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FACULTY SENATE

Members approve Student Life report

◆ **Group also asks ND to join Workers' Rights Consortium**

By JOSHUA BOURGEOIS
 Assistant News Editor

The Faculty Senate passed two resolutions Tuesday dealing with a report to the Ad Hoc Committee on Academic and Student Life and the Progressive Student Alliance request for the University to take further action against sweatshops.

The committees on academic affairs and student affairs drafted the report debated at the meeting. The report intends to inform the Ad Hoc Committee on Academic and Student Life on the faculty's role in the integration of academic and campus life. The Ad Hoc Committee will then write a report on the issue in April.

The Faculty Senate Report to the Ad Hoc Committee on Academic and Student Life suggests that there should be "either the reorganization of the Campus Life Council [CLC] or the formation of a new body to replace it [the CLC] to oversee the integration of Academic and Campus life."

According to the report, some of the issues the suggested committee should deal with are "Residence Hall Faculty Fellows or Resident Faculty Masters and Senior Tutors; oversight of all disciplinary procedures involving student organizations, including media, addressing politically or academically controversial issues and organization of the system of residence halls to promote specifically academic goals as well as those currently pursued in the residence halls."



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Faculty Senate chair Jean Porter leads the group's meeting Tuesday. The Senate voted to support the PSA's campaign for Notre Dame to enter the Workers' Rights Consortium, an anti-sweatshop organization.

After debating the inclusion of a diversity clause, the Senate voted to endorse the report by a vote of 28-3. The report will now go to the Ad Hoc Committee on Academic and Student Life.

Aaron Kreider of the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA) attended the

meeting and presented the Senate a proposal that asked the University to withdraw from the Fair Labor Association (FLA) and join the newly formed Workers' Rights Consortium

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SMC bans indoor smoking

By MOLLY McVOY
 News Writer

Saint Mary's administration handed down a new smoking policy, to go into effect next semester, which limits the areas where students are allowed to smoke.

The policy prohibits smoking in any buildings on campus and encourages smokers to smoke only outside near the ashtrays which will be provided. This will ensure no smoking near doorways and windows.

New smoking policy

- ◆ No smoking in any buildings on campus.
- ◆ Smoking encouraged at ashtrays, away from doors and windows.
- ◆ Takes effect Aug. 1.

according to the policy. Presently, smokers are allowed to smoke in their rooms with their roommate's permission and in provided smoking areas in the residence halls.

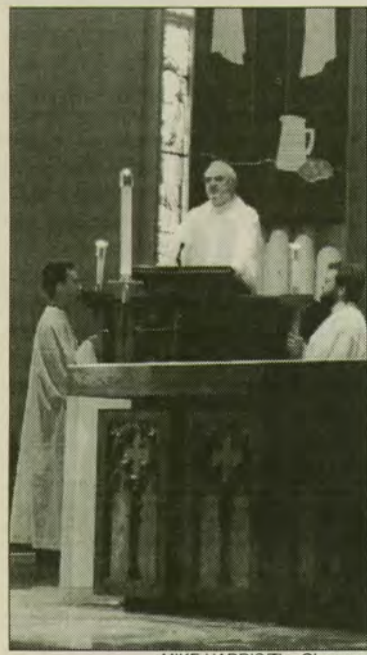
Most non-smokers are pleased with the policy, but many smokers and non-smokers alike were surprised that this was passed and disappointed that their input seemed lacking in the decision.

The decision met mixed reactions from the students.

"I'm just curious as to where this policy came from," said Megan Kosel, a junior non-smoker. "I can see how, if you're a non-smoker, it came out of

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Community celebrates McCormick at memorial Mass



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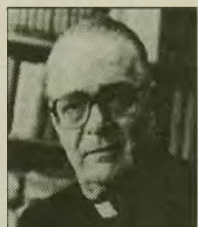
Theology professor Father Richard McBrien gives the homily Tuesday.

By JASON McFARLEY
 News Writer

Family, friends and community members filled the Basilica of the Sacred Heart to half its capacity as they gathered to celebrate the life and achievements of the late Father Richard McCormick at a memorial Mass held Tuesday.

McCormick, a professor emeritus of Christian ethics, was a world-renowned moral theologian who specialized in biomedical ethics. He had been a member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1986.

A Toledo, Ohio, native, McCormick died of natural causes on Feb. 12 in Clarkston, Mich.



McCormick

He was 77 years old.

Father Theodore Hesburgh, University president emeritus, said that McCormick would have been thankful for those who attended the memorial services.

"[McCormick] was a wonderful friend and colleague. He was open to all ideas, all friendships, open to everyone," said Hesburgh, who presided over the Mass.

The event drew many who knew McCormick, including his three sisters and other extended family members. Friends, colleagues and people from throughout the area were also in attendance.

Father Richard McBrien, a fellow theology professor, delivered the homily. He called McCormick an integral part of not only his immediate family but also of the Notre Dame community and the Society of Jesus to which he had belonged since 1940.

McBrien recalled some of

McCormick's contributions to the public. McCormick was the recipient of many academic honors, was a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and was a past president of the

Catholic Theological Society of America, McBrien said. McCormick was also a published author and made regular appearances on television news programs.

"Many benefited from his wisdom and counsel," McBrien said. "Now that he has left this earth, his renown will not cease."

Both McBrien and Hesburgh remembered McCormick as a courageous man. Last June, when McCormick first fell ill, he

was determined to return to his work at Notre Dame, according to McBrien.

"He never lost hope that he would return to Notre Dame, if even for one more football weekend," McBrien said.

"[McCormick] was a wonderful friend and colleague. He was open to all ideas, all friendships, open to everyone."

Father Theodore Hesburgh
 president

Although the memorial Mass was an occasion to pay tribute, McBrien said Tuesday's services were intended to call attention to a life of accomplishments, not

death. The bonds of friendship and love that McCormick stood for are not broken by his passing, McBrien said.

"Father McCormick's presence

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INSIDE COLUMN

It's just a place, right?

In three months, I'll be gone. I realized that the other day when an envelope filled with commencement information met me at the mailbox. It was a sign of my collegiate mortality.

And when I opened that envelope, and read such dry material about how exactly Notre Dame is going to kick me out, I began to cry.

It wasn't a sob event. It was just a small trickle, enough to make me notice a change in my emotional well-being, but not so much that I couldn't weasel my way out of explaining why there was a tear running down my cheek. (It was a piece of dirt, I would probably say.)

Anyway, I suppose it's just the sentimentalist who's been hiding deep down in my soul for such a long time. I've never pretended not to be a sensitive person. But I've never pretended to be a big fan of loving Notre Dame and everything attached to it.

I've visited the Grotto when I needed spiritual mending. I visited the Main Building when it reopened. I went to all the home football games.

But really, I would have made those trips if I were at any other school. It was really my spirituality, my curiosity and my interest in sports that instigated them.

So why did I cry when I discovered that I was on my last leg at good ol' Notre Dame?

It's because everything I thought was important in my life was somehow infected by this place. I've been here for three and a half years already. And I've grown attached to it.

Don't get me wrong. I don't regret coming to Notre Dame. I'm glad I made the decision to attend the only school to which I applied, and which accepted me.

But did I expect Notre Dame to fully become part of my psychological being? I never really took advantage of everything Notre Dame boasts offering its students. I never took part in any extracurricular activities aside from the marching band (which helped me get into the football games for free) and The Observer (which I consider more of a job). I just didn't embrace Notre Dame.

But now, I find myself trying to wring everything that is Notre Dame out of my brain. I don't want to cry when my parents come back to South Bend for the first time since freshman orientation.

I don't want to cry when I sit with my fellow Domers at the commencement Mass or at actual commencement.

I'd much rather consider these last four years as just another four years in my long life. Why can't Notre Dame be a place instead of a lifestyle?

But, for some reason, I don't think that'll happen.

That's why I was offended when everyone lashed out against the newly corrupted Notre Dame student body last week for the action of a single "waterboy" whom I've forgiven already. (I didn't care much in the first place.)

So, though, I'll probably be crying my eyes out come mid-May, I know that soon after, when I leave this place, I'll be crying my eyes out about how I don't have a good job, no future and a new life I'm not too sure about loving.

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



Mike Vanegas

Scene editor

THIS WEEK IN MICHIANA

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>◆ Watercolor class: Nappanee Public Library, Nappanee; 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; (219) 773-7919.</p>	<p>◆ Entertainment: "Evening at Moontree," music, dance and visual arts, Moontree Lodge Cafe, 9802 Upas Rd., Plymouth; 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.</p>	<p>◆ Flea Market: Collectibles show and sale, Pierre Moran Mall, Elkhart; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. ◆ Theater: "Clue," Battell Community Center, 904 N. Main St., Mishawaka; 8 p.m.</p>	<p>◆ Performance: "Dance Kaleidoscope," ELCO Performing Theater, Elkhart; 7:30 p.m.; 1-800- 597-7627.</p>

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

FDA denounces Penn gene study, won't lift ban

PHILADELPHIA

In a scathing letter to Penn's Institute for Human Gene Therapy on Friday, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration rejected the Institute's defense of its handling of the clinical study that cost an 18-year-old man his life and refused to lift the ban on gene therapy at the university.

In the 20-page warning letter addressed to IHGT director James Wilson, who led the study, federal regulators charged the researcher with having "failed to fulfill the obligations as the sponsor" of gene therapy studies, and accused him of violating federal human research regulations.

"We are disappointed that the FDA appears to discount a number of the responses to those charges filed by the IHGT," University of



Pennsylvania officials said in a written statement issued Friday.

The warning comes six weeks after the FDA charged the Institute with 18 possible violations of federal research protocol breaches and placed a ban on all gene therapy at Penn. IHGT officials responded to the allegations last month and an external committee of scientists is expected to release its findings by mid-April.

Federal regulators refuted nearly all of the responses offered by the Institute concerning the gene therapy trial in which Jesse Gelsinger, who died last September, was enrolled. Wilson and his researchers later determined that Gelsinger died of multiple organ failure induced by the gene therapy.

The Institute — which until recently had been considered one of the top gene therapy research centers in the world — now has 15 business days to inform the FDA about any corrective steps that will be taken and submit any data and documentation for which the letter calls.

But a source close to the investigation said that the University will now only submit the documents asked for in the letter; it will not seek to dispute every point with the FDA.

Packer apologizes to Duke students

DURHAM, N.C.

Through an e-mail to two students, Billy Packer said he never intended "to disparage Duke University or its students." CBS basketball commentator Billy Packer apologized Monday to two Duke students for sexist remarks he made to them at a home more than a week ago. "I am sorry you were offended by my comments as I entered Cameron on Feb. 26," Packer wrote in a brief e-mail to Trinity junior Jen Feinberg and Pratt junior Sarah Bradley. "It was never my intention to disparage Duke University or its students." Bradley and Feinberg responded and accepted Packer's apology Wednesday. "We were pleased to see it. I was actually sort of stunned when I saw it pop up in my e-mail," Feinberg said. "We're glad to have it resolved." CBS had no official statement on the issue, saying that it was between Packer and the students. Packer, who was criticized in 1996 for calling basketball star Allen Iverson a "tough monkey," declined further comment Monday, calling it a "personal matter."

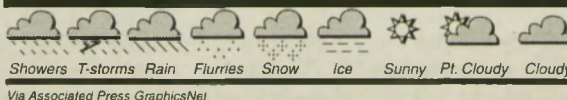
NYU votes to join labor rights group

NEW YORK

The university senate voted Thursday to join the Workers Rights Consortium (WRC) on a conditional basis and send representatives to its first organizational meeting in April. All but one of the senators present at the meeting voted in favor joining the WRC after nearly 20 minutes of debate over the language of the resolution. The WRC is a newly formed independent monitoring group that would oversee the implementation of wage, condition and civil rights standards in the apparel factories that NYU subcontracts for the manufacture of university-logo garments. So far 13 universities including NYU have joined the organization, according to the WRC. Arthur Tannenbaum, chairman of the senate's public affairs committee, presented a report recommending that "the full senate vote to recommend that the university join the WRC on a conditional basis and that the president designate a member of the university community to serve as NYU's official representative to the group at its April meeting."

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NATIONAL WEATHER

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Members discuss future of Dalloway's clubhouse



CHRISTINE KAI/The Observer

Saint Mary's Board of Governance listens to updates on campus construction Tuesday.

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
News Writer

Construction updates, a visit from the newly elected Notre Dame student body president and vice president and introductions of new Board of Governance members highlighted the Saint Mary's BOG meeting Tuesday.

The Historical Preservation Committee had a meeting to discuss the future of Dalloway's, Saint Mary's clubhouse. At this point, there are no definite plans to tear it down, but it may revert back to the Sisters of the Holy Cross if the current transaction goes through. In this transaction, Saint Mary's would get a new clubhouse and also the softball and soccer fields for development. The school hopes to break ground on a new clubhouse soon.

In more construction news, the major renovations in Regina Hall may begin as early as spring break. Nancy Midden, current Saint Mary's student body president, announced that BOG would help the Jubilee Community Commitment Committee by submitting feedback on the student body's behalf.

The committee was established in December to examine documentation going back to 1975,

Midden said. It also sought to make recommendations based on their findings. The committee submitted their suggestions to the Administrative Council and is now looking for feedback.

Angie Little, student body vice president, announced several activities for Women's Month in March.

Some of the activities planned include a study break, a service project called "Bottomless Closet," which will focus on providing women with business attire who would not otherwise be able to afford it.

"Carolyn Kelley did a really good job [setting this up]," Little said. Kelley is the representative for Women's Studies on the Student Academic Council.

In other BOG news:

◆ Brian O'Donoghue and Brooke Norton, Notre Dame's student body president and vice president elects, officially introduced themselves at the meeting.

Current student body vice president Michael Palumbo was also in attendance, along with Saint Mary's student body president-elect Crissie Renner and vice president-elect Michelle Nagle.

O'Donoghue and Norton's visit served to wrap up the controver-

sy which enveloped both Saint Mary's and Notre Dame's elections.

Other newly elected officers who were introduced at Tuesday's meeting included Saint Mary's Residence Hall Association president-elect Mindy Rennaker and junior class president-elect Katy Robinson.

◆ BOG was asked for two co-sponsorships. The Student Nurses Association requested funds to attend a conference in Salt Lake City in April. The second request was for a mission trip to the Lillian Trasher Orphanage in Asyut, Egypt.

"It's the most amazing experience I've ever had," Robinson said of a previous mission trip. Robinson's father, Dr. Jim Robinson, runs a dental facility at the orphanage. Robinson and Nagle will be traveling with him this summer on the trip.

◆ Midnight Madness will be held on March 31, from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. The evening includes finals for the intramural sports, games, food and a DJ. Grand prize is an all-expenses paid trip to Chicago.

◆ Nominations for the Student Leadership Appreciation Award, given to a faculty, administration or staff member who prepares students as leaders, are due March 24.

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Prof wins book award

Special to The Observer

"The Talkies: American Cinema's Transition to Sound, 1926-1931," by Donald Crafton, professor and chair of the department of film, television and theatre, won a 1999 Kraszna-Krausz Book Award.

Crafton received the award, in the history and culture category, during ceremonies Feb. 1 at the Royal Society in London. His book was chosen from among five finalists, which in turn were collected from among 283 books representing 11 countries. The Kraszna-Krausz awards alternate annually between books on photography and on moving images.

Crafton joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1997. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1969 and received his first master's degree from the University of Iowa. He earned his second master's and his doctoral degree at Yale University.

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Dennis lauds Salvadoran martyrs

By NELLIE WILLIAMS
News Writer

On Nov. 16, 1989, six Jesuit priests and two women in El Salvador were mercilessly gunned down.

Tuesday, Sister Marie Dennis, director of the Maryknoll Peace and Justice Center came to Saint Mary's from Washington to tell their story. "Like grains of wheat," she said. "They were holy people of God."

The "grains of wheat" were Ignatio Ellacuria, Segundo Montes, Nacho Martin-Baro, Juan Ramon Moreno, Amanda Lopex and Joaquin Lopez y Lopez. The two women killed were Elba Ramos and her 15-year-old daughter, Celina.

"[These people] were imitators of Christ, followers of Jesus. They were seeds of new life," Dennis said.

The country of El Salvador is filled with poverty. In a very complex situation, the government and military control most of the wealth and had wanted the poor to stay in poverty, Dennis said. As long as there was poverty, there was economic and social power in El Salvador.

The Jesuits, however, spoke out. They critiqued the government and the Farabundo Martin Liberacion Nacional.

"[The Jesuits] were given to dedicated service," Dennis said.

They taught in the Central American University in El Salvador and were theologians, sociologists and psychologists.

"They were able to stand in the shoes of the poor," Dennis said. "They always, always talked about justice. They believed it was possible to bring in peace and justice."

Their beliefs and hopes for the poor of El Salvador cost the Jesuits their lives.

"The strength of their action terrified authority," Dennis said.

John Sabreno, also a Jesuit who taught at the university with the other six, was away in Thailand when his brothers were killed.

"No account is more poignant than his own," Dennis said of



DOROTHY CARDER/The Observer

"[The Jesuits] were given to dedicated service," said Sister Marie Dennis Tuesday during her Lenten Lecture.

Sabreno. "He wrote, 'My whole community had been killed.'"

He went on to tell how two of his brothers had been taken out into the garden, beaten and machine-gunned down while the others were shot down in their beds. The two women staying in the house were there because they "felt safer in the house with all that was going on."

"The Jesuits were killed because of their belief in and love for the poor," said Dennis.

Dennis said people should be challenged, especially at this time in Lent to think about the martyrs and our own lives.

"We need to place ourselves before the crucifix and ask ourselves honestly what we have done and what we are going to

do [for the poor]," she said. "It is not possible to keep on living in abundance. We are wanting more and more while millions of people are dying day by day."

She also said that people need to find "places to walk with the poor" and allow them to change them and become more human. People need to challenge themselves to take down barriers that separate them from the crucified ones, she said.

Dennis emphasized that even in her own life she had a hard time dealing with a poor family. Her heart went out to them, yet she could not find within herself the courage to invite them to her home.

"I was embarrassed to invite these children to our home because we had so much more than they did," she said.

"[The martyrs] are a cloud of witnesses to the gospel," Dennis said. "They are seekers of a new life for us — the martyrs of El Salvador."

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Sister Marie Dennis
director, Maryknoll Peace and Justice Center

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was a very great blessing to so many," Hesburgh said.

McCormick graduated from Chicago's Loyola University in 1945 and obtained a master's degree from that institution five years later. In 1953, McCormick was ordained into the priesthood, and in 1957, he obtained his doctoral degree in theology from the Gregorian University in Rome.

He was a professor of moral theology at the Jesuit School of theology in Chicago from 1957 to 1973. For the 13 years prior to his joining the Notre Dame faculty, McCormick was a professor of Christian ethics at Georgetown University.



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Smoking

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nowhere."

Jessica Barnett, a junior involved in a petition early this year to try to stop the policy from going into effect, shared Megan's perspective.

"We had no voice in this," she said.

The administration appointed a task force which included professors, students and administration to investigate smoking on the campus and to put together a proposal for change.

Jami Newcomb, a student member of the panel who smokes and was opposed to prohibiting all smoking in the residence halls, said that although the committee was there, the decision was made prior to its inception.

"[The committee] had as part of our resolution allowing smoking lounges in the residence halls," Newcomb said. "The administration apologized but explained that they were going to change that and ban all smoking in the halls. Why did they have the task force if they knew what they were going to do already? I think it was a true infringement on our rights."

The policy came from an effort by both the administration and health services to encourage healthy behaviors by the student body according to Karen Ristau, vice president and dean of students.

"It really came from our desire to stand up against something that is not healthy," she said. "There is

so much advertising aimed at young women that we wanted to take a stand."

The policy is an effort to help non-smokers avoid second-hand smoke and encourage smokers to avoid the unhealthy behavior.

"I am really glad that, as a strict non-smoker, I can walk through my residence halls and outside my classrooms without having to hold my breath," Kosel commented.

Some smokers agree that this policy will help them curb their habit by keeping them from smoking in their rooms.

"I think it is a good idea not to be able to smoke in the residence halls," said Emily Koelsch, a smoker. "I think it will help people quit if they can't smoke at night in their rooms."

Many non-smokers who live next to smokers are pleased that their neighbors will not be able to smoke in their rooms, helping to cut back on their second-hand smoke intake.

"I live next to a smoker and I hate it," said fresh-

man Karen Schaff. "Whenever she smokes, it drifts into my room and the entire hall reeks of it. I like the idea of the non-smoking dorms. It isn't fair for non-smokers to have to breathe that smell. We should be able live without that inconvenience."

Many smokers feel that the administration is infringing on their rights.

"It's frustrating," Barnett said. "I don't want to ruin anyone's health, but I don't think Saint Mary's has the right to tell me what I can and cannot do. ... I think it's an individual choice, not one that should be forced on us."

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Karen Ristau
vice president and dean of students

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Day care center to provide anonymous baby drop

HAMBURG, Germany

Desperate mothers who do not want their babies will soon be able to drop them off anonymously through a chute at a Hamburg day care center under a project being launched by a youth help organization. When placed into the chute, a baby will fall into a warm bed and be placed in the program's care, project leader Heider Kaiser said. Mothers have eight weeks to rethink their decision, she said. The program was devised to give women an alternative to abandoning or even killing their babies when they can't or don't want to keep them, Kaiser said. In the United States, Minnesota has introduced a similar program and Los Angeles is discussing one. A baby drop also exists in South Africa.

Arizona Democrats participate in first-ever Internet voting

PHOENIX

Arizona Democrats on Tuesday started what they believe is the future of voting — using the Internet in the nation's first such ballot cast in a binding election for public office. Maricopa County Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox cast the first vote from state party headquarters at 12:01 a.m. By mid-afternoon, about 7,000 people had voted and the Web site was recording about 100 votes every 5 minutes. To vote, registered Democrats visit Election.com, which leads them to the Web page where they can vote. They have to enter a personal identification number along with state and date of birth. On primary day, other voters will have to go to one of 124 polling places where they can use either a traditional paper ballot or computer.

Bob Jones U. lifts dating ban, requires parental consent

GREENVILLE, S.C.

Students who want to take advantage of Bob Jones University's decision to drop its ban on interracial dating will need a note from their parents. Bob Jones III, the school's president, announced an end to the ban Friday. On Monday, he told nearly 4,000 students at a daily chapel service that they must tell their parents if they become involved in an interracial relationship. "We will carry out the will of your parents," he said. "They will need to have a say in this." Parents must send a letter to the dean of men or women approving the relationship before the school will allow it, Jones said. He said at the chapel service that most people view interracial marriage as an unwise decision. "I think that's evidenced by the fact that so few people are interracially married," Jones said. "When you date interracially or marry interracially, it cuts you off from people."

CHILE



Police and protesters face off in front of the Chilean presidential palace Saturday. The protesters were demonstrating against former dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet, who returned to Chile Friday after being held in England, where he evaded extradition to Spain for trial on human rights charges.

KRT

Pinochet to face trial as ordinary citizen

Associated Press

SANTIAGO

Less than a week after returning from confinement in Britain, the ailing Gen. Augusto Pinochet faces 72 lawsuits for human rights abuses, including six filed Tuesday with the Santiago Court of Appeals.

Chief Justice Hernan Alvarez dismissed warnings by critics that strong military support for Pinochet might interfere with the pursuit of justice.

"Citizen Augusto Pinochet can be tried the same as any other Chilean," Alvarez said. "The courts do not accept pressure."

He admitted, however, that "this is indeed a complex situation that requires prudence."

Fernando Barros, a spokesman for

Pinochet through most of the former dictator's 16-month detention in Britain, warned that trying Pinochet "will bring instability to the country."

A day earlier, Judge Juan Guzman, who is handling the suits, asked the Santiago court to strip Pinochet of his congressional immunity so he could be tried in the case known as "the caravan of death" — the killings and disappearances of 72 dissidents in the days after the Sept. 11, 1973 coup that brought Pinochet to power.

Among those who filed new suits on Tuesday was Miria Contreras, the secretary of former President Salvador Allende, whom Pinochet ousted in the coup.

A report by the elected government that succeeded Pinochet in 1990 established that Contreras' 20-

year-old son, Enrique Ropert, was arrested in front of the presidential palace the day of the coup "and executed by agents of the State. His body was found on the banks of the Mapocho River by the end of the same month."

Another new suit was filed by Yolanda Avila, the widow of Jose Liendo, a leftist accused of organizing guerrillas in southern Chile and executed a few days after the coup.

Attorney Francisco Bravo said Liendo had been executed after "a highly irregular" military trial.

"A text of the procedures was never found, and Liendo was not provided with a lawyer," Bravo said.

According to the official report, 3,197 people were killed or disappeared for political reasons during Pinochet's 17-year reign.

Jurors debate date-rape drug poisoning

Associated Press

DETROIT

Jurors began Tuesday deliberating the fate of a man accused of causing the death of a 15-year-old girl by slipping a date-rape drug into her soft drink.

Joshua Cole, 19, is charged with three counts of felony poisoning, each carrying a possible life sentence, and involuntary manslaughter. Manslaughter is punishable by up to 15 years behind bars.

In closing arguments Tuesday, defense attorney John Courtright told jurors that his client acted out of ignorance but did not intend to harm the teen-ager. He said Samantha Reid's death was a "tragic accident."

"No one would knowingly hurt themselves or their friends," Courtright said. "Sometimes things happen that shouldn't happen, and it's a tragedy."

Prosecutors say Cole and three other men gave the girls soft drinks secretly spiked with gamma-hydroxybutyrate

during a party Jan. 16, 1999.

Samantha died the next day. Her friend Melanie Sindone, now 16, fell into a coma but recovered.

Courtright asked the jury to consider Cole's actions the night of the party and afterward: carrying the unconscious girls from the apartment to a van and calling their parents from the hospital when others urged him not to.

Wayne County assistant prosecutor Doug Baker said in his closing argument Monday that Cole

knew GHB was potentially harmful, because he told police investigating that he had tried it once and gotten sick.

The trial is believed to be among the first in the country resulting from a GHB-related death.

Two other men — Nicholas Holtschlag, 18, and Daniel Brayman, 18 — are each charged with involuntary manslaughter and two counts of felony poisoning. A third, Erick Limmer, 26, is charged with poisoning, delivery of marijuana and possession of GHB.

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McEvoy: Northern Irish youth face host of challenges

By AMANDA GRECO
News Writer

Though conflict in Northern Ireland is nothing new, the youth there are encountering more uncertainty, insecurity, inter- and intra-communal violence and segregation than ever before, according to Siobhan McEvoy, who spoke Tuesday at Notre Dame.

McEvoy, a visiting fellow at the Kroc Institute, examined young people's political attitudes and allegiances, experiences of violence and interests in the war-torn province.

She spent the last several months in Ireland interacting with mostly Protestant youth and conducting interviews to gather information. While there, McEvoy witnessed firsthand the vulnerability of the peace process, as well as the optimism of youth that can envision a peaceful future. Northern Ireland's peace process is generally seen as spanning the last seven years, McEvoy said, with 1993-1998 being considered the conflict resolution era and 1998 as post settlement.

This current method looks to see that actions taken are viable with the young.

"No group is more charged with carrying the peace process forward than the youth," she said.

Knowing that more than 40 percent of Northern Ireland's population is younger than 24, McEvoy said that the youth hold the hope for a peaceful future. For those she studied, anywhere from one-third to one-half of their lives have taken place during the peace process.

"There is no escaping the peace process, and the children

above all are aware of and affected by it," she said.

Though all are aware of the need for peace, there exists a notable difference in how this peace is envisioned, McEvoy said. Opinions are influenced, for example, by where one lives, his or her socioeconomic status and religious affiliation.

"No group is more charged with carrying the peace process forward than the youth."

Siobhan McEvoy
Kroc Institute fellow

In Northern Ireland, one-third of all children live in poverty, the unemployment rate is the highest in the UK and 27 percent of those unemployed are under 25.

One of the areas McEvoy concentrated on concerned the youth's perception of violence. Here she found that these ideas were "shaped by local history and parental experience." From 1994 to 1998, violent outbreaks in Northern Ireland declined. Since then, however, the rates have steadily risen.

People between the ages of 16 and 24 are more likely to have witnessed and participated in sectarian violence. When McEvoy surveyed 12- to 17-year-olds, she found that 76 percent felt that this violence was directly linked to religion. Twenty-five percent said they had to hide their religion from others; 27 percent had received threats because of their religion; 47 percent purposely avoid certain places out of fear; more than half understand religion as a source of violence.

These violent attacks, however, stem not only from members of opposing sects, but also from the police and paramilitary soldiers who supposedly prevent violence.

"The youth are acutely subject to police brutality and community sanctioned punishment in many areas," she said.

These violent attacks continue unabated in post settlement-era

Ireland. Eighty percent of 16- to 25-year-olds have experienced physical, verbal and sometimes sexual harassment.

"Religion-related violence remains an immediate experience in the peace process for many youth," McEvoy said.

Though it seems the youth should be interested in turning their leadership away from violence, their political allegiances lie overwhelmingly with either the Democratic Unionist party or its Republican counterpart, Sinn Fein, both of which are seen as highly militant groups. However, 19 percent of the youth surveyed said that they do not support any of the parties currently active in Northern Ireland.

"The youth are frustrated that there are few real opportunities for engagement other than the sectarian or extremist groups," McEvoy said. "They have very low perceptions of political efficacy."

The major challenge for peace builders, she said, is to accommodate and constructively harness the diversity of the youth.

"The young aren't just victims of change but active participants in the transformation process," she said.



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Kroc Institute visiting fellow Siobhan McEvoy tells of the involvement of young people in the Northern Ireland peace process at the Hesburgh Center.

Senate

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(WRC).

The proposal urged the University to withdraw from the FLA because corporations possess veto power in the organization, and the organization does not demand public disclosure of its reports. The WRC, according to the proposal, operates without corporate oversight and will make public its annual reports.

Kreider wants the University to join the WRC by April 1 so that the University can have a voice in the organization's founding conference on April 7.

The issue was sent to the committee on Student Affairs and after debate the committee decided to propose to the entire Senate body.

The committee proposed "that the Faculty Senate endorses the initiative of the Progressive Student Alliance in favor of Notre Dame joining the Workers' Rights Consortium by April 1, 2000."

After clarification that the Faculty Senate was not endorsing the University's withdrawal of the FLA, but the joining of the WRC, the resolution passed 23-5.

In other news:

♦ Two memorial resolutions

passed remembering men's soccer coach Michael Berticelli and theology professor Father Richard McCormick. The Senate observed a moment of silence in memory of these colleagues.

♦ Senate chair Jean Porter announced in her report that the Faculty Senate surveys on the performance of the Provost were distributed, and she encouraged all faculty members to encourage their colleagues to complete and return the survey.

♦ The committee on Academic Affairs reported that they are going to investigate the reason for the rise in the University's average grade point average. Also, student body president Micah Murphy reported to the committee on the content of the Board of Trustees report.

♦ Members of the committee on Administration stated that they invited University president Father Edward Malloy to discuss his goals for the Board of Faculty and Athletics.

♦ Assistant to the president Chandra Johnson met with the committee on Student Affairs in February, reported Ava Preacher. Preacher said the committee met with Johnson in order to inquire about the University's ban on GALA advertisements. Johnson, according to Preacher, "could not speak for President Malloy." Preacher said she wrote a letter to the president asking for a meeting, but the president has not yet responded.

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Keys receives prestigious Olin fellowship

By SAM DERHEIMER
News Writer

Mary Keys, assistant professor of government and international studies at Notre Dame, won't have to worry about grading any papers or tests next year. She won't have to worry about preparing any lectures. In fact, she won't have to worry about teaching class at all.

Keys was named as one of eight John M. Olin Faculty Fellowship grant recipients by the National Association of Scholars (NAS). The grant, awarded annually, is for any junior faculty members who has completed his or her doctorate and who works in the social sciences or related fields, provided he or she has some research interest in

political theory, public policy, American government, American foreign policy or the historical study of government or economics.

While on leave, the fellowship will step in and cover the costs of Keys' salary at Notre Dame and benefits for the entire year. Keys will then be able to take the year off from teaching to concentrate on her Olin project, "Virtue, Law, and the Common Good: The Relevance of Thomas Aquinas."

"I really love to teach, and I'll miss the regular contact with students."

Mary Keys
government professor

"I really love to teach, and I'll miss the regular contact with students," Keys said. "But I hope to return to the classroom in a year with more energy, and at least a few new insights."

The process of winning the grant was a daunting one. Keys was first nominated for

the award by fellow Notre Dame government professor Michael Zuckert. She then had to submit a description of her intended research project and publication plans, a copy of her curriculum and a copy of an preexisting published book chapter or article she had written. After that, the decision was left solely to the discretion of the NAS selection committee.

Keys was notified she had been chosen in late January of this year.

"It's a wonderful opportunity to complete by first book. I also hope to write a new article or two over the course of the year," Keys said. "It's also nice to know that some scholars outside of Notre Dame find my research project important and interesting enough to fund."

"I really liked her class,"

said sophomore Mike Richard, a former student of Keys. "She provided a lot of insight into the fundamental concepts of politics."

Richard said he believed NAS made a good decision in choosing Keys.

"This award should grant her the time and resources to enlight-

en many, not just those who were fortunate enough to take her class."

Keys earned her bachelor's degree from Boston College and her master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Toronto. Keys has been a member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1995, specializing in political theory, with a focus on Christianity and political thought.

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Mike Richard
former student of Keys

California bans gay marriage

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Californians overwhelmingly banned gay marriage, cracked down on juvenile crime and rejected an overhaul of campaign financing Tuesday.

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"Inconsistent view of homosexuality misleads students."

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Those measures were just some of the 20 social, political and pocketbook proposals on the California ballot Tuesday. Voters also reaffirmed their support for casino gambling on Indian land and rejected an attempt to repeal the tobacco taxes championed by director Rob Reiner.

With 17 percent of precincts reporting, 1,009,656 voters, or 66 percent, supported the gay marriage ban, known as Proposition 22, while 521,460 voters, or 34 percent, opposed it.

California, like every other state, does not license gay marriages. Proposition 22 bans recognition of gay marriages performed in any other state.

Similar ballot measures passed in Alaska and Hawaii in 1998, and signatures are being gathered in Colorado and Nevada. But the stakes, as always, seemed higher in the nation's most populous state.

The issue galvanized politicians and church leaders on both sides, with each side claiming they were fighting for families. Supporters raised about \$8 million and opponents about \$5.5 million.

Proposition 22 was sponsored by Republican state Sen. Pete Knight; the opponents included Knight's gay son.

"Probably it's my small town upbringing and the fact that I've been going to church all my life," said Lewis Cain of Sacramento, who voted for Proposition 22. "It just seemed like the right thing to do."

Reiner returned to the political theater to oppose the measure that would have repealed the 50-cent-a-pack cigarette tax he campaigned for in 1998. With 14 percent of precincts reporting, the measure had 966,711 no votes, or 71 percent, and just 402,039 yes votes, or 29 percent.

The original tax — designed to fund early childhood development programs — squeaked through, prompting cigarette retailer Ned Roscoe to launch the repeal effort. However, the tobacco companies failed to jump in and the campaign never grew.

Also on the ballot was a second try at legalizing casinos on Indian land. With 19 percent of precincts reporting, there were 1,071,630 yes votes, or 64 percent, to 609,740 no votes, or 36 percent.

A similar measure passed in 1998 but was struck down as unconstitutional. This time, the measure sought to amend the state constitution in a version supporters hoped would stand up.

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Arafat, Barak meet as independence deadline nears

◆ **Leaders hold summit in hopes of restarting stalled peace efforts**

Associated Press

RAMALLAH Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat met late Tuesday to try to settle their differences over stalled peace efforts.

The two met in Savyon, an affluent suburb of Tel Aviv, a senior Palestinian official said. Separately, an Israeli official confirmed that the meeting had taken place but gave no further details.

President Clinton's top Mideast envoy, Dennis Ross, arrived in Israel earlier in the day on his second visit to the region since talks collapsed last month over a disagreement on an interim troop withdrawal from the West Bank.

Ross' return prompted speculation that he was carrying new proposals for both sides. The Palestinian official, who spoke on condition of

anonymity, said Ross was to attend the meeting.

The official said the meeting was spurred by the peacemaking efforts of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, who called Arafat and Barak on Monday to discuss a new package of Egyptian and American ideas. The proposals include some minor Israeli concessions.

In the land dispute, Palestinians wanted the interim troop withdrawal from 6.1 percent of the West Bank to include populous suburbs of Jerusalem. Israel refused, saying discussion of the suburbs should be undertaken during final-status negotiations on the city, claimed by both sides as a capital.

Arafat suspended final-status talks last month over the issue, saying that if he could not trust Israel on relatively minor issues, there was no point in negotiating the major issues.

Earlier Tuesday, Arafat told his legislature that he would declare Palestinian statehood this year, with or without Israel's consent. He said Israel must stop procrastinating if it wants to meet a September deadline for a peace treaty

giving it a say on the terms of statehood.

"This is the moment of truth. The government of Israel must stop dictating and wasting time," Arafat declared. "We will only accept the implementation of the agreements and will settle for nothing less than our full rights."

The Palestinian leader's speech was interrupted by hearty applause, especially when he said 2000 was the year of Palestinian independence.

The Palestinians prefer to win statehood as a result of a peace agreement with Israel. A unilateral declaration by Arafat would leave his administration with control over only 40 percent of the West Bank, and could possibly trigger a military confrontation with Israel.

Arafat already agreed once, in May 1999, to postpone a statehood declaration, and thus would find it difficult to do so again if a peace treaty is not reached by September.

Israel radio reported that Israel would propose gestures on other issues in hopes that Arafat would give in on the West Bank suburbs. The radio reported that those other issues would include the release of prisoners, the establishment of a second "safe passage" route for Palestinians between the West Bank and Gaza, and the approval of a Gaza port.

◆ **Arafat: 2000 is year of independence for Palestine**

Associated Press

RAMALLAH

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat said today he would not budge from his decision to declare independence this year, unilaterally if necessary, and urged Israel to stop procrastinating in peace talks.

Arafat issued the warning in a speech to the Palestinian parliament. He was interrupted by hearty applause, especially when he said 2000 was the year of Palestinian independence.

The Palestinians prefer to win statehood as a result of a peace agreement with Israel by the set September deadline. A unilateral declaration would leave Arafat with control over only 40 percent of the West Bank, and could trigger a military confrontation with Israel, which he could not win.

However, Arafat has already agreed once — in May 1999 — to postpone a statehood declaration, and would find it difficult to do so again if a peace treaty has not been reached by September.

Addressing the Palestinian Legislative Council today, Arafat said: "The [decision on a] declaration of independence is a final one, one of no going back, within the time frame of agreements between us and Israel."

Arafat spoke just hours before U.S. mediator Dennis Ross was to return to the region. Ross failed last month to restart the peace talks, and his unexpected return prompted speculation he was carrying new proposals for both sides.

The Palestinian leader said he remained committed to peace talks, and accused Israel of procrastinating.

"The government of Israel must stop dictating and wasting time," Arafat said. "We will only accept the implementation of the agreements, and will settle for nothing less than our full rights."

Negotiations broke off in early February, largely because of a dispute over so-called interim issues, such as partial Israeli troop withdrawals.

"The government of Israel must stop dictating and wasting time."

Yasser Arafat
Palestinian leader



Arafat



Barak

JAPAN

Subway derails, kills 2

Associated Press

TOKYO

A subway train derailed and hit an oncoming train during rush hour Wednesday, killing two passengers and injuring at least 19 others, officials said.

Three of the injured were rushed to hospitals unconscious following the 9:03 a.m., said Tokyo Fire Department spokesman Fukuo Isozaki.

The cause of the derailment near Nakameguro Station in western Tokyo, one of Tokyo's busiest subway lines, was not immediately known, said spokesman Ryuichi Kinoshita of the Tokyo Rapid Transit Authority.

Public television network NHK broadcast live coverage showing the wall of one of the train's rear cars sheered off, apparently when it hit the oncoming subway train, which was on a parallel track.

Kyodo News agency reported that the train had been derailed by an explosion inside one of the cars.

But Tadao Ando, an official with the Cabinet's Crisis Management Office, said there was no evidence of sabotage or any criminal act in the accident.

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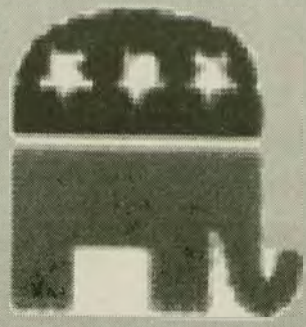

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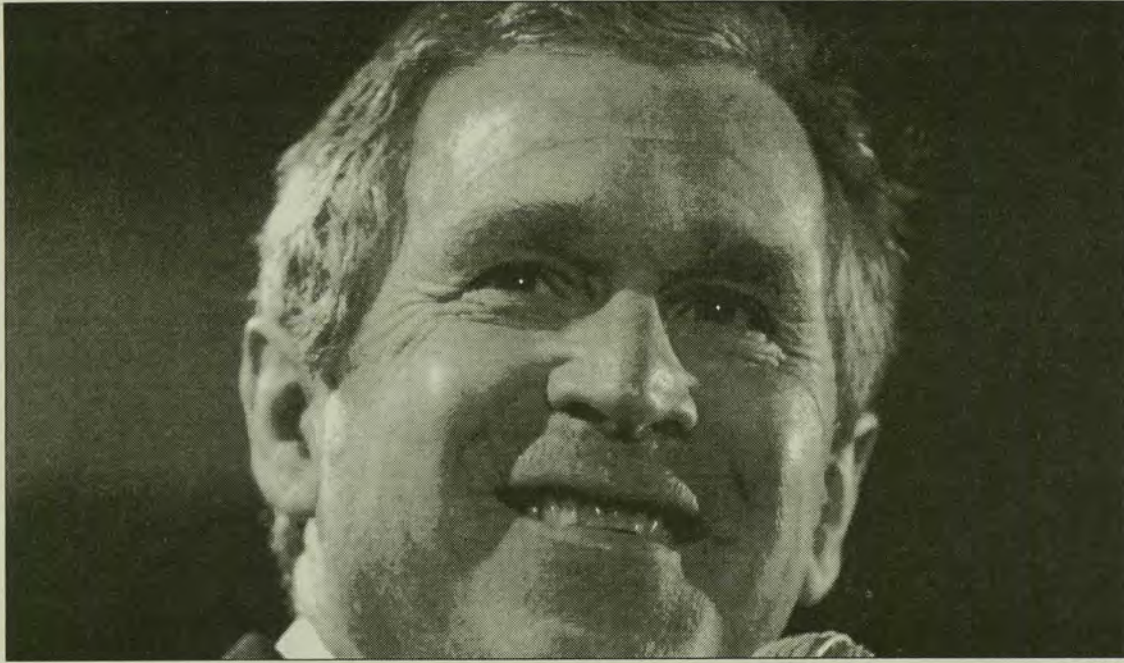
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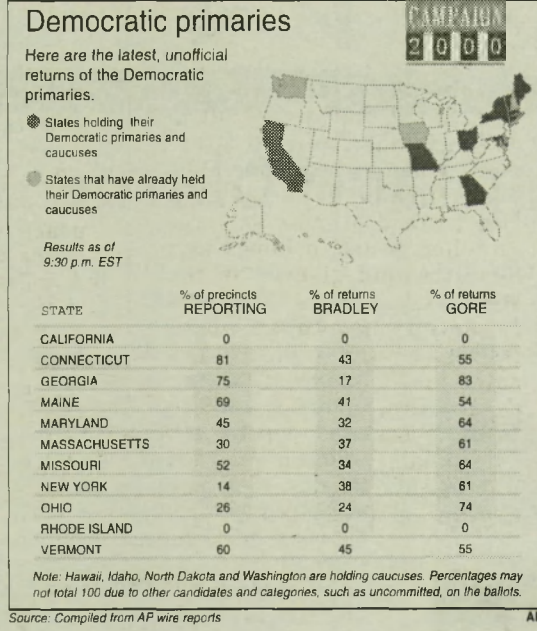
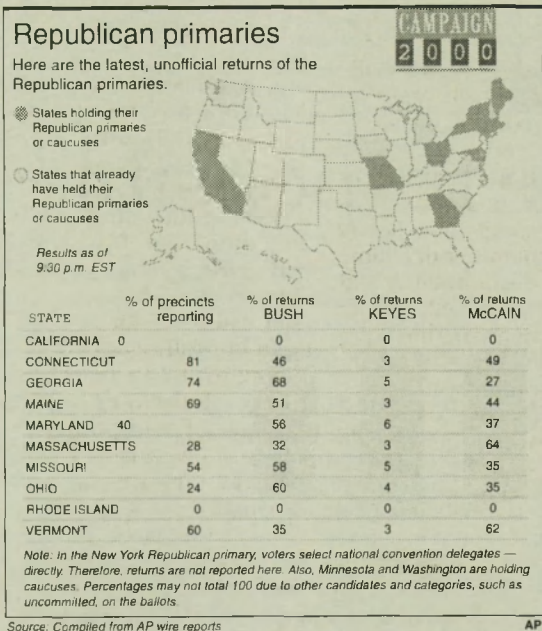
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Bush outpaces McCain in Super Tuesday primaries



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George W. Bush dominated opponent John McCain in Tuesday's primaries and appeared to be closer to clinching the Republican Party's presidential nomination.



Associated Press

Cruising across the regions, George W. Bush won five Super Tuesday primaries in an accelerating drive to vanquish John McCain's political insurgency. "It's a huge step toward the nomination," the Republican presidential candidate said as McCain struggled to broaden his threat beyond independent-minded New England states.

Bush won in Ohio, Georgia, Missouri and Maryland by double-digit margins — and broke McCain's hold on the Northeast with a narrow victory in Maine. McCain won in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Vermont as voters in 13 states participated in the year's largest night of Republican presidential contests. New York and California were yet to be counted.

Bush said he did not consider himself the certain nominee. "My frame of mind is to keep moving," he told The AP as the campaign moved swiftly to nine primaries in the next seven days.

Forging familiar coalitions, Bush relied on party faithful while McCain drew from independents and moderate Republicans. McCain's gamble of criticizing conservative Christian leaders may have backfired in key states, while Bush's visit to a South Carolina university with a history of anti-Catholic views seemed to be a beneficial campaign issue for McCain in some states.

With Super Tuesday voting,

the general election began to take shape: Vice President Al Gore bid to sweep 16 Democratic contests, pushing Sen. Bill Bradley to the brink of withdrawal. McCain's situation was not as dire, but his candidacy was flagging with a tough week of Bush-friendly contests lying just ahead.

Looking past McCain to a potential fight with Gore, Bush congratulated the vice president for his Super Tuesday victory, but said, "He is the candidate of the status quo in Washington, D.C., and he has a tough case to make in the general election."

Several McCain advisers, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Arizona senator would take stock of his campaign Wednesday when he

travels to his retreat in Sedona. Some aides planned to recommend the senator depart the race while others looked for him to forge on to the nine primaries coming up

in the next seven days.

McCain himself embraced his victories in the Northeast and held out hope in New York.

"Clearly, we have done very well on the East Coast," he said.

Neither candidate could accumulate the magic number of 1,034 delegates Tuesday, but Bush hoped for a string of victories that would drive McCain from the race and allow him to turn his attention to Gore, who has gained against the GOP front-runner in head-to-head polls.

"He [Gore] is the candidate of the status quo in Washington, D.C., and he has a tough case to make in the general election."

George W. Bush
Republican presidential candidate

Gore dominates Bradley in elections

Associated Press

Al Gore swept past Bill Bradley in an unbroken string of states on Super Tuesday, pushing his rival to the brink of withdrawal in the Democratic presidential campaign. "In this election, we are the party of the mainstream," the vice president said, swiftly turning his focus toward November.

Gore won from New York to Georgia to Ohio and at several stops in between, regularly gaining 60 percent of the vote or more. Seeking to shut out his rival, he also bid for victory in California, the biggest prize on the busiest night of the primary season.

"He won. I lost," Bradley said succinctly. The former New Jersey senator telephoned Gore with his congratulations, and said he would announce his plans within a few days. Aides did nothing to discourage talk of a withdrawal.

Polling place interviews with voters in every region of the country underscored the vice president's strength among

core constituencies vital in Democratic primaries.

Blacks preferred Gore over Bradley by a margin of 6-1; and Hispanics by 8-1. The margin among union members was smaller, but a healthy 3-1.

Gore also won the vote of independents, a key element of Bradley's electoral strategy, and a group that the

Democratic nominee will need in the general election race. The exit polling was conducted by Voter News Service, a consortium

of the AP and television networks.

Gore defeated Bradley in the New England states of Maine, Vermont, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, completing a regional sweep that began in New Hampshire's leadoff primary more than a month ago.

He triumphed, as well, in Georgia, where he was winning roughly 80 percent of the vote; Ohio, roughly 70 percent; and New York, Maryland and Missouri, roughly 60 percent.

Bradley came closest in Vermont, where he was gaining 44 percent of the vote.

The delegate tally lagged the popular vote by hours.



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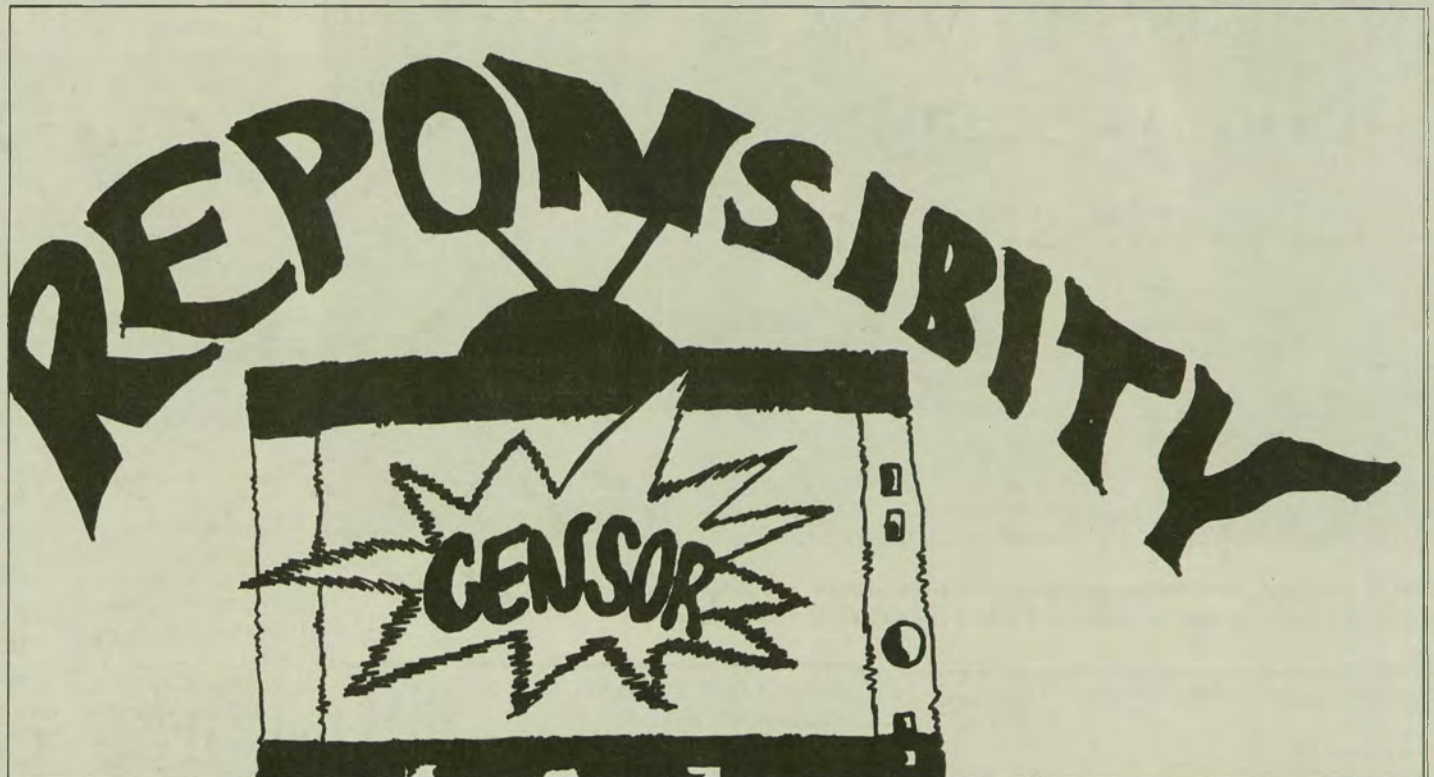
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Don't displace blame; be responsible

As I sit here watching Monday Night Raw, I can't help but think about the type of age we live in where it is so easy to place blame everywhere but on ourselves. I love it every time the Rock says "candyass" and "rootpoo." I watch in anticipation of seeing who will be thrown headfirst into a table. It is violent, and it is entertainment.

Realize, though, that my 22-year-old brain understands that this is a show. I am disgusted, however, when the camera pans the audience and I see kids no older than 10 holding up their middle finger and saying "suck it."

Last year, a young boy who could not have been older than 9 accidentally killed his younger sister. He was imitating a wrestling move he saw on one of the many professional wrestling shows on television. The public was so quick to blame these entertainers.

Crusades have been launched emphasizing that violence in television shows and video games is the cause of such tragedies. The real tragedy is that the WWF is not to blame. That child should not have been watching the program in the first place.

I recently saw an episode of Jerry Springer, whose show is notorious for its ridiculous brawls. I have to say, it was a little disappointing to see that they now edit out the fight scenes.

If you watch Jerry Springer, you are watching to see who is going to fight. The hilarity is the fact that this show is

a complete mockery of humanity. Viewers cannot believe that these people exist.

The audience is there to see a show. A show that is crazy, wild and unlike reality. It is not real. Yet, Springer has been the subject of scrutiny when the values of America are the crusades of the day. Here is a man who is making millions capitalizing off of fights between "porn stars in drag with a sexy secret to tell."

Critics often ask, "What kind of message are we sending to the children who see such programs on television?" I ask this: What kind of parent would let their 6-year-old watch Springer in the first place? Don't condemn the man who is making his living by giving his audience what they want to see.

After the Columbine tragedy, news stories circulated that the two obviously troubled teenagers who killed several people may have been influenced by the heavy metal music they listened to. This idea is ridiculous.

The concept of right and wrong is instilled in each of us at birth. What happened that day in Colorado was done by two people who knew exactly what they were doing. Without regard or respect for human life they acted out of their own free will. Marilyn Manson did not pull the trigger.

A short time after the Oliver Stone's movie "Natural Born Killers" was released, a man committed murder, citing that his motivation formed after viewing the violent and graphic film.

Lawsuits were brought against Stone. The media chastised him for creating such a violent and gruesome story that resulted in the loss of human life. What the media failed to mention was the millions of other people who saw the movie and did not kill anyone.

It is horrible that this crime was com-

mitted, but it is just as scary that someone could actually be released for committing such an act based on the defense that "Oliver Stone made me do it."

Displacing blame is not just a society-at-large idea. It happens everyday and it often happens here.

Consider this situation: A girlfriend tells her boyfriend that she is tired and is going to sleep on a Thursday night. He later finds out that she went out to Heartland and danced the night away. She returns and discovers that a friend of his saw her there and told the boyfriend.

So what does she do? She calls his friend, yells at him and accuses him of involving himself in business that is of no concern of his. She never apologizes for her actions but displaces the blame.

How many times have we known about a test for weeks, not studied for it until the night before, barely passed it and then adamantly blamed the professor for making the test so hard? That's right, it must be his fault — not our own — that we did not do well.

If we do not start taking responsibility for our own actions in minor situations like these, we will never accept the responsibility in the future when it really counts. It starts with us. It starts in the home. Certainly outside forces with negative factors foster growth. Only we plant the seed.

So the next time your 5-year-old cousin says "suck it," don't blame WWF president Vince McMahon.

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Kimmi Martin

Reflections of
a Nice Girl

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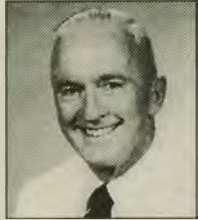
QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Culture is roughly anything we do and the monkeys don't."

Lord Raglan

Inconsistent view of homosexuality misleads students

On Tuesday, the people of California voted on Proposition 22, which proposes that, "only marriage between a man and a woman is recognized in California."



Charles Rice

A generation ago, and for the past two millennia, the truth of that proposition would have been regarded as self-evident.

Right or Wrong?

Today it is doubted because of a cultural redefinition of the nature of homosexual acts, of the homosexual inclination and consequently of marriage and the family.

More to the point, one may fairly question whether the California proposition would be approved by a majority at Notre Dame. This is so because for several years, the administration has permeated the campus with a view of the subject that is incoherent and misleading.

Let's review some basics. Homosexual acts are intrinsically wrong. As the Letter on the Pastoral Care of Homosexual Persons, issued with the approval of John Paul II in 1986, states: "It is only in the marital relationship that the use of the sexual faculty can be morally good. To choose someone of the same sex for one's sexual activity is to annul the rich symbolism and meaning, not to mention the goals, of the creator's sexual design." The homosexual inclination is not a sin. However, as the 1986 letter states, "Although the particular inclination of the homosexual person is not a sin, it is a more or less strong tendency ordered toward an intrinsic moral evil, and thus the inclination itself must be seen as an objective disorder."

The Catechism sums it up: "The number of men and women who have deep-seated homosexual tendencies is not negligible. This inclination, which is objectively disordered, constitutes for most of them a trial. They must be accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided. These persons are called to fulfill God's will in their lives and, if they are Christians, to unite to the sacrifice of the Lord's Cross the difficulties they may encounter from their condition." (No. 2358.)

Notre Dame commendably insists that persons of homosexual inclination are entitled to respect and acceptance as members of the University community. The administration also says that homosexual acts are prohibited by "official Church teaching," but it refuses to affirm that the inclination toward those acts is disordered. That makes no sense, and it misleads the students. If, as the Catechism states, "homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered," (No. 2357), how could the inclina-

tion toward those acts be anything but disordered? If the inclination is not disordered, why may it not be acted upon?

Since the administration does not recognize the inclination as disordered, it infers that the prohibition of homosexual acts is an arbitrary edict of an insensitive Church. In truth, homosexual acts, and the inclination to them, are "intrinsically disordered," not because of "official Church teaching," but because they are contrary to nature and the law of God.

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, last May, forbade Sister Jeannine Gramick and Father Robert Nugent to engage in homosexual ministries because their positions on "the intrinsic evil of homosexual acts and the objective disorder of the homosexual inclination are doctrinally unacceptable." Sister Jeannine's speech at Notre Dame last week was co-sponsored by the Counseling Center. That makes you wonder what kind of counseling they do over there.

The administration misleads students into regarding the teaching of the Church as an arbitrary restriction on a well-ordered inclination. And it discourages students from using potentially helpful resources. The Student Union Board stated last term to the Trustees: "[W]e ask that Campus Ministry invite Courage to campus. This organization was founded by Catholic priests to minister to the homosexual community. Courage is truly pastoral: It presents participants with the teachings of the Catholic Church while ministering to them through group support and loving care, bringing them into the Catholic community."

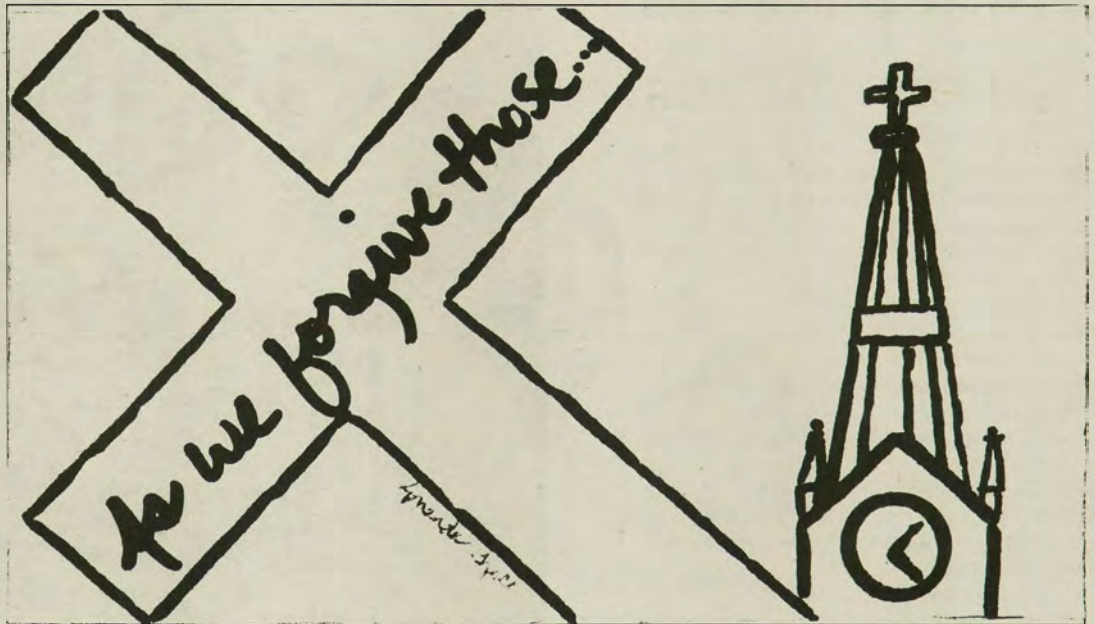
Don't hold your breath waiting for our leaders to allow Courage on campus. When the Maritain Center sponsored a series of speakers in the fall of 1997, including Father John Harvey, the founder of Courage, Campus Ministry and the Counseling Center took Observer ads to discourage attendance. The efforts of Courage and similar groups are politically incorrect.

The administration's orthodoxy of political correctness prevails over the pastoral needs of students. "[D]eparture from the Church's teaching or silence about it, in an effort to provide pastoral care," says the 1986 Letter, "is neither caring nor pastoral. Only what is true can ultimately be pastoral. The neglect of the Church's position prevents homosexual men and women from receiving the care they need and deserve."

And it leads to distorted ideas on the nature of the human person, marriage and the family. One may fairly wonder how the folks at Campus Ministry and the Counseling Center would have voted on Proposition 22.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



We should practice forgiveness

I just wanted to write a little note of encouragement to the "waterboy." We all have our moments in life that we wish we could take back. I know I have had my share. Everyone makes mistakes and the only thing that we can do is realize them, admit it and try to go on as best we can. To everyone else, give the poor guy a break; no one can do anything about it now and he was not the only one who threw an object at that game. Let's all forgive him and move on with life. I believe he has

been more than necessarily punished with every student, faculty member and alumnus calling for his head on a platter.

It's a pretty sad situation when the University has to provide measures to protect him from the student body. We are Christians! Let's practice that fundamental concept our faith is based on: forgiveness.

Amanda Reyes
Senior, Lewis Hall
March 4, 2000

Alumni criticism is a disservice

How ashamed we, as a student body, should be of ourselves. Misconduct at basketball games, poor displays of sportsmanship and self-control and immaturity in the national spotlight have tainted our image. We are no longer the "MVPs." We have let ourselves, our school, our alumni and our historical reputation down.

This doesn't seem like a particularly wrong statement to make. In fact, I am willing to concede, to a large degree, that we, the Notre Dame student body, are lacking in the behavior befitting of a university with such a historical and reknowned reputation.

Notre Dame students have brought a lot of shame to the University through their recent actions at sporting events out of a simple lack of respect for the opponents, the nature of sportsmanship and the ideals of the Notre Dame community.

This issue has been debated in our school paper for two weeks now. Granted, I, above all people, am willing to admit the big mistakes that were made. I am willing to respect the fact that each person has and is entitled to give their opinion. However, there is a certain irony to the recent out-lashes in the Viewpoint letters to the editor.

I was particularly shocked by the words of one author in Friday's paper. Mark Laughman must have thought his words of anger would either scare good behavior into the student body, rile lots of support from alumni or turn the student body against the "waterboy" to the point of his death (which I hear is almost a reality, unfortunately).

What I don't understand is this: Did Mr. Laughman really make his point through all of that immaturity? I don't think so. I think Mr. Laughman is ridiculously immature (sorry, sir, I have an opinion too).

Using kiddy words to criticize an obviously

immature act by a student is still immature. If you go to work, sir, at your high and mighty job, and your peers from rival universities jeering at you bothers you so much that you feel the need to write such a hateful letter to our student body, you should seek counseling. Professional counseling.

I, along with a number of my friends who wear clothes bought on sale at JCPenney, live in the near east side of Cleveland, Ohio, and pay out of own our pockets to go to school here. We don't appreciate your ignorance of the lifestyles of some of the students here at Notre Dame.

Generalizing us through your critique of the "waterboy" is a shame to those of us who feel we work hard and embody the strong tradition Notre Dame has laid before us.

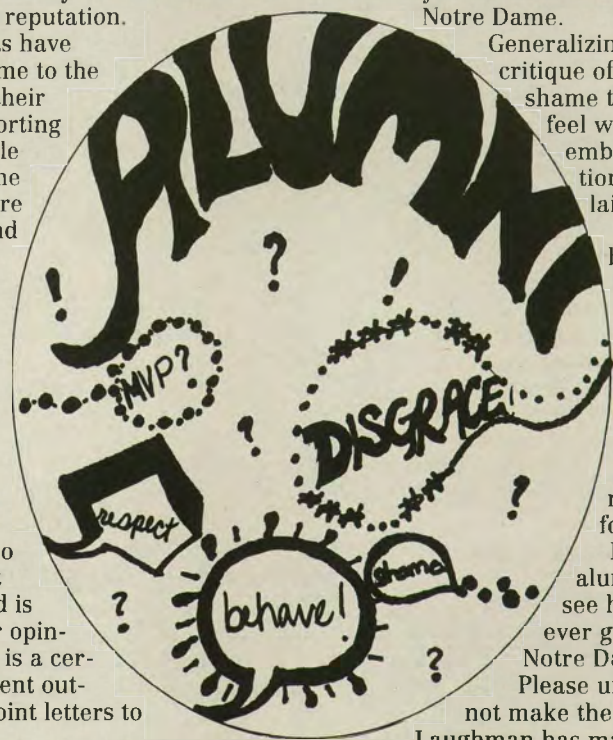
You give all the blame to the "waterboy" for ruining everything about Notre Dame you love. I can respect that he destroyed some of that by his actions. However, sir, I must tell you now that you blew it for me.

I HAD faith in all the alumni. The shame I see here is that you were ever given a diploma from Notre Dame to begin with. Please understand that I will not make the same mistake Mr. Laughman has made. I do not believe

he is an accurate representation of alumni body on the whole. My personal experiences with alumni through summer service projects, community task forces and public relations have been overwhelmingly positive.

I feel that Mr. Laughman, if nothing else, does a deep disservice to the Notre Dame alumni by the image he has created for himself as a Notre Dame alum.

John Bauters
Sophomore
Keenan Hall
March 3, 2000



Neat places to go on campus

While going to school here you should visit the neat places here on campus, and there are lots. The first is the big tree down by the lake that you can sit in. It used to be called Dead Dog Tree. This is because back in 1789, before the school was here, there used to be a farm here, called McWackentavern's Farm.



Scott Little

And McWackentavern's wife got really lonely during the days, so she got nine dogs to keep her company. A raccoon bit one of them, and soon all nine dogs got rabies. Then the farmers hung them from that tree to remind them of just how great dogs are.

just a little

Another neat place to go is out behind Carroll Hall. If you are there at the right time you can see helicopters land out on the helicopter pad. Oooooooo. If you've never seen a helicopter land you don't know what you're missing. It wouldn't hurt to bring some grapefruits and corn too and throw it at the propeller.

If you're feeling adventurous, you'll visit the underwater city in St. Mary's Lake. Not many people know about it. Back when Father Edward Sorin was here, there used to be this village of tiny people that lived back in the woods. They would come out at night dressed up like opossums and steal shoes. Well, Father Sorin could only take so much of that, so he dug a giant hole and filled it with the tiny people during the day, while they were sleeping. And then he filled the hole with water that he hosed in from Lake Michigan. The tiny people, known as "Hushkins," adapted to the water and started a fantastic fantasy play land and renamed themselves the "Wetkins." Check it out.

There are more fun activities by the lakes. At around 2 a.m. on any night when the moon isn't showing, and it's not raining, you can find a lot of geese on the dock at St. Joseph's Lake. If you find their leader, Sampson, you will be in for a pleasant surprise. You will know that you have found Sampson because he is the only goose that knows English. If you ask politely and if you bring a lot of rope, you are in for a wild ride. Each goose will put some of the rope in their mouths and fly you up, up, up into the night sky. Look out!

Also on St. Joseph's Lake you may run into the famous laughing duck. Late at night Ulysses gets out his inflatable chair and his inflatable TV holder and sits out on the lake watching episodes of "Seinfeld" that someone from Lewis gives him. He is quite a riot, but just listening to his funny laugh better be enough to satisfy you, because if he sees you watching him he will fly at you and bite your neck off.

One last thing, if you ever need to get your bike tires pumped up, there is a great place near Stepan fields to do it. There is an automatic pump. It looks like a miniature gas pump. You can also eat the air yourself. I am pretty sure it is super-purified air, and that you can raise your IQ if you eat enough. If you put the pressure on high enough, you can also see through walls.

For all those of you interested, the Notre Dame Sand Dollar club is going to meet starting after spring break. Have a great spring break, and remember even if you're not going some place fun or exotic, you're only a good book away from having the time of your life!

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A Stanford resident takes advantage of the rare beautiful weather during an afternoon break from studying to draw on the North Quad.

Stanford Griffins take it easy

By BRIDGET MAHONEY
Scene Writer

Stanford Hall boasts a long list of familiar names. Jarious Jackson, John Merandi, Kory Minor and Bobby Howard are among those, as well as the players for the successful Bookstore Basketball team, Primetime.

Referred to as "The Cinderblock Palace" or "Bomb Shelter," it was built in 1957, some speculate as a sort of nuclear shelter with its 18-inch thick cinderblock walls. Ask anyone and they'll probably compare the rooms to those in a prison. And like being attached at the hip, Stanford Hall shares a lobby and a chapel with Keenan Hall, yet each has its own set of doors. Being neither an "old" dorm nor a "new" dorm, this residence hall is not considered an architectural beauty and does not possess all the luxuries of Mod Quad and West Quad. Air conditioning exists only in a few spots such as the chapel, and they only recently installed laundry machines last year.

However, its residents can enjoy its prime location next to University Health Services and the cadavers lying in the depths of Haggar Hall. Psychology majors and the perpetually sick would be lucky to live there.

It is also the home of approximately 280 men, going by the nickname,

the Stanford Griffins. They were known as the Stanford Studs until last year when they voted to change it in honor of a beloved past rector, Father Robert Griffin.

Now their rector Father Tom Gaughan leads and supports them in more ways than one. Besides emphasizing an involvement in service activities, he plays goalie for the dorm's hockey team. "He's a lively guy, a spirited dude," says hall co-president Eric Glass.

To replace the past tradition of "Mr. Stanford," Father Tom originated the After Hours Benefit Bash,

which had a successful second run this year in raising money for orphans in Chile. An all-night event, there were live campus bands and plenty of food for all of campus.

Other traditions include StudVegas, a theme dance with gambling. Then there is Man Week, a week long of macho competition in twinkie eating, intersection basketball, bowling and arm wrestling. A less desirable tradition for those born in winter is "laking" in which guys are thrown into the nearby lakes on their birthdays.

And the freshmen are also subject to such antics. With many pranks and hazing activities, according to Glass, "It's lots of bad news for freshmen."

It was also bad news for Father Griffin's dog, Corby, according to what seems to be the only story passed on through the years. Though, no one is sure how true it is. As the legend goes, Father Griffin owned this dog who could always be seen following him around. And then one day, some Keenan residents took the dog and threw it down the trash-shoot, eventually killing it. (What a nice story to pass on.)

In contrast, Stanford isn't particularly obsessed with proving its pride in the faces of other dorms like those with their boasted traditions and loud displays. Says junior Pete McCall, "Most are kind of laid back and don't care much about image."



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Father Tom Gaughan takes a break from his busy schedule as Stanford's rector.

TV NEWS

Internet helps fans 'Get Real'

Associated Press

Clear across cyberspace, a message resounds: "The eight will be great!"

As catch phrases go, this may not pack the punch of "Fifty-four forty, or fight!" or even "Lose 30 pounds in 45 days!"

But when the Fox family drama "Get Real" returns Wednesday at 9 p.m. EST for its eight-week, do-or-die run, a Web-rallied brigade called the Get Realists will be beating the drums as never before to save the struggling series.

Hear them? "The eight will be great!" The Get Realists are the latest example of how viewers can tap the Internet to share their passion for a TV show — and forge a connection with that show beyond just watching it.

"It has brought us together," says Bob Grippo, a data processor in Elmont, N.Y., who coined the group's current battle cry.

The campaign began right after the show's Sept. 8 premiere, when a handful of "Get Real" initiators logged onto its Fox-run "official" Web site. Their enthusiastic posts declared them charter fans of this multigenerational drama about the lively, often troubled Green household.

Troubled? The wonderful "Get Real" was quickly in trouble, too. Crushing competition such as "The West Wing" and "Drew Carey" meant most Nielsen families were tuned elsewhere at that hour. It had dismal ratings and little prospect for survival.

Or did it? "A small group of us, maybe five, were going. 'C'mon, this show just cannot be canceled'," Grippo remembers. "We became friends very fast."

"The Internet is a great place," observes another "Get Real" fan, Becky Thursam. "It gets people together who ordinarily wouldn't meet in person."

Thursam had checked out "Get Real" only because of its star, Debrah Farentino, but she immediately liked it. "The show struck a chord in me," she says by phone from East Lansing, Mich.

A nursing major at Michigan State University and the self-taught designer of a Debrah Farentino Web site, Thursam volunteered to build a "Get Real" fan site. In days it was up and running (<http://members.aol.com/getrealfanclub/>).

As with scores of other sites devoted to TV series, "getrealfanclub" features cast photos, an episode guide, a 200-plus membership roll.

But there's also this site-specific call to arms: "Keep telling your family and friends, tell your next-door neighbor, have

your mom discuss the show at the PTA meeting, put up fliers in the community center — anything that will get the show recognized."

Also: Reach out to Fox execs with e-mail and petitions.

"It's something we monitor and definitely pay attention to," vows Fox network boss Doug Herzog, who has stuck with "Get Real," bringing it back from February Sweeps exile in part because of its Web faithful.

"This is a small but dedicated group," he says of the Get Realists. "They let us know there is something going on out there. They helped keep hope alive."

"It's really cool," says cast member Jesse Eisenberg, who occasionally visits the Web site and gets a kick from reading the enthusiastic posts. With that sort of affirmation, "you can really save money on psychiatrists," he quips.

Playing nerdy Kenny Green, the 16-year-old actor will be showcased this week when his character contracts a life-threatening illness. By the end of the hour, he can expect to find kudos on the "Get Real" message board.

"I come from a theater background in New York," Eisenberg says. "There, if the reviews are good, you stay open. On TV, reviews matter less; it's more about ratings. But if you build a fan base you can build ratings. The Web site really helps."

The "Get Real" stars not only track the efforts of the Get Realists, but also cheer them on.

Anne Hathaway (who plays Meghan, Kenny's big sister) has typed in her thank yous, and Grippo reports that Eric Christian Olsen (who plays Kenny's free-wheeling older brother Cameron) posted a message that likened the Get Realists' devotion to the unrelenting spirit of the Maccabees two thousand years ago.

A little more recently, CBS' Western melodrama "The Magnificent Seven" spurred some 100 faithful to wage an e-mail campaign and even pony up \$1,000 for an ad in Daily Variety ("Return Winning Show to Viewers!").

CBS heard this plea of two years ago and, indeed, the series was back on the air the following winter. Unfortunately, after those few weeks' reprieve, "Magnificent" was done in for good by continued low ratings.

Now, boosted by its e-support, can "Get Real" finally catch on with viewers and win a second-season pickup?

"The next eight weeks are critical," says Thursam. But as any Get Realistic will tell you, if enough watch those eight, well, that would be great!

SCENE ASKS

What are you doing for spring break?

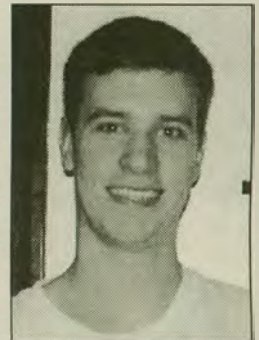


"I'm going to Wisconsin to visit my aunt and uncle and their six kids on a hundred-acre farm."

Kate Middlenas
junior, Le Mans Hall

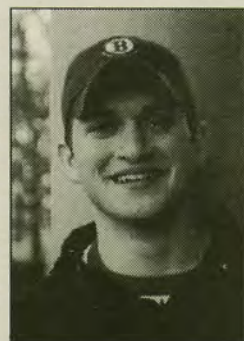
"I'm driving to Clearwater, Fla., with my six favorite people to hang out on the beach and throw my game at some beautiful women."

Steve Karatis
sophomore, Zahm Hall



"I am going to Vail to ski, relax and have some fun."

Joe Cordi
freshman, Dillon Hall



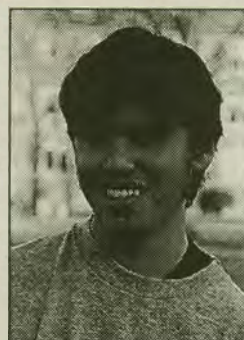
"I'm going to New York because my friend is interviewing for an internship. I also have family there, and plus, New York is the bomb."

Katie Trnka
junior, Le Mans Hall



"I'm going to play ultimate Frisbee in Savannah, Ga., for a tournament."

Paco Miller
junior, Knott Hall



"We're going to Daytona Beach, Fla., for the cold beer and hot men."

Jamie Stouffer
Holy Cross
Mary Campione
Le Mans Hall



NIELSEN RATINGS

TOP TEN

Week of Feb. 28- Mar. 5

Show	Rating	Total Viewers
1. Who Wants to be a Millionaire	20.7	21.0 million
2. Who Wants to be a Millionaire	20.0	20.2 million
3. Who Wants to be a Millionaire	18.8	19.0 million
4. 42nd Annual Grammy Awards	18.4	19.0 million
5. Who Wants to be a Millionaire	17.5	18.0 million
6. 60 Minutes	13.9	14.0 million
7. Friends	12.6	13.0 million
8. Law and Order	12.5	13.0 million
9. The Drew Carey Show	12.0	12.1 million
10. Everybody Loves Raymond	11.6	11.7 million

NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Huskies win Big East tourney

◆ Bird scores 18 to lead UConn over Rutgers

Associated Press

STORRS, Conn. Sue Bird scored 18 points as top-ranked Connecticut won its seventh straight Big East tournament title, defeating No. 8 Rutgers 79-59 on Tuesday night.

UConn (30-1) has won 11 regular-season titles and eight tournament championships since the 1988-89 season. The Huskies' 19 titles are the most in the country won by any women's or men's program. Georgetown's men are second with 13 titles.

It was only the second appearance in the title game for the Scarlet Knights (22-7). They lost the 1998 final to UConn, 67-58, at the Louis Brown Athletic Center at Rutgers. This win gives UConn a three-game sweep over Rutgers this season.

UConn overcame spotty shooting in the first half, hitting 17-of-20 from the floor for 85 percent in the second half.

The Huskies never trailed during the game. Bird hit a 3-pointer with 17 seconds gone in the first half to kick off a 7-2 run, however neither team settled into an offensive flow in the half.

Rutgers shot 28 percent, hitting 9-of-32. Connecticut didn't fare much better, hitting only

8-of-27 for 29 percent. They did hold on to the lead, however, with 10-of-14 shooting from the foul line.

The physical play during the game resulted in a combined 18 fouls in the first half. Tamika Williams made 8-of-12 free throws. And for nearly 10 minutes, that was all of UConn's offense. Swin Cash's layup at 15:12 was the last field goal until a Williams' layup with 5:20 left. In between, the Huskies were 7-of-8 from the line.

UConn got its up-tempo game untracked in the second half and cured its shooting woes with an opening 12-2 burst, hitting 5-of-6 in the first five minutes. Rutgers was 1-of-5 in the same span and had four turnovers.

UConn's Svetlana Abrosimova, who was scoreless in the first half, had eight of her 12 points in the first six minutes. Cash had 13 points and nine rebounds for UConn. Connecticut dominated the boards, 41-27.

UConn shut down Rutgers' Shawnetta Stewart using six different players to guard the Knights' scoring leader. She was held to just nine points in the course of the game, six below her average.

Tasha Pointer and Usha Gilmore had 13 points apiece for Rutgers.

Rutgers reached the final with wins over Villanova and Notre Dame. Connecticut advanced by beating St. John's and Boston College.

New tournament sites proposed

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa The NCAA women's basketball tournament could start having neutral sites for first- and second-round games as early as next season.

A proposal to select those sites in advance has been approved by the NCAA women's basketball committee and the championship committee. The proposal is now before the management council, which meets in April.

The proposal calls for the new format to start with the 2001 tournament.

"Certainly the management council or the NCAA board of directors could change any proposal that comes in from any sports committee," Bernadette McGlade, who chairs the basketball committee, said Tuesday. "I don't know if it will stay the same, but that's what we recommended."

Currently, the first- and second-round games are played in the arenas of the 16 highest-seeded teams in the tournament. Those sites are not known until pairings are announced on Selection Sunday, five days before the first games.

NCAA officials always have been uncomfortable with that setup because of the home-court advantage, all 16 home teams advanced to the regional semifinals last year, but felt it was necessary to attract crowds.

If the new setup is adopted, the 16 sites would be put up for bid and announced several months in advance. Many

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Bernadette McGlade
assistant commissioner

of the traditional powers that draw big crowds, such as Connecticut, Tennessee and Texas Tech, likely would bid for games and still would end up playing at home.

But games also could be placed in municipal arenas that are not the home court for college teams or they could be awarded to schools that might not make the tournament, thus ensuring a neutral court for all participants. A school could not serve as a host for more than two years in a row.

McGlade, an assistant commissioner for the Atlantic Coast Conference, said awarding the sites in advance would give those locations time to promote the games and draw crowds.

"It's the same thing with football bowl games," she said. "They have no idea who is going to be in the bowl game, but ticket sales go on. They're selling to the fan. That's where we are in women's basketball. We're selling to fans."

"There's a lot of fans of the sport out there and they're no longer just going to see the home team play."

McGlade also said that when the next television contract is negotiated, the committee will urge that the regional semifinals and finals be played on four days instead of two.

ESPN, which holds the contract through the 2002 tournament, shows all eight regional semifinals on a Saturday and the four regional finals on Monday. In the men's tournament, the semifinals are split between a Thursday and Friday and the finals between Saturday and Sunday.

"Eight semifinals and four finals back to back certainly is a tough day, even for the best of basketball fans," McGlade said. "I think that is one of the priorities we will have the next time we negotiate the contract."

Len DeLuca, senior vice president for program development, said that point would be negotiable.

"When we roll up our sleeves with the NCAA women's representatives, we will deeply look at ways to increase the potential audience, and one of them clearly is working on that second weekend of the tournament," DeLuca said.

DeLuca noted that one reason the schedule evolved the way it has was to avoid competing with the men's games and the Academy Awards presentations.

"Those are two fairly significant objects," he said.

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An Open Letter to the Notre Dame Community from the University's Task Force on Anti-sweatshop Initiatives

The University of Notre Dame has been the national leader on the anti-sweatshop issue for more than three years. Notre Dame was the first university to establish a code of conduct for its licensees and Notre Dame is the only university that actually has monitored factories where its products are manufactured.

More recently, Notre Dame has initiated a pilot program in Mexico and Central America that will incorporate human rights and labor activists, Church officials and other representatives of local nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) into the University's monitoring program. These representatives will help to determine which factories are to be monitored, they will be active participants in the monitoring process, and they will recommend appropriate follow-up actions when problems are found.

The University also has adopted the strongest provision of any college or university with respect to freedom of association and the rights of workers to organize. As this provision is implemented, Notre Dame products no longer will be produced in countries such as China which provide no legal right to organize.

This semester, the Task Force on Anti-sweatshop Initiatives is addressing further issues, notably the living wage and women's rights, and will make additional recommendations on these issues to Father Malloy.

The most recent anti-sweatshop issue to emerge involves the Fair Labor Association (FLA), of which Notre Dame is a member, and a proposed new anti-sweatshop organization, the Workers Rights Consortium (WRC), which the University has been asked to join. On several campuses, sit-ins have been staged on this issue, with activists demanding that the institutions withdraw from the FLA and opt instead for membership in the proposed WRC.

From the beginning, the University has adopted a broad-based, inclusive approach to anti-sweatshop organizations. In addition to becoming a member of the Fair Labor Association, Notre Dame has joined with Harvard to organize an initiative that now includes the University of California system, the University of Michigan, and Ohio State University. Notre Dame also has joined an initiative of the full Ivy Group of Schools and is playing a leading role in forming a consortium of colleges and universities to address the living wage issue.

The WRC at present is in the conceptual stage. An organizational meeting is to be held in April and the Anti-sweatshop Task Force has formally requested that the WRC allow one of our student members to attend this meeting to gather information. The University will consider WRC membership in the same manner as it has considered membership in other organizations. It will consider the WRC's philosophy, plan of action, organizational structure, membership requirements, budgeting and staffing, and other pertinent matters. It is worth noting that several of the institutions which so far have agreed to join the WRC have done so "conditionally," precisely because so many aspects of the proposed organization remain to be determined. In fact, it is not even clear at this point what "conditional" membership means.

Notre Dame will consider joining the WRC, but will need more information concerning the WRC's proposals before it can make a reasoned judgment on membership.

At the same time, the University does not believe that membership in the WRC and the FLA are mutually exclusive. Nor does Brown University, which agreed to membership in the WRC while asserting that it will "remain a fully committed member of the FLA." Notre Dame chose to join the FLA after careful consideration and, since joining, has played a leadership role in its university advisory council. Carol Kaesebier, the University's vice president and general counsel, is one of the organization's founding co-chairs and has been instrumental in its growth to more than 130 colleges and universities. At the same time, the FLA is less than a year old and hasn't yet had time to prove or disprove its potential. The University's goal for the FLA is to see its members, including its industry members, attack the sweatshop problem on much the same basis as the University is, and the University remains committed to achieving this goal.

In announcing his university's decision to join the WRC, Gordon Gee, Brown's president, said, "I am willing to have Brown join the WRC as a founding member. However, the university will remain a member only if it becomes clear, through the further development of the consortium and the

FLA, that the two organizations can operate in a complementary fashion." Should they be forced to choose between the organizations, Gee said, "We will choose the organization that makes the greatest effort to work collaboratively with the other." Given this strong statement by one of the first universities to join the WRC, there clearly is no reason for Notre Dame to believe that joining the WRC would in any way require the University to leave the FLA.

First and foremost, Notre Dame will continue to focus its energies on its own anti-sweatshop initiatives. The initiatives already put in place by the University are well beyond the progress to date of any other college or university or organization of schools addressing the sweatshop issue. While the University will continue to investigate and pursue opportunities as a member of various groups concerned with the issue, its priority will be to carry out and expand its own efforts to strengthen its code of conduct, increase its monitoring activities, establish its pilot monitoring program, and pursue new initiatives with respect to the living wage, women's rights and other sweatshop-related concerns.

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Henderson, Floyd ejected from game

Associated Press

CHICAGO

Say this for the Atlanta Hawks and the Chicago Bulls: They know how to make a meaningless game interesting.

Elton Brand scored 31 points and Randy Brown came through with a huge 3-pointer and two free throws Tuesday as the Bulls beat the Hawks in an ugly game featuring two ejections and six technical fouls.

Chris Carr scored six points in the last eight minutes, including two free throws with 44 seconds left to seal the game.

The victory snapped an eight-game losing streak for the Bulls, who won despite shooting a dismal 36 percent.

Atlanta lost its third straight game despite six players in double digits. Alan Henderson led the Hawks with 15 points before fouling out with 8:16 left. Dikembe Mutombo had 12 points and 21 rebounds.

Henderson unraveled with his last foul, and he took the Hawks right along with him. With the Hawks clinging to a one-point lead, he was called for his sixth foul on a pass into the post to Dickey Simpkins. He argued the call for about 20 seconds before his teammates guided him back to the bench.

He continued muttering, and referee Ken Mauer hit him with his second technical. Henderson had picked up his first technical in the third quarter.

It was the second ejection of the night. Bulls coach Tim Floyd got tossed in the first quarter for arguing two no-calls on a Bulls possession.

Fred Hoiberg made the technical foul shot, and Brown hit a rare 3-pointer to give the Bulls a 74-71 lead. Jason Terry scored for the Hawks, but the Bulls came right back with baskets from Carr and Brand, and two foul shots from Brown for the 80-73 lead with 3:30 left.

Carr put the game away with a 9-foot jumper with 49 seconds left and the two free throws, which gave Chicago an 86-79 lead.

With the two worst teams in the Central Division, this game didn't have much meaning. And for most of the night, it looked more like a WWF match than a basketball game.

Floyd didn't even make it through the first quarter.

On a possession with about 2:55 left, Henderson hacked Simpkins as Simpkins went up for a layup while Dikembe Mutombo wrapped his arms around Brown's neck and face.

Floyd started yelling, and referee Tim Donaghy quickly gave him a technical. Floyd kept screaming, following Donaghy around the floor, so Donaghy ejected him — the first ejection of the season for Floyd, who was a screamer and a coat thrower at Iowa State.

Atlanta's Lorenzen Wright picked up a technical with 10:35 left in the second. Six minutes later, Bulls assistant Phil Johnson got one while sitting on the bench.

Despite all the technicals, only 35 fouls were called in the game

Pacers 90, Nuggets 89

Indiana, the league's leading free throw shooters, made

Denver pay for its fouling as the Pacers defeated the Nuggets for their 24th consecutive home victory.

The Pacers overcame 39 percent shooting from the field by outscoring Denver 23-6 from the free throw line. It was Denver's ninth straight loss to the Pacers, a run that dates back to March 31, 1995.

Antonio McDyess had 23 points for Denver, which outrebounded the Pacers 60-43, with Keon Clark pulling down a career-high 22. The Nuggets had 21 offensive rebounds, but they converted the second-chance opportunities into just 12 points.

Indiana trailed by as many as 18 in the first quarter and overcame a 10-point deficit in the third to tie the game for the first time at 67 on a 3-pointer by Reggie Miller. He had been scoreless until he hit a jumper to reduce Denver's lead to 65-64 with 1:52 left in the quarter.

Jalen Rose led the Pacers with 19 points and nine assists. Five Pacers finished in double figures, with Travis Best scoring 13 off the bench.

A 3-pointer by Sam Perkins gave Indiana, which hasn't lost at home since Nov. 25, its first lead at 80-79. Nick Van Exel put Denver ahead for the last time with a jumper with 5:54 to go.

Derrick McKey then hit four free throws to put Indiana ahead to stay while the Nuggets were going three minutes without a field goal.

Miller's 3-pointer made it 87-81, but Raef LaFrentz, who scored 17, hit a 3-pointer. Best then drove the length of the court for a layup.

The Pacers were 23-of-32 from the free throw line, but missed five straight with a chance to put the game away in the final minutes. Best then ended the slump by making his second attempt with 9.4 seconds to go.

Denver opened an 18-point lead in the first quarter when the Pacers shot only 22 percent (4-of-18) from the field. A three-point play by Chris Gatling put the Nuggets ahead

32-14.

The Pacers got back into with 27 points from their bench and trailed 49-47 at halftime.

Knicks 111, Grizzlies 86

Charlie Ward made an immediate difference in his return from the injured list, showing the Knicks how much they missed a true playmaker.

New York opened a big early lead and cruised past the Vancouver Grizzlies.

Ward hit Larry Johnson with a crisp pass on a fast break just under four minutes into the game, and Johnson turned it into a dunk for a 13-0 lead. The Knicks stayed comfortably in front for the rest of the night as they ended a two-game losing streak with ease, shooting a season-high 62 percent.

Latrell Sprewell and Allan Houston scored 22 points apiece, Patrick Ewing had 21 and Johnson and John Wallace added 13 each.

Ward contributed five points, six assists and a team-high seven rebounds to help the Knicks, the NBA's worst rebounding team, beat an opponent on the boards for the first time in eight games. New York outrebounded Vancouver 39-28.

Ward has been on the injured list since Feb. 19 with a broken little finger on his right hand, an injury he suffered against Charlotte on Feb. 7 but continued to play with. Coach Jeff Van Gundy used a big starting backcourt of Sprewell and Houston during Ward's absence, and the team went just 5-4. It had trouble getting into an offensive rhythm and broke 90 points only one time during that span.

All those offensive problems were nowhere to be found against the Grizzlies and their soft defense, as New York had no trouble maintaining a double-digit lead throughout.

Ewing had nine points and Sprewell eight in the first quarter, and Ewing was up to 17 on 7-for-8 shooting by halftime as the Knicks moved ahead 53-37.

Sprewell started the second

half with a steal and a tomahawk dunk, and Ward gave New York a 70-54 lead by driving past Mike Bibby on an isolation play and converting an easy layup.

Ewing left for good with 1:38 remaining in the third quarter and the Knicks ahead by 19. Sprewell reached 20 points for the 27th time this season when he hit a corner jumper for a 92-68 lead with 9:08 left. Houston scored 20 or more for the 31st time

Wizards 90,

Timberwolves 86

After a succession of horrendous away games throughout January and February, the Wizards are suddenly the kings of the road in March.

Losers of 15 straight away games through the end of last month, Washington won its second consecutive road game, outscoring the Minnesota Timberwolves by 12 in the final period to win.

Trailing by eight, the Wizards started the final period with a 14-2 run to take the lead for the first time in the half. Reserve Tracy Murray scored a game-high 17 for the Wizards, including 10 in the fourth.

Minnesota, which saw an eight-point lead become a seven-point deficit in the first 10 minutes of the fourth, was led by Kevin Garnett and Wally Szczerbiak, each with 26 points.

Washington led by as many as five points on two separate occasions in the first quarter on the strength of seven points by Mitch Richmond. It was not until the final minute of the opening period that the Wolves took their first lead.

But Minnesota rallied before the half to lead by five at the break. The Timberwolves were paced by Anthony Peeler's eight-point second quarter and Garnett's 14-point first half.

Rodman arrested for DUI

Associated Press

SANTA ANA, Calif.

The Worm is in trouble again.

Basketball star Dennis Rodman was charged Tuesday

with misdemeanor drunken driving stemming from a December arrest in Costa Mesa.

While, his court date in Las Vegas on a cocktail waitress' claim that he grabbed her breasts is nearing.

Police said the 38-year-old Dallas Mavericks forward had a blood-alcohol level of .15, nearly twice California's legal limit, when he was pulled over Dec. 22.

After his arrest, a smiling Rodman told reporters he had a couple of beers and had no criticism for officers who stopped him.

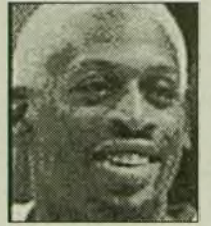
"They're doing their job, they're doing their job," he said.

His arraignment is scheduled for April 3.

On March 27, a trial is scheduled to start in Las Vegas in the federal lawsuit by Connie Wilcox that accuses Rodman of battery and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

"I think he needs to be reprimanded for his conduct, so that he will not do this to anybody else," she said.

Wilcox said she was serving cocktails at the Las Vegas Hilton on April 19, 1998, when Rodman came up behind her and hugged her and picked her up. Wilcox said she dropped her tray of drinks as Rodman, with his hands on the sides of both her breasts, held her in the air for about 10 seconds.



Rodman

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NHL

McSorley faces Canadian court

Associated Press

VANCOUVER

Marty McSorley must now answer in a Canadian court for his stick attack on Vancouver's Donald Brashear.

The Boston Bruins defenseman, one of the league's tough guys, was charged with one count of assault with a weapon for his Feb. 21 attack. He plans to plead innocent, his lawyer said.

McSorley, who will not have to appear at the hearing, would face a maximum of 18 months in jail if convicted.

"I'm disappointed," McSorley said in an interview with ESPN. "I'm disappointed it's going to court because I don't know if anybody really knows right now how much I've already lost."

The 36-year-old defenseman was suspended by the NHL for the rest of the season in the league's harshest penalty ever for an on-ice infraction. He must meet with commissioner Gary Bettman before the league will consider letting him play again.

"I've been in contact with a very good lawyer in Vancouver and we were trying to not have it go to court," McSorley said. His suspension already will cost him an estimated \$72,000 in salary.

His Vancouver lawyer, Bill Smart, said he hopes for a trial date in late summer or early fall.

Geoff Gaul, a spokesman for the British Columbia criminal justice branch, said the decision to charge McSorley was made after a prosecutor's review and a police investigation.

The NHL said it does not agree with the move, but said it will fully cooperate with Canadian authorities.

"We believe the league dealt with the matter quickly, decisively and appropriately — and did not feel that any further action was either warranted or necessary," said Bill Daly, the NHL's chief legal officer.

Bruins president and general manager Harry Sinden also expressed disappointment that the courts were getting involved.

"The National Hockey League has handed down a severe discipline in this case and we feel that was sufficient," he said, adding that the team would also cooperate fully.

After McSorley hit him in the right temple, Brashear fell backward, striking his head against the ice as his helmet came off. His body twitched and blood came from his nose. He was diagnosed with the most serious kind of concussion and his status is to be reviewed in about a week.

McSorley and Brashear, another NHL tough guy, had fought earlier in the game, and McSorley said he was trying to goad Brashear into another fight at the end of the game, a 5-2 victory by the Canucks.

"I had absolutely no intention of hurting Donald Brashear with my hockey stick," McSorley told ESPN. "I wanted a confrontation with Donald Brasher, no different than I've done on so many other nights. ... It just went badly."

McSorley has lasted 17 years

in the league because of his ability to fight and protect his more skilled teammates. He had six previous suspensions in his career.

He is best known for serving as Wayne Gretzky's protector with the Edmonton Oilers and then with Los Angeles as the two were traded together in one of hockey's biggest deals.

McSorley said he has received calls of support from players in the league and Hall of Famers who say they understand what happened and offered to speak on his behalf.

He told them to stay out of it because he didn't want attention drawn from the game.

"That's one thing I really feel bad about is the fact the game doesn't need a black eye, and I don't want to be the cause of it," he said in the interview.

It took police just over a week to investigate the slash, which was witnessed by thousands of fans at the game and shown repeatedly on TV highlight clips.

"There's a lot more involved in this than just that second and a half or two seconds that the video shows," McSorley said. "I think he embarrassed me. You definitely want a rematch. You have to stand up for yourself. Our bench was challenged. Our team was challenged."

Police have gotten involved in several previous on-ice conflicts in the NHL.

In the most recent, Minnesota's Dino Ciccarelli was sentenced to one day in jail and fined \$1,000 in 1988 for striking Toronto's Luke Richardson several times in the head with his stick.

Washington Capitals capture first place

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Washington Capitals completed their improbable climb to first place, a position they haven't held this late in 11 years, by beating the Florida Panthers 4-2 Tuesday night.

Steve Konowalchuk and Adam Oates scored first-period goals, the 13th of the season for both. Peter Bondra netted his 19th and Ulf Dahlen his 11th as the Capitals built a 4-0 lead and moved two points ahead of their Southeast Division rivals with 15 games to go.

Viktor Kozlov scored an unassisted goal late in the second and Cameron Stewart tallied in the third for the Panthers, 3-7-1 in 11 games. Pavel Bure, who leads the league with 45 goals, never got in the flow and was a non-factor for a team that played with little intensity after the first period.

The Capitals took the lead, just 2:08 in, on their first shot. Dahlen, working down the right wing on a counter-attack, waited before delivering a pass just as Konowalchuk arrived in front of the crease to slide home the puck.

Oates was almost in the same spot when he made it 2-0, taking a pass across the crease from Joe Sacco at 13:44.

Bondra got the third goal during 4-on-4 play at 1:22 of the second, ripping a slap shot from the right circle off a feed from Andrei Nikolishin.

Dahlen, an aggressive force throughout the game, was rewarded with a power-play goal when he put in a rebound at 18:44 of the second.

Olaf Kolzig made 28 saves for the Capitals, but wasn't smooth early and survived some hairy moments. Ryan Johnson beat Kolzig with a slap shot in the first period, but the puck trickled just wide of the post.

Kolzig, 24-4-4 in his last 32 starts, was his usual masterful self the rest of the way, making a nice leg save on Jaroslav Spacek's slap shot after a chaotic sequence in the second period.

Predators 3,

Blackhawks 1

Sebastien Bordeleau scored a short-handed goal in the first period as the Nashville Predators snapped a five-game losing streak with a victory over the Chicago Blackhawks.

Mike Dunham made 31

saves against Chicago on Feb. 23, the last game Nashville won.

The Blackhawks, who started a five-game road trip, had won four of five, including victories over top teams Dallas, St. Louis and Phoenix.

Nashville moved out of last place in the Central Division, one point ahead of the Blackhawks.

Bordeleau's short-handed tally was the only goal of the first period. He pounced on a loose puck that bounced off Chicago's Anders Eriksson and skated in alone on goalie Steve Passmore.

Bordeleau deked Passmore to the ice and put in a back-hander.

During a two-man advantage in the second period, Predators defenseman Drake Berehowsky ripped a slap shot past Passmore's glove from the top of the left circle. Rookie David Legwand made it 3-0 later in the period on a back-hander.

Blair Atcheynum, formally of the Predators, made it 3-1 at 2:03 of the third with a blast that sailed by Dunham's stick.

Chicago pulled Passmore for a sixth attacker with 1:57 left, and had a two-man advantage after a late Predators penalty, but Nashville blocked two point shots.

Blues 4, Coyotes 0

Roman Turek made 16 saves to record his fifth shutout as the St. Louis Blues extended their unbeaten streak to four with a win against the Phoenix Coyotes.

Turek, with 35 wins, is one away from tying Curtis Joseph's team record for most in a season. Joseph set the mark in the 1993-94 season.

Jeff Finley, Michal Handzus, Marty Reasoner and Scott Young scored for the Blues, 9-1-1 in their last 11. Lubos Bartecko and Pavol Demitra assisted on Handzus' goal, giving that line 56 points in the last 17 games.

Phoenix leads the NHL with four players with 20 or more goals, but the Blues held the Coyotes to just two shots from the 10:00 mark of the first period through the second. Coyotes goalie Sean Burke faced 30 shots.

Burke had the Blues shutout until Finley scored, 7:19 into the second period with his second goal. Finley broke in 2-on-1 with Tyson Nash, and scored on a rebound on Nash's slap shot.

With just 43 seconds left in the period, Handzus gave the Blues some insurance thanks to some nice work by Bartecko. After firing a centering pass from Demitra wide of the goal, Bartecko tracked the puck down behind the net and fed Handzus in front. Handzus put it over Burke for his 22nd goal.

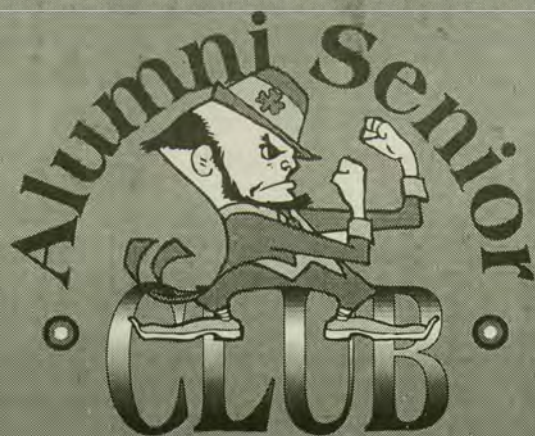
Reasoner scored his eighth off a rebound of Dave Ellett's shot at 12:39 of the third. Young scored unassisted at 14:29.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Gonzalez, Sosa hit first spring homers

Associated Press

Juan Gonzalez and Sammy Sosa hit their first home runs of the spring, while Jose Canseco and Jay Buhner tried to show they've recovered from injury problems.

Gonzalez connected for one of five homers in the Detroit Tigers' 10-7 loss to the Atlanta Braves in Lakeland, Fla.

"He just looks menacing at the plate, doesn't he?" new Tigers manager Phil Garner said.

Gonzalez, acquired from Texas during the offseason, hit a long, two-run shot. He's been nursing a strained left hamstring. As a result, he has been used only as a designated hitter this spring, and only at Joker Marchant Stadium.

"I want to see him get to where he wants to be, which is swinging the bat," Garner said. "He doesn't need to make road trips in spring training."

In Tucson, Ariz., Sosa homered in a five-run fifth, but the Arizona Diamondbacks rallied for four runs with two outs in the ninth to beat the Chicago Cubs 9-8.

Sosa's drive off the left-field scoreboard at Electric Park

was estimated at 425 feet.

In St. Petersburg, Fla., Canseco's back felt fine and he had a run-scoring single in his spring debut.

"I'm healthy. That's my main concern," the 35-year-old designated hitter said after going 1-for-3 with a walk in the Tampa Bay Devil Rays' 3-1 win over Texas.

Canseco sat out the first weekend of exhibition games after arriving in camp five days late. He was sidelined for six weeks following back surgery last summer, and manager Larry Rothschild is allowing him to get into playing shape at his own pace.

With Ken Griffey gone, the Seattle Mariners are counting on Buhner to become a home run threat again. He appears ready for the challenge.

Buhner hit his second home run of the spring Tuesday to lead the Mariners over the Anaheim Angels 5-3.

In roster moves, catcher Gregg Zaun was traded to the Kansas City Royals from the Detroit for a player to be named or cash, and pitcher Jeff Juden, unwanted by many in the New York Yankees' organization, was placed on waivers for the purpose of his unconditional release.

Yankees see slow start in spring

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla.

George Steinbrenner is having a hard time watching his New York Yankees. In fact, he can't even sit through the whole game.

The Boss made another early exit from his box, along with his guest, television host Regis Philbin, as the Yankees lost to Minnesota 7-5 Tuesday night, leaving the World Series champions winless in six exhibition games.

The day before, Steinbrenner ducked out during a 15-1 pasting by Cleveland.

"Nobody likes losing. I don't like losing," Steinbrenner said at the time. "I don't like losing by the numbers we're losing by."

These are the stats Steinbrenner has seen so far in spring training: New York has been outscored 56-21 and has not held a lead in any game.

"Anytime they're 0-6, that kind of stands out for the Yankees," said Twins pitcher Eric Milton, who started his career in New York organization. "Anytime you see the Yankees losing, it is a little odd. But it is spring training and you can't go by spring training records."

No need to remind the Boss that the Yankees went 14-19 last spring before rolling to their second straight Series

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Joe Torre
Yankees manager

sweep. Or to mention that Los Angeles is also 0-6 this spring.

"I've told you guys that it's too early," the owner said during the loss to the Indians. "But pretty soon we'll be at a point where it won't be early anymore. We're not there, yet."

"You'll know. I'll let you know," he said. "The whole club will know, believe me."

Almost sounds like the mid-1980s all over again. That's when he used to put October-style emphasis on March meetings with the New York Mets, calling those exhibitions "pressure situations."

The only spark this spring came in the exhibition opener when, trailing 9-0 with two outs in the ninth inning, New York brought the tying run to the plate in a 9-7 loss to Toronto. Steinbrenner attended that game, too, but left before the rally.

On Sunday, Steinbrenner watched Roger Clemens give up five runs in 2 2-3 innings before ducking inside. Prior to the game, David Cone joked

with Steinbrenner, calling his start against the Indians a "must-win."

Cone lasted 2 2/3 innings, giving up three runs and four hits. He left after Roberto Alomar's home run.

"Nobody wants to be embarrassed, but it's early," Cone said. "As far as I'm concerned, the Kansas City Royals can win the Grapefruit League."

Then again, the Royals started out 0-4.

"The record doesn't matter, but how you play matters," shortstop Derek Jeter said. "We aren't doing anything right. We haven't hit well, we haven't pitched well, we haven't played defense well, we haven't run the bases well."

Even though it's early, this was not the way the Yankees wanted to start out.

Not after Darryl Strawberry was suspended. Not after Orlando Hernandez, Ramiro Mendoza and Ed Yarnall weren't healthy enough to pitch.

And now, these six losses.

"Am I worried about it? No," Yankees manager Joe Torre said before the Twins game. "Does it consume me? No. Am I going to try and do something different? No."

"Losing in spring training is not important. It's important to make sure you play the game right. We've been a little sloppy playing the game and that bothers me."

La Russa weighs pitching options

Associated Press

JUPITER, Fla.

The toughest decision Tony La Russa might have to make this spring is choosing an opening-day starter.

Kent Bottenfield is coming off an 18-victory season.

Pat Hentgen is a former AL Cy Young Award winner. Darryl Kile was 19-7 in 1997 for the Houston Astros. Andy Benes helped lead the Cardinals to the 1996 NL Central title.

"One of the fun things when you figure

your rotation is deep enough," La Russa said, "is you have the possibility that every series you play, you like the matchups all the time, because everybody you send out, you like."

The candidates don't seem to mind who gets the call.

"I just think it's awesome that we have this much depth," Benes said.

Bottenfield, who in 1999 matched the career wins total he compiled in his first five seasons, is the emotional choice because he's the lone incumbent. Benes returned as a free agent, and Hentgen and Kile were acquired in trades.

"I think if you took a vote,

we'd probably vote for Bottenfield because he had a such a great year last year and he's been here," Benes said. "But I don't think they're going to ask us or poll us."

The numbers seem to favor Bottenfield, who would be making his first opening-day

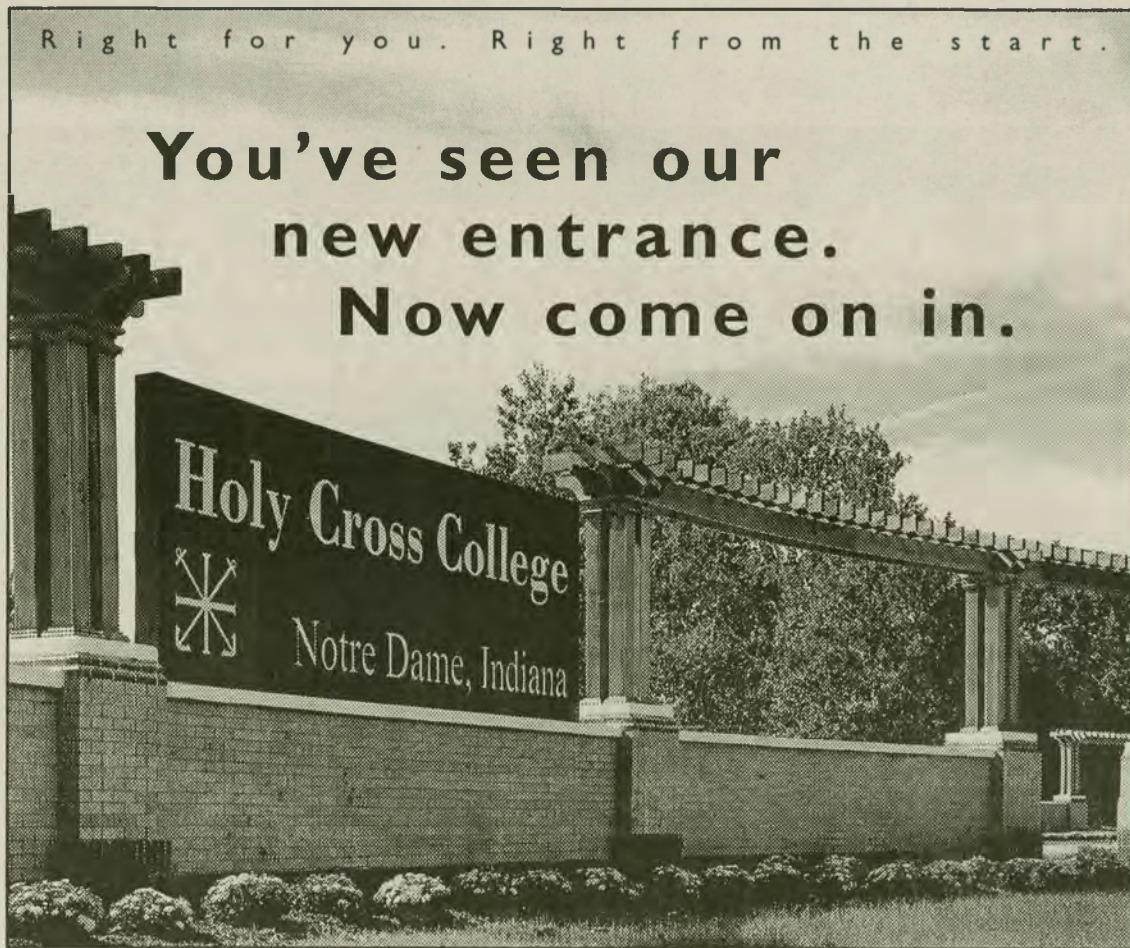
start. Last year, he was 2-0 with a 1.42 ERA against the Cubs, who open at St. Louis on April 3, and 2-0 with a 1.96 ERA against the Milwaukee Brewers, at St. Louis the first weekend.

That's the best showing, by far, of any of the four against the first two opponents. He's also coming off a much better year than any of the other three, with Benes' 13-12 season a distant second best. Kile started the spring training opener, but he's struggled the last two years, playing at mile-high Coors Field. Hentgen is a .500 pitcher the last two seasons.

"I know Tony is big into matchups," Bottenfield said. "In order to pitch against both of them, I would have to pitch the first game of the season and the last game of the Milwaukee series. But I don't know and I'm not worried about it."

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Starks says good-bye to Bulls

Associated Press

CHICAGO

Chicago Bulls fans won't be able to heckle John Starks anymore. Starks went home to Tulsa, Okla., to await an arbitrator's decision on whether he can forfeit the rest of his salary, leave the Bulls and join a play-off contender. Starks, who didn't travel with the Bulls for their game at Charlotte on Sunday, left Monday.

"He's got a wife that's pregnant and he's got tendinitis in his legs," Bulls coach Tim Floyd said Tuesday before Chicago's game against Atlanta.

"This will allow him to be with his wife and with tendinitis, the only way to heal it is rest," Floyd said. "This will allow him to do both."

Starks, 34, offered to forfeit the rest of his \$4 million salary, roughly \$900,000, if the Bulls would waive him, clearing the

way for him to sign with a play-off contender. The New York Knicks and Miami Heat were interested in adding him if he won his case, several league sources said.

But arbitrator Kenneth Dam ruled Friday that the NBA didn't circumvent the collective bargaining agreement when it rejected Starks' request. Because there was no circumvention, Dam said a grievance arbitrator needed to hear the case. Dam is a system arbitrator.

A grievance arbitrator is expected to hear the case sometime this week.

Starks, never a fan favorite in Chicago after his thug-life days with the New York Knicks, has been a lightning rod for criticism since he took a seat on the bench Feb. 27 with tendinitis. He insisted he's in pain, but he also said he'd play through it if he was on a contending team.

Fans booed him at Saturday's

home game. One group chanted "John, go home!" as the game ended. Now they've got their wish.

While putting a few hundred miles between Starks and the Bulls makes him less of a distraction, Floyd said that isn't why he went home.

"I don't think he was 'sent' anywhere," Floyd said. "I didn't think he was a distraction and I don't think we saw it with our team even though we've lost. We've been in game until the final minutes."

The Bulls could still release Starks and let him sign with another team, but they'd have to pay the remainder of his salary. He'd remain shut out of the playoffs, too.

Players released after 11:59 p.m. on March 1 who then sign with another team are not eligible to compete in the playoffs. Starks wanted his release retroactive to that date to make him eligible for the postseason.

IRISH INSIGHT

Murphy's future still questionable

Troy Murphy let loose a pent-up flurry of speculation about his future at Notre Dame Tuesday night.

As Murphy accepted the honor of Big East Player of the Year, he referred to next

year, opening a can of worms on a topic kept on the hush-hush since head coach Matt Doherty's request earlier in the season.

"I'd like to take also a special time to say thank you to Coach Doherty," said Murphy, just a sophomore. "You've helped me so much this year, and it's really meant a lot to me to play for you. I just look forward to next year."

After St. John's coach Mike Jarvis predicted back in January that this would be Murphy's last year at the collegiate level, Doherty asked that the subject be kept quiet until after the season.

Murphy brought the subject back to the forefront with his off-the-cuff comment last night. He insisted that the comment was not meant as a declaration that he would return for another year at Notre Dame, but rather a statement of appreciation in an unprepared speech.

"I was just trying to express to Coach Doherty how grateful I was for what he's done this year, and how happy I am that I have the opportunity to play for him," Murphy said. "I haven't really decided. It's something I have to sit down and talk to Coach Doherty about."

As soon as the words came out of his mouth, he realized just what he had done.

"I opened up something by saying that," Murphy said. "I should have written something down."

Doherty didn't take the remark too seriously.

"I don't read into it," Doherty said. "I think that he may have just had a slip. It may have been, 'Heck, I'm looking forward to next year.' I just think that we're going to do what we originally planned to do and after the season sit down and talk about what he wants to do. It's up to him."

The marquis player and his mentor share a close bond, one that will make Murphy's decision difficult.

"He's a huge reason [that I would stay]," Murphy said. "He's going to be a great influence on my decision because he's been in the position

before about talking to people about this kind of stuff."

Murphy's parents and his AAU coach will be key parts of the discussion.

Another factor will be Murphy's realization of how life will change if he opts to leave for the NBA after this year. He's having fun where he's at, enjoying life with his teammates and as a college student.

"The fact that I won't be able to have a good time with the guys on the team in the dorm," Murphy said. "I'll be with guys that are older than me and have families and stuff like that. A lot of people say it is a job and that college basketball's a lot more fun. It's just a decision that you have to make and it's something that I'll do after the season's over."

Murphy has developed rapidly since high school. In two years, he's gone from playing at Delbarton in front of 50 people and eating cheese sandwiches after the game to leading the blue and gold in front of a Madison Square Garden crowd.

But is he ready for the rigor of a physically demanding 82-game NBA schedule?

Murphy's body already takes a bruising in the Big East. But in the NBA, he'll be going up against guys who are much more muscular and more physically imposing than those at the college level.

Another year or two of building up his frame and adding muscle would leave Murphy much better prepared to take on the hard knocks on the road. Staying at Notre Dame would also allow Murphy to improve his defensive skills, the one area in which he may be lacking.

"I think he's gotten better," Doherty said. "But I think he could be really a good defender. I don't think he's where I want him to be or where he wants to be defensively."

It is a tough choice for a 20-year-old: stay in school in hopes of improving your game and draft status or drop out to answer the call of a possible multi-million dollar contract.

Murphy seems better equipped to make the judgment than most guys his age. He has a strong support crew to sound off on in Doherty, his parents and his teammates. And he's not one to jump to quick decisions, balancing the pros and cons of each possibility instead.

"Coach told me it was nice to have this kind of problem," he said, "and it is."

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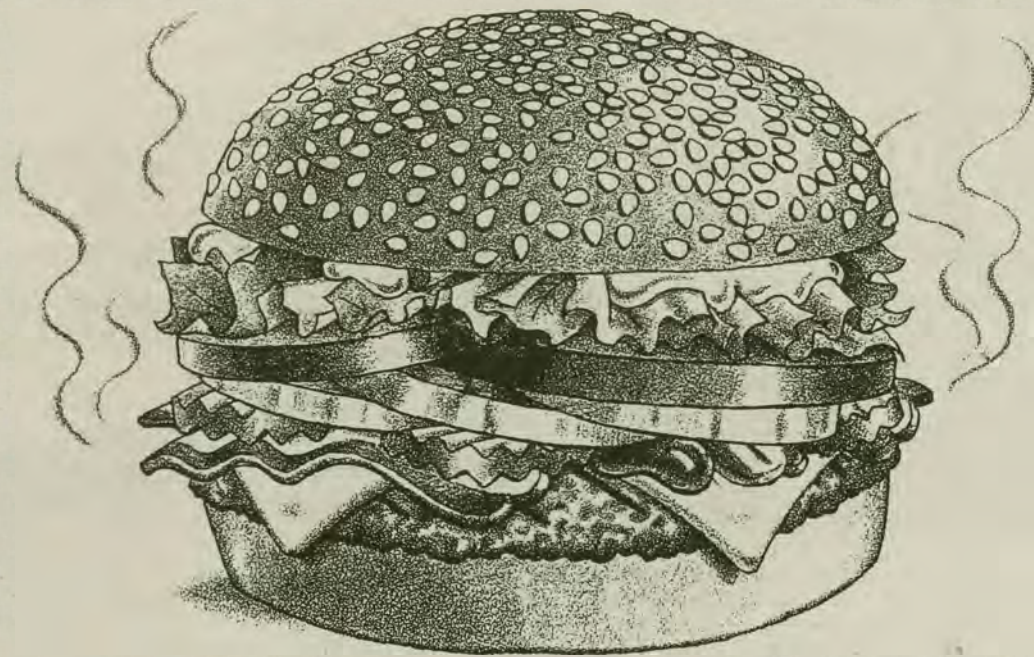
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Starting point guard Dillon surprises fans in senior year



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Senior point guard Jimmy Dillon earned a steady spot in the starting line-up for the first time in his career this season.

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NEW YORK

Irish point guard Jimmy Dillon surprised everybody but himself this season with his marked improvement.

Last year, Dillon was a reserve who chalked up nearly as many turnovers as he did assists. Now a senior, Dillon holds a steady spot in the starting lineup for the first time in his career.

"You want to say you're surprised, and I know it surprised a lot of the public," Dillon said. "But myself, it's sort of not an honor, but a reward for all the hard work."

And he earned it. He improved his stats in every area of the game this year: shooting, rebounding and most of all assists. In Big East play, Dillon is shooting 47 percent and has one of the best assist to turnover ratios in the conference.

"Jimmy's a very good shooter, but we have very good shooters on our team, and I think he enjoys setting up his teammates," head coach Matt Doherty said. "He's just accepted his role as one to distribute the ball, play tough defense, play with a lot of intensity, and he's done a great job with it."

The improvement didn't come easily. Dillon strove to increase his strength by hitting the weights last summer, and competed in a league with fellow Philadelphia native Matt Carroll, a freshman guard for the Irish.

But gaining emotional maturity was just as significant in his development as was physical maturity. Last season, Dillon went through his toughest Notre Dame experience, a one-game suspension for throwing a soda bottle at a bus.

"It was Junior Parents Weekend, and I went out and did something dumb and took my suspension from it," Dillon said. "It was a home game against West Virginia, and I went home and sat there and realized I wasn't helping my team and being a part of the game."

The incident taught Dillon exactly what not to do, and he developed better composure both on and off the court as a result. As the team's lone senior starter, he also became the emotional leader.

"I see him as being the leader on the team," Carroll said. "If you look at the teams that have won national championships and had a lot of success, usually they are the teams that are real close on and off the court. And I think that's the way our team is."

The coaching change from John MacLeod to Doherty opened the door for Dillon's enlarged role for the Irish. While MacLeod had the helm, Dillon stood on uncertain ground, never sure of his place on the team. Under Doherty, Dillon plays 30 minutes per game (twice as much as last season) and directs the Notre Dame offense.

"Coach has showed some confidence in me to be a starter on this team and being a leader out there," Dillon said. "It's just different from last year because I wasn't sure how long I was going to be on the court. This year, I know he needs me out there to lead the team."

Dillon's poise allows him to act as an on-the-court coach, a role that may prove useful after graduation as he hopes to coach college basketball.

"It's important that you have upperclassmen who can be leaders because they've been through things that the younger guys haven't been through," Doherty said. "It's important to help motivate the team. I can only do so much. It's got to come from the players."

Winning is an attitude to Dillon, one he hopes the Irish will display in coming weeks because for him, there is no tomorrow.

"To myself, I've always known that winning's an attitude, and it hasn't been there the past three years, and this year with Coach's mind-frame and him having us believing that we can compete with teams ... it's a whole new ballgame. We had five wins over ranked opponents this year, and nobody around would ever think that would be possible."

Unlike the team's underclassmen, Dillon can't wait until next year for an NCAA Tournament berth. It must come now.

"My career is winding down," Dillon said. "You kind of look and say you don't want to take basketball for granted. A loss is a loss, and a win is a win. And if you don't give it all, you know that's something you start regretting."

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ference's leading scorer (23 ppg) and rebounds (10.5 rpg).

Tonight's game is the 13th meeting between the two teams. The all-time series is tied at 6-6, but Rutgers leads the series 5-2 since Notre Dame joined the Big East. The two teams have never met in the Big East Championship.

"We struggled with them in the past," first-year head coach Matt Doherty said. "We didn't match up well with them last time, but hopefully, we're better than we were when we played them the last time."

The Irish will also be looking for their first victory in the Big East tournament. Notre Dame has bowed out in the first round in all four years of their membership in the conference. However, the Irish have secured their highest seed ever and tied their best conference mark.

"I hope it's motivation enough that we're playing in the Big East tournament, but I think in the back of our minds we knew that they beat us badly last time," Doherty said. "We'd like to show them that we can play."

played any better," said Murphy, the conference's leading scorer (23 ppg) and rebounds (10.5 rpg).

Notre Dame is also coming off an impressive victory over Georgetown and outplayed top-seeded Syracuse in the second half of that game. I think it's a confidence booster, but we'll see how we handle it," Doherty said. "It definitely is a big boost to our confidence that we're playing good basketball and hopefully we can carry that over to the Big East tournament."

The Irish have just one win in their last four games, but Doherty remains upbeat.

"I think the last three games we played well we just only had one win because we played the two best teams in the league," he said. "You can't always judge how well you're playing by wins and losses. I think you have to look at the games themselves and I think we've been playing good basketball all along."

Doherty also seems to have found a lineup that has clicked. Freshman small forward Jere Macura has come off the bench to give Notre Dame a big offensive lift and should see significant playing time against Rutgers. The Irish zone has also confused opposing offenses.

"First of all, I think we need to play hard, and I think offensively, we need to execute against their tough man-to-man defense," Doherty said. "Defensively, we have to contest their shooters and box

out."

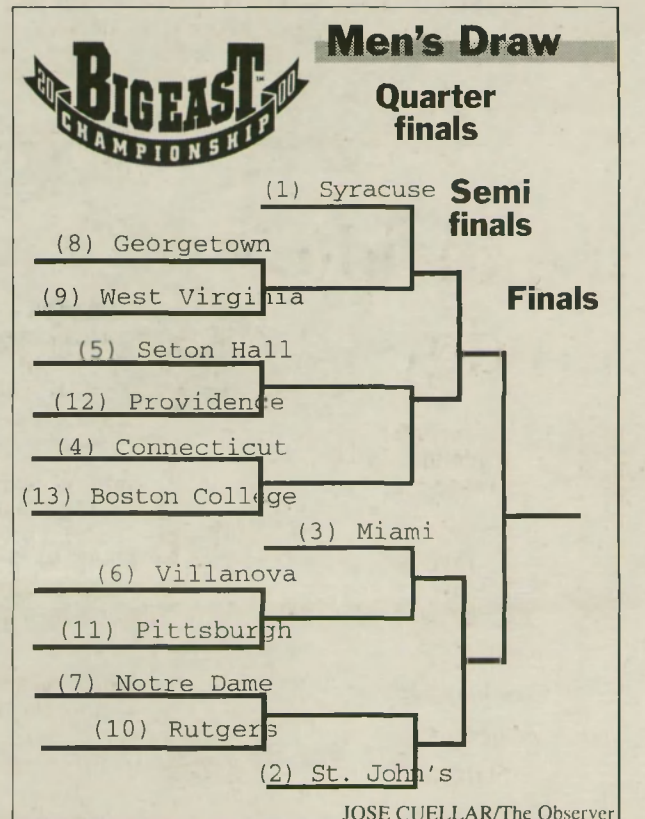
Rutgers is led by guard Dahntay Jones, who averages a team-high 16 points. Billet and Jeff Greer also average double figures. The Scarlet Knights have dropped their last three contests, but have been competitive in virtually every game they have played this season.

However, they have had difficulty winning the close ones, posting just a 3-10 record in games decided by six points or less.

"We want to play them," said Graves who averages 13 points per game and is coming off one of his best games of the season. "It's going to be the same thing again. They really jumped on our case big-time. We're back in their neck of the woods. We're going to be the ones traveling, and it's going to be a big game. It's going to be a huge game because we want to get a solid win. We still have chances for the NCAA Tournament. We're going to keep working hard.

We're going to come out with a lot of intensity."

The winner of tonight's game takes on Miami in the quarterfinals Thursday.



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Murphy sets standards, wins Big East player of year

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
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NEW YORK

Sophomore power forward Troy Murphy set a new standard for Big East excellence this season, becoming the first player ever to lead the league in both scoring and rebounding.

The conference rewarded him for his efforts Tuesday, honoring Murphy with an award for Big East Player of the Year prior to today's opening of the Big East Tournament in Madison Square Garden.

Murphy gratefully accepted the award, but then did something that really showed his character: He passed on the accolades, sharing his accomplishment with first-year Notre Dame head coach Matt Doherty and the rest of the Irish squad.

"I couldn't have done it without my teammates and coach," the 6-foot-9 Murphy said. "I've had a great time with them. It says a lot. It's hard for me to express. It's been a great year."

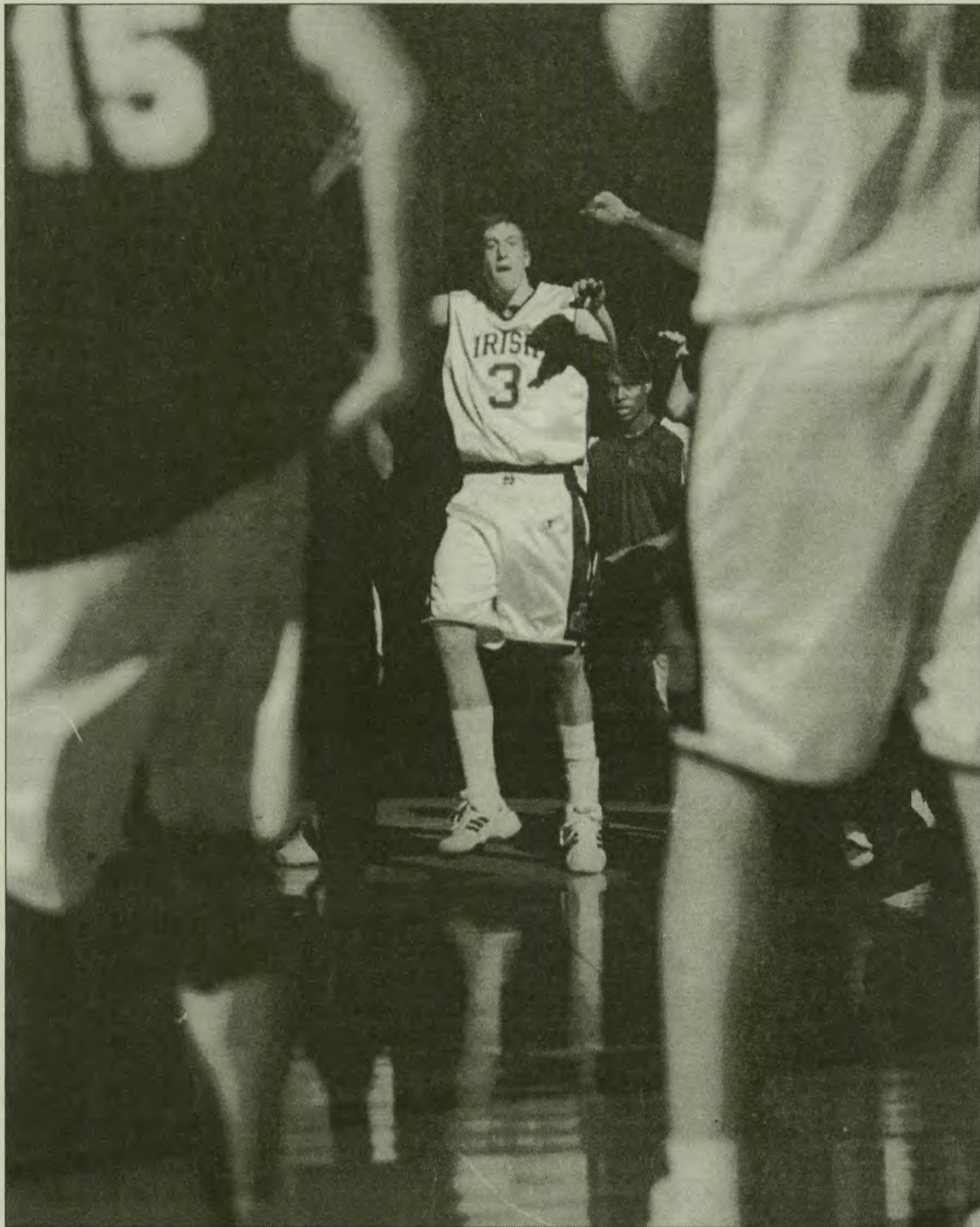
Doherty returned the praise. "I wouldn't trade him for anybody," Doherty said. "He comes every day prepared to work hard. He loves the game. He wants to be really good, and he's passionate about it. I think that he's having a heck of a year."

He's right. Murphy's averaging 23 points and more rebounds per game, numbers that designate him as the only player in the nation to rank in the top 10 in both categories. With 17 double-doubles this season, Murphy has become a household name for Irish fans.

Murphy is up for consideration for honors like the Wooden Award and All-American team, possibilities that boggle his mind.

"I never expected to be considered for an honor like that [All American]," Murphy said. "It was a dream back in high school. I've played for great coaches, and all the credit goes to them."

Even Murphy's father, Jim Murphy, did not expect Troy to become so good so fast.



JOHN DAILY/The Observer

Troy Murphy is greeted onto the court by teammates and fans. The Irish sophomore is an All-American candidate, and one of just two Big East players to be unanimously selected to the first team all-conference.

"Not so early," Jim Murphy said. "I thought he would hit all of this when he was a junior or senior."

Doherty attributed much of Murphy's success to his hard work.

"It's his work ethic and his talent," Doherty said. "God blessed him with size and a shooting touch and an ability to run and jump, and he's made the most of it."

Since Notre Dame hired

Doherty as head coach less than a year ago, the relationship between Doherty and Murphy has gone full circle. When Doherty became head coach, Murphy was less than thrilled about the replacement

of former coach John MacLeod. Now, he's Doherty's biggest fan.

"He's changed the whole attitude of the program," Murphy said. "He's taken the time to get to know me as not only just a player, but as a person. That shows a lot about the character of him as a person."

Doherty views the emotional connection as an essential part of being a coach.

"As a coach, as a parent, you dream about a connection with your children," Doherty said. "When he says those things, it's very touching because I wanted the whole experience. I don't want just the basketball experience. I want the emotional bond with my players."

Back in high school, Murphy was interested in playing for Kansas, where Doherty was an assistant coach at the time. Although Doherty did see Murphy play, Kansas never actively recruited Murphy.

"I saw him enough where I thought he was a good player," Doherty said. "You never know how good. There are kids I've recruited that I thought were going to be great players that weren't, and then kids that you didn't know, if they were going to be great players and turn out to be great players."

Two years later, Murphy has proven that he is one of the great ones. Every coach whose team has gone up against Notre Dame has struggled to find a way to defend against Murphy, usually with little success.

Even when Murphy is held to a sub-par performance, he still hurts the opponent. In Notre Dame's January loss to Rutgers, Murphy was whistled for a technical foul en route to fouling out, and only shot 5-for-16 from the field.

Yet Rutgers' coach Kevin Bannon still said, "It's not like there's an answer to stopping the guy. He's too good. He can hurt you in too many ways. The guy is a human double-double. You can't name five better guys in college basketball right now."

As Notre Dame prepares for tonight's rematch with Rutgers, Murphy hopes to prove Bannon's words right.

the inside edge



records: 17-13
conference: 8-8
tourney seed: No. 7



records: 15-14
conference: 6-10
tourney seed: No. 10

Last meeting
Rutgers 76,
Notre Dame 51



rebounding: Rutgers brings down more boards than Notre Dame, but Irish star Troy Murphy is one of the nation's top rebounders.



shooting: Both teams net about 68 points per game. The Irish are streaky — when they're hot, they're unstoppable; when they're not, watch out.



ball-handling: Notre Dame claims the Big East cellar for turnover margin, but point guard Jimmy Dillon boasts one of the best assists to turnovers ratio.

EVEN



bench: Rutgers' Joel Salvi and Luis Flores notch 11 points and seven rebounds per game. Notre Dame has three solid freshman reserves, as well as former starting point guard Martin Ingelsby.

coaching: Rutgers' Kevin Bannon has 17 years of coaching experience, but has only earned two berths in the NCAA tournament. First-year Notre Dame head coach Matt Doherty turned the program around, bringing enthusiasm and energy back to Irish basketball.



experience: The two starting line-ups combined list only one senior. The Scarlet Knights qualified for the NIT last season, while the Irish posted a losing record.



intangibles: The Scarlet Knights play close to home, but the Irish are gunning for them after suffering their most lopsided loss of the season to the Scarlet Knights in January. Notre Dame is seeking its first-ever Big East tournament win.



Overall

Notre Dame needs this win to keep alive dim hopes of making it to March Madness. The Irish have played well in their past two games, while the Scarlet Knights must bounce back from a tough loss to the West Virginia Mountaineers. If the Irish come out aggressive, it should be their game to lose.

Baseball

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Carlin had issued three walks while hitting a fourth Spartans batter with a pitch. Freshman right-hander Joel Barrus took the loss, allowing the five runs (four earned) on six hits and four walks over seven innings.

Stavisky scored the first Irish run, after leading off the bottom of the second with a 2-2 single through the right side of the infield. He moved up on a single to right field by senior first baseman Jeff Felker and a perfectly-executed ground-out to the right side by senior Matt Nussbaum, who started at catcher for the first time in his Irish career.

Sophomore third baseman Andrew Bushey plated the runner, going the other way on an 0-1 pitch for a single through the left side. O'Toole hit his first home run of the season with one out in the third, lifting a 1-1 pitch over the right field fence.

The blast marked the fourth straight game at Eck Stadium in which O'Toole has hit a home run. (He went yard in each of Notre Dame's three 1999 NCAA Tournament games.) Sophomore center

fielder Steve Stanley followed with a bunt single to the left side-extending his hitting streak to six games and junior shortstop Alec Porzel walked on five pitches before Stavisky delivered an 0-2 single to right field, plating Stanley. Right fielder Steve Quaderer then made an errant throw back to the infield, with Porzel alertly scooting home for an unearned run and a 4-0 Irish lead.

Manchester's Blake Collinsworth drew a full-count, one-out walk in the fourth and Carlin then hit Jeff Floyd with an 0-1 pitch. Hardiman followed with a walk on five pitches before four straight balls to Pete Britton forced in the lone Spartans run.

The Irish tacked on a run on the fifth, when O'Toole led off with a full-count walk, stole second and took third on Stanley's rightside groundout. Porzel then hit a groundball to the third baseman Collinsworth, who conceded the run while throwing Porzel out at first. Irish freshman right-hander Brandon Vioria had an impressive debut, allowing two hits and no walks during the sixth, seventh and eighth innings while recording two strikeouts.

SOCCER

Apple named interim head coach

Special to The Observer

Chris Apple, assistant men's soccer coach at Notre Dame the last four seasons, has been named interim head men's soccer coach at the University of Notre Dame.

Apple replaces Mike Berticelli, who died suddenly Jan. 25, following 10 seasons as Irish head coach.

Apple will coach the Irish men's team on an interim basis through the 2000 fall season. The University is in the process of searching for a new director of athletics, and that individual will have the opportunity to determine a direction for all Irish athletic teams.

"I'm extremely grateful the University has shown the faith in me to oversee the Notre Dame men's soccer program," said Apple.

"I'm also honored to follow Mike Berticelli, who was my close friend and mentor. Mike's contributions to soccer at Notre Dame and to the

game at large have been immense, and I'm thankful simply to have an opportunity to add to those."

Apple has been extensively involved in recruiting in his four seasons at Notre Dame. He played a key role in the signing of 1999 Big East rookie of the year Erich Braun, a freshman from Frankfurt, Germany, who finished third in the conference in scoring in '99, as well as Andreas Forstner, a freshman from Gerlinden, Germany, who ranked as one of the top first-year defenders in the Big East in '99.

Apple's four seasons with the Irish saw Notre Dame produce a combined 41-31-10 record (.561), including trips to the Big East men's soccer tournament each of his four years on the staff. His first season at Notre Dame in '96 featured the most successful season in Irish history, including a 14-7-2 record and an NCAA first-round victory over second-ranked North Carolina-Greensboro. The Irish finished 17th that season in the final Soccer America poll.

Apple came to Notre Dame in the spring of '96 following two seasons as head coach at North Carolina Wesleyan, where his teams finished 12-20-1 combined during the

1994 and '95 campaigns.

A standout midfielder at the University of Rochester, Apple led his team to three University Athletic Association championships and three NCAA tournament appearances during his four-year career. He was a two-time All-American at the school and three times earned all-UAA honors. In 1990, he was named the conference player of the year.

A 1992 cum laude graduate of Rochester with a bachelor of arts in German literature and European history, the Millersville, Pa., native played professionally in Germany for one year following graduation. Apple then served as an assistant coach at Harvard for one season in '93 before taking over as head coach at North Carolina Wesleyan.

Apple, who played professionally in the United States for the Raleigh Flyers, holds a National Soccer Coaches Association of America advanced national diploma and a United States Soccer Federation "B" license.

Born April 9, 1970, he and his wife Melissa were married in May 1997 and reside in South Bend. She currently is a doctoral student in psychology at Notre Dame.



Apple

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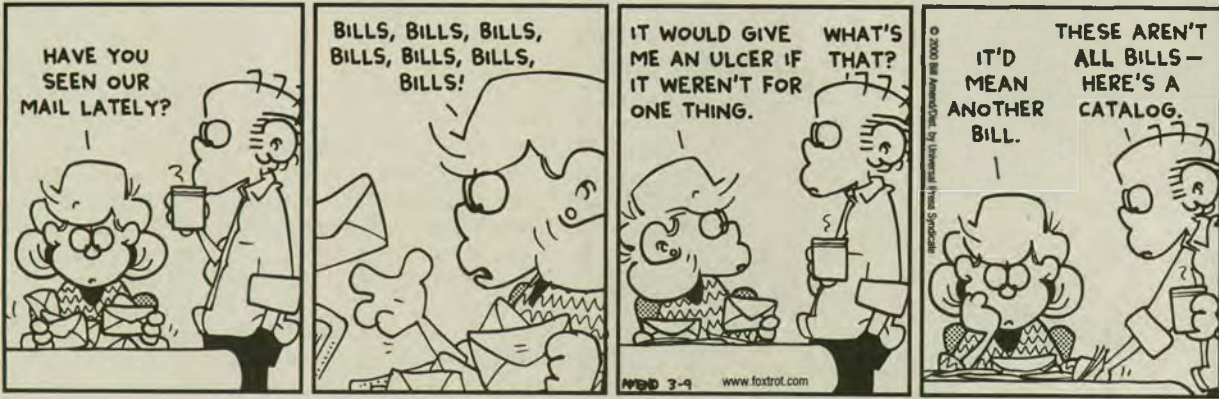
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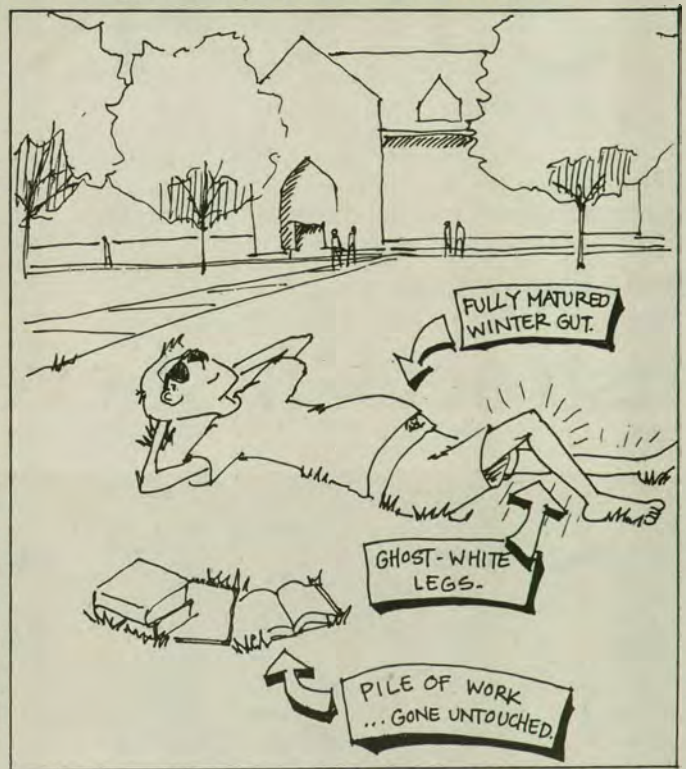
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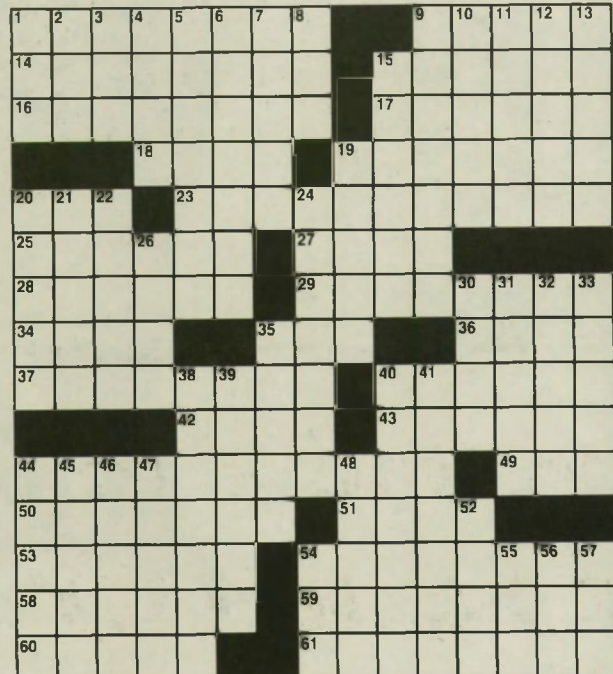
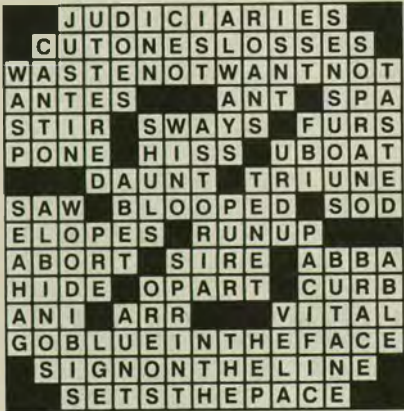
For some, Spring Break comes not a moment too soon.

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Small tip
 - 9 A ton
 - 14 "Likely story"
 - 15 Weed of the mint family
 - 16 Shells may be in them
 - 17 Blazing
 - 18 Christmas times: Abbr.
 - 19 Egyptian god shown holding a scroll
 - 20 Hearst's captors: Abbr.
 - 23 They're often made of silk
 - 25 Las _____, Canary Islands
 - 27 Associate of Dayan
 - 28 Connected, nowadays
 - 29 Ellery Queen and others
 - 34 Site of Kit Carson's grave
 - 35 Opening of a retail store?
 - 36 Strike
 - 37 Don't act
 - 40 Pupil surrounder
 - 42 Hardly thrilling
 - 43 Fox's Fox
 - 44 "Equal Time" co-host, once
 - 49 Age abbr.
 - 50 Some cats
 - 51 Cleaning solution?
 - 53 Wake-up call?
 - 54 Acts between parties
- DOWN**
- 1 One-handed Norse god
 - 2 Shoe designation
 - 3 Noodge
 - 4 McQueen of movies
 - 5 "Conga" singer
 - 6 Loony
 - 7 "East of Eden" family name
 - 8 French possessive
 - 9 Chicken that's a prolific egg layer
 - 10 Far from blasting
 - 11 Fall off
 - 12 More terrible
 - 13 Dance set?
 - 15 Lincoln's first Vice President
 - 19 Words before "Fine" and "Pretty" in song
 - 20 Some are blind
 - 21 Stoop in Hawaii
 - 22 Set apart
 - 24 Understanding
 - 26 Spray
 - 30 Skating maneuver
 - 31 Dour
 - 32 Solver of the Königsberg bridge problem
 - 58 Tennis's Makarova and others
 - 59 Sorrowful souls
 - 60 Bad lover?
 - 61 Merchant

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- Puzzle by Jim Page
- 33 Shiners
 - 35 Has quite an impact on
 - 38 Basque, e.g.
 - 39 Learns little by little
 - 40 Its range is about 500-1700 kHz
 - 41 More out of shape
 - 44 Iris Murdoch and others
 - 45 _____ Gay
 - 46 Protected bird
 - 47 "The Secret History" novelist Tartt
 - 48 Hindenburg's predecessor
 - 52 Include
 - 54 British sports cars
 - 55 Pro _____
 - 56 Time piece?
 - 57 1040 ID
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Happy Birthday: You will tell it like it is this year and make amazing strides toward your goals. You must step into a position of leadership, allowing yourself to accept the glory you deserve for a job well-done. Be proud of yourself. You can make a difference and certainly have something worthwhile to contribute. Your numbers: 13, 16, 26, 39, 44, 47

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Put your efforts into your career. Your personal life will not be going the way you'd hoped. Look into courses that will get your mind off your troubles. ☹☹☹

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You will gain the most from listening to those with experience. Your ability to ferret out secret information will pay big dividends. ☹☹☹

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Red tape will be difficult to settle today. Don't bang your head against the wall trying to make others listen to your complaints. Concentrate on completing projects at work. ☹☹

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Too much activity will be exhausting. You must talk confusing issues over with your mate. Don't let anyone handle your financial affairs. ☹☹☹☹

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Communication is likely to be blocked. Your partner will be feeling left out and confused. Try not to let your problems at work cloud your perception at home. You may lose on both fronts. ☹☹☹

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): This is a great day to broaden your cultural knowledge. Don't hesitate to join groups that can expand your horizons. Use your diplomacy and charm when dealing with your boss. ☹☹☹

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Property investments or residential moves will be beneficial to the whole family. You should be able to work well with others. ☹☹☹

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Set your mind on creative goals. You can aid children by making their activities more interesting. Take a look at purchases that may enhance the appearance of your home. ☹☹☹☹

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Added stress will cause minor illness. Watch your dietary habits. Someone may be trying to outsmart you regarding a project at work. ☹☹

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You can inspire enthusiasm in others regarding possible moneymaking projects or fund-raising ideas. Don't be too quick to get the ball rolling; someone important may back out. ☹☹☹

Birthday Baby: You were born with charm, and because of this you'll be able to talk your way around almost everyone you encounter. You are strong, passionate and easy to love. You have what it takes to get others to follow you. (Need advice? Check out Eugenia's Web sites at astroadvice.com, eugenialast.com, astromate.com.)

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Dillon steps up
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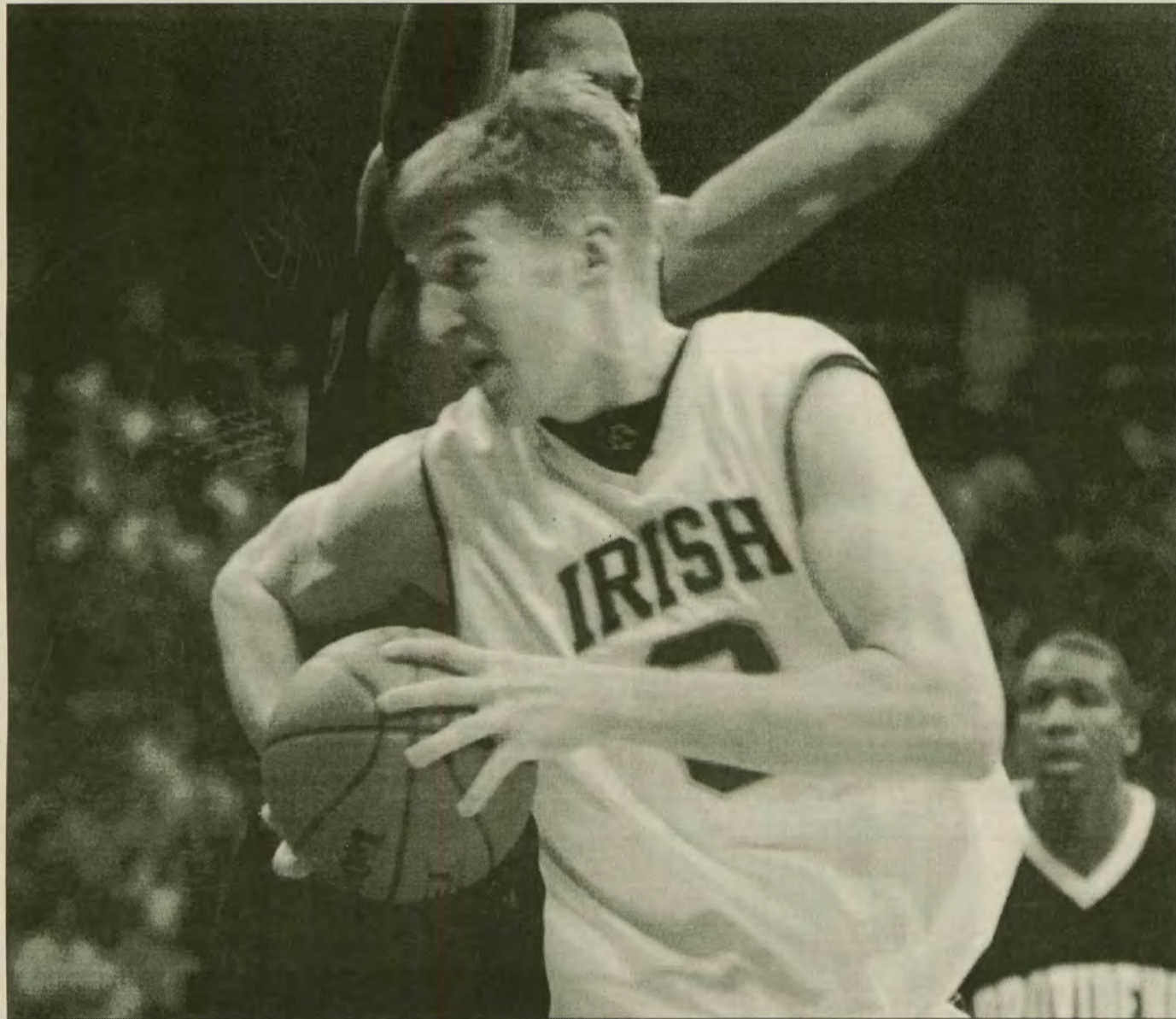
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish seek first-ever Big East tournament victory



LIZ LANG/The Observer

Sophomore captain Troy Murphy edges around a Georgetown player during the Irish victory over Georgetown last week.

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

NEW YORK

Notre Dame's impressive 23-point victory over Georgetown last weekend was a relief for sophomore captain Troy Murphy after watching his team drop three straight games down the stretch. But it was the news after the game that really made his day.

West Virginia had just beaten Rutgers, dropping the Scarlet Knights (15-14, 6-10) to the No. 10 seed in the Big East Tournament and setting up a showdown with the No. 7 seeded Irish (17-13, 8-8) tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Madison Square Garden.

Murphy, who hails from Morristown, N.J., was heavily recruited by Rutgers and takes a fair share of verbal abuse every time the Irish play the Scarlet Knights on the road.

"I'm happy to have another shot at Rutgers," Murphy said about the first-round matchup. "I'm looking forward to that."

And so are the rest of the Irish. Notre Dame suffered its worst defeat of the season at the Louis Brown Athletic Center in mid-January and will be looking to avenge that 25-point loss.

Rutgers freshman Todd Billet led the way for the Scarlet Knights with 31 points on eight 3-point field goals while Mike Tompson and Eugene Dabney each grabbed 10 rebounds for Rutgers.

"I guess we've got another shot at them," said freshman shooting guard Matt Carroll, who averages nearly 10 points per game. "Hopefully we can change it and have a different outcome from the last game."

"I don't think we could have played any worse and I don't think they could have

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"Murphy sets standards, wins Big East player of the year"

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BASEBALL

Sun shines on Irish baseball

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame baseball team cashed in on the unseasonably warm weather Tuesday by posting a 5-1 win over visiting Manchester College at Eck Stadium.

Sophomore right-hander Matt Buchmeier (1-0) was credited with the first win of his Irish career, after opening the game with three scoreless innings in a planned rotation. Buchmeier allowed just one hit and one walk while striking out two of the 11 Spartans batters he faced.

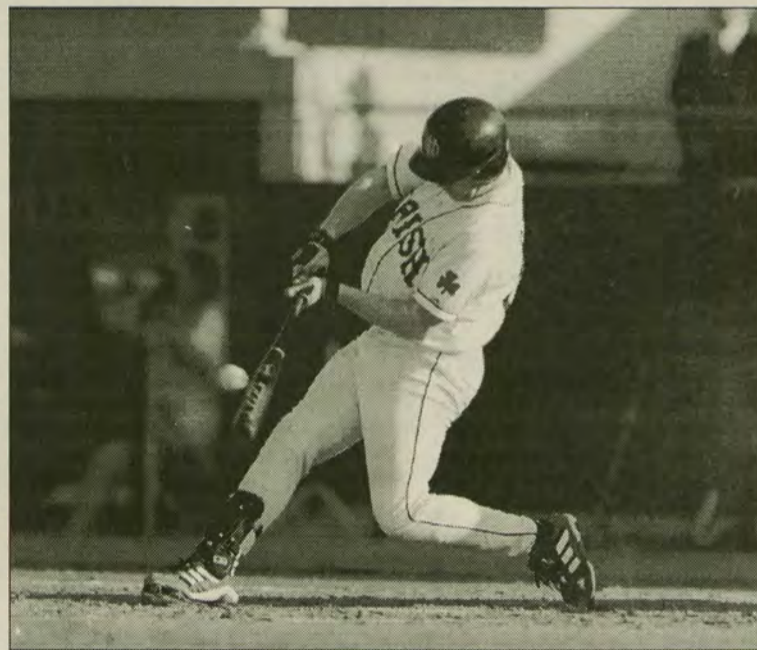
The highlight of the day came in the top of the ninth, as junior right-hander Danny Tamayo made his first appearance in more than two years. Tamayo, who last pitched on March 1, 1998, before suffering an elbow injury that ultimately required "Tommy John" reconstructive surgery, retired Tony Hardiman on a bunt attempt before serving up a flyout from Bill Johnson.

Pinch hitter Nick Chaney then walked on four pitches but Tamayo closed out the game by catching Craig Hersey looking at a full-count, called third strike.

Notre Dame (5-2) failed to generate any sustained offense, just days after amassing 37 hits in three games in the Hormel Foods Classic (at the Minneapolis Metrodome). The Irish managed just six hits on Tuesday, with sophomore designated hitter Paul O'Toole hitting a solo home run in the third, while freshman right fielder Brian Stavisky ended his early slump with two hits in four at-bats.

Manchester (1-2) plated its lone run in the fourth, after Irish junior right-hander Mike

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JOHN DAILY/The Observer

Sophomore Paul O'Toole slammed a solo-homerun in the fifth as Notre Dame baseball topped Manchester 5-1 Tuesday.

SPORTS AT A GLANCE



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