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Hanover rejects appeal; O'Donoghue victorious

By TIM LOGAN
News Editor

In a surprise move Monday, Hunt Hanover and John Micek said they would not appeal the Election Committee's forfeiture of their candidacy for student body president and vice president, ending an election that has been marked with controversy from the start.

The decision was made Sunday evening, according to Micek, after the pair and some of supporters met and agreed that to

file an appeal, dragging out what has already been a long and arduous election, would only further alienate students from student government.

"When you're elected," he said, "You represent the attitudes of the student body, and this election has pushed the student body



O'Donoghue

out of student government."

Micek expressed hope that the newly elected ticket — Brian O'Donoghue and Brooke Norton — would work to repair that damage.

O'Donoghue, no longer worried about an appeal, was enthusiastic to get to work.

"Brooke and I are really happy



Norton

now that we have the opportunity to go full-steam straight ahead and work to make Our Lady's University a better place," he said. The pair has been working as student body president and vice president-elect since Friday, he said, preparing for the year in office.

The forced forfeiture cast a shadow over their initial victory Thursday, but O'Donoghue did not predict a similar shadow would be cast over the coming year.

"Would we have liked to win on a popular vote, absolutely,"

he said. "But is this in any way going to hinder our administration, absolutely not."

The pair was handed the presidency Thursday when the Election Committee, made up of judicial commissioners from each dorm, voted that Hanover/Micek violated three election bylaws, and thus were eliminated from the race. The violations each involved the use of e-mail in campaigning, and one noted that senior Michael Fairchild, a Hanover/Micek sup-

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Belles welcome Hispanic students



KRISTINE KAAI/The Observer

Members of La Fuerza, an organization at Saint Mary's for Hispanic women, socialize at Noble Dining Hall. In recent years, Saint Mary's has attracted a growing Latina population due to progressive financial aid programs and the introduction of Chicana-focused classes to the curriculum.

Recent studies indicate that SMC is an attractive option for Latina students

By NICOLE HADDAD
News Writer

Friday afternoons mark a celebration like "Cinco de Mayo" in Manuela Hernandez's Le Mans Hall dorm room each week. With her Latino music blaring, Hernandez usually relaxes, relieved to have finished another week of classes.

During her time at Saint Mary's, the meaning of being a Latina student has changed significantly. The number of Latinas has increased, and the College has been recognized for efforts to accommodate these students.

The Hispanic Outlook, a publication dedicated to exploring issues related to Hispanics in higher education, recently listed Saint Mary's College in its 4th annual "Publisher's Picks" issue as a college offering outstanding opportunities for Hispanic students. Selections were based on factors such as financial aid, scholarships and representation of Hispanics in faculty and administration.

"Saint Mary's College offers many opportunities for our Latina students to become involved and grow," said Maria Oropeza, director for the Office of Multicultural Affairs. "Our financial aid here is very strong, which enables students to look at us seriously as a choice for them."

The progressive financial aid programs at Saint

Mary's contribute to the inclusion of many minorities, and Latinas are the group most represented on campus.

Recent studies performed by the Educational Testing Service and Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities show that Hispanics, more than any other single group, believe a college education is important for everyone. The curriculum at Saint Mary's has evolved to reflect a more diverse population, and now includes courses on Chicano literature, Latin American politics and international business.

"Our Chicana lit class discusses the struggles of being a Chicana woman," said junior Mariecruz Segura. "Students become close because we feel we can relate to one another. We tell stories, going further than the text, and by opening up and finding examples, we become a very personal class."

For some students, it is important to feel part of a larger community before they can learn. Such a feeling is especially difficult to achieve when they are in the minority and miles from home.

"When you leave home, you leave behind your support — your family," Hernandez said. "In college my friends became my family and support, since sometimes only other Latinas can understand what you feel and see around you. It is only understandable that you look for a network of support similar to your own family."

However, like many

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Students provide tax assistance

By COLLEEN McCARTHY
Associate News Editor

For more than 25 years, Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students have reached out to members of the South Bend community by applying classroom learning to assist low-income individuals file their taxes.

Begun by a Notre Dame law student and MBA student in 1972, the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College Tax Assistance Program recruits mainly accounting and finance majors to volunteer during February, March and April to provide free tax preparation for community residents who make less than \$30,000 per year.

All students who choose to be involved in the program must take an income tax course as a pre-requisite, said Ken Milani, faculty coordinator of the program and a professor in the College of Business at Notre Dame. At the start of second semester, the students are also required to have additional training outside of the class.

"The extra 10 hours of training the students take focuses on situations they may encounter most often," said Milani. "We emphasize the child tax credit and dependent care credit among others, that may not be emphasized in their text books on income tax."

"However, these are important to be aware of with our clients. Also, because many of the students participating are not from Indiana, we spend about three hours on the Indiana tax return form itself."

Claude Renshaw, coordinator of the program for Saint Mary's

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INSIDE COLUMN

Jubilee justice, ND style

We are already six weeks into the Great Jubilee Year 2000. For Y2K, millennial parties or even graduation from Notre Dame, we have waited and planned for years. But as Christians, we have also been preparing for the Great Jubilee that is a part of this historical year.

A tradition with its roots in the Hebrew Scriptures and its beginning (for Christians) in A.D. 1300, the Jubilee is a year in which debts both spiritual and material are forgiven. In the ancient Hebrew tradition, land was not farmed and everyone's debts of land or money were cancelled. Since the 14th century, special indulgences have been granted to pilgrims visiting sacred sites and forgiving their debtors.

Originally once a century, the Jubilee now occurs every 50 years. This year is no exception.

Pope John Paul II asked the leaders of the world's nations to participate in this ancient tradition by forgiving international debts. Most complied immediately. Even the champion of capitalism and usury, the United States, agreed to forgive billions of dollars in debt to the poorest of nations. The Holy Father and the bishops of our Church have asked that everyone adopt the same penitential and charitable actions.

Which brings us to Notre Dame. Most demanding curriculum of any undergraduate school in the country: world-renowned in theology, philosophy, architecture, law and athletics; third largest university endowment in the country (15th in the world); and an annual operating budget more than 220 percent that of the Vatican City. There is no question that Notre Dame is one of the premier institutions of Catholic education in the world. It is also the wealthiest.

Every year approximately 65 percent of the student body receives financial aid in the form of scholarships, loans and work-study. It normally takes 10 years to pay off these debts, which typically amount to between \$20,000 and \$25,000. Many of our students don't need the maximum allowance for loans, but assuming that everyone who relieved financial aid were indebted to the fullest, the University of Notre Dame would be able to forgive their students' debts entirely from its annual surplus in less than three years.

I stress that this debt forgiveness that I suggest would come from surplus and not even the endowment or actual budget of the University. Christ says in the Gospels that the poor widow's mite was worth all the more because it was all she had, while the rich man who gave out of his surplus would not enter the Kingdom of Heaven. So what I am asking is hardly anything ... if the University's administrators really wanted to show their faith, it would be a reduction of overhead expenses to increase free grant aid to all students who have the need.

Forget Ex Corde Ecclesiae. If the University wants to be true to its Catholic character, it shouldn't even question bending over backwards to ensure that all of its current students and indebted alumni are forgiven their trespasses so that they might go about forgiving the debts and trespasses of others.

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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"If we look at higher education in terms of Christianity, then the goal [for students] is not the moment of graduation but the moment they die."

Monika Hellwig
executive director,
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"[Father Richard McCormick] was a gracious gentleman who seemed comfortable with his humanity."

Maureen Hallinan
sociology professor
on the death of Father
Richard McCormick

"This is going to be one of the goofiest elections of all time. Just watch, something is going to happen."

James Jesse
Student Union treasurer
on the student body
presidential election

"The workload is so demanding that it's difficult to form social relationships."

Tim Dysart
sophomore
on the social scene
at Notre Dame

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Police storm U. Wisconsin anti-sweatshop sit-in



MADISON, Wis. The University of Wisconsin-Madison's latest round of anti-sweatshop labor protests culminated in an 89-hour sit-in in Chancellor David Ward's Bascom Hall office that was forcibly disbanded early Sunday morning.

At 3:50 a.m., over 40 University police officers, Dane County Sheriff's deputies and Madison police officers began massing in the parking lot behind Bascom Hall. The officers wore gas masks and dressed in full riot gear, some carrying tear gas canisters and pepper spray. Neither agent was used over the course of the morning.

"I authorized this action," Ward said in a statement Sunday. "I did so because it is my responsibility to ensure that students, faculty and staff do not face intimidation, inter-

ference or personal danger as they go about their business ... These problems did develop. They had to end."

Sleeping protesters were jolted awake by others who had stayed up to serve as guards. Within minutes, while police officers assembled, the protesters had moved themselves into Ward's office. Seven of the demonstrators closest to the office's front door chained themselves

together with U-locks around their necks.

By the time police entered the building, nearly 70 protesters were waiting for them in Ward's office singing "We Shall Overcome." While six officers secured the adjacent lecture hall, two others entered the office and the remainder secured the rest of the wing.

At that point, police gave the demonstrators five minutes to evacuate before they would start arresting people.

With less than one minute left in their ultimatum, the protesters began rhythmically clapping. One protester shouted, "We are beautiful, and we are right!"

At 4:13 a.m., one of the officers called out, "The time period has expired. Everyone remaining in the building is now under arrest."

Dartmouth prof quits class over scandal

HANOVER, N.H.

In the wake of the cheating scandal in a computer science course, visiting professor Rex Dwyer announced Friday he will no longer be teaching the class after students reported that he stormed out of class on Friday afternoon. Dwyer also wrote in an email message to the class that he has identified approximately 40 alleged cheaters. Dwyer wrote that he had accepted an offer by the chair of the computer science department to stop teaching the class, citing personal difficulty in acting fairly to the majority of the class that did not allegedly cheat. "I apologize for the difficulty I've had lately keeping in mind the interests of the 75-80 percent of you who have behaved honorably during the course of the term," he wrote. He wrote in the message that he would be turning in "slightly more than 40 names" to the administration. The computer science chair said that he discussed with Dwyer the possibility of Dwyer leaving the class on Friday afternoon. This is the second class that Dwyer has ceased to teach. For the most part, students contacted by Dartmouth's student newspaper were critical of Dwyer's handling of the course from the begin-

Sit-in ends as U. Michigan joins WRC

ANN ARBOR, Mich.

Members of the University of Michigan's Students Organizing for Labor and Economic Equality evacuated Dean Shirley Neuman's office Friday after the University's president agreed to membership in the Worker Rights Consortium on a conditional basis. The agreement is being treated with guarded enthusiasm by some in the anti-sweatshop movement, who are curious to see how the University will define the conditions of its membership. The WRC is a policy developed by students to enforce labor codes of conduct in the production of collegiate apparel. The University will join the organization with two other schools, Indiana University and the University of Wisconsin at Madison. In a written statement, the three universities have agreed to join the consortium "without endorsing all of the provisions stated in the preliminary charter of the WRC." Interim Coordinator of the WRC Maria Roper said the organization is "very excited" over the agreement, but called the statement released by the three schools "really vague."

LOCAL WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast
AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

	H	L
Wednesday	59	44
Thursday	56	45
Friday	57	42
Saturday	52	37
Sunday	49	34

Legend: Showers, T-storms, Rain, Flurries, Snow, Ice, Sunny, Pt. Cloudy, Cloudy

NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, Feb. 22
Lines separate high temperature zones for the day.

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Atlanta	65	45	Las Vegas	52	30	Portland	53	38
Baltimore	50	34	Memphis	69	53	Sacramento	61	49
Boston	42	34	Milwaukee	52	45	St. Louis	64	51
Chicago	59	51	New York	47	38	Tampa	74	55
Houston	75	65	Philadelphia	50	35	Wash DC	52	37

CLC

Murphy demands increased Council productivity



CLC members met Monday to discuss "housekeeping items" such as Council productivity, attendance policies and committee work.

By HELENA RAYAM
News Writer

Student body president Micah Murphy called for more productivity from the Campus Life Council during its meeting Monday.

Addressing what Murphy called "housekeeping items," he suggested that members ask the question, "What are we really doing here?"

According to the CLC's mission, the council is comprised of student leaders, faculty, administration and rectors who meet collectively every other week and have committee meetings during the week to discuss specific University matters. Murphy challenged the CLC not to limit its meetings to discussion, but to continue to act through committee work and by passing resolutions.

"A bunch of words without actions isn't really doing anything," said Murphy. "I don't want to see us slow down."

Murphy reviewed some of the CLC's top issues for the year including binge drinking, eating disorders, diversity, 24-hour space and a clarification of the student appeal process. Murphy introduced additional

issues that dealt with "improving daily life" on campus. He mentioned upper class tutoring, bike racks and making more use of campus technology.

Assistant vice president of Residence Life William Kirk added, "We've had some good efforts from this group, but we can do a whole lot more."

The CLC specifically discussed problems with its attendance policy. Because members serve on other University committees and organizations, perfect CLC attendance is not possible for all members. Murphy and others also stressed the need for members to be present at CLC meetings.

"Let's just kind of get back to the heart of why we're here," Murphy said.

In other CLC news

♦ CLC members approved a resolution requesting that a student member be on the University Advisory Committee on the Disabled. Although in the past, students have been on the committee, the CLC wants to make a permanent student position.

"I really support their idea to have student representation," said professor Edward Manier.

♦ Because of recent problems with the student body presidential elections, Murphy and Judicial Council president Kelly Folks want to form a committee to address problems in the election bylaws.

"My goal is to clarify the bylaws so that we won't have some of the problems that we had during this election," said Folks, adding that the new committee will meet during the next two weeks. The current Senate will still be in session to approve any new bylaws.

♦ The Academic Committee will suggest professors be allowed to scan the NDAccess I-Drives for copies of old tests. Professors should be aware of test files and decide whether to permit the use of tests, the committee reported.

♦ Murphy suggested the CLC look into a past resolution about the consistency of parietyals across campus during Junior Parents' Weekend. Parietyals were not equally enforced last weekend, he said.

♦ The Gender Relations Committee will bring its 24-hour space resolution back to the floor after it receives feedback from rectors and hall monitors.

Trustees approve SMC renovations

By MOLLY MCVOY
News Writer

The Saint Mary's Board of Trustees approved plans for renovations to Dalloways Coffeehouse, the Welcome Center and Regina Hall at last weekend's meeting.

"I'm very excited about the prospect of moving forward [with Dalloways]," said Keith Dennis, vice president of Finance and Administration.

The board approved using money from the College's Plant fund to finance Regina renovations. The fund was begun years ago, and money has been put aside for building renovations and improvements.

As part of the approval of the Dalloways Coffeehouse, the board said the proposed cost of \$600,000 must decrease before construction will begin. The College could not release the amount suggested by board members.

Dennis explained that although it is a significant amount, the College has already begun discussions with

Ziolkowski Construction about how to lower the figure.

"I think we'll have it nailed down by the end of the week," Dennis said. "When we get it down to a reasonable budget, the board has authorized us to go ahead."

The Welcome Center was approved as presented.

A student panel also addressed the board about student life. Board members asked questions of current students.

"[The board] was really open-minded," said Penelope Kistka, a senior and member of the panel. "You go to school here so long and get so involved, but you never get to meet the people who are behind the scenes."

The student panel discussed positive and negative aspects of life at Saint Mary's. It covered improve-

ments in technology and the athletic program. Members also discussed the need for more meal plan options, a big sister/big brother program and more job fairs on campus.

"We walked out of there with a very good feeling," senior class president Anne Pangilinan said. "We thought the board was very attentive. They took us very seriously."

Eldred was very pleased with the outcome of the student group as well.

"It really turned out to be a dialogue between the students and the board," she said.

The board also was presented with a preliminary budget for next year as well as information about how the changing costs of a Saint Mary's education will affect the school next year.

"I'm very excited about the prospect of moving forward [with Dalloways]."

Keith Dennis
vice president of Finance and Administration



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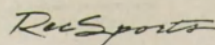
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SMC meets candidates for class councils, diversity board

By NICOLE HADDAD
News Writer

Members of the Saint Mary's community were given the opportunity to meet each class's presidential candidates as well as candidates for the Diversity Board during the Meet the Candidates session Monday.

Before opening the floor to questions from students, candidates answered questions generated by the Board of Governance

Diversity Board

Monday night's session started with the candidates for the Student Diversity Board, which was approved by the Board of Governance two weeks ago.

This will be the diversity board's inaugural election.

"Not everyone who attends Saint Mary's is Catholic ... working with campus ministry we hope to work with people and make more people feel at home," said Jessica Delgado, who is running for vice-president of the board with Akmaral Omarova. Omarova and Delgado also expanded on their ideas for social and cultural events.

"[We want to] try to bring in more diversity in terms of intellectual speakers on campus, we need to get more people here to educate us. For example, [we want to] bring in someone who will teach us to African dance, something that will educate us and be fun [at the same time]," said Omarova.

Nikki Gonzalez and Andrea Romero, also running together for the diversity board, said they want to increase the number of multicultural students on campus. They proposed having multicultural students on campus make recruiting calls to prospective multicultural students to encourage them to come to Saint Mary's.

The third pair of candidates running for the Diversity Board is Katie Poynter and Julie Frischkorn. The first issue they discussed was the anti-discrimination clause in their platform.

"There first needs to be a way to spread the word that [a anti-discrimination clause] does not exist ... We want people to know Saint Mary's is a diverse campus," said Frischkorn.

"If all of us do our jobs effectively, the diversity will come to us," said Poynterand.

All six candidates also offered their own definitions of diversity.

"Diversity to me is a lot of everything that makes up something. Each of us makes up Saint Mary's. We hold a significant part to each other," said Delgado.

Class of 2001

Only one ticket, led by presidential hopeful Autumn Palacz, is running for the class of 2001's class council. That ticket's ideas are to create a senior class mural in the tunnel system, to generate creative fundraising activities to reduce the cost of

the Senior Formal and to increase student involvement in community service.

"We need to leave an impression of our experience," said Alyson Leatherman, who is running for treasurer. Some of their significant contributions to their class this year have been the monthly service events, including the AIDS walk.

"This gives juniors the opportunity to reach out to the community," said Julia Malczynski, the vice-presidential candidate.

Class of 2002

Candidates for the class of 2002's council had the opportunity to explain specific of their respective.

Presidential candidate Katy Robinson spoke of her ticket's proposed support group.

"[The group would act] as a youth group that reaches out to the class and lets the people know that there are others who want to listen to you. It's a way for the class to interact," Robinson said.

Presidential candidate Abeer Zayed suggested a trip to Windsor, but emphasized that the trip would not promote underage drinking.

"It's not a traditional activity, rather a way to show students a new culture," said one of Zayed's runningmates, vice-presidential candidate Kristen Wojtas.

Presidential candidate Erin Callahan and her runningmates suggested a Big Sister/Little Sister program.

"This would be implemented with children in the community allowing students to devise groups to take on a child and sponsor activities," Callahan said.

Another ticket, led by presidential candidate Katy Robinson, suggested a Woman's Survival Day with the motto "Teaching women everything they're not supposed to know." Topics would include self-defense and changing a tire.

"We want to celebrate our women's college and recognize that we are in a vacuum," said Mandy Schomas, running for secretary on the Robinson ticket.

The class of 2002 tickets agreed that communication

was very important.

"We all have different interests, and through the different departments, we ignite change through communication," Wojtas said

Class of 2003

Meet the Candidates continued with the candidates running for the Class of 2003's class council answering questions about their platforms.

Presidential candidate Stephanie Pace said that her ticket's experience gives it an edge over its opponents.

"We know the people, we know how to run the board. I think our experience from this year will help us next year and the years to come.

The knowledge we have this year from working on the board will help our class take a step forward," said Alison Joseph, running for vice president with Pace.

Presidential candidate Kristen Matha said her ticket's strength rested in its diversity. Matha would like to implement the Sober Sisters program, increase attendance at the sporting events and start a sophomore spirit club and spirit week.

Presidential candidate Katie Vincer, however, discussed her ticket's ideas of having a class trip, T-shirt and lock-in.

"Within this lock-in we will bring different bands in and have basketball games. Pretty much just to bring the class together," said Vincer. "It's time for a change. It's time to become part of a class. We're ready to

move on."

The forth ticket, led by presidential candidate Jen Hackbush, would also like to implement a sophomore class lock-in next year. However, the ticket would like the event to benefit a charity. The ticket would also like to have open board meetings and a more informative class newsletter, with its main objective being to bring the board closer to the Class of 2003.

"We can come in with a better out look, we saw what went wrong and right this year," said Hackbush.

All candidates agreed that class unity was one of the most

important issues this year.

"We should encourage students to join in activities planned by the board," Karen Higley, who is running for treasurer with Hackbush.

Matha and her runningmates — Kim Jensen, Kristie Maurer and Molly O'Shea — agreed.

"We can't turn away from others' ideas," said Jensen, the ticket's vice-presidential candidate.

The tickets also agreed that leadership was an important part of building community.

"I wanted to run and get involved. As a member of BOG, I was able to listen to the class," said Pace.

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Tuesday February 22nd

Keough/Welsh \$1 movies at Movies 16 Chippawa
Cavanaugh/Keenan Karaoke on the Quad 3-5pm

Wednesday February 23rd

St.Ed's/Walsh Game Watch in Walsh Basement 7pm
Siegfried/PW Sexes Trivia in Siegfried
Morrissey/Howard/Lyons La Esperanza hood
and Dance Lessons 7pm in Morrissey
PE Snow Party 3-5pm outside PE
Farley Celebration in Diversity, Hesb. Auditorium 7pm

Thursday February 24th

O'Neill King of Mardi Gras Contest 7pm in O'Neill
Kuott Hall Poker Night 9pm-12am
Dillon's own band "Sexual Chocolate" 9pm-11pm
Lewis Dinner and Philosopher on Love, Prof. O'Conner

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

China threatens Taiwan with attack over unification

BEIJING

With a month to go in Taiwan's presidential election campaign, China warned Monday that it might attack the island if Taiwanese leaders indefinitely refuse to talk unification. The threat, delivered in a policy paper from China's cabinet, was intended to increase the pressure on Taiwan's three presidential candidates. Although there was no immediate reaction from Taiwan's government or the candidates' camps, policy toward China has been at the center of the campaign, which ends March 18. Already this month, China sailed its newly acquired, heavily armed Russian-built destroyer through the Taiwan Strait. Additionally, Chinese President Jiang Zemin toured military bases over the weekend in southern China that would be the ones used in any invasion of Taiwan, the Hong Kong media reported.

Irradiated meat arrives in markets after food rules change

WASHINGTON

Ground beef that's been zapped to kill deadly bacteria could start showing up in supermarkets next month. New rules that allow the irradiation of raw beef, pork and lamb take effect Tuesday. To its advocates, irradiation could be one of the biggest advancements in food safety since the pasteurization of milk. The question is whether consumers want it. "Most people are ready. They are sick and tired of hearing of cases of food-borne outbreaks," said Christine Bruhn, director of the Center for Consumer Research at the University of California-Davis. Most meatpackers intend to start small, testing irradiated ground beef in select markets to see how it sells.

Pope's pilgrimage to Egypt will be religious, political

CAIRO

Pope John Paul II's visit to Egypt is in many ways a personal pilgrimage, but it will also focus attention on sectarian tensions in a country where politics and religion often mix in volatile ways. "We cannot deny that there will be a political aspect," Egyptian Catholic Bishop Youhanna Kolta said Monday at a news conference called to outline the pope's three-day visit. "His holiness is aiming to make his visit to Egypt a spiritual journey, a pilgrimage," the bishop said. "The political side is to strengthen relations with the Egyptians here, with the Coptic Orthodox Church and with the Muslims."

YUGOSLAVIA



AFP Photo

U. S. soldiers leave a building in the northern part of Kosovska Mitrovica on Monday during a weapons search. Some 75,000 Kosovar Albanians from Pristina marched to Mitrovica to demand the reunification of the town.

Tear gas stops Serbs in Kosovska

Associated Press

KOSOVSKA MITROVICA

French and British troops fired tear gas to push back thousands of ethnic Albanians trying to force their way across a bridge into the Serb-controlled side of this ethnically divided city.

Up to 4,000 Serbs were waiting on the north side of the bridge, determined to battle the Albanians themselves to keep them from entering their part of this northwestern Kosovo industrial city.

The Albanian crowd, numbering between 6,000 and 10,000, managed to breach French positions on the

approach to the bridge over the Ibar River, and more French troops rushed to the bridge and began firing volleys of tear gas in five-minute intervals.

British troops blocked the bridge with armored vehicles and pushed away ethnic Albanian men who tried to climb over the vehicles.

By the 6 p.m. start of a daily 12-hour curfew, crowds on both sides were dispersing.

In a sign that the Serbs were prepared for a showdown, some Serb women and children began evacuating the city, and a local Serb leader, Nikola Kabasic, told a Belgrade radio station that the Serbs were bringing

in reinforcements from neighboring villages to defend their part of the city if NATO cannot control the Albanians.

No American troops were involved in the scuffles at the bridge. On Sunday, U.S. troops taking part in a weapons search in the Serb part of the city withdrew to the ethnic Albanian south bank after Serbs pelted them with stones.

The commander of the embattled, NATO-led Kosovo Force, German Gen. Klaus Reinhardt, congratulated the troops for showing restraint in the face of escalating tensions, which threaten to engulf this city and perhaps the entire province in a new round of bloodletting.

80,000 protest U. S. Navy in San Juan

Associated Press

SAN JUAN

Summoned by Puerto Rico's top religious leaders, more than 80,000 people staged one of the biggest demonstrations in years here Monday to protest the planned resumption of U.S. Navy training on the island of Vieques.

Carrying banners bearing the portrait of Jesus and reading, "We Want Peace," along with red, white and blue Puerto Rican flags, the protesters staged a silent march along a one-mile stretch of San Juan's Las Americas Expressway, cor-

doned off by hundreds of police officers.

Called by top religious leaders, including the heads of Puerto Rico's Catholic and Methodist churches, the "Peace for Vieques" march repudiated an agreement between Gov. Pedro Rossello and President Clinton to resume limited training on Vieques, the Navy's prize Atlantic fleet bombing range. Police Chief Pedro Toledo estimated the crowd at 85,000.

"We are showing the consensus in Puerto Rico's heart in favor of peace and justice," said San Juan

Archbishop Roberto Gonzalez Nieves. "It is a signal of hope and confidence."

Organizers depicted the protest as nonpolitical, though many members of this U.S. territory's tiny Independence Party participated.

Church leaders' increasing involvement in anti-Navy protests has angered many pro-statehood politicians here. They fear the protests could harm efforts to make Puerto Rico — recipient of \$11 billion in federal funds annually — the 51st U.S. state.

"It is anti-American, anti-

Navy and does not contribute to the serious work that Gov. Rossello has done to obtain the Navy's exit," said House speaker Edison Mislal Aldarondo.

Clinton and Rossello agreed last month to allow the Navy to resume limited training using inert bombs. The pact calls for a referendum, likely to be held in 2001, that will give Vieques residents two choices.

One will allow the Navy to resume use of the range on its own terms — including the use of live bombs. They may also require the Navy to cease all training by May 1, 2003.

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Latina

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other Latina students, adjusting to college life at Saint Mary's was no easy task.

"Because I didn't have any of my family or friends here, I would get more homesick because I would keep going home. I felt alone," said sophomore Jessica Delgado. "Saint Mary's offers me the college experience I've always dreamed about — but it was not handed to me on a silver platter. I had to go out and look for it."

Joining La Fuerza and other campus organizations, allowed her to prove her strength and courage, Delgado said.

Opportunities for minority students to feel more a part of the Saint Mary's community include a special orientation meeting for international students, specific ethnic clubs and the wide range of leadership opportunities.

"At Saint Mary's, we have really worked toward giving our students the best opportunities we can. If they make the effort to reach out, someone will be there to hold their hand," said Oropeza.

"This college has done an excellent job of making me feel like Saint Mary's is my home away from home," said Delgado. "My second semester I became more involved with [the Hispanic student organization] La Fuerza and then I started becoming better friends

with the Latinas on campus. I started going to Spanish Mass, participating in more multicultural events and beginning to feel more at home."

Delgado said she is glad to see a significant expansion of Multicultural Affairs.

"Saint Mary's now offers more opportunities such as bilingual Masses," said Delgado. "They are also making an effort to reach the needs of students of diversity. The Diversity Board is one of the big things Saint Mary's will hold on to."

While students have noticed these progressive changes, some said they did not agree with the validity of the magazine ranking.

"I was very surprised," said senior Rocio Rodriguez. "I can't say they've made a lot of progress. I've seen changes in the expansion of Multicultural Affairs, but I do not agree that Saint Mary's has an outstanding representation of faculty and administration. I don't know of any Hispanic professors except in the language department. However, with the increase in Hispanic students, I can see the dedication from faculty. They are more open to what they need to do to get more students."

Hernandez said she hopes that there will be even more diversity at the College in the future, including a more diverse faculty.

"I hope in 10 years when I return to visit Saint Mary's, I will see more diversity in all aspects of the college, including the glass case that holds the photographs of the Board of Trustees," Hernandez said.

"Because I didn't have any of my family or friends here, I would get more homesick and keep going home. I felt alone."

Jessica Delgado
sophomore

Election

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porter, campaigned on behalf of the pair on an election day.

These violations were what Hanover/Micek intended to appeal, but the candidate's changed their minds over the weekend, deciding not to draw out the election process any further.

"This isn't about all [the violations]," Micek said. "We want to make it known that we want this to end, and we think the student body is crying out for this to end."

With the election having

been forfeited, the actual vote tallies were never released, so almost no one knows who would have emerged victorious if the Election Committee had been overturned. O'Donoghue/Norton won the primary election Monday, Feb. 14 by nine percent of the vote, however.

Thursday night, Hanover and Micek said they would appeal, and campaign manager Dan Peate had prepared an appeal document, which was expected to be filed Monday. But instead, the team to end the election, one that they feared was alienating the very students they were hoping to represent.

"It was a very difficult decision," Peate said.

"Brooke and I are really happy now that we have the opportunity to go full-steam straight ahead and work to make Our Lady's University a better place."

Brian O'Donoghue
student body
president elect

Taxes

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and professor of business administration, said thorough training is essential for students.

"We want the students to know the ins and outs of the tax form," said Renshaw. "We want them to be aware of all the credits that are available so they may be able to get additional money for these people which in some cases amounts to several hundred dollars through credits. Now that's a good way to make someone's day."

Last year, the program filed nearly 3,000 tax returns. Many customers return every year. Throughout the years, the program has become popular with residents of the community and students.

"The fact that we do as many returns as we do indicates we have a lot of credibility in the community," said Milani. "They are aware that we have competent individuals that we are sending out to assist them."

Above all, credibility is crucial, said Milani.

I tell the students that they can be compassionate, caring and concerned, but if they are not competent, that creates real problems for us," said Milani.

Although the number of students who participate in the program fluctuates from year

to year, this year a record 90 students are taking part. Students generally volunteer to work one three-hour shift per week at any of five South Bend locations. Although times and days vary from center to center, the program operates Monday through Saturday from Feb. 12 through April 15.

"The primary motivation for a lot of the students to participate is that they are looking to go into the professions of accounting or finance and this is an opportunity for them to get real-world experience,"

"We want the students to know the ins and outs of the tax form. We want them to be aware of all the credits they may be able to get additional money for these people which in some cases amounts to several hundred dollars through credits."

Claude Renshaw
Saint Mary's
program coordinator

said Milani. "It's also a time for them to give back to the community that they have become a part of during their time at Saint Mary's or Notre Dame."

Saint Mary's senior accounting major Kim Jakob participated in the tax assistance program last year and felt the opportunity provided her with a solid background to prepare her for doing tax work after graduation. Although Jakob is not participating in the program this year, she is assisting former clients she helped last year with their taxes.

"In class, we learned different situations we could encounter but I got the real gist of different tax situations that could occur when I was

doing this for real," said Jakob. "I appreciated the interaction with clients and trying to figure out what they've done throughout the year and helping them determine if they are in a situation to receive tax credits, or in some cases, penalties."

Jennifer Mulsoff, a Saint Mary's junior accounting and finance major, said her experience with the program this year has allowed her to apply what she learned in the classroom to real-world tax situations.

"It's a challenging and rewarding experience. This is something I may want to do after graduation, so I thought it would be good to get involved early," said Mulsoff. "It is definitely good training to be able to work hands on with people from the community. We have people from the community who come in and don't have a clue about how to do their taxes."


"They lay out all their paper work in front of us and we go through it all with them. When they find out they are getting money back, they are always so happy."

Students generally work in pairs and at most locations, a Certified Public Accountant is on hand to assist if questions or situations arise that the students are unsure of how to tackle.

Mulsoff, who works on Saturday mornings for three hours at the Mishawaka Library, saw the popularity of the program the first day she volunteered.

"We arrived early that Saturday because it was the first we were volunteering," she said. "We arrived at 9 a.m. and didn't open until 9:30 a.m., but there was already a line outside the doors. We had at least 30 people waiting in line that first Saturday."

summer session



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The 2000 summer session will begin on Monday, June 19 (enrollment) and end on Wednesday, August 2 (final exams). Some courses — primarily in science and languages — will begin and end before or after these dates. The summer session Bulletin contains complete schedule information. The Bulletin is available at the Summer Session Office (510 Main Bldg.) beginning on Thursday, February 10. Information on summer courses, as it appears in the Bulletin, is also available at the summer session Web site (<http://www.nd.edu/~sumsess/>).

Notre Dame continuing students — undergraduate and graduate students in residence during the spring semester of 2000 who are eligible to return in the fall — must use DART 1) to register for summer courses and 2) to add or drop courses through Friday, June 23. The DART PIN (personal identification number) for summer will be sent to all continuing students in early March. Course call numbers, along with all other course information, is published in the Bulletin and at the Web site.

DART will be available for summer registration from March 22 to June 23. Students may register or make schedule changes whenever they choose during this period; no appointment times are necessary.

Students may register for summer session courses at any time up to the first day of the course. Students who decide to register after DART closes on Friday, June 23 must complete the standard summer session application/course selection form.

Air conditioned and non-air conditioned housing and (optional) summer meal plans will be available. Forms for these services may be obtained at the Summer Session Office at any time during the spring semester.

Tuition for the summer session of 2000 will be \$232 per credit hour plus a \$40 general fee.

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RUSSIA

Moscow vows to complete war against Chechen rebels

Associated Press

MOZDOK

Waves of Russian bombers on Monday slammed the entrance to a gorge where thousands of Chechen fighters are holed up, while Moscow promised to press the offensive until the last rebel is wiped out.

Jets roared off in pairs from Mozdok, the main Russian military base near Chechnya. A Russian military officer, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the bombers were striking the so-called Wolf's Gates, at the mouth of the Argun Gorge.

Sergei Yastrzhembsky, the Russian presidential aide in charge of the Kremlin's information campaign on Chechnya said up to 4,500 rebels are in the gorge.

"The gunmen are totally blocked there, and the blockade is gradually tightening," he said. Acting President Vladimir Putin said the offensive would continue until the rebels are annihilated.

The war "will be brought to its logical end," when there are no militants left in

Chechnya and the small republic is brought back under Moscow's control, he said at a military awards ceremony in the Kremlin.

Since rebels fled the Chechen capital Grozny en masse in early February, Russia has focused its offensive on the southern mountains.

The Argun and Vedeno gorges cut deep into the steep, foggy mountains and are key channels for the rebels to transport equipment and reinforcements.

Over the past week, Russia has redeployed many of its troops from other parts of Chechnya to positions near the mountains, preparing for a full assault.

A top Russian military official said recently that the war could be over in a month, raising the possibility that its end could come just before the

March 26 Russian presidential elections.

Putin already is far ahead of his challengers in pre-election opinion polls and ending the war before the voting could substantially boost his support.

Putin's strong showing in the polls apparently is a reflection of wide approval of his tough handling of the five-month-old war.

Nonetheless, Russian authorities are clearly concerned about a rebel resurgence. Rebel bands continue to mount sporadic

raids on Russian-held towns and officials have repeatedly said the rebels are believed to be preparing wide attacks for Wednesday.

That day is both the Russian Defender of the Fatherland holiday and the day that Chechens commemorate the bitter memories of the 1944 mass deportation of Chechens

to Central Asia under Soviet dictator Josef Stalin.

Defense Minister Igor Sergeev, attending a Russian military parade in the Chechen capital Grozny, said troops were trying to encircle Chechen rebels in the Argun gorge to prevent them from ambushing federal-held areas.

"The main thing is not to let the bandits out — to finish them off in the areas where you have pushed them," Sergeev said.

Interior Minister Vladimir Rushailo said Chechen President Aslan Maskhadov and warlords Salman Raduyev and Shamil Basayev were hiding out in the Argun gorge with rebels, the news agency ITAR-Tass reported.

Rushailo underlined Putin's intention to wipe out the

rebels by reiterating Russia's frequent refusal to hold negotiations with Maskhadov.

In Grozny, Emergency Situations Ministry workers were burying bodies retrieved from basements where most civilians hid during the Russian bombardment. Almost no civilians have been visible on the streets since the military sealed the city and prohibited all non-military traffic until at least March 1.

Yastrzhembsky said the city's civilian population had plunged to just 9,883 people. Since the blockade was imposed last week, 11,127 people have fled the Chechen capital, he said.

Russia sent troops into Chechnya in September, after Chechnya-based Islamic militants invaded Dagestan. The Chechens also are blamed for four apartment bombings in Russia in September that killed 300 people.

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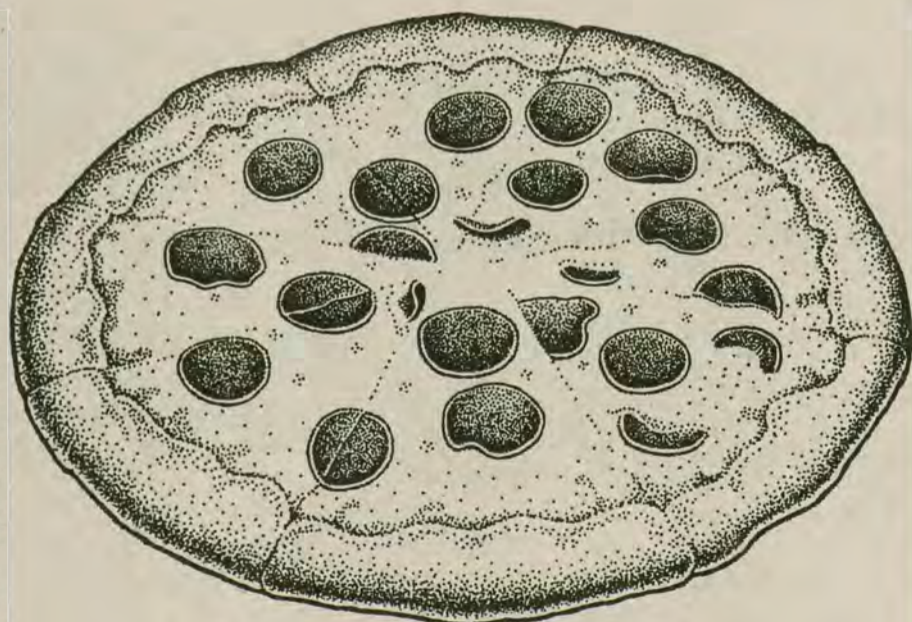
Sergei Yastrzhembsky
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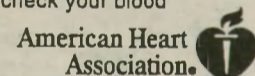
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Historians rank Clinton last in 'moral authority'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
President Clinton rates near the top for managing the economy and pursuing equal justice, but dead last when measured for "moral authority," according to a ranking of presidents by 58 historians.



Clinton

Overall among presidents, Clinton comes across in the middle, 21st out of 41 men who have occupied the Oval Office.

Two other presidents marked by scandal — Richard Nixon and Warren Harding — came in just above Clinton in the historians' view of moral leadership.

The academics rated Abraham Lincoln, Franklin D. Roosevelt, George Washington, Theodore Roosevelt and Harry Truman as the best leaders overall in a survey conducted by the cable public affairs television network C-SPAN.

Historians from across the political spectrum rated the 41 men who have served in the White House on 10

qualities. The academics were asked to rank presidents using a scale of one to 10, with 10 being "very effective."

Clinton rates 20th in crisis leadership; 21st in international relations; 21st in administrative skills; 22nd in vision; and 21st in performance.

His high scores are in "pursuing equal justice" (5th), economic management (5th) and public persuasion (11th); his low scores were in congressional relations (36th) and moral authority (41st).

"President Clinton came into office with a three-part strategy for the economy: fiscal discipline, investing in people and opening markets abroad to benefit American workers," White House spokesman Joel Johnson said Monday. "By any measure, this has proved resoundingly successful."

Asked specifically about the

president's moral ranking, Johnson said time will tell.

"When today's headline writers cede influence to tomorrow's historians, the achievements of the president will prove quite remarkable in significance," Johnson said.

Rated worst overall as leaders were William Henry Harrison (37), Warren G. Harding (38), Franklin Pierce (39), Andrew Johnson (40) and James Buchanan (41).

Ronald Reagan was ranked 11th overall, the highest of presidents of the past 20 years. George Bush came in at No. 20, Jimmy Carter at 22 and Gerald Ford 23. Nixon, at No. 25, was among those grouped toward the middle. President Lyndon Johnson was ranked 10th, Dwight Eisenhower was ranked 9th and John Kennedy was ranked 8th.

The historians include presidential specialists David Kennedy and Stephen Ambrose.

The survey was conducted in December and January. It is not scientific, since it simply asked for the historians' subjective opinions.

A separate survey, conducted through C-SPAN's web site in December, asked for public opinion. Viewers also placed Clinton on

the bottom for moral authority, but otherwise rated Clinton more harshly than historians.

Viewers rated Clinton as No. 36 overall, with rankings below average for every category except economic management (19) and public persuasion (15).

The viewer survey is also unscientific, since it counted only those 1,145 viewers who chose to participate.

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Nicotine may allay some diseases

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Despite its evil image, new research suggests that nicotine is a surprisingly potent drug for a variety of diseases that afflict the brain, including Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and Tourette's syndrome.

Many small studies over the past decade have explored the possible benefits of this ubiquitous drug. But the field appears to be taking on fresh life as doctors test nicotine patches for neurological diseases in both children and the elderly, and drug companies race to concoct nicotine substitutes that carry fewer side effects.

At a conference Monday, doctors said the field's first gold-standard study — one in which dummy treatments are rigorously compared with the real thing — suggests the patch shows real promise in children with Tourette's syndrome, a strange affliction in which victims are beset by spasms of tics, shouted obscenities and violent urges.

Still, nicotine has many drawbacks, including its unsavory reputation as the addictive grabber in cigarettes. Some experts believe nicotine's real future is in fake forms of the drug.

"The problem with nicotine is that it is nicotine. You're asking parents to put their kids on nicotine," said Dr. Paul Sanberg of the University of South Florida, who has tested the drug on more than 100 young Tourette's patients.

Typically, doctors treat Tourette's with Haldol, a powerful tranquilizer that is also used against schizophrenia. In the latest study, Sanberg and colleagues combined nicotine

patches and Haldol in 70 children, half of whom got dummy patches.

The study found those on nicotine did better and were able to control their symptoms with lower than usual doses of Haldol. "The data suggest that a low-dose nicotine patch may be useful in Tourette's syndrome," said Sanberg.

He and others experimenting with nicotine described their research at a conference in Washington sponsored by the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Nicotine patches and gum are available in drugstores without prescriptions. They are intended to help smokers wean themselves off cigarettes.

The researchers cautioned that smoking is a bad way to get medical nicotine. Besides the obvious cancer risk, drug levels spike much higher in cigarettes.

They also say more research is needed before nicotine patches become routine to treat diseases. However, Sanberg said that if Tourette's patients cannot control their symptoms with standard drugs, a low-dose patch might be worth trying.

Nicotine has been tested for many years in small-scale experiments against Alzheimer's disease and more recently against Parkinson's disease. Parkinson's causes

tremors, rigid limbs and a shuffling walk, and like Alzheimer's, it may also result in problems with memory and thinking.

Dr. Paul Newhouse of the University of Vermont tried nicotine patches on 15 Parkinson's patients. Although there was no comparison group, his pilot study suggested that nicotine substantially improved their movement and relieved their mental difficulties.

Newhouse also tested a synthetic form of nicotine, Abbott

Laboratories' ABT-418, on six Alzheimer's patients. Despite its small size, Newhouse said patients showed "a significant improvement in verbal learning and memory" on standardized tests.

Since no drug firms have exclusive rights to nicotine, researchers say companies have little interest in paying for studies to prove its health benefits. However, several are working on nicotine substitutes that can be patented. These drugs could be more precisely targeted against specific disorders, carry fewer side effects and be available as pills rather than patches.

Nicotine is thought to work by regulating the brain's levels of message-carrying chemicals such as dopamine and acetylcholine. Researchers say they see no sign that patients get hooked on the patch. The main side effects are nausea and itching around the patch.

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TANZANIA

Mandela urges Burundi peace deal

Associated Press

ARUSHA

Nelson Mandela issued a report card Monday on the Burundi peace talks, praising negotiators for inching toward compromise but warning them that time was running out to end the country's seven-year civil war.

"I would like the leadership of Burundi to seize this opportunity and not allow it to slip away," the former South African president told Burundian politicians and civic leaders gathered in this northern Tanzanian town.

Since 1993, fighting between Hutu rebels and the Tutsi-dominated army has killed more than 200,000 Burundians and uprooted more than 1.2 million others. And since September, the army has herded nearly 350,000 Hutus into camps, including many farmers — a strategy that now threatens the impoverished country with famine.

Mandela, who took over as mediator of the talks last month, told the negotiators that no peace was possible in Burundi without remaking its political landscape, where minority Tutsis control the government, the economy and the military.

"Leaders must bite the bullet and address this situation," he told an audience of 500, which

included seven African heads of state as well as officials from Europe and the United States.

Among Mandela's listeners was Burundian President Pierre Buyoya, who later said his government "would spare no effort" to reach a "lasting peace."

By focusing international attention on the 20-month-old talks, the anti-apartheid champion is hoping to prod representatives of the 18 political and civil groups participating in the talks toward a settlement. That campaign will continue Tuesday, with President Clinton scheduled to hold a public videoconference with Mandela from the White House.

Besides Buyoya, the heads of state attending Monday's talks included Yoweri Museveni of Uganda, Benjamin Mkapa of Tanzania, Joaquim Chissano of Mozambique, Thabo Mbeki of South Africa and Pasteur Bizimungu of Rwanda.

On the key issue of rebel participation in the talks, Mandela was unequivocal. Discussions were under way to bring the two main rebel

groups into the talks because without them, he said, no agreement reached in Arusha was secure.

Mandela was no less blunt in his views about the future of Burundi's military and its electoral system. The army should be at least half Hutu, and voting should combine one-man-one-vote with some form of group representation, which he did not specify.

"Leaders must bite the bullet and address this situation."

**Nelson Mandela
former president of
South Africa**

Mandela also stressed the importance of gaining the support of the country's 6.2 million people. But other than an elite few among the country's minority Tutsi and majority Hutu, most people

know little of the progress of the talks. What they do know rests mainly on rumor and state-controlled radio.

"Negotiators could come to some agreement, but there would be no understanding of it because there's been no wide debate on the issues," said Francis Rolt, director of Studio Ijambo, an independent radio news operation in the Burundian capital, Bujumbura.

Last month, Mandela invoked the recent past to warn of the perils of an opaque negotiating process concluded under intense international pressure.

ARGENTINA

Investigators inspect 1947 plane crash site

Associated Press

TUPUNGATO

Army specialists worked Monday at the site of a 1947 plane crash high in the Andes Mountains, hoping to bring down pieces of the plane and remains of passengers missing for decades.

Investigators were racing to do as much recovery work as possible before an expected onslaught of bad weather at midweek on the 21,848-foot Tupungato volcano, said Maj. Alberto Quinones, an army spokesman.

Mountaineers stumbled upon the wreckage last month. Its disappearance had been one of the longest-running aviation mysteries in the Andes, the mountain range that was a virtual graveyard for planes during the first half of the century. Investigators now hope that a study of the wreckage will help solve the lingering mystery surrounding the cause of the disaster.

"An advance team of 12 men have gone up to mark the area where pieces of the plane were found," Quinones told The Associated Press.

Luis Estrella, an air force official on the team, said authorities were studying whether the plane flew into

the face of the towering volcano during a snowstorm on Aug. 2, 1947.

Air force helicopters took advantage of fair weather on Sunday to fly over a rocky field high on the volcano where the wreckage was found, Argentine news reports said. The air force had no immediate comment on the reports that at least one helicopter briefly landed in the wreckage field, about 16,500 feet up the volcano.

On Monday, army soldiers escorting journalists remained at Tres Quebradas, at 8,100 feet, hoping to ascend Tuesday by mule to a base camp supplying investigators at the site.

The plane, called Stardust and operated by the now-defunct British South American Airways, was carrying 11 people — five crew members and six passengers. The flight originated in London, and it made a stop Buenos Aires before vanishing on its way to Santiago, Chile.

The passengers included three Britons, a German woman, a Palestinian and a Swiss man.

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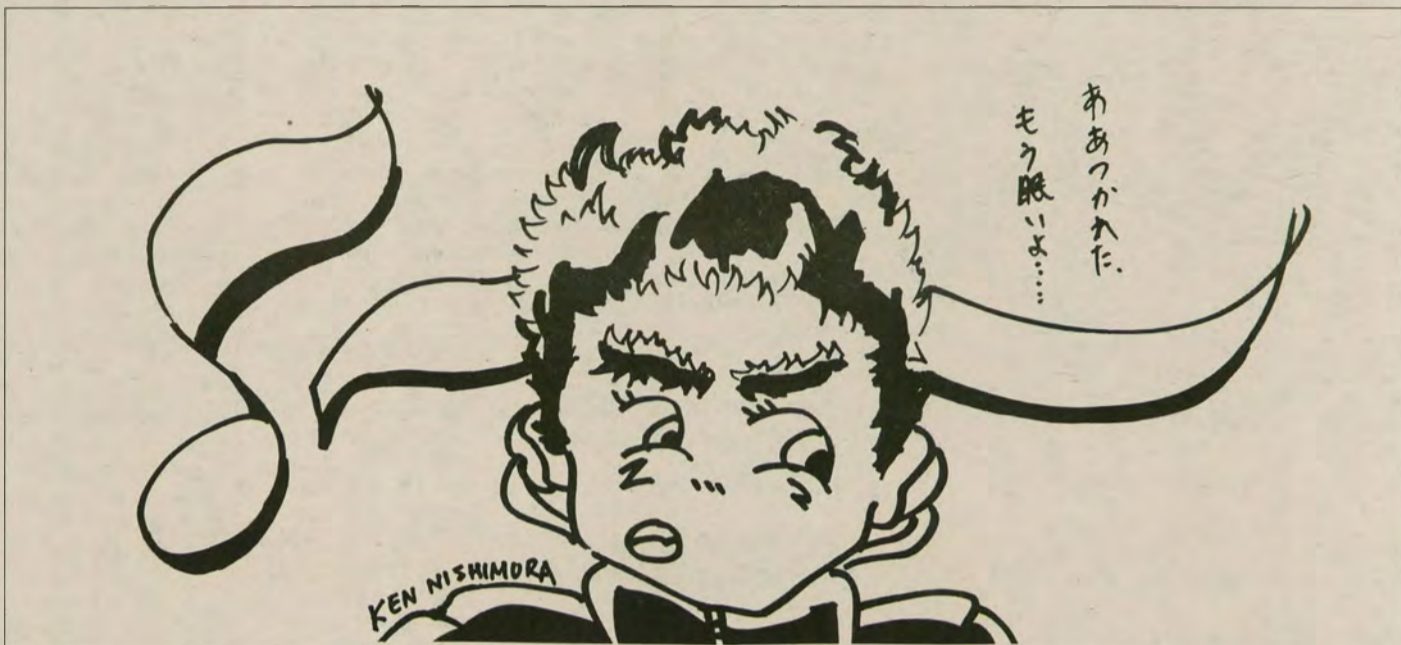
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Motor skills affected by music?

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Mary Beth Ellis

*Changing attitudes,
Changing latitudes*

QUESTION: What effect does Andy Williams have upon fine motor skills?

MATERIALS: 1991 SounDesign AM/FM receiver/double cassette recorder/CD player; Andy Williams Greatest Hits: Live From Moon River Theater in Branson

HYPOTHESIS: I predict that 47 minutes of exposure to Andy Williams will result in a significant drop in fine motor skill abilities — those functions that allow us to type, perform self-grooming tasks and prepare a really fine gin and tonic.

PROCEDURE:

1) Remove Andy Williams Greatest Hits: Live From Moon River Theater in Branson, Mo., from case.

2) Experience concern with Andy's hair on album cover photo. What's going on here? It's too ... comby.

3) Take scientific nap.

4) Press "play."

5) What the hell? Become alerted to something serious going down in CD player. Immediately investigate as to why Andy Williams sounds like The Bangles.

6) Remove "Rad Hits of the '80's" from underneath Andy Williams Greatest Hits: Live From Moon River

Theater in Branson.

7) Check on progress of "Winter Spectacular of Pro Figure Skating" on ABC.

8) Press "play" again.

9) Press "pause" again.

10) Visit Little Scientist's Room.

11) Flush.

12) Press "play" again.

DATA AND OBSERVATIONS: The Hawaiian Wedding Song: Test dexterity by opening one (1) 12-ounce can of Coors. Successful save for experiencing small chip in fingernail of right index finger.

Moon River: Begin filing down fingernail, which results in tragedy when, in act of filing, accidentally chip index fingernail of other hand.

Can't Get Used to Losin' You: Give up on fingernail. Turn attention to 12-ounce can of Coors instead. Williams is suddenly easier to bear.

Born Free: Terrified to discover an inability to tie shoes until reach realization that am in fact wearing cowboy boots.

MacArthur Park: Concern with fine motor skills suddenly surpassed by overpowering desire to off self.

Canadian Sunset: Drag self off of floor, vastly relieved that Williams is no longer concerned with striped pants and drinking wine while it is warm and never letting you catch him, as stated in "MacArthur Park." Attempt to do "This is the church, this is the steeple." Fail miserably. Sob.

Lonely Street: Greatly comforted by fact that can still do this thing where I sit crosslegged on the floor, push off with my arms and make a complete, 360-degree rotation on the axis of my buttocks. Beer now warm.

May Each Day: Still recovering from terror of MacArthur Park. Fine motor skills are slightly diminished, but not-woiwaeoio !oag7yn%,8uA43T?).

L.O.V.E: Oh, the hell with it.

CONCLUSIONS: What's up with my nails? I buff them, I apply calcium overcoats, I avoid manual labor. Still I get

this chipping.

Also, I highly recommend "Rad Hits of the '80's." It has Cyndi Lauper AND Richard Marx.

CONTROL EXPERIMENT PROPOSALS: This groundbreaking information raises more questions than it answers. I cannot sleep nights fretting about the following:

The effect of Perry Como on the apogee of the orbit of Mercury;

The effect of Whitney Houston on the performance of Proctor & Gamble stock options;

The effect of John Denver on the setting of a Mandarin Orange Jello salad.

Only with further experimentation can we fully develop the Andy Williams Theory of Fine Motor Skill Interference, which, although formerly a corollary of the Law of the Mutating Effect of New Kids on the Block on Kraft Cheese Singles, is poised to revolutionize formerly held scientific assumptions and create a safer universe. For instance, a mere two years ago we had no idea of the implications of the combination of Barbra Streisand and the low-orbit performance of the space shuttle Columbia. True, "The Way We Were" caused critical shutdowns in the life support systems, but we'll never make THAT mistake again, will we? Nor will we ever again subject the secondary of the Cincinnati Bengals to the Ray Conniff Singers.

I will, of course, require a massive amount of federal and private funding in order to continue. So if anyone out there has a copy of "Poems, Prayers and Promises" and/or "Savin' All My Love For You," pitch it my way. Proctor and Gamble stock, too. Lots and lots of P&G stock. Also Cheez-Its.

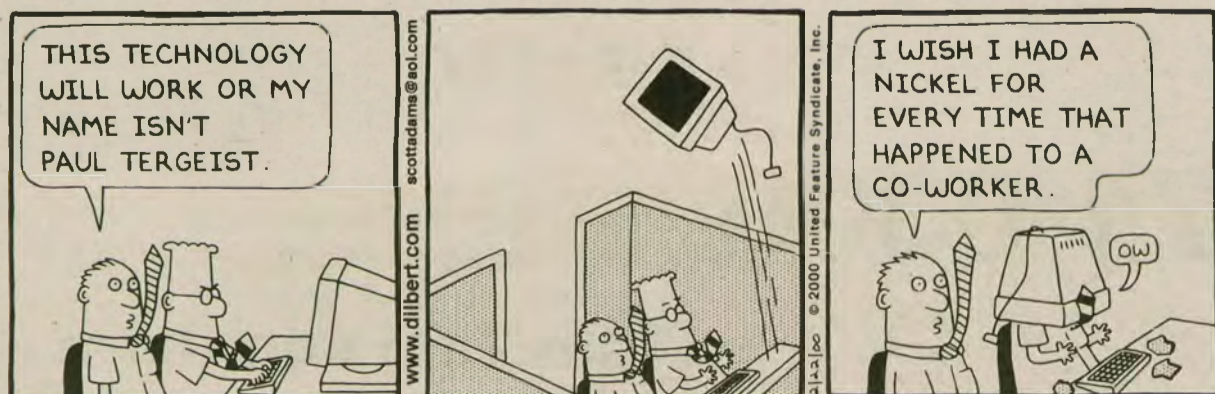
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QUOTE OF THE DAY



"What we do for ourselves dies with us.
What we do for our community lives
long after we are gone."

Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt
President of the United States

ND should freeze tuition, fees

Williams College will freeze tuition and other charges for 2000-01 at \$31,520. It is the first exclusive private college or university in decades to hold the line. "[I]n a low inflation cycle with our endowment increasing and our contributions from alumni very strong," Williams president Carl Vogt, said, "[t]his seems a logical move." Princeton will hold its increase to 3.3 percent, the lowest in 30 years. "These shows of restraint," said Time Magazine, "may signal a turnaround from the whopping ... increases of recent years, as some schools now consider using their endowments to control price hikes."



Charles Rice

Right or Wrong?

Should Notre Dame follow Williams' example? Yes, although Williams is an undergrad college with only 2,000 students. At both public and private institutions average tuition, adjusted for inflation, doubled from 1976 to 1995. The impact was greatest on students at private schools. (In 1998-99, tuition averaged \$3,200 at four-year public colleges.) Congress' removal, in 1978, of income restrictions on federal student loans enabled major universities to finance their research and building expansion through undergrad tuition. They lobbied Congress for increased loan limits, raised tuition to absorb those increases, lobbied for higher limits, raised tuition, and so on. Notre Dame, which defined itself as a Research University in 1978-79, played this immoral game.

In 1978-79, Notre Dame's undergrad tuition, room and board totaled \$5,180. If it had kept pace with inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index, the 1999-2000 total would be \$12,846. For 1999-2000, the total increased by 5.7 percent to \$27,780. As Father Malloy stated last November, our "peer institutions ... are increasing their tuition less than we are." Notre Dame makes a very commendable effort to extend financial aid to students. But the primary form of financial aid remains the student loan.

Williams froze tuition because its endowment tripled, since 1990, to more than \$1 billion. Notre Dame's endowment was \$114 million in 1978-79, and it is about \$2.2 billion now, 15th among private universities. The 1999 Fact Book states that, in 1997-98, current revenues included \$188.8 million from tuition and \$38.9 million (or 9 percent of current revenues) from Endowment. The 1999 Annual Report states that "Over \$54 million dollars in [Endowment] earnings is ... distributed ... each year to ... support ... chairs ... scholarships libraries ... academic programs, and ... other endowed funds." Fifty-four million dollars is 2.5

percent of the Endowment principal of \$2.2 billion. What do they do with the rest of the Endowment income?

Over the past two decades, our leaders have shown a remarkable ability to raise and spend money and to build the Endowment toward the Top Ten. They have transformed the formerly pastoral campus into a crowded imitation of urban research universities. The opulent new Bookstore remains open for 11 hours on Sunday, which reduces the chance that any sheep will pass through this campus unshorn. We also seem about to vault to the top of the category, Largest and Most Expensive Campus Ministry Building. And the end of the building boom is not in sight. Undergrads are paying more than twice as much, in real money, than they did two decades ago. But, in terms of quality and availability of courses and teachers, they are short-changed. In the Fall of 1999, 56 or 23 percent, of 100 level Arts and Letters sections were taught by "Student Instructors," and 32 or 13 percent by "Non-Regular Faculty," not counting lab courses and tutorials. Of Arts & Letters 200 level courses, 42 or 18 percent, were taught by "Student Instructors" and 40 or 17 percent, by "Non-Regular Faculty."

The law of the market, however, may be catching up to the universities. Like used-car lots, Notre Dame and other universities offer discounts from their exorbitant sticker prices to attract students with very high test scores who will gain the approval of U.S. News and other arbiters of prestige. If present trends continue, the only non-wealthy students at Notre Dame will be scholarship athletes, ROTC students, a limited number of minority scholarship students, faculty and staff children, some of the students whose test scores brought them heavy discounts and a diminishing pool of non-wealthy students who opt for Notre Dame even at the price of assuming a crippling loan burden that will distort their career and family options. Notre Dame ought not to become "a rich kids' school."

Our leaders ought to freeze tuition, room, board and fees for two years for openers. This would not confer a major advantage on present students. But it would signal that Notre Dame intends, at least in principle, to recover its traditional mission which included the provision of education to qualified students regardless of their financial status. And it would signal that Notre Dame is opting out of the shabby game by which the major universities have financed on the backs of non-wealthy borrowing students a pursuit of research prestige which benefits those students only marginally if at all.

Charles Rice is on the Law School faculty. His column appears every other Tuesday.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Disqualified candidates explain no-appeal decision

In a time of chaos within the ranks of the Student Government, we, Hunt Hanover and John Micek, desire to reach out to our fellow students and put an ugly issue to its final resting place. After consultation of our confidants, we have decided not to file an appeal to the Student Senate and Judicial Council surrounding the decision handed down last week. We feel this course of action is the best step for all parties involved.

We feel that the student government gives students the opportunity to represent their peers while having a good time. Therefore, prolonging the election with an appeal would go against our beliefs. The appeal process would do no good and create a situation in which many would accuse others of violations based upon hearsay. We did not want this appeal to lead to mudslinging, which may be inevitable. Both tickets wanted to end this election with the popular vote decision; unfortunately that is not possible. By no means do we feel that Kelly Folks or Becky Demko are to blame. In fact we would like to commend them for all their efforts and just decision-making throughout the election.

We believe that as representatives of the student body it is our duty to uphold the Office of the President and the values associated with anyone within. If taken to the senate, it is obvious to us that things would unavoidably have become disgraceful to both the parties involved and student government as a whole. We must realize that this was simply an election to choose two representatives for the student body. This being the case it is important to mention that the student body president and vice president are not above any single student on campus.

We believe that although some of the tickets in this year's election were not seriously vying for the position, they carried with them

the wave of public opinion. Upon this wave rode the sentiment of the students, a sentiment which sounded resoundingly with cries for normalcy. Students are fed up with leaders who do not represent campus life and attitudes. There is nothing in the constitution which states that student government must be stiff and somber. Although the Office of the President is not primarily a programming body, the lighter side of life must shine through the second floor windows of LaFortune and upon those in occupancy. The election craze has left both the Judicial Council in bad light and turned the democracy of Notre Dame into a virtual circus. In ending our quest for the second floor, we hope to send this circus out of town and allow time for review and reorganization of the election process.

Finally, we would like to thank all those who assisted us in our campaign efforts. We would especially like to recognize Dan Peate, our campaign manager, for his tireless efforts. The past three weeks have shown us how truly special the people are who make up the Notre Dame community. Together we have committed ourselves to the Notre Dame community, which we will continue to serve in new and exciting ways. We trust that our efforts in this endeavor will not fall by the wayside.

Hunt A. Hanover
Presidential Candidate
Junior, St. Edward's Hall

John J. Micek IV
Vice Presidential Candidate
Junior, Keough Hall

February 21, 2000

Freshman defends letter on racial ignorance

Although disappointed, I am not regretful for submitting a letter recently describing prejudices that exist in some Notre Dame classrooms. The idea of my letter was and remains to be that ignorance, while not always intended to hurt, does inevitably lead to the infliction of pain onto others. I chose the word "ignorance," first of all, not as an accusation or insult, but because the very definition implies "not knowing better," and I still feel confident in remarking that, just as in every other place in the world, ignorance does exist at this university, and people are getting hurt.

Racism is a word which implies nothing but hatred and cruelty, and I have met few if any racist people in my life. This is why I chose not to use the word "racism" in my original letter. Prejudices combined with enough hatred do often lead to racism, there is an important distinction between racism, ignorance, and prejudice (preconceived ideas), and the three should not be confused.

I wanted to write again to further explain and clarify my message. Ultimately, my reason for writing the letter was because I wanted to share my friend's stories as an illustration of how easy it is to make an offensive or prejudiced comment without realizing it. I felt that my friend's experiences were apropos for the message of my letter, and I do not regret sharing with others how he felt in two specific situations at Notre Dame.

I believe that it is vitally important that faculty and students alike be sensitive and conscientious of the comments that they make to one another. So many people (including members of my own family) have suffered from prejudice and ignorance and know how

much pain this can cause. Ignorance, though, is not a taboo word. In the context of my letter, I intended it to describe how some people do not realize the impact or implications of some of their comments. As I stated in my letter, I do not believe that evil intentions, ulterior motives, or racism drives most people at Notre Dame and in the world. Not knowing that one's comments or ignorance can hurt others is an innocent mistake, and although I wish it did not happen, it does unfortunately. My friend's teacher probably did not intend his/her comments to be hurtful to my friend just as I, by writing my letter, certainly did not intend to hurt or offend anyone. Mistakes are understandable; it is what people do after making them that makes the difference.

I still feel that the issue of improving race relations at Notre Dame necessitates students and faculty embracing one another's humanity and learning from their mistakes. No person should feel awkward or uncomfortable because of a comment made by a faculty member or student. Being accepting of each other's feelings and willing to change and understand why it is people feel the way they do are essential ingredients to making sure that ignorance stops hurting people. Armed with this open-mindedness and by avoiding complacency, Notre Dame will surely continue on the right track toward improving race relations. As a final note, I send my apologies to anyone who felt offended by my letter; this was not my intention.

Ken Seifert
Freshman, Stanford Hall
February 21, 2000

MUSIC COLUMN

Don't make us say 'Uhhh' anymore

As a sophomore I have fortunately retired from dorm parties, yet I can't escape from attending gatherings that occur in honor of a dorm formal, O'Neill Hall's Mardi Gras or other functions such as West Quad Formal. Don't get me wrong about these gatherings. I often have a blurry blast, but the catch is that most of these gatherings are hosted by friends, which means I'll most likely tolerate their choices for the soundtrack to our gathering.



Andrew Jones

Scene music critic

Although when I arrive at the actual dance or when freshmen in my dorm host a party, how many times do I have to hear Jay-Z spat out "Can I Get

A..."? Or why is it that a friend of mine recently attended a Pangborn Hall dance during which the DJ refused to play "Give It Away" by the Red Hot Chili Peppers and instead blasted a heavy dose of bass off of Dr. Dre's Chronic 2000?

It seems as if students here party, dancing to the monotonous sounds of songs driven by the loud thud of a rap beat accompanied by a ridiculous subject; some argue "songs" such as Master P's "Make 'Em Say Uhhh," borderline the definition of music. Master P groans and chants to a beat; that doesn't exactly take that much true musical talent. Rap "artists" are becoming limited as far as the subject of their rapping as well.

Let's review — prostitution, gangs, drug sales and the ghetto in general have all been covered at least once before.

As much as some of us are tired of hearing Dave Matthews Band, too, we

would rather dance to that music than constantly jolting our bodies around to a DJ's stream of songs primarily consisting of rap. Parties and dances here aren't ALL RAP, ALL THE TIME, but what is it being played if it is not rap? "Come on, Eileen?" Please!

People, why are we playing the same songs over and over again? Why are the majority of them so bad and so overplayed? I understand that some of us like these songs, but can one honestly admit they are fine pieces of music? I can't.

Maybe it is linked to the diversity on this campus, and an angle to that exists that we just do not realize. Is Notre Dame saturated with audiophiles? That must be it. U93, ironically owned by the University, fuels the campus with the sound of the musically popular, not necessarily fine pieces composed from, say, a musically theoretical standpoint, and the music on U93 might not be rap, but chances are you'll hear some boy band

that epitomizes the latest teeny-bopper craze.

Or perhaps it is our style of party: drinking beer and getting sloshed. The terrible music played here differs from that of a scene where people dance to the music such as Phish. But oh my gosh! Those fans are taking hallucinogens and smoking marijuana and then dancing around! Yet few can argue that Phish songs are not composed from a brilliantly theoretical standpoint, and people still dance to it.

Who knows, but in the 1700's people danced to Mozart, and now we settle for Jay-Z and Dexty's Midnight Runners (did you even know that's who sings "Come on Eileen"?).

So it's time to overcome our habits and groove to some relatively good music. If we can't do that, then can we at least try to groove to something different, maybe something that's not rap?!

And jeez, no more Eileen, please.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Mann and Magnolia are a perfect match

By TIMOTHY COLLINS
Scene Music Critic

Movie soundtracks today seem to just capitalize off of a few old hit singles and some big name artists to sell copies. Rarely does a soundtrack



come along that fully capture the essence, mood and feeling of a film. But Paul Thomas Anderson, with his film *Magnolia*, has done it. He recruited Aimee Mann, leader of the '80s band, 'Til Tuesday, to write and contribute her songs to the film.

The album opens with Mann's cover of Three Dog Night's unknown gem "One." Mann delivers the lyrics with a certain passion that makes the listener feel as if she is singing right to them as she says, "One is the loneliest number that you'll ever do."

"Deathly" opens with Mann asking, "Now that I've met you, would you object to, never seeing me again?" The listener almost feels like answering her. Like the rest of the album, this song centers around Mann's smart lyrics and catchy melodies. This is one of the catchiest albums in a while; the listener will be singing all of these songs after they listen to them without even realizing it.

Each one of Mann's new contributions seems to build upon and get even better than the one that preceded it. "Driving Sideways," "You Do" and the instrumental "Nothing Is Good Enough" are all great songs that will not be forgotten anytime soon after listening. But Mann saves her best for last.

The single "Save Me" has already garnered Mann an Oscar nomination

for Best Original Song and will almost certainly get a Grammy nomination next year. She sings "From the ranks of the freaks, who suspect you would never love anyone," and asks to be saved with the urgency that fits the characters of the film perfectly.

But Mann also contributes some of the great songs from her first two solo albums to the soundtrack. "Momentum," and "Build That Wall" are both some of the better songs of her career. But "Wise Up" from 1996's *I'm With Stupid* provides one of the best moments on the soundtrack and the best in the film as the characters sing Mann's heart-wrenching lyrics: "It's not going to stop until you wise up."

But alongside Mann's nine contributions, the soundtrack boasts two '70s classics from Supertramp — the great



Courtesy of Reprise Records

Nominated for an Oscar for Best Original Song with "Save Me," Aimee Mann fully captures the essence of "Magnolia."

"Goodbye Stranger" and "Logical Song" — and an early '90s catchy dance tune, Gabrielle's "Dreams."

Anderson's *Magnolia* is one of the more interesting films to come out of Hollywood in recent years and the sad, dire situations that its characters are presented with are perfectly represented by its soundtrack. It offers catchy new and old songs from Aimee Mann alongside some great old songs, and the only thing that the listener might regret about it is that there isn't more Aimee Mann.

ALBUM REVIEW

Follow-up soundtrack is mediocre

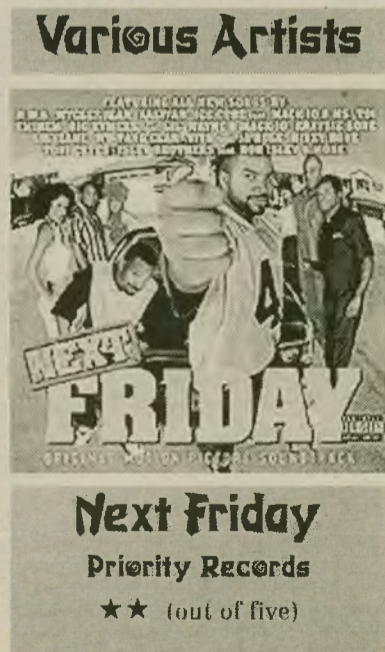
By ROBERT CALLEROS
Scene Music Critic

"It's Friday!" Actually it's the Next Friday.

Ice Cube is back with the movie sequel and another soundtrack in hopes of getting those booties bouncing and those heads ringing again.

With as many big name artists contributing to the follow-up soundtrack and production by none other than Ice Cube, it is a shame that Next Friday barely manages keep pace in a world filled by mediocre soundtracks. This is not to say that the Next Friday soundtrack does not have its bright spots.

Actually, it's just the opposite. There are a few tracks which are noteworthy, such as N.W.A.'s first track in ten years, "Chin Check." Ice Cube, MC Ren and Dr. Dre are all back, with the addition of Snoop Doggy Dogg to replace the late Easy-E. In a track definitely worth checking out. The song, however, does not reflect the hardcore attitude of the original N.W.A.. Instead, "Chin Check" sounds much more like the usual laid-back funk of West Coast rap. If



this song is any indication of the rumored N.W.A. reunion album, it definitely looks promising.

Ice Cube is also adds to the hype as he combines with Mack-10 on the first song of the album. "You Can Do It" is a club jam, which will definitely get those bodies moving around the dance floor. Although the movie is a comedy, one wouldn't be able to tell

from the soundtrack because like "You Can Do It," most of the songs are serious club jams.

Keeping with the popular wave of "Latin music explosion," Next Friday also boasts a track by Frost (aka Kid Frost), Don Cisco and Kurupt called "Mamacita." On the R&B tip, "Make Your Body Sing" by the Isley Brothers is a definite highlight. The Isley Brothers are back with their seductive style of 70s funk and soul. In addition Wyclef Jean, Bizzy Bone, Krazy Bone Aaliyah, Eminem,

Ja Rule, Wu-Tang Clan and several others make contributions to the album.

Overall, Next Friday is a big name compilation of some of Hip-Hop and R&B's brightest stars which tends to sparkle and fade into an at times amusing soundtrack.

ALBUM REVIEW

Burnside's blues are a hidden treasure

By JAMES SCHUYLER
Scene Music Critic

Although now still playing at the age of 73, R.L. Burnside's music did not receive much attention at all till his signing with Fat Possum records in the early 90s. Although he has been playing pure delta blues since the 50s, his music never really escaped the poor Mississippi town that he himself was born in. Burnside's music is a rarity in the music community because it is pure; he plays delta blues the way it was meant to be played, straight out of hell.

Burnside's voice is colored by obvious years of smoking, drinking and story telling. He sings of things that make most men cry with a little bit of a smile. Much of Burnside's music now is coined punk blues because it is not the melancholic type of blues that most people think of. He sings of pain and loss but only to spit in its face.

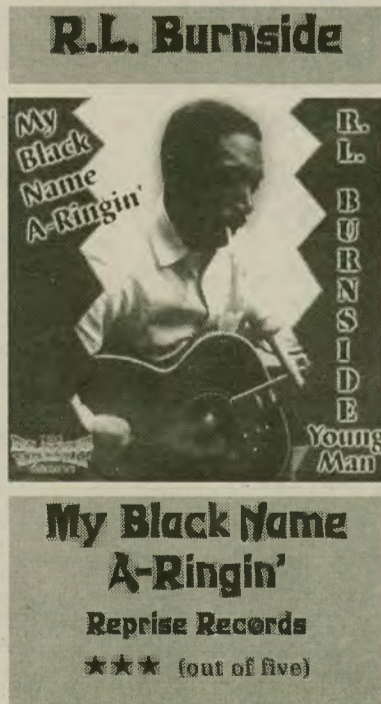
Recently Adelphi Records released a collection of songs from a 1967 recording session which showcases the talents and style of Burnside in his youth. *My Black Name A-Ringin'* is a treasure of real blues from the hilltops of Mississippi containing both

original material and arrangements of traditional blues songs. While Burnside's music has changed somewhat significantly over the years, the original songs on this album reflect the some of the best of his music.

Of special note on this album are the title track, "My Black Name A-Ringin'," and Burnside's arrangement of the traditional "Catfish Blues," which has probably been played by everyone who has ever considered themselves blues artists even in a remote sense such as Jimi Hendrix. "Nine Days in Jail" gives the listener a clear idea of how Burnside's sound has evolved.

However, much of the deep hearted and very real blues of R.L. Burnside has been bastardized in the last release off of Fat Possum Records, *Come On In*. On that album tracks from Burnside classic songs were sampled in an attempt by the record company to make a dance album similar to the style of Beck. This album destroys the pure form of Burnside's music.

Unfortunately, there are a number of other artists such as R.L. Burnside who have not as of yet been given the attention in the music industry that they deserve. These artist's music are treasures waiting to be discovered.



MEN'S NCAA BASKETBALL

St. John's knocks off UConn for sixth-straight win

Associated Press

NEW YORK

St. John's starting backcourt of Erick Barkley and Bootsy Thornton outscored its counterparts 42-2 and the Red Storm rolled to their sixth straight victory, 79-64 over No. 22 Connecticut on Monday night.

The cloud of a second NCAA investigation in a month didn't appear to be affecting the Red Storm (19-6, 11-3 Big East) on the court as they beat a ranked conference opponent for the second straight game.

Saturday night's 76-75 victory over then-No. 9 Syracuse was also in front of a sellout crowd of 19,410 at Madison Square Garden and started a tough closing stretch to the regular season.

The loss was the fourth in sixth games for the Huskies (18-8, 7-6), who have lost more games this season than the last two combined, including last season's 34-2 run to the national championship.

St. John's came into the game 10th in the conference in 3-point shooting at 29.7 percent, but had its best game of the season behind the arc, going 6-of-9 (66.7 percent).

Barkley finished with 22 points, Thornton had 20 and each had four assists. Lavar Postell also had 22 points on 8-for-12 shooting for the Red Storm, who finished 26-for-47 from the field (55.3 percent).

Connecticut's starting guards, Khalid El-Amin and Albert Mouring, were a combined 0-for-16 from the field, including missing nine 3-point attempts.

The Red Storm led 39-33 at halftime, the same score as in the previous meeting between the teams at Connecticut, which St. John's won 82-77.

The Huskies, who haven't won consecutive games since a three-game winning streak from Jan. 27-Feb. 2, were within 47-40 on a rebound basket by Jake Voskuhl with 15:02 to play.

Reggie Jessie hit a jumper to start the Red Storm's 9-0 run that included a five-point play.

Voskuhl was called for a foul with 13:23 to play and was then given a technical foul for complaining about the call. Donald Emanuel made one free throw for the foul and Barkley made two for the technical. On the ensuing possession, Thornton followed his own shot to make it 54-40.

El-Amin missed a 3-pointer for UConn and Barkley went the length of the floor for a layup that made it 56-40 with 12:54 to play.

Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun then called three 30-second timeouts during the next 1:51 but the Red Storm took their biggest lead, 61-42, on a free throw by Postell with 9:44 left.

Kevin Freeman led the Huskies with a season-high 22 points and Voskuhl added 10.

El-Amin, the Huskies' leading scorer at 16.3 points per game, scored two points. He had a previous season low of four points against Fairfield. Mouring, second in scoring at 14.3, had six points twice, both in the opening five games of the season.

The victory was the 300th for Mike Jarvis, who is 47-15 in his second season with St. John's. His overall mark, including stints at Boston University and George Washington, is 300-156.

St. John's closes the regular season with games at No. 2 Duke on Saturday, at home against Seton Hall and at Miami.

Oklahoma State 84, Missouri 72

Desmond Mason had 25 points and nine rebounds as Oklahoma State held off a furious late rally by Missouri for a victory.

Brian Montonati added 16 points and 11 rebounds for the Cowboys (22-3, 11-2 Big 12), who have won eight of nine and moved into first place in the conference. Oklahoma State overcame a season-high 24 turnovers.

The Cowboys seemingly pulled away by hitting 10 of their first 12 shots after the break, leading by as many as 20 points. The gap was still 14 when the Cowboys had a shot clock violation with 2:30 to go.

Missouri hit five 3-pointers the rest of the way, and trailed by only four after Kareem Rush connected with 51 seconds to go. Oklahoma State escaped when Mason answered with a dunk after a length-of-court pass.

Keyon Dooling had 19 points for Missouri (16-9, 9-4). The Tigers have lost three in a row at home for the first time since 1992-93, with all the games against ranked opponents. Oklahoma State, which also got



LIZ LANG/The Observer

Connecticut's Ajou Deng, pictured here in a game against Notre Dame, had nine points in a losing effort against St. John's.

21 points from Joe Adkins and 12 from Glendon Alexander, had been 2-26 at the Hearnese Center.

The Big 12's top defense stifled the Tigers until the late going. Missouri began 1-for-13 and shot 34 percent.

Kareem Rush, who averaged 25 points last week, was held to 13. Clarence Gilbert, averaging 13 points, missed his first eight shots and finished 1-for-11

with three points.

Mason hit a 3-pointer just before the halftime buzzer for a 28-23 lead and he had two more baskets in the opening 1:33 of the second half to help Oklahoma State open the gap. Alexander's 3-pointer gave Oklahoma State 10 baskets in 12 shots to start the half and a 54-37 lead with 11:18 to play.

Oklahoma State had a surprisingly tough time in the first

half considering Missouri's horrid start. The Cowboys shot 48 percent, held Missouri to 28 percent shooting and had a 19-11 rebounding advantage, but hurt themselves with 13 turnovers.

Missouri didn't make a conventional basket until Pat Schumacher made a layup with 8:28 to go in the half, but shot 50 percent the last 10 minutes to get back in.

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BASKETBALL

Murphy earns sixth Big East player of week honor



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Forward Troy Murphy has been named the Big East Player of the Week for the sixth time this season after scoring 35 points, grabbing eight rebounds and blocking three shots in his team's 76-74 victory at 25th-ranked Seton Hall.

Murphy's sixth player-of-the-week honor ties him with John Wallace of Syracuse who also was a six-time winner during the 1995-96 campaign.

The 6-foot-10 sophomore leads the league in both scoring and rebounding as he is averaging 23.5 points and 10.7 rebounds, respectively.

His 35 points against the Pirates ties his career-high and marks the ninth time this season he has scored 30-plus points in a game.

Murphy has led the Irish in scoring in 22 of its 26 games.

Riley, Ratay outrank competition

Junior center Ruth Riley and freshman guard Alicia Ratay were winners of the Big East weekly awards after leading the fifth-ranked Irish to a 2-0 week with victories on the road at Villanova (70-52) and at eighth-ranked Rutgers (78-74 in overtime).

Riley was named the player-of-the-week along with Svetlana Abrosimova of Connecticut earning the award for the second time this season.

She averaged 20.0 points and 11.0 rebounds, scoring 14 points and grabbing eight rebounds against Villanova and then recording her fourth

double-double of the season with 26 points and a season-tying 14 rebounds against Rutgers.

Ratay is named the rookie-of-the-week for the sixth time (the most by any freshmen) in 1999-2000 as she averaged 19.0 points and 7.0 rebounds. In the overtime win at Rutgers, Ratay set the Big East three-point field goal percentage record as she made all seven of her attempts.

She finished the game with 26 points and 10 rebounds in recording her second double-double of the season. Ratay also had 12 points and four rebounds against Villanova. In the two games, the freshman guard shot 73.3 percent from the field (11-15) and was seven-of-nine from three-point range.

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Sophomore Troy Murphy became only the second player in Big East history to earn six player of the week honors in a single season.

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Belinda battles multiple sclerosis

Associated Press

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Staring down a clutch hitter while trying to protect a one-run lead with the bases loaded in the ninth inning at Coors Field is one of baseball's scariest challenges.

Try staring down multiple sclerosis.

Stan Belinda has done both and said there's really no comparison.

Belinda, a right-handed reliever who is bidding for a spot on the Colorado Rockies roster this spring, has fashioned a unique perspective on baseball and on life since being diagnosed with the degenerative nerve disease in September 1998.

"I want to win with this disease, and I want to win as a team," Belinda, 33, said on Monday. "I think I can do both."

Belinda's troubles began when he woke up in a New York hotel room in mid-May 1998 with tingling and numbness in his leg.

"That was just the one thing that started it, and it just escalated from there," he said.

The numbness spread over most of his body. Then came the diagnosis in September that he was in the early stages

of MS.

"You can't prepare yourself for something like that," Belinda said.

There is no known cure for MS, but if caught early and with proper diet, exercise and medication, victims can live a normal lifestyle. Some MS sufferers develop severe disabilities including loss of motor function and blindness.

Belinda resumed pitching midway through the 1999 season, and he has been mostly symptom-free since his treatment began.

"I hope some people find inspiration from this," he said. "My inspiration is my family [wife Lori and three children] and God. "Unfortunately for me, I got some bad news, but I'm dealing with it and I'm just trying to stay upbeat and trying to perform. God willing, I'm going to finish my career the way I want to finish it, and that's to go out on top."

Belinda, acquired by Colorado in the Oct. 30 trade with Cincinnati that also brought outfielder Jeffrey Hammonds to the Rockies for Dante Bichette, is part of a glut of right-handed relievers on the Rockies' spring roster.

Typically, he accepts his situation magnanimously.

"There's a lot of us, aren't

there?" he said.

So many, in fact, that they might squeeze out some left-hander candidates, possibly leaving Colorado with only one lefty in the bullpen. Still, some of the right-handed relievers won't earn a job here. One of them could be Belinda.

"That doesn't bother me," he said. "The team has to make its decision. If things don't work out here — not just for me but for any of these other righties who are capable of doing what they can do on the field — they're going to have jobs in other places. I just have to go out on the field and perform the way I'm capable of performing."

In 11 major-league seasons, Belinda has compiled a 40-34 record and 3.89 ERA, but his abbreviated 1999 campaign was sub-par, which he attributes to lingering concern over his illness.

"Mentally, I wasn't prepared like I should have been in spring training," he said. "And physically, I didn't put much effort into it the winter before. I didn't get myself prepared for spring training like I did in years' past just because I was trying to get my head on straight."

His progress early in 1999 was hampered by biceps tendonitis, which Belinda has a history of.

"By the time I was ready to pitch in June, our bullpen was set," he said. "There were times when I didn't pitch for 10 to 12 days."



JOB TURNER/The Observer

Senior Niele Ivey and the Irish play host to the Hurricanes tonight at the Joyce Center.

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week honors for her performances against Villanova and Rutgers. In the Rutgers game, Riley had 26 points, equaling Ratay's total, while also grabbing 14 rebounds.

The two teams met earlier in the season, on Jan. 22 in Coral Gables, Fla. The Irish posted a 76-54 victory behind Danielle Green's 22 points, six

assists and three steals. Riley had 15 points while Julie Henderson chipped in with 13 and 11 rebounds as the Irish dominated the paint.

Notre Dame had a 40-27 advantage on the boards and 48 of their points came off of layups. Miami shot just 39 percent from the field and committed 23 turnovers. Martha Bodley had a team-high 13 points for the Hurricanes.

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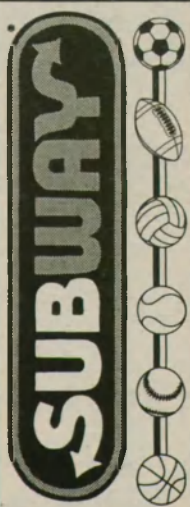
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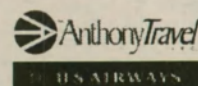
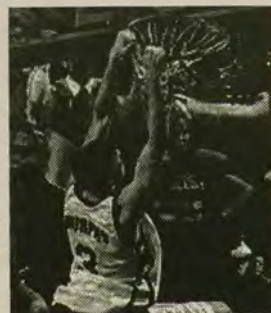
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HOCKEY

Icer Zasowski shines on defense, earns player of week

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame freshman goaltender Tony Zasowski has earned his third weekly award from the Central Collegiate Hockey Association, receiving the league's defensive player-of-the-week award after helping the Irish post a 5-3 win and 1-1 tie at Bowling Green on Feb. 18-19.

Zasowski — who has started each of Notre Dame's last 13 games — opened the win at Bowling Green with 25 saves en route to a 31-save night, with two even-strength goals allowed. The next night, he made 20 saves while allowing a third-period goal as the Irish maintained possession of fifth place in the CCHA.

Notre Dame players have been honored three times by the CCHA during the past five weeks, more than any other team in the 12-member CCHA. Zasowski — who also has twice been named CCHA rookie of the week — is just the fifth freshman to earn a CCHA player-of-the-week award this season.

Zasowski ranks seventh among regular CCHA goaltenders with a 2.29 overall season goals-against average and fifth among league net-minders who have played 1,000-plus minutes while his .908 overall save percentage ranks sixth among CCHA goalies with 1,000-plus minutes. Both of those marks remain on pace to best the

Notre Dame records set by Forrest Karr (2.58, 1998-99) and Mark Kronholm (.907, 1970-71).

His 11 victories this season are tied for fourth-most in the CCHA, behind Lake Superior's Jayme Platt, Northern Michigan's Dan Ragusett and Michigan State's Ryan Miller.

Zasowski has allowed just 35 even-strength goals in 25 games played this season — including just 14 in the last 13 — while allowing 0-2 total goals in 15 of his 21 starts. He has posted two shutouts this season (19 saves vs. Alaska Fairbanks, 24 vs. Michigan State) to join Karr as the only Irish goaltenders ever to post multiple solo shutouts in the same season.

Notre Dame players have combined for five total CCHA weekly awards this season, ranking behind only Michigan, NMU, MSU and Lake Superior. Irish freshman center Connor Dunlop was named CCHA rookie of the week on Oct. 18 while junior left wing Dan Carlson was named offensive player of the week on Feb. 7.

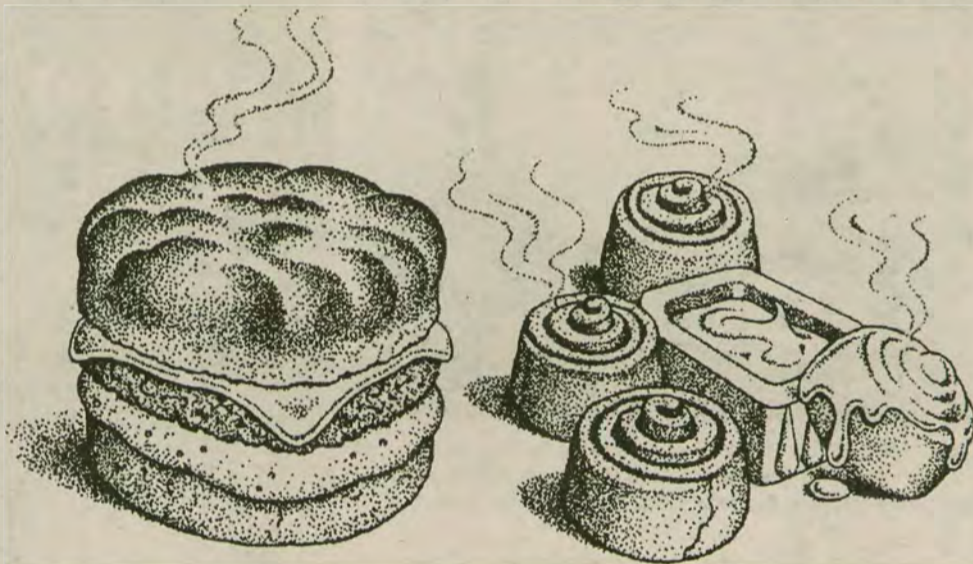
Zasowski is one of four CCHA players who have totaled three-plus awards this season, with the others being: Michigan center Mike Comrie (three-time player of the week), Ferris State forward Chris Gobert (two-time rookie of the week, offensive player of the week) and MSU's Miller (two-time rookie of the week, defensive player of the week).



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Freshman goaltender Tony Zasowski earned Central Collegiate Hockey Association defensive player-of-the-week honors after helping the Irish to a win and a tie last week. The award was his third of the season.

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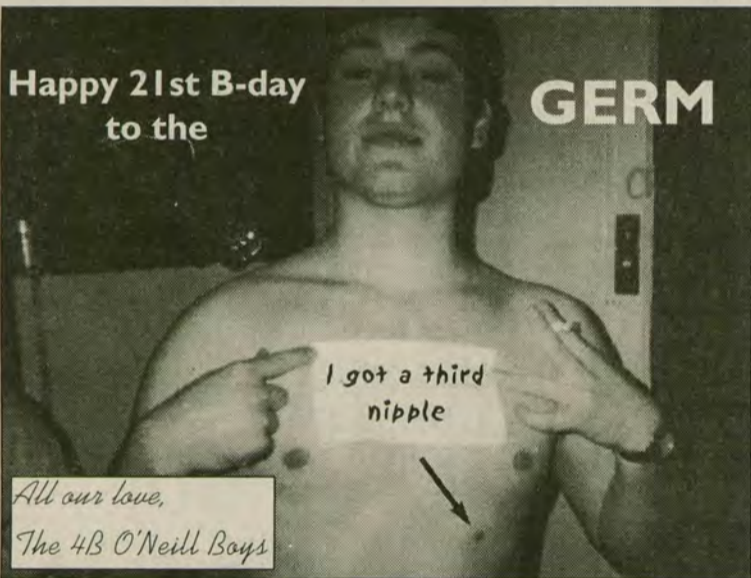


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SOFTBALL

Irish open with four wins

By RACHAEL PROTZMAN
Sports Writer

The Irish grabbed four wins and a loss in their season opener at the University of Nevada Las Vegas Tournament this past weekend.

"Overall I thought it was a good weekend," Notre Dame head softball coach Liz Miller. "We did better as a team and the freshmen did a good job stepping up to the competition."

Junior Melanie Alkire led the Irish offensively with a .563 batting average with five RBI's over the three-day tournament while pitcher Jennifer Sharron holds a 3-0 record after giving up only one earned run.

"Sharron did a good job at being in control on the mound, in all areas of pitching," Miller said.

Notre Dame started the weekend with a 5-3 win over Portland State on Friday.

Sharron led the Irish defensively by allowing just four hits while striking out 10. Sophomore Jennifer Kriech finished 3-for-3 offensively while Alkire grabbed an RBI and a run.

Michelle Moschel and Alkire combined to shut out Southern Utah 8-0 while giving up just two hits and striking out eight. The Irish grabbed nine hits in the five-inning game with Alkire leading with a two-run homer in the bottom of the fourth.

Notre Dame fell to Oregon 11-3 Saturday for their only loss of the tournament.

With the Ducks leading 3-1, Notre Dame gave up six runs in a single inning. The Irish closed the gap to 9-3 in the top of

the fifth before Oregon grabbed two more for the early win in the bottom of the inning.

Against the University of California at Santa Barbara, freshman Andrea Loman slammed a three-run homer over the fence with two outs in the fifth inning to hand Notre Dame a 3-0 win.

Freshman Andria Bledsoe finished 4-for-4 at the plate for Notre Dame while Kriech was 2-for-4 with a triple. Notre Dame combined for a total of 14 hits against UC-Santa Barbara.

Defensively, Sharron grabbed her second win by allowing three hits and striking out eight.

Notre Dame ended its weekend with a 2-1 win over Utah.

In the top of the first inning, Rebecca Eimen, a pinch runner for Sharron, scored on a double by Alkire to give Notre Dame the lead. Utah retaliated in the bottom of the inning to tie the game. With two outs in the top of the third, Alkire scored on a single by junior Lizzy Lemire to secure the Irish victory.

Sharron allowed just three hits in her third straight win of the season.

"Overall, I think we swung the bats aggressively," Miller said. "As a team, this was our first big step in developing strengths among ourselves."

The Irish struggled as they played outside for the first time this season, particularly in running the bases.

"We did not anticipate or make the best judgments in base running," Miller said. "This is where our lack of outdoor practice really showed, but we adjusted quickly for the conditions."

Notre Dame travels to Fayetteville, Ark., this weekend to participate in the Morning News Invitational.

"Five games were tough to do," Miller said. "It was physically draining, but we were able to handle that. The big test will be six games this weekend."



Sharron

"Overall I think we swung the bats aggressively. As a team, this was our first big step in developing strengths among ourselves."

Liz Miller
softball head coach

CLUB SPORTS

Ski team finishes sixth

Special to The Observer

The ski club's season came to a premature end this weekend as the team fell .03 seconds short of qualifying for the national championships.

The sixth-place Irish finish at Regionals was the best in school history. Five varsity programs edged the Irish, with national NCAA power Northern Michigan winning the tournament. St. Olaf and St. Thomas, ranked first and third nationally by the USCSA, placed second and fifth, with Minnesota and Minnesota Duluth finishing third and fifth, respectively.

Senior Nikki Douillet completed a standout career, ranking 13th in the slalom and 12th in the giant slalom. Molly Munsterer capped her breakout season with a sixth-place slalom run and an 11th place in the giant slalom, .04 seconds ahead of Douillet.

Ellen Block moved to third in the line-up, replacing skiers attending Parents' Weekend, and rose to the occasion with a very respectable 32nd in the slalom. Kate Ryan, Elisha Hines, Katy Vossinkel and Randi Sliva rounded out the strongest contingent in school history.

Mike Ryan's 18th in the slalom highlighted the men's competition, as the club finished 15th, in the middle of the pack.

Equestrian

The equestrian club earned Reserve High Point honors with a second-place finish behind Illinois at Purdue's IHSA show last weekend.

Diana Mastej's first place in her open flat class, Jackie Nesson's first in intermediate flat and Suzy Weber's second in novice fences qualified all three for Regionals at Taylor University on April 22. Sheridan Griffin, who also placed

first in an open flat class and Laura Anderson had already qualified.

Bowling

The toughest lane conditions of the season at the ACUI Regional 9 tournament at Indiana University, coupled with the annual loss of members for Junior Parents' Weekend resulted in the lowest averages of the year for the bowling club.

Dan Buttke's 178 average paced the club while Jason Pawlak's 166, Kevin Gertken's 146 and Colin Boylan's 139 — all about 30 pins below their season average — rounded out the team scoring.

The featured Irish performance belonged to Anne Deitch, who rolled a 172 average, to place fourth among the top 50 women.

The club will return to action in two weeks at Ohio State's Buckeye Classic.

Rodeo

The rodeo club opened its competitive season at the Michigan State University Rodeo Championships.

Neal Driscoll, club president, teamed with Brent Cherry to claim seventh place in the team roping competition with a 17.9 second average. Driscoll also paired with Adam Smith of Abraham Baldwin for a 27.5 second showing, good enough for 25th place in the event.

Karoline Pershell competed in two events for the Irish, bull riding and barrel racing, finishing 21st in the latter, in 15.18 seconds.

Men's volleyball

The volleyball club, also undermanned because of Junior Parents' Weekend, posted a 2-3 record at the Midwest Regionals at Marquette. Two victories over Calvin were offset by losses to Marquette, Iowa State and University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

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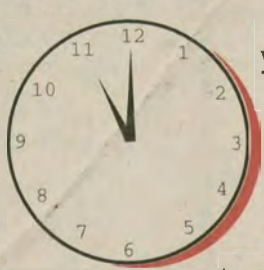
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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish fall to Cardinal, Trojans

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

It was a weekend of spectacular highs and crushing lows for the Irish women's tennis team.

Playing in the USTA/ITA National Women's Team Indoor Championships, the Irish rode a roller coaster of emotion to a solid seventh-place finish.

The 17th-ranked Notre Dame women kicked off the weekend in style as they bested 12th-ranked William and Mary, 5-2, in the tournament's first round.

"I thought we played extremely well against William and Mary," head coach Jay Louderback said. "To beat a great team like that is always a thrill."

The upset was fueled by the brilliant play of the doubles tandems.

The pairing of junior star Michelle Dasso and sophomore Becky Varnum scored an 8-3 victory over William and Mary's coupling of Delphine Troch and Carolijn van Rossum. The 17th-ranked combination of junior Kimberly Guy and freshman Katie Cunha then notched an impressive 8-6 win to clinch the doubles point.

"The doubles keep getting the job done," Louderback noted. "They're still the strength of this team."

As the match shifted to singles play, the Irish continued to be strong. Notre Dame took four of the six singles matches contested to send William and Mary packing. With the win, the Irish advanced to the quarterfinals for the first time since 1995.

The second round, however, would not prove as kind.

Notre Dame faced the difficult task of battling Stanford, the top-ranked squad in the country. The Irish put forth an admirable effort but they could not fly as high as the Cardinal, dropping a 5-2 decision. The Stanford lineup, which featured five ranked singles players, was too much for Notre Dame in the end.

"We went in thinking we had a chance," Louderback said. "They won a couple of close matches that could have gone either way and they're obviously the best team in the country."

The Irish raced to a fast start as Dasso and Varnum netted a victory over Stanford's Marissa Irvin and Teryn Ashley in No. 1 doubles, but stumbled and lost the doubles point when the Cardinal rallied to take the No. 2 and



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Senior Kelly Zalinski posted a 1-2 record this weekend and now stands just nine wins short of the Jennifer Hall's all-time singles win record.

No. 3 matches.

Stanford finished off Notre Dame by winning four of the six singles matches.

Despite the loss, Louderback was enthused.

"We played well and lost a tight one to a good team," Louderback said. "I think we're a bit better than I anticipated at this point in the year. We'll just be looking for more consistent play in the singles."

After falling to Stanford, Notre Dame was eliminated as it fell 5-2 to the No. 13 Trojans of Southern California.

A new experimental format contributed to Notre Dame's demise in singles play. Instead of playing a third singles set, the tournament's format provided for a match tiebreaker, with the first player to reach 10 points earning the victory. The Irish stretched three of the six singles matches into a tiebreaker but lost all of them.

"That did hurt us," Louderback said. "When you play a full third set, you have more chances to win."

The new format, however, did make for faster play.

"The matches were very fast-paced and exciting."

Louderback noted. "It was a weekend of highs and lows."

The Irish will look to get back on track Saturday when they travel to North Carolina to take on the Tarheels in a dual match.

NBA

Abdul-Jabbar finally lands coaching job

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Maybe they didn't think he was serious. Maybe they didn't think the NBA's career scoring leader would be willing to sit on the sidelines as an assistant coach. Maybe he intimidated them.

Whatever the reason, nobody seemed to believe Kareem Abdul-Jabbar when he said he wanted to coach. There were cursory conversations, almost courtesies for one of the cornerstone players in NBA history, but nothing more than that.

"I can't attribute motives," Abdul-Jabbar said Monday, as he prepared for his second game as an assistant with the Los Angeles Clippers. "I don't know if I was black-balled. I was taken aback when I couldn't get any interviews. That bothered me. It was frustrating."

Finally, the Clippers, reconstructing their bench staff, decided Abdul-Jabbar could help new head coach Jim Todd. "Friday at 10, I was retired in my house," he said. "Friday at noon, I had a job."

Abdul-Jabbar has wanted this chance for a long time. He said there were conversations with GMs Al Attles at Golden State and Wayne Embry at Cleveland and formal interviews with Wes Unseld at Washington and Ernie Grunfeld when he was with the Knicks.

There were, however, no

offers.

"The chancellor at UCLA talked to me when Jim Harrick got in a bind there," Abdul-Jabbar said.

Nothing came of that conversation, either.

"When I retired, I was very burned out," he said. "It took three or four years to get my equilibrium back. I wrote three books. I did family stuff, made up time with my kids. It took three or four years before I wanted to get back in."

The itch to coach became even more intense last year when Abdul-Jabbar worked with the basketball team at White Mountain Apache Reservation in Whiteriver, Ariz.

The Clippers, equipped with the youngest team and the worst record in the NBA, decided to give him a chance.

"This is the best situation for me," he said. "They need help. San Antonio with David Robinson and Tim Duncan? They don't need a whole lot of help."

"A whole lot of about the game is not being translated. Stuff I learned in grade school. People mastering the fundamentals of the game, learning how to play as a team, how to help teammates on defense."

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Saint Mary's basketball team enjoyed its first-ever MIAA playoff win with a 68-62 victory over Olivet.

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win.

Although Matha led the team in rebounding, total points and steals, she does not want to be called the star of the game.

"It was a total team effort," she said. "Everyone was just knocking down shots when they needed to."

Matha had support in scoring from Norman with 11 points and sophomore Jaime Stouffer

who recorded 10 points in the win.

The eighth-ranked Belles will face the Comets of Hope College tonight in the next round of the playoffs. Hope is ranked first in the MIAA heading into today's game. Hope has won both previous meetings with Saint Mary's by a margin of more than 25 points.

However, even with the Flying Dutch's daunting 14-2 league record, the Belles feel they have a chance.

"I think the key is believing

we can do it," Norman said. "Big upsets take place every night. With this momentum behind us, anything can happen. We just need to keep our heads in the game and play hard the entire game."

A victory against Hope will not depend on another superstar performance by Matha. The entire team will need to step up and compete on Hope's level.

"That's the great thing about our team," Norman said. "We don't have one superstar, but someone always steps up."

Track

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Saturday and finals on Sunday, followed by the 3,000-meter run two hours later. His performance was no worse off for the challenge, as he placed third in the mile (with Hoyas runners taking first and fourth), succeeded by a fourth place finish in the 3,000-meter run.

"It was a tough double to run, the mile and then the 3,000 two hours later," Watson said. "I'm not really used to that."

In the 5,000-meter run, Ryan Shay and Marc Striowski ran for fifth and sixth places, respectively.

A big difference in the scoring came in the relays. Georgetown outraced Notre Dame in the 4x800-meter relay, 4x400-meter relay and distance medley relay.

Cochran seized victory in the 60-meter dash and the 400-meter run. His 60-meter time of 6.79 seconds was a new meet record. In the 400-meter run, he won in a time of 47.76.

"I was very pleased to go out my senior year winning the events I was entered in," Cochran said. "Basically in the Big East, I was just looking to do my best, to win."

Senior Marshaun West excelled in his return from a hamstring injury, winning the long jump and taking over second in the 200-meter dash. The Irish went one-two in the long jump, as Gilbert was the runner-up behind West.

Fellow senior Matt Thompson took third in the 35-lb. weight throw, recording a hurl of 17.97 meters. Sophomore Quill Redwine earned third in the triple jump.

The women's squad placed sixth of 13 teams in the conference, dropping from third place a year ago.

"Obviously we didn't do as well as we were supposed to," sophomore sprinter Liz Grow said. "That happens on any given day. We just didn't perform up to par."

Villanova and Georgetown duked it out for the championship, with Villanova conquering its competitor 101 to 100.5. Miami placed third,

followed by Seton Hall and West Virginia, with Notre Dame taking sixth with 68.5 points.

"We were ready and mentally prepared," freshman Tameisha King said. "A lot of other teams stepped up."

Notre Dame's strong areas were the field events, where it picked up the majority of its points.

King captured second in the long jump, with her season-best leap of 20-4 3/4.

"I was excited about my long jump because it was an improvement," King said.

Fellow freshman Jaime Volkmer jumped to fourth place in the triple jump.

In the high jump, senior All-American Jen Engelhardt earned second by leaping 5-9 3/4. Connecticut's Tamika Toppin cleared the bar at 5-10 3/4, besting Engelhardt for the fourth straight year indoors.

Volkmer vaulted to second in the Big East with a vault of 11-3 3/4, and Natalie Hallett joined her in Irish scoring with a fourth-place finish.

Also in the field events, Emily Bienko, a senior, was fourth in the Big East pentathlon with 3,349 total points. Sophomore Dore DeBartolo placed sixth in the 20-lb. weight throw and eighth in the shot put.

Grow was the lone victor for the Irish women, racing to first in the 400-meter run in a time of 55.27 seconds. She crossed the line a hair ahead of West Virginia's Tameca Williams, who completed the race in 55.28.

"I really wanted to win, and I thought I could win," Grow said. "I just try to run to win, and time usually takes care of itself."

The Irish were shut out of all other individual running events except the 5,000-meter run, in which senior All-American Alison Klemmer took seventh.

Both the 4x400-meter relay and the distance medley relay took fourth for Notre Dame.

The 4x400-meter relay team of Carri Lenz, Amanda Alvarez, Kymia Love and Grow set a new school record with a time of 3:45.29.

The Irish will rest this weekend and return to action at home with the Alex Wilson Invitational March 3-4.



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MEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame tops Wisconsin, drops match to Miami

By RACHEL BIBER
Sports Writer

The Irish had their opponents right where they wanted them, but they couldn't get the job done.

After a 7-0 blanking of the Wisconsin Badgers on Friday, 29th-ranked Notre Dame was ready to take full advantage of the home court edge against 32nd-ranked Miami (Fla.), but the Hurricanes had other plans, taking Sunday's match-up, 5-2.

"We had a good crowd, and we were on our home court," Irish coach Bob Bayliss said. "It's an opportunity we let slip away, and it's a big disappointment to me."

Notre Dame's sweeping victory over Wisconsin began the weekend's play on a much sweeter note, with each player in the lineup coming away with straight set victories in singles play.

The Irish started against the Badgers by stealing away the doubles point with an intense and narrow victory in the decisive No. 1 match by the 53rd-ranked duo of Javier Taborga and Aaron Talarico. The two rallied for a 9-8 (7-1) win over 42nd-ranked David Chang and Scott Rutherford.

Down 3-6, Talarico and Taborga came up with two key breaks of serve and won four consecutive games to take a 7-6 lead. In the tiebreaker, they stormed out to a 5-0 lead before eventually taking the match and securing the doubles point for the Irish.

Seniors Trent Miller and Ryan Sachire had no problems breezing to an 8-1 victory at No. 2 doubles over the Badger's Justin Baker and Adam Schumacher.

Matt Daly, seeing action for the first time since being hampered by a shoulder injury, and Ashok Raju were tripped up at No. 3 doubles 9-8 (12-10) by Wisconsin's Jason Gonzaga and Danny Westerman, in a match that featured a number of match points for both teams in the tiebreak.

Sophomores Casey Smith and Andrew Laflin quickly cushioned the Irish lead with wins at No. 2 and No. 5 singles respectively. Smith downed Wisconsin's Change 6-4, 6-4, while Laflin edged by Stefan Reist 7-6 (7-5) in the first set before steamrolling through the second set, 6-0.

Taborga clinched the win for the Irish at No. 4 singles with a 6-4, 7-5 win over the Badgers' Schumacher. After blowing the second set wide open with a commanding 4-0 lead, Taborga watched his opponent creep

back in contention for the set, but held on for the win.

The Irish completed the 7-0 sweep of the Badgers by claiming the remaining three matches in second-set tiebreakers.

Seventeenth-ranked Sachire topped Wisconsin's Westerman 7-5, 7-6 (7-4) at No. 1 singles, while Notre Dame's Talarico came back from a 2-5 deficit in the second set to gain victory over Rutherford 6-4, 7-6 (7-3) at No. 4 singles. Brian Farrell also mounted a second-set comeback by rallying from 2-4 to overcome the Badgers' Dustin Friedman 6-4, 7-6 (7-4).

After the Badgers left town, the Miami Hurricanes came whirling through to hand the Irish their first loss since a Jan. 29 defeat against the Indiana Hoosiers, snapping a four-match winning streak. The loss left Notre Dame with a 5-3 record, while Miami remains undefeated with seven wins.

Miami notched a 1-0 lead by securing the doubles point with wins at Nos. 2 and 3 doubles. The Hurricanes' Mike Lang and Jose Lieberman clinched the doubles point by rallying for a 9-8 (7-4) win over Sachire and Miller at No. 2 doubles. The Irish pairing had the opportunity for victory with two match points at 7-6, but let the match slip away.

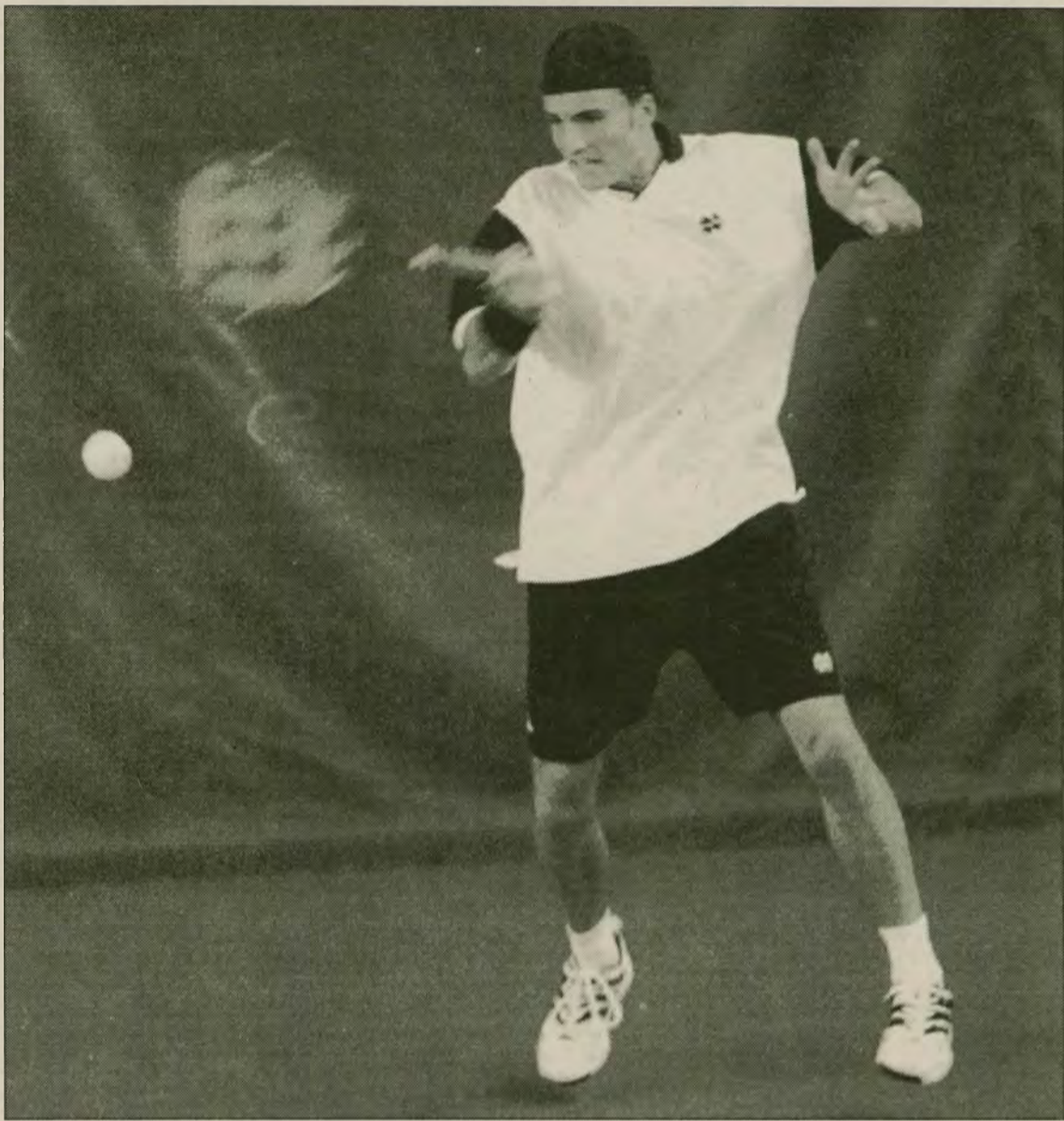
Notre Dame's Daly and Raju also witnessed a comeback by their opponent, as Miami's Mark Arrowsmith and Joel Berman overcame a 5-2 deficit to pull out an 8-6 victory. The No. 1 doubles match was suspended at 7-7 between Talarico and Taborga, and the Hurricanes' Hoffman and Smid when the doubles point was awarded to Miami.

All-American Sachire and Laflin provided the lone points for the Irish by locking up victory in the Nos. 1 and 4 singles matches, respectively.

Sachire conducted business as usual, improving his singles record to 20-6 on the year with a 6-3, 6-2 drubbing of the Hurricanes' Smid. Laflin had no problems disposing of Miami's Arrowsmith, breezing to victory, 6-0, 6-0.

After the two Irish wins, the Hurricanes tore through the rest of the Irish lineup, earning straight-set victories at Nos. 2, 3, and 4 singles. The Hurricanes' Johan Lindquist topped Daly 6-4, 6-3 at No. 2, Hoffman defeated Irish sophomore Smith 6-2, 6-4 at No. 3, while the Hurricanes' Lieberman barely escaped Talarico 6-3, 2-6, 7-5 at No. 5.

Disappointment characterized the Irish camp after the Hurricanes claimed victory, but the opportunities to top the rival opponent were just not



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No. 1 singles player senior Ryan Sachire posted two victories in last weekend's matches against Wisconsin and Miami.

seized quickly enough.

"Miami has a good team. I give them a lot of credit," Bayliss said. "We just didn't

come through. Against Wisconsin, they were the ones to blink — against Miami, we were the ones to blink."

The team will attempt to return to winning ways Saturday at home against Purdue.

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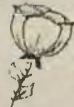
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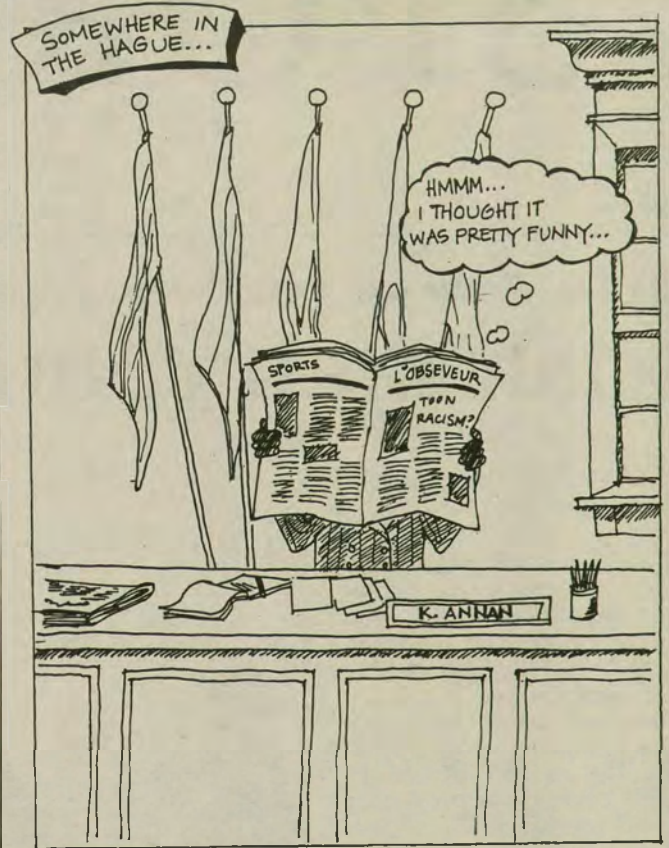
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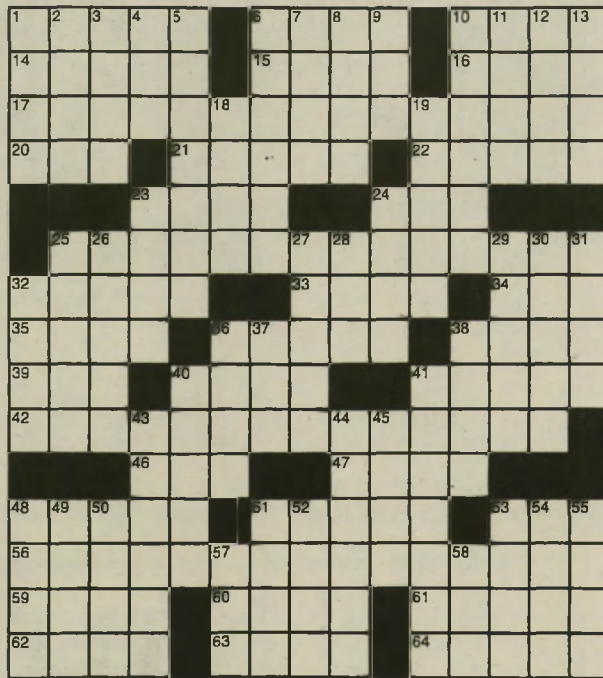
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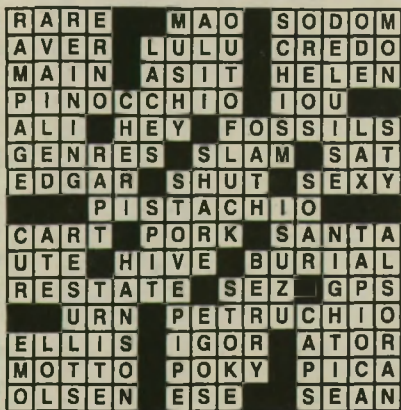


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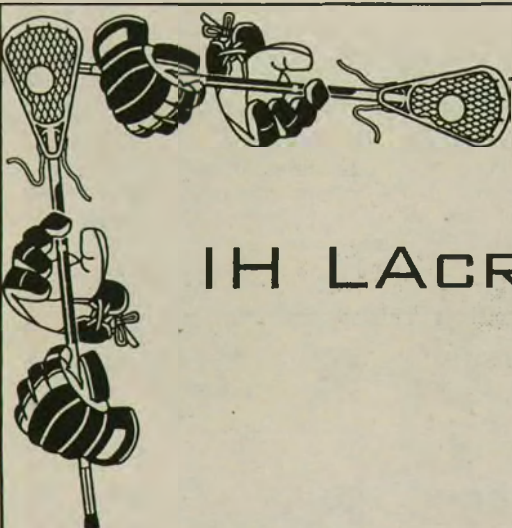
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SPORTS

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 Notre Dame's men's tennis team knocked off Wisconsin, but fell to Miami over the weekend.
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BIG EAST TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Irish men return as runner-ups

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
 Assistant Sports Editor

The senior-dominated Irish couldn't get over the hump, finishing as the runner-up in the Big East Indoors Track and Field Championships for the fourth straight year.

Georgetown outdistanced Notre Dame in men's competition 139 to 125, but Notre Dame came closer to victory than in previous years.

"Whenever you get second place, at least for us, you're never satisfied," sophomore distance runner Luke Watson said. "We know that we could have made up 13 points. But overall, it was a pretty strong performance."

The Hoyas edged the Irish in several events, allowing them to turn the corner to triumph.

"We knew it would be a really big challenge to beat them," senior sprinter Chris Cochran said. "They're a very good middle-distance team, and the indoor championships are really kind of structured around the middle distance."

Although Irish seniors Tim Kober and Phil Mishka put forth strong performances in the 500-meter run, the 800-meter and the 1000-meter, the Hoyas came out with the advantage thanks to a deeper squad.

Kober captured second in the 800-meter run in a time of 8 minutes, 22.51 seconds, but Georgetown had three runners in the top eight to top Kober's point total. Kober also took third in the 500-meter run, with Hoyas athletes on his



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Senior sprinter Chris Cochran raced to victories in the 60 meter and 400 meter dashes. He also set a meet record in the 60 meter with a time of 6.79 seconds.

heels in fourth and fifth places.

Mishka smashed the Notre Dame school record in the 1000-meter run by over a second, taking the runner-up position in a time of 2:22.22.

Despite his outstanding race, the Hoyas were able to better his scoring by placing three runners in the top eight.

"On the strength of Tim Kober and Phil Mishka, they

really came through for us and scored some much-needed points," Watson said.

Watson ran a difficult double, with mile preliminaries on

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish host Hurricanes in Big East matchup

By TIM CASEY
 Sports Writer

Consider the women's basketball team warned. They've been told time and time again by their coaches of the ultimate cliché "we've got to take it one game at a time" line, one of the most popular phrases in press conferences and gyms everywhere.

It's never more important than now. The Irish (23-2, 14-0) are coming off their biggest win of the season, a 76-74 overtime victory over the Rutgers Scarlet Knights on Saturday, their 18th in a row.

Next Saturday, Notre Dame faces its nemesis Connecticut at Storrs, Conn., where Notre Dame always seems to struggle. Two more wins and the Irish will become undefeated Big East cham-

pions for the first time in school history.

But first, the focus is on tonight, when Notre Dame hosts Miami at the Joyce Center.

Miami (11-13, 5-8) is coming off a 66-61 loss to Georgetown on Saturday. Senior Gina Graziani scored a team-high 18 points and dished out 8 assists for the Hurricanes. Freshman Alicia Hartlaub added 16 points.

Sheila James leads the Hurricanes in scoring, pouring in 12.6 per game. Hautlab is the only other Miami player in double figures, contributing 10.5 points per game. Graziani ranks second in Big East history with 450 assists, just 21 off of Providence's Shanya Evans record set from 1987-91.

Notre Dame fans can thank the inside-outside duo of Ruth Riley and Alicia Ratay for continuing the nation's longest winning streak on Saturday against the Scarlet Knights.

Ratay, the Big East rookie of the week, was a perfect seven-for-seven from the field, all from beyond the 3-point line, and finished with 26 points. She was also five for six from the foul line and added 10 rebounds. Ratay saved the best for last, hitting two 3-pointers in the final

minute of regulation, including one with 3.6 seconds remaining, to force overtime.

Riley earned co-Big East player of the

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No. 5 Notre Dame vs.

Miami

◆ Where: Joyce Center

◆ When: Tonight, 7 p.m.

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Softball
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at North Carolina
 Saturday, noon



vs. Miami
 Today, 7 p.m.



Baseball
 vs. Air Force
 at Millington, Tenn.
 Thursday, 4 p.m.



at Loyola Tournament
 Saturday, 8 a.m.



vs. Purdue
 Saturday, noon

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Belles win MIAA play-off game

By MOLLY McVOY
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The Saint Mary's basketball team made history Monday night by winning the first game that Belles' basketball has ever won in the MIAA playoffs with a 68-62

MIAA playoffs
 Saint Mary's 68
 Olivet 62

victory over Olivet College.

"It's really exciting," said junior guard Julie Norman. "It's kind of a nice turn around to a really long season. Now is the time we needed to peak, and we are."

This win marks only the fourth win of the Belles' season, making the victory that much sweeter.

They dominated throughout the game, thanks largely to the play of freshman Kristen Matha. Matha recorded a game-high 25 points and carried both the scoring and the emotion of the team as she played.

"I can't tell you how proud of her I am," Norman said. "She showed so much maturity as a freshman out there."

The game was very physical, with both teams combining for 37 fouls by the sound of the buzzer. This type of game only inspires the Belles to step up their play, Matha said.

"[A rough game] always fires up our team," she said. "It's just natural to get fired up and want to score it in their face."

Saint Mary's capitalized on the foul shots it had, shooting 85 percent from the foul line for 17 points. Matha alone had 11 points from the line.

The Belles' defense took advantage of every opportunity the Comets' offense allowed, scoring 22 points off of turnovers to the Comets' nine. Saint Mary's also had 12 fast break points in the game, while Olivet did not register one.

The Belles led by eight at the half and never relinquished the lead. They led by as many as 12 during the game.

Olivet mounted a comeback near the end of the game, bringing it within five points many times, but Saint Mary's kept control and secured the

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