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Residents along the Mississippi River fight to protect their homes against the rising banks resulting from melting snow and rain storms.

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Gunmen strike 2 off-campus homes

◆ Armed robberies net 5 arrests, spur moves to campus

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

Two armed robberies of off-campus residences late last week have resulted in the arrests of five suspects and prompted University intervention on behalf of the more than a dozen student victims of the break-ins.

South Bend police said about 60 counts of armed robbery were filed Monday in the St. Joseph Superior Court against the suspects. The alleged assailants, who range in age from 16 to 18, were arrested Saturday night in connection with a pair of seemingly related robberies at off-campus Notre Dame student parties on

Thursday and Friday.

According to police reports, around 11 p.m. Thursday three of the suspects invaded an East Howard Street home where about a dozen Notre Dame students, several of them men's lacrosse players, were present.

After the masked gunmen rushed into the home, at least nine students ran upstairs to the attic, while three male students were forced to undress and robbed of their clothing, wallets and watches, the report said.

A second home invasion possibly involving the same suspects occurred about 11 p.m. Friday night at the Turtle

Creek apartment complex, said Capt. John Williams, South Bend Police Department public information officer. The incident at Turtle Creek, popular among University students as an off-campus housing option, again involved about a dozen students at a social gathering and three masked gunmen who forced their way into the residence and ordered occupants to remove their clothes.

A police report indicates that a 21-year-old female student at the apartment alleged that she was sexually assaulted by one of the suspects. The woman was examined at a local hospital following the alleged inci-

dent, the report said.

Merchandise taken from the apartment included cash, jewelry, music equipment, compact discs and several laptop computers, police said.

Williams said at least a few of the same students attended both nights' functions and were robbed twice. He would not disclose, however, if the suspects had targeted the students or had followed them to the Turtle Creek locale Friday.

A confidential informant contacted police Saturday night and led to the arrests of the five suspects, Williams said. He said pending the outcome of the investigation, there is a possibility of more arrests.

Since learning of the crimes late Friday, Notre Dame officials have played a role in restoring students' sense of

"We pretty routinely assist victims of crime when situations like these arise."

Bill Kirk
assistant vice president
for student affairs

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Bush confirms speech

By LAURA ROMPF
Associate News Editor

Notre Dame officially announced Tuesday that President Bush will be the principle speaker and recipient

of an honorary doctor of laws degree at the University's 156th Commencement exercises May 20.



Bush

Several Notre Dame alumni, who are current members of Congress, wrote a joint letter to President Bush requesting the visit.

"I hope he is coming because he wants to come, but we did have several people close to him put in a good word for us," said Denny Moore, director of public relations.

Moore said Condoleeza Rice, the current National Security Advisory and Notre Dame alumna, encouraged Bush to make the visit.

Bush previously visited the University three times, most notably on March 7, 1980 for the University's Mock Republican Convention to rally support for his father's presidential candidacy.

Because Bush is only speaking at Notre Dame and the Naval Academy, Moore said this confirms Notre Dame's status as a top national institution.

"We think of ourselves as a prominent university and a good forum for the President of the United States to address the nation," Moore said. "And the President coming certainly validates that statement."

The following people will also receive honorary degrees from the University at the graduation ceremony: John Bahcall, Father Cyprian Davis, Marilou Eldred, Louis Gerstner, John Jordan, William Kennedy, Archbishop Giuseppe Pittau and Sara Martinex Tucker.

The ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. on May 20 in the Joyce Center.

Roemer: budget has winners and losers

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
News Writer

For Indiana third district Congressman Tim Roemer, America's fascination with the federal budget isn't all that different from the sportsmanship lessons he teaches his sons' tee ball team.

As a parent coach for his two eldest in Washington, D.C., Roemer's coaching philosophy is simple — play every child in every position to foster their development. So when the least-adroit young athlete begged to play shortstop, Roemer agreed, and sent the youngster out to the field. After the player's stellar catch and subsequent pitch to first base, Roemer thought his team was in the clear — until his first baseman was picking dandelions.

After the game, his son cheerfully asked the score of the game — knowing there were definite winners and losers. Not satisfied with his father's answer that the games weren't scored, he informed his father: "I knew you were going to say that. That's why I kept score. We won 38 to 36."

America's love for keeping the federal budget's score is no different, Roemer said in an address at Saint Mary's Tuesday.

"We Americans love to keep score, love to keep track of A and B ledgers, love to keep track of who's winning and who's losing," he said. "We want to know

who are the winners and who are the losers."

Roemer touched on the winners and losers in President Bush's federal budget proposals, highlighting specific areas in education and health and human services that were of concern. Roemer, a member of the Congressional education committee, focused primarily on the impacts of Bush's proposed initiatives for education.

Citing statistics that Bush's proposed educational spending increase is earmarked at 4.6 billion dollars — an approximate 11.5 percent increase — Roemer pointed out that 2.1 billion of that increase was already apportioned for a spending increase by the education committee last year. The net increase in educational spending in the Bush budget, therefore, was only 5.9 percent kinder overall.

The increase Roemer and the rest of the education committee would like to see, however, is not an overall increase, but an increase targeted at early education.

"We have proposed — just for elementary and secondary education — a 7 billion dollar increase," Roemer said.

The targeted increase is meant to counteract increased testing procedures the president would like to initiate — procedures that won't be effective unless investments are made in the schools to help students achieve, Roemer said.

The Bush plan — which would



KRISTINE KAAI/The Observer
Indiana Congressman Tim Roemer talks at Saint Mary's Tuesday about processes involving the federal budget.

see increased state testing — would also mandate national testing to standardize state achievement tests. Those tests would particularly impact schools like Green Elementary in Elkhart, where up to 80 students are enrolled in ESL (English as a second language) programs, and have a high transfer rate of students in and out of the district. Schools like Green, Roemer said,

need additional funding to provide extra programming to help these students learn.

"If we're going to mandate state tests, we feel its very important to provide the investments to do remediation," Roemer said. "If we don't start to remediate those students to get them up to speed ... those children are going to fall further and further behind."

INSIDE COLUMN

Picking our fights

This weekend I watched a truly thought-provoking NBC special on television that focused on the problems with heroin in our nation.

The program described how the number of heroin addicts grows exponentially across the country everyday. The addiction to heroin is so powerful and overwhelming, that addicts cannot take themselves off of it without suffering from nearly intolerable withdrawal symptoms.

The United States, to put it simply, is losing its war on drugs.

The drug war has proved itself progressively more futile because the government lacks the appropriate resources and finances to effectively stop the production of drugs at their source.

This problem exists in part because the government wastes their resources prosecuting minor drug offenders. A large amount of anti-drug money is spent trying to eliminate marijuana — a virtually harmless, mildly psychedelic drug — from the American culture.

In my opinion, this is a complete waste of government attention, that should be aimed solely at preventing potentially lethal and horribly addictive drugs deadly like cocaine and heroin.

Through and through, the benefits of legalizing marijuana are overwhelming.

First of all, marijuana has been medically proven to not be physically addictive, and has never been known to cause an overdose fatality. The British medical journal *Lancet* editorialized in 1995 that "the smoking of cannabis, even long term, is not harmful to health."

Alcohol, in contrast, is known to be addictive, is catalytic in the development of liver damage, and severe alcohol poisoning can prove fatal.

But, despite these glaringly contradictory facts, marijuana is prohibited and alcohol remains legal.

Since 1937, the U.S. government has been waging war against marijuana users. According to the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 70-plus million Americans have used marijuana at least once in their lifetime.

Nevertheless, despite these statistics, the government wastes its resources and efforts on marijuana users — nearly 700,000 people were arrested for marijuana violations in 1998.

By legalizing marijuana, the government would not only open up huge amounts of prison space for the serious drug offenders, but it would also create more resources to fight against the more serious drugs. Also, the legal sale of marijuana could be taxed which could directly help finance the drug war.

Up to this point, I have not been an avid supporter of marijuana rights. After some research, however, it is apparent that our resources are being wasted fighting a virtually harmless substance.

As a nation we need to take a stand against the hard drugs that pollute and destroy the lives of many of America's young people. We need to do everything in our power to prevent the production, distribution and use of drugs like cocaine and heroin.

We need to prioritize our resources and place all of our efforts in fighting against the truly significant drug threats that our nation faces.

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



Nate Phillips

Copy Editor

THIS WEEK IN SOUTH BEND

Wednesday

◆ **Concert:** Carl Sandburg and the Guitar of Andres Segovia, Hesburgh Center, 7 p.m.

◆ **Event:** Interfaith Christian Night Prayer, Walsh Hall Chapel, 10 p.m.

Thursday

◆ **Event:** Gridiron Legends Luncheon Series with Lou Holtz, College Football Hall of Fame, 12:30 a.m.

◆ **Movie:** "Traffic," DeBartolo 101, 10:30 p.m.

Friday

◆ **Event:** Broadway Theatre League - "Jekyll & Hyde," Morris Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.

◆ **Movie:** "The Contender," DeBartolo 101, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday

◆ **Fundraiser:** St. Joseph County Soil and Water Conservation District Tree Sale, St. Joseph County Fairgrounds, all day

◆ **Event:** Tulip Festival, Peabody Retirement Community, 1 p.m.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Students walk out on Horowitz at UC-Davis

DAVIS, Calif.

In his visit to the University of California-Davis campus Monday night, conservative political commentator David Horowitz — the author of a controversial advertisement against reparations for slavery — steered his speech away from the issue of repayment when addressing over 100 demonstrators present.

Upon taking the stage, Horowitz was greeted by a group of students who chanted and held up a sign that read, "David Horowitz is the racist of the year."

"We had a lot of people show up tonight to demonstrate that they can't handle ideas," Horowitz said toward the end of his talk.

The ad, entitled "Ten Reasons Why Reparations for Slavery is a Bad Idea

"David Horowitz is a little racist. The big racists are the ones that are paying him."

Naseem Beauchman
UC-Davis sophomore

— And Racist Too" has sparked nationwide debate about reparations and freedom of speech on today's college campuses.

While Horowitz said the controversy surrounding his ad has made people more aware of the reparations issue, he said it has also illuminated the "inexcusable conditions on college campuses." He said non-liberal ideas are suppressed by the leftist

majority.

Halfway through the talk, nearly two thirds of the audience stood up, turned their backs to Horowitz and slowly filed out. As a symbol of the protest, which was organized by UCD student organization 100 Black Scholars, demonstrators wore all black clothing.

"David Horowitz is a little racist," said sophomore Naseem Beauchman. "The big racists are the ones that are paying for him to [speak]."

Horowitz, a former liberal who has been a civil rights advocate since 1948, said leftist politics have not helped African American communities. As evidence, he cited inner city school systems that are run primarily by "liberals."

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Businesses argue against the SAT

PHILADELPHIA

American business leaders are urging college administrators to de-emphasize the role of the SAT in evaluating applicants, claiming the exam is biased and a poor predictor of future success. In a strongly worded letter, executives from companies such as Gillette and Verizon Communications, led by the National Urban League, argued Wednesday that the test does not help predict students' career success. "In corporate America, we routinely place bets on people, including many top-flight executives, who may not have excelled 'on paper,' but who demonstrated the leadership, grit and determination needed to succeed," the letter read. The letter coincides with the release of a study from the National Urban League in which 96 percent of the business executives surveyed felt that standardized test scores are "not very important" to succeed in business. Debate on the SAT's aptness in judging students' abilities arose most recently when the University of California that it may stop requiring the test of applicants.

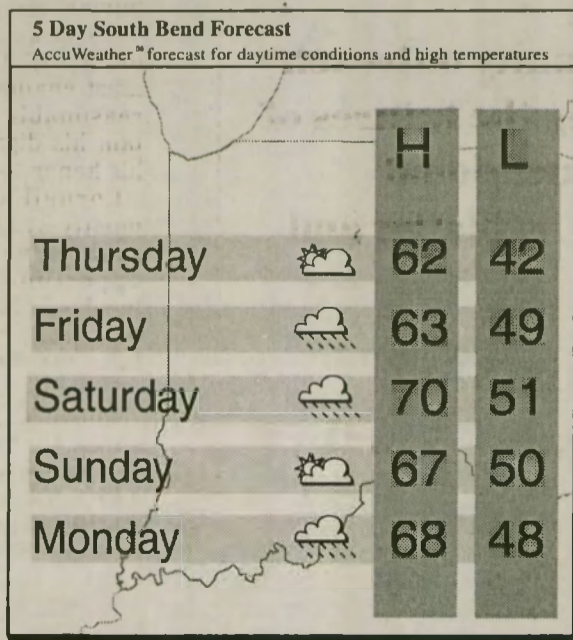
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Task force reviews crime stats

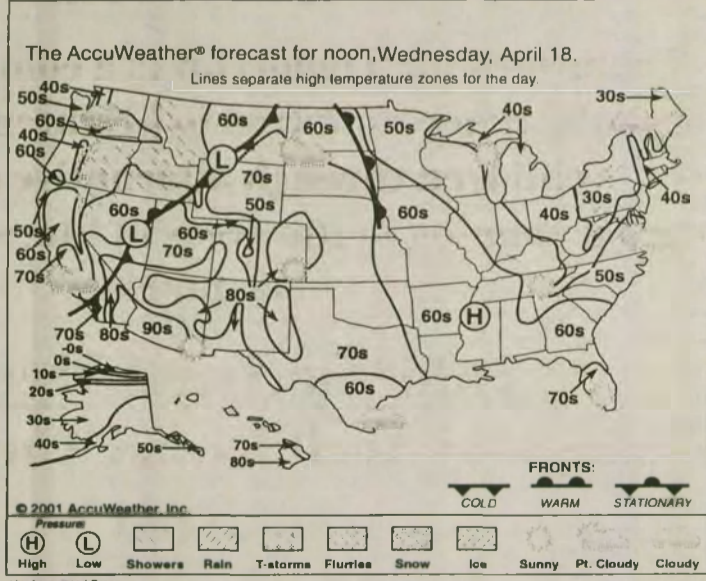
LOS ANGELES

A task force commissioned by the University of California reported Friday that though there is much room for improvement, past underreporting of crime statistics for UC campuses was not deliberate. Following its investigation of UC Davis, Irvine and Riverside, the task force recommended the UC reconcile varying crime definitions in the FBI, California Penal and Clery Act codes. The task force also recommended that the UC develop a uniform format for reporting UC crimes and implement an ongoing training program and information exchange for all campuses. Overall, the task force found unintended efforts in reporting statistics. "Clearly no campus' intent was to mislead parents and students about the safety of its campuses," said Michael Reese, assistant vice president of strategic communications for the UC Office of the President. The task force, which includes UCLA's Chief of Police Clarence Chapman, was formed in response to articles published September 2000 by The Sacramento Bee and Los Angeles Times.

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Retired ND art prof Luack dies at 93

Special to The Observer

Father Anthony "Tony" Lauck, professor emeritus of art at Notre Dame, died at Holy Cross House at 3:40 p.m. on Holy Thursday after a long illness.

A native of Indianapolis, Ind., Lauck was born Dec. 30, 1908. He received a diploma in fine arts from the John Herron Art School in Indianapolis in 1936 and entered the Congregation of Holy Cross as a postulant the following year. He graduated from Notre Dame in 1942, studied theology at Holy Cross College in Washington, D.C., for four years and ordained to the priesthood June 24, 1946.

Before joining the Notre Dame faculty in 1950, Lauck studied sculpture at the Corcoran School of Art, Columbia University, State University of New York, the Cranbrook Academy and Alfred University. He also made a year-long study tour of European art museums.

From 1950-73 he taught at Notre Dame and served on the staff of Moreau Seminary, where he also lived. He was chairman of Notre Dame's art department from 1960-67. After his retirement, he continued his art work and remained in residence at Moreau until his declining health required him to move to Holy Cross House in 1998.

Works by Lauck abound on the Notre Dame campus. Among the most visible are a massive replica of his statue of the Visitation on the south side of the Eck Visitors' Center, the

stained glass windows in the chapel and library of Moreau Seminary, the statue of Our Lady of the University at the Main Circle of the campus, and the statue of Blessed Brother Andre Bessette, C.S.C., in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. The many honors and awards he received for these and other works include a 1980 honorary degree in fine arts from Notre Dame.

Lauck was unable to name a favorite among his many works.

"Whatever you're doing this moment is what you give all you've got into," he said. Nevertheless, he did admit a special fondness for his depiction of Brother Andre. He seldom lacked inspiration. "Ideas keep popping out and you want to do all of them," he said. "If you do a wood carving, three or four ideas come along before you're done. I really cherish them. I hope they keep coming."

There is one notable omission in Father Lauck's vast and wide ranging legacy of art works. "I've never done the Madonna," he once admitted, adding that he felt somewhat intimidated by the challenge of depicting Mary's Child.

Lauck is survived by one brother, John Lauck of Indianapolis; a sister, Mrs. Agnes Lauck Darko of Vista, Calif.; and by 20 nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was celebrated April 17 in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart followed by burial in the Holy Cross community cemetery.

Author urges women to refocus

By MYRA McGRUFF
Saint Mary's Editor

Some women need to refocus on their lives in order to stand independently strong, said Esperanza Zendejas in her lecture "Success for The 21st century" Tuesday night.

Using references from her novel "The Tame Cactus" and experiences as the former superintendent of the Indianapolis public school system, she discussed what initiatives women might take to focus themselves on attainable goals.

"The most successful motivation comes from within," said Zendejas.

Zendejas first observed this trend while writing her dissertation at Stanford University about women serving on school boards. Zendejas noticed in her research women often feared standing on their own.

Socialization kept women from doing activities they wanted to do but only talked about, she said.

To help women get up and fulfill the goals they want, Zendejas urged women to be willing to take risks and change their lives. In some cases, women would have to go outside their comfort zone.

"The more confidence the more risk one is willing to take, [the better]," said Zendejas.

More importantly, Zendejas recommends women must find what they are driven to do to choose their path. Women must find other women they admire and will inspire them, helping them stay better focused.

She also urges women to "plant" themselves in a direction to help them know what steps to take to complete that direction. If women are able to complete a direction or goal, more confidence is built and more risk are taken.

"Those with feet that don't know where they are going are the ones that lack the confidence," said Zendejas.

On the road to empowerment, Zendejas also calls for women to keep two main points in mind. First, women must learn to complete the circles they start. The second point, Zendejas said, is that women should be aware of the issues that must have closure.

On the same note, she lets women know that in the effort to come full circle mistakes will be made. Some of those mistakes will have consequences that may motivate us to push harder to reach a goal. Whatever the mistake or consequence, she stresses that those incidence can only make a person stronger keep women on their goal.

"We are going to make mistakes that are correctable," Zendejas said.

Cornell discusses civil rights

By TIM LOGAN
Senior Staff Writer

It was 1964.

Tom Cornell was in Selma, Ala., after the famous civil rights march there. He was with a group of fellow activists, watching President Lyndon Johnson address Congress about the need to guarantee voting rights to black Americans. The civil rights movement was at its peak. Cornell and other activists had been fighting, nonviolently, for years, and now they were watching as the leader of the free world

publicly came to their side.

As Johnson finished his address he said, in his Southern-tinged accent, "We Shall Overcome," and the activists, even Martin Luther King, Jr., wept.

"We knew we had won," Cornell said. "Finally we'd won something. Nonviolence had made its mark."

And nonviolence is the best way to implement social change, Cornell said Tuesday. He is a leading member of the Catholic Worker movement and veteran of Vietnam and civil rights protests, and he told stories of his experiences to a group of about 40 students and faculty at the Center for Social Concerns.

Dignity, compassion and equality are at the heart of passive resistance, Cornell said. It is what protesters demand, and it is what they must give to those whose policies they protest.

"The racist on the other side of the barricade is still a human being, and nothing he does is going to make that different," Cornell said. "We must enable the antagonist a reasonable means to maintain his dignity and preserve his honor."

Cornell encouraged his mostly-student audience to take advantage of their opportunities and get involved. People with access to education, he argued, can take the risks necessary to engage in nonviolent protest.

Nonviolence as a means of social change has re-entered the mainstream since the late 1950s, Cornell said. The Civil Rights Movement and the Vietnam Era showed people,

especially in the Church, what could be done through passive resistance.

He told a story to illustrate this.

In 1963, no one was protesting U. S. involvement in Vietnam. Cornell lived in New York at the time, working for the Catholic Worker Movement. One day, a friend came into the office with a picture of a Buddhist monk who had self-immolated in Saigon to protest the war and asked, "what can we do about this?"

Cornell was not sure, but he had an idea. He and another friend began standing outside the Manhattan home of the Vietnamese representative to the United Nations with

"We have to regain the prophetic tradition. Do justice, work mercy, walk humbly with your God."

Tom Cornell
civil rights activist

a sign criticizing America's role in the war. One day Cornell would be there, the next his friend would. Meanwhile, they distributed leaflets asking people to join on the 10th day of the protest.

When that day arrived, 250 people showed up to protest the fighting. This was July 26, 1963.

"That was the beginning of it," Cornell said. "We had no idea that in a couple of years, time we'd have hundreds of thousands, even millions, of people out there."

The lifelong activist encouraged his audience to follow the example of Christ and spread his word of non-violence and brotherhood through social action.

"We have to regain the prophetic tradition," he said. "Do justice, work mercy, walk humbly with your God."

The talk was sponsored by Pax Christi.

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McCullough program combines journalism, public policy studies

Special to The Observer

An innovative new graduate fellowship program at the University aims to reduce the rancor in American politics by offering students the opportunity to pursue advanced studies in journalism and public policy with an emphasis on cultivating a gentler political climate in the nation.

Initially funded by a \$1-million gift from philanthropist Jane Bradley Pettit of Milwaukee, Wis., the McCullough Program in Government and Journalism is designed to increase the civility of political discourse in the country, and will provide stipends to students preparing for careers in politics, government or journalism with an emphasis on writing about governmental affairs. It also will be open to graduate students interested in teaching public policy, government or journalism.

The program is named for 1955 Notre Dame graduate John McCullough and his wife, Sandra, of Milwaukee. McCullough was the long-time principal news anchor for WTMJ-TV, the NBC affiliate in Milwaukee. The McCulloughs are long-time friends of Pettit and plan to match her \$1-million gift.

The program includes basic courses required for advanced degrees in Notre Dame's Department of Government and International Studies, and also requires participants to take a course every semester in ethics, morality and fairness.

"With this program, Notre Dame graduates will be able to soften the political rhetoric in our country," said University President Father Edward Malloy.

A. James McAdams, chair of the Notre Dame government department and program designer, said it will provide an important new ingredient at all levels of American politics.

"Not only will those students leaving this fellowship be trained in government theory and operation, they also will do the people's work without the rancor and bitterness that has permeated political discourse recently — in both parties," he said.

The first participants will begin the McCullough Program at Notre Dame in the fall 2001 semester.

Crime

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security.

"We pretty routinely assist victims of crime when situations like these arise," said Bill Kirk, assistant vice president for student affairs.

Kirk said he and Rex Rakow, director of Notre Dame Security/Police, on Friday received word of both incidents and subsequently accompanied two student victims to a local hospital and arranged temporary housing for the students.



Kirk

University officials over the weekend remained in contact with students, ensuring their well-being and offering any needed assistance, Kirk said.

On-campus housing options were offered to all the students, and as of Tuesday at least eight had accepted invitations to move into undergraduate residence halls for the remainder of the semester, Kirk said.

"We wanted to make arrangements to accommodate students so they wouldn't have to reside in their home or apartment where they might not feel comfortable," Kirk said.

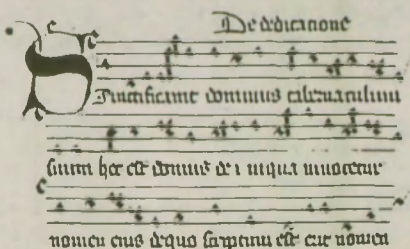
He said Notre Dame administrators are planning a meeting for the students on Thursday with representatives from the St. Joseph County Prosecutor's Office.

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Grant honors 5 science majors

Special to The Observer

Five Notre Dame undergraduate science majors will have an opportunity to develop their research expertise under a grant from the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation.

Notre Dame's Department of Biological Sciences and Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry will share a 2001 grant from the Beckman Scholars Program, a Beckman Foundation initiative designed to encourage and support undergraduate research activities in chemistry, biochemistry and the biological sciences.

"The Beckman Scholars Program is precisely in line with the initiatives we have undertaken to expand the laboratory research experience of our undergraduates in the sciences," said Notre Dame President Father Edward Malloy. "This award creates a superb opportunity for undergraduate science majors in chemistry and biochemistry to receive what amounts to graduate training in laboratory research methods."

The \$88,000 Beckman grant will support multidisciplinary research by five students over a three-year period and will further strengthen an undergraduate science program that has received national recognition from review boards.

Rudolph Navari, associate

dean of the College of Science, will direct the program.

Notre Dame is one of just 14 institutions in the United States selected as Beckman Scholars Program award recipients.

They include the California Institute of Technology, Dartmouth, Indiana University, the University of California, Berkeley, and Yale University.

The Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation is an independent, nonprofit foundation established in 1977 to support basic scientific

research, primarily in the fields of chemistry, biochemistry and medicine.

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Considered one of the nation's leading philanthropists, Beckman and his late wife, Mabel, have contributed approximately \$350 million to the advancement of research and education.



Malloy

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Emmanuel Gabellieri

Catholic University of Lyons

Reworking Platonism:
Simone Weil's
Trinitarian
'Metaxology.'

Emmanuel Gabellieri, of the Catholic University of Lyons, will speak in English. Professor Gabellieri has an Agrégation in Philosophy and a Doctorate in Philosophy and has been the editor of the review *Théophylon* since 1998. He has written several articles on Simone Weil; among the most recent are "Blondel, Simone Weil et le panchristisme," "La Nuit du Don: Origine et décréation du mal chez Simone Weil," "'Vie publique' et 'vita activa' chez Simone Weil et Hannah Arendt," "Herméneutique de la culture et universalité éthique: Simone Weil et Paul Ricoeur." He is preparing a manuscript on *Simone Weil*, for the Collection *Philo-Philosophie* and another on *Etre et Grâce: Simone Weil et le christianisme*, for the collection: *Philosophie-Théologie*.

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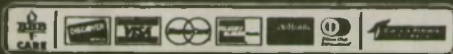
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Iranians, Saudis sign historic pact:

Iran and Saudi Arabia signed a landmark pact to combat terrorism and drug trafficking Tuesday, calling it a "big step" in improving regional security and relations between the two nations. Iranian Interior Minister Abdolvahed Mousavi Lari and his Saudi counterpart, Prince Nayef, signed the agreement that includes cooperation on combating organized crime, terrorism, drug trafficking, illegal immigration and a joint surveillance of borders.

Castro reaffirms Socialist commitment:

President Fidel Castro reaffirmed his commitment to socialism 40 years after the Bay of Pigs invasion — an event that set the stage for two generations of angry rhetoric between Havana and Washington.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

College aid drug law enforced:

The Bush administration has decided to enforce a previously ignored law denying federal financial aid to college students with drug convictions. Hundreds of thousands of applicants who did not answer a drug conviction question on their applications were not denied aid during the Clinton administration, despite the law saying they should have been.

Native officials warn against soda:

Alaska Native health officials are trying to curb sales of soda, saying Native children are rotting their teeth from drinking too much. The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, which provides free health care to more than 110,000 Alaska Natives, said Monday it will ask stores in hundreds of communities to offer low-sugar drinks instead. The consortium warned that high consumption of soda not only causes tooth decay but can lead to obesity and diabetes.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Cold damages crops:

Farmers won't know how badly overnight cold temperatures damaged emerging soybean, corn and wheat crops for at least a week, a Purdue University extension agronomist said Tuesday. The National Weather Service issued freeze advisories for many areas of Indiana on Tuesday night with temperatures expected to fall into the mid-20s. Early Tuesday, the temperature dropped to a record-low 25 degrees in South Bend and 26 degrees in Fort Wayne.

GAZA STRIP



AFP Photo

An Israeli tank commander communicates via radio as his Patton M-60 tank passes Palestinian areas of the southern Gaza Strip.

Israel begins pullout in Gaza area

Associated Press

GAZA CITY

Israel began pulling its forces out of a strip of Palestinian territory in Gaza on Tuesday after holding it less than a day, the military said. The withdrawal followed sharp U.S. criticism over the incursion.

After a barrage of heavy rocket fire, Israel seized nearly a square mile of the Gaza Strip early Tuesday in retaliation for a mortar attack on an Israeli desert town. It was the first time Israel took over Palestinian-controlled territory since peace accords

were signed in 1994.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat denounced the seizure as an "unforgivable crime" and said his people would "not kneel before gangs."

Secretary of State Colin Powell called the action in Gaza "excessive and disproportionate," and said Israel should respect its commitment to the Palestinians. "The situation is threatening to escalate further, posing the risk of a broader conflict," Powell said.

Israel initially said it could hold the territory — an area of orange groves and farmland — for months until

Palestinian mortar fire stopped. But Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's aides were quick to say their forces would withdraw when the danger of mortar attacks was gone.

Palestinian security officials, also speaking on condition of anonymity, said U.S. officials told them the Israelis would withdraw from the area.

A military statement said the pullout began after the mission was accomplished.

The Israeli assault came in response to mortar fire Monday night on Sderot, a working class town of 24,000 about 2 1/2 miles east of Gaza. The town is a

stronghold of support for Sharon, and his sheep ranch is five miles away. The Islamic militant group Hamas claimed responsibility for the mortars, but Israel blamed Palestinian security forces.

Flares lit up the sky Monday night as Israeli forces shelled and rocketed Palestinian police stations across the Gaza Strip, killing a policeman and injuring 36 other people.

Soon after, troops crossed into the corner of Gaza closest to Sderot, seizing and tearing down abandoned Palestinian security posts.

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Associated Press

MISSISSIPPI

Bloated by melting snow and rain across the Upper Midwest, the Mississippi River rose out of its banks and strained against dikes Tuesday in four states, stopping Amtrak trains and chasing hundreds of people from their homes.

Contractors in Minnesota rushed to shore up a weakened earthen dam on a tributary of the Mississippi.

Hundreds of people had left their homes in low-lying riverside areas

of Wisconsin and Iowa, and volunteers and prison inmates sand-bagged homes along the Mississippi at Hampton, Ill.

Among those who evacuated was Rep. Ron Kind, who moved his wife and two children out of their home on French Island, near La Crosse, Wis. Water was 4 feet deep in the house.

"We were completely engulfed and surrounded by the Mississippi," the congressman said after a canoe trip to check on the house and his neighbors. The Mississippi was expected to crest 4 1/2 feet above the 12-foot

flood stage at La Crosse on Wednesday-lower than predicted.

Just upstream, in Fountain City, the main highway remained closed. School officials postponed the prom scheduled for Saturday at the high school and called off classes through Thursday.

A 403-mile stretch of the Mississippi from Muscatine, Iowa, to Minneapolis was closed to boat and barge traffic. Nine counties in western Wisconsin were under a state of emergency and a disaster proclamation was posted for 10 Iowa counties.



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'Rebirthing' therapist testifies in Colorado courtroom

◆ 10-year old dies during treatment for emotional disorders

Associated Press

GOLDEN, Colo.

A psychotherapist told jurors Tuesday that she had no idea a 10-year-old was in danger during a fatal "rebirthing" session until another therapist unwrapped a sheet covering the girl and found she wasn't breathing.

In her second day on the stand, psychotherapist Connell Watkins gave a step-by-step account of how Candace Newmaker was wrapped in the flannel sheet to simulate a womb while adults pushed against her with pillows for 70 minutes. Candace died of

asphyxiation during last year's session.

Watkins, 54, and the other therapist, Julie Ponder, 40, are charged with reckless child abuse resulting in Candace's death. If convicted, they each could face 16 to 48 years in prison.

Watkins said Ponder was in charge of the session and was the one checking on Candace's welfare.

Questioned about a gesture she made on the tape, Watkins said: "I wanted Julie to unwrap her and check on her. I thought she (Candace) fell asleep. Julie said, 'Oh, she's fine. She's a little sweaty but she's fine.'"

In his cross-examination, prosecutor Steve Jensen asked Watkins if she had considered Candace's wishes.

"Everything Candace said, you assumed she was lying about it. Isn't that the problem?" he said. "In the April 18 rebirthing session, you weren't interested in listening to Candace Newmaker, were you?"

While Watkins testified, jurors watched a videotape of the therapy session for the second time.

Candace's biological grandmother, Mary Davis, and her husband, David Davis, left the courtroom before the videotape was shown. Later Tuesday, the Davises were present at the state Capitol in Denver as Gov.

Bill Owens signed a bill banning rebirthing therapy in Colorado.

The therapy session was intended to allow Candace to emerge reborn and bond with her adoptive mother, Jeane Newmaker of Durham,

N.C.

Watkins was treating Candace for attachment disorder, which makes children resist loving relationships and can make them violent and unmanageable.

The day before the rebirthing session, Watkins said, Candace had a minor breakthrough.

When Jeane Newmaker left the room at Watkins' request, Candace broke into tears.

"It was like a hole through her armor," she said.

Watkins decided to follow up the next day with the therapy session. "I wanted to build on that with the rebirthing technique," she said.

Watkins said she learned the technique in 1999 and had participated in four other sessions. She said she believed it was safe and had never seen problems with it.

About halfway into the session, the tape shows, Candace was asked if she wanted to be reborn.

"She says very clearly, 'No,' which tells us she's fine," Watkins said. "We had no reason right then to be concerned."

"We had no reason then to be concerned."

Connell Watkins
psychotherapist

Con man offers kidney for probation

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

Con artist Barry Howell, facing up to 20 years in prison after his 21st conviction, made a deal: He'd donate a kidney to his ailing sister if the judge granted probation.

"My sister needs me," Howell said.

The judge agreed — but said the con man was headed behind bars if he backs out.

Howell, who most recently was convicted of scamming four people of \$1,400, was sentenced last Thursday to one to 23 months in prison.

During that time, he'll be on a diet to lower his blood pressure before surgery.

The diet and organ donation — which were suggested by Howell at the sentencing hearing — are considered terms of his three-year probation.

Howell, 41, has been arrested 49 times under 10 aliases. His most recent conviction came after he adopted a foreign accent and pretended to be an out-of-town visitor victimized by robbers.

The organ donation had been in the works several months, according to court records. Howell argued the

operation would be difficult to arrange if he was given a long prison term.

Howell's

56-year-old sister, Gloria Harris, undergoes dialysis three times a week and said her brother had been approved as an organ donor.

"I hope he saves my life and his too," Harris told The Philadelphia Daily News.

"My sister needs me."

Barry Howell
con artist

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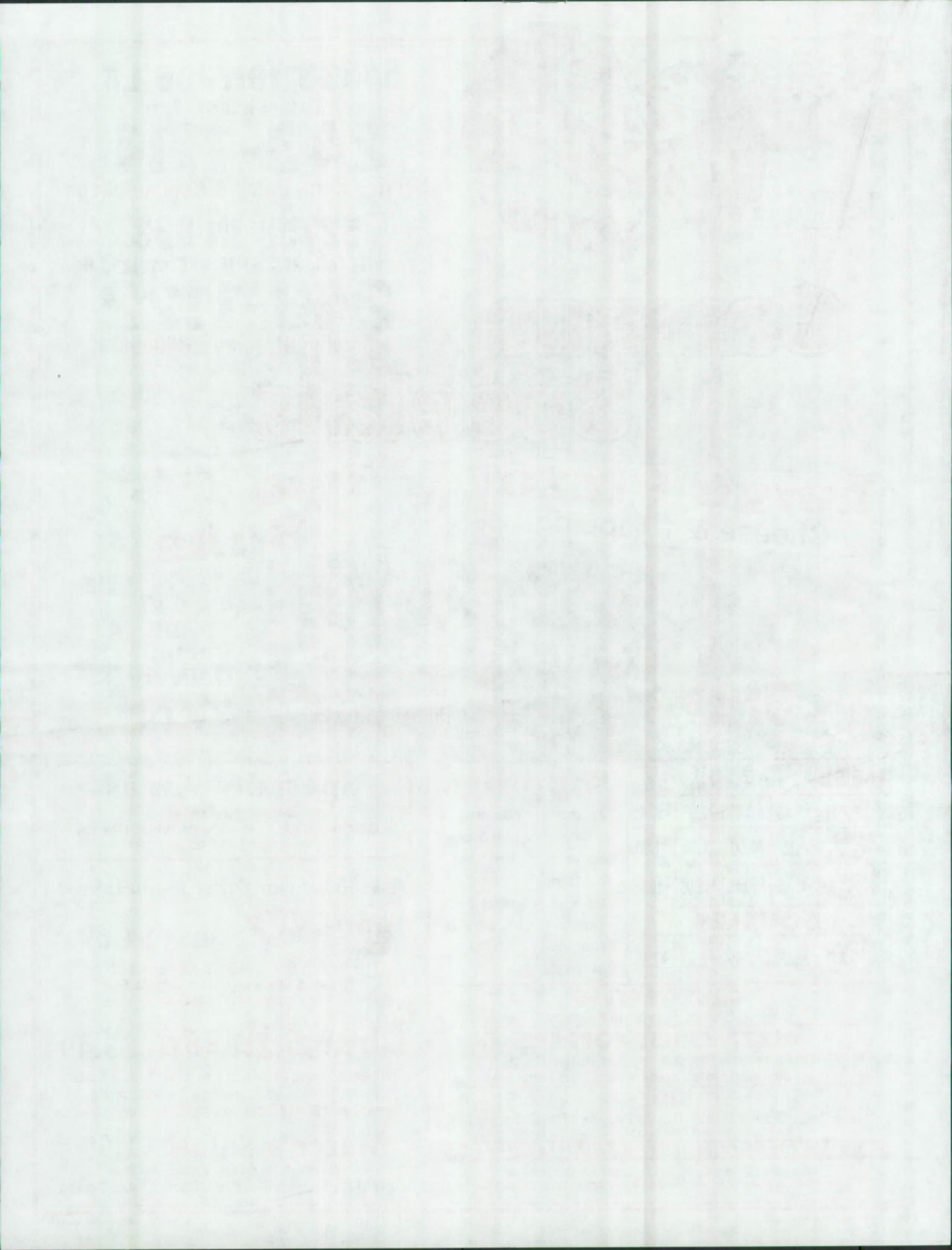
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ISRAEL

Holocaust survivors receive compensation

Associated Press

TEL AVIV, Israel
Holocaust survivors can begin seeking compensation for money deposited in Swiss banks during World War II, groups appointed to administer the claims said Tuesday.

Hundreds of thousands of people worldwide are expected to seek part of a \$1.25 billion settlement of a class-action lawsuit against Swiss banks.

The settlement, approved last year by a federal district court judge in New York, also makes payments available to former slave laborers and certain other victims of the Nazis.

Nearly 65 percent of the funds, \$800 million, will go to individuals who made deposits in Swiss bank accounts before the end of World War II. Much of that money will go to the owners of 21,000 bank accounts that probably belonged to Nazi victims, but others, including heirs to accounts, also are eligible to

apply.

"We're talking about people depositing money, and counting on ... being able to draw on it," said Rabbi Israel Miller of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, one of the groups administering the settlement. "It is a matter of justice — that which is right and just, and that which the banks should have done long ago."

"It is a matter of justice — that which is right and just, and that which the banks should have done long ago."

**Rabbi Israel Miller
Conference on Jewish Material
Claims Against Germany**

The remainder of the settlement, \$450 million, will be split among former slaves and forced laborers, refugees denied

entrance to Switzerland and holders of Nazi-era Swiss insurance claims.

Former slaves and forced laborers are eligible to receive between \$500 and \$1,000. Former refugees can receive \$1,250 to \$2,500.

Needy survivors whose assets were looted by the Nazis may also be eligible for relief programs.

Flag decision divides Mississippi

◆ Two-thirds of voters support the Confederate flag

Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss.

Mississippians were voting in favor of keeping the Confederate emblem on the state flag, in early returns from Tuesday's election that forced the state to deal with unfinished business from its segregationist past.

With 23 percent of the precincts reporting, 84,145 voters, or 66 percent, favored keeping the old flag and 43,984, or 34 percent, favored replacing it. The results were from precincts scattered across the state.

Mississippi is the last state to prominently display the emblem on its flag.

Voters had two choices: keep the current 1894 flag with the Confederate emblem of 13 white stars on a blue X, or adopt a new flag with 20 white stars on a blue square, denoting Mississippi's role as the 20th state.

Farmer Terry Galey voted to keep the old banner.

"I've had things on my farm that have been working for 20 years and if they're still working, why change them?" he said on a crisp spring day during cotton-planting time across the Delta.

In a poll last month, two-thirds of respondents favored keeping the 1894 flag. The poll, commissioned by The Associated Press and other news organizations, was con-

ducted before advocates on either side geared up with ads, telephone calls and rallies.

In a state where William Faulkner said the past is never dead, the flag debate, while largely peaceful, polarized some voters along racial lines.

Some whites said they support the old flag because it represents their heritage and was the banner they saluted as children. Many blacks see the emblem as a symbol of past injustices, including beatings and lynchings by the Ku Klux Klan. The state, with 2.8 million people, is 61 percent white and 36 percent black.

Gov. Ronnie Musgrove and many business leaders supported the new flag, saying it would help move the state forward economically and socially.

The debate arose after the Mississippi Supreme Court ruled last May that the state technically has no flag, because the 1894 design was left out when the state code was updated in 1906. The Legislature decided to let the voters choose.

The vote is part of a larger debate across the South over how to deal with its troubled racial history as it focuses on the future.

In neighboring Alabama, jury selection is under way in the trial of a white man accused in one of the civil rights era's most notorious crimes, the 1963 bombing of Birmingham's Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. The bombing killed four black girls.

In recent years, prosecutors in Mississippi and other states also have dusted off files of old civil rights cases.

In 1994, a jury convicted Byron de la Beckwith of assassinating NAACP leader Medgar Evers in Jackson in 1963. Mississippi Attorney General Mike Moore said he is also pursuing leads in a case against those accused of killing three civil rights workers in 1964.

Other Southern states have wrestled with symbols of the Confederacy.

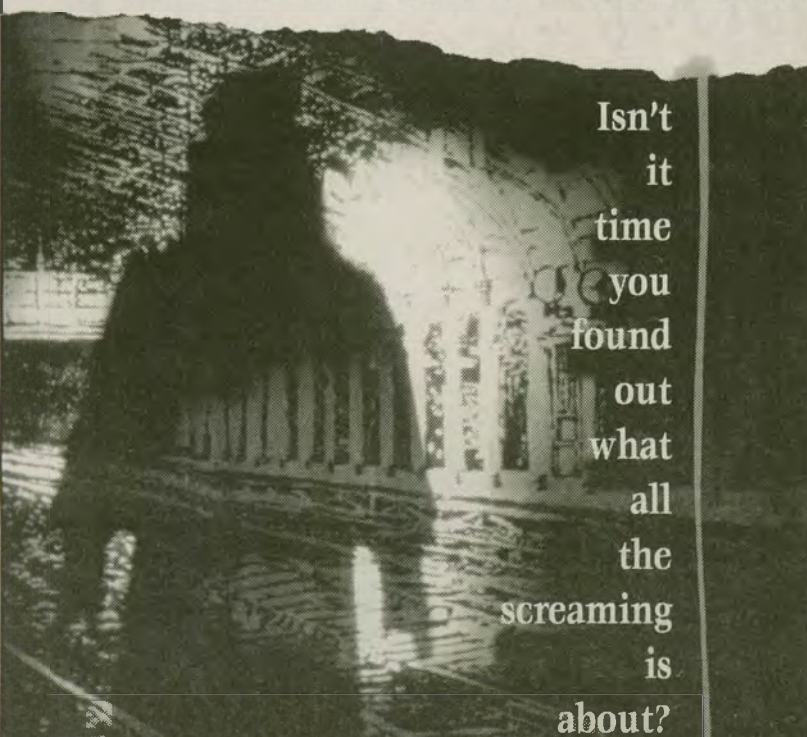
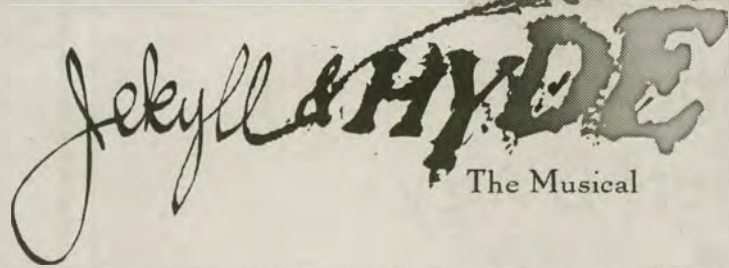
South Carolina lawmakers, under economic pressure from the NAACP, last year removed a Confederate flag from atop the Statehouse dome. In January, Georgia legislators shrank the Confederate symbol that had dominated that state's flag since 1956.

Many Alabama cities and counties have stopped flying the state's flag — a red X over a white background, adopted in 1895 — because some think it bears too strong a resemblance to the Confederate banner.

"I think that the recent changes, including discussions on changing symbols, reopening old civil rights murder cases, as well as developments like new business, all indicate that the South is maturing," said Susan Glisson, interim director of the Institute for Racial Reconciliation at the University of Mississippi.

Glisson is among those who advocated a new flag in Mississippi. She said the 1894 banner represents "terror" for too many citizens.

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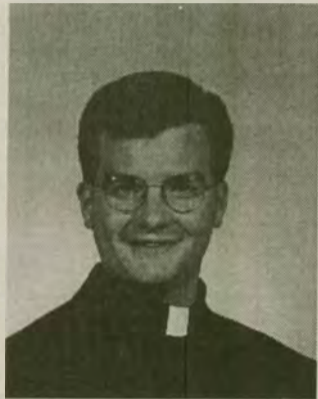
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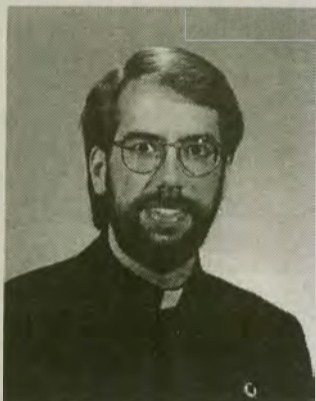
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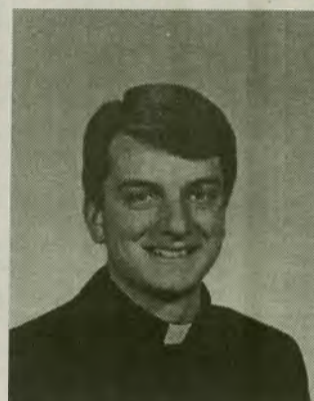
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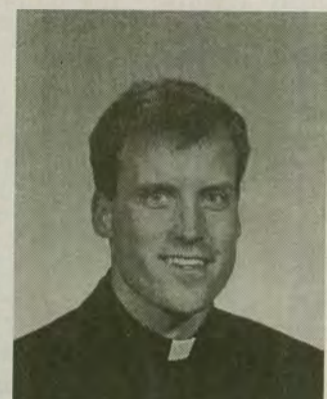
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Cincinnati residents want change

Associated Press

CINCINNATI
 Angry residents packed a City Council meeting Tuesday to speak out against the police shooting of an unarmed black man and to call for changes in police hiring and disciplinary practices.

City leaders hope changes to the department will quell the anger that sparked riots last week after the death of 19-year-old Timothy Thomas, who was killed by a white officer. About 200 people filled council chambers during the meeting to consider a change to the way the city hires its police chief.

Norma Payne said that when she looks at city officials she sees "the same old slave masters," and "the same Gestapo of Hitler's regime."

"When I look at you, I think you may be the KKK in disguise," the black woman said. Six of Cincinnati's nine City Council members are white; the city of 331,000 people is 43 percent black.

Currently the chief's job goes to one of the city's assistant chiefs, but many black leaders say a national search could yield a chief who is

more receptive to change and not beholden to officers.

Brian Loewe, a student at Xavier University, also called for new leadership.

"There is nothing more profane than having black children killed by police," Loewe said.

After hearing citizens' comments for five hours, council referred the charter changes to a committee for more study.

Any changes in the charter would have to be placed on the ballot and approved by voters.

Three days of arson, looting and attacks on motorists followed the April 7 shooting death of Thomas, who was running from officers trying to arrest him on misdemeanor and traffic warrants. Police arrested more than 800 people during demonstrations and a citywide curfew — lifted Monday — was put in place for the first time since the race riots of 1968.

The FBI, police and the county prosecutor are investigating the shooting. Fifteen blacks have died in confrontations with police since 1995, four of them since November.

Officer Stephen Roach, who shot Thomas, is on paid administrative leave. The president of the police union has said Roach believed Thomas had a gun and that his life was in danger.

A Hamilton County grand jury was expected to begin hearing evidence soon about the shooting. Prosecutor Michael Allen said he is aware that black residents are watching to see whether Roach is indicted, but that his office would handle the case like any other.

"If there's an indictment, it will be because of the facts of the case, and not because of pressure from the community," Allen said. "We're going to present it straight up and let the members of the grand jury make the decision."

Another grand jury has begun hearing evidence against people suspected of crimes during last week's rioting, Allen said. Prosecutors and police have been reviewing videotapes of the unrest to try to identify rioters.

Meanwhile, local police and FBI investigators are also still trying to determine why police and a state trooper fired pellet beanbags at people who witnesses described as peaceful protesters. Two people were injured in Saturday's shooting, which followed Thomas' funeral.

"When I look at you, I think you may be the KKK in disguise."

**Norma Payne
 Cincinnati citizen**

Judge signs subpoena for Albright to testify

Associated Press

NEW YORK

A judge signed a subpoena on Tuesday that calls former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to testify, but said she may never take the witness stand in the embassy bombings trial.



Albright

U.S. District Judge

Leonard Sand said that he was not ruling "on any of the many weighty objections ... with respect to whether she is [a] proper [witness] or not."

The subpoena was among several requested by defense lawyer David Baugh. He represents Mohamed Rashed Daoud Al-'Owhali, who could be sentenced to death if convicted.

An FBI agent has testified that Al-'Owhali confessed to riding a bomb-laden vehicle to the U.S. embassy in Nairobi, Kenya, and tossing stun grenades at guards before fleeing. Al-'Owhali has maintained the confession was coerced.

The Aug. 7, 1998, bombing and an almost simultaneous attack on the U.S. embassy in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, killed 224 people, including 12 Americans.

The judge said it is possible that Albright is the wrong witness for the things Baugh wants to show the jury and also that she might not be available for the trial, which is expected to end in several weeks.

"Quite candidly, if this were a subpoena for Joe the Ragman, he would be brought here," Baugh said.

He suggested Albright should be treated the same, even if she is "a former lofty ambassador of good standing."

The judge said some of the questions Baugh wants to ask Albright would not be permitted even if she was to testify.

"An example that comes to mind is the awareness of threats, and the failure to close the embassy or take other precautions," the judge said.

Earlier in the trial, defense lawyers tried to question the U.S. ambassador to Kenya in 1998 about warnings the U.S. government may have received before the explosions. The questioning was disallowed.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Execution about vengeance, not justice

I wish to respond to Stacy Davis's letter on Thursday, in which she wrote the following: "Pray for Timothy McVeigh if you want, but please make no excuses for his actions. He brought his fate upon himself."

Of course, Timothy McVeigh's actions were cowardly, reprehensible and unjustified. No one can dispute this.

Of course, Mr. McVeigh's crimes have taken something from all of the victims' families that they can never get back — loved ones and their peace of mind. No one can dispute this.

And of course, Mr. McVeigh's crimes cry out for justice, so that society may remain safe from murderous aggressors like himself. No one can dispute this.

Does Mr. McVeigh need to suffer consequences for his actions? Yes.

Do the victims of this horrible tragedy need to be comforted? Yes.

And does society need to take action to protect itself? Yes.

But does Mr. McVeigh need to be killed? Has he, in the words of Ms. Davis, "brought his fate" — execution

— "on himself"? No.

Ms. Davis's assertion that Mr. McVeigh needs to die resonates with what others have said recently about the upcoming execution. Attorney General John Ashcroft, for example, has agreed to broadcast the execution on closed-circuit television so that families of the bombing's victims can "have closure." Mr. Ashcroft has said this is only just, and that Mr. McVeigh's death will serve justice. And Ms. Davis has concurred.

She and Mr. Ashcroft are both wrong, horribly wrong. Killing Timothy McVeigh isn't about justice. It isn't about righting wrongs. It's about vengeance.

Justice doesn't require killing Mr. McVeigh. In fact, true justice requires only that he be stopped from remaining a future menace to society. This could easily have been accomplished by putting him in a maximum-security prison, for life, without parole.

Pope John Paul II and the Catechism of the Catholic Church have recognized that capital punishment is permissible if and only if there is no other way for a society to protect itself against a murderous criminal.

In other words, only those countries that can't afford to build prisons may practice capital punishment in the name of justice.

But the United States can afford to house dangerous criminals like Mr. McVeigh. Therefore justice dictates that he should be imprisoned. Executing him is excessive, unnecessary and, in the view of all who recognize the need to preserve the sanctity of all life from conception to natural death whenever possible, totally and irrevocably unjust.

And no should pretend this is otherwise. Killing Mr. McVeigh will solve nothing, will right no wrong, will help no one. It will merely give those already hurt by his evil deed the opportunity to exult in barbaric joy at his death.

Let no one pretend that this execution is about anything other than barbaric, uncivilized vengeance.

Josh Stowe
senior
off-campus
April 12, 2001

All Christians to blame for sins

We are agents in communion, in communities constituted by shared practices and language. We do things with words. Words affect our relationships with one another. They divide. They unite.

In a letter to the editor published Wednesday of Holy Week entitled, "Prayer a potent weapon," Joseph Valley claimed that Protestantized rationalistic culture inculcated in Timothy McVeigh the belief that violence is at times morally appropriate. Mr. Valley suggests our right response is for the Catholics among us to pray the rosary.

Although a number of Mr. Valley's claims may be supportable, i.e. the efficacy of praying the rosary or evils made permissible by forms of rationalized religion, he commits a number of injustices not the least of which is promoting a memory unfaithful to God's work among His people.

All Christians, Protestant and Catholic alike, share in the tradition of members who in their faith felt obligated to kill. They also share in the tradition of pacifism. (A leader to whom many have looked to as an obedient disciple of Christ is the late John Howard Yoder, a Notre Dame theology professor, who was thick in the messianic pacifism that is

a part of the Mennonite way of life.) Both just war and pacifism are traditions (not doctrines) acknowledged on both sides.

It may do us some good to remember that both "sides" also shared in the sin of the Reformation and the continued sin of disunity.

To further cause division by suggesting that one or the other of these groups is the facet of the Christian community responsible for the sin of Mr. McVeigh is unhelpful to the extreme. There is much work to be done within and outside the church, but this is not it.

It is our faithful memory that enables us to acknowledge ourselves as sinners forgiven and to fare forward in hope. (What better time to remember this than now, following on the heels of Easter?)

Let us finally heed the Word of all words, which calls us to share in prayers and lives transformed through the Spirit by peace and reconciliation — an undertaking only possible as we are members of the church of Jesus Christ.

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GUEST COLUMN

Cincinnati riots result of an undemocratic system

"Those who make peaceful revolution impossible will make violent revolution inevitable." — John F. Kennedy Jr.

As the march of time and progress plows forward into a new century, of late I have acquired a creeping sense of vertigo. While of course we move forward with our many new technologies, as a society I can't help feeling that we are moving backward.

Historically, the U.S. government has used whatever violent means necessary to take what it wanted. It wanted cheap labor and land to build up its empire, so it encouraged the enslavement of Africans and the slaughter of Native Americans.

This pattern of violence used by the U.S. government against other groups has spread to its own citizenry. Popular expressions of discontent with the status quo are increasingly being met with tear gas and pepper spray. Because the military is not ideologically trained to battle the people of its homeland, the police become the brutal face of the state.

The role of the police is to unquestionably guard the social order of the state. They are used as tools to hold back insurrection. Their mission is not to protect the people, but to protect private property. This can be seen in situations where the best interests of the people do not correspond with the best interests of the economic order.

When workers go on strike, it is the police that crack heads for the corporate bosses to maintain their profit margins. When blacks and whites demanded civil rights, it was the police who beat them bloody to uphold a two-tier society. In Seattle, when the U.S. citizenry demanded that they be participants in the future of global trade talks, it was the police who shot them with rubber bullets and concussion grenades for multinational corporate stability.

For the past several days, African-Americans in Cincinnati have burst onto the streets as an expression of their outrage against the police. The response from the police has been to shoot them with bean bags from rifles. People are in the streets because the police have killed 15 black men in the last five years. The examples are disturbing.

Michael Carpenter was a casualty of the Cincinnati police. He was shot after being stopped while driving. No charges were filed against the officers. Darrell Price also died at the hands of the Cincinnati police. He died after

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restraining officers smashed his head on the concrete. Despite the suspicious circumstances of his death, all of the police officers were exonerated.

The latest victim of the brutal pathology of the Cincinnati police was Timothy Thomas. The police claim that he was shot because he was running away, but since when have we given the police the right to shoot first and ask questions later? Under the law, everyone is innocent until proven guilty, but the police now believe that they are above the law. The police in Cincinnati have become the judge, jury and executioner all rolled into one. Thomas and other African-Americans in Cincinnati know that if they encounter the police, they may well end up dead. Thomas was running for a reason.

While the mainstream media would like the public to think that the police problems are caused by a "few bad apples," police brutality against African-Americans is systemic in America. African-Americans are far more likely to be targeted, imprisoned and killed by the criminal system.

Amadou Diallo is one of the more famous examples of police murder, but several cases can be found in every major U.S. city. How much brutality can a people be reasonably expected to endure before their obedience to the rules of the social order starts to break down?

For years, much lip service has been given but little action has been taken to improve the status of African-Americans in this country. Not until the recent unrest in Cincinnati has the city taken seriously the anger of African-Americans.

The media coverage of these protests has been grossly one-sided. Angry citizens are called "rioters" to discredit their message, and the violent actions of the police are downplayed with statements like, "people don't understand how tough police work is."

Rioting and disorder are consequences of the abuse of police power. Calls for calm are irresponsible, without demands for immediate rectification of gross incarceration, discrimination and economic deprivation experienced daily by African-Americans.

Kennedy's quote is a potent reminder that when the peaceful channels of governmental change are closed off, the only recourse left for the attainment of justice will be rebellion.

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Smilies and away messages: the rules of IM etiquette

Procrastinator. Communicator. Campus dominator. And it all begins with the click of a button and the opening of a simulated door.

AOL Instant Messenger has taken over the lives of college students all over the country. Quickly becoming the communication method of choice, IM allows coeds to communicate with people anytime, anywhere and practically anonymously.

However, as our lives shift from the personal to the technical there are a few things to remember if you want to become (or remain) a successful IM-er.

When it comes down to it, it's virtually impossible to say the wrong thing. You have the time to read the other person's message, think about what you want to say, type it out and even spell check it.

In theory, there's a very small margin for error. Still, there is a certain "IM etiquette" that must be followed for clarity and communication's sake.

Communication with someone over IM is similar to reading a script from "Friends." The dialog may be witty and the punch line may have potential to be the next national catchphrase, but unlike "Must See TV," there's no delivery.

There's no Chandler adding his trademark sarcasm and eye-rolling to the line to give it humor as you saw it in your mind. Remember — this miscommunication can eventually cause utter confusion for all involved.

The bottom line is clarity, clarity and clarity. If you know the person you're IM-ing well enough, you can possibly make sarcasm work for you. However, in doing so you still walk the fine line between clever and asinine, so be careful. In these situations, it's definitely more what you say than how you say it.

You also have to remember that IM is not simply a substitute for the telephone. Even though, these days, it's easier to log on than to dial up, it's no excuse to completely forgo the cordless phone.

This is especially pertinent when talking to someone you're dating, like to date or hope to date. Sure, it's casual and unobtrusive to throw the occasional IM their way, but who are we kidding here? IM may have worked for Meg Ryan and Tom Hanks in "You've Got Mail" but, let's face it. If IM is your main way of communicating with your sweetie, there's much less of a chance of a digital getdown later on.

Unlike actual face to face or telephone conversations, IM provides you with the opportunity to leave the room, write a paper, talk to your roommate and/or watch television while simultaneously talking to eight different people over IM.

Don't do this — it's just bad manners. When you want to do any or all of the above, let the person on the other end know so that they're not idly waiting for your response, while you're simply becoming idle.

It's best to answer questions with questions, keeping the conversation rolling without making one person string the dialogue along. One-word answers and long stretches between exchanges don't make an overall great impression. Besides, if you're entirely uninteresting over IM, it doesn't say much for your social capabilities in general.

And then there's the all-important Away Message. These are displayed for hours on end to let the world know where you are ("On the 12th floor of Hesburgh Library — if I'm not back in three hours, send a search party"), what you did last night ("Recovering from a night at the Backer") or where you're going ("Off to see 'Josie and the Pussycats' with the Girls"). It's getting to the point where you click on to your IM and every single person has posted an Away Message — and you, of course, have to add your own.

As AOL Instant Messenger threatens to make all other forms of communication obsolete, it also gives you the opportunity to converse (cheaply!) with people all over the country, whether they're in the next state or the next room.

It may not be the best way to "reach out and touch someone," especially if you're hoping to hook up with more than their modem, but if you follow sharp IM etiquette, you'll be a successful IM-er in no time.

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Jacqueline Browder

In Vogue

The downfall of the Internet

If you spend your days reading hundreds of

By TAI ROMERO
Scene Writer

What is more detrimental to a student than Snood and a plague of locusts combined? No, it is not food poisoning from the dining hall or yet another OIT outage.

This evildoer is better known as AOL Instant Messenger. This criminal has attacked residences and businesses everywhere. Nevertheless, its favorite prey is an individual in his teens or early 20s. College students, beware.

Plan of Attack

What is this silent, deadly attacker? On the surface, it seems so innocent. Simply download and install the free software from AOL, and instantly you are connected to family and friends around the world.

Invitations to chat pop up at the most opportune moments (usually when you're about to begin that 10-page paper) and you can return from class to find cheerful greetings left by your pals.

With a keyboard and an Ethernet link, the need for long distance phone calls is eliminated — IM users are limited only by how quickly they can type and how many different conversations they can maintain.

Then what, you may ask, is the crime Instant Messenger commits?

The answer is simple: Instant Messenger steals time — precious time that could be used for disarming an atomic bomb, saving a family of five from a burning building, doing homework or writing an article for The Observer.

Stealing Time

Like a cult leader, Instant Messenger attracts its game with its seemingly advantageous demeanor.

Flaunting such bonuses as staying in touch with people, IM simply screams, "Come. Come. Love and caress my keyboard!"

Any unsuspecting person is automatically lured by the false promises of being instantly

connected to a multitude of people anywhere in the world. Furthermore, IM gives the impression that each person can use the service as a means of advancing individuality and creativity.

Victims are seduced by the intrigue of creating away messages, posting updates and pertinent information and even starting a chat room for several people at once. Moreover, personal manifestos can be highlighted in away messages and member profiles.

Let us also not forget entrapment by the idea of fabricating a new identity with an original screen name. How can someone not be captivated by such marvels as these?

A Growing Local

Phenomenon

Notre Dame is no stranger to the misdemeanors of Instant Messenger, due to its abundance of twenty-somethings with computers and a year in South Bend where nine months are winter.

In fact, on the fourth floor of Walsh Hall, only two people of more than 30 interviewed admitted to being IM virgins. Some residents were even surprised to hear that this lack of IM infatuation could be possible in even one person.

Perhaps this amazement serves as an indicator that the intensity of Instant Messenger's transgressions against humanity has fizzled and the public has succumbed to the powers of the phenomena that is IM.

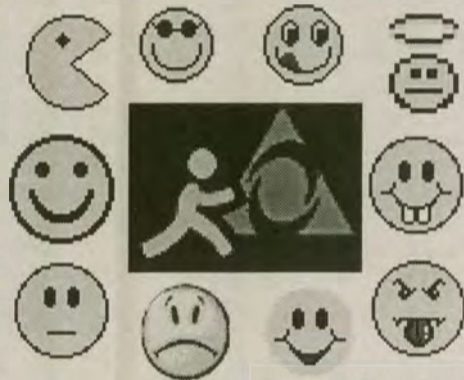
Some Notre Dame students are intelligent enough to realize IM for the time-suck it is.

Why, then, do others remain blind to the role Instant Messenger takes as an accomplice to the procrastination? Like the Monty Python boys say: "Nobody ever expects the Spanish Inquisition."

The Agony and The Ecstasy

Yet, the tarrying tool is cited by some students as having special merit. Freshman

Gretchen McIntyre swears that "IM is cool because it allows boys and girls to socialize past parietals. They can take the boys out of



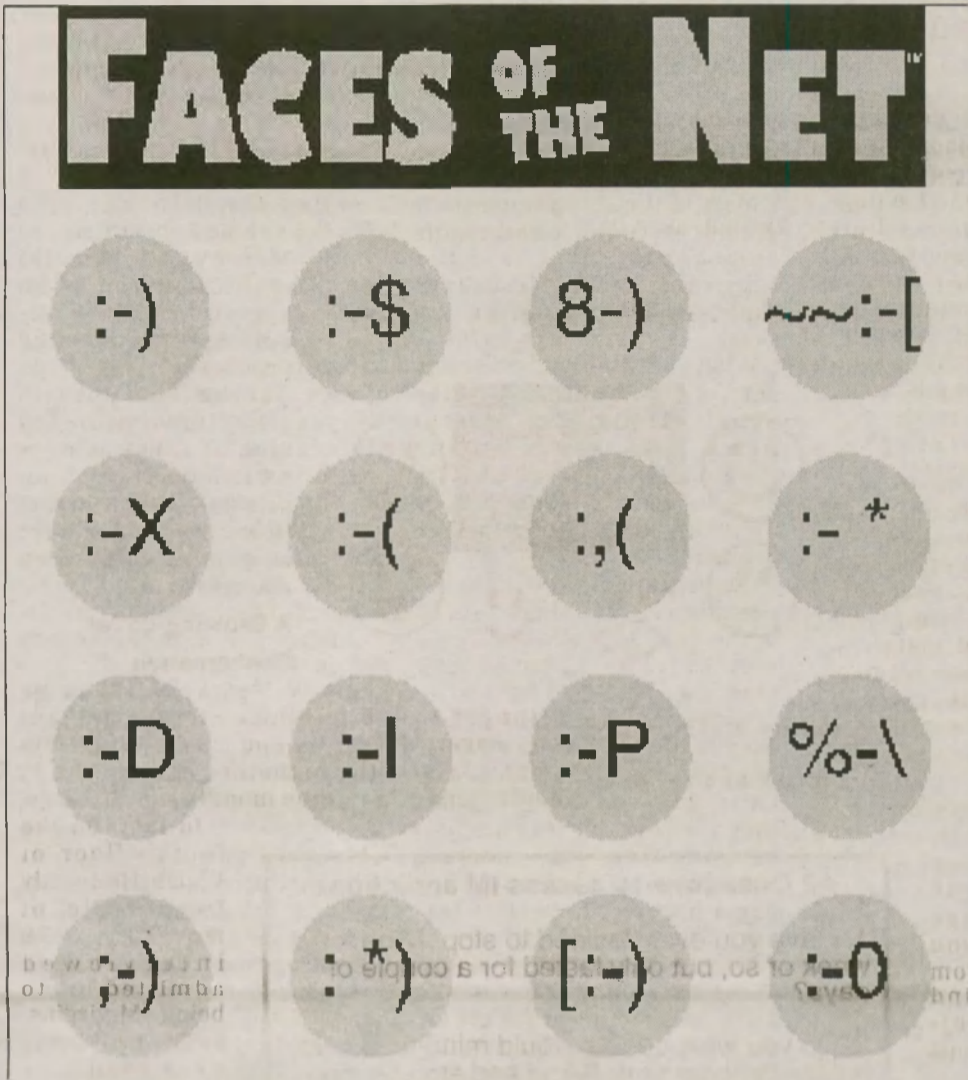
12 Questions to assess IM addiction:

1. Have you ever decided to stop IMing for a week or so, but only lasted for a couple of days?
2. Do you wish people would mind their own business about your IMing and stop telling you that you look like you've been staring at a computer screen for nine days, 10 hours and 36 minutes straight?
3. Have you ever switched from one screen name to another in hopes that people would not know you were still on IM?
4. Have you ever skipped one or more meals so that you could finish an IM conversation?
5. Do you envy people who can talk to one person on IM for five minutes and then sign off without talking to anyone else?
6. Have you had eye problems during the past year connected with IM eye strain?
7. Have you gone a day without speaking to anyone verbally because you only communicated by IM?
8. Do you sign on to IM just to read other people's away messages?
9. Do you tell yourself you can stop IMing any time you want to, even though you keep IMing when you don't mean to?
10. Have you missed days of work or school because of IMing?
11. Do you have "blackouts"?
12. Have you ever felt that your life would be better if you did not IM?

If you answered yes to five or more of these questions, you are advised to seek help for your addiction.



Generation — is there life after Instant Messenger? Away messages and perfecting your own, fear not — you are not alone



my room, but they can't take them off my computer!"
As much joy as that connection may give McIntyre, some people can recount the agony IM has caused them. Sophomore Katie Casanta has been cut off from Instant Messenger for the past couple of weeks due to her mounting archi-

ture projects.
The separation has been a difficult one for Casanta. "It feels like I've been cut off from all my friends and family," she laments.
Casanta also reports another reason for grief due to IM-withdrawal: "It's like a stalking

device right in your room!"

Without the wicked Instant Messenger, Casanta has been deprived of keeping tabs on all her friends.

Some people might empathize with this mental anguish. From the moment many Domers wake up until the minute they go to bed, their IM away messages let friends, foes and families monitor their every move.

Walsh Hall resident Lindsey Horvath hosts a Buddy List of about 150 people. Would you call this insanity? Perhaps, but Horvath refutes the claim that she talks to about 100 of those people a week.

For Horvath, Instant Messenger is heaven sent because she can talk to ten people at a time that she might she might otherwise never hear from. Plus, the phone bill is spared.

Junior Alan Maginn rebukes those students who have fallen into the grips of Instant Messenger. He cites IM as "the best way to waste your time and the worst way to spend your time."

The absurdity with Instant Messenger, as Maginn explains it, is that it has become another form of obligation.

People feel they have to answer the phone when it rings — that obligation has carried over to answering an IM when the computer beeps.

Maginn shared his wisdom: "Just because someone's there doesn't mean that I have to talk to them."

Senior Katie Parks admits that she partakes of IM mania, but the number of names on her Buddy List does not correspond to the number of people represented on the list.

When asked why, Parks justified this situation by saying that many of her friends have multiple screen names.

These friends, like

other IM addicts, feel more comfortable hiding from people by adopting new names as opposed to selectively ignoring IM messages.

Worldwide Domination

The villainous Instant Messenger has sauntered about in the free world untouched by the law because of its keen ability to deceive and manipulate.

Computer users everywhere are duped by this relentless rogue and are never able to discern that they have been sucked into the ultimate evil IM plot of global domination.

In fact, IM is so clever that it has the tendency to implement its user as an accomplice in a crime against itself.

Will IM mania ever release its grip on the helpless college student?

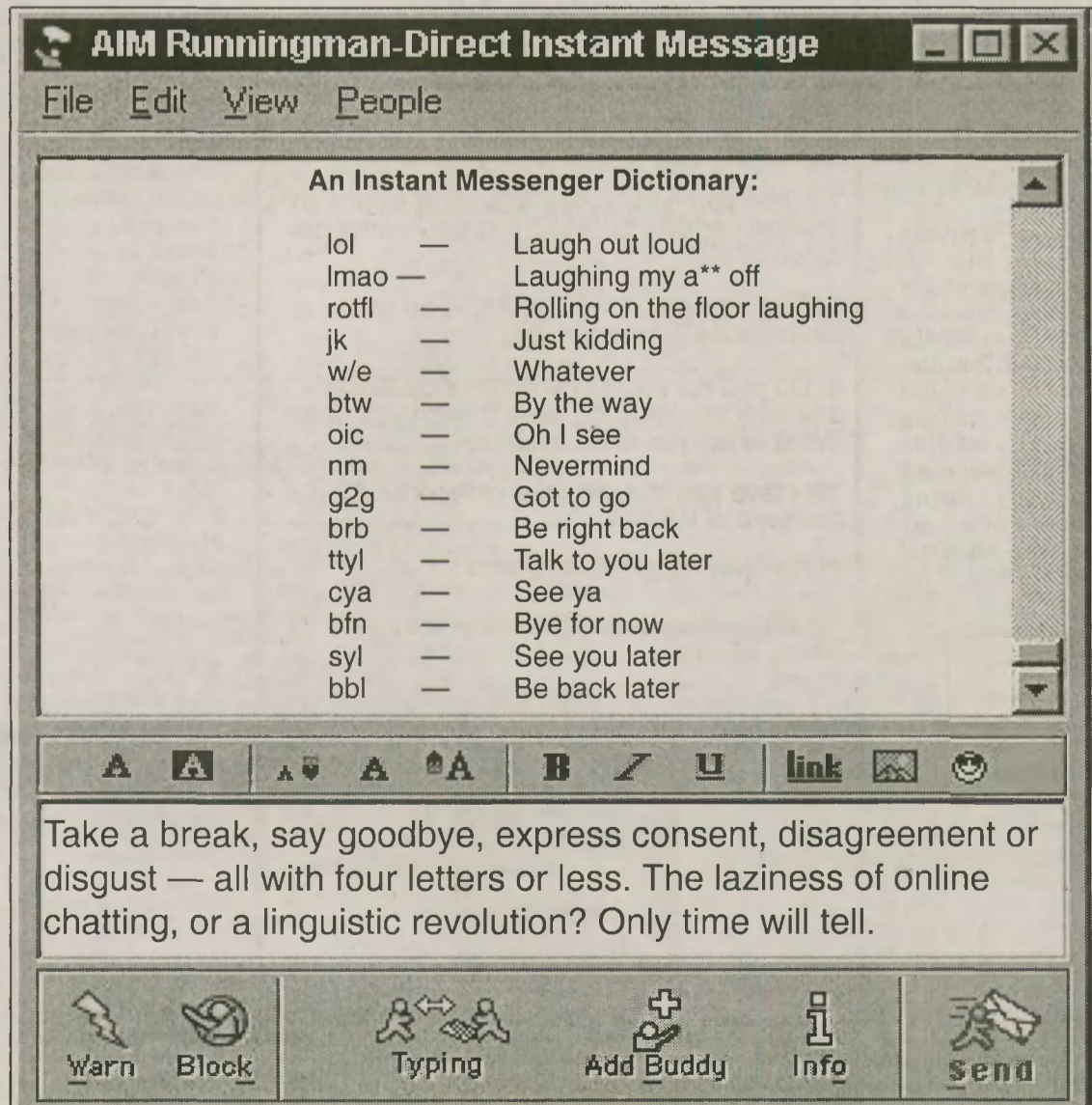
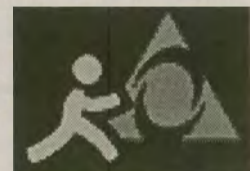
Will Domers ever return to their studies, even without putting up an Away Message?

It may remain one of those unanswered and timeless questions. Perhaps it will one day rank right up there with, "How many licks does it take to get to the center of a Tootsie Roll Pop?"

The same answer applies: the world may never know.

A 12 Step Guide to Overcoming IM Addiction:

1. Big surprise...The first step is always admitting that you have a problem.
2. Have your roommate attach electrodes to your computer so that you are given an electric shock every time you sign on to Instant Messenger.
3. Post a sign offering a reward to anyone who rescues you from the LaFortune or DeBartolo computer labs.
4. Take up another addiction like biting your fingernails or banging your head against a wall repeatedly.
5. Attend IM Anonymous.
6. Plead for all your friends to place a block on you, so that even if you succumb to the obsession they can be strong for you.
7. Get a sponsor to support you during this time of turmoil.
8. Use the Warn button on IM to warn yourself to 100 percent capacity so that you will be cut off from the IM service.
9. Gouge your eyes out with a spoon. IM will not help you much after that.
10. Take 19 credits, learn to play the bagpipe, and start a polka club to occupy your time.
11. Cut off your "mouse fingers."
12. If worse comes to worse, just remember that OIT will surely have an outage very soon that will render you unable to use Instant Messenger.



STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

Sabres pull ahead of Flyers in series with victory

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y.

Curtis Brown went through six sticks before he found one that wouldn't break.

With the last one, the Buffalo Sabres' top checker put the Sabres on the verge of advancing to the second round of the playoffs.

After the Sabres squandered two leads, Brown scored 6:13 into overtime to lift Buffalo to a 4-3 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers on Tuesday night.

The Sabres grabbed a 3-1 lead in the best of seven first-round series, winning for the second time in overtime. All four games have been decided by one goal.

Game 5 is Thursday at Philadelphia as the Sabres attempt to eliminate the Flyers for only the second time in seven playoff meetings.

"I'm going to tape it up and use it the next game," Brown said while laughing about the stick.

Eluding Flyers defenseman Eric Desjardins, Brown circled around the Philadelphia net, worked into the slot and snapped a 15-footer that beat goalie Roman Cechmanek over the left shoulder.

Brown decided to change sticks — going from a two-piece stick to a one-piece — on the prompting of Sabres goalie Dominik Hasek, who worried that Brown would break a stick during a crucial faceoff in the defensive zone.

"I went and got a one-piece stick and there was the first shot with it," said Brown, who scored his first career overtime goal. "I don't know if I'll go with it next game or not, but old Dom, he pulled a good one there."

Leave it to the Sabres checking line — which has done a solid job against the Flyers' top threats — to finally get into the limelight.

"I think Curtis was the guy that just kept showing some moxie with the puck," Sabres coach Lindy Ruff said. "(The Flyers) threw everything they had today. ... But (Brown's) line did a good job."

Miroslav Satan, Donald Audette and Chris Gratton also scored for the Sabres, who became the first team to win a

home game in the series.

Daymond Langkow, Simon Gagne and Dan McGillis scored for the Flyers, who have never overcome a 3-1 series deficit to win.

Philadelphia showed plenty of resiliency by battling back to tie it after falling behind 2-0 before the first period was three minutes old.

After Gratton put the Sabres ahead 3-2 late in the second period, the Flyers forced overtime on McGillis' short-handed goal midway through the third.

"Slice it any way you want, take away those first two or three minutes and we win the hockey game," Flyers Keith Primeau said. "Unfortunately it didn't happen for us. ... Instead of giving yourself an opportunity to get a lead on the road, you're climbing out of a hole."

Oilers 2, Stars 1

Mike Comrie scored a power-play goal at 17:19 of overtime as the Edmonton Oilers beat the Dallas Stars to even their Western Conference first-round series.

Jamie Langenbrunner high-sticked Comrie at 16:21, and the rookie forward made the Stars pay in Game 4 of the series that has featured three overtime contests. Dallas won the first two overtime games.

Ryan Smyth, stationed behind the net, fanned on a centering pass but Comrie pushed the puck behind goalie Eddie Belfour for the winner.

"It was awesome," Comrie told the CBC. "We still have a long series left, but it feels great to win."

Game 5 is Thursday night at Dallas.

Moments before Langenbrunner's penalty, Oilers defenseman Tom Poti whipped a wrist shot off the goal post.

Tommy Salo got the Oilers to overtime with a spectacular save off Mike Modano as regulation drew to a close. A sprawling Salo got a piece of his glove on the drive and deflected it off the post and out.

Anson Carter opened the scoring with his second goal of the playoffs three-quarters of the way through the second period. Set up by Comrie and

Eric Brewer, Carter broke in alone and ripped a shot past Belfour.

With the Oilers running around in their own end midway through the third period, Dallas struck back. Mike Keane, standing at the edge of the Oilers crease, whipped home a pass from Kirk Muller.

Benoit Hogue, the Stars' veteran hero in Game 3, paid for it dearly Tuesday when he was flattened twice by physical defenseman Jason Smith. The second hit leveled him near the Edmonton blue line.

Hogue attempted to pick himself off the ice, but collapsed a second time. He finally managed to gain his feet and rejoin the play, but the referees skated over to check on his condition when play stopped.

Devils 4, Hurricanes 0

The Carolina Hurricanes challenged the wrong guy.

New Jersey captain Scott Stevens set the tone again early on with a jarring check that knocked out Carolina captain Ron Francis as the Devils dominated the Hurricanes en route to victory and a commanding lead in the best-of-seven series.

The defending Stanley Cup champions have a 3-0 lead in the Eastern Conference quarterfinals against the reeling Hurricanes, who have been outscored a combined 11-1.

Stevens was a main target of the Hurricanes after he gave Shane Willis a concussion in the waning moments of New Jersey's 2-0 win Sunday, leveling the rookie with a hard, clean mid-ice hit.

But it was Carolina and Francis who paid again for getting Stevens on edge.

"That's like going into a lion's den with a piece of steak in your hand, getting him angry," Devils defenseman Ken Daneyko said. "The guy is a devastating hitter."

"I've never seen anything like it," he added. "We don't see it coming from the bench and it's clean as can be. He's like one of those rare middle linebacker-type guys that sees the puck coming and times it perfectly."

Was it a clean hit?

The Devils said yes, Hurricanes coach Paul

Maurice was on the other side.

"I don't think you can leave your feet on a hit like that," Maurice said. "But depending on what your zip code is it'll be a clean hit or a jump."

The top-seeded Devils can advance to the second round with a victory Wednesday night.

"We would like to give them a game and put some pressure on them," Carolina's Rod Brind'Amour said. "But we've got to find a way to score goals first."

Most of the second and third periods were filled with fights and rough play as the Hurricanes attempted to take their frustration out on the Devils.

With 13:26 left, Stevens squared off against All-Star Sandis Ozolinsh as several fights broke out, leaving Carolina with just 10 skaters at one point. Fans pelted Stevens with debris before he headed to the penalty box.

Carolina finished with 19 penalties for 71 minutes — 54 in the third — while the Devils were called for 12 for 33 minutes.

"If they can't take the hitting maybe they should change professions," Devils coach Larry Robinson said. "The last time I looked this was a physical game and body checking was allowed. Basically, they dug a hole for themselves taking all those penalties."

Martin Brodeur recorded his second straight shutout and 10th of his playoff career, stopping 16 shots. Meanwhile, Carolina was shut out in consecutive playoff games for the first time in franchise history — a total of 58 games.

New Jersey tied an NHL record with 10 straight road wins at the end of the regular season, and the Devils picked up where they left off.

Sharks 3, Blues 2

Another rookie goalie wearing teal made life miserable for the St. Louis Blues.

Miikka Kiprusoff, a last-minute replacement for Evgeni Nabokov, made 39 saves, and San Jose scored three second-period goals as the Sharks evened their playoff series with a victory over the Blues.

Game 5 is Thursday night in St. Louis, with Game 6

Saturday in San Jose.

Kiprusoff got the start when Nabokov came down with the flu one night after allowing five goals in the first two periods of St. Louis' 6-3 victory in Game 3.

After a slow start, Kiprusoff rounded into sterling form while holding off an energetic St. Louis attack nearly all night. Dallas Drake scored a desperate goal for St. Louis with 24.8 seconds left, but Kiprusoff held on for his first playoff victory.

More importantly, the Sharks seemed to match the Blues' intensity and defensive effort for the first time in the series.

St. Louis dominated long stretches of the first three games, but San Jose — which played without two key defensemen — was just as aggressive in Game 4.

Keith Tkachuk's first goal of the postseason — on a bizarre shot that bounced off the top of the net and rolled down Kiprusoff's body — put St. Louis up 1-0 with one second left in the first period.

But the Sharks roared to life with goals from Vincent Damphousse, Scott Thornton and Owen Nolan in the first 13 minutes of the second. In the third, San Jose's defense clamped down on the Blues, who produced a steady stream of shots but couldn't solve the latest goalie to emerge from San Jose's deep supply.

Kiprusoff found his rhythm when he made three rapid-fire saves during a sparkling sequence early in the second. He made his most spectacular stop 10 minutes later, when he cleanly gloved a blistering, close-range breakaway shot by Mike Eastwood — one of 14 second-period saves.

San Jose also won despite a depleted defense. The Sharks, one of the NHL's best defensive teams in the regular season, played without Gary Suter, who has a concussion, and All-Star Marcus Ragnarsson, who has the flu.

Turek, who stopped 35 shots in Game 3, wasn't nearly as sharp Tuesday night. San Jose's goals from Thornton and Nolan came on stoppable shots, but Turek, who made 22 saves, was an instant slow on both occasions.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO R.O.T.C. STUDENTS

Insofar as men are sinners, the threat of war hangs over them and will so continue until Christ comes again; but insofar as they can vanquish sin by coming together in charity, violence itself will be vanquished and these words will be fulfilled: "they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, section 2317)

Dear Friends in Christ,

When today you march in front of Father Malloy, and receive the approval of the University at the annual Presidential Review, we will be with you – though with a different purpose. Before the Presidential Review was moved into Loftus, we had planned a protest for South Quad. We had hoped to sit in the shape of a cross, in your marching path – so that a cross would alter the ceremony. After you marched around us, we would have stood up peacefully and walked aside.

Why do such a thing? The reason is simple. You are being trained for the United States Military and this organization has consistently disregarded teachings of Jesus and of the Church. Some of the historic examples: Pope Paul VI called the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki “a butchery of untold proportions,” and Pope John Paul II prayed “never again war, an adventure without return, never again war, a spiral of death and violence; no war in the Persian Gulf, a threat against all your creatures in heaven, on the earth and in the sea.” By participating in such a structure – even though it has provided upwards of \$100,000 in scarce tuition money – you could risk joining the military in its disregard for these authorities. We understand your choice; our issue is with Notre Dame. Brothers and sisters, you are not receiving a full Catholic formation at Our Lady’s University. Your R.O.T.C. curriculum is determined by the Department of Defense. Even your commanders have said that allowing Notre Dame or the Church to augment the required curriculum would be opening a Pandora’s Box of problems. But the Pentagon, as history and present military preparedness plans plainly show, does not acknowledge the requirements of the Catholic Church for entering and waging war. These standards of the Church are strict, far more strict than any upheld by the United States.

The blessing that occurs with this ceremony goes beyond merely accepting the R.O.T.C. presence on campus and implies that the R.O.T.C. mission is – at minimum – in harmony with the mission of the Catholic Church, through which the blessing is given. This less-than-critical presence fails to embody the Gospel and the full voice that the Church brings to bear on modern warfare training. Praying in the form of a cross was the best way we could think of to embody those teachings at the ceremony. In light of the decision to move the ceremony to Loftus, we will not disrupt it by sitting in the way of the march.

Some of those who are not Catholic have similar reasons of faith to protest the Presidential Review. Others believe that the US military has too often fought on the side of injustice, against the poor and powerless. There are many reasons for students outside of the Catholic faith to support our action.

It is not just a matter of “what the Gospel says” or “what the Catechism says.” These documents are not abstract manuals for life and society. Rather, they are rooted in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and express a law that is written in our hearts. We know well that you, like us, look into your hearts and are holy and faithful people. We claim no superiority, and we do not wish to ruin your ceremony. Rather, we seek to make present a voice that needs to be heard at Notre Dame.

**In Peace,
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**All are invited to join us today at 3:30 at the Grotto from where
we will process to Loftus for prayer, speeches and music.**

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Branyan hits grand slam, leads Indians to 8-1 victory

Associated Press

BALTIMORE

Russell Branyan hit a grand slam and Dave Burba pitched six solid innings to earn his first win this season as the Cleveland Indians beat Baltimore 8-1 Tuesday night.

Branyan's second career slam, which traveled about 430 feet, highlighted a five-run sixth inning. It was his fifth homer, tying him with Juan Gonzalez for the team lead.

A 16-game winner a year ago, Burba was winless with a 7.84 ERA in two starts before limiting the Orioles to a run and four hits. He was lifted after giving up successive singles opening the seventh.

Burba (1-1), who retired 12 straight at one point, struck out four and walked three in improving to 4-0 against Baltimore.

Chris Richard homered for the Orioles. Cal Ripken grounded into a double play with the bases loaded in the first inning and went 0-for-2, lowering his batting average to .125. He was lifted for a pinch hitter in the seventh with the game out of reach.

Cleveland led 3-1 before pulling away in the sixth. After Gonzalez singled and Ellis Burks doubled, B.J. Ryan replaced Baltimore starter Jose Mercedes (0-3).

Ryan retired Jim Thome and issued an intentional walk to Wil Cordero before Branyan hit a 3-2 pitch into the Cleveland bullpen beyond the center-field wall.

Successive throwing errors by second baseman Jerry Hairston enabled the Indians to add an unearned run for an 8-1 lead.

Mercedes retired his first two batters before Cleveland used three singles and a pair of walks to take a 3-0 lead. Thome, who came in with two RBIs, doubled that total with a two-run single and Cordero followed with a run-scoring infield hit.

Twins 6, Royals 5

Corey Koskie hit a game-winning, two-run single in the ninth inning for his fourth hit of the game as the Minnesota Twins beat the Kansas City Royals.

Jason Grimsley (0-1) gave up his first two runs of the year. Kansas City has three blown saves this year and 59 since the start of the 1999 season.

Koskie had his second four-hit game of the week. A.J. Pierzynski led off the ninth with a broken-bat single to right, and Cristian Guzman reached first on a bunt.

Denny Hocking sacrificed the runners over, Matt Lawton was intentionally walked to load the

bases and Koskie, who was 4-for-4 Sunday, singled to left.

Bob Wells (1-0) got the last four outs for Minnesota.

Mike Sweeney hit a go-ahead sacrifice fly in the eighth inning for the Royals after the Twins tied the game in the seventh on Lawton's sacrifice fly and Koskie's RBI single.

Mark Quinn led off the eighth with a single and wound up at third when Lawton let the ball go by in right.

One out later, Sweeney hit a deep fly to center to score Quinn.

Brian Meadows, who had allowed five runs and eight hits in each of his first two starts, pitched into the seventh but left with two on and no outs. He was charged with four runs and seven hits.

Blue Jays 6, Yankees 5

Raul Mondesi completed the first straight steal of home in Toronto history and Alex Gonzalez hit a two-run homer as the Blue Jays handed the New York Yankees their third straight loss.

Mondesi broke toward home plate just before New York starter Randy Keisler (0-1) started his wind up.

Keisler's pitch was high, and there was no tag as Mondesi stole home for the second time in his career, tying the game at 3 in the third.

Toronto starter Esteban Loaiza (3-0) pitched six strong innings for his second victory over the Yankees.

Loaiza allowed three runs — one earned — and five hits in six innings. He struck out three and walked one.

Tony Batista drove in two runs and Jose Cruz homered for Toronto, which has won three of four against New York this season.

Billy Koch allowed a two-run double to Derek Jeter in the ninth before getting Paul O'Neill to ground out for his fourth save.

The Yankees led 3-0 after two innings, but Toronto tied it in the third on Gonzalez's first homer and Mondesi's steal.

Batista walked off Keisler with the bases loaded in the fourth to give Toronto the lead. Cruz hit his fourth homer in the fifth to make it 5-3 and Batista hit an RBI single in the eighth.

The Yankees played the game without center fielder Bernie Williams, who has missed eight straight games to be with his ailing father in Puerto Rico.

Tigers 7, White Sox 4

Tony Clark hit a go-ahead, two-run homer in a four-run eighth innin as the Detroit Tigers beat Chicago, sending the White Sox to their fourth straight loss.

The White Sox, who had only

three losing streaks of four or more games last year, had taken a 4-3 lead in the eighth off Matt Anderson (1-0) on RBI singles by Paul Konerko and Carlos Lee.

Damion Easley singled off Kelly Wunsch (0-1) leading off the bottom half and Clark homered to left-center, the deepest part of Comerica Park.

Wendell Magee added a two-run, two-out triple off Bobby Howry.

Todd Jones pitched the ninth for his fourth save.

Before a crowd of just 13,068, Detroit's Jose Macias went 3-for-4 with a two-run homer, tying his career high for hits.

Tigers starter Dave Mlicki gave up two runs — one earned — and six hits in seven innings. He gave up five runs in each of his previous two starts, failing to get past the fifth inning.

Herbert Perry gave the White Sox a 1-0 lead in the second with his first homer of the year.

But Perry made his fourth error in four games in the fourth, mishandling a Devi Cruz grounder to third.

Robert Fick followed with an RBI double over Jose Valentin's head in center, and Macias homered on the next pitch.

Valentin doubled home a run in the fifth after right fielder Roger Cedeno dropped Ray Durham's liner for an error.

Food For Thought

Contraception:
Why Not?Professor Alfred Freddoso
Philosophy Department

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

Johnson drives Marlins to 3-2 victory against Braves

Associated Press

ATLANTA

Charles Johnson hit a tiebreaking homer in the seventh inning and the Florida bullpen finally protected a lead, giving the Marlins a 3-2 victory over the Atlanta Braves on Tuesday night.

Vladimir Nunez (1-1) allowed just four hits in seven innings for his first win since Sept. 28, 1999. He was 0-6 with a 7.90 ERA last year.

The Marlins bullpen, 0-6 with a 5.20 ERA through 12 games, made things exciting but got the job done.

In the eighth, Armando Almanza threw eight straight balls but actually picked up an out when Rafael Furcal tried to steal third but overslid the bag and was tagged out.

Braden Looper then retired Chipper Jones and Brian Jordan on infield grounders to end the inning. Antonio Alfonseca got

through the ninth for his second save, getting Wes Helms on a grounder for the final out with a runner at second.

John Burkett (0-2) took the loss despite a career-high 11 strikeouts in seven innings. He was cruising along until his 100th pitch, which Johnson sent into the left-field seats for his third homer of the season.

The game was played on an unseasonably cold night in Atlanta. The temperature was 48 degrees at the start and a strong wind made it feel downright frigid.

Braves catcher Eddie Perez, out for the year with a shoulder injury, huddled in front of a heater in the corner of the dugout, even borrowing the fur cap of a security officer who was sitting next to him.

The crowd was announced at 27,522 but there appeared to be no more than 10,000 in the stands by the end of the game. Those who remained huddled under blankets and winter coats.

The first inning dragged on for a half-hour, with Burkett throwing 30 pitches and Nunez needing 26 to get through.

The Marlins broke through with three straight singles, including Preston Wilson's run-scoring hit that barely got over the glove of Furcal as he leaped at shortstop.

Javy Lopez had a passed ball, setting up a sacrifice fly by Mike Lowell that brought home an unearned run.

Mets 4, Expos 0

Glendon Rusch threw seven shutout innings, and Todd Zeile homered and drove in three runs to lead the New York Mets to a victory over the Montreal Expos.

Rusch (1-0), who has not allowed a run in 14 innings at home this season, allowed five hits, walked three and struck out nine — one short of tying his career high.

Rusch threw 122 pitches and was never in any serious trouble

as the Expos didn't get a runner beyond second base against him. Turk Wendell finished the six-hitter.

Montreal, which started the season 6-1, has lost three in a row and six of seven. The Expos left 10 runners on base, and at least one in every inning except the ninth.

New York, which entered last in the NL with a .223 batting average and 40 runs scored, again showed signs of coming out of its offensive slump by scoring four runs for the second straight night against the Expos.

Zeile, who entered 5-for-22 (.227) with one RBI on the home-stand, went 3-for-4 and provided the bulk of the Mets offense.

The Mets took a 2-0 lead in the third on Zeile's home run, their first in four games. Rey Ordonez hit a leadoff single off Chris Peters (1-1) and moved to second on Rusch's sacrifice. After Desi Relaford struck out, Zeile hit a 2-2 fastball from Peters over the left-field wall for his first homer

of the season.

Reds 3, Brewers 2

Barry Larkin returned to Cincinnati's lineup, drove in a run and scored twice as the Reds beat the Milwaukee Brewers before their smallest crowd since 1999.

The Reds sold only 15,729 tickets for their first home game since the city's rioting last week. Fans were asked to stand for a moment of silence before the game to contemplate the community unrest.

The Brewers rode from their hotel to Cinergy Field in two buses. Teams usually charter only one bus because a lot of players walk or take cabs to the ballpark.

The weather was a big factor in the Reds' smallest home crowd since Sept. 13, 1999. Sleet and rain interrupted batting practice and resulted in a 66-minute delay to the first pitch. It was 36 degrees when the Reds took the field, many of them wearing black head coverings under the caps to keep their necks and ears warm.

Larkin, who missed the Reds' last two games with a strained left wrist, figured in all three runs as Cincinnati won its fifth straight. He had a run-scoring groundout in the third, singled and scored in the sixth, and started the go-ahead rally in the eighth off Will Cunnane (0-1).

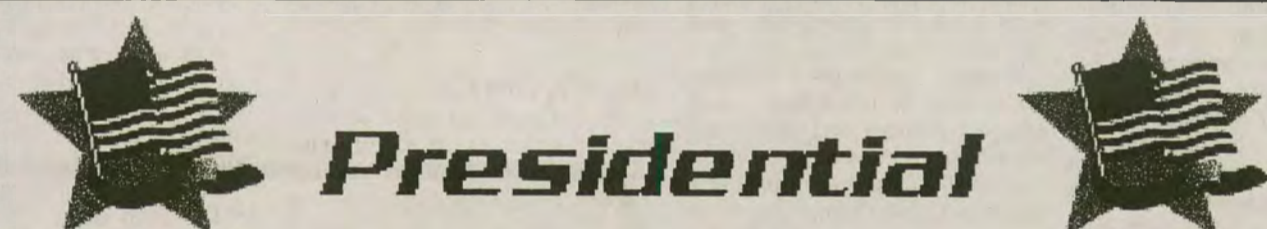
Larkin's sinking liner dropped just in front of right fielder Jeromy Burnitz for a double.

Scott Sullivan (1-1) struck out Richie Sexson on three pitches to end the Brewers' eighth, and Danny Graves pitched the ninth for his fifth save in six chances.

A magnetic resonance imaging test before the game found that Ken Griffey Jr. has a partially torn left hamstring. He'll remain on the active roster as a pinch-hitter, but won't be able to play the field for the foreseeable future.

Griffey didn't play in Tuesday's game.

Runs and rallies were hard to come by in the bitter, damp cold.

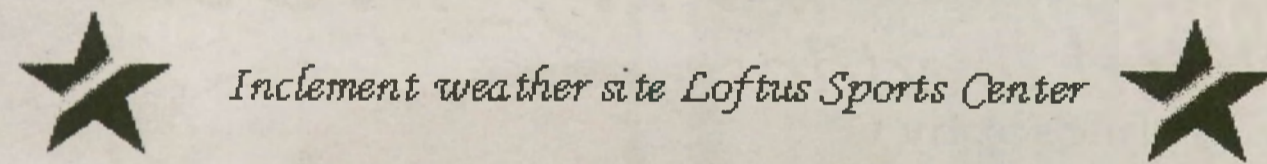


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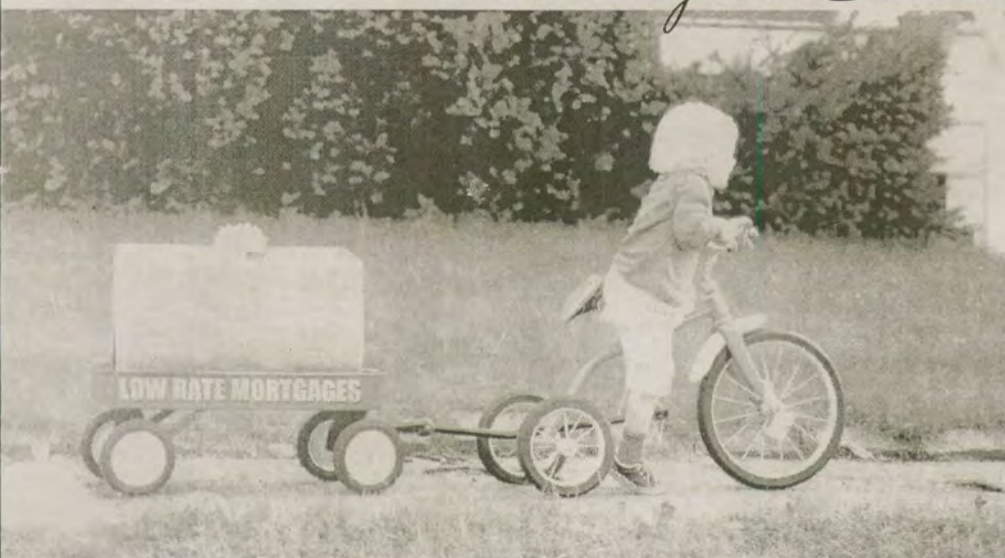
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
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GOLF

Irish win Classic, set record

Special to the Observer

The Notre Dame women's golf team turned in rounds of 306 and 313 for a 36-hole total of 619 to outdistance the 16 team field in the Illinois Spring Golf Classic by three strokes over the University of Illinois. The Irish set a tournament course record at the par 72, 5,842 yard Stone Creek Golf Club with the 619 total which was nine strokes better than last year's winner, S.W. Missouri State, who shot a 628 to win in 2000.

The tournament win was the second by the Irish this spring and the third this season, the most-ever by any Notre Dame women's golf team in the history of the program. The Irish entered the day with a seven stroke lead over Illinois and were able to hold on for the win. Illinois finished second with a 622 total (313-309) and was followed by Ohio University with a 636 (314-322) in third. Western Michigan took fourth place with a 647 (328-319) while Bradley (327-323) and Illinois State (323-327) tied for fifth with 650 totals.

Individually, the Irish went into the final round with senior Shane Smith and freshman Shannon Byrne tied for first after shooting opening round 74's. They settled for a third place tie as both shot closing round 79's for 153 totals. The tie for third was the best finish in both player's careers while the 153 was Smith's best 36-hole finish of the 2000-01 season.

The Notre Dame duo finished

two strokes behind Illinois State's Nicole Foy who fired a closing round 75 to go with an opening day 76 for a 153 total. Southwest Missouri State's Jessica Polus, the defending tournament champion, finished second with a 152 total (77-75). She was followed by Smith and Byrne who tied for third with Illinois' Marla Cox (76-77) to round out the top five individual finishers.

Terri Taibl continued her strong play this spring with a 10th place finish as she contributed rounds of 79 and 78 for a 13-over par total of 157. Freshman Rebecca Rogers closed out the Irish scoring with a 171 total on rounds of 88 and 83.

The Illinois Spring Classic closes out the 2000-01 season for the Notre Dame women's golf team.

Men's Golf

The Notre Dame men's golf team shot a final round total of 308 to make up six strokes to move up two spots in the standings to finish tied with Wisconsin for eighth place at the Kepler Intercollegiate Golf Tournament. The Irish, who opened the day in 10th place, finished with a 61-over par total of 913 along with the Badgers. Both teams finished 20 strokes behind Ohio State as the Buckeyes made up seven strokes during the final 18 holes to move from fourth place to win with a 54-hole total of 893 (298-298-297) on their home course, the par 71, 7,221-yard Ohio State Scarlet Course.

The Irish turned in rounds of

296, 309 and 308 on the weekend. Michigan, who led after two rounds, fell to third with an 895 total (292-297-306) as the Wolverines were passed by both Ohio State and Northwestern (894/295-295-304). Kent State finished fourth with an 899 (303-289-307) and Michigan State rounded out the top five teams in the 17-team tournament with a 901 total (300-300-301).

Leading Notre Dame individually was sophomore Kyle Monfort who finished in a three-way tie for 19th with a 13-over par total of 226 on rounds of 74, 76 and 76. Monfort finished 14 strokes behind tournament winner, Luke Donald of Northwestern, who was the only golfer to finish under par with a one-under 212 after firing rounds of 71, 69 and 72. Donald won the tournament by seven strokes over Ohio State's Kevin Hall who shot a six-over par 219 for the weekend.

Following Monfort for the Irish was junior Steve Ratay who tied for 23rd, just one stroke behind Monfort with a 227 total. Ratay opened with a one-under 70 in the first round, struggled with an 82 in the second round and had Notre Dame's best round Sunday with a 75. Ratay's opening round 70 had tied him for second after 18 holes on Saturday.

Notre Dame returns to action on Friday, April 20 when the Irish compete in the 54-hole First Energy Collegiate Tournament at Kent State. The two-day tourney will be played at the Windmill Lakes Golf Club in Ravenna, Ohio.

TENNIS

Hingis edges past Lamade for victory

Associated Press

CHARLESTON, S.C. Top-seeded Martina Hingis survived a first-set challenge to beat Germany's Blanka Lamade 7-6 (4), 6-1 on Tuesday in the second round of the Family Circle Cup.

Third-seeded Conchita Martinez also advanced, overcoming a slow start and swirling wind to beat Lilia Osterloh 1-6, 6-3, 6-0.

Martinez, ranked eighth in the world, leads all active WTA Tour players with 20 titles on clay, two in the Family Circle Cup.

But the 29-year-old Spaniard fell behind 4-0 in the first set against the 45th-ranked Osterloh, and lost the set on a double fault.

"I couldn't put any balls in the court, and it was hard with the wind," Martinez said. "After that, I finally got my game back and

didn't make as many mistakes."

The wind blew clouds of loose clay around the players' feet, while fans huddled under blankets for warmth.

"I woke up this morning, and I thought I was in England," 11th-seeded Lisa Raymond said. "I was like, gosh. We used to come in here and it would be so nice and warm. It can be a tough transition."

Raymond was on court barely an hour in her 6-3, 6-0 first-round victory over Japanese qualifier Rika Kiraki.

In second-round matches, 10th-seeded Amy Frazier beat Germany's Andrea Glass 6-2, 6-2, and 14th-seeded Gala Leon Garcia of Spain defeated Italy's Adriana Serra-Zanetti 6-1, 6-4.

The tournament is being played at the Daniel Tennis Centre after 28 years at Hilton Head Island.

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Baseball

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West Virginia squad. Mountaineer pitcher Vance McCracken carried a perfect game into the fifth inning, until sophomore Brian Stavisky reached base on an infield hit.

Left fielder Kris Billmaier then followed with a groundball that was mishandled by the shortstop Adrian Dorsey.

After catcher Paul O'Toole advanced the players with a sacrifice bunt, Stavisky was able to tie the game by scoring on a wild pitch from McCracken.

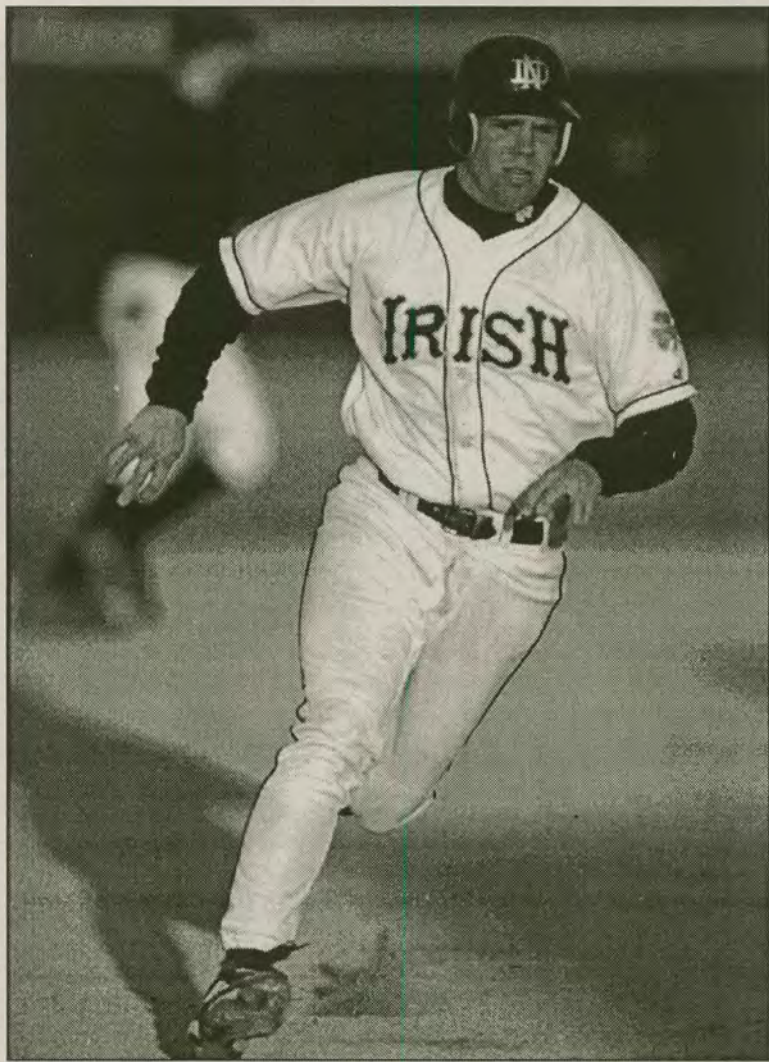
The Irish then took the lead on an RBI single from right fielder Matt Bok.

In the sixth inning, the Irish added two more runs, courtesy of a two-run homerun from Stavisky, his fourth of the year.

In the nightcap, the West Virginia hitters were unable to solve the masterful pitching of Danny Tamayo. The senior right-hander recorded a complete game, striking out seven and only allowing one unearned run on six hits.

"I really felt good out there," said Tamayo after his strong outing. "I felt like I was using my fastball a lot, and I could spot it pretty well. I just tried to hit that and then keep them off-balance with my changeup."

The Irish jumped right out on top in the first inning when consecutive singles from Steve Stanley, Steve Sollmann, and



ERNESTO LACAYO/The Observer

An Irish player rounds the bases in a game against Cleveland State earlier this year.

Porzel —the one, two, and three hitters —brought home the first two runs of the game.

Notre Dame added six more runs over the next eight innings and were aided at the plate with a strong performance from junior Andrew Bushey,

who went three for four on the day with two RBIs and two runs scored.

The Irish return to action Thursday at Frank Eck Stadium with a mid-week game against Central Michigan (23-12) at 5 p.m.

NCAA proposal may keep players in class

By BEN KEIM
State News

EAST LANSING, Mich. Responding to the increase of college basketball players leaving early for the NBA, the NCAA recently approved several proposals intended to keep the student in "student-athletes."

On April 10, the NCAA Division I Management Council passed proposals that would allow student-athletes to apply for a one-time bank loan up to \$20,000, engage in fee-for-lesson employment and receive money to compensate for training costs if the player places in an Olympic event.

The NCAA also proposed making available premiums on student-athlete disability insurance.

"In a lot of situations with the NCAA, I think (the loan) is a good idea," Michigan State assistant hockey coach Tom Newton said Monday. "It will allow players to stay in school and take care of some factors that they couldn't take care of under present rule."

Before these NCAA proposals become official, they must be approved by the Division I Board of Directors and survive a 90-day comment period open to every school within the NCAA.

Any student-athlete playing men's or women's basketball or baseball interested in a one-time loan must be considered a potential first-round draft pick to qualify. For student-athletes in football and hockey, the player must be predicted to be drafted in the third round or better.

The same standards apply to student-athletes looking to have the NCAA cover their disability insurance premiums. Even if the proposals are approved, they won't take effect until August 2002.

Newton said the amateur issue is one of great interest among players and coaches across the country. He said the NCAA's ruling on the issue will affect a large amount of people.

"I've followed the deregulation of amateurism through the NCAA and it's coming to a little bit of a head right now," Newton said.

He said the loans probably won't affect collegiate hockey, but added it's still a good idea.

Judy Van Horn, associate director of compliance at MSU, said amateurism has become a major issue and seeing all the discussion translate into action, whether it's approved, is encouraging.

"Dealing with NCAA rules is very cumbersome," she said "I do think it's a step in the right direction. Time will tell."

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The American Weil Society celebrates its 21st year with an international conference at the University of Notre Dame Center for Continuing Education, McKenna Hall. Noted keynote speakers from France, England, and America will participate thanks to major funding by the Florence Gould Foundation, The Henkels Lecture Series, and the generosity of the following groups at Notre Dame: Core Course, Gender Studies, the Graduate School, the Department of Government, the

International Studies Program and the Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts. The presentations will explore how Simone Weil's reading of ancient Platonism and Christianity make her a major figure in the history of Christian Platonism and give that tradition contemporary relevance.

The conference will begin the evening of Thursday, April 19, with an opening keynote address by Professor Louis Dupré (introduced by Fr. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C.). The Schola

Musicorum of Notre Dame's Music Department will give a concert of Gregorian chant on Friday evening after the keynote address by David Tracy. After the banquet, Notre Dame students from the "Simone Weil: Justice, Grace and Creativity" course will give a reading from Stephanie Strickland's "The Red Virgin: A Poem of Simone Weil." The conference will end at Sunday noon after a concluding round table discussion.

No charge for Notre Dame faculty or students.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

7:30 p.m.:
The Reverend Theodore M. Hesburgh, Professor Emeritus of the University of Notre Dame, will introduce the first keynote speaker, Louis Dupré, Professor Emeritus of Yale University, who will set the tone for the conference with his presentation: "Christian Platonism: Its Past and Future."

Reception in McKenna Hall

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

8:30-10 a.m.:
Session A
Larry Schmidt and Pat Patterson, University of Toronto
"The Christian Materialism of Simone Weil"
Robert Chenavier, President of L'Association pour l'étude de la pensée de Simone Weil.
"Simone Weil. Platonisme achevé et matérialisme cohérent," given in French

10:30 a.m.-noon

Session B
Richard Bell, The College of Wooster
"Justice: Retributive or Restorative? Reflections in the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission with Simone Weil"

Christine Evans, Lesley College
"Completing the Unfinished Story: Analyses of the Debacle 1940-43 by Simone Weil and Some Contemporaries"

Session C

Patricia Reynaud, Miami University:
"Prise de propositions de Simone Weil sur le "monde du mélange," given in French

Vance Morgan, Providence College
"Simone Weil and the Divine Poetry of Mathematics"

1:30 -2:30 p.m.:
Keynote Address: Emmanuel Gabellieri, l'Université Catholique de Lyon
"Reworking Platonism: Simone Weil's Trinitarian Metaxology," given in English

3:00-5:15 p.m.:
Session D
Cyril O'Regan, University of Notre Dame
"Counter-Mimesis and Simone Weil's Christian Platonic Hint for Overcoming the Glamour of Evil"
Eric O. Springsted, Princeton Theological Seminary
"I dreamed I saw Saint Augustine..."

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Keynote Address: David Tracy, University of Chicago
"Simone Weil: Tragedy, Plato and Christianity"

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Florence DeLussy, Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris
"'To on'. Quelque chose sans nom sur quoi l'esprit bute," given in French

Inese Radzins, Vanderbilt University
"Model and Monogenes: Simone Weil's Timaeus and Trinitarian Creation"

10:30 a.m.-noon:
Session F
Martin Andic, University of Massachusetts-Boston
"Freedom in Boethius and Weil"

J.P. Little, St. Patrick's College, Dublin
"Simone Weil and Tantric Buddhism"

Session G
Lissa McCullough, University of Chicago
"Simone Weil's 'Platonism'? The Argument Against"

Michael Ross, Catholic University:
"Simone Weil on the Good: the Early and Middle Years"

1:30-2:45 p.m.:
Keynote Address: Michel Narcy, Centre national de recherche scientifique
"Limites et signification du platonisme de Simone Weil," given in French

3:00-4:30 p.m.:
Session H
Diogenes Allen, Princeton Theological Seminary
"The Need for History"
Miklos Veto, l'Université de Poitiers
"Simone Weil: Between Plato and Kant"

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Reading of selected poems in Stephanie Strickland's "The Red Virgin" by students in the Notre Dame course: "Simone Weil: Justice, Grace and Creativity"

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10:30 a.m.:
Concluding Panel Discussion on "The Relevance and Future of Weil Studies" in the university course curriculum

SOFTBALL

Alma overwhelms Belles, wins two

By MOLLY McVOY
Senior Staff Writer

The No. 8 team in the country proved too much for the Belles, as they dropped a double header to the Scots of Alma College, 8-0 and 8-0 on Friday.

Saint Mary's starters junior Kristin Martin and senior Anne Senger gave up two and three earned runs respectively. However, the Belles had costly errors in both games, and Alma took advantage by scoring 11 runs off the errors.

"If you look at our pitching numbers, Kristin gave up two earned runs and Anne gave up three," said head coach John Kovach. "Unfortunately, we had a couple of inopportune errors that opened the flood-gate."

Both games were called after five innings, because of the eight-run rule in the MIAA. If a team has an eight-run lead after five complete innings, the game is ended according to the rule.

Both Senger and Martin pitched all five innings of the games.

"We just got into a hole in a big way," Kovach said. "Because we've had trouble hitting, it's hard to come back from three or four runs."

The costly errors were more an issue of timing than an issue of poor defense, according to Kovach. In addition, the lack of hitting added to the impact of the errors.

"By and large, our defense has been pretty good this year," Kovach said. "When matched up with last year's team, statistically, we're head and shoulders above them. When you have a good club like Alma, they're going to

take advantage of errors. You can't give good clubs extra outs."

The only extra-base hit by either team in both games was a double by Martin in the first game. A string of singles by Alma added up to the 16 runs scored in the two games.

"We were just kind of dinged to death," Kovach said. "When its that kind of nickle and dime stuff, its really hard to watch."

The Belles were scheduled to play Calvin at home on Monday, but the game was cancelled because of the rain on Sunday and the cold temperatures on Monday.

They will face Olivet today at 3 p.m. at home. Olivet is currently behind Saint Mary's in the MIAA and has yet to record a league win.

"We should play well against Olivet," Kovach said. "Olivet has struggled a little bit in the conference."

The Belles face two more conference double headers against Calvin at home and at Kalamazoo after facing Olivet. In order to make the MIAA playoffs, the Belles must win all six games.

"Basically, our backs are against the wall," Kovach said. "If we want to get into the conference tournament, we have to go 6-0. Kalamazoo (4-6) is the club we're going to be chasing."

Kovach is looking to pitch Senger and freshman Libby Wilhelmy against Olivet. He then hopes to start Senger and Martin for the double headers against Calvin and Kalamazoo.

"That rotation gets libby in there for a few games and gives our experience most of the hurling," Kovach said. "Winning is again about getting our bats going."



ANDY WILSON/The Observer

Jarrah Myers, shown here last season against Boston College, was 2-4 with two walks in Notre Dame's win against Pittsburgh. The Big East player of the week is now batting .384.

Miller records 900th career win

Observer Staff Report

Liz Miller, head coach of Notre Dame Women's softball recorded the 900th win of her career in the second game of a double-header sweep at home against Pittsburgh.

The Irish, with wins by 2-0 and 8-0 scores, improved their record to 36-3, and are undefeated in the Big East at 10-0. They are currently ranked 11th in the country.

Pitchers Jen Sharron and Kristin Schmidt both pitched shutouts. Sharron allowed two hits and had 12 strikeouts, and improved her record to 19-2. Schmidt let up a hit and a walk, and struck out nine to get her 17th win against only one loss. She is currently fourth in the nation with a 0.51 ERA.

Current Big East Player of the Week Jarrah Myers was 2-4 with two walks. She is now batting .384 on the season, and is

posting a team leading .652 slugging percentage.

The Irish surrendered just three hits in both games combined, Jen Sharron giving up two in the first game and Kristin Schmidt pitching her fifth one-hitter of the season in the second.

With the two shutouts over the Panthers, Sharron and Schmidt have combined for a school-record eight consecutive shutouts to lower the team ERA to 0.88. Sharron has lowered her personal ERA to 1.06.

The pitching staff also has 18 shutouts this season (Sharron with nine and Schmidt with eight), leaving them just three off the school record for shutouts in a season (21 in 1999 and 1996).

The first game was characterized by an unusually quiet Irish offense. It was not until junior Jarrah Myers stuck it out for 13 pitches that the Irish produced some runs. After falling behind

0-2, Myers hit the 13th pitch of the at-bat for a triple.

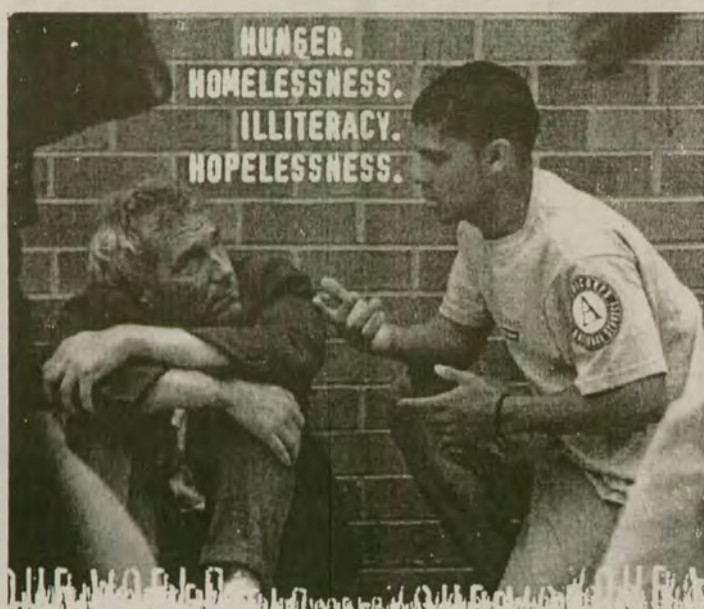
Lizzy Lemire hit a single that sent Myers home for Notre Dame's first run. Andrea Loman hit a RBI single to give the Irish a 2-0 victory.

The Irish offense took control in game two. Danielle Klayman and Kas Hoag each had multi-hit games leading the charge in the game. The Irish scored three runs in the first and added runs in fifth and sixth.

This season marks one of the most successful seasons in the program's history, with the championship portion of the schedule still ahead. The streak is now three victories behind the school record for consecutive wins during the regular season.

The Irish return to action in Chicago, Ill., breaking from their Big East schedule to play DePaul on Thursday.

Sports Writer Peter Frasso contributed to this report.



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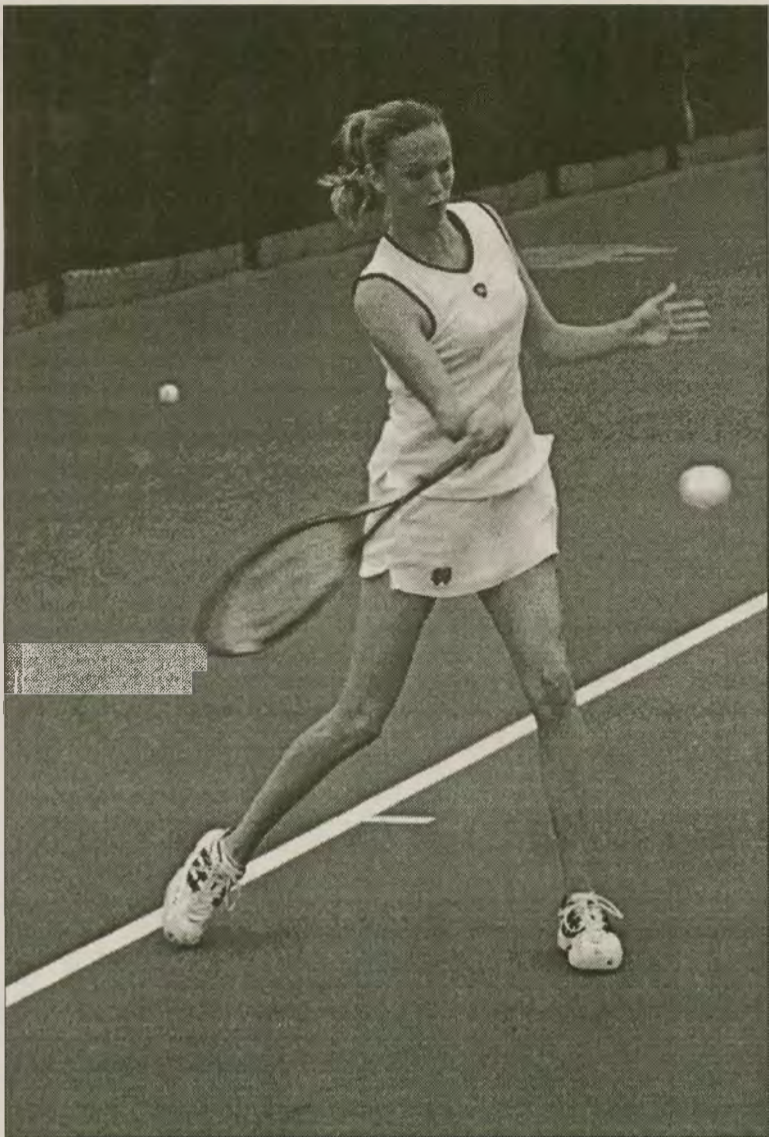
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Senior Kim Guy returns a shot during Notre Dame's 6-1 loss to Purdue last week. Guy won her No. 6 singles match Tuesday against Wisconsin as the Irish bounced back to pick up a 7-0 win to end the regular season with their best record since 1985.

Tennis

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gles players ranked nationally, lead the singles players with 19 wins apiece.

Meanwhile, at No. 4 singles, freshman Caylan Leslie didn't lose a game as she defeated Muer. It was Leslie's second 6-0, 6-0 match of the season.

At No. 2 singles, Varnum beat Rauh 6-1, 6-3 to pick up her 18th singles win of the season. And in No. 5 singles, Green won 6-3, 6-3.

The closest Wisconsin came to winning a match was in No. 6 singles, where the Badger's Guy stretched Guy to a first set tiebreaker before falling 7-6 (7-4), 6-3.

"We played well," Louderback said. "We've got quite a bit of confidence because we've played in a lot of close matches."

Notre Dame travels to Miami this weekend for the Big East Tournament.

Louderback expects the Hurricanes to pose the biggest threat to the Irish.

"I think there's a good chance it'll come down to us and Miami in the finals," he said. "I'm sure we'll have a battle."

The top-seeded Irish have a first round bye in the six-team tournament. Notre Dame will play the Virginia Tech-Syracuse winner Saturday morning.

ROWING

Irish win 4 of 6 at Indiana Cup

By JOHN BACSIK
Sports Writer

The magic number is down to three for the women's rowing team as they continue their quest to qualify for the NCAA tournament in May.

In their sixth meet of the spring, the team took four of six races at this weekend's Indiana Cup on Lake Lemon.

After achieving the first national ranking in the history of the varsity program three weeks ago, the young Irish squad continued to impress against Tennessee, Indiana, and Purdue this weekend.

"We prepared the same for this race as we have all season, expecting the best from each team," said coxswain Claire Bula. "We raced Tennessee before, but we didn't know what to expect this time."

Bula is the only senior in the varsity eight boat. Young talent has been the key for the Irish this spring as they have two freshmen and four sophomores in the first boat alone.

"We're much smaller than some of the teams we've competed against," said freshman Jayme Szefc. "We have great

chemistry within the top eight."

The squad's depth has also helped the recent jump in the rankings. The second varsity squad bested Tennessee by three-seconds in Bloomington. The first and second novice eights also took first in their races, while the varsity and second fours both took second.

"Overall we had a good day of racing," head coach Martin Stone said. "This was the best race technically for the varsity eight all season."

The Irish will have their work cut out for them in the weeks to come as the next three meets will bring more teams and strong competition. The team heads to Wisconsin this weekend for the Midwest Sprints, followed by a trip to Massachusetts in two weeks for the Big East Challenge.

"Our goal all along has been to make the NCAA's this year," said Bula. "This team has a good intensity, and we're not going to take anything for granted."

"Race to race, we are trying to execute things more effectively and make our moves at the right time, which I think we did this weekend," said sophomore Ann Marie Dilhoff.

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TRACK

Belles falter in MIAA meet, now 1-3 in league

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

The Saint Mary's track team lost a poorly-attended dual meet to the Knights of Calvin College and the Alma Scots Saturday, dropping its MIAA record to 1-3.

With several team members, including leading middle distance runner Laura Graf, at home for the Easter holidays, the Belles managed to place in eight events, scoring a total of 12 points for the team.

"[Low turnout] definitely had an effect on how many points we made, but it didn't affect the overall outcome because we still would have gotten beat," senior captain Kara Bergeman said.

The Knights, who are currently first in the MIAA, claimed a 157-5 victory against the Belles.

The Scots took home a 141-12 victory against the Belles.

"[Alma] had a lot of people that I hadn't ever seen before so we didn't know where they would stand," Bergeman said.

In addition to low turnout, the timing of the meet did not encourage the Belles to run their best.

The meet took place the day before Easter, and the Belles

seemed to have their minds elsewhere.

"Individually our minds weren't in it because it was the day before Easter," Bergeman said. "Some of the women were not happy."

Erika Burket led the team, placing in three events.

Burket took home a fifth place finish in the high jump, with a jump of 4 feet, 8 inches.

She added two more fifth place finishes in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 21.10 and the triple jump with a 31-3 1/4 jump.

Becky Shepkowski joined Burket with a sixth place, 30-3 jump in the triple jump. Shepkowski also placed in the 100-meter dash with a time of 15.25.

Senior Kara Bergeman, Jaclyn Thompson and Erin Thayer each finished in the top six in their events to claim the final points for Saint Mary's.

Bergeman claimed a sixth place finish in the shot put with a throw of 24- 11.5. Thompson's 8-6 pole vault was enough to give her a fourth place finish.

Thayer took home a seventh place in the 1,500, with a time of 5:54 and a sixth place finish in the 800, with a time of 3:00.96.

SOCCER

Men, women claim dual wins

Special to the Observer

A festive crowd of some 2,000 fans was treated to an exciting night of exhibition soccer action Saturday at School Field, as the Notre Dame men held off a feisty Bethel College squad, 4-3, before the Irish women posted an inspired 2-1 victory over the Mexican Women's National Team.

Mexico's speedy forward tandem of Maribel Dominguez and Iris Mora kept the Notre Dame defense on its toes for full 90 minutes but the Irish posted the first two goals of the game, with junior midfielder Mia Sarkesian drilling home a shot in the closing seconds of the first half before fresh forward Amanda Guertin scored early in the second half. Dominguez, who accounted for seven of Mexico's 11 shots-finally broke through for a score in the 57th minute to set up a tense final 30 minutes of play.

Notre Dame senior Monica Gonzalez—who is a founding member of the three-year-old Mexican National Team—played the entire game for Mexico, mostly at sweeper before moving to the midfield in the lategoing. Gonzalez currently is studying at the University of the Americas

in Puebla, Mexico, but she is slated to return to Notre Dame next fall (she has one year of eligibility remaining).

"Mexico is a team with tremendous quickness and skill. You can't let up, even for a second, or they will make you pay. So, in that regard, we were very pleased with the way our team battled tonight and with the composure that they showed."

Several noteworthy players were absent from the Irish lineup, including the senior trio of midfielder Anne Makinen, defender Kelly Lindsey and forward Meotis Erikson (each is pursuing a career in the Women's United Soccer Association). Freshman forward Amy Warner did not play due to her continuing rehabilitation from offseason knee surgery.

"Tonight was a tremendous atmosphere for anyone who loves the game of soccer."

Randy Waldrum
women's head coach

year of eligibility remaining).

"Tonight was a tremendous atmosphere for anyone who loves the game of soccer and Mexico provided a very strong test for our

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Luther, DePauw put end to Saint Mary's perfect record

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

Perfection can only exist for so long before it disappears. This weekend, the Saint Mary's tennis team dropped its perfect record, but managed a solid Saturday victory to end the weekend on a high note.

The Belles dropped matches against Luther College 8-1 and DePauw University 7-2 Friday before defeating Oberlin College 8-1 Sunday.

"As a team I would say we played well," senior team captain Natalie Cook said. "We went in trying to be mentally tough and these teams just seemed to be used to playing at a higher level of competition. But I saw that we have the potential to play at that level eventually."

On Saturday, the Belles were looking for a victory. After being invited to the prestigious Midwest Invitational, one of only 12 teams, they left Friday's play without wins. The Yeowomen of Oberlin College offered a last opportunity for a win Sunday.

"We were determined to win one match," senior team captain Natalie Cook said. "[Oberlin's No.1] player got hurt, so everyone had to move up a spot and we wanted that win."

The Belles racked up five singles wins and three doubles wins to finish the weekend with a strong 8-1 victory over the Yeowomen.

Kaitlin Cutler, the only woman to win all three of her singles matches during the tournament, claimed a solid victory in No. 4 singles, defeating Oberlin's Laura Koehn 2-0 (6-2, 6-0). Joining Cutler in singles victories were Natalie Cook at No. 2 singles (6-1, 6-3), Jeannie Knish at No. 3 singles (6-1, 6-1), and Elisa Ryan at No. 5 singles (6-1, 6-0). Sophomore Angie Sadner claimed a victory at No. 6 singles by default, due to the injury of Oberlin's No. 1 singles player.

After her singles match on Saturday, junior No. 1 singles player Annie Knish was left still looking for a victory.

She had yet to win a match, so when it came time for she and Cook to team up for No. 1 doubles, the time had come.

Cook and Knish claimed that victory, and claimed it without doubt.

The team of Beth Krupski and Mecca Bourma fell to the Belles 8-2. Cutler, who teamed up with Jeannie Knish for No. 2 doubles, added another victory to her list of singles wins with an 8-4 win over Oberlin's No. 2 doubles team. Elisa Ryan and Trisha Jones added the last point for Saint Mary's with a default win at No. 3 doubles.

Saturday's defaults weren't the only opportunities for unexpected rest. Friday night three women ended suspended matches early.

The Belles faced off against the Tigers of DePauw and six games into the match it was clear that the Tigers would claim a solid victory.

With night falling and

Jeannie Knish, Cutler and Ryan only one set into their games, the match was called and the Tigers left victorious.

"We had already lost the match and it was getting really late," Cook said. "So they just called the games."

Cutler and Ryan earned two points for the Belles by winning their suspended matches in one set, 6-0 and 6-1 respectively. However, the rest of the team dropped their games. Annie Knish fell 6-2, 6-4 in No. 1 singles along with Cook, who dropped No. 2 singles 6-2, 6-2, Jeannie Knish who dropped No. 3 singles 6-4 in a suspended game and freshman Kris Spriggle who fell in No. 4 singles 6-1, 6-0.

The doubles teams did not fare any better. Both Knish teams fell to their opponents 6-8, Annie

Knish teamed up with Cook in No. 1 doubles and Jeannie Knish teamed up with Cutler. Ryan and Jones fell 8-5 against their DePauw opponents.

Early Friday Saint Mary's took on Luther College, a team that finished with a third place next to its name at the end of the tournament.

Luther claimed an 8-1 victory, shutting down all of the Belles doubles teams and all but one of the singles players.

Cutler won the sole victory for the Belles, defeating her opponent 6-2, 6-2.

Knish, Cook, Jeannie Knish, Spriggle and Ryan all fell 2-0 in singles. Knish and Cook and Knish and Cutler both fell 8-2 in doubles and Ryan and Jones were shut out with an 8-0 loss.

"[Luther] seemed to be used to playing tough competition," Cook said. "They knew how to set up points and carry through. We were missing some of our follow throughs."

The Belles still own an impressive 11-2 record.

They will face off against the Comets of Olivet today at home outside of Angela Athletic facility at 3 p.m.

"As a team, I would say we played well. We went in trying to be mentally tough and these teams just seemed to be used to playing at a higher level of competition"

**Natalie Cook
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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish claim win against top 10 opponent

By ANTHONY BISHOP
Sports Writer

The Irish split two games with a pair of top 10 teams this week and picked up their first victory ever against a top 10 opponent when they defeated No. 7 Yale 9-6.

The Irish opened the week-end with a 16-4 loss to No. 4 Duke.

Duke opened up the game with a two goal lead but sophomore Danielle Shearer put the Irish on the board. Shearer answered two more Blue Devils goals to make the score 4-2 in favor of the Blue Devils.

Duke scored one more goal before the Irish answered with goals from both junior captain Alissa Moser and senior captain Lael O'Shaughnessy.

When the teams headed to the lockerrooms for halftime, Notre Dame trailed the Duke Blue Devils by one point at 5-4.

Duke proved to be too much for the squad as they scored 11 points in the second half to finish off the Irish, who failed to score again.

Sophomore goaltender Jen White ended the game with seven saves for the Irish defense before being replaced by senior Tara Durkin for the final eight minutes of the game.

After the hard loss to Duke, the Irish seemed to be bothered as they began play

against Yale three days later. Without much time to prepare and focus on Yale, the team seemed lost at first as Yale went up quickly with the first four points of the match.

A score by junior Tina Fedarcyk woke up the Irish and opened up a nine goal scoring spree.

She was followed by freshman Kassen Delano and O'Shaughnessy as Notre Dame went into halftime once again down by only one goal.

Notre Dame scored six more unanswered goals when they took the field in the second half.

This was sparked by the play of Moser who, within four and a half minutes, scored a hat trick. O'Shaughnessy then scored what would be the game-winning goal with 20 minutes left in the game.

The scoring barrage ended with goals from Shearer and senior Maura Doyle.

White had eight saves to only six goals against her in this game as she anchored the defense.

This weekend moved the Irish to 8-3 as well as into playoff contention.

Yale is the second ranked team that Notre Dame has defeated this season.

With a win this weekend at home against Georgetown, the Irish would match the most wins in the school's history (1999 at 9-6).

The Irish face Hoyas Sunday at 1 p.m. in Moose Krause stadium.

MEN'S LACROSSE

No. 4 Notre Dame defeats Army

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

Led by a career-high four goals from junior Devin Ryan and another strong offensive performance from senior captain Tom Glatzel, the Notre Dame men's lacrosse team defeated Army 17-13 in a hard-fought, physical match-up.

This victory improved the Irish's record to 9 and 1 on the season.

After cruising to three straight victories over lesser opponents, the Irish were put to the test by the quickness and relentless pressure of Army. The game was a see-saw battle until the Irish scored four unanswered goals in the fourth quarter.

"Army came after us. They have always been an aggressive team," said Irish head coach Kevin Corrigan. "I'm really proud of our guys for hanging in there. They showed a lot of heart out there."

At first, it looked as if the Irish were going to coast to another easy victory as Glatzel scored three straight quick goals including an off-balanced twisting score to give the Irish a 3-1 lead.

Army would not go away as they knotted the score 4-4 at the end of the first quarter. The teams would

continue to trade goals in the second quarter until the very last two minutes before half-time, as the Irish added two critical goals by Jon Harvey and Devin Ryan to take a 9-7 lead. After taking a three goal lead in the third quarter, Army

refused to quit and tied the score once more at 13. David Ulrich would finally put the Irish on top for good with a little over five minutes remaining with a quick strike past the Army goaltender to give the Irish a 14 to 13 lead. David's twin brother Todd would add another goal less than a

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head coach

minute later and Harvey would cap off the scoring with two goals in the

final two minutes to give the Irish a 17-13 victory.

While this was Notre Dame's best offensive output of the season, many of the Irish players realized this was not their best overall game of the season, but they were pleased with their effort and determination.

"This was not our best game of the season, but we played hard and didn't quit," Ryan said. "We need to keep playing hard to rest of the season especially against Butler on Wednesday."

The fluidity of the game

was upset because the referees called numerous penalties against both Army and Notre Dame. Coach Corrigan was upset with the officiating because he felt it prevented the Irish from establishing any kind of rhythm.

"The referees blew the whistle too many times," Corrigan said. "They made an equal amount of calls on Army and us, but this prevented us from finding our offensive rhythm and gaining control of the game."

With only three games remaining, the Irish look to be in good shape heading into the NCAA tournament. Wednesday's home game at 4:00 p.m. against rival Butler will be critical in determining the winner of the Great Western Lacrosse League.

The Irish currently sit atop the division with a 3-0 conference record, but their next two opponents, Butler and Fairfield, sit only one game behind the Irish in the standings.

If the Irish can build upon their current four game winning streak and win their remaining two conference games, they will clinch an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. Coach Kevin Corrigan knows the Irish must be ready for Butler in order to continue the success of the Irish this season.

"Butler has played us to 1-goal games the last two years," he said. "We have to be prepared and really concentrate on the next game. We must play better against Butler than we did today."



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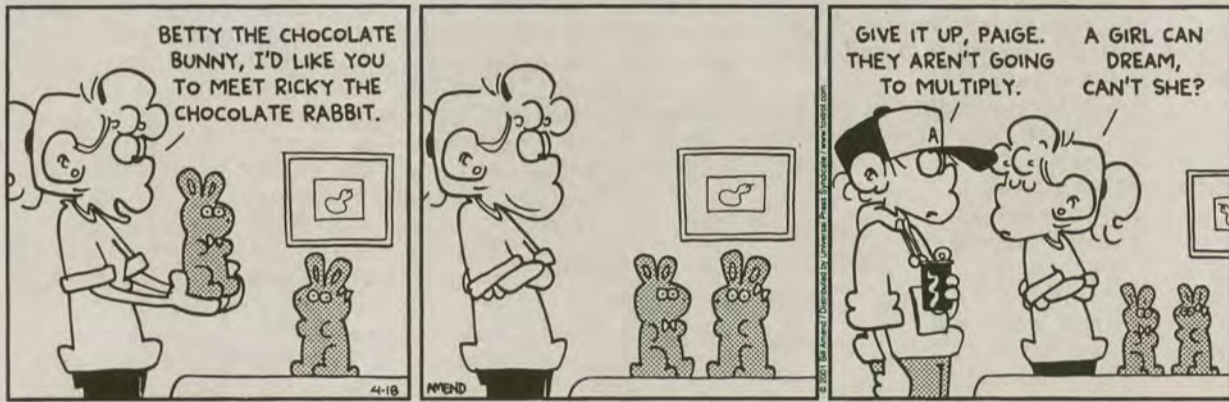
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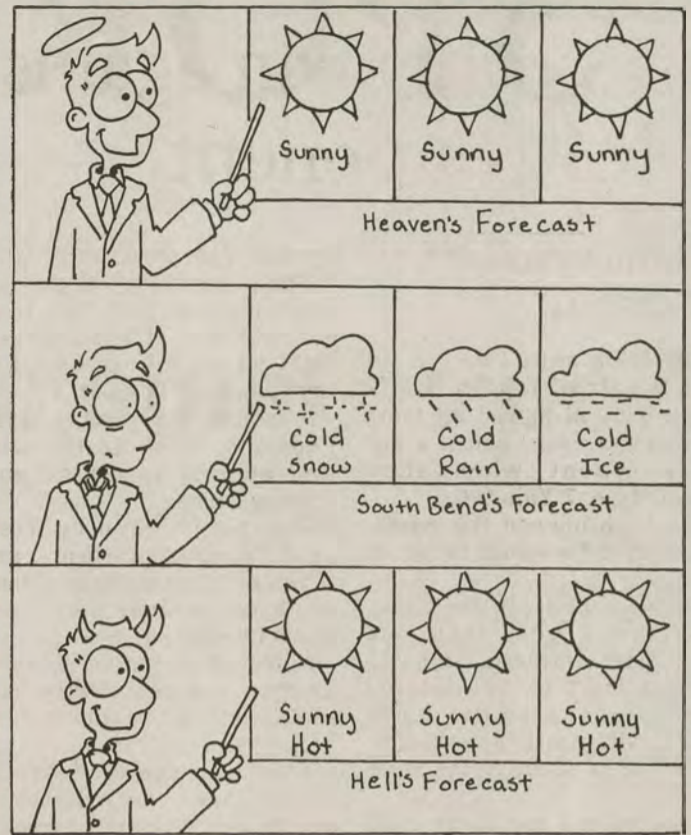
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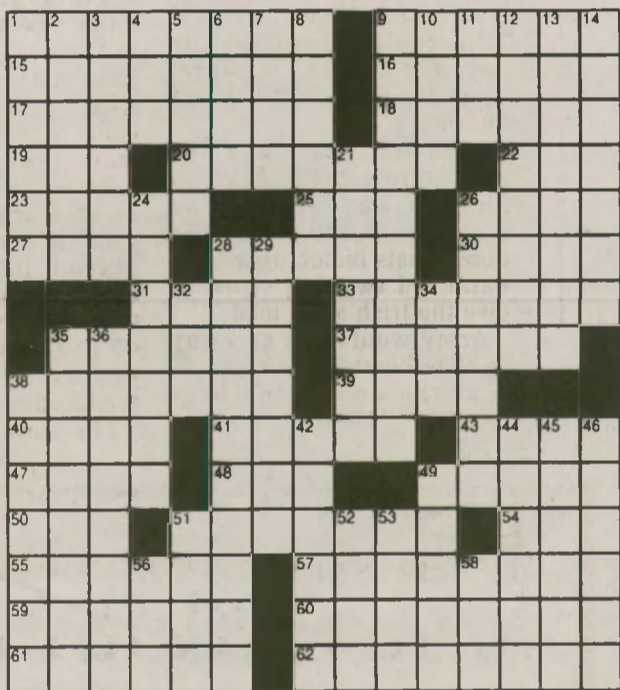
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CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Controlling element
 - 9 Aqua ____ (nitric acid)
 - 15 In first place
 - 16 Situate
 - 17 Succeeded
 - 18 Country with a bird in its flag
 - 19 Brit's oath
 - 20 Little sound
 - 22 Big sound
 - 23 "Alain und ____" (1940 Georg Kaiser play)
 - 25 Cable inits. since 1988
 - 26 Word with life or time
 - 27 Bargain-hunter's goal
 - 28 "The Great Caruso" actress, 1951
 - 30 Mercyhurst College site
 - 31 60's-70's sports dynasty
 - 33 Mountain-making process, in geology
 - 35 Clobbered
 - 37 Aaron Burr's birthplace
 - 38 Divinity
 - 39 Bark
 - 40 Architect Mies van der ____
 - 41 Bawls (out)
 - 43 Actress Kaminska et al.
 - 47 Cleared
 - 48 Coll. divisions
 - 49 Rotter's opposite
 - 50 Three-time Hart Trophy winner
 - 51 Handel masterwork
 - 54 Contest
 - 55 MTV figure
 - 57 Very quickly
 - 59 It gets left behind
 - 60 Put away
 - 61 Put away
 - 62 Unvaried, in a way

DOWN

- 1 Rough
- 2 "Lord Jim" actor, 1965
- 3 Rare-earth oxide
- 4 ____ Na Na
- 5 Snicker
- 6 Suffix akin to -ese
- 7 It may be checked, in two senses
- 8 Mil. assignment
- 9 Excellent poker hand
- 10 Binge
- 11 Rugged coastline feature
- 12 Not so hard
- 13 Scribe's aid
- 14 Lake Victoria circumnavigator
- 21 Word of opposition
- 24 Like pedestrians on winter streets, maybe
- 26 Finery
- 28 Obviously tired
- 29 Hierarchies
- 32 Cuban Revolution name
- 34 Mouse catcher
- 35 Den accessory
- 36 Follow
- 38 Needle locales
- 42 Court statistic
- 44 Great ____
- 45 Hate
- 46 Saturates
- 49 Strand
- 51 Game ender
- 52 Excited by
- 53 Shortly
- 56 Jabber
- 58 Business card abbr.



Puzzle by Rich Norris

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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 LORD GREENBELTS
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 SCRUB SOUSE COE
 MAIL SITIN DETOX
 AGES BED OIL
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Emma Thompson, Roy Clark, Claudia Cardinale, Peter Billingsley, Elizabeth Montgomery

Happy Birthday: Play it smart and keep busy this year. If you have too much time to think, you will find fault with yourself and those around you. This is the time to put yourself on the line and push for all the things that you believe in. You are your own master so stand up for your rights and focus on your goals. You will attract both business and emotional partners if you stand by your convictions. Your numbers: 3, 8, 15, 20, 33, 39

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You must stand your ground and make whatever changes are necessary if you wish to have a successful partnership. Terms must be laid out clearly as agreed upon, or the union must be dissolved. ☹☹

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You need to spend some time with the children in your life. Become involved in creative endeavors that will bring you in contact with those who have the same interests. ☹☹☹☹

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Put some time aside to organize your financial situation and look over your personal papers. Leave well enough alone where legal proceedings are concerned. ☹☹☹

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't let your mood swings take over, or you may find yourself spending time alone. Offer to help someone who is not capable of handling it alone. Avoid eating foods that don't agree with you. ☹☹

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your rage will mount if your lover has embarrassed you. Extravagance will be your downfall if you aren't careful. Put your energy into improving your own attitude. It's time to make a change. ☹☹☹

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't fool yourself. Diets and getting in shape take work. Don't look for quick ways to make changes or money. Use your creative, detail-oriented mind to work slowly toward your objectives. ☹☹☹

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Empty promises will leave you feeling cold. Uncertainties concerning your future will be upsetting. Dispense with all the things and people that are no longer to your advantage. ☹☹

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Self-deception will be the main issue today. Take time to re-evaluate as you may be judging your situation wrongly. One-sided romantic infatuations are likely to occur. Don't lead anyone on. ☹☹☹☹

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Remember to look out for those less fortunate. You may find yourself in the middle of an argument. Don't hesitate to negotiate for someone you care about. ☹☹☹

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will be sentimental about family. Your persuasive ways will get you into more trouble than you bargained for. Don't make others feel guilty because of their lack of time. ☹☹☹

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Stay in the background. You make a much better observer. You can be more effective if you collect all the information and summarize the important facts when they are most needed. ☹☹☹

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your greatest rewards will come from helping those less fortunate. New relationships will develop through your selfless actions. Get involved in fund-raising. ☹☹☹☹

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SPORTS

900 and counting
 Coach Liz Miller won her 900th career game as the Irish won their ninth-straight doubleheader and remained undefeated in the Big East.
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BASEBALL

Notre Dame ascends to No. 2 ranking

By CHRIS FEDERICO
 Sports Writer

Climbing to the No. 2 spot in the College Baseball Poll, Notre Dame baseball continued to impress poll voters during Easter Break, as two doubleheaders catapulted the team atop national rankings.

The four conference wins — combined with two victories earlier in the week — also earned merit from the USA Today/ESPN Coaches' Poll, which propped the Irish up to fifth place. The Irish currently hold a 31-5-1 record, the highest winning percentage in the nation.

During the doubleheader Thursday against Georgetown, Notre Dame scored the most runs ever for a Big East series, plating 32 in victories of 15-4 and 17-10 Hoyas. Five different Notre Dame batters collected four or more hits. They were lead by senior shortstop Alec Porzel, who was four for eight with nine RBIs and five runs scored. Porzel hit for the cycle on the day, getting a single, double, triple, and home run.

"I'm feeling comfortable at the plate again," said Porzel. "It makes it much easier to hit when everyone else on the team is doing so well. Baseball is all about momentum, so when the other guys on the team are swinging the bat well, you can't help but follow."

This performance, combined with a three for seven two-RBI showing Saturday against West

Virginia, earned Porzel Big East player of the week honors.

Porzel's hitting of late has been an important key to Notre Dame's success.

The senior co-captain batted .409 and paced the Irish in RBIs over these last six games for which he earned the player of the week award.

On Saturday, the pitching of seniors Aaron Heilman and Danny Tamayo, arguably the best one-two combination in baseball, shut down the West Virginia Mountaineers 4-1 and 8-1.

Heilman, sixth in the nation in ERA at 1.32, and Tamayo, not far behind at 12th with a 1.65 ERA, each contributed a complete game victory allowing only one earned run in the 16 combined innings. Their dominant pitching efforts lowered the team ERA to 2.61, now the lowest in the nation.

"We got phenomenal performances from both of those guys," said coach Paul Mainieri. "I think you'd have to go a long way to find two better pitchers on one team than we have in Heilman and Tamayo. They are both talented and have great ability, but they also both pitch in the clutch very well. They make their biggest pitches when they need them the most. If you can do that you're going to win a lot of games."

In the first game Saturday, the Irish actually found themselves down 1-0 to a talented



An Irish player takes a pitch in a game earlier this year against Cleveland State. Notre Dame is now ranked No. 2 after winning four games during Easter Break.

ERNESTO LACAYO/The Observer

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish blast Badgers for best record since 1985

By ANDREW SOUKUP
 Associate Sports Writer

They expected to win. Just not by this much.

Monday afternoon, the women's tennis team didn't lose a set as they demolished Wisconsin 7-0. With the win, the Irish extended their record to 21-4 — their best regular season record since 1985.

Even Irish coach Jay Louderback was surprised at the margin of victory.

"[Wisconsin is] too good for that to



Dasso

happen," he said. "They haven't had a real great year, but they're very talented, and that makes them very dangerous."

With only four losses, the No. 7 Irish enter this weekend's Big East tournament with their best start in Louderback's 12-year tenure, something the Irish coach attributes to an experienced team. Of the top six players, five are juniors and seniors who have recorded a combined 46-14 record over two years.

"It's been a fun year," Louderback said. "They've all been around long enough, and they all work very hard and are very focused."

It's that focus and concentration that helped the No. 3 doubles team of Lindsey Green and Nina Vaughan rally

back from a five game deficit. The tandem trailed Wisconsin's Linde Mues and Vanessa Rauh 1-6, but proceeded to win seven straight games to clinch an 8-6 victory.

"Those were probably the best seven games that they've played all year," Louderback said.

While Green and Vaughan were making their run in No. 3 doubles, the No. 5 duo in the nation, Michelle Dasso and Becky Varnum, destroyed Wisconsin's Katie Dougherty and April Gabler, 8-2.

"I thought No. 1 and No. 3 doubles

played especially well," commented Louderback.

Meanwhile, in the No. 2 doubles match, Katie Cuhha and Kimberly Guy eked out a narrow 8-6 victory over Teresa Gonzaga and Lara Vojnov.

Dasso, the No. 5 singles player in the nation, won her 19th match of the season at No. 1 doubles. She beat Gabler 6-3, 6-2.

Vaughan beat Dougherty at No. 3 singles, 6-1, 6-2, to extend her season record to 19-3. Dasso and Vaughan, the only Irish sin-

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Jay Louderback
 head coach

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE



Men's Lacrosse vs. Butler Today, 4 p.m.



Softball vs. Olivet Today, 3 p.m.



Softball at DePaul Thursday, 4:30 p.m.



Tennis vs. Olivet Today, 3 p.m.



Baseball vs. Central Michigan Thursday, 5:05 p.m.



Big East Championships Fri.-Sun. All Day