



Car bomb in Israel
A car bomb in Jerusalem injured one person Thursday. The violence followed the Wednesday election of Ariel Sharon.
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In honor of Sophomore Parents Weekend at Saint Mary's, The Observer welcomes all guests arriving on campus.

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Grade level plays role in choosing running mates

Editor's note: This is the fifth of a five-part series examining different issues in this year's student body election.

By **MIKE CONNOLLY**
 News Writer

Most people would agree that issues and ideas of a candidate should be the deciding factor in who gets elected in any campaign. In student government elections, oftentimes who you know plays as much of a role as what you want to do. Choosing a president and vice president from different classes can help a ticket spread its appeal to more students.

Ryan Becker, a junior presidential candidate from Zahm Hall, said Nikki McCord's sophomore status played a role in selecting her as his vice president.

"It definitely played a part," he said. "She can bring in a whole different group of people. I know the juniors better from class and class government and she knows the sopho-

mores better. More people can say, 'I know those people.' Having a sophomore is a great benefit."

Current student body vice president and candidate for president Brooke Norton said the appeal of split ticket goes beyond just the election. Norton, who was elected to her post as a junior, said the different experiences of Brian O'Donoghue, a senior, and herself make their administration more effective.

"The ticket is more representative of the student body," Norton said. "In office this year, it helped us because we were going through different things. I could relate to the younger students because I had just been there while Brian could better relate to the seniors."

O'Donoghue echoed Norton's sentiments.

"My perspective was often very different from Brooke's," he said. "The perspective of a senior is very different from

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Candidates Demetra Smith (left) and Yogeld Andre (right), both juniors, have tried to increase their voting base by meeting as many students as possible, even in their dorm rooms.

MOLLY WALSH/The Observer

Editor appoints 3 to top Observer posts

By **NELLIE WILLIAMS**
 Ireland Correspondent

Noreen Gillespie has been rehired as Managing Editor of The Observer for the 2001-2002 school year, Editor in Chief Mike Connolly announced Thursday. Bob Woods and Kerry Smith were also chosen as Business Manager and Assistant Managing Editor, respectively.



Gillespie

Gillespie, a sociology and political science major at Saint Mary's, served as Managing Editor for the 2000-2001 school year. She previously served as Saint Mary's Editor in 1999-2000, and worked as an intern at The Connecticut Post in Bridgeport, Conn., this summer.

"Noreen has proven to be an invaluable asset to this newsroom," Connolly said. "She is an excellent leader who consistently makes intelligent decisions."

Gillespie will be responsible for managing editorial decisions at the paper and overseeing all editorial staff.

"Working with this year's editorial board and their staffs has been one of the most rewarding experiences I have had at The Observer," the junior from Sandy Hook, Conn. said.

Woods, a sophomore from Springfield Pa., served as the controller for The Observer in 2000-2001.

He is an accounting major and a Management Information Systems minor. He will be in charge of payroll and budgeting for The Observer.

Smith, a junior government and CAPP major, served as sports editor for the 2000-2001 school year and will assist Gillespie with all editorial decisions as well as working closely with new writers and training staff members.

"I have enjoyed my term as Sports Editor and I am eager to work with the newspaper in a different capacity," the junior from Kennebunk, Maine said.

Gillespie, Woods and Smith will assume their positions after spring break.

Bush eyes faith-based programs

◆ Notre Dame ACE director to aid President's efforts

By **KIFLIN TURNER**
 News Writer

Why was John Staud, director of Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE), invited by President Bush last Wednesday to discuss the implementation of the administration's faith-based service initiatives?

ACE, a two-year program that sends Notre Dame graduates to teach in under-resourced Catholic schools, has achieved great success in furthering personal improvement for children whose educational experience might have been weakened by understaffed schooling. Staud cited the achievements of the organization as the reason why he was chosen as a representative.

"Obviously ACE has been very successful and we've been blessed with the stellar applicants and participants, and so I knew that was sort of the reason, but still when you consider that it was a national meeting, it was really flattering for the program, I think, more that anything."

Along with Staud were repre-

sentatives from more than 50 organizations representing Catholic service programs nationwide. The funds will support educational programs to those similar to ACE, as well as other social programs that will combat drug addiction, alcoholism, and other social problems in the community.

The goal of the initiatives is to enhance the efficiency of pre-existing programs and to ensure that religious-based organizations will not suffer discrimination from federal funding.

"[Bush] wants to try to tap into the successful work that a lot of faith-based organizations are already doing," said Staud. "It's not as though he wants to use this as a way to have government exit from its responsibilities, but it's rather a chance to just allow groups that have achieved great success to compete for federal monies, so long as there's an appropriate firewall set up so that those monies don't influence evangelization or proselytizing."

Many critics to Bush's plan believe that the faith-based ini-

tiatives may be problematic when faced with the possible legal challenges of infringing on the separation of church and state constitutional amendment.

"There can't be a government religion, but as long as the government is dispersing money fairly and allowing access to all religious traditions, I think it's a good idea because often these groups achieve greater results," said Staud. "I think there are models out there that have met the legal concerns and the ideological ones as well that we can point to, and ACE would be one of these."

Faced with the possibility that the initiatives may face legal resistance, Bush vowed that the careful implementation would ensure the success of religious-based organizations. Staud said that Bush's point is that religious organizations shouldn't be discriminated against, especially if they're achieving great results.

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"[Bush] wants to try to tap into the successful work that a lot of faith-based organizations are already doing."

John Staud
 ACE director

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INSIDE COLUMN

Learning the ropes

As a second semester freshman, I've adjusted to my new home at Notre Dame. I've discovered the campus' hidden secrets—that O'Shag and O'Shaughnessy really are the same building, that no matter how much we North and Mod Quad dwellers claim North is equal, South Dining Hall is really better, and that lighting doesn't strike when someone breaks parietals.

Scott Brodfuehrer
Wire Editor

These discoveries, and many more, haven't come from official University seminars designed to acclimate me to "college life," but instead have come from walking around campus for five months, talking to upperclassmen and making mistakes.

That's why I cringe when I hear student government talking about more orientation sessions for future freshmen, or even modification of the current ones. By the end of orientation, freshmen are exhausted and sick of hearing from every campus leader, and scarily enough, actually looking forward to the first day of classes. The truth of the matter is that I don't remember a thing from these sessions now. The only lasting image I have is being scared out of my whits in Washington Hall when the honesty committee shared a story of a professor who turned in a student for a violation when he accidentally didn't cite a sentence from his textbook in a paper.

Instead of modifying the current orientation sessions, why not get rid of them altogether? Freshmen will always make mistakes, regardless of the number of orientation sessions they attend. What would be more worthwhile would be the upperclassmen in their section talking to them for a half an hour, or professors speaking for 10 minutes at the beginning of the first class about the honor code.

To add insult to injury, some "mandatory" orientation sessions take place well into the academic year and some freshman are still attending these seminars now. I'm sure the people running these sessions, like the diversity seminar, are well intentioned, but all of my peers I have talked to resent this intrusion into their daily lives, which has settled down since moving in. The reasoning of these groups might be that freshman are more willing and able to talk seriously about issues on campus when they've had time to experience them. Rather than coming in ready to talk and listen, freshmen are angry that they have to come to the session, and if they don't go, they are threatened by the hall staff with a make-up session that is at least twice as long.

The best freshman orientation suggestion I have heard is a campout suggested by some of the candidates for this year's presidential election. This would be a meaningful experience that allows freshman to meet some other students other than the superficial "Name, hometown and major" that dominated this year's orientation.

I challenge anyone who makes decisions about freshman orientation to consider not what they think a freshman ideally should learn in their first days of college life, but instead what their orientation experience was like, and how they felt sitting through the numerous required sessions.

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

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THIS WEEK IN ND/SMC HISTORY

Friday, February 4, 1977

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students prepared for the closing of Corby's when the owner of the property on which the bar was located denied to renew owner Roger Stouffer's lease. The tavern, which has been in operation since 1963, reopened under new management on March 1 following nearly a month of internal renovations and staffing changes. The new owners also planned to increase the bar's food sales so they remain open on Sundays.

Friday, February 8, 1991

Notre Dame students from the group known as Students Uniting For Respect (SUFR) demonstrated at a meeting of the Board of Trustees to stress the need for increased cultural diversity on campus. The group protested in part because the Board was slated to consider a report on race relations on campus, including aspects of intellectual and economic life, as well as the University's racial harassment policy.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

PETA protests Youngstown State Burger King

In conjunction with People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), the Youngstown State University Environmental and Animal Rights Coalition (YSEARC) is sponsoring a demonstration today outside a local Burger King restaurant.

The demonstration is part of PETA's international campaign against the fast food chain. PETA is a non-profit organization that advocates vegetarianism and animal rights.

PETA launched a similar campaign against McDonald's that resulted in the company reforming

its slaughterhouse practices, according to PETA's Website, www.peta.org.

YSEARC, a registered student organization, is joining the PETA campaign on a local level.

Dan Kuzma, a Youngstown State freshman, environmental studies, is president and founder of the organization.

"I have compassion for



all innocent lives," Kuzma said. "Responsibility is in our hands to treat [animals] as we ourselves would like to be treated."

Kuzma said he started YSEARC to help promote awareness of vegetarianism and veganism in the area. Adherents of veganism, which is similar to vegetarianism, do not consume, use or wear ani-

mal products. As well as staging demonstrations, Kuzma said members also have social events in the area.

Members go to restaurants in the area that are "vegetarian friendly" and try new foods that are made without animal products.

YSEARC Vice President James Douglass, sophomore, biological sciences, said the organization is aimed at promoting animal rights and environmental concerns in a peaceful manner. He also said students need not be vegan or vegetarian to join.

Compiled from U-Wire reports

VIRGINIA TECH

Volunteers examine 'Art of Kissing'

Virginia Tech students who attended a seminar Wednesday night were schooled in the ways of the kiss. "The Art of Kissing" was presented Wednesday night by William Kane, a professor at Boston College and author of the book "The Art of Kissing." "Folks, this is a sex show," Kane said as the presentation began. "I can't promise I'll show you how to have an orgasm, but we're going to show you everything else." Kane had six student volunteers kiss in different scenarios, including a dentist's office, a barber-shop and a car, to explain how students should kiss differently in different places. "You have such a romantic campus here," Kane said. "There are so many places to kiss here." He explained there are many types of kisses. There are Eskimo kisses, upside-down vacuum kisses, lipsuction kisses, kissing to the beat of music and French kisses, Kane said. In one scenario, Kane had the girls climb on top of the guys and kiss them on the neck while the guys spanked them.

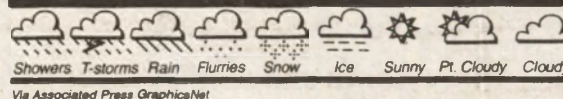
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MTV seeks 'Spring Break' travellers

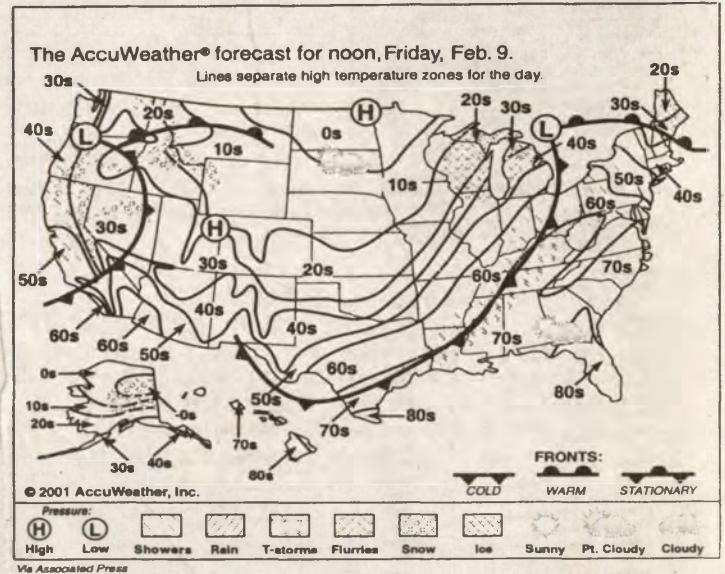
Two casting directors from MTV were in Duluth Monday scouting potential candidates for their upcoming Spring Break Tour in Acapulco and Cancun. The directors, Shadow Holden and Brendon Blincoe, said they wanted to branch out and test campuses they've never been to. The University of Minnesota-Duluth was also chosen because its spring break, March 12 through 16, coincides with MTV's. The directors were on campus during the day a local restaurant ag night. The turnout at the restaurant was considerably low with only six groups showing up in more than three hours. "We have about two and a half weeks to get this [taping candidates] done, and we really didn't have much time to promote anything," Holden said. The directors only figured out late Saturday they would be making an appearance in Duluth. They called on Saturday because they were looking for a spot that would fit their format," said restaurant manager Mark Rykal. "I wasn't sure what to expect, they didn't do a whole lot of advertising so I knew it wouldn't be too huge."

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Feminist Harding discusses women in science

By MOLLY McVOY
Saint Mary's Editor

Science benefits from women as much as women benefit from science, according to renowned feminist Sandra Harding, who spoke at Saint Mary's Thursday night.

"We know science benefits women, because, in science, we [as women] too have the opportunity to enjoy the exciting and pleasurable work that is involved in scientific fields," Harding said. "But, that is not the focus of my talk. We know that involvement in science can benefit women; I will focus on how women in science can benefit the sciences."

Harding, a scientific theorist, spoke Thursday on the topic of how science improves as the number of women scientists improves. She explained that science must improve on the "recruitment and retention" of women in order to maintain integrity, expand its investigations and further understand science's place in today's society.

First, she explained that including women in the sciences increases the talent to draw from.

"We add women's skills and talents to the pool," she said. "Women are half the human pool of skills and talents."

More specifically, in order to retain its reputation and keep its legitimacy, science must include women in fields like physics, biology, chemistry, engineering and medicine. According to Harding, science has always been looked upon as logical and reasonable. If discriminations based on gender continue in the scientific community, science's reputation for logic and

reason will come into question.

"Science and technology are considered a paradigm of objectivity and rational thought," Harding said. "Their legitimacy as that paradigm is questioned when these patterns of discrimination continue."

In addition to including women to save its reputation, the scientific community benefits from women by their ability to expand and diversify the content of scientific inquiry and scientific practices. She explained women do not only bring the ability to do the science that men have traditionally done; they bring the ability to do new and different types of science.

"Historically, the argument for ending discrimination in science and medicine is that we will do just the same science as men," Harding said. "It turns out, we lied. Women in science and engineering bring distinct contributions to the fields."

She explained that in the same way people from different cultural backgrounds bring different perspectives to their work, women often bring different perspectives than men.

"Are there any differences that can be exploited by science and engineering and medicine?" she asked.

Harding explained that it is not the nature of women to be fundamentally different from men, but, that their unique life experiences often bring fresh perspectives and ideas to their work. These different

backgrounds and points of view will lead to different types of research and investigations.

"We know science should value cognitive diversity — new ideas that come from outside the mainstream gender differences are a sitting pool of diversity that science can benefit from."

Finally, Harding explained that in order to more fully understand how the scientific community fits into society as a whole, women must be included.

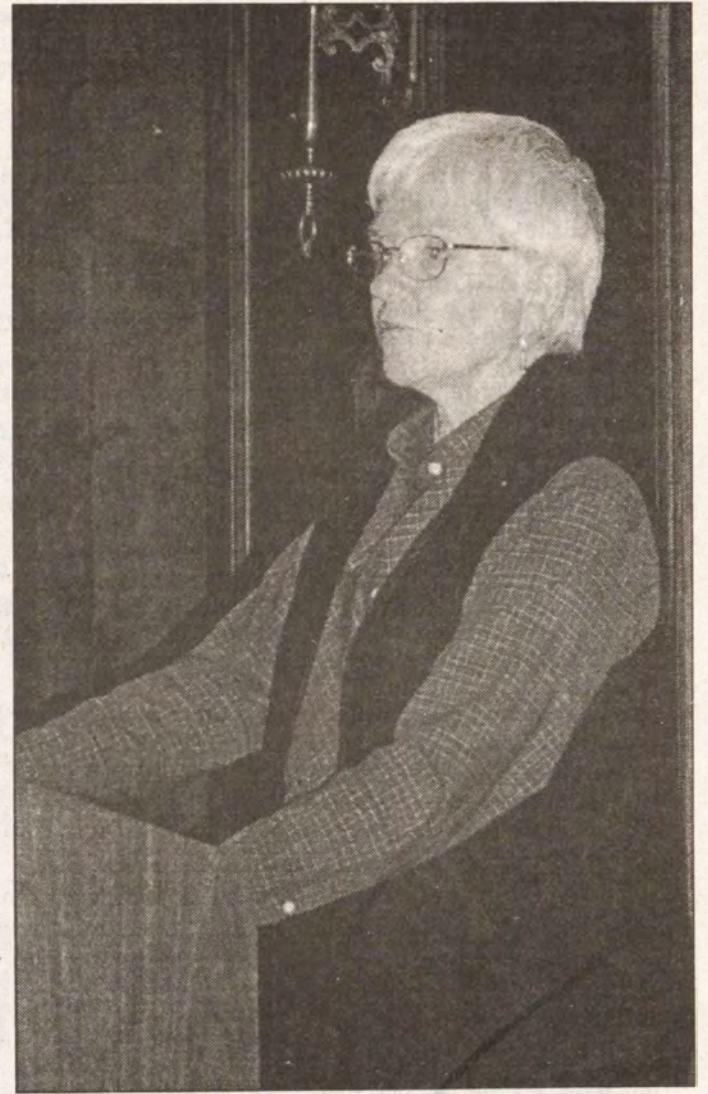
"We now understand that its cultures, not individuals that produce ideas," Harding said. "Data has to be confirmed and theories must be agreed with. Science is a social organization."

Women force scientists to examine social beliefs that are a foundation of how research is carried out, according to Harding. Theories and ideas must not only be proved in science, but also accepted. Including women in the pool of scientists forces the community to evaluate the standards by which they look at scientific theories and the scientists themselves.

"By looking from a woman's perspective, we start to understand the conceptual framework of science," she said. "It's a chance to ask new questions about women's lives, men's lives and the relationship between them. But, most importantly, it's a chance to ask about the conceptual framework that forms the scientific body of knowledge."

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Sandra Harding
feminist and scientific theorist



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Sandra Harding, a well-known feminist and scientific theorist, spoke about women's role in the sciences Thursday night. She said women benefit from involvement in science and science benefits from female participation.



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that of a junior. A senior often looks back at his time at Notre Dame and ahead to his future. He is very much in a transition stage. A junior is more grounded in the present at Notre Dame."

Norton chose sophomore Brian Moscona as her running mate. She said she chose him only because he could do a good job but admitted that being a sophomore could help him be a more effective vice president.

"From my experiences this year, I knew it would help us to be in different classes and have different experiences," she said.

Not all the candidates believe that a split ticket is necessary to win the election however. Chris Zimmerman and Andy Nelson, both sophomores from Fisher Hall, believe they have enough personal connections in other classes to win the election.

"We personally have a lot of sophomore friends but we also have a lot of junior friends and freshman friends who are going to help us through word of mouth with their friends," Zimmerman said. "With the Notre Dame dorm situation with all the classes integrated, I don't think it makes much of a difference."

Students say personal connections are important but its more important to be a recognizable person with good ideas rather than a classmate.

"I think that it makes a difference if you know him, you will be more likely to vote for him because you know what he stands for," Catie McCracken, a sophomore from Badin. She added that knowing a candidate can also lead a student to

vote against the candidate because she disagrees with what he stands for.

Students also said that being a sophomore — and usually less experience than a junior — could be a weakness.

"I think experience counts," said Susan Papreck, a sophomore from Badin. "So obviously in you are a junior you will have more experience in student government." Papreck also said she would not decide her vote strictly on class status.

H o l t Zeidler and Allison Henisey, both juniors, believe their experience makes them the best ticket.

"I think it offers an extra year of experience — especially for the vice president. It's important to have an experienced person leading senate," Zeidler said.

McCord, the current senator for Pasquerilla East, said it was more important for a candidate to have student senate experience than just be a year older. She thinks her two years of student government experience make her capable of leading senate next year.

"No matter what year you are, the experience of being a senator makes you more prepared to lead student senate if you are elected," she said.

Nelson stresses that experience isn't everything, however.

"Some people may think that we don't know Notre Dame because we aren't upper classmen but I think that's false. Good ideas are good ideas," he said. "Obviously you grow over your four years here but I think it is hard to see a real differ-

ence between sophomores and seniors."

Demetra Smith and Yogeld Andre admit that both being juniors and studying in France last year limits the number of students they know but have made a concerted effort to meet more people this campaign. They also said they have a unique perspective of Notre Dame.

"I understand that people will look for people they know so Yogeld and I have been trying to meet as many people as possible," Smith said.

"I think it helps being a senior and knowing the school better but it also helps being abroad. It let's us know about Notre Dame in a larger context."

McCord said being a sophomore gives her one of the best perspectives of student life at Notre Dame.

"You are at the halfway point of your Notre Dame career your sophomore year," she said. "You remember what it was like to be a freshman but you can appeal to the juniors as well."

Sophomore candidates also have a chance to run again in a year. Becker said part of the reason he selected McCord was to give her the experience for a run at the presidency her senior year. Norton already has that advantage heading into this election. If she wins the election, Moscona will be in the same situation next year.

Maureen Gottlieb and Victoria Fetterman, both sophomores, believe the chance to have the same class student body president and vice president is one of their biggest strengths. If elected, they plan to seek re-election next year.

"I think being sophomores is actually an advantage for us because it gives us perhaps two years to work on our plans," Gottlieb said. "We could have the same people working for two years."

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Demetra Smith
presidential candidate

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Brooke Norton
presidential candidate

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ACE

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model to look at is that we've been getting support for the past six or seven years from the Corporation for National Service, which was an office set up by President Clinton, and obviously it has Democratic roots in that sense," said Staud. "That's a constituency that is typically wary of any kind of government involvement with faith-based programs."

Staud claimed that ACE has been a shining example of a faith-based organizations excelling from federal funding in improving the lives of others in the surrounding community and world.

"We're already benefiting from federal funds via AmeriCorps, but as we're trying to expand and deepen our involvement in educational issues. We would obviously welcome the opportunity to apply for federal grants to help us improve the program, so it really stands to benefit us," Staud said.

Signing an executive order

last Monday, Bush's faith-based initiatives were targeted toward religious organizations from all denominations by arranging conferences with various religious officials throughout the week.

"[Bush] has to make sure that he is honoring the non-establishment clause and not playing favorites," said Staud on Bush's efforts to extend the program across all denominational lines. Staud's meeting with Bush, comprised of representatives of Catholic organizations was specifically geared towards the important influence of the Catholic organizations in the community.

"[Bush] specifically praised the Catholic school system as a real life-line for kids in the inner-city especially, to provide access to good, quality education," said Staud. "[Bush] talked about more in a spirit of gratitude of what the Church has done in terms with issues of life-both in terms of its determined oppositions to abortion, but also a lot of the social outreach programs for unwed mothers, adoption, etc. so it was not focused just on education, but sort of broad-based," said Staud.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Koreas connect railway: The militaries of North and South Korea agreed to their first ever joint peace project Thursday — reconnecting a cross-border railway severed by the Korean War half a century ago. The 41-point agreement, which also agreed on setting up the first ever hot line between the two militaries, marked another milestone in thawing relations between the two once-hostile countries since a summit of their leaders in June.

Babies take mother's surname: The National Assembly gave initial approval Thursday to a bill that would allow newborns to bear the surname of either their father or mother, bringing France into line with most of its European neighbors.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Bill would keep web tax moratorium: The Internet tax moratorium would be extended until 2006 and Internet access taxes banished altogether under bills introduced in the House and Senate on Thursday. Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., who introduced the Senate version, said the extension is necessary to prevent a "crazy quilt" of tax structures in each state and locality. The current tax ban will expire Oct. 21. "If that happens," Wyden said, "the World Wide Web is going to look like Dodge City before the marshals showed up."

New power plants needed quickly: Hoping to stave off summer blackouts, California will dramatically speed up the approval process for new power plants in hopes of adding electricity for 5 million homes by July, Gov. Gray Davis said Thursday. Under an executive order, Davis said the state will cut red tape and give bonuses to small power plants that operate only during peak hours of the day, provided those facilities can be up and running by summer.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Gary mayor approves KKK rally: Mayor Scott King, who sought to keep the Ku Klux Klan from rallying in this predominantly black city, said Thursday he had no choice but to approve the group's request for an open-air assembly permit. The city last month rejected a permit request by the Church of the American Knights, a Klan branch based in Butler. King, who had said he would do anything he could to keep the Klan out, said the city could not reject its latest request. "Consistent with federal and local law, I have no choice," he said.

ISRAEL

Car bomb explodes, injures one

Associated Press

JERUSALEM

A car bomb set off two powerful explosions Thursday in a quiet ultra-Orthodox Jewish neighborhood of Jerusalem, injuring one person and sending large clouds of black smoke and car parts into the air.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the blast, which came amid fears of increased violence after Tuesday's election of hard-liner Ariel Sharon as prime minister.

One of Sharon's confidants, legislator Limor Livnat, said the attack only strengthened the resolve of Israel's new leadership not to resume negotiations with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority as long as violence continues.

"Certainly, the policy now will be that there will be no negotiations while we are under attack," Livnat said. "They will be able to continue talking to us only when the attacks stop."

The back-to-back blasts went off just before 5 p.m. in a sidestreet of Beit Shmuel, an ultra-Orthodox neighborhood of Jerusalem. One person was injured and taken to a hospital, and nine more people were suffering from shock, Jerusalem Police Commander Micky Levy said.

"It was a car bomb," said Levy. "The car was totally destroyed." Some reports said the explosion was caused by gas canisters placed in the stolen car, as opposed to explosives, accounting for the relatively minor damage.

Witnesses said that the blast sent car parts flying four stories high into the air.

"I heard a bang and I started running away, and then half a minute later I heard a second blast. I saw pieces of car flying in the air, but I didn't see anybody fall down. I didn't stay to watch," said David Leiser, 21.

Police sealed off and searched the area. Some officers went through piles of garbage that had mounted on the sidewalks as a result of a



AFP Photo

Israeli police sappers inspect the remains of a car bomb after it exploded Thursday near Jerusalem's ultra-Orthodox Mea Shearim neighborhood. One person was wounded and nine treated for shock from the blast that police suspect was the work of Palestinian militants.

municipal workers strike.

Outgoing Prime Minister Ehud Barak said that Israel will "have to do everything possible to stop this violence and reach the perpetrators

of these attacks." The bombing caught Barak in the middle of a speech to his Labor Party in Tel Aviv, and he said he had to rush back to Jerusalem.

Gunman passed background checks

Associated Press

EVANSVILLE, Ind.

Despite a history of mental illness and at least one suicide attempt, Robert Pickett was able to walk into a pawn shop and buy the gun he later allegedly fired outside the White House, the shop's manager said Thursday.

Pickett, 47, bought the handgun a year ago after passing instant state and federal criminal background checks, said David Sisson, operations manager at Casey's Pawn Shop.

A Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agent linked the gun to the pawn shop through a serial number, Sisson said. The ATF referred questions about the sale to U.S. Park Police, which did not return calls.

Pickett, a fired Internal Revenue Service auditor and accountant in Evansville, was shot and wounded Wednesday outside the White House after firing a gun. No one but Pickett was wounded.

His motive was unclear, though park police said he put the barrel of the gun in his mouth.

Evansville police said Pickett did not have a criminal record.

In Indiana, gun buyers must fill out state and federal forms for a background check if they don't already have a permit. Both forms ask whether the applicant has ever been adjudicated mentally defective or been sent to a mental institution by a court.

State Police are called after the forms are filled out and the sale is either approved, denied or put on hold.

"You can buy a gun in an hour," said Maj. Karen Butt of the Indiana State Police.

Pickett's responses on the forms were not disclosed Thursday.

In a lawsuit Pickett filed over his firing, he said he suffered from mental illness and had tried to kill himself by overdosing on psychiatric medication.

He said he suffered a "severe depression episode" in 1993 and was treated by a Baltimore psychiatrist. Officials close to Fellowship House, a treatment center in Baltimore, confirmed he received treatment there.

But there is no evidence so far that Pickett's treatment was anything but

voluntary.

Unless a gun buyer has been arrested or convicted in connection to some type of mental illness, there is essentially no way to know if the person is telling the truth about being mentally ill or having been involuntarily committed, said Robert Meeks, a retired state trooper and now a state senator.

Meeks said authorities could do more to build a database of those who have a history of mental problems and should not be allowed to buy a gun. But he said Indiana's gun laws are adequate.

"If you start reporting every time someone has a mental illness, my goodness, what kind of country would we live in?" Meeks asked.

Brian Morton, spokesman for the lobbying group Handgun Control, said the ability to lie about mental illness is a "gigantic loophole" in instant checks.

"As a matter of policy, I think it's not like we're publishing their names on the front page of the paper," Morton said. "It's to make sure people who shouldn't have guns don't get them."

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Scully lecture details personal experience in Chile

By MARIBEL MOREY
Assistant News Editor

The three fans circulating the damp warm air throughout the exceedingly heated Montgomery Theatre in LaFortune resembled a South American climate more than South Bend in the middle of winter. Safely nestled away within an American campus, 20 people gathered and listened to Father Timothy Scully, executive vice president and government professor, speak on Thursday night on how his interest in Chile was cultivated.



Scully

Upon graduation from Notre Dame, Scully was recommended by the Holy Cross Order to go to Chile. He arrived in September of 1979. "I didn't speak Spanish, and I didn't know quite what Chile was," Scully said. "I found that I was in a world that was strange to me — strange in that it was unhappy because of its political regime," he said.

"I saw the poor getting the living crack out of them. I saw women's genitalia burnt and mangled, poverty and unemployment. I saw firsthand the effects of this democracy."

Father Timothy Scully
University executive vice president

Shortly upon arriving at Santiago, Scully noticed that a member of the religious order had been invited to a formal event where Pinochet was

going to be present. "I had been in Chile for 5 days. We [Pinochet and I] had a two-minute exchange — I wanted to watch him and see what this person's like," he said.

After two and a half years, Scully moved to a shanty town in Chile at which point he continued to see the blatant abuse of human rights. "I saw the poor getting the living crack out of them," he said. "I saw women's genitalia burnt and mangled, poverty and unemployment. I saw firsthand the effects of this democracy."

However, he later emphasizes that neither the poor nor the rich should be romanticized.

Together as a political and religious state, the Chilean people take national politics very seriously. "As sports is to the Notre Dame campus, politics is to Chile," he said. You are not friends nor you date outside of your political party. Politics is also engraved within families. "You tell me your last name and I can tell you immediately what party you are," Scully said.

As an American in Chile, Scully feels that his experience is not the same as other Chileans. "I was seen as someone apart — white, gringo, I was treated somewhat special," Scully said.

He went downtown one day to watch a riot when a police officer in uniform came up to him and asked him what he

was doing there. Scully told a white lie and said he was waiting for a friend and he himself was lost. For the rest of the riot, the officer served as Scully's own body-guard by shielding him from head-to-toe. Once the riot was over, Scully thanked the officer who then said, "That's what we're here for."

Scully was amazed. "They're [The military] beating the living shit out of their own people and he says 'that's what we're here for' — to protect the North American."

The role of the Church within these social injustices is different than the role of the Church in the United States. "The Church I grew up in is not a Church I associated with other than trying to [help Irish] make it in America. The Church was an institution that promoted us [Irish]," he said.

As Scully saw, the vast majority of the Chilean culture is Catholic, including Pinochet himself, and from 1973 onward, the Church was the only coherent organization protecting human rights. By protecting the poor, and "in a political sense, the Church chose against its institutional interests," he said.

The Church became a target of the Right. "The Right saw those nuns and me in a sort of way as communists — naive

troublesome communists amidst a real struggle," he said. "They viewed advocates of human rights and leftist folks as the enemy in a worldwide struggle against communism."

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Before going to Chile, theology for Scully had been an academic subject attempting to untie the problems of the mysteries of God — who and what is God, he said.

In the new concept of Liberation theology, it is said that "God actually takes sides — God is the God of the poor," said Scully.

At this point in Scully's life, he became passionate about democracy in Chile.

With this new interest, Scully wrote a small book on

the appropriate role of the Church in politics. Within this work he wrote that "torture in general was against the Catholic social teaching." This was enough for the police to strip him of his visa. It was replaced with a visa that required him to visit the police headquarters every two months to speak to a police agent about his life. "At this point I thought I needed to get out," he said.

However, he still returns to Chile every year. The United Nations sponsored two of these visits to take part in the reform of the law after General Pinochet's rule. "The laws that Pinochet left were so biased towards the Right and the governing body," Scully said.

Having researched Chile since his first visit in 1979, Scully is cautious of taking either side in the Chilean struggle. "I see life as so complex. Some movies, like Romero, portray the Right as so evil and the poor as so absolutely virtuous and I just don't think it's like that."



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Police look for motive behind White House shooting

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Federal authorities weighed what charges to file against an accountant who fired and brandished a handgun outside the White House, as life returned to normal Thursday at the executive mansion.

Tourist lines reappeared a day after the episode as man authorities apprehended, Robert Pickett of Evansville, Ind., remained in good condition in a hospital. A uniformed Secret Service officer had shot him in the right knee at midday Wednesday outside a White House fence.

Federal authorities did not file charges Thursday. Justice Department officials were considering whether to charge Pickett with violating the District of Columbia's gun law, which carries a maximum five-year sentence, or a federal count of assaulting a federal officer, with a maximum 10-year sentence.

Channing Phillips, spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office, said there was no urgency to charge Pickett while he was still recuperating.

Meanwhile, it was revealed that Pickett had bought the gun after passing an instant background check in his home state of Indiana, despite a history of mental illness.

Law enforcement officials, speaking on

condition of anonymity, also said that a suicide note was found in Pickett's vehicle, found at a commuter rail station in Fairfax County, Va., outside Washington.

With Pickett describing himself as a mental patient in several court filings against his former employer, the Internal Revenue Service, Phillips said the U.S. attorney's office could ask the court for an initial examination to evaluate Pickett's ability to understand legal proceedings. The results of that exam could lead to a more comprehensive, month-long evaluation.

Pickett created tense moments just outside the White House wrought-iron fence Wednesday as he waved his gun at police and terrified tourists and apparently fired two shots before a uniformed officer shot him.

Everything was normal in the White House on Thursday, as President Bush kept to his schedule, public tours went on as usual and security arrangements, intense during and after the incident Wednesday, appeared normal, with officers at their regular posts.

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Sisson said a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agent linked the

gun to his shop through a serial number.

In Indiana, no permit is necessary to purchase a handgun, but anyone without a permit is required to complete a form for a background check. Maj. Karen Butt, commander of the Indiana State Police records division, said the forms are destroyed after 30 days because of state privacy laws, and there was no record of Pickett's responses.

The state form asks: "Have you ever been adjudicated mentally defective or have you ever been court committed to a mental institution?"

White House press secretary Ari Fleischer, asked by reporters whether President Bush believes people with mental illness should have access to handguns, responded: "I think there are a series of laws on the books already dealing with that question. And I'm not aware of anything new on the federal level that would address that."

Pickett reached a settlement in 1989 with the IRS, in which the agency dropped an action to fire him and allowed him to resign. The IRS agreed to provide back pay for a six-week period.

The agreement notwithstanding, Pickett has waged a legal war against the IRS, filing several lawsuits, none successfully.

One of the cases remains alive. On Jan. 19, a day before Bush's inauguration, a federal magistrate in Cincinnati gave

Pickett 30 days to produce evidence showing why the action should not be dismissed. At least two other complaints against the IRS in federal courts were dismissed, according to Sharon Zealy, U.S. attorney for southern Ohio.

Pickett has not responded so far, James M. Coombe, an assistant U.S. attorney representing the IRS in the case, said Thursday.

In the case, Pickett presented his psychologist's letter attesting that he suffered from chronic depression and has been under treatment for a long time.

U.S. Magistrate Timothy Hogan addressed the competency issue in a ruling as part of the lawsuit. He wrote, "This court concludes that plaintiff suffers from a psychiatric condition that hampers his enjoyment of life and his ability to function completely in the workplace and in a more limited way with regard to his interpersonal relationships and his ability to care for himself."

Hogan added, however, there was "no proof as yet that plaintiff fails to understand the nature, extent or cause of his current problems."

In a lawsuit filed against the IRS in U.S. District Court in Evansville in 1997, Pickett said he "has been hospitalized five times by psychiatrists since August 1986, including twice for attempted suicide by drug overdose, and is currently in therapy."

Actual census counts to aid political redistricting

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Bush administration is committed to using raw census numbers for political redistricting, but may allow adjusted numbers to be used to allocate federal funds among the states, House Republican sources said Thursday.

Democrats contend that the statistical method known as

"sampling" protects against an expected undercount of minorities, the poor and children. They said any decision by President Bush to prevent sampling from being used for redistricting would disenfranchise millions of Americans who were missed in the 2000 census.

"The president supports an actual head count, because he believes it's the best and the most accurate way to conduct the census," White House

spokesman Ari Fleischer said. The administration has not made a final decision on sampling, he said.

But the GOP sources, including a House member, said the administration was committed to using only raw, nonsampled data from the 2000 count as the basis for states to redraw congressional, state and local political district lines. The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, also said that the use

of sampled data for other purposes, including determining federal funds, was "negotiable."

The Wall Street Journal also reported Thursday that the White House has "privately promised" to block states from using sampling for redistricting.

William Barron, acting director of the Census Bureau, has said he will decide by early March whether the sampled data should be released. The administration could overrule or block his decision.

The numbers to be used for redistricting must be released by April 1.

"This is an issue of great importance that will determine whether millions of people —

"The president supports an actual head count, because he believes it's the best and the most accurate way to conduct the census."

Ari Fleischer
White House spokesman

most of whom are minorities, children and rural residents — will be counted for representation at every level of government," said House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo. "A com-

promise that would deny these people representation would mean their disenfranchisement."

Spokesman for House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill.: "This is the most accurate census in history. There's little to no need for sampling."



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Paster becomes first African-American ND head drum major

By KELLY HAGER
News Writer

The 2001 football season will feature another first for Notre Dame. Leading the band for the 2001 season is new head drum major Tambre Paster — the first woman head drum major in 16 years and the first African-American drum major in University history.

"I am so honored and pleased to be working with such a talented group," said Paster. "Having the ability and opportunity to lead a group with both the prestige and tradition of the Notre Dame marching band — it makes me very happy."

Serving with the band since 1972, Father George Wiskirchen has been witness to much change. Now serving as an assistant director, Wiskirchen stated that he was extremely pleased to see the band students elect Paster as head drum major.

"I think it is great — Tambre is the first African-American head drum major the band has ever had — and I don't believe that her race will be an issue in the way she performs her job," said Wiskirchen. "She gets along with other people and is very competent. She'll do well."

When asked how she felt about being the first African-American drum major, and the first female in 16 years, Paster commented that "it will be a little unnerving at first to be under the public microscope" but she doesn't really focus on her gender or race as an issue when performing her job.

"I am proud to say that I am the first African-American drum major for the University," said Paster. "I am glad that it finally happened ... it represents how this school in particular is going in the right direction by not looking at color when deciding who the best person is for the job."

Paster is not a stranger to the director's podium, serving not only as a drum major while in high school, but also as an assistant drum major for Notre Dame last season.

Paster plays piccolo in concert band during the fall and spring. This spring, in addition to her responsibilities in the concert groups, Paster will begin taking on the responsibilities of her new drum major job.

Such responsibilities include managing the show committee that is responsible for choosing and deciding what music will be performed during the marching season. She will also be holding meetings inviting people to discuss ideas for the coming year and evaluate the past season to see where improvements should be made.

As marching season approaches, Paster will be spending more time in the band building preparing for the task at hand. Next year as a senior, majoring in aerospace engineering, Paster will be taking frequent breaks from her studies to attend practices, usually lasting 12-25 hours a week.

Paster said these hours will prove to be a combination of fun and hard work. "Every drum major rules differently, and I intend on leading the band by example to improve the attitude of people in band and bring the members closer together to perform better as a band," she said.

Paster was selected for head drum major after an extensive audition. Paster began practicing in October and auditions began in late November. The original group consisted of 16 people.

After the first marching audition, the group was narrowed down to eight. Those eight progressed to the conducting audition and interview in front of the band. Auditions were completed in early December and winners were announced shortly after.

Non-auditioning band members were present for the auditions and played a very important role in the selection. Together, band members, assistant directors, graduate assistants and past drum majors voted for three new drum majors for the year.

Brad Mazner and Jessica Boehm were selected as assistant drum majors.

"Having the ability and opportunity to lead a group with both the prestige and tradition of the Notre Dame marching band — it makes me very happy."

Tambre Paster
2001 head drum major

Bush sends tax plan to Congress

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Bush dispatched his proposed \$1.6 trillion, 10-year tax cut on what should be a tortuous journey through Congress

Thursday, urging action because "a warning light is flashing on the dashboard of our economy."



Bush

Democrats, while insisting that they, too, want to trim taxes this year, cast Bush's proposal as a version of President Reagan's first tax cut. They said the Bush plan was too big, risked plunging the federal budget back into deficit and was skewed toward the rich.

"We've already tried what President Bush is proposing," said Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D. "We did that in 1981. The rich got richer. The poor got poorer. And working families got stuck with the entire bill."

While Democrats try halving the size of Bush's package and aiming it more at lower-income Americans, many Republicans and lobbyists will spend the next few months seeking to add on.

Some GOP lawmakers have talked of pushing the price tag beyond \$2 trillion. Business groups want to insert provisions trimming corporate income tax and capital gains tax rates, speeding up writeoffs for equipment purchases, and other items.

"We're on the verge of a feeding frenzy all across the board,"

said Sen. Max Baucus of Montana, senior Democrat on the tax-writing Senate Finance Committee.

The opposing tugs from both sides mean it is impossible to predict what the final bill will look like. But there is virtually no doubt that Congress this year will pass the biggest tax cuts since Reagan's 1981 package.

What Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill actually delivered to Congress was a nine-page document describing the plan Bush campaigned on, which focused on a reduction in income-tax rates. It would also double the \$500 per child tax credit, phase out the estate tax, make permanent the temporary credit for business research and reduce the marriage penalty, which is the extra tax some couples must pay after they marry.

Asked whether Bush would let the package grow in size, O'Neill said, "He's been very firm that he wants to stay at the total of \$1.6 trillion."

Even so, GOP leaders were pleased to begin their first serious tax-cutting drive in years. Former President Clinton vetoed most of their tax cuts since they took over Congress in 1995.

"After years of waiting, we finally have received an honest to goodness tax proposal from the White House," said House Speaker Dennis Hastert of Illinois.

O'Neill said administration officials would complete the bill's details in coming weeks. He will testify on the plan next

Tuesday before the House Ways and Means Committee.

Though the bill may not clear Congress until at least the summer, Bush spent the third week of his presidency pushing his tax plans in daily appearances. His hope is to take advantage of momentum provided by the sluggish economy and skyrocketing budget surplus estimates.

"Our Treasury is full and our people are overcharged," Bush said in the White House Rose Garden, where he also reiterated his desire to make some of the cuts retroactive to last Jan. 1. "Returning some of their money is right, and it is urgent," he said, underscoring the argument that a tax cut should help the slowing economy.

Bush said his plan would mean tax savings of \$1,600 to the average family of four, though he didn't mention that that would be years from now, when all of the tax cuts are fully phased in.

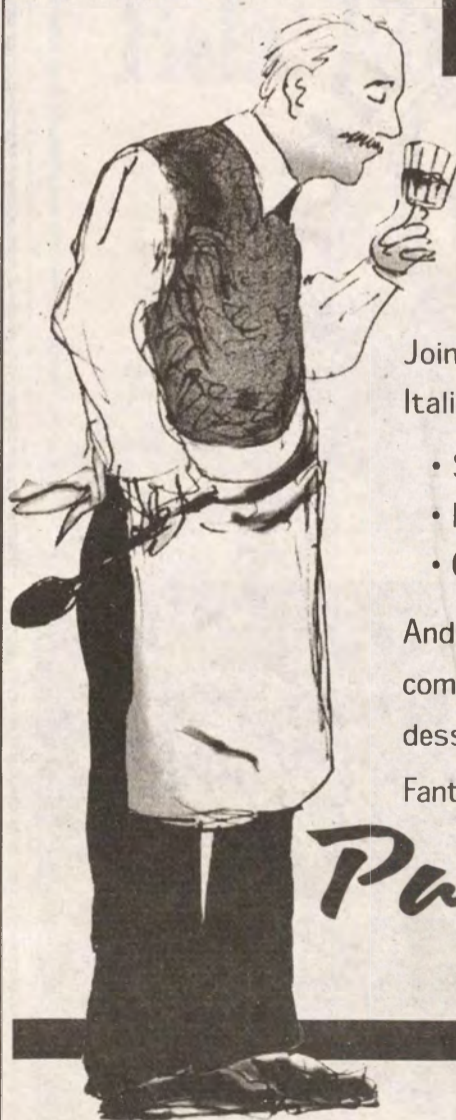
Besides putting extra money into people's pockets, Bush said the cuts made sense in light of projected budget surpluses. The Congressional Budget Office envisions \$5.6 trillion in surpluses for the coming decade.

Bush and his aides say his plan will help lower- and middle-income taxpayers most because their reductions would grow by the largest percentages. Bush said families earning between \$35,000 and \$75,000 would get tax breaks of from \$600 to \$3,000 more each year.

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Ashcroft meets with Reno

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WASHINGTON
Janet Reno was back in the attorney general's office Thursday — for lunch with her successor John Ashcroft — and she gave him a history lesson before the first course.

The atmosphere was cordial and good-humored as the Clinton Democrat, who reminds of a school marm, returned from her home in Florida to meet the polished conservative Republican politician, who was one of the first senators to call for impeachment of the president she served.

When Ashcroft told reporters how much he appreciated the chance to confer with the nation's longest-serving attorney general, Reno, who served eight years, promptly corrected him, noting her tenure was second to the 11 years served by William Wirt. "I told you I could learn things from her," Ashcroft remarked.

A reporter asked Reno if she agreed with Clinton's

controversial pardon of fugitive commodities trader Marc Rich — a move Ashcroft had called into question the evening before. "A pardon should be reserved for a situation where there is a manifest sense of injustice," Ashcroft had said on CNN's "Larry King Live" program.

But Reno ducked the question. "I don't do things on Thursday any more," she replied — a reference to the weekly Thursday news conference she held as attorney general.

Ashcroft, whose aides are still weighing whether to follow or alter her practice of weekly news conferences, roared with laughter and predicted news magazines would highlight that quote.

Asked if she missed being attorney general, Reno replied, "I miss the people."

But she had not lost the feel of the job. Entering

the attorney general's private dining room slightly in front of her host, she did not notice Ashcroft gesturing to the side chair of the dining table set for two and strode over and sat at the head of the table. And she was carrying a tabbed notebook of papers to discuss.

Over several hours, she lunched with Ashcroft, met with his top aides and held a private session with him devoted to classified matters, Ashcroft's aides said. They declined to reveal the substance of the discussions.

Earlier, Ashcroft, a former Missouri senator, reached out for advice to a batch of his predecessors, including Republican Attorneys General William Barr,

Richard Thornburgh, Ed Meese and Democrat Griffin Bell.

He also met with the Republican chairmen and ranking Democrats from the House and Senate Judiciary Committees for lunch.

"I told you I could learn things from her."

**John Ashcroft
Attorney General**

COLUMBIA

President Pastrana meets rebels on enemy grounds

Associated Press

LOS POZOS

Staking his own safety on resuscitating Colombia's shaky peace process, President Andres Pastrana traveled to rebel territory Thursday, where he was embraced by guerrilla chief Manuel Marulanda and held "very productive" talks.

As dusk approached in this village in the heart of guerrilla territory, the leaders of the opposing sides ended their almost eight hours of talks and called a temporary halt for the night. Pastrana flew in a helicopter to spend the night in an abandoned army base hidden inside this safe haven he granted the rebels two years ago.

But the early positive signals belied the challenges Pastrana faces in his quest to end Colombia's 37-year war. In their third face-to-face encounter, Pastrana is trying to get Marulanda's Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, to return to formal peace talks that they abandoned in November.

Marulanda, for his part, is demanding that Pastrana crack down on a right-wing paramilitary group that has been massacring suspected rebel sympathizers, and to scale back an anti-drug offensive backed by \$1.3 billion in U.S. mili-

tary aid. A possible prisoner exchange was also on the table.

"We have decided to meet and continue this conversation tomorrow at nine in the morning," Pastrana told reporters with Marulanda at his side. "The meeting was very productive and we will continue working."

Marulanda also put a positive spin on Thursday's talks, details of which were not released.

"I feel very satisfied about this meeting and back the words of the president," the guerrilla chief said.

A failure to make headway could plunge this South American country into deeper turmoil. Some 3,000 people are killed annually in fighting among guerrillas, the military and the paramilitary group, which is competing for drug profits with the FARC.

Pastrana had arrived in the Switzerland-sized safe haven Thursday morning on his plane from the capital Bogota. He flew to San Vicente del Caguán, the biggest town in the so-called demilitarized zone in southern Colombia's Cauqueta province, and then traveled by helicopter to the nearby village of Los Pozos.

As two helicopters carrying Pastrana and his entourage approached Los Pozos, guerrillas set ablaze a wet pile of leaves to identify the landing zone and the wind direction.

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Finding myself in Poland

Its magnificent Old City forms a geometric maze of black-stained, yellow buildings. Above the downtown rises the Wawel Castle, a tribute to Eastern European kings.

A marketplace, where eager salespeople sell carved wooden boxes and cheap crystal, stands central in the downtown next to the Cathedral of Saint Mary, which testifies to the faith of the country. The central crucifix of this blue, red and gold-adorned church inspires awe in all those who pass through its heavy brown doors.

Outside the voices of students radiate throughout the streets of this jewel of a city once hidden behind the wall of communism.

In the days after Christmas, I found myself in Krakow, Poland.

Throughout the snow-less month of December in Austria, I looked forward to my trip eastward. I had yet to cross into territory held by the force that inspired the fall-out shelter in the basement of my grammar school.

I eagerly awaited the opportunity to look for the legacy of the past in the growth of Krakow, a city that has developed over the last ten years into a center of culture and hope in Poland. I also aimed to find some pierogies, Polish cheese and potato filled ravioli, like those of my grandmother.

As I walked through the streets of Krakow, I felt for the first time since departing the United States that I had

truly left my home country. The obligatory McDonald's in the Old City stood as the only evidence that western civilization had reached Poland. The Dunkin' Donuts that had sat on a corner near the train station went out of business last year.

In contrast to Austria, Switzerland or Italy, where the majority of students, salespeople and train personnel that I have encountered converse fluently in English, the barrier of language hindered our navigation of the Krakow.

In two restaurants, my travel companions and I ordered by pointing at an item and hoping that it would appeal to our tastebuds. (I did eat some pierogies at the second.) At a bank, I could only communicate with the teller in German, whose grasp of the language paled in comparison to even my one-dimensional, American-accent tinged verbal abilities.

The lands beyond the city touched me to an even greater degree. On our second day in Poland, we rode from Krakow to Oswiecim, the site of the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camps.

The landscape of rural Poland starkly contrasted that of Austria with its ornate village churches and wooden-roofed, orange and brown farmhouses. Villages of rectangular shacks and wire fences dotted the fields. The cartoonish graffiti that decorated the walls of the houses provided the only color in the winter landscape. No break in the contours of the land denoted the end of the world of the living and the beginning of the camps of death.

The museum at Auschwitz and Birkenau pays tribute to the suffering and turmoil that Poland has endured over the past century. It also stands as a monument to the depth of the crimes that humans have the capability to commit against one another.

The shattering perfect calculation of the Nazis and their sadistic manipulation of the prisoners violently struck me. They denied certain prisoners blankets and others shoes or jackets so that the captives would have to fight amongst themselves to survive.

Yet, perhaps ironically in this somber place, I encountered some of the most hospitable people that I have ever met. Our tour guide from the museum met us with a smile and a calm voice at the train platform. A driver from a youth center in Oswiecim took us to the museum, kept our bags safe in the taxi and awaited our return from the tour. The center provided us with dinner and allowed us to stay there as we waited for our midnight train to take us back to Innsbruck.

But, perhaps our simple visit to Auschwitz and Birkenau inspired the welcoming demeanor of our guides. More Americans visited the concentration camps in the 1970s, when Poland still existed under communism, than today in a time of open borders.

On the ride to the Oswiecim train station, we passed a point of controversy that had reached the pages of Time and Newsweek — a disco just outside the death camps. As we drove past the gray, metallic building, our driver, an older man around 65 years old, commented that the children here must live too.

And to me, Poland did indeed feel like a country coming to life.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"That men do not learn very much from the lessons of history is the most important of all the lessons of history."

Aldous Huxley
author



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Some words not to be used lightly

You're hanging out with your friends after the Super Bowl, eagerly anticipating the debut of "Survivor II." The group starts to banter about who will be the first to get kicked off, the feminist ex-cop or the hot personal trainer. Suddenly, one of your cohorts announces, "I don't care, 'Survivor' is gay." Some of your peers giggle nervously, while the others awkwardly change the subject.

We've all found ourselves in a similar situation at one time or another. You'll be talking about an arbitrary subject when one of your friends voices his disapproval for something by characterizing it as "gay." Although this phrase may often go unchallenged, it does not go unnoticed.

The use of the word as a misplaced adjective offends many people, regardless of their sexual orientation. It is unnecessary to use such a word where it does not belong. When something is meant to be characterized as stupid or lame and people say "gay" to get their point across, the word is tagged with a negative connotation.

The misuse of the word not only offends, but also makes the speaker look uneducated and unrefined. It's no mystery that Notre Dame students receive some of the best educations in the country. Surely they can come up with a more sophisticated word to describe their feelings — or a more accurate one, at that. If something is stupid, why not call it that?

When you say "this shirt looks gay," do you really mean that the shirt appears homosexual? Or is it just unfashionable? Would you feel comfortable using the word "gay" in this manner around your professors, your rectors, at a job interview or in a term paper? No, probably not.

Most importantly, this adjective seems incredibly out of place at a school where most of the students are self-proclaimed Christians. When you knowingly slander and offend those around you, how can you claim to be living up to your faith's ideals? True Christians recognize and celebrate the uniqueness of all of God's creatures.

So many of us claim to be humanitarians, and ourselves dedicating our time and our money to correcting the wrongs in society. However, we knowingly exhibit a lapse in judgment which could reasonably contribute to intolerance, injustice and even violence. This is not the standard which should be set for our generation and those to come.

Next time you're tempted to abuse this term, consider who's listening.

Kelly Rogers
Amanda Rubio
sophomores
Lyons Hall
February 8, 2001

Students should support women's basketball

Basketball is one of the most popular sports here at Notre Dame. The women's basketball team is undefeated. They are ranked No. 1 in the nation. Admission to their games is free for all students. Someone, please, explain to me why there were no more than 50 students at Wednesday's game versus Pittsburgh?

I've been thinking about this for some time and I just can't figure it out. Why is it that students consistently pay to attend men's games and manage to fill the student section, yet those same students do not attend the women's games? Is everyone busy whenever the women have a game? Is the women's schedule harder to find than the men's? Plenty of students attended the game against Connecticut — was the excitement of that game not enough to keep you coming back?

I sat in the student section tonight — notice I said "sat." No one stands, no one does the cheers, and that's probably because the rest of the people sitting in the student section aren't actually students.

Do you know that before every game, the ushers tape signs on every row of the student section to keep the ushers out? Do you know that eventually the ushers walk through the section taking all those signs down when they realize that the students just aren't coming?

I know that the women on the basketball team don't play because they want recognition from the student body. Even if no one attended their games, they would play just as hard and win just as often. The women aren't suffering because students don't attend their games. It's the students who are missing out — they aren't watching the best team in the nation play terrific basketball.

Kati Miller
senior
Badin Hall
February 8, 2001

Wheat wafers weigh in

This week's Observer sports what promises to be one of the stranger exchanges of the year. Mike Connolly's Inside Column, "All Praise Wheat," on Monday comments on the decidedly odd refusal of the Archdiocese of Boston to allow a 5-year-old girl with celiac disease to make her first communion with what is described as a wafer made of rice rather than wheat, a refusal based in part on a Vatican decision of 1994.

Christopher Mirus in a letter on Tuesday defends the refusal on grounds that could best be described as a kind of Vatican fundamentalism — supposedly, Jesus used wheat when he "instituted the Eucharist" and so the Church must do the same.

Here his historical slip is showing. Most scholars tend to see the origins of the Eucharist as too complex to be attributed to a single occasion. But let's grant the assumption that the occasion usually called the "last supper" is determinative for the Eucharist. The meal is described by the gospel authors as a meal for the feast of Passover and the unleavened bread (so the Western, but not the Eastern churches have generally used unleavened bread).

This feast celebrated the first grain harvest in Galilee and Judea — the barley harvest. In fact, the gospel of John, which sets the miracle of the multiplication of loaves at Passover, speaks specifically of barley loaves. At any Passover meal in Jerusalem in Jesus' time, the loaves would have come from the new harvest and would not necessarily have contained any wheat at all.

Outside of Passover, barley tended to be the food of the poor; as the celebration of both Passover and eucharist moved away from the

holy land with its seasonal celebrations and from the time of Jesus, the significance of the barley was lost. The desire for something a bit more refined and festive probably came into play, and the wheat loaves more common in the Roman world became the norm.

Even had the bishop been right about the practice of Jesus, it seems to me that some allowances could have been made here. The church allows alcoholic priests to use a non-alcoholic substance called mustum rather than wine in the cup. Why should a shift to rice wafers rather than wheat be any different? No one would miss the wheat — as Connolly pointed out, most communion wafers appear to be made largely of plaster.

This observation raises a broader problem — if a sacrament is a sign that signifies what it effects, what happens to the effect when the sign is so impoverished? Most communion wafers bear so little resemblance to bread that it takes more faith to believe they contain wheat than to discern the body of Christ (it is, incidentally, possible to make rice bread that resembles bread, as opposed to Necco wafers.)

Nourishment is the last thing they signify. Worse still, it's rarely true that "we all partake of the same cup" — in most congregations the cup (which may or may not contain wine) is reserved for the priest alone. Maybe the impoverishment of the sign has something to do with the wheat-worshipping hierarchy's inability to discern the body of Christ in such members as this little girl.

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February 8, 2001

GUEST COLUMN

Celebrating Valentine's Day for all the wrong reasons

Ah, yes. Romance is in the air. As is a barrage of cupid, lace, angels, teddy bears, flowers and chocolates galore. Whether you like it or not, the Season of Love is upon us.

Valentine's Day is right around the corner. Valentine shoot me.

Yes, that's right, I hate Valentine's Day. This may seem odd, considering I am quite the romantic. But that's just it. Sorry to pull a Swattie and disparage against all things mainstream and commercial, but I've got a real problem with the capitalist ambience of Valentine's Day.

I feel like the real romance is replaced by Hallmark. It's a Greek tragedy. But I guess all holidays are like that. I mean, I can think of several friends of various faiths who wholeheartedly celebrate Christmas. And that's certainly not a criticism; it's more an observation of the lack of Christian content in the commercialized season.

But I think that people at least have some vague idea of the origins. And in general, 'tis the season for good tidings and all that merriness. So even without the sacred, there is the humanitarian. And the world makes sense again.

How many people know who St. Valentine was, though? I barely remember and I spent nine years in Catholic school hearing the liturgy of the saints and their lives forced into me day after day. Not that knowing about this guy redeems the holiday — 'cause the problem with Valentine's Day, as far as I can tell, is that it's pretty much comprised by commercialism.

Cutesy paraphernalia ad nauseam practically from December 27 'til the day after the actual cursed day. All those annoying reminders that

relentlessly pursue you everywhere — on TV, on your computer, on the radio, at the mall, even in the grocery store. Forcing you to prove your love, your affection, your commitment, your sensitivity or whatever. It's such a performance.

And if, God forbid, you don't have a Valentine, well, then you might as well just down that entire bag of Hershey's kisses and sob hysterically while watching "An Affair to Remember" all by your lonesome like the pathetic person society says you are.

And it's not that I'm bitter. I've had my share of Valentine's Day moments (and plenty of self-pitying chocolate-filled moments, too).

It's just that I object to the performance of it all. Love's romance, commitment, trust, loyalty and all that jazz is special because it's unique.

Because it is shared by only two people (well, usually). Because it brings magic into the couple's lives. Because it's what makes those lives worth living so much of the time.

And yeah, OK, the flowers will probably make her melt. But they're not enough.

Love is sacred. It should be celebrated every day. Not just once a year, on some arbitrary day in February.

And the best kinds of mementos don't have a little registered trademark symbol on them. They're those spontaneous, priceless gestures that remind you of why you are in love with the person in the first place.

That's how I see it, anyway.

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Winter fun in

Scene walks you through some traditional and some not-so-

By SCOTT LITTLE
Scene Writer

So we live in South Bend. People say there is nothing to do here in the winter. Well, they are partially right. But also, they are partially wrong. There are some things to do, but when it comes right down to it, it's up to you!

Long John Silver's and Tillet

If you have never eaten at Long John Silver's you are in luck. There are seven Long John Silver's franchises in the Michiana Area. They have catfish and fish sandwiches and ocean chef salads. And don't think your fun is over after you have gobbled down your meal. Within an hour you'll feel an anchor in your belly just begging for you to take the ship to the harbor. This could be a while and what fun it will be. Don't forget to ring the bell on your way out of Long John's if your service was good.

Drive Thru Safari

You can't really do this in the winter, but if you are a Bio major, and need to cram for your final, this may be a good place to start. Drive Thru Safari is located a piddely 180 miles east of here, close to Cedar Point. Most safari-goers describe their encounters as "Thrilling!" They have the only white zebras in the United States and a llama exhibit to boot. There is certainly no experience like it in the Midwest. And on your way

out, don't forget to stop by the Simba Lodge Gift shop for a zooniever. Take I-80 east, then go north on Exit 6 in Ohio. You can't miss it!

Cook Energy Information Center

Or maybe you're an engineer. Well then, the place for you is Cook Energy Information Center. About 33 miles north of us on Lake Michigan there is a big nuclear power plant that transmits 2.1 million kilowatt hours of electricity to thousands of consumers. And lucky for us, they are open almost the entire year for visiting. You can visit them Tuesdays through Sundays, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Here, you'll enjoy multimedia theaters and a fun tour. At the end, you can even test your Energy IQ with a touch-screen computer game. There are also great hiking trails there, and the lovely Michigan Dunes. Take 31 N to US 12 W to 94 N and take exit 16.

Amish Country

It might be winter, but the Amish don't seem to mind. They are a rugged people. And maybe some of that has to do with their yummy wholesome food. You too can eat this Amish food ... in Amish Country! Spend a day there and see Amish covered bridges, shop for Amish collectibles and visit some Amish museums. Some places you won't want to miss are The Corn Crib, The ClothesLine and the Essenhaus Bakery. To get to Amish Country, take highway 20 east until you are in Middlebury, and start exploring. It is about 20 minutes east of Elkhart.

Casinos

If you are 21 and think you are lucky — or if you are filthy rich — consider heading out for an evening of carousing and gambling at one of the nearby casinos. United Limo drives to Michigan City. You could hop aboard with your money clip and head for adventure at the Blue Chip Casino. Oh, and don't worry, there is a Long John Silver's in Michigan City. If winning could only be as easy as it sounds. Blue Chip is located at 2 Easy Street. If you are passing through Gary, consider The Majestic Star, and if you're in Hammond seek out The Empress. If you are under

21 your closest bet is in Canada. You only have to be 19 to throw away your parents' hard earned money in Canada. And you can drink. The place to go is Windsor, and once there you won't have any problems at all finding out where to drop your money.

Marengo Cave

This is not in the Michiana area at all. But if you're a cave lover like me, you don't care. Marengo cave is located near Patoka Lake in southern Indiana. They have cavern tours year round. (Pssst, the weather doesn't change much in a cave.) They also have corral trail rides over the caves in the spring, as well as canoe trips, a climbing tower and a zip line. Call (812) 365-2705 for more information.

Fernwood

Packed with beautiful nature stuff, they have an indoor conservatory and a goldfish. They also accommodate you with a café, gift shop and visitor center. It is a great place for hiking and enjoying the outside. To get there, take 31 N to Walton, in Niles. Take a right when you get to Range Line Road, and about one mile down the road you'll see Fernwood.

Potawatami Zoo

Located nearby in South Bend, the zoo is open in the winter. The hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. The price for admission is \$4. Don't miss the kangaroos. They are hip hoppidy fantastic!

South Bend Century Center

The Century Center is where a lot of big events take place in South Bend. You can check out their Web site daily for upcoming events at www.Century-Center.org.

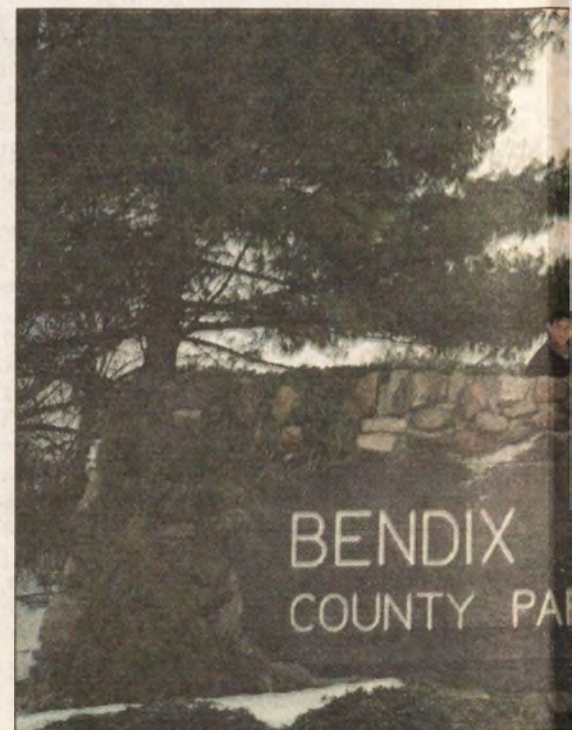
South Bend Regional Museum of Art

You have probably been to the Snite, so why not head to the South Bend Regional Art Museum? Located in downtown South Bend across from the Marriott on St. Joseph St., the museum showcases a variety of art. If you are an artist, consider contacting the curator and showing him your stuff. You really might be amazed at

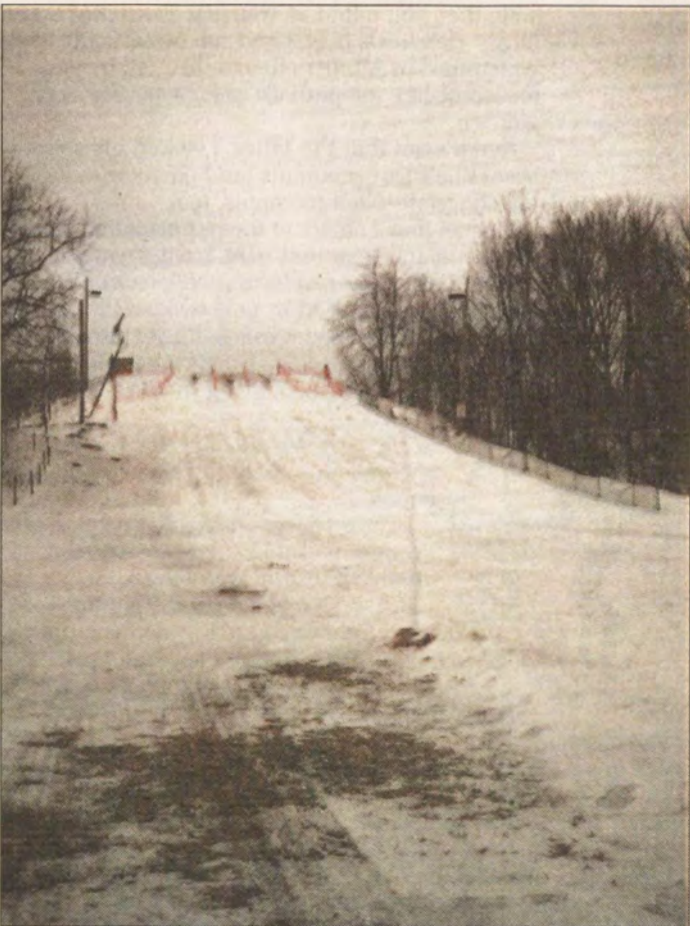


St. Patrick's Park offers snow tube rental, ski rental, torch-lit minutes' drive from campus. In snow or sun, this park is sure

some of the stuff they have in there. The Midwest is often criticized for being bland, but you'll find anything of the sort in the South Bend Regional Museum of Art, where a lot of the art



Bendix Woods also hosts cross-country skiing and al setting. Just don't try to go sledding here; the

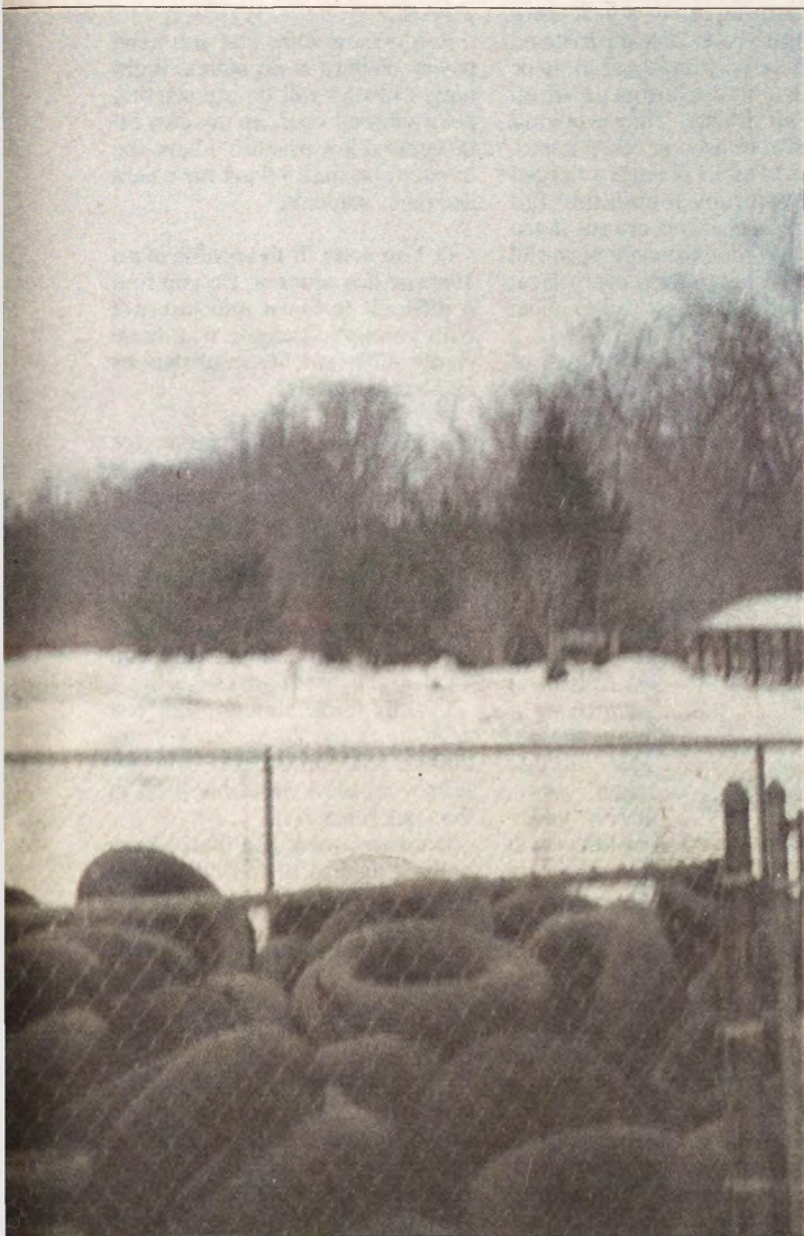


Sled hills at St. Patrick's Park provide a great source for winter entertainment. Just make sure you bring some hot chocolate to warm you up when the sledding is done!

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South Bend

conventional options for shaking off the Indiana winter blues



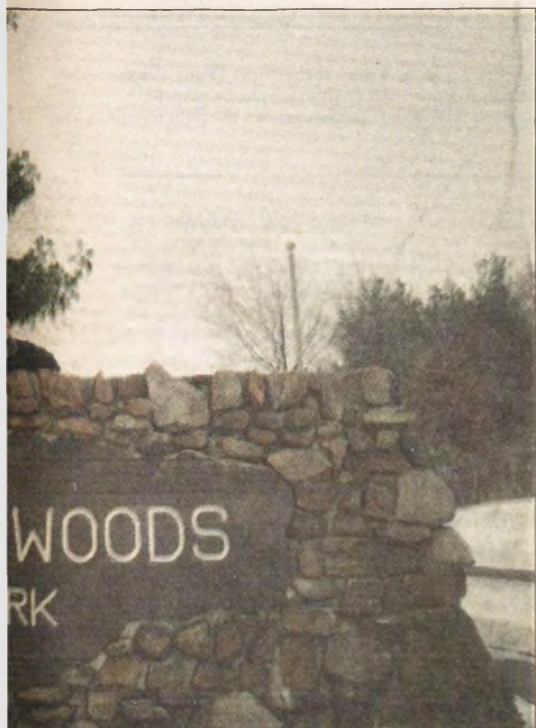
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evening skiing along with beautiful scenery — all within a few to amuse!

is by Midwest artists.

Chuck E. Cheese's

Located at Town & Country Mall, Chuck E. Cheese's lets the kid in us



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and miles of hiking trails in a beautiful nature now defunct sled hill is a little dangerous.

come out and play some video games and eat some pizza, and if we are lucky, win some prizes. They still do birthdays and the band sounds better than ever.

Video Stores

There are 14 video stores in the South Bend vicinity that are at your disposal. Videos provide that simple escape at minimal cost. The closest video stores are Hollywood and Blockbuster, found right next to Martin's on Ironwood. If they don't have what you want there, they probably do at Morris Classic Video on 31 north. Some winter classics that you will undoubtedly enjoy are "Jack Frost," "The Snow Bunnies" and "Jingle All the Way."

St. Patrick's

Park

Tubing and cross-country skiing is the name of the game at St. Patrick's Park. They are only open for fun on the weekends, though. It costs around \$5 to rent ski equipment for one hour. You can ski from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This Friday they are lighting up the park with torches and you can ski from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tubing is every Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. It could be a blast with a bunch of friends tearing down the hill all linked together. St. Pat's is located just off Laurel Rd. Take 31 N to Auten Rd. Take a left and then turn right on to Laurel. The park is on the left.

Bendix Woods

This park also has cross-country skiing. They also have a lot of nice hiking trails. The big selling point of this park is this: In the 1930's the Studebaker boys planted pine trees to shape the name Studebaker when looked at from the sky. They used to have tubing here as well, but someone got hurt on the hill and consequently there is no more tubing. And if you get a sled and try to go down, park rangers will yell at you. It used to be the biggest snow tube hill in the area. So if you want to go there and have some fun, it is 12 miles out of town. Take Western Avenue west. The park will be on your left. Coming up in

March, Bendix Woods is having its annual Maple Syrup gathering and pancake breakfast. Every year the festival grows in size. Last year over 800 people attended.

Shoveling Snow

When the snow hits the ground, the shovels hit the snow. And no one knows this better than old people. Many of them have snowplows by now, but the ones that don't could really use your help. It might be a nice gesture to wake up early every day and, if it is snowing, go walk around the nearby neighborhoods surrounding Notre Dame and offer to shovel people's driveways. They might pay you, they might ask to get money from you, but whatever happens, you will be enjoying winter the South Bend way: Helping neighbors and enjoying the outdoors.

Swiss Valley

Downhill skiing anyone? Just 40 minutes northeast of South Bend in the hills of Michigan there are some great ski slopes. Take 33 N to 12 E which will turn into highway 60. Take a left on Patterson Hill Rd. and you will be there. It costs \$20 to ski and \$15 to rent skis. You'll need a way to get there, but it is the closest place around. It isn't very big, but it should provide a good day's worth of fun and college memories.

Howard Park Ice Skating

There is a community park off Jefferson Blvd. It is about two miles south of Campus near the St. Joe River. Ice Skating is the name of the winter fun game here. The rink hours are as follows: Fri. 3-5:30, 7-10. Sat. 10:15-12, 1-3:30, 4-6, 7-10. Sun. 1-3:30, 4-6, 7-9. Mon-Thurs. 3-5:30. Skate rental is \$2 a person and it is \$3 to skate during one session. It is a great dating activity.

Board Games

Never underestimate the fun of the Parker Brothers or Milton Bradley. These guys have been inventing fun on cardboard squares for over 100 years now. If you can make it to Osco, you can buy your own game. If you can't, you could just make up your own board game. Some of my personal favorites

are: "Sorry," "Hungry-Hippos," "The Un-Game," "Pay-Day" and "Risk." Check-m-out! What's great about these games is that it doesn't matter what the weather is like, they are fun all the time.

Dorm Rivalry

Start some dorm rivalry. Nothing smells better to an Alumni man than sardines behind a Dillon man's radiator. PW women know nothing finer than the greasy hair look of a Badin Frog because all the showerheads were mysteriously missing in the morning. Remember being told freshman year about dorm rivalries and as the year went on, you realized that there was hardly anything going on? A little prankstership could really whip the campus into a winter fun whirl. Check out

www.pranks.com or www.strangepage.com for some good joke ideas.

Some other ideas for fun times are the South Bend Motor Speedway (it isn't opened yet for the season, but it comes pretty fast), antique shopping in Niles or somewhere in Steuban County (east of here) you can go tobogganing down tiny icy paths. Call (800) LAKE-101 for the exact location.

In the meantime, throw that snowball at that mean professor. Wake your roommate up with a snow pie in the face. That is what winter is for.



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A romantic way to pass a chilly winter's eve, ice skating at Howard Park is available, complete with skate rental. Make sure you go before the ice starts to melt!

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MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Notre Dame heads to Canada

By NOAH AMSTATDER
Assistant Sports Editor

With one more week to go before the Big East Championships, the Notre Dame men's track and field team decided to switch the schedule around a bit.

Rather than running the Cannon IV Classic in Indianapolis this weekend, the team is sending a small unit up to the University of Windsor Team Challenge in Windsor, Ontario on Saturday.

"The decision was made probably about 10 days ago," said head coach Joe Piane. "The meet down in Indianapolis — there are some events on Friday and then nothing starts on Saturday until late in the afternoon. You'd miss class on Friday, and you wouldn't get back until 2 a.m. on Sunday at the earliest."

The Ontario meet provides the athletes a chance to compete on a 200-meter, flat track for the first time this indoor season, a crucial experience as the Big East meet at Syracuse takes place on such a track.

"This is really our only opportunity all indoor season to compete on the same kind of facility that we're going to compete at the Big East Championships on," said sprints coach John Millar. "Some of our freshman especially — they've never even been on a 200-meter track. We're trying to give them at least an opportunity to see what it's

all about."

The 13 athletes heading to our northern neighbor are either looking for a final tune-up before the conference meet or looking to qualify. "We're sending people up that may need a competition or if somebody's on the cusp of qualifying, trying to give them that opportunity," said Piane.

One of those targeted athletes is Sean McManus, who will compete in the 3,000 meters as his specialty, the 5,000-meters, is not an event at the meet. Another athlete looking to break through for a trip to New York is high jumper Craig Novosel-Johnson, who cleared 6 feet, 5 inches last Saturday.

"He had some good attempts at 6-7 this last weekend," said field events coach Scott Winsor. "That's exactly why I'm taking him. He cleared 6-5. He had some really good attempts at the next height. He's borderline — if he jumps well he'll go next week."

Middle-distance runner Nick Setta will get a chance to kick it into gear in a longer sprint, as he will compete in the 600-meters. In preparation for running the 400-meters next weekend, senior Terry Wray and freshman James Bracken will run the 300-meters.

"It's kind of an off distance for them but it's a good indicator of based on how they run the 300-meters what they're capable of in the 400," Millar said.

Senior Travis Davey will also take part in the 300-meter race, as well as running the 60-meters. "We want to get him on the small track and just kind of see where he's at," Millar said. "We might need him on the mile relay at the conference meet as well."

Nathan Cahill will be the lone competitor in the pole vault, as teammate Josh Heck is suffering from a pulled gluteus muscle.

"He's been having some glute problems — really really tight after vault sessions," Winsor said. "We just vaulted him today. He's going to vault again Monday and ride it in to the Big East."

Godwin Mbagwu and Tom Gilbert look for one final tune-up in the long jump, while Mbagwu also competes in the triple jump. Winsor is looking for a break-out performance from Gilbert, who took second last weekend despite battling the flu.

"I really look for Tom to bust some good jumps in the next couple of weeks," Winsor said. "I think 24 is conservative for what Tom can do. He hits a good one, he's going to be out there."

In the throws, Brian Thornberg, Derek Dyer and John Scolaro will compete in the weight-throw and shot-put.

The opportunity to compete against unfamiliar competition excites Winsor.

"These guys are excited about going to Canada and competing against some Canadians," Winsor said.

WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Irish vaulters tune up for Big East meet in Canada

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's women's pole vault crew is arguably the best in the Big East — in every meet this season, at least one athlete has broken the indoor school record.

They are consistent — every week they jump within a foot of each other.

The only question remaining is how high the four vaulters can soar.

When Jaime Volkmer, Jennifer Van Weelden, Natalie Hallett and Bethany Wilson travel to Canada this weekend to compete in the Windsor Classic, the international community will get a glimpse of just how good the Irish vaulters are.

Jaime Volkmer, whose 12-foot vault last week at the Mevo Invitational set the current school record, has an excellent chance to qualify for the NCAA Tournament, according to field events coach Scott Winsor.

"Quite frankly, the main focus with her right now is making it to the NCAAs," he said. "She's definitely capable of doing that."

In order to provisionally qualify for the NCAA Indoor Championships, Volkmer needs to clear 12-4 at either Saturday's meet or at next weekend's Big East Indoor Championships.

However, Volkmer isn't the only star vaulter on the Irish squad. In fact, the Notre Dame vaulters hold four of the top nine top vaults in the Big East — Volkmer, Van Weelden and Hallett are ranked two-three-five in the conference right now. In the Big East championship meet, the top eight places will score points.

Winsor isn't worried about his vaulters getting tired from vaulting four consecutive weekends in a row.

"It's not like they're wearing down," he said. "We've only had three meets. Keep them on the runway, keep them fresh, and get them ready for the Big East. All four can score."

The Irish were originally scheduled to compete in Indianapolis this weekend. But the Notre Dame coaching staff believed it would be better for

their athletes to travel to Canada.

"Logistically, it's just an easier meet for us," said sprints coach John Millar. "This is really our only opportunity all season to compete at the Big East Championships on. Some of our freshman especially — they've never even been on a 200-meter track. We're trying to give them at least an opportunity to see what it's all about."

Notre Dame is only sending a small group of athletes. Junior Liz Grow, who ran 53.3 last week and has the fastest times for the Irish in the 60, 200 and 400-yard dashes, will not be travelling with the team. Instead, the Irish are focusing on sending a select group of athletes who need important competition.

All-American Tameisha King will be competing in the long jump and the 60-meter dash and hurdles. However, she will only take three jumps instead of the normal six in the long jump and will run only the preliminaries in the running events, according to Millar.

In addition, Ayesha Boyd and Kristen Dodd will also run the 60-meter dash. Dodd and Kymia Love, who ran a personal-best 400 last week, will run the 300-meter dash. Ana Morales will run the 1,000-meter run, an event she may compete in at Big East tournament. And Betsy Lazzeri will join King in the hurdles and will also high jump as she prepares for the Big East pentathlon competition.

Notes:

◆Fifth-year senior thrower Emily Bienko has been cleared for a fifth-year of NCAA competition.

Bienko did not compete at last weekend's Mevo Invitational as Irish coaches awaited eligibility confirmation.

"She's good to compete," Piane said. "Her sophomore year she had a knee operation and didn't compete in any competition. It was just a question of getting the paperwork done."

Bienko, who is currently a law student at Notre Dame, did not anticipate competing for a fifth year and did not immediately apply for another year of eligibility.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish take on top-ranked players in weekend tourney



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Junior Nina Vaughan returns a shot during a match earlier this season against Western Michigan. The Irish face three ranked teams this weekend.

By STEVE KEPPEL
Sports Writer

After a successful 2-0 outing last weekend, the 11th-ranked Notre Dame women's tennis team will take on Virginia Tech on Friday followed by Wake Forest and North Carolina on Saturday and Sunday.

The Irish demolished both Illinois State and Western Michigan by scores of 7-0, 6-1 respectively. After an opening loss to Duke the Irish have really picked up their play and look to play well again this weekend.

"We had a good feeling this week because we were successful and this was especially good for our confidence," said senior Kimberly Guy.

Despite their seemingly flawless performance, the Irish still think they have some things to work on for this weekend.

"We definitely need to step it up a little bit in our doubles play," said Guy

who paired up with Katie Cunha for doubles last weekend. "I have practiced a lot of doubles and that is something we hope to do better in this weekend".

The doubles point was the only point that the Irish lost against Western Michigan and they believe they will need that point as they take on three tough teams this week.

Wake Forest is a very strong team and are ranked 8th in the country. Michelle Dasso will have her work cut out for her as she will take on 1st ranked singles player Bea Bielick in No. 1 doubles.

The Deacons will also give the Irish trouble in doubles play as Bielick, who is only a sophomore, teams up with Wake Forest Junior Janet Bergman in a doubles team that is also

ranked No. 1 in the nation. Both Beilick and Bergman are returning all-Americans and will greatly test the abilities of the Irish women.

The Irish will then take on a scrappy North Carolina team that is currently ranked 41st but is hungry for an upset after some big victories. The Tarheels are lead by Sophomore Marlene Mejia who is 20-4 on the season and 11th in the country. Mejia is coming off a great performance in the Rolex Nationals where she advanced to the conciliation match of the Finals.

The Irish who have moved up two places from 13th to 11th have their work cut out for them this weekend

but feel that if they play well and win all three matches they will have a good chance to advance even higher in the rankings.

"If we beat Wake Forest we would definitely move into the Top 10," added Kimberly Guy.

"We definitely need to step it up a little bit in our doubles play."

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senior

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while Cerenko landed a spot in the quarterfinals.

"They're very good," Bayliss noted. "It's certainly a match while I'm sure we're an underdog on paper, it's not a match I go into thinking we don't have a realistic chance to win."

Looking to overcome one of the nation's most elite tennis programs and improve on their 3-1 record, the Irish lineup will be lead by Casey Smith. Smith has raised no doubts about who should lead the Irish by racking up a sparkling 4-0 singles record in the No. 1 position. The combination of Luis Haddock-Morales, Aaron Talarico, and Javier Taborga will fill in the second, third, and fourth slots for the Irish, leaving the fifth and sixth spots open to Matt Scott, Brian Farrell, or Andrew Laffin.

"Casey has sort of, at this point, earned the right to stay at number one," Bayliss said. "Two, three, and four are pretty even between Luis Haddock, Aaron

Talarico, and Javier Taborga."

Two of Duke's doubles teams are also highly touted, evidenced by the 23rd and 25th rankings given to the squad's top two pairings. However, the 38th-ranked Irish combination of Taborga and Talarico are sure to not make things easy for the Blue Devils. As usual, the duo will take on the duties at No. 1 doubles, and look to improve on their 3-1 record in dual matches this season.

Sunday's battle against the Iowa Hawkeyes won't pit the Irish against such a star-studded lineup as Duke's, but Iowa's squad isn't without a few weapons itself.

Iowa, which is 1-0 after a season-opening win over Northern Illinois, is led by senior Tyler Cleveland, who took last semester off to compete in individual singles tournaments. Towering at six feet and three inches, Cleveland is known for his powerful game.

"I think Casey feels, and I feel, that he certainly has a chance against Cleveland [at No. 1 singles]," Bayliss said. "But certainly Tyler hits a 125 mile-per-hour serve, he's a big guy, and he can

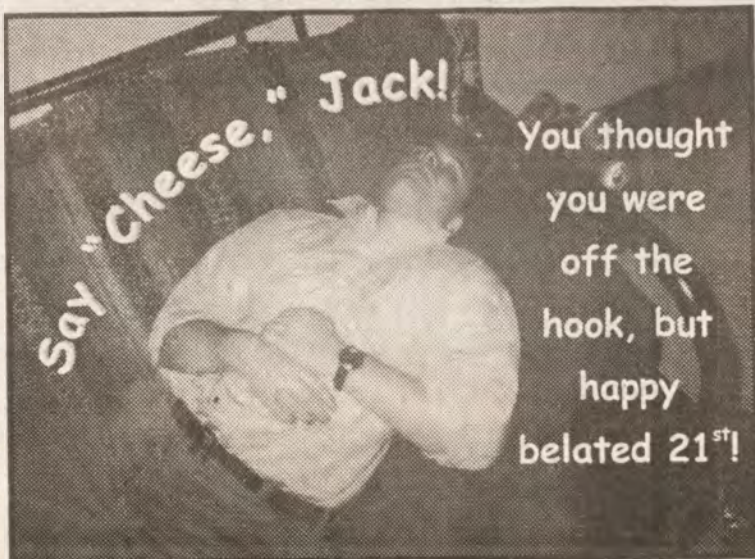
be overpowering at times."

Even though the Hawkeyes do not seem to pose a big threat, Notre Dame will still need to play at its highest level. Bringing their

game face to the court on Sunday should assure the Irish a win.

"They are certainly not as strong of a team as Duke," Bayliss said. "It's a match that if

we're playing well, I'd certainly hope to win. I think we are going to play a good match, and I expect to play well."



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FENCING

No. 2 Notre Dame looking to dethrone No. 1 Stanford

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

In its toughest test of the season since the opening weekend, the Notre Dame fencing team travels to Duke this weekend to face several national powers.

"That is going to be just as tough as our first week in New York," sabreman Gabor Szelle said about the meet against Stanford, Duke, Air Force, North Carolina and Ohio State.

The men are currently ranked second in the country and will look to bounce the Cardinal from its No. 1 perch.

Jan Viviani said head coach Yves Auriol expects the men's team to go undefeated this

year. The Cardinal are likely the only team standing between the Irish and a perfect record. The Irish have won 36 matches in a row dating back to 1999.

"I don't think we are by far the best men's team but I think we are one of the best," Viviani said.

The Cardinal is led by its foil squad which features 2000 NCAA Champion Felix Reichling and All-American Alex Woods. Reichling defeated Notre Dame All-American Ozren Debic in the finals of the 2000 champi-

onship, 15-10. Since that loss, Debic has won 29 of his last 30 bouts.

Stanford also features All-American sabreman Robert Owens and All-American epeeist Eric Tribett but the Irish boast the best sabre squad in the country according to Auriol. Led by 2000 NCAA Champion Szelle and All-American Andrzej Bednarski, the sabre squad has cruised to

easy victories against even the best competition. The squad features four strong fencers. In addition to Szelle and Bednarski, Andre Crompton and Matt Fabricant also have All-American potential but only two fencers from each school can qualify for NAAs and earn All-American status.

Stanford's women's team is strong as well. The seventh-ranked Irish will look to pull off another upset this weekend against the No. 3 Cardinal. On the last to weekends, the Irish have upset Northwestern.

The Irish have improved greatly since their 1-3 weekend to open the season, according to foilist Liza Boutsikaris.

"I think we are more experi-

enced," she said. "We know what to expect. A lot of people just started traveling with us this year. Now they know what to expect."

Against the Cardinal, Boutsikaris should expect her toughest test of the year. The NCAA 2000 champion, Monique DeBruin, leads the Stanford women.

While none of the other schools are as strong as Stanford, the Irish will face several tough individual fencers from Ohio State this weekend.

Ohio State features a pair of strong men's epeeists in Geoff Kane and Alan Jones as well as All-American women's foilist Fane Groes.

"I think we are more experienced. We know what to expect."

Liza Boutsikaris
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NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Tennessee crushes Mississippi, 119-52

Associated Press

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Kara Lawson scored 22 points, including five 3-pointers, and April McDivitt scored 19 points as No. 2 Tennessee beat Mississippi 119-52 Thursday night.

The Lady Vols (24-1, 10-0 Southeastern Conference) have won 13 straight since losing to Connecticut on Dec. 30 and 32 in a row at home against SEC opponents.

The win was not Tennessee's biggest rout of the season. That was a 72-point win over Kentucky on Jan. 21.

Ashley Robinson added 12 points and eight rebounds and Michelle Snow and Tasha Butts each added 11 for Tennessee. McDivitt hit 4-of-5 3-pointers.

Sherika Wright scored 14 points and Sandra Jackson added 13 to lead the Lady Rebels (15-7, 3-6), who have lost eight straight to Tennessee since Feb. 4, 1996, in Oxford, Miss.

Turnovers and poor shooting were the Lady Rebels' downfall. Tennessee scored 25 points off 18 of the Lady Rebels' turnovers in the first half.

Iowa 96, No. 5 Purdue 87

Lindsey Meder scored 29 points, Mary Berdo added a career-high 23 and Iowa led all the way in handing No. 5 Purdue its first Big Ten loss.

Iowa (13-8, 8-3 Big Ten) shot 63.3 percent in the first half and led by as many as 18 points before holding off the Boilermakers late to end their 13-game winning streak.

Not even the return of Katie Douglas could save Purdue (21-4, 11-1) from the surging Hawkeyes, who have won five straight and shot 55.6 percent for the game.

Douglas, who sat out Purdue's victory over Michigan last Sunday because of a sprained ankle, played 23 minutes and scored 21 points before fouling out with 32.5 seconds left. On this night, that wasn't enough.

The 96 points were the most

Purdue has given up this season. The previous high against the Boilermakers had been 72 — by No. 1 Notre Dame.

Before January, Iowa had not defeated a Top 25 team since February 1998. Now the Hawkeyes have done it twice in 19 days. They beat then-No. 13 Penn State 79-64 on Jan. 21.

After a poor opening half defensively, Purdue was much more efficient on both ends of the court in the second half and clawed back. The Boilermakers got to within eight points in the first three minutes of the half and stayed within striking distance the rest of the way.

No. 8 Louisiana Tech 83, Louisiana-Lafayette 68

Ayana Walker and Brooke Lassiter each scored 16 points and No. 8 Louisiana Tech beat Louisiana-Lafayette.

The Lady Techsters (20-4, 11-0 Sun Belt) took advantage of 24 fouls and 20 turnovers by Louisiana-Lafayette (7-15, 1-10) to extend its winning streak to eight games overall and 47 in the conference.

The Lady Techsters are 37-0 against Louisiana-Lafayette, but it was the first time in 16 games that Tech failed to win by 40 or more points against the Lady Cajuns.

Tech, which had a 52-34 rebounding advantage, took a 45-28 halftime lead and held on as Louisiana-Lafayette outscored the Techsters by 40-38 in the second half.

No. 14 LSU 74, Alabama 58

Marie Ferdinand scored 16 points to lead No. 14 LSU to victory over Alabama.

It was an easy victory for LSU (16-6, 6-3 Southeastern Conference), which shot 58 percent for the game.

The Tigers led by as many as 13 points in the first half, 23 in the second half when LSU shot 67 percent and made four 3-point baskets.

After winning 12 of 13 games to open the season, Alabama (16-7, 4-6) has lost six of 10.

Doneeka Hodges had 13 for LSU, Roneeka Hodges added 12 and Ke-Ke Tardy 11.

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ly. It also has to do with the fact that we're Notre Dame, and the fact that we're leading the Big East."

So will the Irish, who have won their past six games, do anything differently to get ready for the hostile environment?

"If it's not broke," junior power forward Ryan Humphrey said, "don't try to fix it."

Since the teamwork the Irish have perfected has put the Irish a game in front of their opponents in the Big East West Division, the Irish will stick with their game plan. They will attempt to ignore the raucous environment in West Virginia Coliseum, an atmosphere that includes a musket being shot off during the announcement of the starting line-up and various fans wearing coon skin hats.

"We'll just try to keep our poise and keep our composure," Graves said. "We don't want to let the crowd force us into doing things we don't want to."

The Irish have managed to control the tempo throughout their six-game winning streak. Even when they trailed on the road at Georgetown and Pittsburgh, the Irish didn't get rattled like they did in early season tests.

"We have shown we have not gotten flustered when things aren't going well," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "We understand we need to slow down and not get out of character as much."

Graves has been on the ball since teammate Harold Swanagan replaced him in the starting lineup. All-American Troy Murphy leads the league, as usual, in points. Point guard Martin Ingelsby and shooting guard Matt Carroll are the top two in the league in assist-to-turnover ratio, with the solid six lineup keeping the Irish on a roll.

For West Virginia, Moss is back with his squad. The junior center took a brief leave of absence from the Mountaineers following his outburst at Notre Dame.

Other top players for the Mountaineers, who edged Pittsburgh 69-68 Thursday night, include sophomore guard Tim Lyles, senior forward Calvin Bowman and junior guard Lionel Armstead.

"You don't fear your oppo-

nent, but you respect them," Graves said. "We certainly respect West Virginia. If we don't bring it on Sunday, they'll hand it to us."

That's exactly what the Irish want to avoid, since they're in a strong position to win their division. Finishing among the top four in the Big East would earn the Irish a first-round bye in the Big East Tournament come March.

Notes

♦ Brey is not ruling out taking a transfer at the end of this season, especially if he could get a player half as solid as Humphrey, a transfer from Oklahoma.

"If you could find a good transfer fit," Brey said, "I have an open mind to that."

An extra scholarship opened up for the Irish last week after recruit Jemere Hendrix was released from his letter of intent for academic reasons. With four players set to graduate a year from now, Brey might not want to hold over the additional scholarship, which would leave Notre Dame scrambling to fill five spots.

"The reason I like a transfer rather than an 18-year-old senior is he sits out next year when those horses are seniors," Brey said. "You lose those guys and we would hopefully have a quality guy ready to go. I don't want to make it Transfer U., but it's something you have to look at. You're always looking for new pools of talent."

Brey hasn't committed to filling the open slot, even though he could have yet another position come April should Murphy jump to the NBA.

"We're still exploring some seniors," Brey said. "I'm not counting on a senior emerging that fits us well."

"We'll just try to keep our poise and keep our composure. We don't want to let the crowd force us into doing things we don't want to."

David Graves
Irish guard



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Notre Dame guard Martin Ingelsby drives around St. John's Omar Cook during Notre Dame's 83-73 win Monday, Feb. 5. With the win, the Irish grabbed first place in their division of the Big East.

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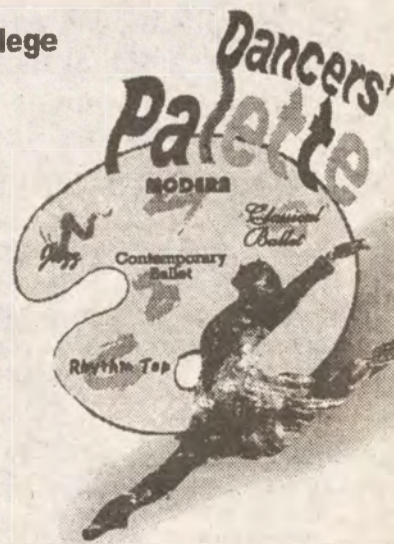
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HOCKEY

Notre Dame looks for clean sweep against Bowling Green

◆ **Irish need wins to keep playoff hopes alive**

By **JEFF BALTRUZAK**
Sports Writer

For Notre Dame, the CCHA playoffs might as well start now.

The Irish need a sweep this weekend against Bowling Green at the Joyce Center to keep their flickering postseason hopes alive — an ambitious goal for a struggling team that hasn't swept a team this season.

Bowling Green enters the weekend tenth in the CCHA standings, residing in the final playoff spot.

If the Irish could take two from the Falcons, the two squads would be tied with 14 points.

Lake Superior State also

lurks with 12 points. Because the first tiebreaker for the playoffs is the season series, a sweep would put the Irish in the driver's seat over Bowling Green.

While Bowling Green (5-11-4 in the CCHA) comes to South Bend hot after sweeping Lake Superior State this past weekend, the Irish are just 3-14-4 in league action.

Ohio State did away with Notre Dame twice last weekend, and the Irish cannot seem to find their scoring groove.

"We played well against Ohio State, we just didn't win," said head coach Dave Poulin. "I feel really good [about Bowling Green], we've

had a good week of practice."

Poulin tried to distribute Notre Dame's scoring throughout the lineup by splitting up the Irish's top offensive line of Dan Carlson, Ryan Dolder, and freshman Aaron Gill on Sunday versus Ohio State, and the three still scored all the Irish goals in the game.

"He has good reasons for doing it," said Dolder. "You hate to see a line broken up, but he was

"We know we need to win both games. The guys know this could be it."

Ryan Dolder
Irish offensive lineman

trying to get a spark going for the second line, and both lines played well on Sunday."

More interesting is Notre Dame's weekly who's-the-goalie intrigue.

Poulin has started sophomore Tony Zasowski the past four games.

Three of those games were losses and Zasowski allowed 21 goals in those four contests. Two other goalies, junior Jeremiah Kimento, and senior Kyle Kolquist, have played this season.

As of Thursday, Poulin had still not decided which goalie would get the nod against Bowling Green.

To hope to continue into the postseason, the Irish must improve both ways on the power play.

Notre Dame gave up five goals in 13 chances while skating a man down in two games against Ohio State. In their last 13 games, Notre Dame has killed just 74.1 percent of their opponents' power plays.

With a man advantage, the Irish are struggling, converting on 10.8 percent of their power plays this season.

On average, Notre Dame only gets one shot off per power play.

"It's been a focus point of practice," said Dolder. "On the power play, we're not shooting the puck enough. We make one too many pass-



LISA VELTE/The Observer

Senior Ryan Dolder receives the puck during a game earlier this season. The Irish must win both games this weekend to stay alive in the CCHA playoff hunt.

es, looking for the pretty play."

Loyal Domers shouldn't leave the Joyce Center if the third period finds Notre Dame trailing.

For the season, Notre Dame's offensive output has been highest in the third period, and the Irish defense has allowed the least shots and goals in the final twenty minutes.

Senior left winger Carlson has his eye on two career records this weekend.

He needs one short-handed goal to tie the all-time Notre Dame record, and will break the career games played record if he appears in both contests against Bowling

Green. The record was previously held by '82 team member John Schmidt.

Brett Lebda, a freshman defenseman, has supplied significant offense to the Irish cause.

His 19 points put him in third place in scoring defensemen, and he leads freshman defensemen in scoring.

Overall, the Irish need a strong team performance to claw their way into the CCHA playoffs. But it won't come easy.

"We know we need to win both games," said Dolder. "The guys know this could be it."

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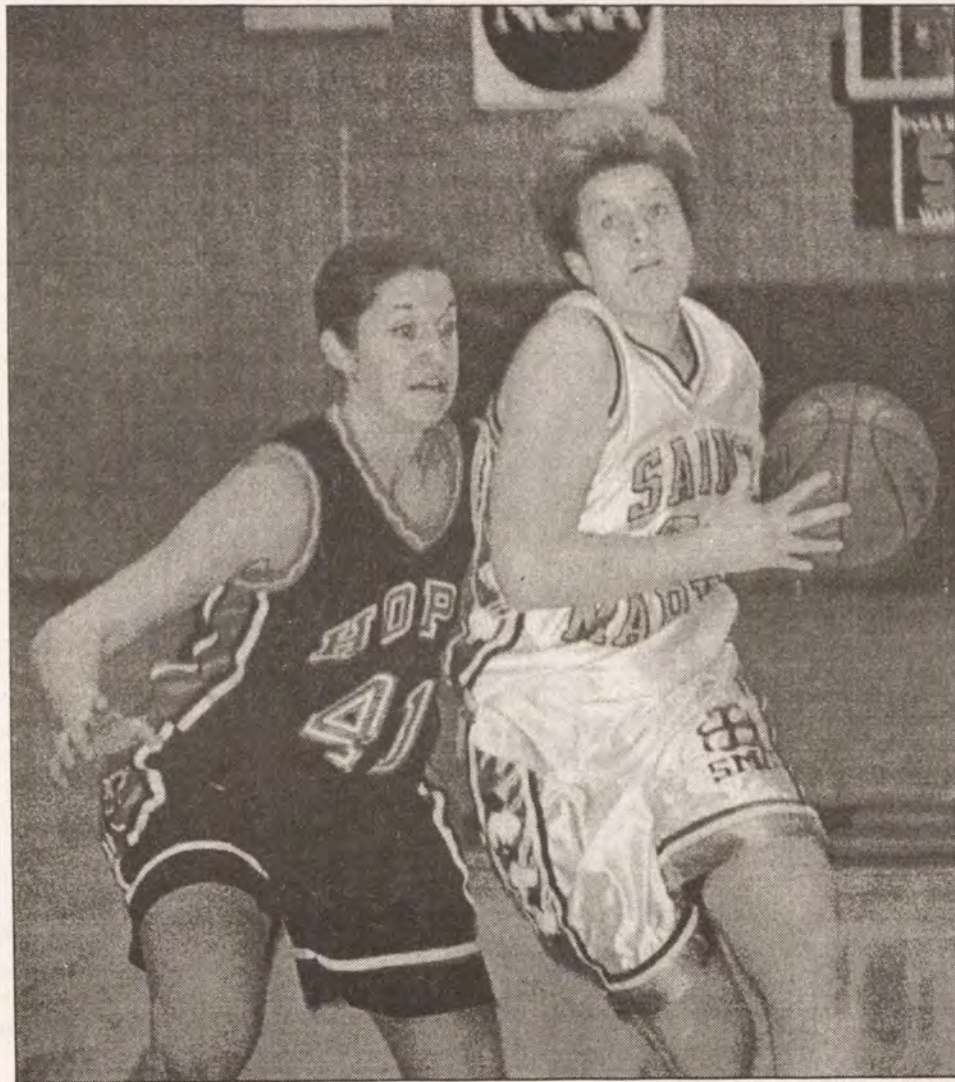
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Belles looking for a win in final home game of season



CHRISTINE KAAI/The Observer

Post player Kristen Matha drives past a Hope defender during Saint Mary's loss Wednesday, Feb. 7. The Belles play their final home game of the season Saturday.

By KATIE McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

There will be some serious traveling going on this Saturday at Angela Athletic facility during the Saint Mary's basketball game.

The traveling, however, will not be taking place on the court. As the Belles make ready to play their final regular season game at home, two plane tickets will be raffled off to fans attending the game.

The Belles, who are looking to improve their MIAA rankings, are hoping that the Comets of Olivet fall.

Saint Mary's (7-14, 1-10 in the MIAA) is hoping to use the drive from an aggressive game against Hope on Wednesday to catapult the team to a victory over an Olivet team (13-8, 5-6 in the MIAA) that stands in 5th place in the MIAA.

"I think they realize how well we can play if we work together and give it 100 percent," Smith said. "We're excited to go play."

"[The win] brought us up a lot," freshman guard Katie Miller. "We were down and now, since we played so well against Hope, it's helped our spirits a lot. We're looking forward to playing Saturday."

With only three games left to play, it's crunch time. Although all MIAA teams are guaranteed a slot in the playoffs, a team's record plays an important part in the team's seed. Smith is looking for a win Saturday to get her team a better seed.

"We came out and played so well on Wednesday and we need this victory to get us back on track," Smith said.

The last time these two teams met, the Comets came away victorious. The Belles are looking to update the record books this

week. Post player Kristen Matha only played for 12 minutes at Upton Gymnasium during the Belles last game against Olivet.

Matha is still questionable for play Saturday. She is still suffering from a concussion received during last Saturday's game against Calvin. In addition, the Belles may be missing starting post player Anne Blair. Blair sat out Thursday's practice due to a sore knee. Smith will be starting Kelly Roberts again and pulling Matha off the bench, but the rest of the starting line-up is still undecided.

"We'll definitely go with Kelly Saturday," she said. "The rest of the line-up I'll have to decide after practice tomorrow."

Saint Mary's has been working on aggressive play both offensively and defensively. Wednesday's game showed marked improvement in ball handling and defense, as the Belles held Hope to only 62 points, 10 points lower than its average. The Belles will need that defense to keep Olivet below its 70 point per game average.

"Defensively we'll be working on shutting down the post players," Smith said. "Olivet's leading scorer is a post player and we want to shut her down."

Saint Mary's will be looking at a tough Olivet zone defense on Saturday.

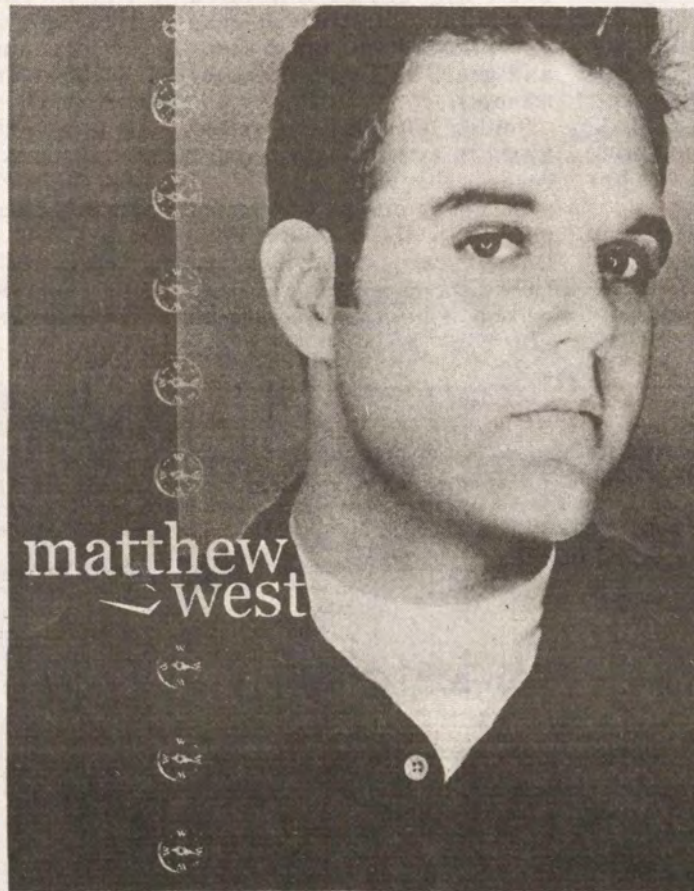
"We've been working on our zone offense," Smith said. "They play full court."

"We're gonna attack their zone," Miller added.

Saturday's home crowd may also play an important role in a victory.

"We're excited to pay [at home] again," Smith said. "We hope to see a big crowd and send Julie off on a good note."

Senior guard Julie Norman will be playing the last home game of her college career this Saturday.



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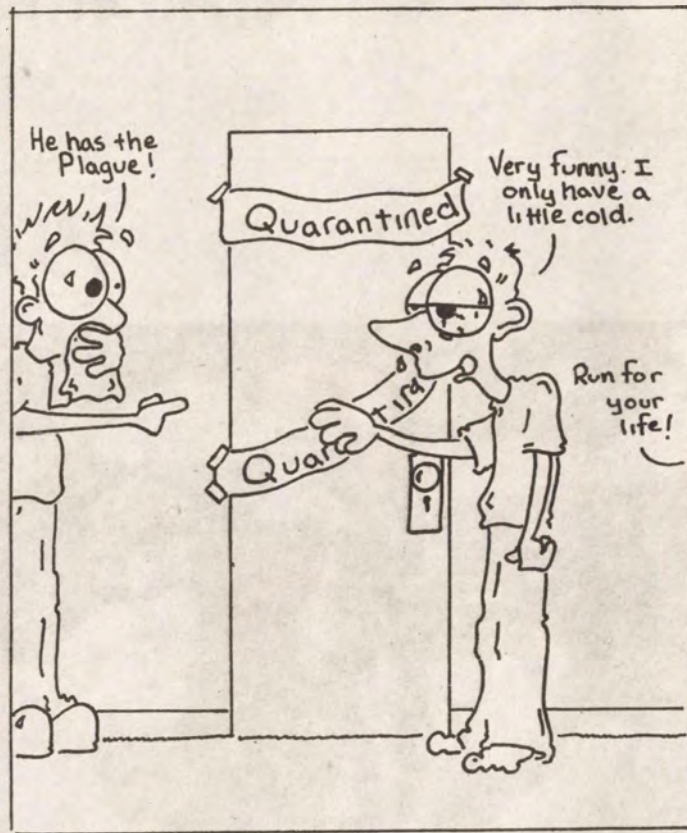
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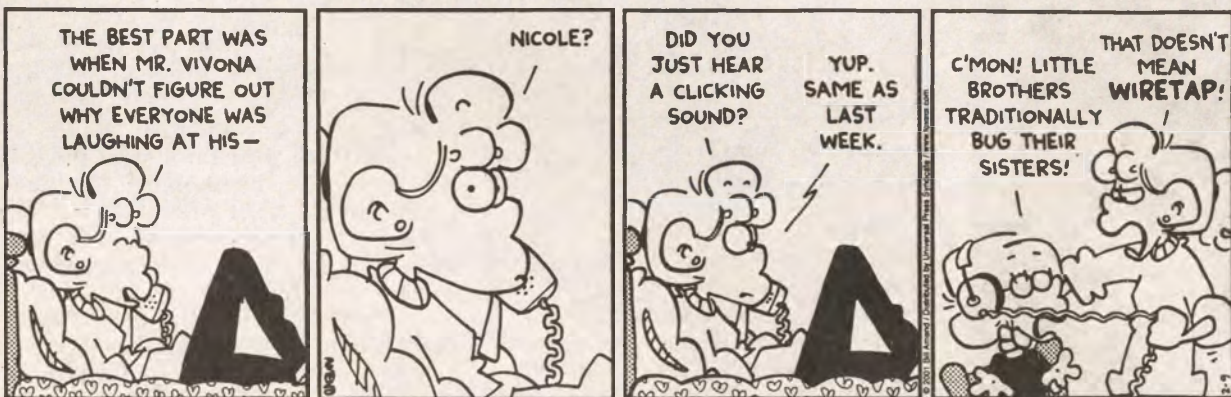
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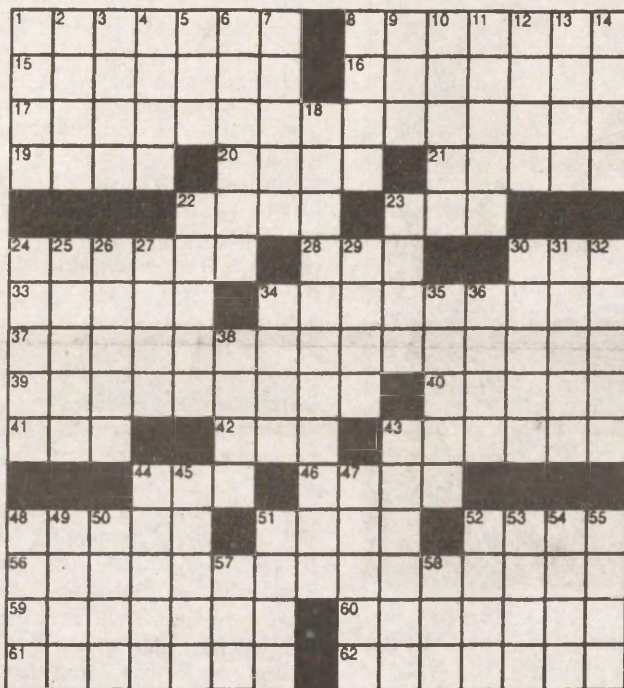


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- ACROSS**
- 1 Not a part of from the start
 - 8 Extra
 - 15 "South Pacific" song
 - 16 Like some shares
 - 17 Exclamatory actor?
 - 19 Surf sound
 - 20 Naldi of the Ziegfeld Follies
 - 21 Makes a switch
 - 22 Big-chinned chinner
 - 23 Sot's woe
 - 24 Comparatively plenty
 - 28 L.A. Clippers are in it
 - 30 Physique, informally
 - 33 Mawkish
 - 34 Kind of diet
 - 37 Exclamatory best-selling author?
 - 39 Owing money
 - 40 Love lots
 - 41 Suffix with count
 - 42 Mousehawk
 - 43 Hot
 - 44 Old New Yorker cartoonist Hoff
 - 46 Furry "Star Wars" creature
 - 48 Utter
 - 51 Old-time oath
 - 52 Become unhinged
 - 56 Exclamatory basketball star?
 - 59 Hex halters
 - 60 Coach Joe of Penn State
- DOWN**
- 1 Answer that's an example of itself
 - 2 Belafonte song opener
 - 3 One of Chekhov's Three Sisters
 - 4 Sloop slip
 - 5 Howe'er
 - 6 Breadwinner
 - 7 Cook's exhortation
 - 8 Watchdog org.?
 - 9 WWW address
 - 10 Sparrow's spot
 - 11 Bows
 - 12 Actress Turner
 - 13 Lone Star sch.
 - 14 Opines
 - 18 British prep school
 - 22 1944 battle site
 - 23 What shifty eyes do
 - 24 Farming major
 - 25 Early times
 - 26 Burns and Allen, e.g.
 - 27 Jacob's first wife
 - 29 Diminish
 - 30 Man with an estate
 - 31 "What now?!"
 - 32 Library system pioneer



Puzzle by Nancy Salomon and Harvey Estes

- 34 Garbage barge
 - 35 Like a moonscape
 - 36 Bro
 - 38 Like plow horses
 - 43 Goodson's game show partner
 - 44 Bob, for one
 - 45 Red Sea nation
 - 47 Aristophanes comedy, with "The"
 - 48 Pillow cover
 - 49 Voluminous volume
 - 50 Homecoming guest
 - 51 Petrol brand
 - 52 Lot
 - 53 Benchmark
 - 54 "___ and the King" (Foster film)
 - 55 Lowly laborer
 - 57 Giant of old
 - 58 From ___ Z
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Happy Birthday: You will be a powerhouse this year — steadfast, loyal and a bit aggressive toward just about everything you do. You will find it easy to handle any problems that come your way. With your free-spirited adventurous attitude, you will be hard to deny and harder to resist. You will be highly competitive and willing to stand up for your beliefs. Your numbers: 8, 13, 25, 29, 33, 45

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can make money, but can you hold on to it? Temptations will keep you cash poor. Talking to someone in your family who has been up and down the financial ladder will be valuable.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You need to get out with interesting people. You may be feeling unsettled if your emotional partner hasn't had too much time for you lately. Get out and get busy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may not be completely honest with yourself regarding your emotional interests. Don't be too quick to make decisions that will limit you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Keep your feelings to yourself. You should be making preparations for upcoming events. Don't hesitate to have close friends stay with you for a while. Don't hide your feelings.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Someone you thought you could trust may not be able to keep a secret. Your superstitions may get the better of you if you don't put things in perspective. Get involved in volunteer work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will meet romantic mates through work or business associates. Be careful not to be too accommodating. You may let some important information out of the bag.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Communications will be your strength today. Your persistent, persuasive manner will help you persuade others to join your cause. Combine travel, education and entertainment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Mix business with pleasure. Go out with peers or clients. Don't be afraid to mention your professional goals. You may receive a good job offer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Arguments will lead to physical injury. Do not take criticism personally. Your financial situation will suffer if you expand your interests too quickly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can expect delays or problems with shipments, operating equipment or mail. It is wise not to do too much traveling about. Work on projects that require a lot of precision. Don't get frustrated. Take your time and do your job properly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Youngsters will surprise you today. You can help them their projects and learn quite a bit about them at the same time. Be ready to accept any changes that occur.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your irritability may drive your family crazy today. Try not to nag or pick on others because you aren't happy with yourself. Concentrate on fitness, and you'll feel a lot better.

Birthdays: You are powerful, insightful and full of enthusiasm. You have confidence as well as the spunk to venture into unknown territory. Because you are a thinker and a doer, you will excel. (Need advice? Check out Eugenia's Web sites at astroadvice.com, eugenialast.com, astromate.com.)

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Going abroad
Both Notre Dame track teams are heading to the Windsor Team Challenge held in Canada. Irish coaches are using this meet as a final tuneup for next week's Big East Championship.
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Zorich unplugged

The Observer catches up with former Notre Dame All-American defensive tackle Chris Zorich

By PETYON BERG
Sports Writer

Former Notre Dame football defensive lineman Chris Zorich's aggressive, relentless playing style struck fear into the hearts of opponents from 1987-1990.

The three-time All American and 1990 captain's impressive resume includes a national championship ring, a Lombardi trophy, and the NFL Man of the Year award.

In an age where athletes routinely find themselves in trouble with the law, Zorich instead chose to use his notoriety and financial success to serve the community through the Christopher Zorich Foundation. He currently attends Notre Dame Law School, and recently sat down with fellow classmate and Observer college football analyst Peyton Berg.

Q: You participated in some of Notre Dame's biggest games such as the 31-30 victory over top-ranked Miami. What was your biggest victory?

A: I don't watch the old games much, but the things I remember are situations in games more than the final score. I remember the fights against Miami and USC. I remember the first game I started against Michigan in 1988. I was a 265-pound sophomore going up against first-

team All American center John Ritali. I went offside about three times, but got eleven tackles. I remember thinking 'wow, this is fun!' It was a real turning point for me as an athlete. It was the first time that I ever had a chance to play in front of so many people.

The pep rally, sleeping in the hotel the night before, the whole experience for me was awesome. If you talk to players, they'll talk about the situations more than the games.

Q: Lou Holtz has worked miracles at South Carolina. Can you describe for us his ability to lead and motivate?

A: Actually, I had the wonderful opportunity to go down there for a couple games this year. As a player, being in that environment, and as a spectator, it's two totally different things. You can change his hat and change "ND" to "USC," but he says the same stuff and talks about the same things.

We were laughing because he was telling them the exact same stuff he told us fifteen years ago. But, it works. Those guys believe in him. Having Tony Rice and me come down there and hang out with them, they know that we won a national championship because we listened to them. They're saying, hey, if we listen to this crazy, short, lippy guy, he'll take us to

"I personally don't think we should have been in the BCS Bowl."

Chris Zorich
on Notre Dame's Fiesta Bowl bid

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Observer File Photo

Defensive tackle Chris Zorich celebrates after a play during his Notre Dame career. Zorich was named All-American from 1988-1990 and played in the NFL.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame wary of West Virginia crowd

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish always bring out the best — or the worst — in their opponents.

They brought out the worst in the Mountaineers the last time they faced West Virginia. In a Jan. 21 Joyce Center contest, the Mountaineers committed several technical fouls, and center Chris Moss spit at an Irish cheerleader after picking

up his fifth and final foul.

Notre Dame (15-5, 7-2 Big East) also brings out West Virginia's best in terms of effort and fan support.

"I think they've been averaging about four or five thousand [fans] per game," Irish guard David Graves said of West Virginia (13-7, 4-5). "They're sold out — 14,000 — for our game. I think it has a lot to do with what happened previous-

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MEN'S TENNIS

Tough weekend ahead for Irish

By RACHAEL BIBER
Sports Writer

With nearly two weeks of rest now over, the 30th-ranked Irish men's tennis team is all geared up for the beginning of a crucial home-stand starting this weekend with matchups against fifth-ranked Duke and Iowa.

"Practice has been going pretty well," Notre Dame head coach Bob Bayliss said. "The guys have worked hard. We did a fair

amount of conditioning last week, because this is probably the longest stretch we're going to have without a match."

Notre Dame, which jumped three spots in the rankings this

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week, will be presented with a big challenge against Duke on Saturday. The Blue Devils opened the 2001 season with a dominating win over 65th-ranked William and Mary on Wednesday, proving they are

not short of weapons in their lineup, which consists of four singles players ranked in the nation's top 75, including Marko Cerenko at No. 2 and Ramsey Smith at No. 11.

Duke sent a strong contingent to the Rolex National Indoor Championships last weekend, which is one of the four premiere events of the collegiate season.

Smith advanced to the semifinals of the singles bracket before falling to eventual champion Alex Kim of Stanford.

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