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Eldred held CARE officers responsible for the "Monologues," but The Observer calls the BOT to hold Eldred accountable for hers.
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CARE officers prepare response to Eldred, Board

By MIKE CONNOLLY
 News Writer

The four officers of Campus Alliance for Rape Eliminate (CARE) will send College President Marilou Eldred a letter today responding to her request for an apology from the officers for their role in a reading of "The Vagina Monologues" on Feb. 19.

The response will not be an apology of a traditionally understood definition. Rather than "expressing regret for a fault or insult (Webster's New World Dictionary)" the response will be an apology as understood by the Greeks — "a formal defense of some idea or doctrine (Webster's)," according to CARE officer Emily Koelsch.

"We are responding to Dr. Eldred's request with a defense of our role regarding 'The Vagina Monologues' at Saint Mary's College," Koelsch said.

The letter will be delivered, as requested, to the Office of the President by 4 p.m., Koelsch said.

The controversy concerning the actions

of the four CARE officers stems from their involvement in a public reading of the "Monologues." On Jan. 18, the CARE officers wrote a letter to the Board of Trustees that stated: "The college has decided that it will not support a performance of 'The Vagina Monologues' this year, and out of respect for this college, we will abide by that decision." Eldred claims in a letter to the officers on Wednesday that their participation in the public reading constituted "overt support."

CARE officers said their letter to Eldred will define what they consider support. Koelsch said the officers believe that supporting the "Monologues" would have required the officers to fund the performance, book a room for the performance or advertise for the performance. Koelsch said the officers did not do any of these things.

The response will also address what the CARE officers believe is a difference between writing the Board of Trustees letter as CARE officers and reading the

Excerpt from student response

"As students of a liberal arts college, we realize that the word 'apology' comes from the Greek word, 'apologia,' which is a written defense of one's opinion or conduct. Thus, we are responding to Dr. Eldred's request with a defense of our role regarding 'The Vagina Monologues' at SMC."

"Monologues" as individuals.

Koelsch, Ang Romano, Julie Frischkorn and Katie Poynter will sign the response to Eldred without mention of their titles of CARE officers. In the letter to the Board of Trustees, however, the officers signed the letter 2000-2001 Officers of CARE as well as including their individual signatures with their titles.

"We signed it as officers of CARE," Frischkorn said, adding later the letter was written only from the officers, not on behalf of CARE.

"We didn't feel comfortable speaking on

behalf of the whole group," Frischkorn said. "They [all CARE members] weren't involved in the dialogue with the administration."

The officers were aware of their leadership positions during negotiations with the administration, however.

"The four of us were making decisions for CARE in our leadership capacity," Koelsch said.

"It's really the four of us making decisions for CARE," Frischkorn said.

Although they now claim they did not write the Board of Trustees letter on behalf of CARE, Koelsch said in an interview on Wednesday that the Board of Trustees letter promised that CARE would not sponsor the play.

"We were very careful with our semantics saying that CARE would not sponsor it," Koelsch said.

Koelsch would not comment as to whether or not the authors of the Board of Trustees letter should be understood in the same context as the authors of today's response.

Professors question sanctions on Iraq

By ANDREW THAGARD
 News Writer

Sanctions against Iraq should not be used to sanction Saddam Hussein but instead should focus on limiting the Iraqi military's to create weapons of mass destruction, according to two experts at the Kroc Institute. George Lopez and David Cortright, authors of "The Sanctions Decade: Assessing UN Strategy in the 1990s," said the sanctions against Iraq are hurting the people of Iraq more than Hussein.

"The goal [of the sanctions] is to get the inspection team in to check on chemical and biological weapons," said Lopez, a professor of government and international studies and a fellow in the University's Kroc Institute. "It's not about Saddam Hussein, it's about a sovereign nation's defiance of a Security Council resolution."

According to Lopez, the sanctions are successful but hurt the average Iraqi citizen.

"The sanctions have helped to limit the military power of the Baghdad regime [but] they have had a severe impact on humanitarian conditions," said David Cortright, a guest lecturer in the Kroc Institute. "Professor Lopez and I have argued that there is no benefit to maintaining the civilian trade sanctions."

The U.N. estimates the sanctions have contributed to the chronic malnutrition of nearly one million Iraqi children. There has been a lack of medical supplies to combat illnesses such as bacterial meningitis and leukemia.

"You know, sanctions don't hurt governments, they hurt people. Presidents are not hurt by sanctions," an Iraqi official told a New York Times reporter under condition of anonymity.

Critics opposed to altering the sanctions place the blame for the country's current situation solely on Hussein. They contend the nation's problems are



Iraqi citizens protest U.S. sanction. The U.S. intends to use the sanctions as a check on chemical and biological weapons, but critics of the sanctions claim that the recent actions harm citizens as opposed to protecting their interests.

the result of the dictator's refusal to spend his allowances of oil money on those who need it, instead diverting it

toward his top supporters.

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ND profs awarded Fulbright

By BRIGID SWEENEY
 News Writer

Two Notre Dame professors are among the 800 U.S. scholars who were awarded Fulbright grants, which allow recipients to lecture or conduct research in 140 countries around the world, for the 2000-2001 academic year.

David Kirkner, an associate professor in the Department of Civil Engineering and Geological Sciences, is conducting research at the Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw. He will expand upon a mathematical theory he previously constructed to predict the occurrence and location of thermal cracks in pavement.

"Thermal cracks are those cracks that run perpendicular to the direction of the road or sidewalk," Kirkner explained. "Under tension, asphalt is weak and when the temperature drops, the pavement tries to contract and is put into tension. Then, at weak points, cracks are generated."

Kirkner's new research will expand his theory to account for the fact that the tensile strength of the asphalt varies randomly. He is collaborating with Kazimierz Sobczyk, a professor at the Polish

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INSIDE COLUMN

The madness begins

There are many wonderful things about Notre Dame. Among them are the Dome, the Grotto, the Notre Dame family and Siegfried tailgates. Currently, though, the best thing about our University is its decision to schedule spring break to coincide with the first week of March Madness. It's the only time of the year that Gonzaga is a household word. It's when everyone can wonder, where exactly is Coppin State? Sixty-four teams, only one will be able to win six games in a row. March Madness is as good as it gets.



Erin Pirutek

And with no tests or papers to worry about and no class to attend, the entire week can be devoted to filling out brackets and watching the tournament unfold.

Associate News Editor

Last year I thought I had it all figured out.

I was coming off a good 1999 trip to Bracketville. I was pretty much the only person I knew who didn't pick Duke to win. I got used to people looking at me like I'd been on a vacation to Mars during the basketball season. Predicting their loss kept me quite satisfied until Selection Sunday 2000.

Then I went to work.

After 10 hours and 39 minutes filling out my brackets, I was satisfied. I researched all teams, checked home and road records and evaluated injury reports. I considered how teams would match up with each other and gauged team motivation. And I thought about intangibles, gut feelings, and my belief that more often than not a No. 10 seed will beat a No. 7 seed.

My women's brackets took less time. Upsets aren't as frequent and it's easy to pick Notre Dame, Connecticut and Tennessee to go straight to the top.

I convinced everyone who was near and dear to me that their life would not be complete unless they'd filled out brackets. Both men's and women's - I had to remind a few people that more than one NCAA championship was at stake.

March Madness was here. (By the way, who at CBS was responsible for deciding they'd call it March Mayhem? Note to them - maybe next you can try calling the Super Bowl the "really great" bowl or something.)

When my mom sent me her brackets, I had to laugh. I wasn't sure exactly what method she'd picked to select schools. But she obviously knew nothing of my superior, research intensive, basketball intuition-based system.

A few hours into Thursday's games, it was clear that March Madness was in full swing. It was also clear that my brackets were turning against me.

When the dust settled and Michigan State had won the tournament, I tallied the points on everyone's brackets. I finished dead last. My mother was the overwhelming winner. Her superior system? She decided to pick Catholic schools when she could and then Florida because of South Dakota native Mike Miller. And mostly she just guessed. Go figure.

A year later I've recovered enough that I'm counting the minutes until I can fill out my brackets. But I have one very important score to settle.

Watch out Mom, this is my year.

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

Fire destroys Regina room
Wednesday, March 8, 1972

Oil from a popcorn machine ignited in the popper and gutted a fourth floor room in Regina Hall. The resident of room 404 attempted to extinguish the fire by throwing the popper into her sink, but only succeeded in extending the flames to a set of towels hanging nearby. The room's bed, ceiling and walls were destroyed, but the resident's clothes were saved and the rest of the dorm was not damaged.

Alcohol committee stresses immorality
Monday, March 5, 1984

"Drunkness is immoral. Period." That, says Alcohol Committee Chairman Father William Beauchamp, was the basis of the committee's decision on 1985's alcohol policy. According to Beauchamp, the main problem on campus is that "drunkness is recognized as acceptable conduct by our students. Students should be confronted about drunkenness because it is not accepted in society."

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

OSU professor gets 51 months for child porn

STILLWATER, Okla. An Oklahoma State University architecture professor who pleaded guilty last year to the federal charge of knowingly possessing computer images of child pornography on his office computer - including 43 images of boys under 18 - received a 51-month prison sentence Tuesday.



Officials from the U.S. Department of Justice accepted the Nov. 13, 2000, plea agreement entered by Eric Neil Angevine, 51, which lowered his sentence from five years in prison and a maximum \$250,000 fine to four years and three months in prison.

on his home computer was dismissed. Under federal sentencing guidelines, Angevine's potential term of imprisonment could have ranged from 41 to 51 months.

Under the agreement, Angevine pleaded guilty to possession of child pornography involving his OSU computer. Another count pertaining to stored images of child pornography

"Every situation is different," said Joe Heaton, first assistant U.S. attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma on Wednesday afternoon. "But in this case, the judge sentenced [Angevine] to the very top of the

guideline range." Heaton said Angevine will remain in the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service until a date is set for the commencement of his prison term.

Angevine - terminated from the university on Nov. 13, 2000 - was indicted Aug. 16 on charges of knowingly possessing child pornography on both his OSU and home computer.

OSU officials said Wednesday that the university stands by its termination of Angevine.

"He was suspended without pay after he was indicted pending the outcome of the trial," said Nestor Gonzales, OSU news bureau chief, referring to the period of time between August and November, 2000, before Angevine was officially terminated.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Knight to sue president, trustees

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.

Former men's basketball coach Bob Knight filed a claim last week saying that he intends to sue IU President Myles Brand and the IU board of trustees, citing damages of more than \$7 million. A tort claim notice, obtained Thursday from the University, cites slander, libel, defamation and tortious interference with contracts, stemming from "wrongful termination." Russell Yates, Knight's lawyer, said a lawsuit will be filed if the University won't negotiate. "I still hope we can resolve it, but [Brand] seems to be dragging his feet in talking to us," Yates said. "We got tired of waiting, and we didn't want to run up against the deadline." Friday will be six months after the termination of Knight's contract, the deadline for filing tort claims, Yates said. University spokeswoman Susan Dillman said she hopes Knight does not choose to pursue the tort claim further. "We were disappointed and taken aback to hear the allegations contained in the notice of tort claim," Dillman said. "The charges are frivolous and totally without merit."

UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO

Bug gives extra state funding

STILLWATER, Okla.

The university might have received more than its share of state funding in recent years due to a computer problem that was not discovered until a mock audit in October 1999, according to University of Toledo officials. "The bug in the system was first brought to our attention in fall of 1999," said Joan Webster, senior systems analyst for information technology. University officials could not say how much extra money UT may have gotten due to the error. "Basically, one problem is with the promote rule," said Patsy Scott, executive director of institutional research. The program was also placing graduate students with more than 30 credit hours in a position that allowed the university to gain additional subsidies, Scott said. The promote rule classifies student rank according to the number of credit hours that a student earns. It has two components: undergraduate level and graduate level. Degreed students or students in graduate programs with more than 34 graduate credit hours are supposed to be placed into the doctoral pool, Scott said.

LOCAL WEATHER

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AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

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Saturday	43	29
Sunday	47	31
Monday	50	37
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Atlanta	57	32	Las Vegas	67	51	Portland	34	28
Baltimore	40	28	Memphis	54	34	Sacramento	60	41
Boston	36	29	Milwaukee	34	25	St. Louis	47	34
Chicago	36	25	New York	38	31	Tampa	67	54
Houston	68	56	Philadelphia	42	29	Washington, DC	46	30

SMC demos registration system

By MOLLY McVOY
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's students will now use the Internet for a large part of the class registration process.

This spring, students will use the new Banner system to pre-register for all of their non-major level classes.

"This system gives students flexibility," said Lorraine Kitchner, the College's registrar who spearheaded the system. "They don't even have to leave their rooms."

The Banner system has been in place since the fall and has been used for inter-class communication, access to grades and posting assignments. Registration has been previously accomplished by meeting with workers in the registrar's office. With a list of desired classes, the workers pre-regis-

ter the students for classes and provide the students with a preliminary schedule.

Now, the students will directly sign up for non-major classes through the Banner system.

"There will be slots to register in Banner, probably about 10 hours long," Kitchner said. "The times will be spread out and there will be times at the end of the day if you can't fit in your desired time."

Just as with the original pre-registration, rising seniors will have priority slots and the slots will follow by class rank. The process begins on April 17 with the rising senior class.

In order to log on to the system, students will need a pin number from their advisor.

"Getting the pin number from their advisor assures us that the students are still being advised," Kitchner said.

The new system gives the stu-

dents more options, according to Kitchner. Search engines are programmed into the system that allows students to search for classes by subject, time or day. This allows students to find more appropriate schedules.

"This allows students to narrow their search and find classes that fit," Kitchner said. "They can take more control of their schedule."

The system was tested on members of the student academic council. Results were mainly positive and the feedback was very helpful, according to Kitchner.

"SAC seemed to really like it," Kitchner said. "They gave me very good suggestions of how to get it out to the students."

Presently, only students at the home campus will use the system. In the future, the College hopes to expand the system to allow students living abroad to take advantage of the system. It is unlikely that incoming freshmen will use the system, but it may be a possibility.

"I don't think the freshman office is quite ready for incoming freshmen to use this," Kitchner said.

Observer appoints new General Board

By NELLIE WILLIAMS
Ireland Correspondant

The Observer announces its 2001-2002 General Board which will begin its term March 19.

The General Board comprises the Editorial Board and the Operations Board of The Observer. The General Board must approve all changes to the Observer charter and elects the editor in chief.

The Editorial Board consists of the editor of each section of the paper.

Jason McFarley, a sophomore from O'Neill Hall, has been named the next News Editor. McFarley joined The Observer in the spring of 2000 and has served as Assistant News Editor this year.

Noah Amstadter, a junior from Keough Hall, has been promoted to Sports Editor. Amstadter has been a member of the sports staff since his freshman year and has covered a wide range of athletic events. Most recently Amstadter has covered women's basketball while serving as Assistant Sports Editor.

Pat McElwee, a sophomore from St. Ed's Hall, is the

new Viewpoint Editor. McElwee assisted with the management of the opinions and editorials of The Observer as an Associate Viewpoint Editor this year.

Peter Richardson, a junior who lives in Castle Point, has been promoted from News Photo Editor to Photo Editor.

Amanda Greco, a sophomore at Holy Cross, will continue in her role as Scene Editor.

Myra McGriff, a junior from LeMans Hall, will succeed to the position of Saint Mary's Editor. McGriff has worked in the news department this spring.

The Operations Board consists of the heads of each business department at The Observer.

Kimberly Springer, a junior from Lewis Hall, has been promoted from Interim Advertising Manager to Advertising Manager.

Adam Turner, a junior from Dillon Hall, will continue in his role as Web Administrator for the 2001-2002 school year.

Kevin Ryan, a freshman from Morrissey, has been hired as the new Controller of The Observer.

The new General Board will assume their positions after Spring Break.

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Iraq

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Regardless of who is responsible, many U.N. nations have begun to resent the sanctions because of growing international concern for the Iraqi people. As a result, proposals to change the sanctions have been made.

Lopez and Cortright recently published a 50-page report in collaboration with the Kroc Institute and the Fourth Freedom Forum. A six-person research team interviewed more than 200 experts and provided the State Department and UN Security Council with suggestions for changing the sanctions. The report is similar to the goals of the smart sanc-

tions presented by Secretary of State Colin Powell. Lopez believes his report may have laid a foundation for the smart sanctions.

"I can't say to you that because the [decision makers] had our preliminary outline in hand that they said what they said and did what they did, but in the general discussions about what constitutes smart sanctions, our stuff has been pretty important," he said.

The goal of the smart sanctions is to prohibit the entrance of military weapons into Iraq while minimizing the impact on civilians. In an executive summary of the report, the research team recommended increasing the monitoring of border crossings, compensating border states, beginning to pay Iraq's external debts and maintaining the UN managed oil

account. The report aims at establishing a united front against Iraq to enforce military sanctions and revised economic sanctions.

"No single element of this smart sanctions package stands alone in wielding sufficient coercive clout. But linked together such controls provide a tightened sanctions regime," states the summary.

Lopez is confident that the new propositions will inject new life into the sanctions and he credits Powell for jump-starting a process that he anticipated would take longer.

"The end goal here is to restore the willingness of the Border States and powerful states to continue to keep military sanctions on Iraq and to pressure Iraq to fulfill disarmament requirements," Lopez said.

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Academy of Sciences and a well-known researcher in the field of stochastic mechanics, or mechanics which involve probability.

"Professor Sobczyk is a good friend of our department here at Notre Dame," Kirkner said. "He has visited us many times, the last time during the 1997-98 school year as the Visiting Melchor Chair in Civil Engineering."

Robert Norton, professor and chair of the Department of German and Russian Languages and Literatures, is currently using his grant to study at the International Research Center for Cultural Studies in Vienna, Austria. Norton's research focuses on German cultural conservatism from 1910-30.

A visiting professor, Pietro Boitani from the University of Rome "La Sapienza," Rome, is at Notre Dame as the result of a Fulbright grant. He is lecturing on "Biblical and Greco-Roman Rewritings throughout Italian Literature."

The U.S. Department of State sponsors the scholarships, with additional funding provided by participating governments and host institutions.

Profs earn Carnegie award for research

By KATHERINE BRICK
News Writer

Harvey Bender, professor of biological sciences, and Todd Whitmore, associate professor of Theology, recently were named Carnegie Scholars by the Carnegie Foundation and the Pew Charitable Trusts, which awards university-level teachers for their original research in effective teaching.

Bender, who teaches human genetics for non-science majors, said he is most interested in "corrupting all students" into appreciating science and seeing science as "an altogether human act."

His research involves the best strategies to make every student scientifically literate. The idea of scientific literacy, the backbone of Bender's studies, is based on the students' ability to become involved and interested in the class.

Bender said scientific literacy is "a method of resolution — a mindset, an attitude, as well as factual information and material, knowing that you don't know everything, and finding out how to figure it out."

Bender said he is excited to be named a Carnegie Scholar because the honor is presented for the purpose of measuring the impact of different strategies on a class, instead of devising a specific curriculum.

"It's very intriguing because it's not an award for teaching excellence or importance; it is to advance specific teaching techniques," Bender said.

Whitmore, who teaches a Theology 100 class, focused his research on making students consider social issues such as human rights, poverty and solidarity. His main project centers on inspiring students' commitment to community service and social action. As a result, Whitmore now directs a course of study at Notre Dame called Catholic Social Thought, which encourages social action and explores its effects.

The two professors will use the awards, which grant them technical support as well as

time away from the classroom, to continue to research methods of teaching which could increase interest and learning in classes. During their year as Carnegie Scholars, 20 students enrolled in both Bender's



Bender



Whitmore

Human Genetics class and Whitmore's Theology class will participate in discussions on topics related to genetics which will involve the social connections to advances in science.

Both professors plan to incorporate the strategies that they have developed into their teaching to better prepare students for further study in the subject. They will work with the other 28 members of the Carnegie Scholars Class of 1999-2000 over the summer in order to continue their research.

Gundlach appointed chair

Special to The Observer

Marketing professor Gregory Gundlach has been appointed by University of Notre Dame Provost Nathan Hatch to the newly created John W. Berry, Sr., Chair in the Mendoza College of Business.

The endowed professorship was funded by a trust created by the late John Berry, Sr., a Dayton, Ohio, businessman and philanthropist who served for 25 years on the advisory council of Notre Dame's business college.

"Greg is an outstanding scholar whose work is grounded in a combination of disciplinary training in marketing and law," Hatch said. "He has established a strong reputation as one of the undisputed authorities in the sub-field of marketing and society — an area in which Notre Dame's marketing department as a whole has become the national leader — and is most deserving of this appointment."

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1987, Gundlach studies the interplay of marketing and the law, with particular emphasis on competition policy and antitrust law. He is the coeditor of "The Handbook of Marketing and Society" (Sage Publications, 2000), the first book to examine comprehensively the scholarly research on how marketing affects societal welfare.

Gundlach is among the nation's foremost experts on "slotting fees," the controversial

practice of retailers and wholesalers requiring a payment from manufacturers before agreeing to allocate shelf or warehouse space to the manufacturers' product.

Introduced in the 1980s, slotting fees (or allowances) have become prevalent in the grocery industry and are becoming increasingly common in other business sectors including computer software, books, magazines, apparel, over-the-counter drugs, alcohol and tobacco products, and most recently the Internet. These payments usually are negotiated in secrecy and required in advance, without public disclosure of their terms.

Gundlach has provided expert testimony on the subject on several occasions before the U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business. He was an expert witness last year for the plaintiff in an antitrust trial that resulted in a \$1.05-billion verdict against the nation's largest snuff tobacco company for using slotting fees and other tactics to monopolize the snuff tobacco marketplace. Gundlach earned bachelor's, master's of business administration, law, and doctoral degrees from the University of Tennessee.

John Berry was a Dartmouth College graduate who retired in 1987 after a 41-year career at L.M. Berry & Company, a firm founded by his father, Loren Berry, and a leader in the Yellow Pages sales and publishing industry.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Sharon, Arafat willing to talk: Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat — enemies for decades — both raised the possibility of peace talks Thursday, Sharon's first full day in office. But the two have never shaken hands in previous face-to-face negotiations, and their frosty relationship seemed to offer scant hope of revived peacemaking.

Navy allows woman sub workers: The Canadian navy chose International Women's Day to announce Thursday that it would allow women to serve aboard submarines, making all of Canada's military open to females. Vice Adm. Greg Maddison said the decision was made because the navy's new Victoria-class submarines offer more privacy than the previous, smaller vessels.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Man suspected of dismembering girlfriend: Police charged a 32-year-old man in Hamburg, N.Y. with murder after finding the dismembered body of his girlfriend in three boxes in the basement of the couple's home. The remains of Kym Kraffert, 27, were discovered Wednesday, several hours after she was reported missing by her family. Police suspect her live-in boyfriend, Brian Faust, cut her up with an electric saw, Capt. Daniel Shea said. Faust was arrested Wednesday at a hospital, where he was admitted after being found in a car with apparently self-inflicted stab wounds, police said.

Accused terrorist pleads guilty: An Algerian accused of helping smuggle explosives into the United States in a 1999 case that stirred fears of a terrorist attack during the millennium celebrations has pleaded guilty and agreed to cooperate with the government.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Woman fakes daughter's illness: A woman accused of taking thousands of dollars in donations after inventing a story about her daughter's terminal illness has pleaded guilty to 15 counts of theft. Katherine Stabe, 51, of Huntington was charged with lying to people about her daughter's alleged impending death and spending money collected for the girl's "last wish." Prosecutors said Stabe raised more than \$6,000 in donations — including about \$1,200 raised by students and staff at two local schools — so she could take her 10-year-old daughter and other family members to Walt Disney World.

NASA launches space shuttle Discovery

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL
Space shuttle Discovery soared into the dawn Thursday, carrying a new crew to the international space station to relieve the three men who have been toiling in orbit for the past four months.

The shuttle will catch up with the space station early Saturday, and the fresh crew and the weary one will immediately begin trading places.

It was a smooth countdown and a flawless climb to orbit. Discovery arced neatly through a stunningly clear sky tinged peach from the rising sun. It was 45 degrees, one of the colder launch-time temperatures, but well within the safety limits.

"I was beginning to think something was wrong because nothing was wrong," launch director Mike Leinbach joked.

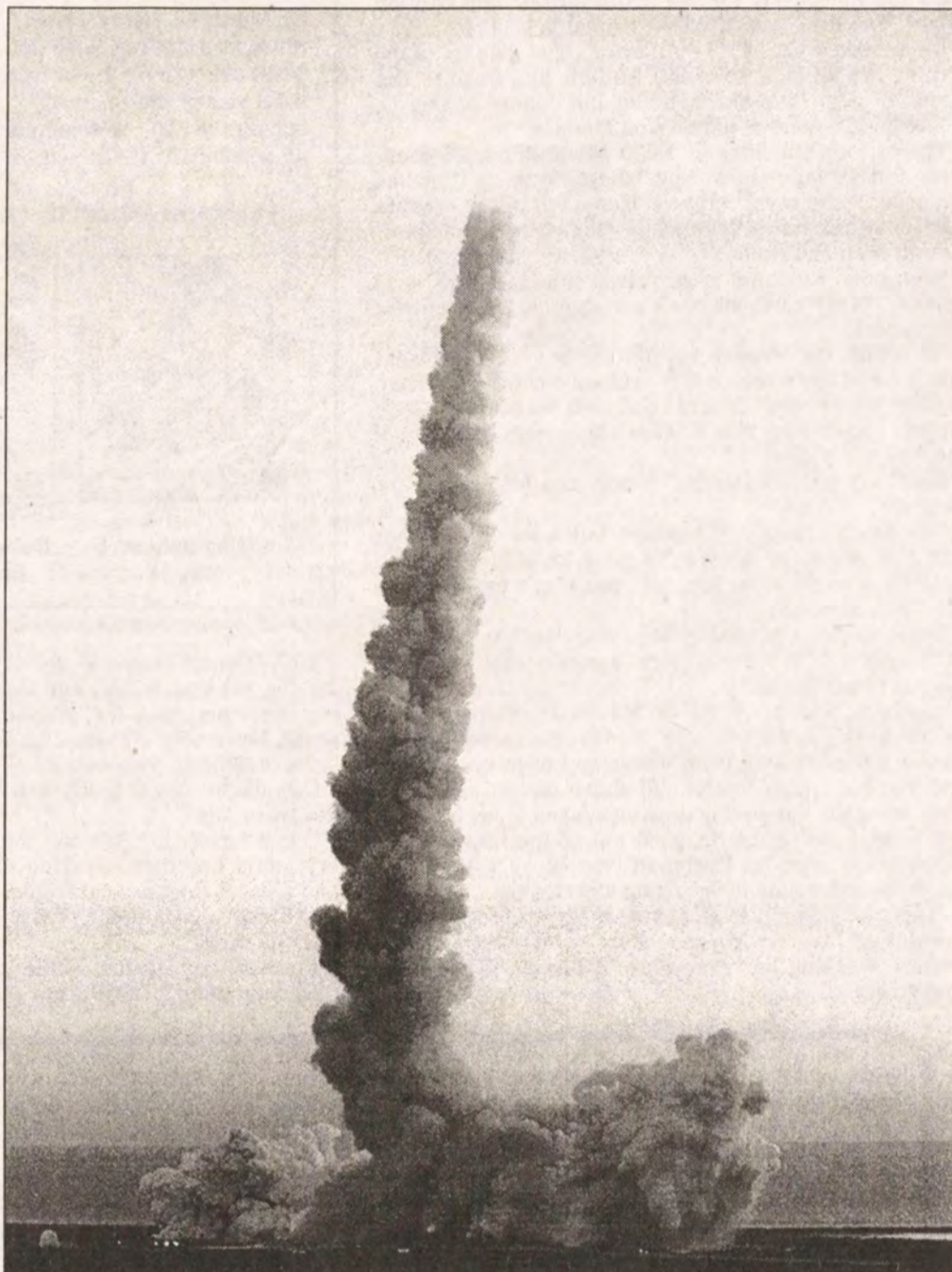
The international space station, Alpha, and its crew were passing high above the Indian Ocean near Australia when Discovery took off. American astronaut Bill Shepherd and his Russian shipmates, logging their 128th day in space, welcomed the news that Discovery was on the way.

Russian cosmonaut Yuri Usachev and American astronauts Jim Voss and Susan Helms will spend the next four months aboard the space station.

Besides a new space station crew and four other astronauts, Discovery is hauling 10,000 pounds of supplies packed in an Italian-made module named Leonardo.

During Discovery's eight days at the space station, Leonardo will be attached to the complex and emptied of its contents. It will then be brought back to Earth aboard the shuttle on March 20.

Helms will be the first woman to live on the space station. Looking a little sad, she waved and said, "Bye, Mom" to the TV cameras just before liftoff, which took place on International



NewsMaker Photo

The Space Shuttle Discovery lifts off from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida at dawn on Thursday. It is the eighth construction flight to the International Space Station.

Women's Day.

Before crawling into Discovery, Usachev and Voss held up a sign with the words "Happy Women's Day!" in Russian and English.

Once in orbit, Voss passed on this request to Mission Control: "This was a really busy day today and we're hoping that when we go to work over on the station, we won't see too many days like this one."

Mission Control laughed.

The flight of Leonardo, the first of Italy's three \$150 million cargo carriers to be launched, drew dozens of Italian space officials to Cape Canaveral. (The two other reusable modules are dubbed Raffaello and Donatello.)

Sergio De Julio, president of the Italian Space Agency, ended up haggling with NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin for a bigger piece of the space station project.

Because of a projected \$4

billion cost overrun in the space station program, President Bush wants NASA to halt construction three years early in orbit and eliminate the dormitory-style habitation module and crew rescue vehicle.

De Julio said Italy is considering supplying the module and maybe seven-person lifeboats, too, in exchange for full partnership and more Italians assigned to space station flights.

International Women's Day celebrated

Associated Press

From a demonstration in Sri Lanka for an end to civil war to a minute of silence in Turkey for victims of rape and honor killings, International Women's Day was observed around the world Thursday with calls for peace, prosperity and equality.

The public gatherings coincided with academic conferences and release of reports on the condition of women at the turn of the millennium, focusing on sex slavery, inequality in the workplace and death rates in pregnancy and childbirth.

"There isn't a single country or institution in the world where men

and women enjoy equal opportunity. And even though we've been struggling for decades to achieve fundamental change, we have to admit that there's still a long way to go," Gro Harlem Brundtland, head of the World Health Organization and a former Norwegian prime minister, told a U.N. Women's Day meeting in Geneva.

But Mary Robinson, the U.N. high commissioner for human rights, said attitudes can change quickly. She noted that when she was elected Irish president in 1990, she was the nation's first female head of state — and she was succeeded by another woman, Mary McAleese.

"Apparently there are small boys

in Ireland who are complaining to their mothers, 'Why can't I grow up to be president?' That seems to me to be an excellent experience for small boys in Ireland," she said.

At the U.N. headquarters in New York, observances focused on a Security Council resolution adopted Oct. 31 calling for special measures to protect women and girls from rape and sexual abuse in war and for a greater role for women in making peace.

A council statement Thursday urged all 189 U.N. member states to increase the representation of women in decision-making "for the prevention, management and resolution of conflicts."

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SUN MICROSYSTEM (SUNW)	-7.94	-1.75	20.31

'Dennis the Menace' celebrates 50th birthday

Associated Press

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif.

A little freckle-faced boy leans out from the back seat of a vintage car and taunts a policeman as his parents wait apprehensively for the traffic ticket. The caption reads: "You didn't catch us! We ran outta gas!"

It was March 12, 1951 — America's first glimpse of the blond, towheaded tornado known as "Dennis the Menace." Still "five-ana-half" on the comics pages, he celebrates 50 years of publication Monday.

The cartoon still runs in 1,000 newspapers, 48 countries and 19 languages, and "the only thing that has changed is the toys," creator Henry "Hank" Ketcham said as he recalled a lifetime of cartooning in an interview at his home studio.

Even now, Ketcham is surprised that his work is so popular. Other cartoonists also marvel at the loyalty of his readers.

"If Dennis the Menace fell out of his swing and went into a coma the world would probably stop," said Brian Walker, who writes "Hi and Lois" with his brother, Greg. "It just shows how much these characters are part of these people's lives."

Ketcham credits Dennis' innocence for the strip's longevity.

"He doesn't have any answers but a lot of questions and a lot of energy and you've got a lot of loyalty and a little bit of mischief in him, too, but that's the way kids are," Ketcham said.

Being a "menace" also is key, said Jim Davis, creator of "Garfield." "If Dennis were a perfect little boy, he wouldn't have lasted."

Ketcham, who turns 81 on March 14, put down his pencil nearly a decade ago. Today, he moves a little slower while clicking from image to image on his Web site, but his artistic eye is still sharp and critical while overseeing the day-to-day drawings faxed to his home.

A Seattle native, he dropped out of the University of Washington after his freshman year in 1938 to pursue his childhood dream of becoming a cartoonist.

He got his first job as an animator for Walter Lantz, the creator of "Woody Woodpecker," and then for Walt Disney, working on "Pinocchio," "Bambi," "Fantasia" and others.

'Menace' for society

On March 12, Henry "Hank" Ketcham's little boy turns 50 years old. "Dennis the Menace," still a young "five-ana-half," appears in 1,000 newspapers in 48 countries in 19 languages.



First panel — March 12, 1951



Gina debuts, May 15



Dennis brings Ruff home, July 16



Mr. Wilson waves "hello," July 3, 1952



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While Dennis stayed in the suburbs, playing with Ruff the dog, his friends Joey and Margaret, and of course the crotchety neighbor Mr. Wilson, Ketcham traveled the world. For nearly 20 years, he kept the strip going while living in Geneva, Switzerland.

How did he stay in touch with American culture among the Swiss Alps?

"I'm a former kid, you see, and I have that great memory," said Ketcham, wearing black-rimmed glasses. "I had a Sears Roebuck catalogue, which I kept over there, and I have a great team of writers which kept supplying me with stuff."

Ketcham and Dennis' mother, Alice, separated and she died soon after in 1959 from a drug overdose. Ketcham

took the then 12-year-old to Switzerland, but when the boy struggled with his studies there, he was sent to boarding school in Connecticut. Ketcham and his second wife, Jo Anne Stevens, remained in Europe.

Dennis went on to serve a 10-month tour of duty in Vietnam and returned suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. He has little contact with his father today (and has been estranged from his own daughter). Still, he's kept "Dennis the Menace" books, dolls and other cartoon paraphernalia displayed at his house.

"He's living in the East somewhere doing his own thing," Ketcham said. "That's just a chapter that was a short one that closed, which unfortunately happens in some families."

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CHINA

School explosion kills 42

◆ **Parents: children were forced to make fireworks**

Associated Press

BEIJING
It should have been just their classroom. Instead, it became their grave.

Children who died when their school exploded in southeast China were forced to make fireworks in class, their parents said Thursday. The father of an 11-year-old victim said he was among the first to arrive at the scene and saw dead children in the rubble still clutching fuses in their hands.

State media said 42 people were killed and 27 injured. Parents gave figures of between 53 and more than 60 — four of them teachers, the rest children. Many bodies were dismembered. Parts of one boy were found in a nearby river, said the father of a 9-year-old who died.

Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji blamed a man with mental problems for Tuesday's explosion, which reduced the school in Fang Lin village, Jiangxi province, to a pile of bricks, books and furniture. The official Xinhua News Agency identified him as a 33-year-old fireworks maker, Li Chuicai, and said he was known in the village as "psycho."

It said police found a note-

book and papers in his home containing the confused phrase: "I'll sacrifice myself with 100 pounds of silver saltpeter, blast all, burn all, killing dozens of them at the very least."

But parents said government officials were lying. Zhang Chenggen said his 11-year-old son, who died, and other third- and fourth-graders had since 1998 been forced to assemble firecrackers in class, normally working a half-day. Profits subsidized school expenses and went to school officials, Zhang said.

The father of another 11-year-old victim said children were rushing to complete orders for China's traditional grave-sweeping festival on April 5, when families honor deceased relatives.

"Everybody knows it is caused by the fireworks," Zhang said by telephone. "The government is trying to cover the facts. Please do not believe them."

The explosion was not the first to kill children in China's fireworks industry. Last March, 17 children — the youngest aged 8 — were among 35 people killed when a fireworks factory exploded in another Jiangxi village about 30 miles from Tuesday's blast. The children earned 12 cents a day for fitting fuses to firecrackers, the state-run newspaper Southern Weekend reported.

In poor villages all along Jiangxi's mountainous border with Hunan province, fireworks

are a key industry. Most are put together by hand in family workshops for sale nationwide, with some officials paid to look the other way, the Southern Weekend said.

In Fang Lin, about 30 families make fireworks at home, including the village's Communist Party leader and some school officials and teachers, said Zhang Shushen, whose 11-year-old son was killed in Tuesday's blast.

Teachers distributed the work to students, and pupils who refused to do it or told their parents were banned from classes or made to kneel on the classroom floor, Zhang said. Children and parents had little choice — it was the village's only primary school.

The party secretary, who fled after the blast, was caught Wednesday by police and the school principal turned himself in, Zhang said. Thousands of people demonstrated Wednesday and again Thursday outside the school, demanding an investigation, he said.

"I was among the first batch of people to rush to the explosion site. I clearly saw the hands of some dead children still holding fuses," he said. "There is no doubt the fireworks they were making caused the explosion."

The disaster, which came during the 11-day annual meeting of China's national legislature, is extremely embarrassing for Chinese leaders. Premier Zhu, denying that fireworks manufacturing in the school was to blame, said the explosion was caused by a man who carried a bag of fireworks into the school. Zhu and Xinhua said the man died in the explosion.

"I clearly saw the hands of some dead children still holding fuses."

Zhang Chenggen
father of explosion victim

CHILE

Officials drop homicide charges against Pinochet

Associated Press

SANTIAGO

A Chilean court dropped homicide and kidnapping charges against Gen. Augusto Pinochet on Thursday, but ruled the former dictator must still be tried for covering up the crimes.

The 2-1 vote by the Santiago Court of Appeals watering down the criminal charges disappointed both supporters and foes of the 85-year-old general, whom the court ordered to remain under house arrest.

It appeared to be a victory for Pinochet, who was indicted Jan. 29 on charges stemming from the "Caravan of Death" — a military group that executed 75 political prisoners in various cities five weeks after the 1973 coup led by Pinochet.

The indictment charged Pinochet with homicide for the 57 victims whose bodies were recovered and with kidnapping for 18 who remain unaccounted for.

In its ruling, the court said that Pinochet "learned of the crimes after they had occurred, but failed to report them to the courts of justice."

"There is no indication whatsoever that he took measures to punish those responsible," the ruling said.

Relatives of the victims of Pinochet's dictatorship of 1973-90 condemned the ruling.

"This is shameful and shows the kind of courts we have," said Viviana Diaz, president of an organization of relatives of dissidents who disappeared after their arrest. "They are looking for ways to protect Pinochet."

Lawyer Hiram Villagra said the ruling "confirms that Pinochet had participation in the criminal acts. But it cannot be considered as a mere cover-up, because Pinochet gave the orders."

But a spokesman for Pinochet, retired Gen. Guillermo Garin, said: "We were expecting the charges would be totally dropped. Gen. Pinochet has no responsibility in the crimes."

The ruling is expected to be just another step in the legal saga involving Pinochet, as the case may go back all the way to the Supreme Court. Eventually, an outcome may be decided more on health reasons than legal ones.

The court is expected to decide by the end of this month on a request by Pinochet's defense to close the case, alleging that his deteriorated health prevents him from properly organizing his defense, thus depriving him of his right to a fair trial.

Doctors in January said Pinochet suffers from "moderate dementia" brought on by minor strokes. He also has diabetes and arthritis, and wears a pacemaker.

Pinochet was last seen Sunday when he attended Mass at a private chapel next to the residence where he is under house arrest. Walking with difficulty, using a cane and aided by bodyguards, Pinochet smiled broadly and raised his hand to greet a small group of supporters.



Pinochet

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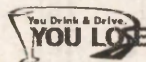
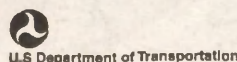
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Site will be announced on March 11th.



A Nicole Rodríguez la mató un chofer borracho cuando ella salía a jugar con una amiguita vecina.

¿Qué se debe hacer para impedir que un amigo maneje borracho? Lo que fuere necesario. Los amigos no dejan a sus amigos manejar borrachos.



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Hold Eldred accountable for actions

The officers of CARE were wrong. In a letter dated Jan. 18, 2001, the officers of Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination told President Eldred, the Parents' Council, the Alumnae Board and the Board of Trustees, "The college has decided that it will not support a performance of 'The Vagina Monologues' this year, and out of respect for this college, we will abide by that decision." Certainly the participation of the four officers at the Feb. 19 public reading of the "Monologues" proves the officers did not abide by their word not to support a performance of the "Monologues." By reading the "Monologues" in a public performance, the officers of CARE supported the "Monologues" even without outright sponsoring the reading.

Eldred is clearly within her disciplinary jurisdiction in sanctioning the

members of CARE who went against their word and performed the play in defiance. Yet while the rules of the College handbook dictate Eldred must hold these four women accountable for their actions, who will hold Eldred accountable for hers?

Through her decision to prevent the performance of the "Monologues" on campus, Eldred has succeeded in using her administrative power to limit academic freedom, legitimize censorship and prevent the free exchange of ideas. For a president that prides herself on her "open door policy" and her willingness to listen to students' points of view, it is glaringly obvious in this situation, the students' viewpoint was blatantly disregarded.

"The Vagina Monologues" is not a question of dollars and cents; nor is it a question of being in conflict with the

teachings of the Catholic Church. It is a question of whether censorship is right or wrong. The officers of CARE clearly had right and wrong in mind when making their decision to participate in the "Monologues." They knew that freedom of expression is right; they knew censorship is wrong. They knew academic freedom is right; and they knew that rape and sexual abuse, in every form, is wrong.

The officers of CARE worked to right Eldred's wrongs by performing the play on campus. Unfortunately, they will face repercussions for the methods they employed to achieve a good. Yet as Eldred proceeds with disciplinary sanctions against CARE officers, her decisions should not go without reprimand. Out of respect for the College, for academic freedom and for the spirit of what we know is right in higher education, we challenge the Board of Trustees to do what we know is right: hold Eldred accountable for her actions.

The Observer Editorial

In search of quality health care

In the United States, legislators reluctantly debate solutions to the worsening situation of health coverage. By some estimates, over 42 million Americans currently live without any type of medical insurance. In the search for solutions, eyes often turn to European countries, like Austria, where all citizens receive health coverage through socialized medicine.

The United States remains the only industrialized nation that does not guarantee access to health care as a right of citizenship. In Austria, by law, every wage-earner must receive health insurance. Each worker pays a percentage of their income to taxes, the majority of which supports the national pension, health insurance and unemployment funds.

Despite the high taxes, Austria spends less per capita than the United States per year. Regional and local authorities in Austria govern the administration of health care. Children and college students receive coverage through their parents.

The unemployed also continue to receive care after the loss of a job. Doctors and hospitals provide health care and receive reimbursement through the government.

In comparison to the United States, the benefits to this program arise clearly. Austrians live with access to coverage and without fear of the loss of insurance.

However, the quality of the health care that the socialized system provides falls into question. Doctors, who obtain a position within the Austrian health care system, receive patients and therefore an

income regardless of their capabilities as a doctor. Hospitals and other medical institutions only receive limited funds from the state, which hinders the use of new, more expensive technologies.

In contrast, medical research flourishes in the United States, where each year new techniques and drugs are developed. A relatively common procedure today in American hospitals that greatly reduces patient recovery time, laproscopic surgery, is not so widely used in Austria. However, these new technologies exist uselessly when the majority of the nation's population does not have access to them.

As the overall cost of medical services increases, the very existence of the Austrian health care system that at present provides its citizens with at least good basic health care is threatened. The population of Austria grows older each year. Each year fewer workers provide wages to support the elderly population.

As the United States attempts to develop a program to provide each of its citizens with health insurance, Austria must fight to save and to improve their existing system before its citizens are left without the promised and expected care.

To ease the stress on the state medical fund, Austrians must often pay supplements for specialists or particularly advanced procedures. A 52 schilling (approximately \$4) additional tax must be paid with each prescription. However, the negative sentiments of younger Austrians, who must pay the additional costs without a guarantee of coverage in the future, resemble those of younger Americans, who lose a portion of their pay check each week to the Social Security fund.

And, despite the supplemental payments, older Austrians, who have lived within the program of socialized medicine and therefore in ignorance of the cost of medical care, continue to visit the doctor

unnecessarily many times each year. In fact, the great instance of unwarranted doctors appointments has led to the suggestion of the limitation of allowed visits with the doctor each year.

The solution to the problem of health care in both Austria, which has a system of national health care that works at present, and the United States, that must develop a program that allows all citizens the access to affordable medical care, lies in the discovery of a median between the two: a health care program that both provides quality, reliable health insurance to all citizens and simultaneously encourages the development of new medicines and medical techniques.

In the United States, one possible solution lies in the development of a single-payer, universal health care plan. Individuals and families would pay for care through a public tax system, yet the clinics, doctors and hospitals would remain in the private sector.

Health plans that adopt this single-payer system often borrow from the Canadian program of universal care. During his campaign, President Bush proposed a Refundable Health Credit that would assist families who do not qualify for Medicaid yet cannot afford an insurance plan. He also suggests the distribution of aid to small businesses, with whom most of the working uninsured are employed.

But whatever the answer, legislators must work hard to discover a workable plan before the crisis of health in the United States drastically worsens.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Use your health, even to the point of wearing it out. That is what it is for. Spend all you have before you die; and do not outlive yourself."

George Bernard Shaw
author

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Performers respond to action taken against 'Monologue' reading

As the women who participated in a public reading of "The Vagina Monologues" at Saint Mary's College, we are writing in response to the e-mail Saint Mary's President Marilou Eldred sent to the campus community on Wednesday.

Just as Eldred claims to have made a thoughtful and informed decision in forbidding a public performance of the play, our decision to do an informal reading of the play also reflected much serious consideration.

There are many compelling reasons to perform the Vagina Monologues on our campus. For example, somewhere in the United States a woman is raped every two minutes.

By prohibiting the performance of "The Vagina Monologues" our reasons for performing were invalidated. Yet, we continue to believe that performing a public reading outweighed the arguments provided by the administration against an officially sanctioned performance.

At various points in her e-mail Eldred presents subjective claims as factual. Her statement that "Monologue" supporters are a vocal minority shouting down the majority is one such assertion. She has not conducted a broad-based survey to justify this judgment. Had she done so, Eldred would have recognized the large base of support for the "Monologues."

Eldred also makes the subjective statement that by performing the play the officers of CARE broke their word. The only

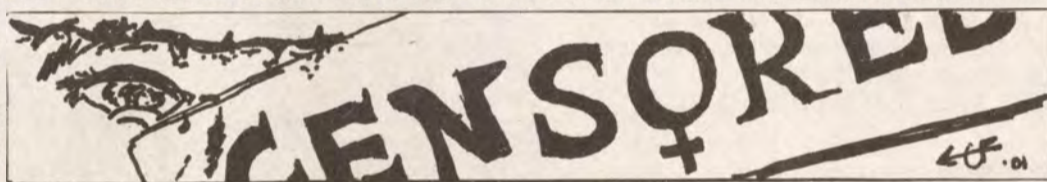
promise the four officers made was that CARE would not sponsor the play. That promise was kept. CARE did not fund or advertise the readings, and in the reading's introduction, it was clearly stated that no campus group was sponsoring them.

The reading was not, as Eldred suggests in her e-mail, organized by the officers of CARE. There were no organizers. All participating individuals played an equal role in the readings. All strong-willed and independent, each woman participated for a slightly different reason. It was, as some like to call it, a grass roots movement of concerned community members. Thus selecting four individuals for reprimand is totally unjust.

Like Eldred, we also acted with respect to the Catholic character of the institution. We believe the highest moral obligation is to educate one's conscience and follow it. By this standard, reading "The Vagina Monologues" was a decision made out of our informed consciences. If just one woman is helped by Eve Ensler's words, the play has a place on our campus.

Maureen Capillo, Jami Newcomb, Susan Almeda
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Cassie Carrigan, Ang Romano, Laura Flate
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The Vagina Warriors
St. Mary's College
March 8, 2001



Censorship is never a good idea

In his letter to the editor on Thursday regarding the censorship of a painting at the Brooklyn Museum of Art by Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, Shawn Newburg states, "The painting is disgusting because Christ is nude. It is anti-Catholic because Christ is a woman. And it is outrageous because its sole purpose is to create shock and arguments, not to further religion."

Based on this logic, he and others like him "completely agree" with Mayor Giuliani's attempts to shut down the controversial exhibit. Short of questioning whether or not Mr. Newburg has actually seen the exhibit in person before making such inflammatory remarks about it, I wish to respond to the issues of censorship that he raises.

The First Amendment of the Constitution protects free speech. Period. The same document that gives Catholics the right to practice whatever religion they please protects artists as well.

If Mayor Giuliani has the right to judge what is appropriate and inappropriate and eliminate funding for that which he deems offensive, how is that not censorship?

Would he be right in eliminating the Holy Bible from public libraries which receive

public funding because it might be considered offensive to atheists? Would he be right in withdrawing funding from the Metropolitan Museum of Art because its collection contains oil paintings of nudes that might be considered offensive?

The point is, if you are offended by a piece of art or literature or other media, then don't expose yourself to it. If you don't like it, don't see it, read it or listen to it. But don't take away my right to appreciate it or the rights of others.

You don't speak for me when you bash a piece of art you don't understand (and probably have never even seen). Book burning and the stifling of artistic expression echoes trends frighteningly reminiscent of fascism. Eliminating art that can be considered offensive sets a dangerous precedent for future censorship and denial of the basic rights of expression that all Americans should thank God we are granted.

Tim O'Connor
junior
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March 8, 2001

GUEST COLUMN

Separating business from government

PRINCETON, N.J.

Remember Carol Shia? She was the New York City police officer fired after posing for Playboy in uniform: the NYPD thought it was inappropriate to use a police uniform for personal gain — and in such a questionable manner. The Carol Shia problem is found in politics as well, where politicians use their "uniforms" — or the networks those uniforms create — to advance themselves personally.

Adam Frankel

The Daily Princetonian

There are laws to prevent conflicts of interest: the stocks held by elected officials are frozen until their terms end. But there are no laws that prevent former elected officials from using their former positions for financial gain in their current positions. Take, for example, the Carlyle Group, a private equity firm that employs former top-ranking officials in the elder Bush and Reagan administrations.

The Carlyle Group makes money by buying undervalued companies and selling them at a profit. And it counts among its "advisors," "investors" and "directors" former President George Bush, former Bush Secretary of State James Baker, former Reagan Secretary of Defense Frank Carlucci and Gen. John Shalikashvili, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs under President Clinton.

There has always been a revolving door between business and government, right? And what's so bad about allowing former government officials to earn the big bucks in big business? After all, everyone knows how little they make in public service. In fact, there's nothing wrong with this. The public grants former officials the privilege to use the contacts and prestige of their former posts for personal gain. But the Carlyle Group abuses that privilege.

Two-thirds of the firm's investments are in the defense and telecommunications industries, both of which are directly affected by changes in government policy. The Carlyle Group is currently competing with other firms for several billion-dollar defense contracts — including a \$13.7 billion contract for the Crusader program to build tanks.

It might help its case that one of its managing directors, Frank Carlucci, went to college with the current Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld. "I know Rumsfeld extremely well," Carlucci recently told The New York Times. "We've been close friends through the

years."

Additionally, former President Bush recently discussed Carlyle's investments in the Middle East with King Fahd and Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia. And after Bush met with the prime minister of South Korea, Carlyle won control of the South Korean bank, KorAm.

How can you top the connections made by being president?

The Carlyle Group argues that former officials like Bush and Carlucci do not lobby the federal government. But then again, they don't have to. The firm's ties to the current administration are much stronger than any act of lobbying could be.



"George Bush is getting money from private interests that have business before the government, while his son is president," said

Charles Lewis, executive director of the Center for Public Integrity in an interview for The New York Times. "And in a really peculiar way, George W. Bush could, some day, benefit financially from his own administration's decisions, through his father's investments."

The line between business and government is becoming increasingly blurred — and that is not necessarily bad. Businesses will keep trying to gain an edge over their competitors by building stronger networks. And they should be allowed. But the Carlyle Group has taken this to an extreme.

Former public officials are allowed to enter business — as board members, for example — when they leave government because they are private citizens again.

But they're not, really. They have contacts and influence beyond that of other Americans — and that's what makes them so attractive to firms like Carlyle. It's pretty clear that something needs to be fixed when the president's family is benefiting from contracts put before his administration.

Congress has, until now, not supported campaign finance reform legislation, which would limit the influence of business on politics. And it is unlikely that the Carlyle Group will provoke a change in that attitude. But without such reform, politics will become an even firmer stepping stone to business — without such reform, the integrity of "a noble profession" will be diminished.

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Sweet home

Not going anywhere for break? Chi-town is right around the corner.

By JACKIE OSTROWSKI
Scene Writer

So you're ready to brave the Windy City. Only an hour-and-a-half drive from Notre Dame, Chicago is waiting for you. It can be done in a day, a weekend or a week, but it always demands more. No matter how exhaustive your itinerary, Chicago always has something worth returning for. The Second City, the City of Big Shoulders, this city on the lake encompasses world-class museums, prime shopping, fine dining and hopping nightlife, yet it manages to avoid a snobby attitude. Chicago still has its fair share of accessible charm — chowing down on a slice of deep-dish pizza, people-watching in Grant Park, strolling through the bustling downtown Loop. Anyone can find a little piece of himself in Chicago if he knows where to look. It's finding the perfect combination between big-city glamour and hometown appeal that makes spending time in Chicago so priceless.

Lodging

Lodging in Chicago doesn't have to be expensive. However, it can be worth paying a little more for a night's sleep just to be in a good location. The Marriott (540 N. Michigan) can be pricey, but careful travelers can find occasional weekend specials at this consistently classy hotel. A double room is \$165 a night, including an extravagant breakfast buffet at the downstairs restaurant, Allie's American Grille. Valet parking is expensive (\$26 a day), but you may be able to find a cheaper lot if you check around Michigan Avenue and don't mind walking a block or two to your car from the hotel.

The rooms are spacious and clean, and service is excellent. The Marriott also has an ideal location at the corner of Michigan and Ohio Streets. It's seconds away from excellent shopping on the Magnificent Mile, and it's also within walking distance of many entertainment establishments on Ohio Street, such as the Rock 'n' Roll McDonald's, ESPN Zone and DisneyQuest.

Chicago Staples

Chicago's two most recognizable buildings, the sky-scraping Sears Tower (233 S. Wacker) and its shorter, fatter cousin, the John Hancock (875 N. Michigan), both have observatories boasting excellent views. Either one is sufficient to see up to four states and the expanse of Lake Michigan; they both have perks. The Sears Tower has a recently renovated Skydeck on the 103rd floor. However, if you ride to the top of the Hancock, you can brag that you rode the world's fastest elevator (it soars to the top at a rate of 1,800 feet per minute).

From the top of either tower, a tourist can easily find Grant Park by pointing out the green patch of grass stretching along the lakefront. Buckingham Fountain, another Chicago landmark, sits as the centerpiece of Grant Park. Its capricious dragons spew a 90-foot tower of water at alternate times during the day. By night, they assume different colors and the fountain performs a flashing show of lights.

Stretching east into Lake Michigan, Navy Pier's mass conglomeration of entertainment fills up with visitors early. The Pier was renovated in 1995, and, judging by the throngs of tourists and natives that crowd the pier on a daily basis, it's a welcome change. The pier bustles throughout the day with its enormous Ferris wheel, beer gardens, sit-down restaurants, carousel, boat tours and entertainment. Families seem to really get a kick out of it; it's good for a one-time visit, but the chaos can be a bit overwhelming.

Baseball lovers can't leave Chicago without setting foot inside the "friendly confines" of Wrigley Field (1060 W. Addison). Cubs fans have earned their reputation as among the most devoted, and they'll proudly display their love for their underdog team in the bleachers of Wrigley during any home game. One of the smallest fields in baseball, Wrigley Field's ivy-covered walls house a field steeped in tradition. For a ballgame

that reminds us why baseball is America's pastime, try to get tickets to a Cubs game (www.ticketmaster.com). Wrigleyville, the area immediately surrounding the ballpark, is packed with sports bars and restaurants for a post-game drink or snack. Try Goose Island Brewing Co. (1800 N. Clybourn) for delicious burgers, made-from-scratch potato chips and a huge assortment of beers.

Dining

Chicago is a budget-eater's paradise. A city that prides itself on deep-dish pizza and famous hot dogs can't be too hard on the wallet, so if you prefer to spend your money on museums or the Magnificent Mile, you'll have no problems saving on your food and still getting delicious cuisine.

No visitor should be allowed to leave without trying classic Chicago-style pizza: It's an unparalleled dining experience. When told of the 30-45 minute wait for a deep-dish pizza, the shocked expressions on their faces give the tourists away. It's well worth the wait, as any satisfied diner will agree.

Some of the most well-known options for pizza are Gino's East of Chicago (633 N. Wells), famous for its



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Navy Pier's 150-ft. Ferris wheel is fun for kids and adults alike. Travelers can get a breathtaking view of the city by stopping at the top of the Ferris wheel.

ART & MUSEUMS

A stop at any one of Chicago's dozens of fine museums can add a bit of refinement and sophistication to an otherwise culture-free day. There are far too many museums to list here; however, no guide to Chicago would be complete without mentioning the most deserving five.

The city's trio of art museums have earned their excellent reputations.

◆ Art Institute of Chicago

111 S. Michigan Ave.

312-443-3600

Don't miss "A Sunday Afternoon on La Grand Jatte — 1884" by Seurat or "American Gothic" by Grant Wood, two of the museum's most famous works.

◆ Museum of Contemporary Art

220 E. Chicago Ave.

312-280-2660

For a change of pace, stop by on the first Friday of each month from 6 to 9 p.m., when the MCA hosts "First Fridays." It's an after-hours party with music and snacks to allow those who appreciate art to do so in an informal and entertaining setting.

◆ Terra Museum of American Art

664 N. Michigan Ave.

312-664-3939

Allow an hour to digest this superior yet manageable museum's offerings, includ-

ing the current exhibit on Rockwell Kent. Its selection includes paintings by Mary Cassatt, John Singer Sargent and Winslow Homer.

Chicago has plenty of options for the more scientific-minded traveler. Two of the most well-known, the Field Museum and the Museum of Science and Industry, form a substantial part of the city's Museum Campus on Lake Shore Drive.

◆ Field Museum

1400 S. Lake Shore Drive

312-922-9410

Come for "Sue," the world's largest Tyrannosaurus Rex skeleton, but stay for the museum's seemingly endless selection of exhibits. Anthropological displays, prehistoric fossils, and cultural diversity exhibits are among the dozens that populate the Field Museum.

◆ Museum of Science and Industry

5700 S. Lake Shore Drive

773-684-1414

One of the latest additions to the museum is NetWorld, a special exhibit about the Internet and technology, where visitors can control virtual Internet connections and test their digital savvy. However, not all parts of the museum hurtle towards the future; a detailed display on farming takes visitors to a different world.



Chicago boasts one of the most recognizable skyline Towers. Along Lake Michigan's beaches, visitors can pla

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ound the 'Bend. Scene tells you what not to miss.

graffiti walls (bring some markers!), Giordano's (310 W. Randolph), Pizzeria Uno (29 E. Ohio St) and its slightly classier sister restaurant, Pizzeria Due (619 N. Wabash).

Like Chicago pizza, Chicago hot dogs differ proudly from their counterparts. One important difference: Any native will tell you that asking for ketchup on one of these franks is like asking a Chicagoan when he thinks the Cubs are going to win the World Series — you just don't do it.

A proper Chi-town concoction consists of a Vienna beef hot dog on a poppy seed bun topped with mustard, pickle relish, onion, hot peppers, tomato, a pickle spear and celery salt. You can't go wrong if you try your first Chicago hot dog at Gold Coast Dogs (418 N. State St).

Those looking for a snack between shopping and museum-hopping on Michigan Avenue need only follow their noses. The irresistible aroma of freshly made cheese and caramel popcorn from Garrett Popcorn Shop (670 N. Michigan) lures

tourists and locals alike into the little shop. Several other sweet and salty varieties are sold, but judging by the bulging bags in the hands of children and adults alike, the cheese and caramel blend seems to be the most popular.

If you're looking for something a little more substantial, try Foodlife (835 N. Michigan) in the basement of Water Tower Place. Thirteen restaurants offer everything from freshly made quesadillas to giant stuffed baked potatoes. It's fresher, healthier and more fun than fast food. Plus, you get to eat in the unmatched ambiance of a well-lit forest.

For a night out, the Italian Village trio of restaurants (71 W. Monroe) offers authentic and affordable Italian cuisine. Each dining room boasts a different menu and wine list. The upper dining room, the Village, has the most traditionally Italian menu. Its romantic ambiance transports diners to a starry evening in a quaint Italian town. The prices are quite reasonable for such a first-class atmosphere; the pasta dinner specials include soup, salad, an entrée and dessert for \$15.50. A mixed green salad and minestrone soup are delicious precedents to the actual meal, but nothing spectacular. However, the pasta dishes outdo themselves. The risotto pleases the palate and achieves just the right balance of flavor. As for the three-cheese tortellini with cherry tomatoes, the blend of cheeses is appetizing without being overpowering and the cherry tomatoes add to the traditional yet inspiring cuisine of the Village. The staff is courteous and attentive; don't be surprised if the waiters flirt and offer an excess of compliments to young women diners. It's all part of the charm of the Italian Village.

The whimsical Cheesecake Factory (875 N. Michigan) gives hungry travelers a completely different — but still enjoyable — dining experience. Far from the subdued appeal of the Italian Village, the Cheesecake Factory knocks you over at the front door with its efforts to entertain your sensory pleasure. From the flamboyant décor to the extensive menu, this restaurant defines hedonism.

You can't just come for the cheesecake; you've got to try one of their specials. From steak dinners to pages of salad options, to stir fry platters, the restaurant has something for everyone.

Top off your entrée with a slice of the famous cheesecake. Maybe you have a taste for white chocolate raspberry truffle cheesecake, or perhaps chocolate peanut-butter cookie dough cheesecake is more to your liking. Whatever your craving, the Cheesecake Factory delivers, and that inevitably stuffed, post-Thanksgiving-like feeling is sure to follow your visit. Service is a bit rushed and the whole place can't avoid having a hectic environ-

ment, but one bite of your cheesecake and you'll forget the world around you, so go ahead and indulge.

Shopping

Although many cities have great shopping, Chicago's Magnificent Mile truly stands apart from the crowd in that it clusters nearly every major department store and chain into only a few square miles. Saks Fifth Avenue, Neiman Marcus, Bloomingdale's, Lord & Taylor, Marshall Fields and a newly opened Nordstrom are the large department stores that flank North Michigan Avenue, and these stores signify the type of shopping (and shoppers) that's to be found on this exclusive northern strip: Michigan Avenue, while it can be a fun shopping excursion, is no bargain.

When money's no object, the 900 North Michigan Shops and the new Nordstrom plaza tantalize with stores such as Oilily, United Colors of Benetton and J. Crew. Water Tower place is slightly more affordable, featuring typical mall fare such as Express, Abercrombie and Fitch and Victoria's Secret. Moving south down Michigan Avenue, the giant FAO Schwarz and the American Girl Place are delights for children, while the Virgin Megastore is an adult's playground. Enormous versions of mall favorites like Eddie Bauer, Crate & Barrel and Ann Taylor dot the corners.

Literally and figuratively miles away from preppy Banana Republic on North Michigan Avenue, the thrift and vintage shops at the triangle of Belmont, Clark and Halsted offer an alternative shopping experience. Take the el to Belmont or Addison. The vintage stores here hold some treasures you can't find in any department store-genuine '50's diner booths and '60's mod furniture that would be a perfect addition to a dorm room or apartment.

And instead of forking over \$80 for designer jeans that look like they were made in the '70's, you can find the real thing here — for just a fraction of the price. If you're patient, these streets will reward you.

For a classic Chicago shopping experience that goes beyond chains and mass



The Museum of Contemporary Art hosts after-hours parties on the first Friday of each month to allow connoisseurs amateurs alike the chance to appreciate art.

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world-wide, dominated by the Sears and Hancock volleyball, get a work out or brave the frigid waters.

commercialism, try State Street's Marshall Field's (111 N. State St). A Chicago landmark since its opening in 1907, the multi-floor department store sells just about everything. It's especially famous for the central restaurant, the Walnut Room, where hungry shoppers wait hours for seats beneath the famed Marshall Field's Christmas tree. At Christmastime, don't miss the fanciful window decorations that display fairy tales in all their colorful glory.

Nightlife

So night is falling, the stores are closed and you've eaten dinner? Nightlife is only a cab ride away. A hilarious option for any visitor is Second City (1608 N. Wells), Chicago's comedy club. "Slaughterhouse 5, Cattle O," is currently playing at Second City, and the comedy skit tackles familiar material with unexpectedly funny results. Denny's workers, idiot politicians and young couples are just a few of the show's targets. Its cyclical style and polished cast make it an ideal choice for laugh-seekers.

Second City has a small and intimate setting for its comedy; you'll probably get to know your neighbors quite well by the time the evening's over. The crowd is surprisingly mixed. Patrons need not be 21 to enter, but under-21s will find that they'll be the youngest there. Audience members range from 20-somethings to 50-somethings, with the majority of the crowd a predictably yuppie-ish mix. Considering the slightly controversial nature of some of the jokes, a younger audience makes more sense.

They don't call it "my kind of town" for nothing. Chicago can be your kind of town, too; just make the trip. The Midwestern metropolis is just waiting for you to discover it. Entire books have been written on Chicago's treasures; this article has merely introduced the city. But the moral of the Second City is this: you don't need a lot of time or money to enjoy it. So what are you waiting for? Pack your bags and go visit!

MEN'S BIG EAST TOURNAMENT

Seton Hall shocks Georgetown, 58-40

Associated Press

NEW YORK
Seton Hall is looking good and not looking back.

The Pirates, who didn't clinch a spot in the Big East tournament until the last game of the regular season, advanced to the semifinals with a 58-40 victory over Georgetown (No. 19 ESPN/USA Today, No. 18 AP) on Thursday.

A season that started with a Top 10 ranking and then saw the Pirates lose eight of nine games in one stretch and almost not even qualify for the conference tournament has taken a sudden turn.

The Pirates (16-13) won their third straight game by opening the second half with a 24-3 run to take control. They held the Hoyas (23-7) to half their season scoring average in matching the fewest points ever allowed in a Big East tournament game.

"This was one of those games when you wake up in the middle of the night and dream about having and hope you never have. We had it today," Georgetown coach Craig Esherick said.

"We couldn't shoot the ball at all. We started well and played well then we couldn't do anything right. I thought Seton Hall played extremely well."

Eddie Griffin, Darius Lane and Ty Shine each had 11 points for Seton Hall.

Boston College 93, Villanova 79

A year ago, Boston College was at the bottom of the Big East Conference, anchored there with a 3-13 record achieved strictly on merit.

Now the Eagles (No. 9 ESPN/USA Today, No. 10 AP) are on the other end, owners of a league-best 13-3 record

and in the semifinals of the conference tournament after Wednesday's convincing 93-79 wipeout of Villanova.

The Eagles (24-4) will face Seton Hall on Friday night after the Pirates thumped No. 18 Georgetown 58-40 in the second game of Thursday's afternoon doubleheader.

"Attitude, intensity and approach made this team successful," Skinner said. "Attitude is extremely important. It's hard to get it every night but we've had it consistently throughout the year. Our players were embarrassed about finishing 13th last year. They wanted to make that change."

Troy Bell, the conference's co-Player of the Year, led BC with 25 points and made 10 of his 15 shots. Kenny Harley had 19 while Ryan Sidney had 13 and Jonathan Beerbohm 12 off the bench.

Syracuse 55, Providence 54

Syracuse, which led by 15 points at halftime, had to rally in the final five minutes for a 55-54 victory over Providence on Thursday, lifting the 17th-ranked Orangemen into the semifinals of the Big East tournament.

Syracuse (24-7) capped a quarterfinal day in which three of four teams that received first-round byes lost. The Orangemen will play Pittsburgh, which beat No. 19 Notre Dame, on Friday, with the winner advancing to the championship game. The Orangemen swept the two-game season series from the Panthers.

Preston Shumpert, who had 31 points in the opening-round win over Connecticut, led the Orangemen with 14 points, while Damone

Brown added 12 points and 15 rebounds.

Erron Maxey led the Friars (21-9) with 10 points.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Youthful Belles want NCAA bid

By KATIE McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

The Belles tennis team is looking to serve up victory, to swing for team unity and to return a championship.

"We said all the time We want to win the conference," head coach Dee Stevenson said. "We want to make the NCAA tournament."

Last season Saint Mary's tied with Calvin College for second place in the MIAA, just behind Hope. The Belles hope they can turn the close loses of last year into victories this year.

"We expect to do very well this season and improve our record," team co-captain Annie Knish said. "We lost to the University of Chicago, Depauw and Wheaton College in very close matches last year (all three were 5-4) and we hope to turn those around this season."

This year's team looks a little different than the team that lost those matches to Chicago, Depauw and Wheaton.

Saint Mary's lost No. 1 singles player Katie Vales and No. 4 singles and No. 2 doubles player Becky Kremer to graduation.

"I do believe that the graduation of Katie Vales and Becky Kremer will affect the team," Knish said. "They were both great players and were respected as leaders on the team. We will do our best to fill in those gaps this season, but [we] miss those girls."

In addition to the loss of Vales and Kremer, the Belles will have to play without sophomore Lindsay Molan, who is spending the year in Ireland. Other players on the team have had to step up in both playing positions and leadership positions and the team is confident that they can fill the spots left by the three.

"I think that when the senior girls graduated we were all concerned about the dynamics of the team," sophomore Marta Dziekan said. "But now we are doing great; we have some great players and people on our team recognize that there is a lot of talent among us."

Three strong freshman have moved into the playing positions left by Vales, Kremer and Molan. Jeannie Knish, Kaitlin Cutler and Kris Spriggle will be taking the No. 3 and No. 4 and No. 5 singles spots respectively. Annie Knish or senior Natalie Cook will step into the No. 1 singles spot and sophomore Elisa Ryan will finish off with the No. 6 singles spot.

Doubles teams are not set for certain yet. "We'll start out with Jeannie [Knish] and Kaitlin [Spriggle] playing one and Annie [Knish] and Natalie [Cook] playing two, but that could change,"

Stevenson said.

Ryan and sophomore Trisha Jones will be taking the No. 3 doubles spot. Stevenson is counting on Spriggle, Ryan and the doubles team of Ryan and Jones to help lead his team to match victories.

"The key spots on the team are five and six singles and three doubles," he said. "When we play good teams we can probably hold our own in the other sports, but to win we'll have to win two out of three of those spots."

Saint Mary's returns only one senior and two juniors. Three players pegged for starting positions are freshmen and two are sophomores. Despite the youth and possible inexperience of his team, Stevenson is not worried.

"I don't expect [the young team] to be a big issue," he said. "Most of [the freshmen] have a lot of experience playing tennis."

Players agree.

"We have very young team, but this will only allow us to get stronger and better during the upcoming years," Knish said.

The Belles will be counting on Annie Knish and Cook to step-up in leadership positions. The co-captains offer the team the most college experience, according to Annie Knish.

In addition to the seven women stepping up in starting positions, Saint Mary's has seven other talented women constituting the team.

"Our team's greatest strength is our depth," Knish said. "We have a very solid line-up this year, all the way down the line."

Saint Mary's will open its season this week away from the snow of Indiana in Glendale, Ariz. as part of spring break tennis program. The Belles will play against teams from Division I, II, and III.

Saint Mary's will be matched up against St. Louis University (Div. I), Montana State University (Div. II), Colorado Christian College (Div. II), and Webster State University (Div. III). Other matches may be named when the team arrives in Arizona.

Stevenson is looking at the trip as an opportunity for his team to improve its play and meet some new competition.

"Right now, they're tired of playing each other," he said. "[The trip] will give us a chance to play outside, to play other people, and we hope we have a good time."

Team members are looking at the trip as an opportunity to increase team unity and take part in some play against talented opposition.

"The spring break trip should be a great bonding experience," Dziekan said. "We are also expecting to be challenged by our opponents in Arizona. There are going to be many good colleges there, so we are going to be working hard over break."

The Belles will start off regular season competition at home against Valparaiso on Mar. 24.

"We have a very young team, but this will only allow us to get stronger and better during the upcoming years."

**Annie Knish
Belles' tennis co-captain**

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PERSONAL

I have lots of room tonight! Give it up for spring break.

Spring break rules

So does having your own room

Let's see, where shall I start

Okay, I know

We'll start by giving props to Timmy for his outstanding photos

Rumor has it that Mr. Photo might be heading on a certain track trip to a certain California destination

This rumor is unconfirmed

But sources close to the sports department say that the top two want Timmy going along

Okay, enough inflating Tim's ego

What next

By the order of Noreen, I am obliged to report that Andrew Soukup is an (-*-) and any mistakes in the sports section are his fault and his fault alone.

Does that mean when it turns out good he gets mad props?

But I'll get to sleep all next week

Right

Sorry I forgot to do this last week

Let's hear it for ...

JOSE!!!!

Hmm, now for some more shout outs

Dan - hope you get some

Brett - hope you get home - you know, THAT home

Zo - hope you get some

April - hope you don't get lost, shot, killed or otherwise mutilated and have a great time

Sam - row, row, row your boat, gently down the stream

Hahaha - had to put that one in

If anybody wants to play handball, they may come by my room

The only stipulation is that they aren't on the same team as me

I could have gotten to bed early

Stupid photo people

Ah, well, most of them mean well

Hey, it's our last day as our inferior titles - Noah, think of it this way, you're the Sports Editor-Elect

Or something like that

I'd just like to point out how the only freshman in the office is still sitting the office while several upperclassmen are getting him food at Reckers.

Let's hear it for squeaky couches and immovable philosophy chairs

I love BIG COOKIE nights

Wow - 5 whole days in North Carolina - yeah, baby, yeah!

Well, hope y'all have a great spring break. Peace...out

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish look to bounce back from defeat

By STEVE KEPPEL
Sports Writer

The fifth-ranked Notre Dame women's tennis started off last weekend on a tough note with a 4-3 loss to 11th ranked Northwestern. The loss marked the first time the Irish have been defeated by a Midwest region opponent since 1996. The win by the Wildcats is the first over the Irish in the past five years.

Despite winning the doubles point and the first two singles matches, the Irish struggled with the difficult conditions in Evanston and the Wildcats swept the final four singles matches winning 4-3.

"It was a little disappointing because our goal was to beat all the Midwest teams," said Becky Varnum, who won in both doubles and singles.

"We knew we were going to have a battle and that it was going to be tight," said Varnum. "It was really hard to play there, it was really dark and there were a lot of problems with the calls."

"Being ranked fifth in the country we should have been able to deal with the conditions and do better and we will work on that in the future."

After the disappointing loss in Evanston, the Irish traveled to Columbus to take on No. 21 Ohio State. The Irish came out on a mission, first winning the doubles point with impressive victories at Nos. 1, 2, and 3 doubles. The No. 7 Irish pair

of Michelle Dasso and Varnum set the pace as they took down Kristy Dascoli and Monica Rincon 8-5 for the second time this season.

The Irish were led once again by the play of No. 3 All-American Michelle Dasso as she defeated the 31st ranked Dascoli for the second time that day in singles. Freshman Caylan Leslie along with Kimberly Guy and Lindsay Green all won impressively in straight sets to clinch the important win for the Irish.

It has been difficult as of late for the No. 5 Irish as they have been traveling at what seems to be a non stop pace playing in two to three matches every weekend. This, along with the added pressure of being one of the top five teams in the nation, has at times made it difficult for the Irish to come out and play their best.

Despite their tough schedule the Irish, led by head coach Jay Louderback and a solid group of upperclassmen, have come up big and are on their way to having one of the best seasons in their history.

"It has been three weeks of match after match and sometimes we feel like we are just visiting at Notre Dame," said Varnum. "Ohio State last week was one of the last matches of the streak and we knew we just had to buckle down and play hard."

The team is a very solid and close group and they use their friendships off the court to pull together and play well on the court.

SOFTBALL



LIZ LANG/The Observer

Irish junior Jenny Kriech swings at a pitch during a softball game last season. The Irish will spend Spring Break in California.

Irish poised for California trip

Special to The Observer

The No. 14-ranked Notre Dame softball team takes off for the West Coast this weekend for its traditional Spring Break trip to California. The Irish will face Cal State Northridge on Sunday, March 11, at noon, and Long Beach State Tuesday, March 13, at 5 p.m.

Notre Dame also will take part in the Kia Klassic in Fullerton, Calif., scheduled for Thursday, March 15, to Sunday, March 18.

After earning their third tournament title of the season at the Frost Classic in Chattanooga, Tenn., (Notre Dame also won the Holiday Inn Invitational in Tampa, Fla., Feb. 16-18, and the Fayetteville Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark., Feb. 23-26) the Irish have moved back up to 14th in the USA Today/NFCA Top 25.

Notre Dame entered the season ranked 19th in the preseason poll and moved to 14th in the Feb. 21st poll. The Irish then dropped a spot to 15th in the Feb. 28th poll.

Notre Dame's 11-1 record over its first 12 games is by far its best start to a season since the program began in 1989. The Irish started the 1995 and 2000 seasons 8-4, its previous best start for a season.

Freshman righthander Kristin Schmidt has earned her first career Big East weekly pitching award. The Irish freshman was named co-pitcher of the week on Monday, March 5, by the Big East Conference for her performance versus Jacksonville State and UAB last weekend. Schmidt shares this week's award with Clarisa Crowell from Virginia Tech.

Schmidt improved to 5-1 this season with two victo-

ries at the Frost Classic in Chattanooga, Tenn., March 2-3. She struck out 15 batters in 11 innings pitched, yielding just one run and scattering 10 hits. Her two impressive victories lowered her season-ERA to 1.46.

Against Jacksonville State on Friday, March 2, Schmidt pitched 6.1 innings, striking out eight and giving up just one run.

Facing UAB on Saturday, March 3, (the Blazers entered the game 2-0 in the tournament) Schmidt used her change-up to baffle hitters all afternoon. She struck out seven in the first four innings and gave up just three hits.

Schmidt has combined with Jen Sharron to post an 11-1 record and 1.06 team ERA as Notre Dame's two top starting pitchers. Both hurlers also have combined to post 91 strikeouts this season.

FENCING

Irish to compete in qualifiers

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame fencing teams travels to Detroit Saturday for the Midwest Regional Qualifiers without its most prolific fencer.

Gabor Szelle, the 2000 NCAA sabre champion, will not fence this weekend due to a thumb injury. Since Szelle will not fence this weekend, he cannot qualify for the NCAA Championships at the end of

March. Szelle is a two-time first team All-American and led the men's sabre squad with a 37-3 record.

Even without Szelle, the Irish still feature three of the top five Midwest sabremen. Junior Andre Croomedth enters his first place finish at the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships. Senior Andrzej Bednarski and sophomore Matt Fabricant are seeded fourth and fifth, respectively.

The top four sabremen will

qualify for the NCAA Championships but only two fencers can qualify from each team.

Although the Irish should have no trouble qualifying two fencers in sabre even without Szelle, the Irish may not qualify two fencers in other weapons.

Only five fencers will qualify in women's epee and the Irish only have one fencer seeded in the top five — Meagan Call. Anna Carnick is seeded sixth and must make a strong showing to qualify.

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A couple more perimeter shots, one by Graves and another by Ingelsby, allowed the Irish to take a 24-23 lead, but the brief Irish edge soon collapsed.

Every missed shot bounced into Panther hands, from a Murphy airball to a Carroll failed 3-pointer. Pittsburgh crashed the boards hard, out-rebounding Notre Dame 39 to 25 and holding the Irish to four offensive rebounds in the contest.

"We weren't very good defensively," Brey said. "We were out of position. I think that's why we got beat up on the backboard, too.

"It's definitely a concern," he said of the rebounding, "because when we got on a nice run in late January and through February, that front line, you know, Murph, Swan and Hump did a great job on the backboard."

After halftime, the Irish managed to close to within four with 14:20 to play following another trey by Ingelsby and two free throws by Murphy, his final points of the game.

But Notre Dame, who beat Pittsburgh twice during the regular season, was unable to hit anything but the 3-pointer. The Irish made just 7-of-26 shots from inside the arc the entire game, including one by Carroll with his foot on the 3-point line. Pittsburgh cracked down on Notre Dame defensively, but even when the Irish had open looks, they failed to connect.

Meanwhile, Pittsburgh had no trouble finding the hoop as they shot 49 percent from the field, led by 17 points from Greer and 14 points from Jaron Brown.

Along with the dismal inside

shooting, the Panthers held Murphy to eight points, marking only the second time in his career that he failed to score in double digits and breaking a 78-game streak.

"As soon as we got back to the hotel last night, Coach [Howland] told us the game plan — to double Murphy and put pressure on him," Greer said.

The Panthers, did that, and did it well.

"I think they doubled me on the catch," Murphy said, "rather than sometimes, when I put the ball on the floor, then the double team comes and that allows an easier pass to a shooter."

With Murphy struggling to get free and only taking two second half shots, Notre Dame needed to find offense elsewhere. While Ryan Humphrey managed three second-half baskets and Graves and Ingelsby each hit a pair of 3-pointers in the second stanza, little else came through.

Graves and Ingelsby were the only two players to finish in double figures for Notre Dame, which ended the game with seven assists to 16 turnovers.

The 54 points scored by Notre Dame was its lowest total of the season.

The Irish have never advanced to the semifinals of the Big East Tournament.

"I felt a little bit at times in there [the locker room] afterwards, a little bit like the Kentucky locker room," Brey said. "That was a little bit of a crossroads for us. Maybe this one was tonight."

Following Notre Dame's Jan. 13 loss to Kentucky, the Irish won eight straight Big East games, a new school record.

Now the Irish can look ahead to the NCAA Tournament, but their early exit from the Big East Tournament could hurt their seeding on Selection Sunday.



Junior David Graves fires a shot over the outstretched arm of Georgetown's Lee Scruggs during Notre Dame's loss on Sunday.

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WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

Belles softball squad sweeps doubleheader

By MOLLY McVOY
Saint Mary's Editor

The Saint Mary's softball team opened the 2001 season with an east double header victory against the Manchester Spartans Wednesday afternoon.

The Belles won the first game 5-1 and the second 13-6.

"We won in part, because of the experienced pitchers we have and partly because we just hit the ball well," first year head coach John Kovach said. "It's always key when you're on the road to jump out in front and we did that in both games."

In the first game, junior Kristen Martin pitched the complete game and the Belles jumped out to an early lead which they never gave up. The Belles had a four-run sixth inning, started by Martin's lead-off double. Mandy Hayes and Katerina Tebbe followed with RBI hits. Martin gave up three hits, one run and no walks.

"If you have strong pitching, everything else falls into place," Kovach said.

Senior co-captain Anne Senger pitched the second game, where the Belles had 16

hits for 13 runs. Senger gave up five earned runs on 14 hits.

Marnie Walsh and Susan Kootz led the Belles in hitting in the second game. Kootz had two hits, including a two-run triple, while Walsh had a single, a double and a triple.

"For our first game, we played really well," Senger said. "We hit the ball really well. Defensively we were pretty strong."

Kovach will be relying on his upperclassmen for support as he makes the transition to head coach.

"What I found out that has been quite nice about the upperclassmen is that they're willing to do whatever is necessary for the team," Kovach said.

The seniors for their part seem to be willing to work with this one last coach in the hopes of a successful season.

"It's been a revolving door of coaches for me for the last four years, but, hopefully this last year will be really good," Senger said. "With the combination of a lot of talent and good coaching this year will be a really good season."

The Belles head to Florida for training and a series of games over spring break.



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MEN'S TENNIS

Farrell fares well, Notre Dame tops Michigan, 7-0

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

Sophomore Brian Farrell learned from his mistakes Thursday, avoiding a near-defeat in doubles before dominating his No. 4 singles match. Farrell and the No. 26 Irish won every match, topping No. 33 Michigan, 7-0.

The No. 3 doubles team of Farrell and senior Matt Daly started off well before struggling midway through the match. They rallied from an 0-5 deficit to top Wolverines Ben Cox and Anthony Jackson 9-8 (8-6).

"We were able to fight them off," Daly said. "We played well when we needed to."

Farrell was disappointed they were unable to put away their opponent after starting off up 5-0.

"It was unfortunately closer than we would have liked," Farrell said.

Farrell's doubles match was the last match to end, but the sophomore rebounded quickly in singles. Farrell's match was the first singles match to end, as he defeated Anthony Jackson 6-2, 6-0.

"I got up pretty big," Farrell said. "I kept the pressure on. I wanted to make sure I didn't make the same mistakes that I did in doubles."

After playing longer doubles matches outdoors already this season, Farrell was unaffected by the short layoff.

"We play longer doubles matches at tournaments," Farrell said. "Indoors you don't sweat as much. It was no big deal, it really didn't affect me at all."

The Irish set the tone for the day early, as the No. 14 doubles team of juniors Javier Taborga and Aaron Talarico came away with an 8-4 victory over Michigan's No. 1 doubles team of Chris Rolf and Chris Shaya.

In No. 2 doubles, the team of freshman Luis Haddock-Morales and junior Casey Smith walked off with a 9-7 victory over Danny McCain and Greg Novak.



Freshman Luis Haddock-Morales returns a shot during his singles match against Michigan. The Irish swept the Wolverines 7-0.

The domination continued into singles play.

Smith, the No. 88 ranked player in the country, rallied to beat Cox 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 in No. 1 singles.

Smith's doubles partner had even less trouble with McCain in No. 2 singles. Haddock-Morales won in two sets, 6-4, 7-5.

In No. 3 singles, Talarico topped Novak, 7-6, (11-9), 6-2.

Daly beat Shaya in No. 5 singles 7-6 (10-8), 6-3. The senior was happy with his performance, after only competing in doubles in recent matches.

"I felt a lot better in the second set," Daly said.

Matthew Scott rebounded to win 3-6, 6-0, 6-4 in No. 6 sin-

gles, preserving the sweep as he toppled Michigan's Brett Baudinet.

The match was the last for the Irish before they head to Montgomery, Ala. for the Blue-Gray National Classic. The Classic starts Thursday, March 15.

Daly was happy to see his team play so well before the weeklong layoff.

"It's always good to play a big match before a long layoff," he said.

Farrell contends that his team proved they should be ranked higher, as they dismantled a team ranked only seven spots below them on Thursday.

"I feel that we are under-ranked," Farrell said. "We have

a better record than many teams that are ranked above us. We'll keep winning and we'll go up in the future."

The Blue-Gray match pits the Irish up against some of the best competition in the country. Daly is cautiously optimistic regarding his team's chances.

"It's always pretty tough," Daly said. "We can beat every team there, but at the same time we could lose as well. Every match will be hard-fought."

Daly's doubles partner has even more confidence in his team's chances.

"We've been playing really well as a team. I think this is our year to win it down there," Farrell said.

MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish set to begin road trip

Special to The Observer

The ninth-ranked Notre Dame men's lacrosse team embarks on a three-game road stretch for its spring break as the Irish will play three games over a nine-day period. The three games are the first of five consecutive road games for Notre Dame who will not be home again until an April 7 meeting with Denver.

Notre Dame will begin the three-game road swing when its travels to Piscataway, N.J., to face the Scarlet Knights of Rutgers on Fri., Mar. 9 at 3:00 p.m. Following that game, the Irish will travel to Charlottesville, Va., where they will meet the Cavaliers on Wed., Mar. 14 at 4:00 p.m. and then play at Loyola on Sun., Mar. 18 at 1:00 p.m.

The series between Notre Dame and Rutgers is tied at 1-1 and this will be the first meeting since the 1998 campaign. Each team has been victorious on the home floor of their opponent. Notre Dame earned an 8-7 overtime road decision in 1994. Rutgers returned the favor when they beat the Irish 13-12 at Notre Dame in 1998.

This will be the third time Notre Dame and Virginia have faced each other in Charlottesville, Va., and both meetings have occurred in the first round of the NCAA tournament. The Cavaliers have won both previous matchups, earning a 19-9 victory in 1993 and a 23-4 decision a year later in 1994.

Loyola has dominated the series with Notre Dame and led by a 10-1 count. Loyola had won the 10 previous meetings between the two schools, but on May 14, 2000, the Irish earned their first-ever win in the series with a 15-13 victory in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

Notre Dame will play its next five games on the road and will not return home again until April 7 when the Irish entertain Denver. The upcoming road stretch will be the longest since the Irish played seven straight road contests during the 1996 campaign.

Under Kevin Corrigan, Notre Dame teams have always stressed defense. The Irish have allowed eight goals in each of their first two contests. The last time a Notre Dame team held their opponents to under 10 in the first two games of the season was during the 1998 campaign. In fact, Notre Dame did not allow more than 10 goals until the fourth game of the season.

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Swim

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It took a meet in Indianapolis for both swimmers to realize that they had the potential to have success at the national level.

For Labosky, who made the provisional qualifying time in the 400 individual medley at the November Indiana Invitational, she realized just how good she could be.

"I had a rough beginning to the season," she said. "But when I broke the school record for the first time at Indiana and made the B-cut, I started thinking more and more about nationals."

Meanwhile, Hecking saw her summer training pay off as she swam her fastest race ever in the 100-meter backstroke.

"I swam a lifetime best, and I was so excited to be swimming that fast at that point in the season," she said. "I hadn't trained in the summer since my junior year of high school, and it made such a difference this year."

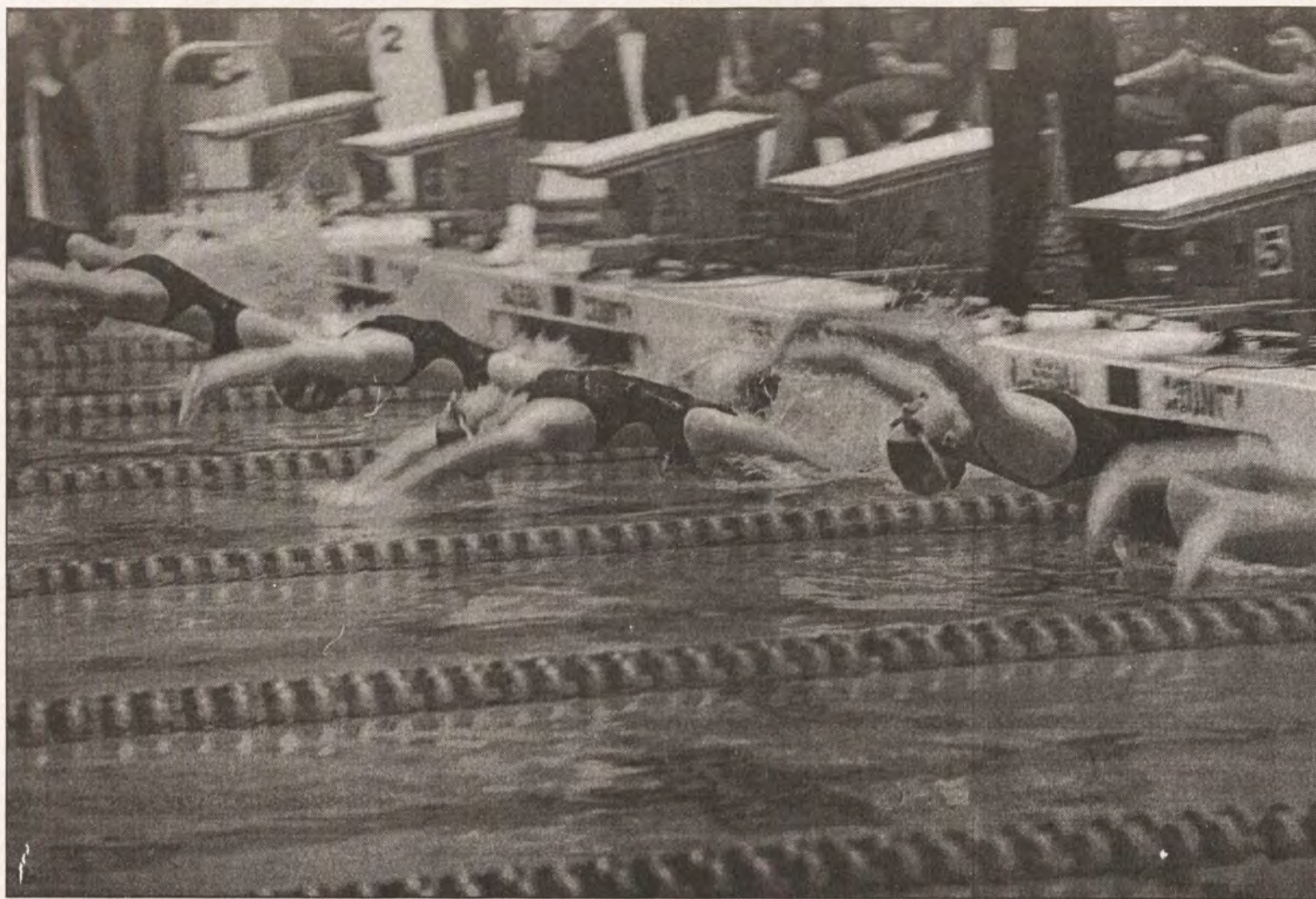
But each swimmer is driven by something deeper and more personal than the glory of the NCAA meet.

Both have individual expectations they want to meet.

Hecking wanted to make sure she qualified for the NCAAs on her own. The past two years she had gone along with the medley relay, but this year was different. Hecking wanted to prove that she could qualify on her own.

"This year I didn't care — I'm was going to make it on my own," she said.

In retrospect, it was a good thing Hecking was so determined to qualify individually.



LISA VELTE/The Observer

Junior Kelly Hecking, second from right, arches back into the water at the start of the 100 backstroke at the Big East Swimming and Diving Championships. Hecking swam a 54.98, setting a school record and earning a top seed at next week's NCAA finals.

The medley relay missed making the national meet for the first time in two years.

Labosky wanted to qualify for a similar reason. The freshman came from the No. 1 swimming high school in the nation, Germantown Academy in Churchville, Penn.

Winning had lost a lot of meaning for the freshman — she lost only her first individual

event in five years at last month's Big East Championships. Her satisfaction came from swimming fast.

"For me winning is not everything," Labosky said. "I could win, but had I gone slower times, I wouldn't have been happy. Winning is great for me and the team, but I'd rather win and get a good time."

Labosky and Hecking have

had their share of difficulties — both swimmers say they get extremely nervous before each race — but they've both had breakthrough seasons. And Weathers is only too happy to see his star swimmers go on to individual success.

"I think they're both real competitive and it's nice to see them have some success," he said. "I think they both can go

even faster."

Notes

♦ Junior diver Heather Mattingly may join Hecking and Labosky at NCAAs next week. Mattingly will compete at the NCAA Regional diving finals in Bloomington later this weekend and if she places high enough, will compete at next week's championships.

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Murphy

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junior power forward scored only eight points, breaking his 78-game streak of tallying double-digit point totals.

"I think they double teamed me on the catch. I usually get double teamed when I put the ball on the floor," Murphy said. "It's tough to get the ball then and it's tough to make a move."

The Panther double team spelled double trouble for the Irish.

"Our defense was outstanding tonight," Panther head coach Ben Howland said. "The first two times we played [Notre Dame] we didn't double team Murphy at all ... I'm kicking myself in the behind that we didn't [double team] more this season because we're not that big inside."

Murphy's fellow big man Ryan Humphrey couldn't step up his game enough to salvage the Irish inside play. He matched Murphy's eight points while committing five turnovers.

"They did a good job defending us, as compared to the last two games," Brey said. "We struggled offensively, especially around the bucket."

But All-Americans earn that title because they can handle the double team. They earn that title because they can muscle their way to the basket with the best. The Irish had no All-American Thursday.

Murphy showed an unusual timidity with the ball inside and outside the paint. He replaced his usual take-it-to-the-hoop attitude with a meeker style of play.

With just six minutes remaining and the Irish trailing by eight, Murphy had a chance to make a statement. The Irish had spread its offense to the perimeter, allowing Murphy to cut in the lane to take advantage of a caught-off-guard defense. But instead of driving down the lane and knocking down a lay-up, Murphy had a let-down, kicking the ball out to the perimeter.

Instead of cutting the lead to six, the Panthers took control



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Senior point guard Martin Inglesby dribbles around a Pittsburgh defender during Thursday's loss to Pittsburgh. Inglesby played his final Big East game Thursday night.

and stretched their lead to 10.

Minutes later, with less than two on the clock, Murphy had the opportunity to cut a 12-point deficit to nine with a wide open three. But instead of taking the uncontested shot, he dished the ball off to Humphrey at the point who threw up a flat attempt for the score.

What Murphy and company lacked in scoring, they couldn't make up for on the boards. The Irish outrebounded the Panthers 39-24.

Murphy, the tallest player on the court, had only eight defensive rebounds and zero offensive boards, leading the Irish to only two second chance points for the Irish all game.

The Irish were out of position and out of sync.

"We weren't very good defensively," Brey said. "We were out of position and got beat on the boards."

Despite a strong perimeter performance, Notre Dame needed Murphy to show up Thursday.

The Irish perimeter players tried to offset a struggling inside in the first half, as senior captain Martin Inglesby stepped up to fill the huge void left by Murphy.

Perfect from behind the arc, Inglesby hit three threes and scored 10 points to keep the Irish alive in the half, trailing by seven.

Alive, but just barely.

The guards couldn't sustain

the effectiveness of the long shot all game, shooting 63.6 percent from behind the arc in the first half, but connecting on only a third of their attempts in the second.

The Irish needed their All-American to step up.

Yet despite Murphy's poor play, Howland and the Panthers have learned from past experience what a threat the junior can be when he's on fire.

"Hopefully, he'll go into the draft," Howland said. "We're tired of seeing Troy Murphy."

Irish fans would have liked to see him Thursday.

The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily that of The Observer.

TRACK AND FIELD

Shay and Grow set for NCAA

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

For Irish track stars Ryan Shay and Liz Grow, their indoor season culminates at today's NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships at the University of Arkansas. Shay will run later this evening in the 5,000 meter finals, while Grow will compete in the 400 meter preliminaries.

It's been a long road back to the national meet for Shay, who took the fall cross-country season off to recover from the 2000 U.S. Olympic Trials, where he took 10th place in the 10,000 meters.

Notre Dame head coach Joe Piane planned to slowly re-introduce Shay to the stress of racing by starting him at shorter distances and moving him gradually up to his specialty, the 5,000.

Shay started his season by placing sixth in the mile Jan. 19 and winning the 3,000 meters on Jan. 26. He was poised to run a fast qualifying time at the Mevo Invitational Feb. 2.

But even Piane couldn't have expected to see Shay rip up the track at the Loftus Sports Complex like he did. The senior All-American shattered the school record by four seconds in the 5,000 with a blazing 13:52.66 — fast enough to earn an NCAA automatic bid.

Shay continued his dominance at the indoor Big East Championships, where he placed second in the 3,000 and won the 5,000.

Today will be Shay's first time competing in the indoor track and field championships, but he has competed twice in the outdoor finals. Shay is seeded fourth in the 5,000. His fastest time is 17 seconds behind the No. 1 seed, Alabama's David Kimani.

On the women's side, Grow holds the fastest times on the team in the 60-, 200- and 400-meter dashes and anchored the 4x400 meter relay team during their record-setting performance at last week's Alex Wilson Invitational.

Like Shay, Grow turned in her fastest performance of the season at the Mevo Invitational. In the 400, Grow found herself trailing most of the race to Canadian Olympian Foye Williams.

But with 100 meters to go, Grow sprinted past Williams and held off the Canadian on the final straightaway to win the race. Grow's time, 53.3, broke her own school record by over .8 of a second and provisionally qualified her for the national meet.

Although Grow failed to defend her Big East indoor 400 title three weeks ago, losing to Pittsburgh's Tia Tabb, her 53.3 second performance was fast enough to for her to earn her second indoor national bid. If Grow, seeded seventh, places in the top eight tonight, she will advance to Saturday's finals.

But Grow faces some strong competition from a trio of South Carolina 400 runners seeded in the top 10, led by Demetria Washington, who is seeded No. 1 with a time of 52.06.

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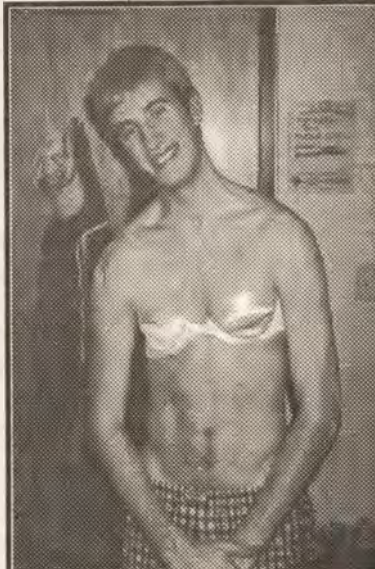
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BASEBALL

California-bound Irish set to play 8 games in 8 days

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Sports Writer

California already has swimming pools and movie stars, and soon it will add Indiana's best baseball team to the mix.

The Notre Dame baseball team will take their 6-2 record and No. 10 ranking to the Golden State this week to compete in the Pepsi/Johnny Quik Classic.

The Irish open the California road trip in Stockton with a Saturday afternoon doubleheader against Pacific followed by a nightcap against Eastern Michigan.

Then Notre Dame will head south to Fresno and the Pepsi/Johnny Quik Classic, with games against New Mexico, Navy and host Fresno State.

The Irish are clearly the most highly touted team in the tournament. None of the other seven squads competing next week are ranked in the Baseball America College Top 25.

"One of our goals we set before the season was to win one of the tournaments," said starting pitcher Matt Buchmeier. "But we'll take it one game at a time."

Depending on how the Irish perform in the first three games, they will then compete Thursday, Friday and Saturday for the tournament title.

The good news for Notre Dame is the return of leading hitter Brian Stavisky. The preseason All-American has missed the last three games with injury, but expects to be back in the lineup as the designated hitter on Saturday.

"I'm healing quite nicely," said Stavisky. "I can hit fine, but the it's a little weak when I run."

Clearly, the starting pitching has been Notre Dame's driving force for the first eight games. All-American right-hander Aaron Heilman leads the three Irish starters with a 0.86 ERA in three starts. Fellow starters Danny Tamayo and Buchmeier have been almost as dominating, with 1.50 and 2.70 ERAs respectively.

Heilman has been effective in shutting down both right-handed hitters and lefties, with both hitting a scant .179 against the senior.

So far head coach Paul Mainieri and pitching coach Brian O'Connor have brought the starters into the season slowly, with set pitch counts for each start.

"They've got a plan for that," said Buchmeier. "They want us to be ready for the conference games because they're the most important part of the schedule."

The Irish have been fierce at the plate with a .318 total team batting average. Notre Dame has shown it can get on base and manufacture runs when necessary, with a .398 on base percentage.

Before the back injury cost him the last three starts, Stavisky was hitting at a .650 clip while reaching base 73 percent of the time. A pair of Steves — Stanley and Sollmann — have been giving opposing pitchers fits in the batter's box and catchers headaches on the basepaths. Both have batting averages well over .350 and have six stolen bases between them.

Notre Dame has played a small-ball style of baseball all season by not relying on power for runs. The Irish have just two home runs through eight games, neither one by an everyday starter. Still, through pitching and by getting on base, Notre Dame has been able to score consistently.

Part of this strategy of manufacturing runs is being patient at the plate. The Irish have averaged over four walks per game, with Stavisky and Sollmann being especially selective in the batter's box.

New Mexico enters the Pepsi/Johnny Quik Classic with a 9-13 mark after sweeping Hofstra at home. Junior outfielder Donny Sevieri leads the Lobos with a .369 average, two home runs and 15 RBI.

Fresno State began its season well, sporting a 14-7 record. Pitching is the Bulldogs strong suit, with a 3.53 ERA compared to the Notre Dame pitching staff's 3.04 ERA.

Navy's two victories over Army last weekend have prevented them from entering the Pepsi/Johnny Quik Classic winless. The Midshipmen have hit just .249 as a team in their first seven games.

For the Irish, with only eight games under their belts, the coming week offers the chance to really get into the groove of the season.

"We have the chance to play eight games in eight days," said Stavisky. "It's our chance to play a lot of games in a row and to be up there with the rest of the Top 25 that's played a lot of games."



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Senior Danny Tamayo fires a pitch during a game last season. Tamayo is expected to get at least two starts during Notre Dame's spring break trip in California.

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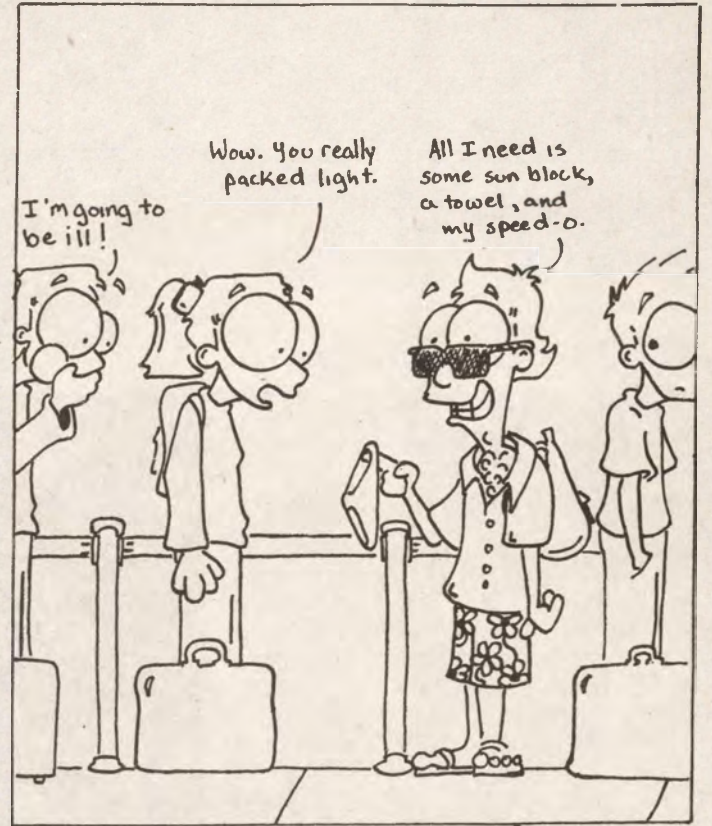
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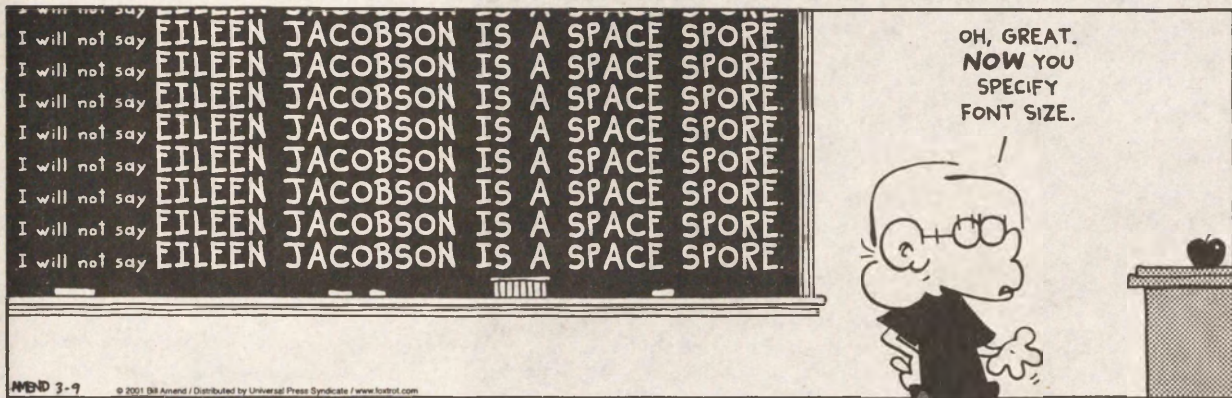
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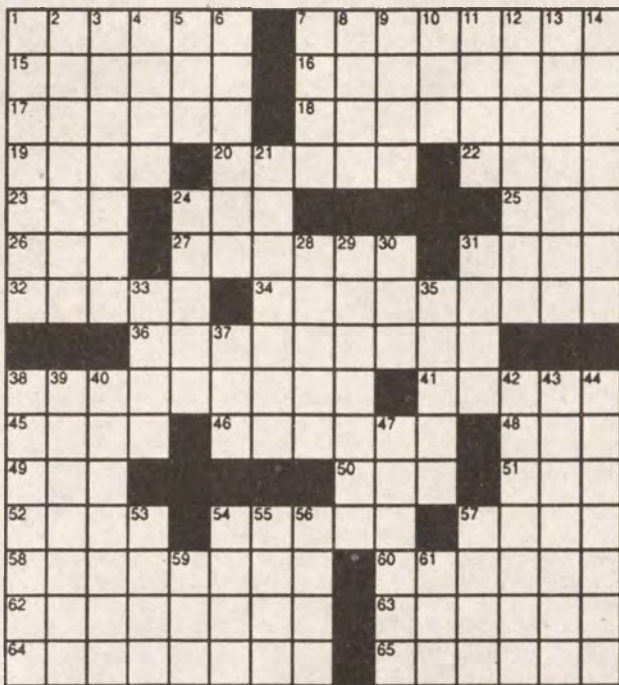
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 - 4 Tyrant
 - 5 Membership requirement, often
 - 6 It has a creased crown
 - 7 Exercise wheel locale
 - 8 Some are pale
 - 9 Give a 5, e.g.
 - 10 Some clones
 - 11 They may be ringing
 - 12 Trample
 - 13 Stand for trinkets
 - 14 "N.Y.P.D. Blue" actress
 - 21 Crams
 - 24 Sofia's portrayer in "The Color Purple"
 - 28 Dispatch boat
 - 29 Admeasure
 - 30 Symbol of industry
 - 31 Ring rampager
 - 33 They're part of a good deal
 - 35 Group of whizzes
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 - 39 Centrum competitor
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Puzzle by Joe DiPietro

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



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FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2001

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Raul Julia, Mickey Spillane, Bobby Fischer, Lauren Koslow, Danny Sullivan, Juliette Binoche

Happy Birthday: Look before you leap. You may want to get into all sorts of new things this year, but you would be wise to bide your time. Competition and challenges can be expected, so prepare well and refrain from taking on too much. If you are willing to put all your efforts into the goals that mean the most to you, success can be achieved. Your numbers: 4, 17, 21, 24, 29, 35

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You should put extra effort into your work. You can finish projects early, which will bring you praise from superiors. Take work home, but be sure to spend some time with your mate.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Investments will be lucrative. You can help those less fortunate if you make the effort. Self-improvement programs will show quick results.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't get pushed into doing things you really don't have time for. You can bet that relatives will be willing to take you for granted. Say no, but don't start a family feud.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be original in your approach to life, especially when it involves loved ones. Take care of the needs of those who depend on you. Look into your vacation plans. You need some rest and relaxation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You won't be happy with the purchases you make today. You're wise to keep your money in a safe place and refrain from going to the mall. Problems

with children will be frustrating.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't make social promises you can't keep. You need to spend time with loved ones. Overtime will bring you the extra cash you need, but it will also cause discord at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You need time to reflect. Pamper yourself and re-evaluate your motives. You may need to change your direction if you want to be nappy. You can make a difference if you go after your goals.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will receive sincere opinions from those who appreciate your creative talents. It is time to make suggestions to the groups in which you're involved. Take control of the situation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): This is not the time to throw your weight around. Listen to the others' complaints and take time to assess the situation before you make any comments. You can help others if you try.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Family outings will be more rewarding than you thought. You'll enjoy teaching others how to do things that are second nature to you. Your leadership qualities will come in handy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Hidden assets will pay off. You are up for wins, rewards or gifts. Plan to have friends over for an evening of socializing and entertainment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Minor accidents will prevail. Arguments with family members are evident. Do not lose your patience with lovers or children. This is not the day to make promises.

Birthdays: You play to win and you give everything you all. You are outgoing, determined and know exactly what you want to do. You will never back down and will refuse to let anyone stand in your way.

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MEN'S BIG EAST TOURNAMENT

One and done

Distracted Irish fall behind early in 66-54 loss

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

NEW YORK

The Irish came out Thursday night focused on winning a tournament.

The problem was, they played like their minds were on the wrong tournament — the NCAA instead of the Big East.

"There were some distractions with looking ahead to the next week," said Irish coach Mike Brey.

Since Selection Sunday 2000, when Notre Dame (19-9) waited and waited for its name to flash on the screen, the Irish have made goal No. 1 an NCAA Tournament bid. That came back to bite them in a 66-54 loss to the Pittsburgh Panthers (17-12) in the quarterfinals of the Big East Tournament.

"We beat a very good team today in Notre Dame," Pittsburgh coach Ben Howland said. "They're going to get a good seed in the NCAA Tournament."

Fifth-seeded Pittsburgh, which beat Miami 78-69 Wednesday to advance from the first round, dominated the early going by taking a 15-2 lead while the Irish watched helplessly.

Irish senior Martin Ingelsby, the lone Notre Dame player to score above his average with 16 points, began his team's comeback by sinking a long trey from the left wing.

Junior All-American Troy Murphy scored the next basket, a three-pointer from the right baseline.

The top-seeded Irish closed out its 15-2 run with a short bucket by Murphy and follow-up free throw, and a second 3-pointer by Ingelsby to tie the game at 17.



JOSE CUELLAR/The Observer

Junior Troy Murphy drives toward the basket during Notre Dame's 66-54 loss to Pittsburgh Thursday night. The loss knocks the Irish from the Big East tourney.

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No All-American presence equals all-out disaster

NEW YORK

Mike Brey hit the nail on the head about Troy Murphy after Notre Dame lost to Georgetown but still collected a Big East division trophy Sunday.

"I told Murph that our players take a read from him," the Irish head coach said. "They take a read from his reactions."

Never was that more apparent than in Notre Dame's Big East championship semifinal loss to the fifth-seeded Pittsburgh Panthers Thursday.

Read that: When All-American Troy Murphy doesn't show up for the game, it's an All-Out Disaster.

Murphy may have earned a share of the title of Big East player of the year Tuesday, but he didn't live up to the name when it counted.

"I didn't play well and I hurt our team," Murphy said after the 66-54 loss at Madison Square Garden. "I got wide open looks and missed shots. My poor play helped their defense. I'm counted on to do a lot for this team and I can't come out and play like I did tonight. This bothers me — the way I played."

For all intents and purposes, Murphy might have not played at all. Shooting 2-11 from the floor, the



Kerry Smith

Sports Editor

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WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Labosky, Hecking culminate breakthrough season at NAAs

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Marie Labosky did a flip turn during one of her races at the 2000 U.S. Olympic Trials last summer and caught a glimpse of her future.

Crouched nearby was Irish women's swimming coach Bailey Weathers and junior Kelly Hecking — both watching the highly recruited freshman.

"When I saw her, I thought

there was a really good chance she could make NAAs," Weathers said. "She has improved so much since then."

Nobody imagined that just seven months later, Labosky, Hecking, and Weathers would be spending March afternoons together training for next week's NCAA Championships.

Labosky came into Notre Dame as one of the top recruited prep swimmers. Weathers was looking for someone who could specialize in the individ-

ual medley events, and was highly impressed by Labosky's versatility and endurance.

"Physically, she's a real endurance person, but she can do all four of the strokes very well," said Weathers.

It's this versatility that pushed Labosky to earn a spot in three events next week — the 200-meter and 400-meter individual medleys as well as the 1,650-meter freestyle.

But while Labosky excels in the individual medley,

Weathers calls Hecking one of the top backstrokers in Notre Dame history.

"What's unusual about Kelly is that she's hardly ever been beaten while she's here," Weathers said. "She rises to the situation and wants to be successful."

Even though it is her third trip to the NCAA finals, it is the first time that Hecking has qualified in any individual events. The junior will be swimming the 100 and 200 back-

stroke.

Ironically, at the beginning of the season, each swimmer had more confidence in the other than in herself.

"I knew she would make it, but I wasn't sure about myself," said Hecking, who watched Labosky compete at Trials.

Regarding Hecking, Labosky countered: "From talking to her, I could tell she was going to go."

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Baseball
at Pacific
Saturday, 1 p.m.



Softball
at Fort Meyers



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Men's Lacrosse
at Rutgers
Today, 3 p.m.



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Track and Field
NCAA Indoor
Championships
Today, 12 p.m.



Women's Swimming
NCAA Championships
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Softball
at Cal-State Northridge
Sunday, 12 p.m.