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Admitting a class of colors

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's actively recruit minority students to create a diverse environment and enhance students' overall education

Editor's note: In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. celebrations on campus, The Observer explores diversity issues in a four-part series. Part one examines the challenges and successes of recruiting minority applicants.

◆ ND identifies, pursues high talent minorities

By MIKE CONNOLLY
 News Writer

With the same vigor it pursues the top high school athletes in America, the University uses phone calls, mailing and campus visitations to lure some of the most highly qualified minority students to the Golden Dome.

A predominantly white, private, catholic school in the Midwest is not necessarily the first choice for many minorities who often come from warmer climates and lesser financial means. The University must overcome cultural, regional, historical, meteorological and financial barriers to win the enrollment of these students against fierce competition



LIZ LANG/The Observer

While no rules are bent to increase the acceptance of minority students to Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, efforts are made to recruit a diverse student population.

from other elite schools. "[Difficulties in recruiting minorities] lies with minority perceptions of the school," said Nikki McCord, co-chair of the diversity committee in the student senate and a student member of the University com-

mittee for cultural diversity. "I know many minorities believe before coming to Notre Dame that this is an elitist campus. Some think it is full of rich people and a lot of students might feel that there are so few minorities and their needs

can't be met socially at this school," the sophomore from Dallas continued.

The task of convincing qualified minorities to apply begins in the spring of the applicants' junior year of

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◆ Targeting minorities early critical for SMC

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
 News Writer

As a junior in high school, Adriana Garces knew she was going to college.

She just didn't know how she was going to get there.

As the South Bend native sat in her classes at Washington High School, she mulled over several different plans — she could move to Texas, and try to go to school there, or attend community college at Indiana University at South Bend, close to home.

Ready to explore her educational options further, she found the Saint Mary's Encuentro program, a two-week summer camp where high-achieving Latina students have the opportunity to live the college experience. Through attending classes taught by Saint Mary's faculty, living in

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Moving
Toward
the
Dream

Part I:
Recruiting



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

"Of all the programming I have seen in the last four years at Saint Mary's, there has been nothing that has brought so many people out and generates so much discussion," said Emily Koelsh, lower left.

Saint Mary's cancels 'Monologues'

By MOLLY McVOY
 Saint Mary's Editor

College president Marilou Eldred told student organizers of "The Vagina Monologues" Tuesday that the play would not make a reappearance on Saint Mary's campus this year.

The play is part of a nationwide movement on college campuses to increase dialogue about women's sexuality.

In response, the student organizers have called for a speak-out on Wednesday evening to discuss if the play has a place on the Saint Mary's campus and, if so, what place that is. In part, the speak-out comes in response to the College administration's position that the play should not be presented this year.

"The administration's position is that we don't want [The Vagina Monologues] performed on this campus again," said Marilou Eldred, the College's president.

The nationally acclaimed play,

currently playing off-Broadway, was written by playwright Eve Ensler. Ensler's work is performed solely by women and addresses issues of women's sexuality. In particular, the movement to perform the monologues on college campuses is part of an effort that began three years ago to stop violence against women.

Last year's February production at Saint Mary's was sponsored by the Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination (CARE). After the performance, CARE offered counseling.

The play generated needed dialogue about the issues of women's sexuality, lesbianism, rape, and the need for women to recognize that their bodies should not be violated but celebrated, according to "Monologues" supporters.

"I think what happened last year after the Monologues was that people had a healthy discussion on sexuality," said senior Julia Malczynski, the women's studies representative to the stu-

dent activities council.

Although the administration supports the idea of generating discussion, the play would cause more controversy than healthy discussion, according to Eldred.

Issues of lesbianism and explicit discussion of sexuality have caused some to question its appropriateness for a Catholic campus. In response to last year's presentation and a subsequent letter to the South Bend Tribune by a former professor, several members of the College Parent's Council expressed concerns to the president about the presentation of the monologues.

"I think the discussion is necessary," Eldred said. "My issue is clearly with redoing the play."

"We have to be responsible to all our constituency — students, alumni and supporters," said Linda Timm, director of student activities. "Voices on the other side of the issue [opposed to the Monologues] have seldom been

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INSIDE COLUMN

Can you say vagina?

That's right, I'm talking to you. So can you say vagina? It seems that at Saint Mary's, not only can we not say the word vagina, but we had better not talk about our vaginas or anyone else's either.

On a campus that has 1,565 students with vaginas, you might wonder why we are experiencing this vagina prohibition. Let me explain. Last year, as part of a nationwide movement on college campuses to raise awareness about violence against women and generate dialogue about women's sexuality, the nationally acclaimed play "The Vagina Monologues" was presented at Saint Mary's on the same day as at other colleges. When student organizers wanted to perform the play this year, it seems that alumnae and community members put pressure on the appropriateness of performing the play on a Catholic campus, namely Saint Mary's.

My concern is that these individuals protesting the presentation of the "Monologues" at Saint Mary's may not realize what it is really all about. It's not a smutty, made-for-the-stage porno. Rather, it is the culmination of hundreds of interviews by the playwright, Eve Ensler, with old, young, married, single, lesbian, heterosexual, CEOs, actresses, health workers, and women of various religious and ethnic backgrounds about what they think about their vaginas, issues of sexuality, and violations of their bodies.

Other "Monologues" include one about a Bosnian woman who experienced violence and was raped during the war in her country. Another deals with the idea that women are not supposed to talk about their vaginas and media portrayal of women and vaginas. Yet another tackles a woman coping with sexual abuse by relatives and how she was able to reclaim her body after the experience. The play also encourages women to celebrate their bodies and features a "Monologue" with a scene from a room where a woman is giving birth.

By not allowing the "Vagina Monologues" to be performed at Saint Mary's, it is sending a message for women to talk openly about their body and their sexuality is shameful. Prohibiting the "Vagina Monologues" sends a message loud and clear that there is no place for dialogue about violence against women. This is an abomination. Women should be encouraged to talk about their bodies and violations of their bodies and recognize that we need to celebrate our bodies.

Encouraging women to talk about their bodies is a step toward empowering women. By not allowing women to talk about their bodies and sexuality, it leaves the door open for society and the media to define what is and is not appropriate for women in regard to their sexuality. If women can't define their sexuality and talk about their anatomy, they have to accept what society and the media gives them. This leaves women voiceless and unable to send a message to the media and society that they do not want to be treated only as sexual objects. If women can't talk about their vaginas, how can a message be sent that violence and rape against women — a direct violation of their body — is unacceptable?

As a woman, I think it is of utmost importance to be able to talk about, understand, and celebrate what it means to be a woman.

It's time to talk about our vaginas.

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



Colleen McCarthy

Associate News Editor

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"To come out and see the Joyce Center full has been my dream forever since I've been here."

Notre Dame women's basketball coach, Muffet McGraw on the UConn win

"We would not have used the stadium if it was a risk, but there are substantial repairs that have to be made."

Director of public relations Dennis Moore on stadium repairs

"We've been very fortunate all the way through. There has been tremendous support for [Generations]."

Executive director of development, Dan Reagan on "Generations"

"I think peace is to respect people, to sit together, to speak as equal people."

Noah Salameh Ghnaim on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

U.Illinois students speak up about T.A.'s language

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.

If understanding an instructor is harder than understanding class material, students have somewhere to turn.

University of Illinois policy outlines specific procedures for students with complaints or problems understanding their instructor's English.

Before instructors from foreign countries can teach, they must meet the university's English language requirements. The university follows the state law that all instructors at state universities must be orally proficient in English. According to campus policy, exceptions can be made for instructors who teach foreign language courses in their native lan-

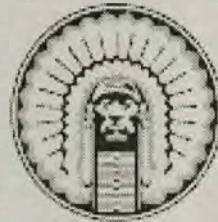
guage.

International teaching assistants show oral proficiency in English by passing either the Test of Spoken English or the Speaking Proficiency English Assessment Kit, also known as SPEAK, said

Cheelan Bo-Linn, interim head of the division of instructional development.

SPEAK, the test's older version, operates on a scale from 20 points to 60 points, with 20 being the lowest possible score. A passing score is 50 or higher. The Test of Spoken English has been used since 1996 and has a different scale. On this test, a passing score is 230 or higher.

University policy also requires those who pass the English-proficiency test to attend both an orientation for international teaching assistants and an all-campus orientation for teaching assistants, participate in two follow-up workshops and have their teaching monitored by their department.



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-SAN DIEGO

Campus braces for power crisis

The power crisis that left thousands of Californians in the dark during the past week has forced the University of California at San Diego to prepare for the possibility of rolling blackouts. Wendy Schiefer, manager of customer relations at Physical Plant Services, said the UCSD campus is in electrical stage three emergency, which means there is a threat to the electrical system reliability and an increased possibility of the campus experiencing rolling power outages. Schiefer says that under stage three emergency, students should reduce electrical usage as much as possible and refrain from any sensitive research that requires electrical power. Schiefer, who is living in the dark and without heat due to skyrocketing energy bills, said she believes it will take an actual blackout to get students to conserve. "Some people may not take the energy crisis seriously," Schiefer said. "We've sent out e-mails and community bulletins to residents, asking them to conserve energy as much as possible."

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Student falls overboard on ship, dies

An Iowa State University freshman climbed over the railing of a cruise ship off the coast of Florida, lost his grip and fell overboard, where he died on impact, said police officials in Tampa, Fla. Officials said 19-year-old Michael Hepner, freshman in landscape architecture, was on a week-long trip with his girlfriend on the Carnival Cruise Sensation before he died Jan. 14. "Earlier that night, they got into an argument, and they walked out to the side of the ship," said Joe Durkin, spokesman for the Tampa Police Department. "The victim climbed over the railing, as if he was going to jump, and decided he was not going to. As he attempted to climb back over, he lost his grip and fell." The cruise crew attempted to locate Hepner and called the Coast Guard for assistance, Durkin said. The Coast Guard found Hepner two miles off the Florida coast near Tampa, he said. Hepner was taken to Tampa General Hospital, where he died about 7 a.m. from neck and head injuries sustained from the impact of the fall, Durkin said.

LOCAL WEATHER

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

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Wednesday	27	17
Thursday	34	24
Friday	39	28
Saturday	39	26
Sunday	40	27

NATIONAL WEATHER

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FRONTS: COLD WARM STATIONARY

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Atlanta	47	29	Las Vegas	61	34	Portland	51	38
Baltimore	41	25	Memphis	45	31	Sacramento	54	38
Boston	28	25	Milwaukee	30	26	St. Louis	41	32
Chicago	30	25	New York	35	26	Tampa	60	44
Houston	60	35	Philadelphia	34	26	Washington	41	27

CLC

Members discuss the possibility of structural changes

By JASON McFARLEY
Assistant News Editor

At a meeting Monday that may have prompted more concerns than it resolved, Campus Life Council members looked for ways to address problems that have long nagged the organization.

In the midst of some tension, the 75-minute meeting meshed much discussion with relatively few results, before members moved to halt their talks and reconvene at a later date.

The move effectively gives representatives two weeks to reconsider the CLC's mission and role at Notre Dame — issues that didn't bring the council to a consensus on Monday.

"Do we like the current structure of the council, or do we need a new structure?" student body president Brian O'Donoghue asked. "What can we do to redevelop this body?"

O'Donoghue, who didn't link his concerns to any specific incident, said these were questions he has had throughout the year. On Monday, he asked CLC members to come to the meeting prepared to speak openly about their own reservations.

Most of their feedback centered around members' responsibilities on the council.

"I sometimes feel unclear about the role I should have on the council. There are a lot of

times when I want to jump in, but I know this is a student-run body, and it's their ballgame," said Sister Mary Ann Mueninghoff, Pasquerilla East Hall rector.

Philosophy professor Ed Manier also expressed some uncertainty about his role on the council. At one point, Manier talked about having a large workload while students are partying near the end of the semester, and the dialogue led to a brief but tense exchange between Manier and Knott Hall rector Brother Jerome Meyer, who mistook Manier's comment as an insult.

Later, other controversy arose as Manier seemed to direct comments at Bill Kirk, assistant vice president for student affairs.

"How can any of us hope to accomplish real change in an environment where student life administrators dictate what we can and cannot do. You can't achieve change in at an institution where there isn't academic freedom," Manier said.

Shortly after, Kirk moved to end discussion and reconvene at the group's next meeting.

At that meeting, members will likely return to other topics that arose Monday — the CLC's taskforce work and the scope of the council's authority.

Many members agreed that the council has been more pro-

ductive than in recent years.

"I like having task forces to address specific issues. It keeps us focused on a mission," Dillon Hall senator Brendan Dowdall said.

But student body vice president Brooke Norton offered a different perspective.

"The only perceived problem is we're still stagnate. There hasn't been a huge report or concrete results, but that may be because we have such long-term goals," Norton said. "Still, it might be good to do some reports and show that we are being active."

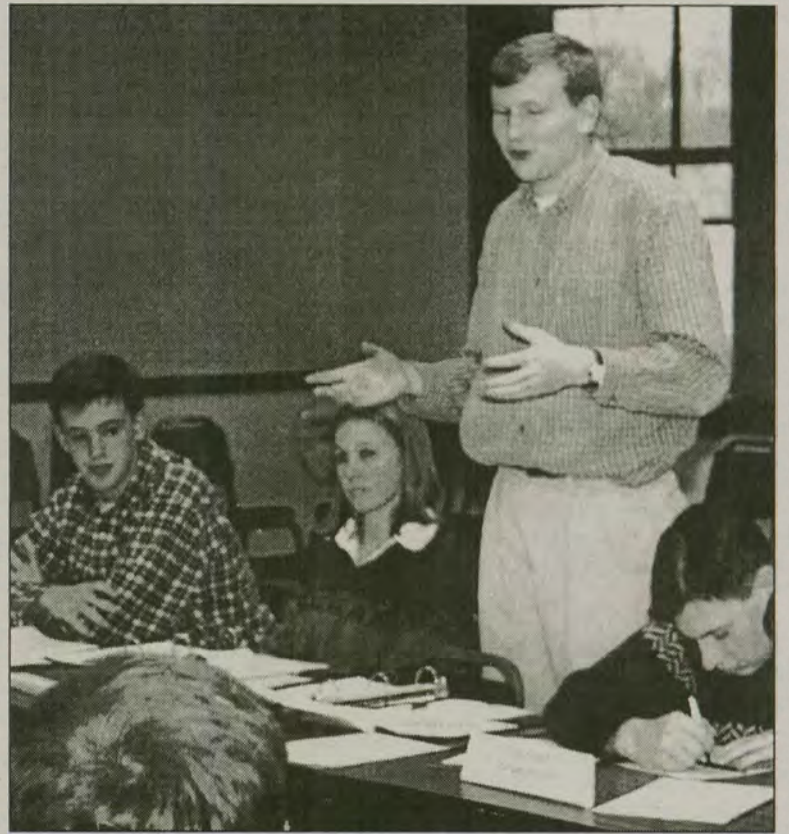
Also in question Monday was the scope of the CLC's authority. O'Donoghue told members that he would consider any matter that affects the Notre Dame community as legitimate fare for the CLC.

Manier said other organizations have an advantage over the CLC because they have clear missions. The CLC establishes goals as needed, Manier said.

O'Donoghue noted that the CLC is a University body under the control of the Office of Student Affairs, and as such, it remains the only body of its type to have public meetings. He asked members to consider whether or not to close meetings, citing past comments from CLC members fearful of making public statements.

In other CLC news:

♦ O'Donoghue told the CLC



TONY FLOYD/The Observer

At the CLC's Monday meeting, student body president Brian O'Donoghue asks members their opinions on the current structure of the CLC.

that the newly formed Advisory Committee on Academic and Student Life (ACASL) will have its first meeting sometime next week. He said the CLC will remain a body separate from the ACASL.

♦ Jay Smith, student government chief of staff, said the Office of the Student Body

President is sponsoring a student panel Wednesday as part of Martin Luther King activities at Notre Dame. The "Colors of the World" forum will be moderated by University executive vice president Father Tim Scully at 6 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library auditorium.

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Whitmore: fortunate should help poor

By ANDREW THAGARD
News Writer

The Catholic Church's social teachings can make valuable contributions to the living wage debate, said Todd Whitmore, Notre Dame Anti-sweatshop Task Force director and associate professor of theology.

About 50 people attended Whitmore's Monday night lecture titled "The Living Wage in Catholic Teaching: Economic Justice for All." It was the first in a semester-long series on the "Living Wage."

In his lecture, Whitmore presented an overview of Catholic social teaching and an account on the living wage. He also made suggestions as to what the Catholic perspective adds to the issue.

"According to the Pope, this [social justice] is a non-optional part of Catholic teaching," Whitmore said.

He maintained that the Catholic Church has traditionally called for a living wage to serve as a baseline for administering social justice.

"It's important to recognize that the living wage is a minimum condition according to Catholic social teaching. Where there is more, more ought to be given," he said.

However Whitmore was quick to point out that the Catholic Church's perspective does not support socialism or the elimination of private ownership. Rather, he maintained that the creation of a living wage would allow more freedom.

"The same type of democracy we practice in the political sphere can extend to the economic sphere," he said.

Whitmore also suggested that the Catholic Church's position seeks to improve the quality of life and sustain the family.

"It [Catholic teaching] points out

that the living wage is a 'right to life' [and] a pro-family issue," he said.

Whitmore said that not only the worker but also the family suffer when their salary is below the living wage. He added that this fact was supported by empirical studies, citing the higher infant mortality rate and shorter life spans among lower paid workers and their families compared to their more affluent counterparts.

Lastly, Whitmore stated that Catholic teaching encourages sharing between the more fortunate and those who need help.

"The well off can help meet the living wage by taking less themselves. Private property is a right but it's not an absolute right. You are a steward of that property," he said.

At Notre Dame Whitmore suggested that the University could take a cut in their commission from school apparel if the manufacturing companies agree to do so as well. That money, he maintained, could be funneled toward impoverished factory workers.

He also compared Disney CEO Michael Eisner's \$560 million annual salary to the dollar-an-hour wage that Chinese factory workers earn producing Disney brand products.

"There's a point at which you say 'that's too much,'" he said.

More lectures to follow

Arguments for and against the living wage will receive special focus this semester as Notre Dame gears up for a four month-long symposium on the subject.

The 12 lecture series is sponsored by the University's Anti-Sweatshop Task Force, the Program in the Catholic Social Tradition, and the



TONY FLOYD/the Observer

Todd Whitmore, director of Notre Dame's Anti-sweatshop Task Force, discussed the Catholic teaching on living wage.

Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

Economic, global and religious issues will be addressed in support and against the establishment of a living wage both in the United States and abroad.

"We want to raise people's awareness about the issues surrounding the living wage and to do what is possible to see that these issues are worked out. Last year we dealt with a lot of issues regarding sweat shops and we have yet to address the living wage," Whitmore said.

Abroad students can vote at SMC

By NICOLE HADDAD
Saint Mary's News Editor

Beginning with this year's student body elections, Saint Mary's students studying abroad will have the opportunity to vote for candidates during the elections. According to student body president, Crissie Renner, candidates' platforms will be posted on Web sites and students will then e-mail in their ballots.

In case of a run-off, abroad students will not again. Instead, they will use a ranking system in the primary vote, whereby they rank the candidates by first, second and third choices.

Although students abroad will have a voice in student government for the first time, there is concern that the voting system will not be anonymous because it is conducted through e-mail.

In addition, students will not have the opportunity to meet the candidates and ask questions, their opinions are based solely on the posted platforms and previous knowledge of the candidate.

Despite these problems, many students felt that the most important thing was that they are given this opportunity to be a part of the campus while overseas.

"It's only fair that the option is available to every

Saint Mary's student and if she doesn't feel she wants to be revealed, she doesn't have to vote, but every Saint Mary's student should have the opportunity," said sophomore Anna Lentz, who just returned from studying a semester in Rome.

"I think more students are interested in voting than are in keeping anonymity," said Renner.

Cathy Canetti, a sophomore who also recently returned from Rome, agreed.

"It's more important that we get to vote than that it is anonymous," she said.

"The Rome students are going to be on campus next semester, and next year these people will be representing them and it's important that these students are part of the decision making because it's their school too."

Some disagreed, arguing that students won't take the time while abroad to inform themselves on the platforms and make an educated decision.

"Well, the reason I didn't do an absentee ballot is because I knew nothing about the platforms ... and if I didn't take the time to research before I left I don't know that I would have taken the time to read the internet platforms either," said sophomore Erin Moran who went to Rome last semester.

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heard."

The supporters of the "Monologues" feel that Wednesday's forum is the best way to generate a substantial amount of discussion and no other venue that they have encountered causes a large number of men and women to talk about issues of sexuality.

"Of all the programming I have seen in the last four years at Saint Mary's, there has been nothing that has brought so many people out and generates so much discussion," said Emily Koelsch, one of the organizers and supporters of the "Monologues."

"It's your peers putting on a production that talks about things that you're usually not supposed to talk about."

"I think the shock value of the play is very valuable," said Julie Frischkorn, another organizer of the monologues. "I've never been to anything else that draws the number of people that 'The Vagina Monologues' does."

In order to advertise on the campus and reserve facilities to present the "Vagina Monologues", the students must have administrative approval. Although Linda Timm, College vice president for student affairs, explained that the College has the power to deny

advertising on campus grounds and deny access to facilities, she hopes it won't come to that.

"Typically, our response has not been to flat out say no," Timm said. "I've always felt that we have been able to work with stu-

dents in a non-adversarial way. We don't always agree, but I have not felt that these students have listened to our arguments. I'm confounded by their response."

Frischkorn and Koelsch said there is a need to present the "Vagina Monologues" on campus and hope that, after Wednesday, some option will become clear.

"We recognize the administration's ability to say no, but we don't want it to come to that," Frischkorn said. "We do feel so strongly about our cause that we are going to try to have the same effect as last year, but, as of now, we do not have a specific plan."

"Not letting us have it on this campus is going send a bad signal to women who have finally started talking about their bodies," Koelsch said. "It tells the students 'last year, you could talk about these issues. This year, you can't.'"

Both sides of the issue hope the speak-out generates discussion from those in favor of the monologues and those with concerns.

"I don't feel that, at this point, there's much dialogue happening," said Timm, the director of student activities. "I feel like we [the administration] weren't heard. I felt that we were very reasonable."

"If this is not going to happen on this campus this year, the student body needs to know why," Koelsch said. "We're just going to have to wait and see what happens Wednesday."

"Why so many people support this is because it is promoting the end of violence towards women," Koelsch said.

The speak-out will be Wednesday evening at 9 p.m. in the Dalloway's coffeehouse.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Child rebels surrender: The teen-age twins who led the God's Army rebel group acknowledged on Monday they have no mystical powers to repel bullets and said they want to give up fighting. Wearing oversized soccer shirts, Johnny and Luther Htoo, who led a hit-and-run campaign for three years against the Myanmar military, said their days as soldiers are at an end. "I want to live as a family with my parents," Luther told reporters at a border police base near the Myanmar frontier with Thailand. "I want to study."

World's oldest man turns 112: An Italian shepherd listed by Guinness World Records as the world's oldest man celebrated his 112th birthday Monday by downing a glass of red wine — the secret, he says, of his longevity.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Reprieve granted for inmate: A Texas death-row inmate who came within minutes of being executed in 1987 was deprived of "the guiding hand of counsel" when his lawyer slept for 10-minute stretches during his trial, a defense attorney told a federal appeals court Monday. The napping lawyer "didn't just doze or daydream — he was unconscious," Robert McGlasson told the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Meningitis on the rise: Two more cases of spinal meningitis were confirmed in suburban Houston, bringing to at least 18 the number of cases in the area since Oct. 9, health officials said. Two have died of the disease this month. The meningitis outbreak has added to concerns raised late last year about Houston's potential for epidemic as the city with the lowest vaccination rate in the nation. Officials say the city is already vulnerable to disease because of its role as a port and airline hub.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Man jailed for killing father: A man who was charged with setting a fire that killed his wheelchair-bound father was being held without bond Saturday in the LaPorte County Jail. Rodney Fleming, 24, Michigan City, appeared Thursday in LaPorte Superior Court to face a charge of murder in connection with the Dec. 30 blaze that took the life of Albert Fleming Sr., 68, whose charred body was found on a living room sofa where he normally slept. Authorities say Fleming became the prime suspect after it was learned he made previous threats to burn down the house to kill his father.

ECUADOR

Workers race to contain oil spill

Associated Press

PUERTO BAQUERIZO

U.S. team was setting up equipment Monday for the dangerous task of transferring diesel mixed with sea water back onto a ship that has dumped 150,000 gallons of fuel oil into this fragile marine environment.

Ecuador's environment minister, Rodolfo Rendon, said the spill had already caused "extremely grave" damage.

The Ecuadorean tanker, which began leaking fuel Friday, was lying tilted sharply toward its right side about 550 yards from San Cristobal Island.

San Cristobal is one of the Galapagos Islands, which are famous for their giant tortoises and rare species of birds and plants. Charles Darwin developed his theory of evolution by studying wildlife on these islands in the Pacific Ocean, 600 miles off Ecuador's coast.

The team of U.S. experts, including 10 members of the U.S. Coast Guard's pollution response National Strike Force, arrived late Sunday with specialized oil spill equipment such as inflatable containment barges and high-capacity pumps.

U.S. Coast Guard Cmdr. Edwin Stanton told The Associated Press that his team would attempt to transfer remaining fuel spilling through the ruptured hull to empty storage tanks that are still intact within the ship.

But he said pounding surf and shifting pressure within the vessel could cause the tanker to break apart.

As of Sunday, 150,000 gallons of fuel had leaked, Rendon said, and slicks had affected a 117-square-mile area.

Rendon said surf pounding the tanker Jessica, which ran aground Tuesday in a bay off San Cristobal, has opened up new fissures in its hull, speeding up the rate of the leak. The ship carried 243,000 gallons of diesel.

He said the spill was heading south and could reach Santa Fe, a small island 37 miles west of San Cristobal famed for the Santa Fe land iguana, a species that is found nowhere else in the world.

Experts said curtailing the flow of escaped fuel is almost impossible now.

"The bottom line is once oil gets out of a ship it's virtually impossible to remove it or contain it on the



AFP Photo

Crews attempt to stabilize the oil tanker Jessica Monday. The tanker ran aground last Tuesday near the Galapagos Islands.

ocean," said Stanton.

Galapagos National Park biologist Mauricio Velasquez said the long-term danger is that the fuel will sink to the ocean floor, destroying algae that is vital to the food chain, threatening marine iguanas, sharks, birds and other species.

Velasquez said the current was also pushing the spill south, and that within days it could reach Espanola

Island, where large colonies of sea lions and other marine animals congregate.

Floating nets and barriers have been set up to control the spill, but officials said slicks had reached nearby beaches and harmed at least 11 sea lions, which were expected to live. Some 20 birds, including blue-footed boobies, pelicans and albatrosses, also were affected.

CONGO

Kabila's death sparks xenophobia

Associated Press

KINSHASA

Along with thousands of other Congolese, Deborah Ngondou waited in line for hours to pay her respects to assassinated President Laurent Kabila, lying in state ahead of a Tuesday funeral.

"I won't go home without seeing the president. I must say goodbye," the 17-year-old student said Monday at the open-air Palace of the People. "I'm very sad. The

Americans killed the president."

Such anti-Western sentiment has skyrocketed in this Central African capital since Kabila was gunned down in his presidential palace last week.

Details of the assassination remain murky. The government — now led by Kabila's son, Joseph — says a lone bodyguard shot the president; but some reports suggest a bitter argument with military brass prompted the slaying.

A host of African countries are supporting the government or various rebel factions in a civil war that erupted in 1998, but frustrated Congolese are increasingly pointing fingers further afield to explain their deeply divided nation's problems.

"The white man is very bad. They don't want blacks to progress," said Vital Nutedika, 35. "Kabila has died because he said no to the white man."

The West has a brutal

past in Congo. The nation, originally formed in the late 19th century as the personal property of Belgium's King Leopold II, was built by slaves, some of whom had their hands chopped off when they did not fulfill rubber harvest quotas.

In the decades after independence in 1960, the West kept friendly relations with heavy-handed ruler Mobutu Sese Seko, one of many anti-communist dictators tolerated by the United States and its allies.

Market Watch 1/22

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KAYE GROUP (KAYE)	+50.79	+4.00	11.88

Bush blocks United States abortion aid

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

On Monday's anniversary of the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion, President Bush signed a memorandum reinstating the full abortion restrictions on U.S. overseas aid that his father and former President Reagan had instituted before him.

"It is my conviction that taxpayer funds should not be used to pay for abortions or advocate or actively promote abortion either here or abroad," Bush wrote in his executive memorandum to the U.S. Agency for International Development, which oversees family-planning aid to foreign countries.

It was Bush's first major policy action since becoming president on Saturday.

It reverses the Clinton administration's position on unrestricted family-planning aid and bars U.S. money to international groups that use their own money to support abortion — either through performing the surgery, counseling on abortion as a family-planning option or lobbying foreign governments on abortion policy.

On his first workday in the White House, Bush also gave a written statement to marchers on the 28th

anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion.

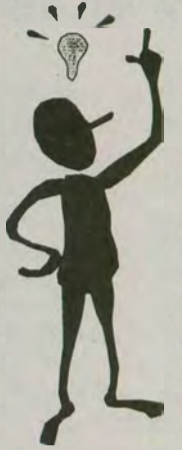
"The promises of our Declaration of Independence are not just for the strong, the independent or the healthy. They are for everyone, including unborn children," his statement said. "We share a great goal, to work toward a day when every child is welcomed in life and protected in law ... to build a culture of life, affirming that every person at every stage and season of life, is created equal in God's image."

Abortion-rights supporter Kate Michelman saw it as Bush's latest act of war on women's reproductive rights, following on his nomination of staunch abortion opponents to key Cabinet posts -- former Sen. John Ashcroft for attorney general and former Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson as secretary of health and human services.

Bush "is using his presidential powers quite aggressively already to undermine a woman's right to choose and clear a pathway to the overturning of Roe v. Wade," Michelman said. "I think it's a harbinger of things to come — Supreme Court appointments, judicial appointments ... There's quite a bit of harm that can be done to women's reproductive rights."



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ASSISTANT RECTOR INFORMATION NIGHT

All eligible graduate students are invited to attend an INFORMATION NIGHT for those interested in becoming ASSISTANT RECTORS for the 2001-2002 academic year.

Information session will be held tomorrow evening:

Wednesday, January 24th at 7:30 p.m.
 in the Hospitality Room at Reckers
 (to the right of the main social area in Reckers)

Presentation will include a panel of current Assistant Rectors; refreshments will be provided. The information session is optional and attendance will not affect your selection as an assistant rector. For more information, see our web page at

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residence halls and participating in a mock college application process, the women learn what it takes to be a successful candidate for admission at Saint Mary's.

"I was interested in the program because it was a pre-college program," Garces said. Having already toured Saint Mary's, she was also interested in meeting "other women who were interested in higher education," she said.

Through mock college-level classes in literature, history, sociology, math and art, students meet other Latina women who are exploring the meaning of culture, identity, and their educational plans. For Garces, the program gave her the foundation to define her college future — and herself. Now a Saint Mary's senior, Garces credits the program for giving her the motivation to apply to Saint Mary's.

"We had some seminars where people from financial aid and admissions came to speak with us," she said. "They told us if we wanted to pursue Saint Mary's, we could. They answered a lot of questions — before, I didn't think Saint Mary's was a financial option."

While the program is a valuable tool to teach the college application process to Latina students, it is dually important for the College. While minority enrollment has increased by

almost 4 percent in the past decade, it hovers at just 7.1 percent — numbers that are far below where many directors and administrators would like to see them.

"We have an internal goal of 10 percent," said Mona Carrandi de Bowe, associate director of admissions who specializes in multicultural recruiting. "But it takes time. It's a high goal to make that jump in one year. We're getting there — particularly with our increases in the past five years."

The Encuentro program is just one in an arsenal of tactics that helps Saint Mary's target minority students early on in their high school career — something that is critical to successfully recruiting — and enrolling — minority applicants, said Mary Pat Nolan, director of admission.

"What we really try to do with multicultural students is give them time to prepare," Nolan said. "Part of recruiting multicultural students is helping them identify what their goals are, helping them know what courses they need to take — answering the question of what would a successful candidate look like."

"We also try to be a service to the family — we want the family to be comfortable with their daughter's choice as well. You can't do that in a six month period," Nolan said.

Saint Mary's targets potential minority applicants through membership in organizations such as the National Hispanic

Institution, the Lorenza DeZavala (LDZ) organization, the National Scholarship Service for Negro Students (NSSFNS) and the A Better Chance program, as well as targeting high schools with high minority populations. Through leadership conferences, camps and college fairs sponsored by membership in these organizations, admission counselors have the opportunity to reach minority students as early as their freshman or sophomore year in high school to educate them about opportunities at Saint Mary's.

The relationship between the College and the applicant becomes critical in overcoming a host of factors that are often roadblocks to enrolling minority students at Saint Mary's. Distance from home, low minority enrollment, family ties, climate, financial aid concerns and minimal knowledge of the college application process can be obstacles to successfully enrolling minority students.

The strong relationship between the College and minority applicants can help to address these issues, suggested Carrandi de Bowe.

"Traditionally, a lot of students that come from under-represented groups are first generation college students. We're really teaching the college application process," Carrandi de Bowe said. "We're trying to provide a service for these students, even if they don't come to Saint Mary's."

Teaching the college applica-

tion process is often involves more than just making connections with the student, however. Particularly when it comes to financing a college education, admission and financial aid counselors have the task of teaching the parents about the financial side of the admissions process — often through a language barrier.

"You generally find a real concern about loan indebtedness," said Mary Nucciarone, director of financial aid. "And it's not just funding the education — many parents have the concern about their daughter fitting in the community. What we try to do is talk to them about the investment of an education. We have them talk with other minority students, who can share their experience."

Additionally, the office works with the Office for Multicultural Affairs to work with parents from non-English speaking backgrounds, and the financial aid office has been developing literature in Spanish to assist parents in understanding the financial aid system.

The trust factor, however, remains critically important, Nucciarone said.

"It's important to work on the trust relationship," Nucciarone said. "If a student comes in here and tells her story, she wants to keep telling that story to the same person. For that reason, I try to work with a lot of the minority students myself."

Through a combination of work study programs, federal aid and scholarships, Nucciarone tries to help minority applicants and families make a college education affordable. But she does run into roadblocks. The financial aid office has had a high success rate in helping minority students fund their education at Saint Mary's — 95 percent of minorities receive some form of financial aid, with the average grant standing at \$19,778 per year. Sometimes, the money just isn't enough to lure a student to Saint Mary's.

And that can leave Nucciarone scratching her head.

"One phenomenon that we see is even if we offer free tuition and fees, the student will still decline our offer for admission," she said. "[The answer to enrolling more minorities] is not necessarily giving more money. There's a combination of factors that

play into that — the student may have been admitted to Stanford and even been given free tuition. You don't know."

As administrators continue to pursue increased multicultural enrollment at the College, they can find themselves trapped in an oxymoron. Without a high minority enrollment on campus, many potential applicants could feel that they will be isolated. One way administrators attempt to connect minority students before they enroll is by introducing current minority students to minority applicants.

It worked for Romona Parks, a first-year African-American nursing major.

"I don't see the color," Parks said. "When I came out here to visit, it was so gorgeous, so peaceful — I loved it. My hostess was black, and she'd still be out here when I got here. I didn't feel like I wouldn't fit in."

Getting minority students on campus and in contact with current students is one of the most successful ways of overcoming roadblocks to enrolling minorities, Carrandi de Bowe said.

"If we can get students here to visit, so they can see it, they can know what we're about," she said. "We have more hurdles to clear if all they know about the College is what they see on paper."

But since arriving on campus, Parks will admit that the transition was hard — and she began to see the racial breakdown of the campus more than she had during the admission process. Realizing that she was the only African-American nursing major and the only African-American student in her classes, Parks did begin to realize what it meant to be a minority on campus.

"You need to come here with your own perspective ... you need to come in here with something in your heart that says you're going to give Saint Mary's a chance," Parks said.

For the minority students who have thrived at Saint Mary's, however, they are content with their choice to come to the College.

"The people that I came across during the Encuentro program were so supportive, so encouraging," Garces said. "It impressed me how much personal attention the admissions and financial aid people gave me. Once I became a student here, the atmosphere worked well for who I am."

Summer Service Projects 2001



Information Session:
January 23 (Tues.)
6:30 PM

Center for Social Concerns

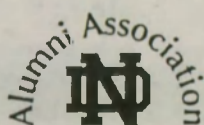


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Questions? Contact Brooke Glessing
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This Week in Campus Ministry

Tuesday

Badin Hall Chapel
Campus Bible Study
will resume February 6, 2001

Monday-Tuesday, January 22-23, 11:30 pm-10:00pm
St. Paul's Chapel, Fisher Hall
Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, January 23, 7:00 p.m.
Siegfried Hall Chapel
Confirmation-Session #7

Wednesday, January 24, 10:00 p.m.
Morrissey Hall Chapel
Interfaith Christian Night Prayer

Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Holiday Celebration

Tuesday, January 23, 7:00 p.m.

101 DeBartolo

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Cornel West
"It takes a Village to Plant the Future:
The Partnership Between Institutions of Higher
Learning And Surrounding Communities"

Wednesday, January 24, 6:00 p.m.

Hesburgh Library Auditorium

"Colors of the World: An Inter-Active Forum"
Presented by the Student government
Moderator: Fr. Tim Scully, c.s.c.

Thursday, January 25, 7:00 p.m.

Keenan-Stanford Chapel

Prayer Service: "Mustard Seed Faith"
Reflections by Fr. Edward Malloy, c.s.c. and
Senior Rene Mulligan

Friday-Saturday, January 26-27

Oakwood Inn
El Encuentro con Nuestra Fe Retreat

Friday-Saturday, January 26-27

Sacred Heart Parish Center
Freshman Retreat #33

Sunday, January 28, 1:30 p.m.

Zahm Hall Chapel

Spanish Mass
Presider: Fr. Tom Bednar, c.s.c.

Sunday, January 28, 7:30 p.m.

Montgomery Theater
Sankofa Scholars Honors Assembly

Monday-Friday, January 29-February 2

112 Badin and 103 Hesburgh Library

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Campus Ministry

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March 2001 Coleman-Morse Center

One of the great myths in this very complex, nation-dividing debate over abortion is that abortion is good for women. It is as if to be pro-life one has to be anti-woman, or that the debate is about the good of the woman versus the good of her child. In recent years I have come to know about a half dozen women who have had abortions. Each one of them felt trapped by her life's circumstances, either for lack of resources, family support, church support, or the support of their environment on campus where they were studying at the time. They did not feel they had options or someone to help point out their options. In short, they felt they had no *choice*.

They also never knew how this decision would have repercussions in their life in the future. They dreaded the moment and hoped it would pass. After nearly 30 years of legalized abortion in the US, we now know too much about abortion's long-term effects on women to accept that abortion is good for women. Post abortion syndrome is closely related to post traumatic stress syndrome. Feelings of dread, depression and worse are triggered by the commonest experiences—a child the same age as the one that was lost, the time of year when the abortion took place, the child's would-be birthday, seeing other mothers happy with their families. Often these symptoms do not appear for as long as ten years after their trauma. They are often debilitating.

Women are in a way the greatest victims of abortion. But healing and support are possible. Fortunately on the local scene there is help for women who have been through the trauma of abortion. The University Counseling Center and the Women's Care Center in town offer free counseling services and programs to help bring about healing. Perhaps even more importantly, these same centers will help a woman feeling trapped to see the full array and beauty of her truest *choices*. As a church and as a community we are slowly learning that being pro-life is about supporting women in their greatest hours of need.

Ever wonder why we as Catholics do what we do or believe what we believe? Please send us your questions, comments and suggestions to ministry.1@nd.edu.

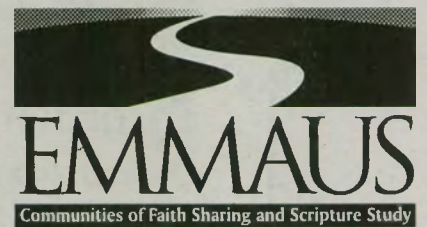
Faith FAQs & Catholic Facts

by Father J. Steele, c.s.c.

Q.4 Legalized Abortion:
Isn't it good for women?

Faith-Sharing Groups

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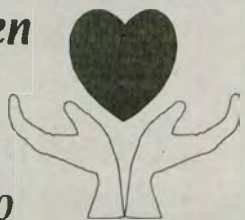
Women's Vocations

Conversation on Religious Life for Women

Wednesday, January 24th, 7:30 p.m.

Campus Ministry Office, Badin Hall

For info, please call Sr. Sue Bruno, OSF at 631-5740



Campus Bible Study

Campus Bible Study, an interfaith Christian bible study group with Fr. Al D'Alonzo, c.s.c., will resume on Tuesday, February 6, 7:00 pm at the Badin Hall Chapel. All are welcome.



No Greater Love is coming

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high school. Notre Dame purchases test scores and profiles from the SAT, PSAT and ACT and looks for minority students that show the academic ability to succeed at Notre Dame.

"We are not admitting minority students just to make the school more diverse," said Cynthia Santana, multicultural recruiting coordinator for the undergraduate admissions office. "We are admitting these students because they are qualified, can succeed here and will make the school more diverse."

Chandra Johnson, assistant to the president and a member of the University committee for cultural diversity, said Notre Dame's high admission standards makes recruitment of minorities even more challenging. Many intelligent minorities, who often have less educational opportunities compared to their white counterparts, have not taken enough high level classes to be admitted to Notre Dame.

"[Minority students] are less visible in education mainstreams where students can get the courses they need to apply so we have to go out there and find them earlier," she said. "If they are in a high school where the high school offers AP (Advanced Placement) and other courses that will eventually give these students a high profile, we have to encourage them to take these courses."

Notre Dame needs to seek out these students earlier in their high school careers and point them towards the appropriate

classes so they will be ready for acceptance to Notre Dame by the senior year, according to Johnson.

Even if minority students are qualified academically, financial reasons often prevent them from attending the University. Notre Dame competes with other prestigious schools that usually offer more lucrative offers.

"Every school has some way of luring them in," Santana said. "For some it's dangling big scholarships in front of them. But that's not something we do. We are more committed to providing financial aid for all of our students rather than using big diversity scholarships to lure students here."

Instead of giving free rides to multicultural students, Notre Dame uses government loans and financial aid packages to help minority students attend the University. This usually requires the families to fill out complicated forms. Admissions officers work closely with the families to help them understand their financial aid packages and fill out the forms correctly.

Their work is sometimes fruitless, however. Many families chose the simplicity of a scholarship over the complicated loans and financial aid packages offered by Notre Dame.

"They don't even understand the words 'financial aid,'" Santana said. "They do understand 'scholarship.' Scholarship

to them means free money. So they prefer a scholarship to a financial aid package."

Beyond the racial and ethnic differences between the majority of Notre Dame students and potential minority recruits, the culture of the Midwest is often one of the largest deterrents. Many Hispanics and Asian American students come from the Southwest or West while many African-Americans live in the South. The vast differences between their home life and the culture of the Midwest can be a major drawback for the University.

"I've had experiences with people from California who say 'The Midwest is just not for me. I want to go back. It's just not for me,'" said Kevin Huie, assistant director of Multicultural Students Programs and Services (MSPS). Anything from Midwestern weather to Midwestern accents can only highlight the alienation some minority students feel.

"South Bend isn't exactly the most attractive place for many diverse students," Santana said.

The Catholic nature of Notre Dame, however, is one of the biggest drawing points for Notre Dame among Hispanics. Veronica Trevino, a freshman from

Coachella, Calif., learned of Notre Dame from Holy Cross priests in her town. The Church drew her to Notre Dame even though the admissions department didn't actively recruit her.

Santana said the Catholic nature of the University is not a positive, however, for African-American students who are usually not Catholic.

"The Catholic aspect of the University can be not as attractive to African-American students," Santana said. "That's probably the population that we have the most difficulty with. They see the Catholic aspect as a turn-off."

Johnson and McCord, both of whom are African-American, disagree with Santana.

"That is not true in my experience," Johnson said. "I believe that is a myth. The reason I say this is that of the students who come, 75 percent are not Catholic ... The Catholic nature of the institution is a draw because students embrace the spiritual aspect of the University. This is unfortunately a belief that tempers our passion to recruit African Americans. It is a historically passed down perception that not only majority folk but also African Americans tend to think is reality."

While Notre Dame has increased the number of multicultural students since 1990, recruitment continues to be difficult. Convincing one student from a high school to attend Notre Dame rarely leads to other students attending in later years, according to Santana.

"It is just as hard today as it was before," said Santana, who

graduated from Notre Dame in 1998 and came from a predominantly Hispanic high school. "I remember going back to my high school and talking to students ever year but it wasn't until my junior year that another girl came."

Trevino feels if the University made its applications more available to high schools with a high

number of ethnic students, there would be more minority applicants.

"I think getting out to those schools for example in my valley where there aren't many people applying to Notre Dame [will increase diversity] because there wasn't any information available in the counseling office," she said. "They need to go to those schools and make their applications available to more people."

In the end, making Notre Dame accessible to more people is the ultimate goal of recruiting a more diverse student body. The University believes diverse students with diverse ideas and diverse cultures only enhance the educational experience.

"The opportunities I had here were incredible," Santana said. "Not only career opportunities but meeting people of other backgrounds. Meeting people from all over the country. All over the world. A lot of schools don't have that. A lot of schools don't have this geographic diversity. We tell students that they are only going to add to that by coming to this campus."

"[Difficulties in recruiting minorities] lie in the minority perceptions of the school."

Nikki McCord
co-chair of the senate diversity committee

"South Bend isn't exactly the most attractive place for many diverse students."

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Flying the friendly skies

This past break, in between lounging on my couch watching numerous reruns of now-cancelled T.V. shows and working at a thankless job which I very much dislike, I had the enthralling experience of going out to Tempe, Ariz. to watch the Irish play a little football. In addition I was able to take in the entire experience of what a bowl game entails.

Football aside (we're not even going to touch on the embarrassing defeat except to say that it got very cold in the stands during the third quarter with no one in front of me to block the wind), there is so much more to an experience like Tempe. For one, there is simply the adventure of getting to and from the destination.

Upon leaving the windy and very cold, negatively temperatured, city of Chicago, I was all prepared to be little miss snotty pants with the airline people in order to get out on time if my flight was delayed. It was, indeed, delayed, but instead of using vicious words, I changed tactics and was actually extremely nice to the woman behind the counter. And what happened? Lovely woman that she was, she put me on direct flight from Chicago to Phoenix that got me in earlier than I was expected. Oh, happy day!

Once I was on the plane and we took off, got out of the snow (scariest take-off I have ever in my life come across) and I un-gripped my hands from the arm rests and my knuckles regained some color, I had nothing to do besides relax, if possible and observe what was happening around me.

Airplane passengers are probably some of the most interesting confined groups of people you can come across because each person varies in levels of flying expertise, if you will. And airline passengers in the economy class are even more the spectacle.

There is a wide spectrum that shines on airplane rides. First of all, there is someone like me, for example, who thinks that at any moment, with each rock and roll of turbulence, that the plane is going to crash and who is constantly trying not to hyperventilate and

simply answer the flight attendant that yes, I would like something to drink. Then there are those people who look absolutely relaxed and serene as the plane is bumped up and down, with no net underneath it and who simply go about reading the in-flight magazine like they are sitting in a Jacuzzi, while sipping on their water. Frankly, the latter group of people annoys me. You cannot tell me that they are completely oblivious to the chaos that is going on outside the plane, forcing it to teeter to and fro. I think this bunch is just really good at acting and hiding their true emotions, which means that inside they are screaming their brains out and bargaining with God that if a plane has to go down, just please, please, please do not let it be theirs.

There does not seem to be any middle ground with airplane passengers. You either handle the turbulence or you run up and down the aisles screaming mass hysteria. You either keep your food in your stomach where no one can see it or you use the barf bag to its maximum capacity. You either absolutely detest the aforementioned food or you scarf it down like five star cuisine. (If there is anybody out there who feels this way about airline food, I'm quite curious to know what exactly the pull is of luke warm cheese tortellini with metallic tasting sauce accompanied by a lifeless salad with one cucumber slice and half a cherry tomato).

Surprisingly, it is my experience on flights that people traveling with friends and family tend to be those people most likely to strike up conversations with strangers. Such was the case on my flight to Phoenix. I sat next to a very nice

woman and her daughter, who both talked to me every minute that I was awake and, frankly, thought I was the most interesting person ever. (Not that this is untrue, but I do like to reserve a tad bit of modesty. Just a tad.)

On the flight home, however, I sat next to a "solitary" passenger, like myself, who, after the initial hello, said nothing to me and as it was a ridiculously early flight, I had no desire to talk to him, either. The uncomfortable silence that endured the entire flight made me wonder why passengers traveling alone don't talk to each other, when it seems it would be the natural thing. Here is the theory I came up with:

People traveling with friends and family do not want to talk to each other because they have just spent a week or two of quality family time together, there is nothing left to say and they're probably still peeved over the comment that Uncle Ralph made about their hair. People flying alone... well, they're just afraid that if they get into an in-depth conversation with their seatmate, he or she will turn out to be some sort of psychopath and they will both end up on some sort of freaky Dateline NBC scandal.

So, dear readers, I think there is only one thing left to save me from this madness called flying: fly first class. They're normal up there and they give you hot towels to boot.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Showing students can behave at games

I just wanted to take the opportunity to congratulate the Notre Dame men's basketball team and Notre Dame student body for restraining themselves during the home game against West Virginia on Sunday. Considering the events which occurred last year against Connecticut and Miami, this could have been an extremely ugly incident had the students escalated their behavior to that of Mountaineer center Chris Moss. Mr. Moss may have some personal problems off the court but in no way does that give him a legitimate excuse for stepping on Jere Macura's face, elbowing Troy Murphy or

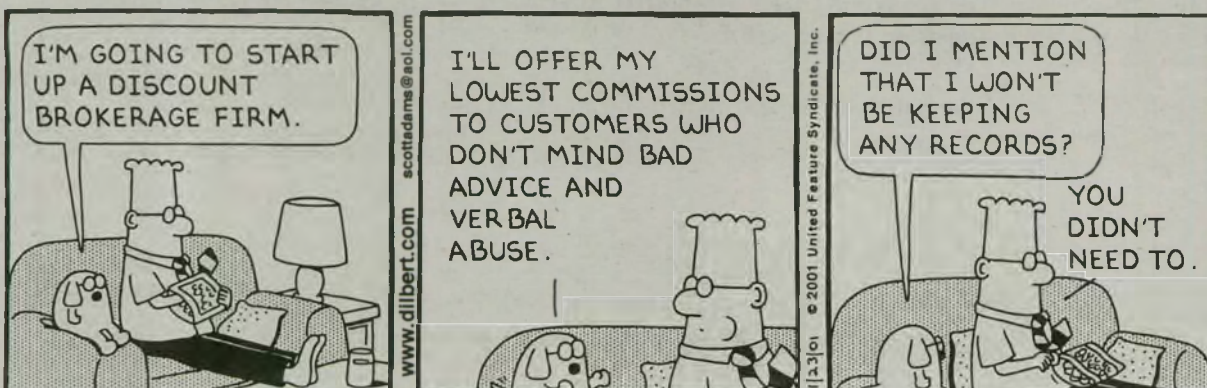
spitting on Notre Dame cheerleaders and students. One can only hope that Mr. Moss is suspended for the Feb. 11 game against Notre Dame in Morgantown in order to avoid further confrontation or maybe not, he finished with three points and five fouls.

Luke Burke
Dillon Hall
January 22, 2001

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SCOTT ADAMS

QUOTE OF THE DAY



"On this shrunken globe, men can no longer live as strangers."

Adlai E. Stevenson
politician

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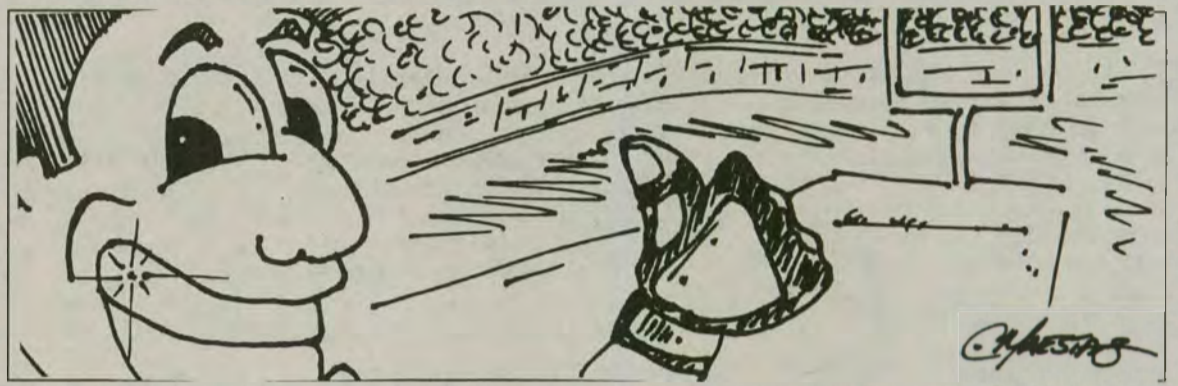
Injured student thanks community

Now and then negative things are said about the University of Notre Dame. Usually students, like myself, can find many trivial things to complain about. Examples include book costs, dining hall food, sports teams, parietals, student government, The Observer, etc. Sometimes these small problems can block our view of the kindness and generosity of the Notre Dame community. I will never again overlook the compassion of this community.

About two months ago I was struck by a car while returning home from the establishment known as the Linebacker. I spent nine days in St. Joseph's Medical Center followed by another two days in the infirmary. While I was at St. Joe's, I received numerous visitors, many of whom I do not remember due to my condition. I also received many get-well cards. For this I am very grateful. I am convinced that all the prayers and support I have received here have helped contribute to the speed of my recovery. Unfortunately, there is nothing I can do to fully reciprocate all the kindness I received. I would like to do this to a limited extent by ending this letter by thanking the people who aided my recovery through their support.

I would like to begin by thanking the University as a whole for their prayers and concern. I also thank the Offices of Resident Life, student government and Student Affairs. I would also like to thank all my friends here, my fellow Chemical Engineering classmates and professors and my high school alma mater, St. Edward, for their support. I would like to thank my family for their prayers and especially my father, who took off work to come to South Bend to keep an eye on me during first part of my recovery, when I was at my weakest. I would also like to give special thanks to my dorm, Dillon Hall, my section and especially the rest of my hall staff. Most of all I would like to extend my utmost gratitude to Fr. Paul Doyle, who was there with me after the accident, regularly visited me in the hospital and kept the dorm updated on my progress in the hospital. I am very grateful to this community as a whole and I plan to return the love as a part of the community in the future. Thank you all very much.

Joe Steirer
Resident Assistant
Dillon Hall
January 22, 2001



Defending Notre Dame athletes as role models

In regards to the Jan. 19 Observer letter concerning student athlete role models:

I would like to help Tim Crouch become better informed about the athletes at this school by providing him with a few facts. Hopefully he will use these facts the next time he judge and consequently greatly offends these intelligent hard-working individuals.

First, the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) planned the Christmas party he referred to for children with cancer and their families. The simple motivation was to spread some Christmas cheer while doing something nice for others. This was not meant to be a good show of PR for the University.

Secondly, there are around 780 student-athletes currently at Notre Dame. The University gives out about 300 scholarships every year. Thus, the typical student-athlete is paying his/her own tuition. This also means that the typical student-athlete, since he/she is not on scholarship, must meet the same challenging academic standards required of all students. Athletes are in the same classes as their peers and manage to achieve comparable grades while spending 15-20 hours practicing.

Thirdly, no one can deny that the student-ath-

letes here are very physically gifted, probably never worrying about their health beyond the flu. However, I believe he would have a difficult time finding one athlete, even one member of the Notre Dame community, whose life has not been touched by cancer or some other serious disease. Although they may not have experienced a serious illness first-hand, they have watched a relative or friend battle for their lives.

Finally, I find it very sad that he didn't want to allow these children to dream. Who knows, these children could go into remission and could represent Notre Dame athletically someday. Even if they do not, maybe for two hours at the Christmas party they temporarily forgot their troubles while celebrating Christmas with some of the Notre Dame athletes. Is that so bad? Regardless, I would gladly offer up any Notre Dame athlete as a role model over athletes from schools such as Oregon State or West Virginia. Be proud of the community you live in! It may not be as bad as it seems.

Kathleen Rimkus
senior, Badin Hall
Notre Dame women's swimming
January 23, 2001

A distinctively diverse banquet

If you have never been to Truman's, plan to go on your birthday. You just might end up in a house on Ivy Road, surrounded by a diverse group of people who sing you a birthday song in as many as 10 different languages. Such a celebration is a spectacular montage of harmonious sounds that simultaneously celebrates difference as well as commonality.

**Brittany
Morehouse**

*It's All About
Anthropology*

If you have never taken an Anthropology class, sign up for one on war and peace. Studying conflicts occurring in countries about which you have never heard, all the while hearing from classmates with exotic, unfamiliar accents, is the best course on open-mindedness you could ever have.

Diversity is the greatest.

Many members of the Notre Dame community have commented that diversity is something we are lacking. Others argue that diversity is here, but it is something that we overlook and underestimate. Either way, diversity is a feature about which we do not pay enough attention, do not discuss and certainly do not embrace.

"Christianity transcends national borders as does scholarship and learning. Indeed, the notion of a Catholic University argues powerfully for an education that is boldly international," wrote Father Scully and Father Malloy in a pamphlet regarding international programs. Our school sends more stu-

dents abroad during the course of their Notre Dame education than any other university in the nation. Certainly, we advocate a worldly education in unique cultural settings. But, back on campus, are we aware of and tuned into the international faces in our midst? How many students have participated in a multi-cultural event on campus? How many caucasian students have attended a meeting of the Asian club or La Alianza?

Stereotypes based on race are so deeply ingrained in our minds, we are mostly unaware they exist. One African-American economics Ph.D. candidate says that he is automatically assumed to be an athlete whenever he first meets a new student. Another African-American sophomore who is a legacy admits that people find it hard to believe that she is not here as a result of an athletic or a minority scholarship. When meeting an African-American student who happens to be a varsity athlete, how often are his or her interests reaching beyond the scope of sports the focus of attention? The word from those who have traveled far to join the Notre Dame family: not often enough. The majority of us seem content to remain ensconced in our homogeneous existence, curious to a certain extent, but not really enthusiastically appreciative of diversity.

It has been a laudable feature of Notre Dame's past leadership that diversity is an asset to this University and, as such, is to be prized. With active campaigning to bring diversity to us, even as Notre Dame makes it possible for her students

to experience diversity abroad, it seems the problem is not so much with the guiding leadership but with those to whom the message filters in a very diluted format — that is, us. We, the students, must do a better job of picking up the challenge and following through with the intent behind the many programs and people available to us.

This week provides a perfect opportunity to stretch in terms of our self-centeredness and to grow in terms of our appreciation for those different from us. The contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to our society are being noted by a week-long intellectual and prayerful celebration in his honor.

Last week, The Observer noted Northwestern's admirable activity list in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in its "Outside the Dome" page. If you search their Web site, you will get lost in a sea of information regarding Dr. King and such events. They include an exhibit on display until Feb. 2, two services, two forums, one panel, four lectures, two observances, two presentations and three meetings. It is not too much to ask students to participate in at least one of the three events the University of Notre Dame offers this week. In fact, it is not too much to ask students to be excited about attending all three events.

Or, stop by the Hamme's Bookstore. The staff there always celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day by preparing a wide-ranging and inspirational display of works by or about people who have been different and whose perspective on the experience helps us grow in our own

tolerance and compassion.

There are two kinds of eating. One is the consumption of food when hunger needs to be alleviated. The other way to eat incorporates all the five senses, not just taste. A small repast served in a beautiful display, consumed in a special atmosphere, incorporating a meaningful discussion with someone else, perhaps with strains of music as accompaniment — now, that's more than just a meal. That's sustenance for the mind, body, soul, personality — it's so much more than just food.

The same is true with education. We can complete a required course of study at just about any college or university throughout the land. Or, we can come to the Notre Dame table with the purpose of feasting upon its distinctively diverse banquet. The difference is one of degree: the degree of our educated-ness, learned-ness, open-minded-ness. What we help ourselves to while here is really up to each one of us.

Brittany Morehouse is a senior majoring in American studies and anthropology and minoring in African studies. She thinks her roommate needs to keep icing her ankle and she encourages all students to keep supporting women's basketball. Even though they beat UConn, they could still use as many fans as possible.

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FEATURE COLUMN

Annual Rahie Awards rip through 2000 music scene

It's been a year since I first started the Annual Rahie Awards, and I know the Notre Dame community has been anxiously waiting patiently for the second installment. The year 2000 was filled with craziness and music. So here are the correct answers to all of the really important musical questions of the past year.



Geoffrey Rahie

Scene Music Critic

Album of the Year: Kid A by Radiohead

I have never heard rock critics say a bad thing about Radiohead in the last three years, but I can't really blame them.

What most people don't understand, though, is that this band is single-handedly saving rock 'n' roll. Kid A might be lacking guitars, but it is definitely not lacking creativity. The album is hypnotic, frantic and beautiful.

Best New Artist: David Gray

Ok, so he's not exactly "brand new," but he was just introduced to America this year. His distinct voice and folk/electronic style made White Ladder (his latest release) a big hit. Now he just has to stop trying to look like Dave Matthews when he sings live.

Single of the Year: "The Real Slim Shady" by Eminem

Say what you will about Eminem, but no one can deny that this was the song that started all of the talk. Eminem created a catchy tune that also managed to take cheap shots at Christina Aguilera, Tom Green and other celebrities.

Britney vs. Christina 2000:

Definitely Britney

What Britney lacks in singing ability, she makes up for it in, ah, personality. Britney has managed her career very well so far, coming off as a wholesome girl in interviews and doing FOX TV Specials, so that a nation of boys can get their fix. Meanwhile, Christina has maintained the role of the dirty girl who never gets her way. Plus, Britney

is hotter.

The Whiner of the Year Award:

Billy Corgan

The Smashing Pumpkins saw their album sales plummet and Corgan needed to come up with an excuse. So he blamed it on the boy bands eating up the Pumpkin's market share. Essentially, he's right, but he didn't have to make his band's demise into a melodrama. There are plenty of "old" alternative bands - like Pearl Jam - who are doing just fine with their meager fan base. Old Billy just couldn't stand being second rate.

The Most Blatant Rip-off of Pearl Jam Award: Creed

I was paging through my friend's music collection the other day and stumbled upon two Creed albums. My friend (who prides himself on his great musical taste) was thoroughly embarrassed when I discovered his dirty little secret. And he should be embarrassed! I can't understand the fascination with this group. The lead singer's Eddie Vedder impersonation is simply

hilarious and their power ballads are almost laughable. Take me higher, baby!

Welcome Back Award: U2

In this messed-up industry it's refreshing to see some old heroes get a lot of publicity. Although the new album isn't U2's greatest, it showed that the group can still rock with the best of them. And the frenzy over the upcoming tour has been the big talk of the music world.

The Please Break-up Soon Award: Limp Bizkit

I remember when this band played a few years ago under the name 311.

Worst Song to make a Reference to Classic Rock: "Kryptonite" by Three Doors Down

Are you kidding me? Any band that says "Dark Side of the Moon" in a song with a straight face should be shot.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Latest NIN remix not as strong as past efforts

By CHRIS YUNT
Scene Music Critic

In light of an ongoing Nine Inch Nails tradition, Trent Reznor and friends have come together to deliver a collective reinterpretation of 1999's much-anticipated *The Fragile* with its 10-track E.P., *Things Falling Apart*, released late last year.

Though this handful of remixes maintains the deconstructive precedent set by previous Nails releases, the record as a whole lacks the nihilistic fervor of 1992's *Fixed* or the innovative experimentation captured in 1995's *Further Down the Spiral*, mostly because of the annoying presence of three versions of "Starf**ers Inc."

Even still, fans of Reznor's work can appreciate the "fun" in taking apart and recklessly redefining an album that took five years to create, if only in the sense that kicking the crap out of your brother's tediously-crafted sand castle always proved to be quick and painfully rewarding.

The album starts out strong with "Slipping Away," which shares the same rhythmic swagger and chorus as its counterpart track on *The Fragile*, "Into the Void." Yet while "Into the Void" merely suggested mild funk

beneath a distressed account of losing one's sense of self, this track basks in full funk glory and proclaims the process of self-privation as an occasion to get out the old Parliament records and celebrate. In this context, "I keep slipping away" is more of a taunting reminder than any serious emotional concern it might have been for Reznor a year ago.

The following track, "The Great Collapse," is ironically stable with steady beats, simple melodies, and vocal reinforcement coming from the same whispering girl featured on the elegantly melodic "La Mer" of last year. The hook, "Now you know/ this is what it feels like," becomes eerie and pensive this time around and thematically feeds right into Keith Hillebrandt's reconstruction of "The Wretched," which rivals the original version in production quality and overall listening enjoyment.

Things don't start to fall apart, however, until Adrian Sherwood's horrible remix of "Starf**ers Inc.," almost single-handedly shoots the wheels off Reznor's operation. Sherwood, an old pal from the *Pretty Hate Machine* era, shows he has grown little during his sabbatical and returns with an out-of-date and completely irrelevant mix representing the intimidatingly-named "140dB" group. Caution: this mix has scary lasers, sirens, and people screaming "wool!" in it.

The best it has going for it is how good it makes Benelli's following version of "The Frail" sound - beautiful strings provide a backdrop for what sounds like a crippled wind-up toy on its last leg telling the story of personal loss and decay through a series of sputters and wheezes.

"The Frail" rightfully keeps intact the delicate marriage of aesthetics and demise established in *The Fragile* and brings back some of the momentum destroyed by the track before it. Unfortunately it is sandwiched by another mix of "Starf**ers Inc.," this time a fancy manipulation from Dave "The Rave" Ogilvie. Though it is the best version out of the three featured on this album, Ogilvie's mix is still nothing to write home about, most likely because he didn't have much to work with in the begin-

ning. The problem with "Starf**ers Inc." is that it exceeds the boundaries in which Nine Inch Nails operates best. While Reznor reigns supreme in the bleak atmospheres of painful introspection and self-reflection and in his ability to harness the inward momentum of self-absorption, he comes up short when dealing with external issues on a more socially-concerned level.

Regardless, the next two tracks make *Things Falling Apart* worth the five or six bucks it costs. Danny Lohner and Telefon Tel Aviv deliver the best remix on the album with their version of "Where Is Everybody," a beautiful and innovative interpretation of the original with vocals manipulated in a manner that makes Nine Inch Nails once again sound ahead of its time. Reznor's cover of Gary Numan's "Metal" is subtly entrancing and conjures up images of a 1980's synth-rock Reznor trapped in a world of really bad music video effects, yet at the same time manages to stay fresh with an oddly organic feel despite its title. Very tasteful.

The last two tracks, however, are unnecessary and make the catharsis experienced in Lohner's "Where Is Everybody" feel cheap and premature, especially since the version of "10 Miles High" sounds exactly like the original. And the closing track, yet another remix of "Starf**ers Inc.," uselessly hammers itself into the ground right on top of the other two buried versions beneath it.

If *Things Falling Apart* was refined to about six of its 10 songs, it would be extremely solid and accessible to any music fan, but its sloppy excess makes it just another novelty halo for Reznor's loyal fan base to collect.

Things Falling Apart



Nine Inch Nails

Nothing Records

Rating





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Known for his at times innovative and at times insane remixes of his major albums, Trent Reznor has released *Things Falling Apart*, a remix of 1999's *The Fragile*.

ALBUM REVIEW

Furtado offers pop fans an icon with actual depth

By TOM OGORLAZEK
Scene Music Critic

While the boy bands and teeny bopper idols churn out platinum tripe, there does in fact exist a more thoughtful side of the music industry that succeeds in finding fresh new acts with actual creative ability and panache. As Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera are marketed for mass consumption, the thinking man with a soft spot for pretty-faced artists has an alternative, and her name is Nelly Furtado.

Furtado represents all that multicultural society can hope for in pop music: a Canadian child of Portuguese parents. The 19-year-old Furtado reveals startling maturity for someone with so few years behind her. In travels to Europe with her parents, she became captivated by the rhythms and styles of the Portuguese sound, which has evolved in concert with Brazilian music over the centuries of the close ties between

the two countries. Indeed, if asked who she sees as influencing her music she cites compatriot poet Leonard Cohen, father of bossa nova Antonio Carlos Jobim, soul rebel Bob Marley and hip-hop revolutionaries De La Soul.

Adopting an eclectic style in her own music, Furtado takes it upon herself to create a sort of fusion between Old World and New — between the traditional, Latin sounds of her personal cultural heritage and the new bass-driven sounds of American hip-hop. In doing so, she creates some amazing effects. The first track begins with a string quartet and the chirping of teensy finches — until Furtado inserts a rhythm guitar and beatbox behind her strong vocals. Over the course of the album she uses everything from micro-synthesizers and turntable scratches to the berimbau and the udu (two instruments with which few popular music fans are familiar).

In addition to instrumental diversity, Furtado varies styles from track to track — some-



Photo courtesy of DreamWorks Records

In her first album, 19-year-old Nelly Furtado has created a truly unique and creative pop sound not found in many of today's pop acts. Through a blend of hip-hop, native Portugese rhythms and soul, Furtado exposes her true talent in an album of genuinely heart-felt and catchy sounds.

times singing coyly, betraying her youth; sometimes rapping to build up an image of strength and experience. And although it is not until the final two songs that she chooses to break out the Portuguese, it is well worth the wait — these are two of the more intricately arranged and exotic offerings on the record.

Behind those hypnotic blue-grey eyes, Furtado's mind has created a sound almost completely unique to herself, doing so by borrowing from creative strands that span the musical spectrum. The hip-hop influences are perhaps more perva-

sive than the others, but the hints, sometimes subtle but frequently overt, of Latin and World Music allow her to shirk the constraints of traditional genre. Listening to this album, one might not know where exactly to place it in a record store.

She describes herself as an artist, put on Earth to create real music that genuinely inspires, not just cheap sounds for MTV.

Perhaps this is the key to her allure. As she struggles to truly create, she can reach her audience on a level that manufactured singers can't hope to

touch. Although some of Furtado's lyrics do suffer from hollowness, and it is somewhat difficult to believe her references to love lost and deep emotional history, it is clear that even at her weakest points she exposes those other acts for what they are in essence — weak sauce.

She lets us know that she's been around, lived her life well thus far, and in short, that she's not that innocent. But she makes this fact clear in a much more interesting, complex, and believable way than those weak saucers could ever hope to achieve.

Whoa, Nelly!

Nelly Furtado

DreamWorks Records

Rating



UPCOMING CONCERTS

South Bend

Umphey's McGee Morris Perf. Arts **Mar. 17**

Indianapolis

Karl Denson's	Vogue Theater	Feb. 11
Tiny Universe	Vogue Theater	Feb. 15
Meat Puppets	Vogue Theater	Mar. 1
Dark Star Orchestra	Conseco	Mar. 6
Matchbox Twenty		

Chicago

Everlast	House of Blues	Jan. 25
Ruck La Rou and the Drapes	Metro	Jan. 25
Evil Beaver	Metro	Feb. 3
Linkin Park	House of Blues	Feb. 11
Face to Face	Riviera	Feb. 17
Coldplay	Riviera	Feb. 19
Pantera	UIC Pavilion	Mar. 3
Eve 6	House of Blues	Mar. 3
Saw Doctors	Metro	Mar. 9
Moe.	Riviera	Mar. 10

Courtesy of ticketmaster.com

NEW RELEASES

Today

Jennifer Lopez - J.Lo
George Harrison - All Things Must Pass
O-Town - O-Town
Godhead - 2000 Years of Human Error

January 30

Vitamin C - More
Frank Black and the Catholics - Dog in the Sand
Matthew Good Band - Beautiful Midnight

February 6

Rod Stewart - Human
Donny Osmond - This Is the Moment
Tricky - Mission Accomplished
Soundtrack - Malcolm in the Middle
Jeff Beck - You Had It Coming

Courtesy of wallofsound.com

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Moss apologizes for behavior, leaves team

Associated Press

MORGANTOWN

West Virginia center Chris Moss left the team for personal reasons and apologized for spitting on a Notre Dame cheerleader.

"I'm sorry for my behavior that occurred within the heat of competition, which caused me to overreact to a situation," Moss said. "This was totally out of character for me."

Coach Gale Catlett said Monday he would allow Moss to take an unspecified leave to "get his personal life in order." The player's mother has multiple sclerosis, a school official said.

"He wants to take some time away from the team," Catlett said. "He's a great young man. He has never been a problem. Chris comes from a great family. I'm sure he will get this corrected and get on with his life."

Moss had to be restrained after fouling out during a 78-61 loss Sunday. Catlett sent assistant coach Lester Rowe to escort Moss to the locker room.

As Moss walked in front of the Notre Dame student section, fans began taunting him.

He turned quickly and spit toward the crowd, hitting a female cheerleader sitting on the floor along the baseline.

"I embarrassed myself as well as West Virginia University," Moss said. "This will never happen again."

Catlett wasn't aware that Moss had spit at the crowd until told by reporters after the game.

The coach said Moss has been frustrated because at 6-foot-8 he is playing out of position at center.

Moss was called for two fouls in the game's first 10 minutes and sat out the next 5:23.

Catlett said he warned Moss not to pick up his third foul, but Moss was called for a charge with 1:31 left in the half and given a technical for striking Jere Macura in the face with his foot while Macura was on the floor.

Moss sat out the first 6:51 of the second half. But a little more than four minutes after re-entering the game, he was called for a technical for



Center Chris Moss goes up for a basket in West Virginia's win over Wofford last season. Moss took a leave of absence from the team after an outburst on the court against the Irish Sunday.

NEWSMAKERS PHOTO

pushing Troy Murphy between free throws by Martin Ingelsby.

He argued at first, and when teammate Tim Lyles grabbed Moss' shirt and tried to pull him off the court, Moss knocked his hand away.

Official Jim Burr restrained Moss from getting closer to official Ken Clark, who called the foul. Catlett then tried to pull him away, and Moss pushed him.

Students who watched the game on television were aware of Moss' tirade but didn't know about the spitting until they read a news-

paper article.

"We're already considered to be rednecks and drunks anyways, then he goes and acts like a redneck," said Dutch Underwood, a freshman from Summersville, W.Va. "Spitting on people in the crowd, that's the worst thing you can do to somebody."

Perhaps the bad blood between the schools could resurface when Notre Dame's top-ranked women's team comes to Morgantown on Wednesday, but many students called the spitting an isolated incident.

"I don't think it necessarily gives the university a black eye," said Chris Mann, a junior from Union, N.J. "Not many people saw it, so not many people are aware of it."

Athletic director Ed Pastilong said Moss left the team voluntarily.

"I had wished it hadn't occurred, but it did," he said. "Chris feels bad about it. We as educators, as we have for the past couple of months, will continue to assist Chris."

WVU President David Hardesty declined an interview request Monday.

NHL

Knee surgery sidelines MVP Pronger

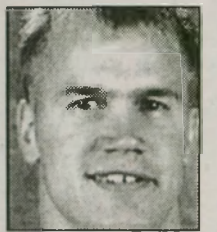
◆ Defenseman set for operation in St. Louis today

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS

Chris Pronger, the NHL's MVP last season, is scheduled for knee surgery Tuesday and will be sidelined 4-to-6 weeks from the St. Louis Blues.

The defenseman will be operated on in St. Louis. A team spokesman said the Blues hope he can return earlier than anticipated.



Pronger

Pronger, the Blues' captain, was to start in next month's All-Star game.

He played nine games after tearing cartilage in his left knee Jan. 4 against Nashville.

He had two goals and 15 points in that stretch but decided on surgery after playing nearly 31 minutes Sunday in a 3-1 loss at Nashville.

"It's something we need to take care of now before it becomes a problem," Pronger told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. "You don't want it to become a problem in the playoffs when everything counts. Four weeks now could turn into two months."

Pronger said he didn't believe the injury affected his play.

"You don't feel good, but you never feel good," he said. "If I could play a game when I felt good, it'd be nice."

Pronger ranks fourth among NHL defenders with 41 points, on six goals and 35 assists, and is plus-18.

General manager Larry Pleau said the extent of the damage was revealed in an MRI exam Friday.

"He tried to play with it, but it kept bothering him," Pleau told the newspaper. "We thought about it for a couple of days here, and we felt the best thing to do is get it done now."

"He can play with it, but you never know what could happen. He could go down tomorrow, next week, the end of the year or not at all."

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SUPER BOWL XXXV

Billick chastises media for continued interest in Lewis case

Associated Press

TAMPA

The Super Bowl took on the tenor of a daytime talk show, filled with heartwrenching confessionals, stunning accusations, and a rapt audience held captive, not wanting to miss the next revelation.

At one team hotel Monday, Giants quarterback Kerry Collins gave an unflinching breakdown of the alcohol problem that nearly ruined his life and his career.

At another, Ravens coach Brian Billick was brash and accusatory with reporters, whom he knew were eager to interrogate his embattled star linebacker, Ray Lewis.

Yes, there's lots of talking yet to take place this week and a football game to be played Sunday, but it's hard to imagine it could get much better than this.

First came Billick, who went on the offensive a day before Lewis takes the stage at media day to discuss the run of events that have changed his life and made him the most compelling story of Super Bowl week.

"As much as you want to do

this, we are not going to retry this," Billick said. "It's inappropriate, and you're not qualified."

In a story already well-documented, Lewis was charged with double murder in the stabbing of two men outside an Atlanta night club after last year's Super Bowl. He wound up pleading guilty to obstruction of justice and received probation from the courts and a \$250,000 fine from the NFL.

Billick says the issue has been resolved. In an uninterrupted, five-minute speech, he accused news outlets of misreporting and sensationalism in their unending quest for new information that he claims won't ever turn up.

"Those who wish to embellish it, not to crystallize it, not to shed new information, but simply to sensationalize it for your own purposes, quite personally, this is a personal observation, it's reprehensible," Billick said. "I don't like it. It's unprofessional. That's my personal opinion."

He has instructed Lewis to answer the questions Tuesday, and not after that. Other players have been told not to touch the issue,

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Brian Billick
Ravens head coach

although some — like the chatty Shannon Sharpe — may not have heard the warning.

"I really don't foresee it lingering any longer than tomorrow," he said. "I know you guys are going to talk about it this week. The questions are going to be harsh, they're going to be brutal."

Billick senses that, too, so he went on the offensive from the start, then defended his actions. He said he had every right to use his bully pulpit to chastise the media because "I have the podium and you're all here to listen to me."

It was a rocky close to an interesting day for the Ravens, who began in Baltimore with a weightlifting session, continued at a pep rally with more than 50,000 fans and saw their procession to the airport

interrupted when one of the team buses collided with a police car. Nobody was seriously injured.

"He had a New York emblem on the side," Billick said, in one of the few light moments.

The Collins session was less combative, more touchy-feely. Standing wide-eyed, gesturing with his hands and answering questions without hesitation, the quarterback's 30 minutes behind the podium were pure, cathartic drama, a groundbreaking exhumation of the problems that nearly buried his career.

"I think I'm a better success story off the field than on the field, because the things I've done off the field have transcended into my professional life," he said. "I had a hard time separating between Kerry Collins the quarterback and Kerry Collins the person. That distinction wasn't very clear until recently, until I realized I had to take care of myself first before I could do anything else."

Collins said his drinking problem led to almost everything else bad in his life — the driving-while-intoxicated charges, and his earning the labels of quitter and racist.

Of his ugly exit from the Carolina Panthers, he said: "I never wanted to quit on that team. If I had wanted to quit, I surely wouldn't be standing here."

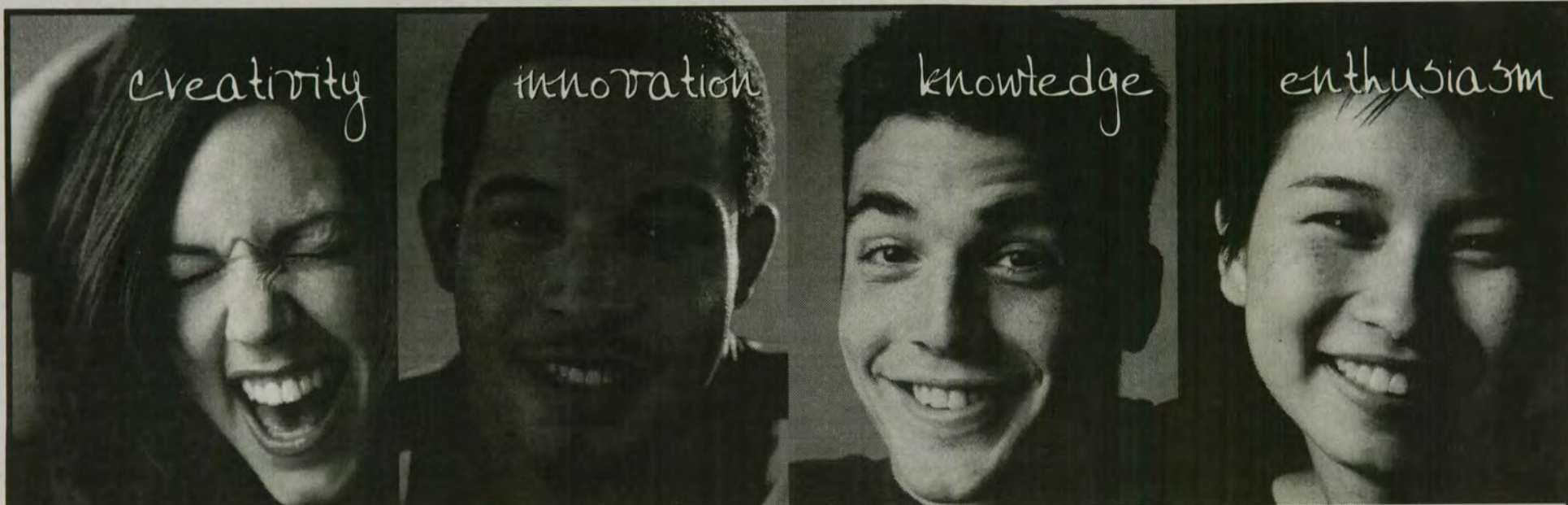
For the first time, he discussed his use of a racist remark to a black Panthers teammate at the end of training camp.

"I used a term that was not meant to be used in a malicious way," he said. "In my polluted, altered mind, I believed that, in some sort of way, it would bring forth some sense of camaraderie."

Since his troubles, he entered counseling and was picked up by the Giants, finishing with a 3,600-yard season that led them on this unexpected trip to the Super Bowl.

"I'm very proud sitting at the Super Bowl as the quarterback for one of the teams," Collins said. "I'm more proud of what I do, day in and day out, that makes my life what it is today."

A few moments later, he stepped down from the podium and walked away, his head held high, as the curtain closed on a most revealing day.



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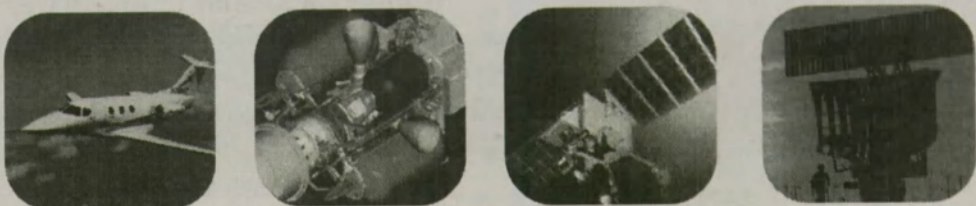
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NBA

Dawson calls Olajuwon trade unlikely

Associated Press

HOUSTON

It's almost unthinkable that Hakeem Olajuwon would end his great career anywhere but in Houston.

Since arriving in the city from his native Nigeria, Olajuwon's name has been synonymous with Houston basketball, first at the University of Houston — taking the Cougars to three NCAA Final Four appearances — and later leading the Rockets to consecutive NBA titles.

Yet, in the final year of his contract that pays him \$16.5 million, Olajuwon told the Rockets he would consider being traded and possibly extending his 17-year career beyond this season.

But Rockets general manager Carroll Dawson has told the center it was highly unlikely the team could pull off such a deal.

"He asked us to look into 'can he be traded,' and that's where we are and we can't do that," Dawson said Monday. "I keep getting these calls that I don't have an answer for (about trades)."

The 38-year-old Olajuwon, on the team's disabled list with a cyst on his right knee, went through a rugged workout Monday but probably won't be with the team when it plays in Denver on Tuesday night.

Olajuwon has had difficulty previously playing in the high altitude of Colorado.

"You don't want to start back in Denver," Olajuwon said, smiling.

Olajuwon ended the interview, however, when asked when he planned to sit down with Rockets owner Les Alexander to discuss his desires. "I don't want to talk about that, that's it," Olajuwon said.

Dawson said it was his understanding that Alexander and Olajuwon would meet this week, possibly Wednesday when the Rockets host the Philadelphia 76ers.

"They are going to talk and something else may come out of that," Dawson said. "My job is to try to get him back and win as many games as we can."

Dawson doesn't doubt there are teams that would take Olajuwon. "Anybody that's in the race would be interested in Hakeem as far as trading," Dawson said. "I think if they said they were interested in Hakeem, I believe it. But think how many players it would take for a deal like that."

After Olajuwon's contract expires, the Rockets will be under the salary cap, giving Dawson room to sign his own players and possibly shop for free agents.

Olajuwon missed four games after a cyst on his right knee caused swelling and on Jan. 9 he was placed on the team's disabled list, still affected by the swelling that first occurred when he fell Dec. 21 in a game against the Los Angeles Lakers.

Olajuwon is playing his 17th season and is averaging 10.2 points and 1.3 blocks in 29 starts this season.

The Rockets have played their last 11 games without a true center. Kelvin Cato is out with a partially torn rotator cuff and Jason Collier is recovering from knee surgery.

SOCCER

McBride, Pope picked for exhibition game

Associated Press

CHICAGO

Forward Brian McBride and defender Eddie Pope, who missed the last two World Cup qualifiers because of injuries, were among 23 players picked for the roster for Saturday's exhibition game against China.

McBride, who is on loan from Columbus of Major League Soccer to Preston North End in England, had a blood clot removed from under an armpit and missed a scoreless tie against Costa Rica and the 4-0 win at Barbados that gave the Americans a spot in the six-nation regional finals.

Pope hasn't played for the United States since a Sept. 3 win over Guatemala due to several nagging injuries.

The youth-oriented roster announced Monday by U.S. coach Bruce Arena had only three European-based players: McBride, forward Landon Donovan (Bayer Leverkusen in Germany) and midfielder Ben

Olsen (Nottingham Forest in England). Eleven of the U.S. players have five or fewer international appearances.

China, led by former U.S. coach Bora Milutinovic, plays the Americans at Oakland, Calif. The United States then plays a Feb. 3 exhibition game against Colombia at Miami before starting the final round of qualifying Feb. 28 against Mexico at Columbus, Ohio.

Costa Rica, Jamaica, Honduras, and Trinidad and Tobago also are in the finals of the North and Central American and Caribbean region, which will produce three qualifiers for the 2002 World Cup in Japan and South Korea.

The complete roster:

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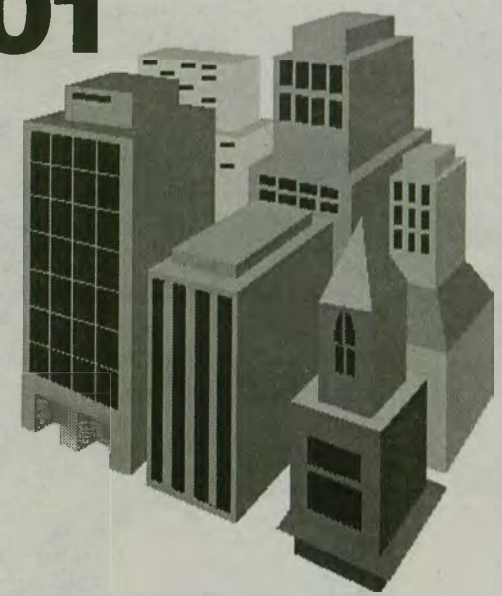
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LIZ LANG/The Observer

Irish players Meaghan Leahy, Ruth Riley and Kelley Siemon celebrate after downing then No. 1 Connecticut at home.

Ranking

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76 last Monday.

Connecticut's drop in the rankings marks the first time since 1999 that the Huskies have not been ranked No. 1. It is also the first time in seven years that two schools from the same conference held the first and second positions in the same poll.

"Everybody has a shot to come out and be a great team," said senior Neile Ivey. "I think we proved that. Nobody thought we'd be as good as we are."

"We've thought of ourselves as No. 1 for a long time, but nobody outside Notre Dame really recognized that," senior Kelley Seimon said.

Although the team's focus remains on winning the national championship, Riley admitted that it feels good to receive national recognition.

"A lot of the focus is on how you end the season," she said. "But because this is a first for

the University, it makes it special."

Even though the ranking is a first, the Irish have felt they belonged at the top all season.

"People are going to start noticing that Notre Dame is a powerhouse team," said junior Ericka Haney. "We've been in the top three all year, and all we'd hear would be Connecticut and Tennessee. We kind of thought, 'What about us?'"

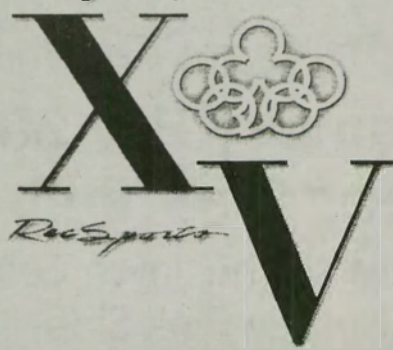
Although the ranking thrills them, the Irish know they still have a long way to go.

"We're going to have a lot of confidence," Ivey said. "But we have to realize that we have to give 110 percent in every practice. If we don't, we're not going to be No. 1."

"The big question now is how we are going to react," said McGraw. "Are we going to be nervous or tentative, or are we going to keep playing with the same confidence we have had the entire season?"

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Sophomore Jan Viviani led the men's epee squad with a 9-1 record at New York University last weekend. The men went undefeated, beating all four schools in the meet.

Fencing

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a tough time," Boutsikaris said.

The women's epee squad managed to perform only slightly better than the foil squad. With No. 1 starter Anna Carnick hobbled by an injury and expected-star Kerry Walton ineligible, the Irish stumbled to a 2-2 record on the weekend with wins against NYU and Yale and losses to St. John's and Columbia.

"Anna Carnick was a little bit injured so she is not back to her potential yet," Auriol said. "She was our top girl in epee. We also lost Kerry Walton and she was going to be our No. 1 women's epee fencer. That is going to hurt us for the rest of the season."

Meagan Call's 7-4 record was the lone bright spot for the women's epee squad.

The women's sabre team picked up two dominating wins but also dropped two key matches. Freshmen Destanie Milo and Jessie Filkins posted 7-3 and 7-1 records respectively as the Irish beat NYU 9-0 and Columbia 8-1 but fell 7-2 and 6-3 to St. John's and Yale, respectively.

"We are young in sabre but they are good," Auriol said. "The two freshmen are going to help right away and it showed last weekend. The women's sabre team is the best squad by far. That might help the rest of the team pull it off the rest of the season."

The men's team quickly reestablished themselves as the best men's squad in the country after thoroughly dominating NCAAs last year and sweeping the competition this weekend.

As usual, the Irish were led by sabre squad. All-Americans Andrejz Bednarski and Gabor Szelle and sabre captain Andre Crompton led the Irish to a 6-3 win against the Red Storm.

St. John's was Notre Dame's main competition for the title of best sabre team in the U.S. before the weekend. Although Notre Dame took home the victory, the battle is far from over. St. John's was missing

its best fencer this weekend, 1999 National Champion and Olympian Keeth Smart.

Auriol feels, however, that the Irish will still reign supreme in the rematch at NCAAs.

"Even with Keeth Smart, we would have won the match in sabre," he said. "[The Irish sabremen] were fencing very tough."

Sophomore Matt Fabricant rotated with the other sabremen and posted an undefeated 9-0 record.

"The sabre team is by far in my opinion the best squad in the country," Auriol said.

Sophomore Ozren Debic, who was nearly the best in the country last year as he finished second at the NCAAs, finished the weekend with an 11-1 against stiff competition.

His only loss came against Kevin Erikson of Columbia but Debic blamed his only blemish on heartburn and not lesser skill.

"That loss was all lunch," Debic said.

The sophomore foil captain said he was lethargic in his final match of the day. After facing the best teams in Yale and St. John's before lunch, Debic didn't try his hardest against Columbia. Although Debic jumped out to a 3-0 lead, he let Erikson come back to win the match 5-4.

"That was a lesson to me ... not to think that I was done because I will have to fence the good guys at NCAA in the final matches," Debic said.

The surprise hero of the foil squad was junior Steve Mautone. Despite finishing with a disappointing 2-7 record, Mautone picked up his two wins against the Red Storm in the biggest match of the day. Mautone's 2-1 record against St. John's helped the Irish eke out a 5-4 win.

"Steve basically pulled us up," Debic said. "[Irish starter] Forrest [Walton who lost all three bouts against St. John's] didn't fence very well. I don't know if it was stress or something because we were fencing St. John's. But Steve went out and won two bouts and nobody expected that."

Sophomore All-American Jan Viviani paced the epee squad with a 9-1 record including a 2-1 record against St. John's.

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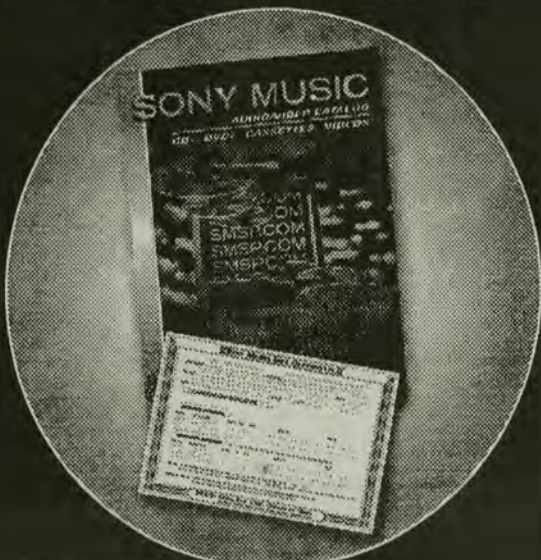


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CLUB SPORTS

Kraft leads team as bowlers pin 37th spot at Invitational

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The Notre Dame bowling club finished 34th among 57 teams at the Las Vegas Invitational. Darren Kraft paced the Irish with a 184 average, while Brian Gerken next at 175.

Two pins back were Dave Rigto and Jason Pawlak with 173 averages, while Kevin Gerken rounded out the team scoring with a 167 score.

The Irish will host the Blue and Gold Classic this Saturday and Sunday at Beacon Bowl. Now in its fourth year, the tournament boasts a full intercollegiate field of 52 teams, and is one of only 10 tier-one events in the country. This year's field included eight of the top 10 ranked men's teams, and seven of the top 10 women's teams in the country. Nationally recognized as one of the country's premier events, the competition will run Saturday from 1:30 to 7:30 p.m., and 9 a.m. to the closing ceremony at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Skiing

Defending Division champions, the women of the ski club are determined to qualify for the Nationals this year. After finishing fourth among the top varsity and club teams in the region a year ago, missing the nationals by .04 seconds, the Irish unleashed a summer of festering by sweeping Michigan, Michigan State, Grand Valley State and Western Michigan off the slopes this week-

end at Schuss Mountain.

In the slalom, sophomore Molly Munsterer paced the squad in capturing first place, while freshman sensation Leigh Hellrun took third. Junior Ellen Block finished ninth to score for the Irish. Munsterer repeated her performance with gold in the giant slalom, while Hellrun managed to take eighth, despite a fall on her first run.

Sophomore Mike Ryan is once again the pacesetter for a young men's squad that finished fifth among the six competing teams. Ryan skied two solid runs to earn fifth overall. Wes Jacobs, Kevin Kennedy, Ryan Boger and Jon Pribaz were all able to finish both runs on the hard packed snow. The club will be back in action next week at Crystal Mountain.

Men's Volleyball

The men's volleyball club continued its most successful season in recent memory, recording four victories in six matches in Midwest 10 Conference play at Marquette this weekend. Peter Strotman, Greg Silber and Rob Smith had dominating performances as the team posted solid opening wins over host Marquette, 25-18, 25-23; Wisconsin - Milwaukee, 25-20, 26-24; and a nice comeback spurred by Scott Hapeman against Iowa State, 11-25, 25-21, 15-11.

After falling to Northern Illinois, 25-21, 25-21, Chris Nickele spearheaded a rebound win over Missouri, 25-23, 25-16.

Despite the heroics of Dan Madden, the club dropped the final contest with Western

Michigan, 18-25, 25-18, 15-9. Wisconsin - Whitewater, Wisconsin - Oshkosh, and Ball

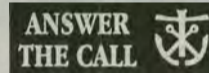
State remain in conference play. The club will return to the courts next weekend at Michigan.

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Irish

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A slow start against West Virginia gave Notre Dame a 13-point handicap, but the Irish managed to come back. Dropping behind early against Syracuse could diminish the home court advantage and tie a noose around Notre Dame's neck.

"We have to come out with the intensity in the first 20 minutes," Irish point guard and captain Martin Ingelsby said after beating the Mountaineers Sunday. "Tonight we got down. We can't get down at the beginning against Syracuse."

Syracuse may be missing one of the weapons that struck down Notre Dame in January. Senior forward Damone Brown, who scored a career-high 26 points to go with 13 rebounds in his team's early-season win over Notre Dame, is likely to miss tonight's matchup.

Brown hobbled through the Orangemen's 77-65 loss to Seton Hall

Sunday. He played just 24 minutes and scored only five points in the game, after bruising his thigh in practice late last week and taking a bump in the same location early in the game with Seton Hall.

Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim told the Herald-Journal Monday, "I don't anticipate him playing Tuesday."

The Irish better avoid taking Brown's injury as a green light to sit on their haunches. Notre Dame played Seton Hall when the Pirates were without top player Eddie Griffin, yet came away 78-76 losers.

Syracuse is still a team that has only lost twice this year, to No. 16 Seton Hall and No. 6 Tennessee. The Orangemen's Preston Shumpert, a 6-foot-6 junior guard, leads his team with 20.5 points per game and 5.4 assists. DeShaun Williams and Allen Griffin both average in double digits as well.

"They're a team that we haven't beat since I've been here," junior guard/small forward David Graves said. "To be the best, you have to beat the best."

The Orangemen employ a stifling

zone defense. Notre Dame's defense is on the upswing, and in Sunday's divisional victory, the Irish switched between zone and man. Defensive efforts will be especially crucial if the normally hot-shooting Irish squad struggle from the field as they have in several losses.

Finding a way to get All-American Troy Murphy's hands on the ball more would boost the Irish, as would a repeat of Ingelsby's double digit performances the past two games.

A sellout crowd is expected for the 7:30 p.m. tipoff, but Brey's hoping for none of the antics that occurred in last year's Joyce Center game against Syracuse. A Notre Dame student threw a water bottle onto the court late in the game after repeated warnings from both referees and then-coach Matt Doherty, and the Irish were assessed with a technical foul. Syracuse pulled out the late-season victory, a knife in the heart of Notre Dame's NCAA Tournament hopes.

A close loss won't satisfy the Irish, who are aiming to go undefeated at home in the Big East.

"Their program versus our program, over the history, it's time," Brey said.

Notes

♦ West Virginia center Chris Moss, who was assessed two technical fouls and spit at a Notre Dame cheerleader in Sunday's loss to Notre Dame, took an unspecified leave from the Mountaineers Monday for personal reasons.

♦ Freshman guard Chris Markwood has been cleared to play for the Irish, but will probably not see action until next season. Markwood underwent arthroscopic surgery on his left knee Sept. 29, and had been in rehabilitation ever since.

"I just don't think playing him this season is an option," Brey said. "He's not in game shape. He hasn't played a full practice yet."

He has been practicing on a limited basis with the Irish the past two weeks, but sitting out games for the rest of the season would give him an extra season of eligibility.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Alma edges Saint Mary's in final event of meet

By JANEL MILLER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's swimming and diving team got an early start to the semester on Jan. 16 when the Belles faced off against Alma College at Rolfs Aquatic Center.

Alma got the best of the Belles, however, taking the meet 116-115.

"They swam really well," said head coach Gretchen Hildebrandt. "The times accomplished by these women who were tired and broken down are absolutely remarkable."

The Belles spent their break training in Florida where they couldn't escape the cold weather with 37 degree mornings, frost and chilly breezes.

"It was ironic to find out that it would have been warmer some mornings to swim in South Bend," said Hildebrandt. "But the women remained very positive and worked extremely hard."

Despite being sore and fatigued from their intense training over

break, the Belles stood strong against a team that beat them in 2000 by more than 60 points.

The meet came down to the final event the 200-yard freestyle relay. Saint Mary's grasped the first, however, Alma's second and third place finishes put them ahead of the Belles.

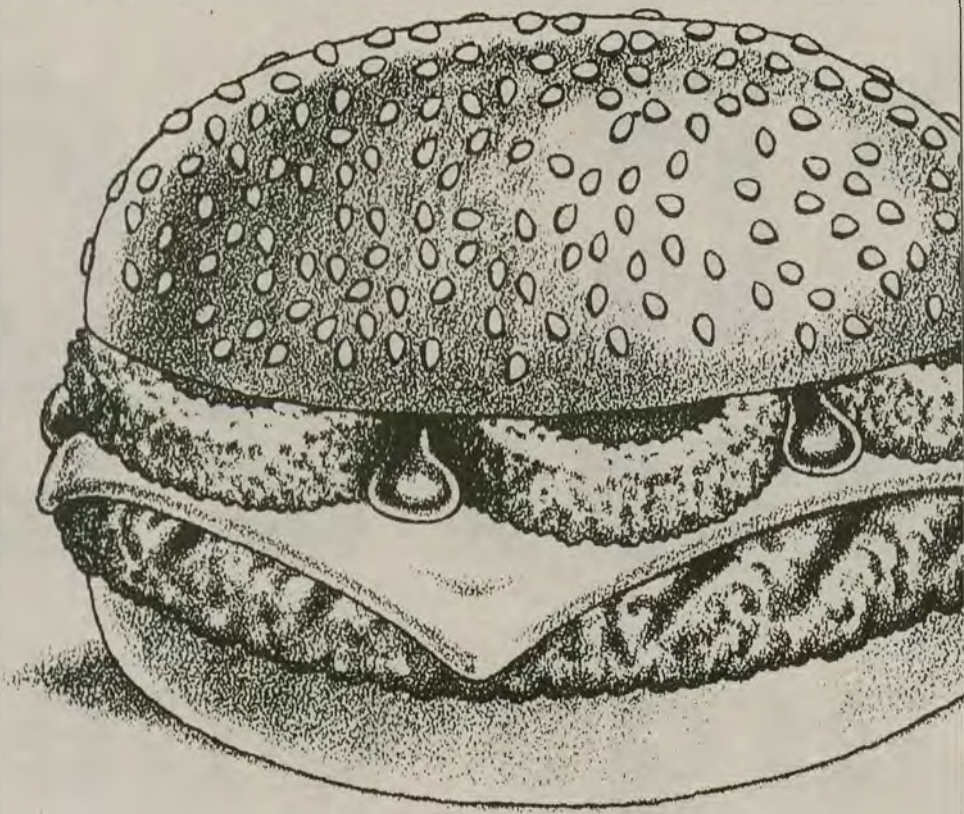
"It was a great meet," said Hildebrandt. "We swam right with them in every event."

The Belles pulled another five first place finishes. Maureen Palchak captured the 50 freestyle after finishing third in the 200 freestyle moments before. Elizabeth Doro, joined her by taking the second place spot. The Belles then finished first, second and third in the 100 freestyle with co-captain Colleen Sullivan taking first with a time of 57.63 seconds, followed by Doro (59.02) and Chloe Lenihan (1:00.24).

Meghan Ramsey helped the team with her top finishes in the 100 butterfly and 500 freestyle. Diver Ryann Cox and many swimmers set many personal and season best times.

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MEN'S TENNIS

No. 33 Irish cruise past Badgers

By RACHEL BIBER
Sports Writer

The Irish men's tennis team may have worn the visiting colors for its match against the Wisconsin Badgers on Sunday, but they played like they were right at home.

Thirty-third-ranked Notre Dame cruised to its second win of the season, sweeping the doubles matches and dropping only one singles match to the Badgers, while extending an impressive winning start to the 2001 season.

"I think that it was a good day," the 75th-ranked Irish junior Javier Taborga said. "We all knew that last year was a bad year on the road, and that we had to start playing better. I think everyone was very focused and basically we knew we were better than them and we wanted to show them from the beginning that we were going to dominate and not give them any chances."

Led by 95th-ranked Casey Smith at No. 1 singles, Notre Dame gave Wisconsin no opportunities for an upset. Smith downed the Badger's Danny Westerman 6-4, 6-4, while Taborga raced past Wisconsin's Dustin Friedman 6-0, 6-2, in the No. 2 singles position. The Irish also garnered wins from Luis Haddock-Morales, Aaron Talarico and Matt Scott, in the respective third, fourth and fifth singles positions.

Dustin Traylor won the Badgers' only match, defeating

"I think the teams we've played so far didn't challenge us as much as other teams are going to, and I think we are going to have to work hard in doubles."

Javier Taborga
Irish doubles player

Brian Farrell in a piece third-set tiebreaker, 11-9.

Being on the road is usually difficult for the Irish, but the intensity they played with supplied an extra boost, Smith said.

"I think individually I played pretty well," Smith said. "I got in a groove on their courts. It's always tough playing on the road, because every court is different, the lighting is different, the actual court is different, and the people you are playing are different. I felt pretty good, I felt confident out there, and also the team was playing really well, and when you are able to look around and see everyone hitting the ball well and winning it's obviously a big boost emotionally for yourself."

The intensity was not lacking for Notre Dame in the doubles portion of the match either, as the Irish convincingly captured the doubles point. Taborga and Talarico, ranked 38th in the nation, knocked off the Badger's duo of Westerman and

Friedman, 8-4, at No. 1 doubles, while the pairing of Smith and Haddock-Morales defeated Wisconsin's Stefan Reist and Scott Rutherford, 8-5, in the No. 2 doubles match. Andrew Laflin and Farrell also picked up a win in doubles for the Irish by beating the Badger duo of Scott Green and Jason Gonzaga, 8-5.

Despite the dominating doubles performance by the Irish, the team knows it still needs to work on a few aspects of its game.

"We can improve a lot, especially in doubles we haven't been playing as good as we can," Taborga said. "I think the teams we've played so far didn't challenge as much as other teams are going to, and I think we are going to have to work hard in doubles."

Initiating the match-up against the Badgers with a vengeance in the doubles portion of the match enabled the Irish to set a dominating tone throughout the day's competition, helping the team put another win in the books.

With two wins recorded and many more matches ahead, Notre Dame knows they have plenty to work on and do not plan on fooling around.

"I think that we are playing well for this point of the season, but I think we have a long way to go," Smith said. "I think that we have a lot of potential on this team and if we could just keep on improving and keep on working on some of the things we need to, I think we could be a very, very good team."

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Blue Devils overpower Irish in season opener

◆ No. 3 Dasso upsets No. 2 Cargill in singles

Special to The Observer

Despite impressive victories by senior All-American Michelle Dasso and junior Nina Vaughan, the 13th-ranked Notre Dame women's tennis team lost its dual-match season opener 4-3 to fourth-ranked Duke at the Eck Tennis Pavilion on Sunday.



Dasso

The teams split the singles matches and the Blue Devils took all three doubles matches to win their first dual match of 2000-01. The Irish will next be in action at the adidas Classic in Orlando, Fla. this weekend.

Third-ranked Dasso opened the spring season with an impressive victory over freshman Ansley Cargill, ranked No. 2 in the nation, 6-2, 6-3 at No. 1

singles. Cargill played in the French Open and U.S. Open in 2000 and has been ranked as high as 253rd in the world by the Women's Tennis Association.

Vaughan also notched a quality win, defeating senior All-American Megan Miller 6-4, 6-4 at No. 3 singles. The other victory for the Irish came from senior Kimberly Guy, who defeated sophomore Hillary Adams 6-4, 5-7, 6-2 at No. 6. Sophomore Katie Granson clinched the match for Duke with a 6-3, 6-3 win over junior Lindsey Green at No. 5 singles, while 14th-ranked Kathy Sell and 16th-ranked Amanda Johnson also claimed wins for the Blue Devils.

Duke claimed the doubles point by taking all three matches.

The Blue Devils got an 8-6 victory by sixth-ranked Johnson and Miller over Dasso and junior Becky Varnum, the eighth ranked team in the country, at No. 1 doubles.

Cargill and Sell defeated sophomore Katie Cunha and Guy to clinch the doubles point 8-3 at No. 2 doubles, while Granson and Adams also won at No. 3 doubles.



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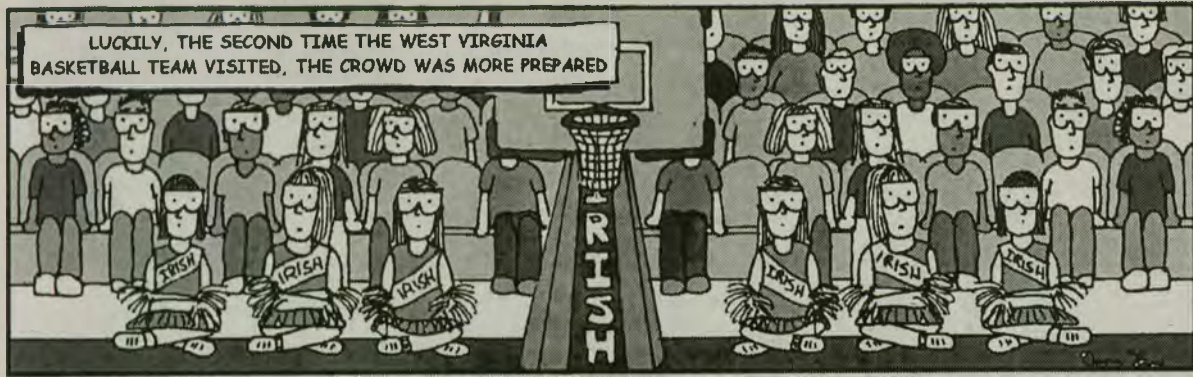
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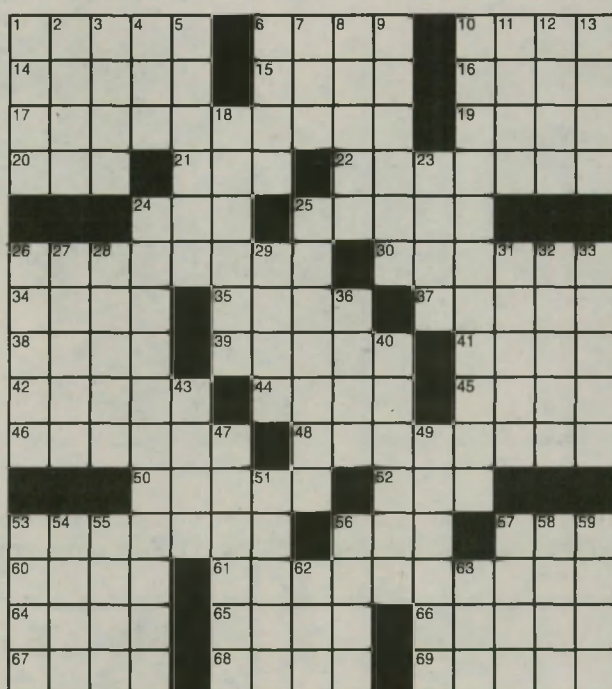
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Puzzle by Gregory E. Paul

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SPORTS

Making a racket
Junior Javier Taborga and the men's tennis team had no trouble downing the Wisconsin Badgers Sunday.
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Topping the charts

Irish earn No. 1 ranking for first time in school history

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

In the middle of October, Ruth Riley happened to walk near Grace Hall and noticed the eight-foot high No. 1 sign illuminated on top of the building.

"We passed it when it was up for the soccer team," Riley said. "I remember thinking in that back of my mind how cool it would be if we could have it up for us."

Now it is.

For the first time in the 24-year history of the Notre Dame women's basketball program, the Irish are ranked No. 1.

In both the Associated Press and ESPN coaches' polls released Monday, Notre Dame jumped from No. 3 to claim the top spot following wins over Connecticut and Seton Hall last week.

Connecticut dropped to No. 2 and Tennessee moved down to No. 3. The Irish received 40 of a possible 41 first place votes in the Associated Press poll, and 33 of a possible 40 first place votes in the ESPN coaches poll.

"We're just so excited about the No. 1 ranking," said Irish head coach Muffet McGraw. "We've just made a major step forward in our program."

Notre Dame, the nation's only remaining unbeaten team, ended Connecticut's 30-week hold on the top slot by beating the Huskies 92-



LIZ LANG/The Observer

Irish guard Niele Ivey locks arms with the Huskies' Kennitra Johnson in Notre Dame's Jan. 15 win over Connecticut. The win marked the first time the Irish beat the Big East powerhouse, leading to Notre Dame's top ranking.

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FENCING

Irish find success, failure on road

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

Two very different fencing teams came back from New York late Sunday night.

The men's team returned victorious, buoyed by four wins against top competition — including championship favorite St. John's.

"I think this team can go undefeated this season," head fencing coach Yves Auriol said after Notre Dame's 15-12 win against St. John's, 16-11 win against Columbia and a pair of 18-9 wins against NYU and Yale.

The women's team, however, knows it has a long road of improvement to travel if they want to be national title contenders in March. The women dropped three of their four meets over the weekend including an 18-9 loss to St.

John's, 15-12 to Yale and 17-10 to Columbia. The women's lone victory came over NYU 23-4.

"We are not as deep with the women as we are with the men," Auriol said. "We have a couple fencers from the women's side who are not fencing at their best right now. We are going to improve on the women's side but we won't be as good as we were in the past three or four years."

Although the women return five of six qualifiers from the 2000 NAAs, the hole left by the graduation of four-time All-American Magda Krol has yet to be filled.

"Magda was really the one who could fence with the best," Auriol said.

All-American Liza Boutsikaris has stepped into Krol's role as foil captain and posted an 8-4 record over the

weekend. The sophomore, however, has yet to fill the leadership void left by Krol and is still learning on the job.

"It is kind of difficult only being my sophomore year," Boutsikaris said. "I am sure there are people on my team who know what to do better than I do. I just try to copy off Magda and use her for my roll model. She was a great, great captain so I just try to model myself after her."

Boutsikaris' foil squad had its tough match against Columbia as the Irish dropped all nine bouts. Columbia's foil squad is perhaps the best in the nation and features Olympian Erin Smart. Smart defeated Boutsikaris 5-3 in the first meeting between the two.

"It was my first time fencing her but I think I gave her

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish remain hungry for conference wins

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish have a chance to do something this week they've never done before, move into the hunt for a Big East Championship.

"Notre Dame's never been in a league race," men's basketball coach Mike Brey said.

Notre Dame joined a league for the first time in 1995-96 when it entered the Big East, and last year's 8-8

conference record marked the first time the Irish did as much winning as it did losing. This year's Irish, at 3-2 in the conference, stand third in the West division of the Big East, just one game behind Georgetown and Syracuse, both teams that Notre Dame (11-5) will play this week.

But beating No. 11 Syracuse (15-2) tonight won't come easily, since the Irish have lost five straight games against the Orangemen. In the two team's first meeting this season, a Jan. 2 clash in the Carrier Dome, the Irish fell behind early while shooting just 1-for-10 from the free throw line in the first half. Syracuse went on to win 79-70.

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Brey

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AT A
GLANCE



at Michigan
Today, 7:05 p.m.



at West Virginia
Wednesday, 7 p.m.



vs. Syracuse
Today, 7:30 p.m.



vs. Indiana
Thursday, 4 p.m.



Women's Swimming
at Northwestern
Thursday, 5 p.m.