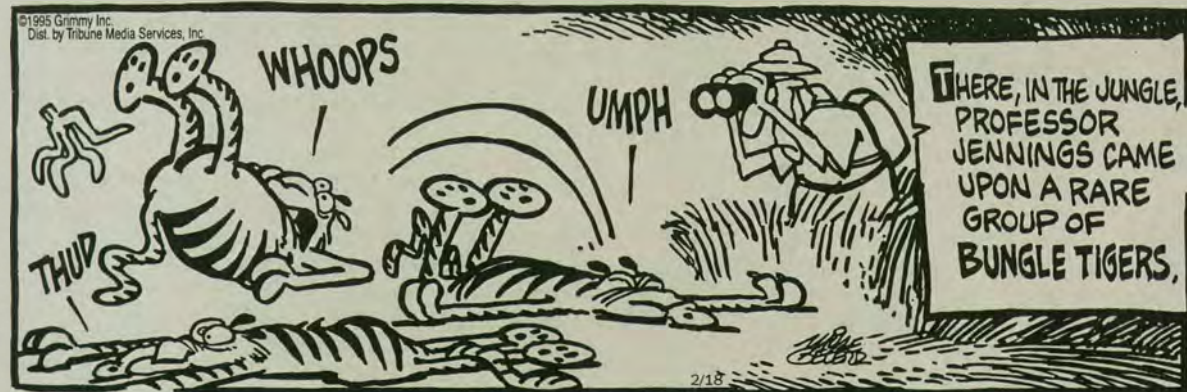
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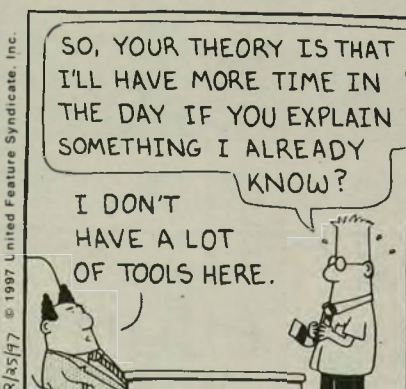


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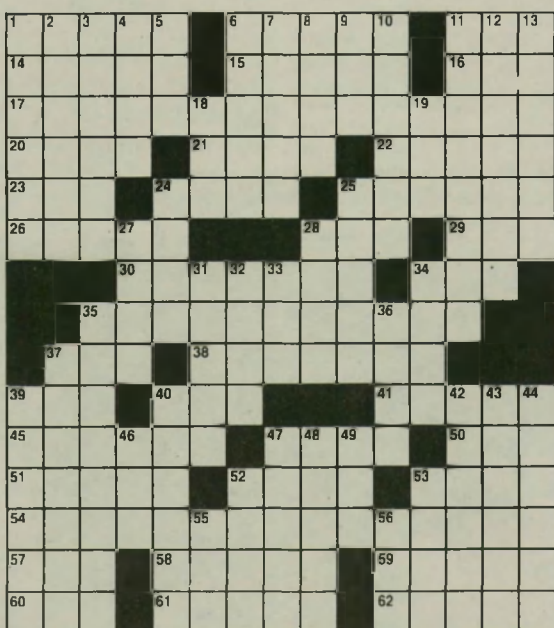
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- 21 In this place
- 22 Taboos
- 23 — of war
- 24 Luxuriate, as in the sun
- 25 Tone down
- 26 Incredible bargain

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- 28 Boeing product
- 29 The "I" in T.G.I.F.
- 30 George Bush's home now
- 34 Peer Gynt's mother
- 35 1932 Will Rogers film
- 37 Tofu source
- 38 Late singer named for a Dickens character
- 39 Midmorning
- 40 Douglas —
- 41 Adagio and allegro
- 45 Pennsylvania, for one
- 47 Food inspection inits.
- 50 Suffix with convention
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- 1 Puts into office
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- 12 Along the way
- 13 Helium and neon, e.g.
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Of Interest

**Latin American Foreign Policy toward the US:** "Can We Agree to Disagree?" is the title of a lecture presented by Jeanne Hey from Miami University. It will be held today at 12:30 p.m. in room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

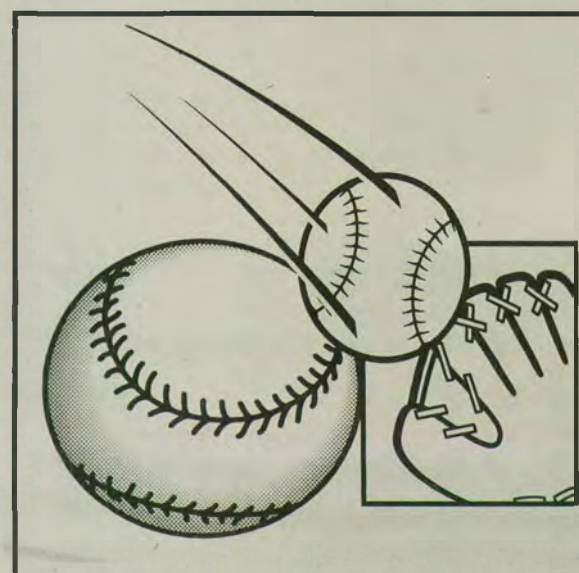
**Latin Expression Auditions** will be held by La Alianza for its annual variety show, "Latin Expressions" March 2-5. This year's theme is "El Alma Latina." Call Karina Cardona at 634-1283 for more information or to set up an audition.

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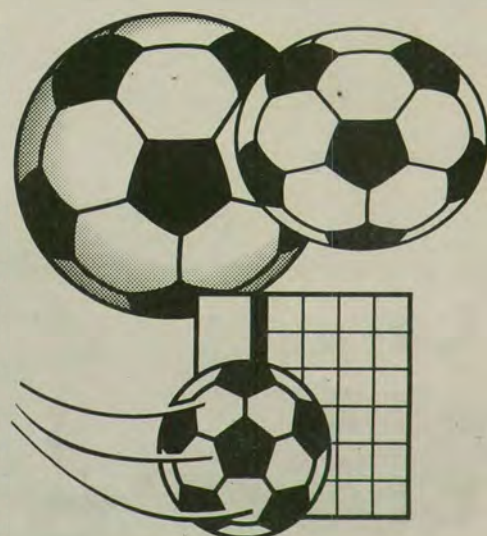
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## ■ WOMEN'S SWIMMING

## Pool Sharks



The Observer/Rob Finch

Over the weekend, the women's swimming team shocked the Big East by claiming the championship title for the first time in school history. Butterfly Liz Barger was one of many Irish swimmers who qualified for the NCAA's with her performance.

### Women's swim team captures its first title at Big East Championships

By BILL HART  
Sports Writer

Last year, Notre Dame was an underdog who managed to overcome everyone's expectations and finish third in the Big East. This year, the critics did not think that the Irish were contenders for the Big East crown.

Again, the critics were wrong.

This weekend, the Irish improved from last year's ranking and won the Big East Championships at Rutgers University.

"It's just a great feeling," Alison Newell said. "We overcame the adversities and the distractions and the results can speak for themselves."

Notre Dame began the competition at full pace, winning the 200 yard medley relay with a school record 1:44.97. They shattered the old record by almost two seconds. The relay team of Erin Brooks, Brittany Kline, Liz Barger, and Linda Gallo were just .07 seconds short of the NCAA consideration time.

Laura Shepard swam the first leg of the 200 freestyle relay in 23.97 seconds, setting a school record for the 50 freestyle. Her record led the Irish to a second place finish in the event. In diving, Gina

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## ■ BASEBALL

### Irish show heart despite losses

By BRIAN REINTHALER  
Sports Writer

In their first outdoor action of the season, the baseball team displayed a great deal of promise despite dropping three contests in the Long Beach Baseball Classic.

The Irish, who had been forced to work out indoors until this weekend, were literally thrown into the fire as they faced national powers Long Beach State, Southern California, and Mississippi in their first regular season contests. Each of these squads had played at least 10 regular season games before facing Notre Dame.

"I think it was a little bit tougher for us," commented sophomore Paul Turco. "It was our first time on the clay and these teams were already into their regular season."

The Irish faced host Long Beach State on Friday evening and were beaten in a shootout, 10-8. Right-hander Darin Schmalz had a rough first outing on the mound. The senior allowed seven runs, only three earned, on seven hits and two walks in 2 1/3 innings.

However, the squad displayed a great deal of heart as they battled back after falling into a 9-0 hole in the fourth inning. Turco contributed two hits and three RBI to the effort and freshman Jeff Felker knocked in three runs on three hits, while crossing the plate twice himself.

"I was swinging the bat well," said Turco, "and Felker did a real good job for us."

Although the Notre Dame rally came up short in the end, the team out-hit Long Beach 14-10 and received a strong effort in relief from sophomore Chris McKeown. The south-paw scattered two hits and three walks over



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## ■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

### Senior effort appreciated

By JOE VILLINSKI  
Associate Sports Editor

Tonight's final regular season men's basketball game at the Joyce Center may elicit an Irish teardrop for more than one reason.

Besides marking the last game for Notre Dame seniors, it will also mark the last time this season that the Irish take to a JACC court where they have

enjoyed remarkable success.

The Irish (13-11, 7-9) have posted an 11-3 mark in South Bend this year, while going only 2-8 on the road.

Saturday's inspired overtime comeback against Providence may have provided the best example of the JACC, jacking up the Irish. Instead of experiencing a second half collapse as

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The Observer/Bret Hogan

Point guard Admore White (12) is one of four seniors who will be playing his final regular season home game when Miami invades the Joyce Center this evening.

## ■ JOCK STRIP

### Year of great surprises

Who, in their right mind, would have expected what has happened at the Joyce Center this season?

Who would have expected that an overachieving Notre Dame squad would carry an 11-3 home record, including a 6-2 mark in the ever-competitive

Big East, into tonight's final home game against Miami?

Who would have expected that the Irish may have to cancel that trip to Key West (or South Padre, et al) due to an NIT bid?

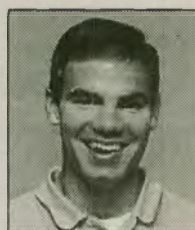
Who would have expected that coach John MacLeod almost surely saved his job by molding the Irish into the Big East's hardest working team?

Who would have expected Pat Garrity to blossom, in every facet of the game, to make himself the league's most valuable player?

Who would have expected a much maligned Admore White to bounce back from heart-breaking missed shots against Indiana and Connecticut to drain a game-tying three-pointer with .4 seconds remaining in Saturday's exhilarating overtime win over Big East 7 leader, Providence?

Who would have expected

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Tim Sherman  
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