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Abroad students return to housing pinch

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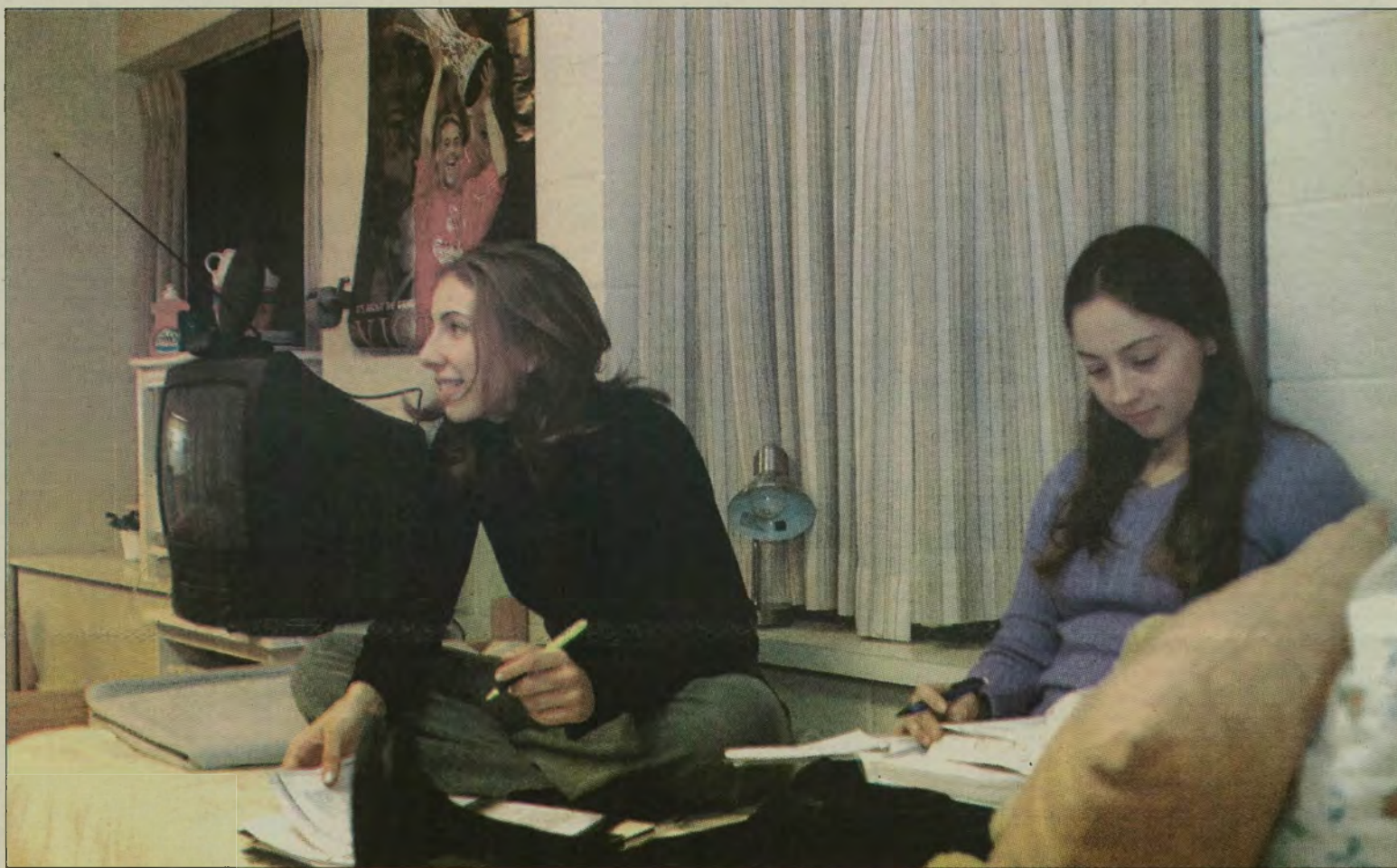
Two study lounges in Pasquerilla Hall West were converted to resident rooms during the break to accommodate five women returning from study abroad programs, pushing the total number of converted study lounges in that dorm to five.

PW rector Sister Sue Bruno said she requested that the study lounges be converted to rooms because more students were returning from study abroad programs than those who left at the end of the semester. No other dorms experienced a housing shortage.

"I made the request because originally we had 17 women leaving and over 20 wanting to move back and we couldn't get everyone back home. Student residences reluctantly granted my request because there were some available beds in other dorms," said Bruno.

Associate director of Residence Life and Housing Scott Kachmarik said the decision shows his department's consideration for the community aspect of the residence halls.

"There are some room openings across campus; technically we could have said, 'We're going to put you someplace else.' [The decision] shows our commitment to the residence hall community," said



TIM KACHMAR/The Observer

Juniors Kimberly Berg and Luran Sturm study in their Pasquerilla West dorm, converted into a triple from a study lounge. Five PW study lounges have been converted to rooms so that residents could live in the dorm after returning from a semester overseas.

Kachmarik.

Junior Leslie Petersohn, who returned from the London program, is living in one of the

converted triples. She said she received an e-mail from Bruno during November regarding the housing situation and is

pleased that she was able to return to her old dorm.

"We started hearing about the problems in the dorm in

November ... but we got an e-mail from Sister Sue later that

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Activists travel to March for Life

By ANDREW THAGARD
Assistant News Editor

On Tuesday, 150 students from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's will join between 100,000 and 200,000 pro-life supporters from around the country for the annual March for Life in Washington D.C.

Groups of students will leave for Washington both Saturday and Sunday to participate in the annual March, which coincides with the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court ruling made in 1973. The trip also includes a "Collegians for Life Conference" at Georgetown University, a Mass at the National Shrine and a rally.

The events are meant not only to demonstrate against legalized abortion but also to raise aware-

ness for other pro-life issues including cloning and the death penalty, according to Stephen Merjavy, one of the Notre Dame Right to Life trip coordinators.

"I think it [the March] encompasses all these issues," Merjavy said. "It focuses primarily on abortion but has a wider scale."

While fewer students have signed up to attend this year's March — 150 compared to last year's 300 — the club has been able to keep the student price the same by subsidizing the cost. Tricia Keppel, trip coordinator, estimates that the club will spend more than \$4,000 for the event, some of it paid for by an anonymous donor.

"We didn't want to raise the price from last year," she said.

The club attributed last year's

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Marino heads College of Science

Special to The Observer

Joseph Marino, currently chair of the Department of Chemistry at the University of Michigan, has been appointed dean of Notre Dame's College of Science, according to provost Nathan Hatch. The appointment is effective this summer.

Marino, who also will hold a faculty appointment as professor of chemistry, succeeds Francis Castellino, who will step down after 22 years as dean. Castellino will continue as Kleiderer-Pezold Professor of Biochemistry and director of Notre Dame's Keck Center for Transgene Research.

"I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Joe Marino, and I have great confidence in his ability to provide the kind of leadership to the College of Science which will be necessary to take it to the next level of prominence," Hatch said. "I

am deeply grateful to Frank Castellino for all that he has done to build at Notre Dame a first-rate college with a very firm foundation on which to grow."

As chair of the chemistry department at Michigan since 1997, Marino has contributed to the steady rise in the department's stature and national ranking. During his tenure, research expenditures have grown from roughly \$5 million to more than \$9 million.

Marino served from 1994-97 as associate dean for research, computing and facilities in Michigan's College of Literature, Science and the Arts, the largest college at Michigan with 16,000 undergraduates and several thousand more graduate students. In this position, he provided leadership in key strategic areas, including research policy and administration; facility renovation; management of

a \$10 million budget for set ups, renovation and computing; fundraising and development, and overseeing the development of the college's information technology infrastructure.

Marino, an organic chemist, has mentored more than 35 Ph.D. students from Michigan and another 10 students from Brazil, where he has had an active research collaboration over the past 16 years.

A native of Hazleton, Pa., Marino joined the Michigan faculty in 1969. He received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Pennsylvania State University in 1963 and earned his master's and doctoral degrees, also in chemistry, from Harvard University in 1965 and '67, respectively.

Marino's research interests include new synthetic methods, total synthesis of natural products of medicinal interest and biometric oxidative processes.

INSIDE COLUMN

What a basketball game should be

My favorite Christmas present was not earrings. Nor clothes. Nor perfume.

It was a ticket. To a basketball game. On December 29, 2001, I was one of lucky 22,000-plus fans who saw the University of Kentucky play Louisville in Rupp Arena.

For weeks in advance, I read the Lexington Herald-Leader's letters to the editor about Rick Pitino's return to Rupp. The former Kentucky head coach was now coaching at UK's ultimate rival, Louisville Cardinals.



Laura Rompf

ESPN sportscasters talked about Pitino's return each night on Sports Center the week leading up to the game. Sports Illustrated did a feature on the story.

Kentucky basketball is often in the national limelight, but Pitino's return made the game even bigger.

For Kentucky fans, the game was amazing. They proudly wore their blue, cheered on the Cats and rose to their feet yelling "Tubby" in honor of the current Kentucky head coach Orlando "Tubby" Smith.

You might know the tradition of Kentucky basketball. Rupp's Runts. The seven national championships. The 1992 Duke/UK game with that famous Laettner shot.

In Kentucky, life is basketball, and that Saturday afternoon showed just how loyal Kentuckians are to the Wildcats.

This Saturday, Kentucky will take on a different school. Our University. The Irish.

Unlike Kentucky home games, there will not be 22,000-plus fans. There will only be 12,000.

Unlike Kentucky home games, there will not be fireworks exploding as the starters are announced. The names will simply echo throughout the Joyce Center.

However, on Saturday at noon, I hope the Irish fans come out in big numbers.

I hope Green shirts will be seen throughout the Joyce Center, with a minimal amount of royal blue.

I hope the student section is there early, stays standing, and doesn't give up until the end.

I hope Irish fans will cheer even louder for Kentucky natives Harold Swanagan and David Graves. Let's show UK what we've got and what they missed.

The game is televised on CBS, so we have a chance to show the entire country on Saturday that Notre Dame is more than a football school. We play basketball here. And we play it well.

Go to the game on Saturday. Tailgate if you want. Yell "We Are ND."

Because the Kentucky fans that come here know what basketball games should be like. And I have no doubt we can surpass even their expectations.

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THIS WEEK IN NOTRE DAME/SAINT MARY'S HISTORY

Professor wins Catholic laity prize

Wednesday, January 14, 1976

Notre Dame history professor Dr. Jay Patrick Dolan won the John Gilmary Shea Prize of the American Catholic Historical Association. The award is given each year to the American or Canadian author who, in the judgement of the committee, has made the most original and significant contribution to the historiography of the Catholic Church during a 12-month period.

Petrucelli named coach of the year

Thursday, January 16, 1992

Notre Dame women's soccer coach Chris Petrucelli was named the National Women's Soccer Association/Metropolitan Life Insurance Company's regional coach of the year in the Central Region. Petrucelli guided the Irish to a 15-2-3 record and their first ever national ranking.

BEYOND CAMPUS

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Duke stands behind balanced early decision policy

DURHAM, N.C.

When Yale University President Richard Levin told The New York Times in December universities should look at collectively abolishing early admission, his comments prompted officials at many elite universities to look at their application processes.



While cautioning about potential abuses, senior administrators at Duke University remain satisfied with the school's current admissions policies.

"On balance, I believe early admissions can serve students and institutions well, but only if it is carefully designed and appropriately limited," President Nan Keohane wrote in an e-mail. "If it is carried too far, then I think the costs far outweigh the benefits, both for students and for the colleges and universities."

Christoph Guttentag, director of undergraduate admissions, said the University limits the number of students admitted under early decision to about 30 percent of each entering class. Such applications account for 10 percent of the total applicant pool.

"In limiting the size of the entering groups, we are in the minority among selective colleges," Guttentag said.

He acknowledged many students

apply early because the acceptance outlook is better.

"If there were no benefit to applying early decision, then it wouldn't make a difference to the student," he said. "Virtually every college gives some benefit to students applying through [this process]."

Students, while recognizing better admission prospects, said those prospects were not their primary reason for applying early.

Junior Drew Preslar said the reduced workload of completing only one application was an incentive.

The advantages of early decision, however, do not rest solely with students. Keohane said the process benefits the University by allowing it to enroll students whose first choices are Duke.

The Chronicle

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Student returns after threat of lawsuit

NORMAN, Okla.

A student forced out of the University of Oklahoma in September after the president of the Pakistan Student Association accused him of a hate crime is back on campus. Chance Shipman started class Monday, but it is not yet known if he will be able to rejoin coach Jack Spates' wrestling team. While Shipman has returned to school this semester, his friend Gary Frizzell, forced out of Oklahoma in November, has not. His father, Gary, said Frizzell decided not to come back to Oklahoma until the fall semester. The Frizzells have hired an attorney who is looking into the matter. Frizzell's father did not comment except to say: "Gary is in no way guilty." Shipman's readmission is a complete turnaround from the university's stance just one month ago. The ongoing revelations about junior Mohammad Yaseen Haider, in jail since Nov. 8, prompted Shipman to threaten a lawsuit against the university.

Oklahoma Daily

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Expected deficit won't affect tuition

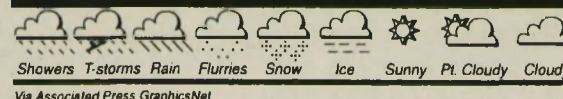
LEXINGTON, Ky.

Although University of Kentucky expects a \$6 million-dollar budget shortfall due to state budget cuts made by Gov. Paul Patton, students will not be expected to foot the bill, officials said. Last Thursday, President Lee Todd held an all-day budget meeting with other Kentucky administrators to discuss preliminary plans on how to deal with the shortfall. It was his decision that there would be no additional tuition increases, said Jack Blanton, senior vice president for administration. "Affordability for Kentucky students has always been a large concern," Blanton said. Todd's decision pleased history junior John Hammons. "I think it's great that they're not raising [tuition]," he said. "It would have been unclassy to place the burden on students." Kentucky students will still have to pay the 6 percent tuition increase that Kentucky's Board of Trustees approved in the fall of 2001, but there will be no additional increases to those figures.

Kentucky Kernel

LOCAL WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast		
AccuWeather™ forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures		
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Saturday	30	19
Sunday	34	26
Monday	40	34
Tuesday	42	29
Wednesday	37	25



NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather.com forecast for noon, Friday, Jan. 18.

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Pressure: High Low Showers Rain T-storms Flurries Snow Ice Sunny Pt. Cloudy Cloudy

Atlanta	53	43	Las Vegas	51	33	Portland	42	35
Baltimore	42	24	Memphis	45	38	Sacramento	52	32
Boston	37	25	Milwaukee	22	11	St. Louis	35	25
Chicago	26	14	New York	40	25	Tampa	74	56
Houston	64	57	Philadelphia	42	27	Washington, DC	44	28

Cheney refuses to discuss Enron ties

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A Democratic congressional leader said he documented 17 provisions in Vice President Dick Cheney's energy plan that benefited Enron, and demanded anew that the White House list contacts with the bankrupt energy trading company.



Cheney

The administration again refused on Thursday, calling the request by Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., "a partisan waste of taxpayer money."

Waxman, the top Democrat on the House Government Reform Committee, has been asking Cheney since April to turn over records on whom he met with as he developed the national energy strategy. Cheney has refused, though the White House acknowledged that Enron representatives met six times with Cheney or his aides on energy issues last year. Enron has been the largest single donor to President Bush.

Waxman said that because he was stonewalled, he did his own analysis of what Enrj4

on sought and what Enron got in the energy plan.

"The analysis reveals that numerous policies in the White House energy plan are virtually identical to the positions Enron advocated," Waxman wrote Cheney in a letter dated Wednesday.

Among the examples: energy deregulation initiatives, support for trading in energy derivatives, proposals to facilitate natural gas projects, the granting of eminent domain so power lines could be built more quickly and spur development in India.

"This creates the unfortunate appearance that a large contributor received special access and obtained extraordinarily favorable results in the White House energy plan," Waxman wrote.

Waxman's findings came as the administration was under intense scrutiny for its contacts with Enron in the weeks before it went bankrupt.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said the energy plan contains only proposals that Bush and Cheney believed would help make the nation more energy-independent.

"The allegation by Congressman Waxman that anything was put in that plan for political purposes is, of itself, a partisan waste of taxpayer money," Fleischer said adding that "the administration will continue to be forthcoming in answering questions and providing information."

AFGHANISTAN

Powell negotiates in Kabul

◆ Secretary of State vows to stop terrorism

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan Secretary of State Colin Powell, the most senior U.S. official to visit Afghanistan in 25 years, promised Thursday

the United States would help rebuild the country and wipe out the "contamination" of terrorism.



Powell

Powell told Hamid Karzai, the interim Afghan leader, the United States would make a substantial financial commitment at next week's international aid donors conference in Tokyo and that U.S. forces would be relentless in pursuing the remnants of al-Qaida and the Taliban.

"This country needs everything," Powell said on NBC's "Today" show. "It needs a banking system. It needs a health-care system. It needs a sanitation system. It needs a phone system. It needs road

construction. Everything you can imagine."

Prime Minister Karzai, obviously buoyed by Powell's visit, emphasized Afghanistan's deep needs during a joint news conference at the presidential palace.

"The Afghan people have been asking for a staying commitment, a staying partnership, from the United States to Afghanistan in order to make the region safe, in order to make Afghanistan stand back on its own feet and continue to fight against terrorism or the return of terrorism in any form to this country," Karzai said.

Powell assured Karzai that Washington would be steadfast.

"We don't want to leave any contamination behind," Powell said of continuing military efforts to purge Afghanistan of terrorists. "That is in the interests of the Afghan people and certainly the mission we came here to perform."

After Powell's visit, the White House announced Karzai will meet with President Bush on Jan. 28 in Washington.

"We look forward to an Afghanistan that is prosperous, accountable to its citizens and at peace with its neighbors and the international community," White House


press secretary Ari Fleischer said.

In Washington, the U.S. government released photos and video excerpts of five suspected al-Qaida members delivering what Attorney General John Ashcroft described as "martyrdom messages from suicide terrorists." Ashcroft called upon people worldwide to help "identify, locate and incapacitate terrorists who are suspected of planning additional attacks against innocent civilians."


The United States holds bin Laden and al-Qaida responsible for the Sept. 11 terror attacks on the United States. Washington opened its military campaign in Afghanistan to rout the extremist Taliban regime which was sheltering bin Laden and his organization.

In a continuing sign of lawlessness outside Kabul, two trucks belonging to the United Nations' World Food Program were hijacked by gunmen in northern Afghanistan, the U.N. said Thursday, in the latest report of banditry hampering aid operations in the country.

U.S. troops on Thursday were helping Afghan forces in a disarmament campaign in one of country's most potentially volatile regions, where weapons are plentiful and law enforcement is minimal.




IRISH HOCKEY




Friday, January 18 @ 7:05pm

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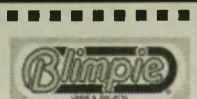
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NOTRE DAME HOCKEY



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Rooms

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said she had to be a little creative, but she fit us all in. It worked out really well, the only problem is that we don't have sinks, but that hasn't been a big deal yet because we are right across from the bathroom," said Petersohn.

At the beginning of the semester, 39 study lounges in Dillon Hall, the Mod Quad dorms and the West Quad dorms were converted into rooms to accommodate a freshman class that was 100 students larger than normal. The extra large class was the result of more students than expected accepting Notre Dame's offer of admission.

How this extra large class might affect next year's housing is not yet known because housing contracts have not been distributed to determine the number of current students who wish to live on campus next year. While the admissions office will be carefully monitoring the size of the incoming class, another factor that affects housing is the number of students who chose to study abroad. Kachmarik said "only a handful of students" decided not to study abroad this semester because they were concerned about security after the Sept. 11 attacks. International Study Program director Tom Bogenschild said he actually expects that slightly more students will be going abroad next year compared to this year.



Junior Leslie Petersohn manages to read in her study lounge turned dorm room that she shares with two roommates.

Kachmarik said that if there are more students than can be accommodated in available housing, a lottery may be held to determine which students would actually be put in housing. However, he said it is not likely such a lottery will be held.

"This is my fourth year and we've never had to have a lot-

tery before and I don't get the sense that we'll have to do that this year ... I'm a housing guy, I can put people anywhere. If it comes down it, I can find places for people anywhere," said Kachmarik.

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ISRAEL

Gunman breaks up bat mitzvah

Associated Press

HADERA, Israel
Moti Hasson was dancing at his neighbor's bat mitzvah or Jewish coming of age ceremony when he heard the first shots of an attack the would leave six of the party-goers dead and some 30 injured.

Some of the 100 people in the banquet hall dove under the tables during the late night attack Thursday. Others began to shout in fright. Hasson quickly grabbed a chair and ran toward the Palestinian attacker, who was firing an M-16 assault rifle.

"I started to hit the terrorist," said Hasson, a 37-year-old truck driver. "I yelled at everyone to grab him and kill him."

Some people threw bottles from their tables at the attacker who was identified as Abed Hassouna, a member of the militant Palestinian Al Aqsa Brigades. The group has vowed to avenge the death of one its leaders who was killed in a bomb blast widely believed to have been carried out by Israel.

Others joined Hasson and hit the attacker with chairs, witnesses said.

Hasson said that after he hit the attacker in the face with a

chair the man's gun appeared to jam.

"His gun just stopped shooting," said Hasson, who was standing outside the Armon David or David's Palace banquet hall, the site of the attack in the northern city of Hadera. He wore sweat pants and a sweat shirt and was carrying a bag of the clothes he wore during the attack, which were soaked with the gunman's blood.

The attacker was beaten unconscious, Hasson said.

Eliahu Iskov said he saw the attacker on the floor and grabbed him by the foot to drag his body outside of the banquet hall.

"I thought that he had explosives strapped to his body and would explode," Iskov said. "I thought if he exploded it would be best if he exploded outside."

Other people pulled tablecloths from the banquet tables and wrapped the wounded in them so they could quickly take them outside in case there were explosions.

The northern city of Hadera is located near the line separating Israel from the West Bank and has been the scene of several Palestinian bombings in the past year and a half.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

5 dead after Palestinian attack: A Palestinian tossed hand grenades into a wedding hall in northern Israel late Thursday, and five people were killed and more than 30 wounded, Israeli police said. A Palestinian militant group claimed responsibility. Army radio said a suicide bomber tried to detonate explosives attached to his body at the entrance to the hall but was overtaken by security guards. The attacker then exploded the grenades.

Ecuadorian plane missing: A plane carrying oil workers from Ecuador's state-owned oil company was missing Thursday after failing to arrive at its destination in the Amazon jungle, a company official said. The Fairchild F-28 aircraft was carrying 21 employees of Petroecuador and five crew.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Chicago cracks down on homicide: The city's police superintendent announced steps Thursday to combat Chicago's rising number of murders, the highest of all U.S. cities last year with 666. Superintendent Terry Hillard said officers would more aggressively pursue outstanding warrants and parole violators, target gangs and drug dealers.

Bush signs mentoring bill: President Bush signed legislation Thursday that expands programs for at-risk children, and said his fiscal 2003 budget would contain \$505 million to encourage adoption, reunite troubled families and find mentors for those with parents in prison. Bush said his budget would also propose \$60 million for teen-agers who are approaching adulthood in foster care, and \$25 million in seed money for programs that are devoted exclusively to the children of inmates.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Second grader parades gun: Investigators want to know how a second-grade student got a .22-caliber pistol he took to school to show friends. The gun apparently belonged to the boy's mother, who police questioned afterward. The incident remains under investigation. A school official noticed the gun sticking out of the boy's pants pocket Wednesday after seeing a group of students huddled around the boy at Center Elementary. "No act or threat of violence was observed or initiated," said Marion Police Capt. David Gilbert.

CUBA



Urs Boegli, a senior representative for the International Committee of the Red Cross, leads a group of four ICRC members to their inspection of the Guantanamo U.S. Naval Base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Guantanamo Bay inspected

Associated Press

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE

Guards practiced basic commands in Arabic Thursday for dozens of al-Qaida and Taliban prisoners being held at this remote U.S. military outpost, while a forklift groaned, hoisting materials to expand the temporary detention facility.

International Red Cross workers were to arrive at the U.S. naval base in eastern Cuba later Thursday to review conditions that some rights groups have called inhumane. U.S. officials say the prisoners'

rights are not being violated.

Behind three fences and coils of razor wire, prisoners with shaved heads and orange jumpsuits sat in open-air cells of chain-link fence. Occasionally, Army guards led a prisoner out of a cell, taking him for a walk in the heavily fortified yard.

"For the most part, they do what they're told," said Sgt. Lisa Juve, an Army guard who spoke to journalists who were allowed to see the detention camp, but only from about 150 yards away.

Military officials say the camp will soon be able to

hold 320 inmates, or more if they are doubled up two to a cell. Workers also are building a permanent prison to hold up to 2,000.

The United States is holding more than 300 prisoners at the Marine base at Kandahar airport, in Afghanistan, and a few others elsewhere.

Thirty more prisoners arrived in Guantanamo from Kandahar on Thursday, bringing the inmate population here to 110.

When they arrive, prisoners are given a half sheet of paper to write to family members or friends of their indefinite deten-

tion in Cuba.

A Marine security guard, Cpl. Joe Lupo, said he was struck by the prisoners' size. "They're pretty small guys," he said, describing some of them as appearing to be in their teens.

Military officials say most are in their 20s and 30s, though they are not revealing identities or nationalities.

Governments have identified seven of the prisoners as Yemeni and three as British. Saudis also are among the prisoners, Saudi officials said, and Australian officials have identified one prisoner as one of their nationals.

Market Watch January 17

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NASDAQ-100 INDEX (QQQ)	+2.24	+0.87	39.65
SUN MICROSYSTEM (SUNW)	+2.15	+0.26	12.37
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	+2.85	+0.54	19.48
INTEL CORP (INTC)	+2.47	+0.82	34.53

CONGO

Volcano leaves thousands homeless

Associated Press

GOMA

A volcano in eastern Congo erupted Thursday, sending out plumes of ash and three rivers of lava that destroyed 14 villages near the Rwandan border and drove thousands from their homes.

The sky around Mount Nyiragongo began glowing red, and ash fell on the nearby town of Goma before dawn Thursday. Three lava flows were detected, two coming down the mountain's east side and one down

the west.

Thousands of people were left homeless when the lava destroyed their villages. Most fled to Goma, 30 miles south of the volcano, while hundreds of others tried to enter neighboring Rwanda, but were turned away by border guards.

There were no reports of deaths or injuries. Pierre Ramazani, an aid worker with the French aid group Medecins du Monde, or Doctors of the World, said he saw hundreds of people walking on roads, carrying only pans and mattresses.

The United Nations peacekeeping mission in Congo reported 350 U.N. international staff members were evacuated by road and by plane from Goma, U.N. spokesman Fred Eckhard said in New York.

"There are reports of a significant number of people fleeing the area. A skeleton staff from the U.N. Humanitarian Coordination Office along with [private groups] which had remained behind to plan assistance to the displaced are now themselves preparing to evacuate as the situation deteriorates," he said.

DNA clears 100th convict

Associated Press

NEW YORK
Marking DNA's stunning revelations for the nation's criminal justice system, new tests led to the release of the 100th person to be freed nationwide because of genetic testing.

The release of Larry Mayes in Indiana last month comes as a timely victory for a nationwide coalition of advocates seeking to free those wrongfully convicted. The advocates plan to gather this weekend to call for reform of the criminal justice system.

Mayes, 52, spent 21 years in prison for a rape of a gas station cashier that he steadfastly maintained he never committed. He was released from Indiana State Prison on Dec. 21 after DNA tests of old crime scene evidence was compared to his own genetic tests.

"This DNA revolution, it's made clear our criminal justice system is not as reliable as we

always thought it was," said Peter Neufeld, one of the founders of the Innocence Project at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in New York.

"It's very easy for an innocent person to be convicted," he said, noting problems with eyewitness testimony, police lineups and state crime labs.

Police, too, welcomed the latest exoneration.

"That [is] a good thing as well, and not only for law enforcement," said Sheriff Aaron Kennard in Salt Lake County, Utah, who worked with a national commission addressing DNA's uses in the criminal justice system.

"We want the bad people behind bars and held accountable, and those innocent to be let go."

Last week, Kennard was able to pinpoint the rapist in an unsolved 8-year-old case through DNA, as the state goes through and tests evidence of unsolved cases. The rapist is in prison for another sex offense, he said.

Neufeld, a defense attorney who launched the Innocence Project with attorney Barry Scheck, said the first exonerations came slowly, with the first two released in 1989, one in 1990 and two in 1991. But as more judges allowed exceptions to statutes for DNA tests, and some states passed laws to allow for post-conviction testing, the pace picked up.

At the same time, more projects began modeling themselves after the New York-based pro bono project. Now there are at least 25 working nationwide.

Last year, there were 20 prison inmates freed by DNA tests, Neufeld said.

"This whole movement is about ... trying to make the criminal justice system a lot more reliable than it ever was in the past," Neufeld said.

2 military planes crash in desert

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz.
Two military attack jets collided and crashed in the southern Arizona desert Thursday, the Air Force said. One of the pilots was killed.

The single-seat A-10 Thunderbolt II jets, were on a training mission when the crash occurred, said Master Sgt. Dan Carpenter, base spokesman at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.

Base officials said the second pilot was airlifted to a Sierra Vista hospital, where he was in stable condition.

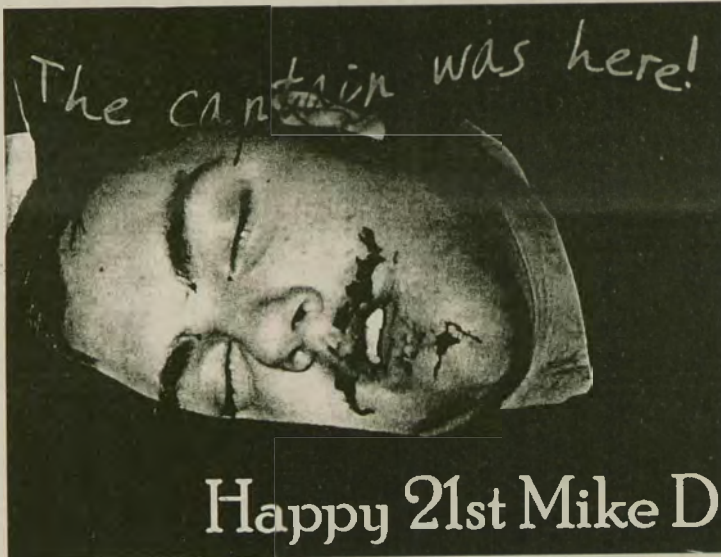
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word on a possible cause.

The pilots were assigned to the 355th Wing at the Tucson base. A third aircraft involved in the mission returned safely.

The crash site is in a rugged area just north of the U.S.-Mexico border in the southeast corner of Arizona. Firefighter Francisco Honne, who went to the scene from nearby Douglas, said military helicopters circled the wreckage Thursday afternoon.

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N. Korea calls for inquiry of U.S. acts

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS North Korea on Thursday again accused the United States of killing civilians during the Korean War and asked for a U.N. investigation because American forces fought under the U.N. flag.

Washington led U.N. forces that fought with South Korea against North Korean invaders, who were backed by China and the former Soviet Union in the 1950-53 war.

Historians say North Korean troops committed atrocities, summarily executing U.S.

prisoners of war and slaughtering large numbers of South Korean civilians. U.S. officials have dismissed most of the North Korean claims as propaganda.

In a letter to the U.N. Security Council, North Korea's U.N. Ambassador Pak Gil Yon urged the United Nations to "take measures to prevent the recurrence of such crimes against humanity."

The U.S. Mission to the United Nations and the U.S. State Department had no immediate comment on Pak's letter. Nor did the Security Council.

Chemical spill scares parents

Associated Press

HERCULANEUM, Mo.

Parents here warn their children not to play in the dirt or along the curb. If they are allowed to play outside at all, their toys and swing sets are washed down first, and they have to leave their shoes on the doorstep when they come back in.

These are some of the health precautions families take in this blue-collar town where the nation's largest lead smelter has spread contamination to homes, yards and streets.

"Most people in the spring and in the fall turn on the fan. But before we turn on the fan we think, 'It's going to kick up a lot of dust,'" said

Carol Miller, 38.

Of her four children, ages 3 to 12, three have health problems she attributes to the lead. The oldest has hearing problems, the 10-year-old has reading disabilities, and her youngest is stunted in his growth, she said.

This week, the federal government announced it will move hundreds of residents — most of them in families with young children or pregnant women — into temporary homes for months while experts carry out a multimillion-dollar cleanup and crackdown on emissions from Doe Run Co.

The smelter, with a work force of 250, is the town's major employer and the chief reason Missouri is the

nation's top producer of lead used in car batteries, televisions and other products.

There is nothing new about pollution in Herculaneum, a town of about 2,800 people, 30 miles south of St. Louis along the Mississippi River. The smelter's smokestack has dominated the horizon of the small river town since the 1890s, and officials have known for decades that the lead and other toxins are blown in the air and across on the ground.

In recent years, Doe Run has spent millions of dollars to reduce the pollution and clean up the contamination, and the smelter's emissions have improved, but they still fail to meet federal standards.

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large attendance to the presidential inauguration that occurred the same weekend. Also, students only missed one day of class last year compared to this year's two.

"Last year the inauguration fell on the Saturday we arrived and that drew a lot of people," Keppel said. "Last year was definitely the peak in attendance."

In preparation for the event, the club sponsored an informational meeting on Monday, an ice skating social on Tuesday and a sendoff Mass on Thursday

night at the Morrissey Chapel. "I'm excited," Keppel said. "The people that are going are dedicated and excited to be going. It's a day where you can stand there and be a voice for those who don't have a voice."

This year marks Notre Dame and Saint Mary's sixth trip to Washington for the March since its beginning in 1974. The trip, organized

by Monica Brown, Keppel and Merjavy, is one of the club's larger events. The organization is also involved in community service activities, like Project Mom, and hosts a spring conference.

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NIGERIA

Labor leaders halt strike over fuel prices

Associated Press

LAGOS

Bowing to pressure from President Olusegun Obasanjo's government, officials of the country's largest labor movement Thursday said they were suspending a debilitating two-day general strike over rising fuel prices.

The decision by the Nigeria Labor Congress to call off the work stoppage — which had been outlawed by government and judiciary — came just hours after police arrested dozens of labor activists, including the labor movement's leader.

Nigeria Labor Congress leader Adams Oshiomole was seized by police at the airport in the capital, Abuja, as he attempted to board a flight to Lagos, the West African nation's largest city, said Congress spokesman Chris Uyot.

It was the second time police had detained Oshiomole since the strike paralyzed commerce Wednesday across most Nigerian cities and provoked clashes in some places. He was charged with harassing people at a hotel and construction site.

"We are tired and have tried our best to secure his release," Labor Congress official Isa Tidjani told reporters in Abuja. "We don't know how long (Oshiomole) will remain in detention."

Before his arrest, Oshiomole had vowed to continue the action until the government lowered fuel prices.

At least 29 other labor officials and trade unionists were detained

Thursday morning in the northern city of Kano, Uyot said, bringing to at least 110 the number arrested nationwide. Police would not confirm the number.

Obasanjo's government had outlawed the strike, a decision supported by Abuja's High Court late Wednesday, officials said.

In many parts of the country, the strike appeared to be weakening. Most government employees returned to work in Abuja, and banks reopened after beefing up security. Yayali Ahmed, head of Nigeria's civil service, warned over state television Wednesday that public workers who failed to return to work would be fired.

But the strike held in some cities. In Lagos, banks, gasoline stations and major stores had remained closed, though some small neighborhood shops reopened to sell bread and vegetables. Most buses and taxis had stayed off the roads, and commuters were traveling highways on foot.

Before the strike was suspended Thursday, there was no immediate sign of the clashes between demonstrators and police that plagued Lagos a day earlier and left at least one labor activist injured with a gunshot wound to the leg. A policeman was injured by a stone-throwing mob.

The union accused authorities of throwing tear gas at 30 union members detained in a crowded cell in Port Harcourt. Police declined to comment on the allegation, and it was not possible to independently confirm the incident.

CUBA

American women meet Castro

Associated Press

HAVANA

When 40 influential women from Washington state met with Fidel Castro this week, the 75-year-old president spent several minutes chatting with each one, asking their names, their interests, their thoughts on Cuba.



Castro

"He obviously had read the biographies and knew who each person was," said Susan Jeffords, dean of Social Sciences at the University of Washington.

While Castro met with the entire group for three hours, he spent another two hours talking with delegation member Sen. Maria Cantwell. When the Washington Democrat told Castro she feared she would miss her afternoon flight, he personally escorted to the airport in his black Mercedes Benz.

The personalized attention that Cuba's head of state gave each woman demonstrated his great interest in Americans whose opinions could count in efforts to change U.S. policy toward the communist country. It also underscored what Castro has said all along: his beef is with the U.S. government, not with the American people.

"It was certainly exciting to meet with him. He is a very charming and eloquent man," said Jeffords, who traveled here with the university's Center for Women and Democracy. Their visit ends Friday.

Castro learned the importance of courting average Americans such as these women during the fight for shipwreck survivor Elian Gonzalez, who returned to the island in the summer of 2000.

While Cuban exiles battled to keep the child with his relatives in Miami, many other Americans supported efforts to have the child returned to his father on the island.

The seven-month battle over the boy, who was rescued at sea off Florida's coast, showed that even if Americans don't agree with Cuba's

form of government, they no longer view Cuba through a purely ideological prism.

While the Bush administration and powerful Cuban exiles support the 40-year-old embargo against the island as a way to pressure Castro, both Democratic and Republican lawmakers have fought to ease and even eliminate the sanctions, saying Cuba could become a new market for American products.

Legislators across the political spectrum also have worked to erase U.S. restrictions against travel by most Americans to the Caribbean island.

An Arizona Republican, Rep. Jeff Flake, is sponsoring an amendment prohibiting the Treasury Department from spending money on enforcing the four-decade travel ban.

Flake believes that by traveling more freely to Cuba, Americans will bring with them ideas and values that will help end the communist regime.

The Washington women — bankers, business owners, government officials and others — said they also support freer American travel to Cuba, and hope to return next year. For this visit, they traveled under a Treasury Department license granted to the University of Washington.

The trip was aimed at promoting understanding between U.S. and Cuban women leaders, said Laurie

"It was certainly exciting to meet with him. He is a very charming and eloquent man."

Susan Jeffords
Dean of Social Sciences,
University of Washington

McDonald Jonsso, board chairman of the center that organized the trip and president of Stellar International, a Seattle investment firm.

"I first came here a little over a year ago with a vision that American women should have the chance to share with the women of Cuba," said Jonsso.

The Americans said they were impressed by the gains women had made in Cuba, and particularly with individual women they met in recent days.

"I've had the chance to meet some amazing women here. Some I will remember for the rest of my life," Jeffords said.

Connie Niva, head of the Washington State Transportation Commission, said she will also remember meeting Castro, who chuckled when she shared a joke learned here about Cuba's huge buses, known as "camels" for their unusual shape.

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Commend Notre Dame for abroad programs

Notre Dame students do experience the world outside our cozy corner of Northern Indiana. In fact, they do so in relatively high numbers.

According to a recent report released by the Institute of International Education, the University had the second largest proportion of students studying abroad among American research universities in 1999-2000 at 37 percent.

Notre Dame's international study program should be commended for the work it has done.

Students from Notre Dame visit cities and peoples from Western Europe to Southeast Asia, sometimes learning new languages but always adapting to a foreign way of life. They were doing this before Sept. 11 and they are doing this now. While estimates from travel industry and other sources place the drop in overseas traffic since September 11 anywhere from 15 to 40 percent, Thomas Boganschild, the director of Notre Dame's international

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study programs, said there has not been a fall in the number of applications due to the attacks.

Boganschild even expects an even greater numbers of students to participate in study abroad programs next year.

This increase in foreign travel by Notre Dame students is exactly what the world

needs.

In a world that has violently revealed itself as still fragmented, where war can tear lives apart and intolerance of what is foreign find sympathies with people in all countries, it is all the more important for young people to travel and to engage other cultures.

In times such as these, a dangerous temptation is to pull up the drawbridge and cut off contact from the unfamiliar. This temptation should be resisted.

In the semesters to come, students must continue to study abroad, seeking understanding with others and working to replace intolerance with respect and justice.

Atlas analyzed

What do you do when you can't find a single existing religion you agree with? Why, you create your own.

After having encountered Ayn Rand fans on college campuses and online chatrooms (they

Christine Niles

As I See It...

always show up sooner or later), I thought I should finally get around to reading "Atlas Shrugged." Last summer, languishing in southern France, I was provided the opportunity to wade through the 1,000-plus page book.

The novel encapsulates all the major aspects of Rand's philosophy, something she termed objectivism, although the characteristic of objectivity comprises only one facet of her worldview. The story revolves around the industrial geniuses who keep the world going and carry it, like Atlas, on their backs. The enemies consist of the "moochers" and "looters" of the world, those who believe in sacrifice, mercy and taxes (this will make sense, I promise).

The title gives away the plot — what happens when Atlas shrugs? What happens when the movers and shakers of the world stop moving and shaking? The answer: the world goes rolling off Atlas' back to shatter into a thousand pieces on the floor.

One thing I will give to Rand — her philosophy is unique. One doesn't often encounter fervent pro-capitalism cheek-by-jowl with atheism. At times her story takes near-paranoiac turns regarding the plots of American socialists to destroy America's economic freedom through forced sharing. It is understandable when you realize Rand spent her early life in post-czar Russia, when the Soviet Union was just taking its baby steps. The communist government seized her father's pharmacy and henceforth

ward Rand dreamed of moving to her ideal country, the United States. She eventually defected, married a Hollywood actor and spent the rest of her life in America. Thus, her work displays blatantly pro-capitalist, anti-communist sentiment — which doesn't bother me a bit. Her metaphysics, however, are another matter. More on this in another column.

There seems to be a great deal of good mixed with a great deal of bad in the novel. Rand lauds creativity, freedom, the courage to lift oneself from despair and strike out alone and the honesty to take responsibility for oneself rather than blaming society for one's problems. Some monologues are downright inspiring.

However, a fatal flaw exists in her work: her enemies are too easy. She paints a simplistic portrait of them: all those who believe it right to sacrifice a victim (usually money-laden) for the benefit of the State. Although she succeeds in making them out to be despicable, there is no complexity to their wickedness. They seem, rather, like straw men erected for the sake of easy conquest. They are altogether too uncomplicated, too simply sketched. They present no real challenge to the heroes and therefore the heroes' struggles are made all the less interesting and all the more predictable.

Wise men have said that one should never underestimate one's enemies. Rand ignores this and thus her story lacks the richness and depth it might otherwise have attained. Her metaphysics and epistemology equally lack depth for the same reason: Rand fails to take her intellectual enemies seriously.

The most striking aspect of the work is Rand's self-aggrandizement. One of the heroes, Dagny, is a woman of Rand's own heart — and an impressive figure she is. Not only is she a genius, she runs the most powerful

transcontinental railroad business in the world. Plus she is beautiful, famous and brimming with confidence. On top of all this, she is loved by the three most handsome, powerful and brilliant men in the world, who never cease to effuse with praise for her. Dagny accepts it all with the false modesty of those who believe themselves superior. By page 700, one begins to think this love quadrangle is no more than the idealistic fantasy of an adolescent, times three.

There is a dark side to Rand's philosophy. In one disturbing scene, Rand systematically describes the occupants of a passenger train. She demonstrates how not a single passenger agrees with her worldview, before she sends them off into a dark tunnel to suffocate to death. Ironically, Rand's philosophy sets out to praise human worth, yet the final result is a conceited disregard for human dignity and the worthwhile perspectives that exist apart from her own. One gets the sense that Rand would not have been bothered in the slightest if all her political and intellectual enemies were eliminated as they were in her book.

Meanwhile, the Prime Movers are shepherded to a hidden valley in the Colorado Rockies, a heaven on earth of sorts. This place is known only to the elect few, and here they bide their time frolicking over verdant pastures while they wait for the world to self-destruct. Once that occurs, their mission is to return and rebuild the world, repopulating it with others of objectivist bent.

Like I said, a new religion.

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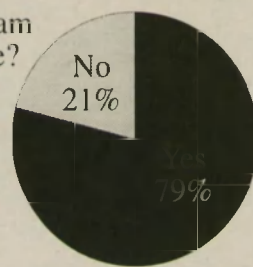
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George Orwell
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GUEST COLUMN

Society, not TV ads, creates 'cool' drinking image

Alcohol is cool. There are no two ways about it. No matter how hard the average authority figure protests, it's cool. Alcohol is up there with leather miniskirts, riding motorcycles and cutting class. There is something sexy

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about the socialite's hip flask, with its shiny steel case and screw-off top. James Bond wouldn't be who he is drinking Sprite; only his ultra-dry vodka martini will do.

This is the problem faced by anyone trying to discourage alcohol use — or any other frowned-upon activity, such as smoking — especially among minors. It's so damn cool.

The cachet is unavoidable. Breaking a 50-year network television ban, NBC recently decided to accept ads for distilled spirits, more commonly known as hard liquor.

And now the country is up in arms. From all quarters the cry has been raised. NBC is putting profits above the health and safety of America! Down with the network and its devious corruption of our youth!

This reaction is, of course, wholly expected — these days, the outraged response starts before the offending press conference is over — and yet most of the arguments it raises are far from, shall we say, watertight.

In a letter to NBC, representatives Frank Wolf (R-Va.) and Lucille Roybal-

Allard (D-Calif.) question, "Why now your change of heart? It is a sad commentary that your bottom line today is more important to your company than the lives of young people tempted to drink or recovering alcoholics trying to beat their disease."

Apparently the honorable representatives suffer from a severe case of tunnel vision. Focused on NBC's ads, they ignore the fact that the American corporate (and political) structure is not exactly wanting for members who put their bottom line above the health and safety of the citizenry.

Also, they are somehow OK with the beer and wine commercials that currently run on network TV. Indeed, the hard liquor ads that show regularly on cable and local stations are fine. It's just the NBC spots that will bring harm.

Finally, they gloss over the real problem: that both the young people and the recovering alcoholics they are so concerned about (the ones from their districts, naturally) already know exactly how cool alcohol is and didn't have to learn it from a 30-second spot on TV. A hundred-thousand different messages already inform kids about booze. From movie characters to magazine ads to our very language (let's go grab a "cold one," etc.) the message is clear: drinking is adult. It's cool.

Bill Press, host of the CNN shout-fest Crossfire says, "No matter how hard it tries, there is simply no way for NBC to justify or explain its decision to sell time to the liquor industry, except for

what it is: pure greed."

The facts of the matter are these. NBC is in business to make money. So are liquor companies. The product being advertised is legal. It is also under the most restrictive set of advertising guidelines devised for any product, ever. A few of the 19 provisions are:

The advertiser must air social-responsibility (anti-underage drinking, pro-designated driver, etc.) spots for four months before NBC will accept product ads. Even after that point, 20 percent of the ads must be social-responsibility themed.

The ads must air between 9 and 11 p.m. or on "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno."

No professional athletes can appear in the ads.

No one can be shown drinking liquor in the ads.

The actors in the ads must be at least 30 years old.

Alcohol is cool. We can't get around it. We also can't get around the fact that the consequences of alcohol are quite often devastating. Whether it be a drunk driver, a binge-drinking death or an alcoholic parent, there is no

denying the terrible effect that alcohol can have. Yet most Americans are responsible drinkers.

So, it turns out that all this hubbub over NBC's ads really comes down to the following:

Parents should know what their kids are watching on TV. They should be ready to frankly and seriously discuss alcohol with them. They shouldn't demonize it, and neither should the media or our congress demonize NBC. Because we all know what happens when an authority figure tells a kid they can't have something cool.

And if it's anything, alcohol is cool.



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GUEST COLUMN

Corporate news endangers objectivity

Mickey Mouse is creepy. Walter Issacson is a boob. And General Electric makes too many war machines to be in the television news business.

I am able to freely express these brash opinions through the First Amendment and the newsprint paid for by The Daily Pennsylvanian. Unfortunately, I am a dying breed — a member of the media who doesn't answer to one of the monolithic corporate conglomerates that control the flow of information throughout the world.

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Now this isn't going to be your typical look-at-me-solemnly-watching-out-for-the-truth-now-aren't-I-cool columns. I realize that journalism has always been caught up in partisanship and commerce. Even back when the Federalists and the Jeffersonians each had their own papers, the name of the game was selling copies.

I don't think our government or our citizenry can do much of anything to make the kind of journalism one finds on TV fresh and clean. Rather, I simply think it's a shame that the vast majority of Americans get their news from sources which are wholly-owned subsidiaries of huge corporate entities that can do nothing but toe a pro-status-quo, pro-big-business line.

The lion's share of the media racket is governed by 10 untrustworthy families and things may still worsen in the information *cosi nostra*.

The liberal magazine "The Nation" devoted its Jan. 7 edition to the topic of these corporate conglomerates, and its reporting deserves your attention. Even if you don't read the magazine, take a look at its alluring centerfold — a chart entitled "The Big Ten."

This is the name given to the 10 corporate giants that dominate the media, and their various holdings are laid out in a menacing series of color-coded bubbles. The thing really does resemble a law enforcement chart of New York's old crime families, except names like Gambino and Genovese have been supplanted by ones like Bertelsmann, AOL/Time Warner, Vivendi and Viacom.

Some may look at this chart and let out a hearty "So

what!" Media outlets are like any other business. Other businesses need to consolidate in order to thrive today. Why shouldn't the media?

That argument has its place, but it fails to take into account the undeniable harm that these conglomerates have already done to objective journalism.

Take the case of CNN, a network once lauded for its hard-hitting reporting. Currently under the towering corporate umbrella of AOL/Time Warner and the guidance of former Time Managing Editor Walter Issacson, Saddam Hussein's choice for television news becomes more of an info-tainment dealer every day.

According to The Nation, Issacson recently distributed a memo at CNN which told staffers that news broadcasts should be sugarcoated to maintain support for the President and his war — this to a network whose flag-waving was already becoming pathological.

As if we needed another sign of CNN's trek from Atlanta to Hollywood, Issacson and Co. this week were forced to apologize for a promotional ad that called anchor Paula Zahn "sexy."

Anyone who thinks that the objectivity of news sources isn't threatened by corporate ownership is out of his mind. One need look no further than the link between General Electric and the NBC family of net-

works for a perfect example.

In addition to its TV networks and sports teams, GE is one of the nation's largest defense contractors. Focusing mostly on the construction of aircraft engines, GE's profits certainly get a boost during wartime. In 2000, 8 percent of the company's \$129.9 billion total revenue came from defense contracts, and that's sure to jump after Sept. 11.

How can the public really expect NBC, MSNBC and CNBC to fairly and accurately report all of the news about a war from which their corporate parent derives financial benefit?

Obviously, most of the ways in which the media cartel filters news aren't overt. The most damage will be done by the tendency of these corporate interests to filter out news items that challenge and vex the average citizen. That's because a fuzzy, coherent depiction of world events sells more diapers.

As a paradigmatic example, take a Nov. 4 survey by the Sunday Times of London which found that "four out of every 10 British Muslims believe Osama bin Laden is justified in mounting his war against the United States."

This survey, conducted by a reputable London newspaper, certainly clouds the picture of Britain as indefatigable ally that has been presented by major news sources. It's an item worth considering, but just the sort of item that doesn't find its way into the news these days.



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Good vibrations

Scene examines the ancient art and science of Feng Shui.

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Scene Editor

Feng Shui (pronounced "Fung Schway") is a term kicked around about as much as "PCS network" and "VCR Plus" and, like its fellow jargonistic catch phrases, nobody seems to know what it is or how it works.

Simply put, Feng Shui is the art and science of living in harmony with your environment by attracting positive energy and blocking negative energy. While this might sound like a piece of the plotline of the latest anime flick, Feng Shui has been around for about 6,000 years. Originally developed in China, Feng Shui is the art of object placement in one's living space to best harmonize the occupant with his or her environment.

But don't expect that moving your futon to the other side of your dorm room will suddenly make you win the lottery. Feng Shui is based on rules and guidelines of positioning of objects.

Feng Shui is primarily concerned with harnessing qi (pronounced "chee" and also spelled "chi"), a complicated energy force in constant motion and flux. While different schools of Feng Shui define qi as different things like electro-magnetic, gravitational or quantum fields, it is easiest to think of qi as the universal energy that connects all things. Qi comes in both positive and negative forms.

Sheng qi is a positive energy and is beneficial to your senses. Things that

taste, smell or look good are full of sheng qi. Besides the five types of sheng qi related to the five senses, there is a sixth type of sheng qi that is unnamed: it is metaphysical in nature and is identified with the feeling of being in love or being in tune with nature or another person.

Along the same lines there is a negative energy known as sha qi. Sha qi is the exact opposite of sheng qi. Like sheng qi, there is also an extrasensory version of sha qi which is identified with an ominous sense of impending doom or depression.

Qi not the same for everyone; for example, one person may like the smell of garlic and another may not. For the former, the aroma of Italian food would most likely be full of sheng qi, but the latter would find it full of sha qi. It is in this way that no object has either sheng or sha qi, but rather it is the qi's interaction with the individual that causes it to be positive or negative. In fact, Feng Shui translates literally as "wind and water;" symbolically the two elements are the primary forces that cause qi to be sheng or sha.

And it is because qi can be changed in this manner that the arrangement of objects in one's environment directly affects whether one experiences sheng or sha qi.

For example, to harness the most qi, a practitioner of Feng Shui would want to make his or her front door (a place where qi flows into the home) as inviting as possible to encourage sheng qi to enter the home.

Because Feng Shui is an individual endeavor, it is often hard to give good advice. The art uses a moderately complex web of numerology to determine the best ways for individuals to arrange their

possessions. However, there are a number of basic rules that one can take as fairly sound advice. These rules, however, are not set in stone. It is important to realize that no building can be perfectly arranged with Feng Shui. It's best to approach Feng Shui with an open mind.

Feng Shui is not a religion. In fact, one of the fundamental concepts of Feng Shui is the belief in a higher power, but whether it is Buddha, Jesus or the Big Bang is irrelevant. Feng Shui walks the thin line between faith and science.

Vera Marie Kostelnik, a local Feng Shui practitioner, explains the relationship between Feng Shui and religion as one of symbiosis.

"You want to be one with your source, be one with God, with the Earth. And when you are one with your source you are in Feng Shui: things go smoothly ... I don't know if you need to believe in anything ... but it helps," Kostelnik said.

Although belief in Feng Shui is

critical, it is not faith that actualizes Feng Shui's beneficial effect, but rather the physical nature of objects interacting with their environments and the practitioners positive energy causing beneficial things to happen as well.

"It's physics. Physics works for everybody," Kostelnik said.

Kostelnik feels that the proof is in the pudding with regard to Feng Shui.



Morrissey Hall with its inviting opening draws sheng qi inside. On the other hand, lamp posts in the corner of the building invite sha qi. The pine trees in front of the dorm contribute to long life.



The Bahá'í House of Worship is one of the most eloquently Feng Shui-designed buildings in the world.

Nine Feng Shui Tips

- 1) Beds should always be made as well as room represents clutter in the mind.
- 2) Use light colors in decorating. Dark colors are inviting and warm.
- 3) Hang metal windchimes by the door to attract good fortune.
- 4) Put statues and pictures of deities high on the wall.
- 5) Play meditative music to relax and invite good energy.
- 6) Use orange scents to refresh the mind.
- 7) Dangle a crystal from a window if its view is unpleasant sights.
- 8) Hang pa-kau mirrors to deflect sha energy.
- 9) Put a fish tank near the door for good fortune. Black goldfish for good luck. The black goldfish is the most auspicious.

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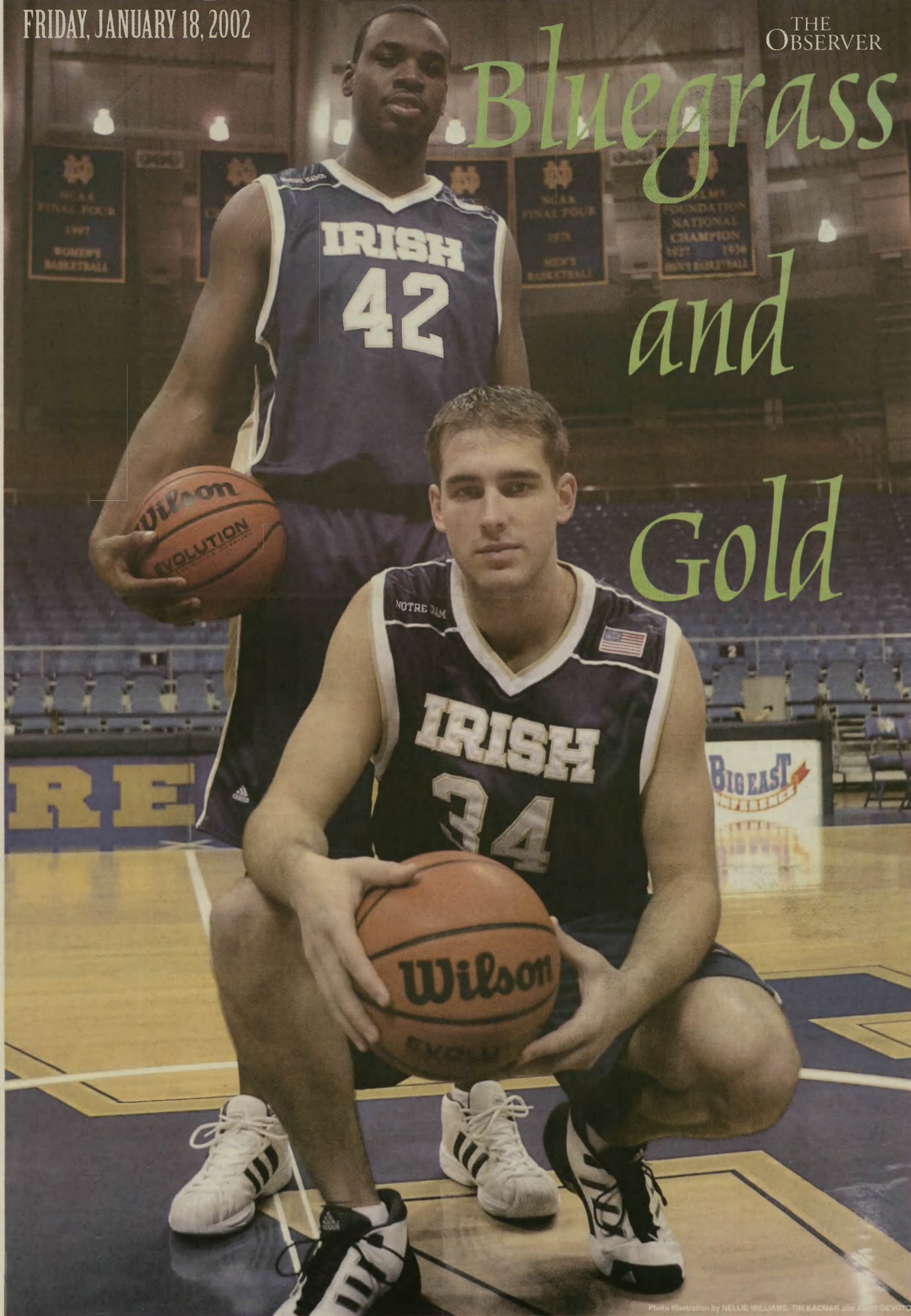


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Notre Dame hopes to leave Kentucky blue

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Writer

After coasting through the first seven games of a non-conference schedule, Mike Brey and his Irish squad hit a few stumbling blocks.

Going 5-4 in their last nine games, the Irish have tasted a little bit of reality: the Big East conference is a tough place to play. Add a non-conference powerhouse like the No. 12 Kentucky Wildcat squad that is heading to the Joyce Center court Saturday to the mix, and the Irish are at a critical point in the season. But the challenge awaiting Brey's unranked squad is one the team is looking forward to.

"This game is a great attention-getter," Brey said. "It's an RPI game. It gives the program some attention if we can come up with a win."

Winning games against ranked teams has been tough for the Irish. The team traveled to the Carrier Dome Monday to take on No. 8 Syracuse, only to come up five points short despite a late-game defensive stand.

"This game is going to be very comparable [to the Syracuse game]," Brey said. "It's a top-15 program, they're a confident basketball team."

The Wildcats have proven their talent with a 11-4 record in the regular season. The pre-season SEC favorite, the Wildcats have disposed handily of several opponents, including Indiana, a team the Irish couldn't beat in early December. And Tubby Smith's Wildcat team proved it meant business when it came heart-breaking close to an overtime upset over No. 1 Duke.

But with the highs have also come the lows.

A home-opening loss to unranked Western Kentucky jolted the program at the outset



BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

Irish forward Ryan Humphrey dives on the floor for a loose ball during Notre Dame's win against Army earlier this season. Notre Dame players say they are looking forward to having the students back cheering in the Joyce Center.

and a recent slump has hurt the team. The Wildcats dropped two straight games to Mississippi State and Georgia last week.

"They had a little lull, but they played well against Ole Miss in their last game," Brey said. "They are a very talented team."

If the Irish hope to pull off an upset before the home crowd, they will need to fine-tune their offensive game. The Irish, who averaged nearly 90 points in their seven-game winning streak to open the season, have averaged just under 62 recent outings.

But because the level of com-

petition has increased and the Irish defense has held fast, Brey is not too concerned with the lack of offensive productivity.

"I think we're OK," Brey said. "I'm a big believer in averages."

According to Brey, the keys to an Irish win Saturday are rebounding and taking care of the ball.

"Our poise is important, and staying in character," Brey said. "In big game situations there is a tendency to do things that aren't you."

According to senior forward Ryan Humphrey, defense will continue to be the key when the

Irish take the court.

"Defense is important," Humphrey said. "We need to play tough defense and keep rebounding."

Defensively, the Irish will look to contain the Wildcat's most explosive player, Tayshaun Prince. The forward, who shoots more than 50 percent from the field, averages nearly 18 points a game. The rest of the Wildcat scoring comes from a balanced and deep bench in which 10 players see consistent court time.

Playing to the home crowd will make the task of an upset easier for the Irish, who have not played in front of the Notre

Dame student section in more than a month.

"Students drive the building," Brey said. "When the endzone is filled with students it makes a lot of electricity. And that's contagious."

Humphrey is looking forward to the familiarities of the Joyce Center.

"On the road, I was getting heckled a lot," Humphrey said. "With our student section, it will be good to have them on our side and against the other team."

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	COACHING	STYLE OF PLAY	POST PLAYERS	PERIMETER PLAYERS	BENCH	INTANGIBLES
NOTRE DAME	Brey is in his second year as a head coach at Notre Dame. He has a habit of maximizing the potential of players. While Notre Dame has regained national respect under his tenure, he has yet to beat a top-ranked opponent.	The Irish tend to play man-to-man that shuts down an opponent, but can shift into a zone. They live and die by the 3-pointer, but when the perimeter shooters struggle they look to get the ball inside.	Humphrey has been an inside force all year long for the Irish and leads Notre Dame in scoring. But his free-throw shooting leaves something to be desired. Swanagan is a solid all-around player and is willing to do the little things.	Thomas, the top rookie in the Big East, is a good 3-point shooter but often tries to do too much. When Graves and Carroll are hot, the Irish light up the scoreboard. But their shots have disappeared lately, and the Irish have struggled.	Brey has been reluctant to use his bench all year. Jones is a good defensive presence, Macura is a solid rebounder, and Cornette is a combination of the two. However, the trio has not seen many minutes lately.	The Irish have played a multitude of close games, but have yet to dominate a quality opponent. While the students are back from break, the Irish have struggled on national television over the last two years.
WEST VIRGINIA	Smith has one national championship under his belt. Despite being under intense pressure as the head coach of the Wildcats, he has put his mark on the tradition of Kentucky basketball.	Kentucky likes to slow it down on offense and try to get the ball inside. The Wildcats play an aggressive man-to-man defense but have had difficulty guarding the 3-point shot.	The Wildcats have a center tandem of Camara and Estill. Both are excellent shot blockers and can step outside for three-point shots. However, they tend to disappear offensively. Despite his size, Fitch is a great rebounder.	Prince is the reigning SEC Player of the Year and may be the most versatile player in the nation. Hawkins' shot selection either keeps with Wildcats in the game or takes them out of it. Bogans has been a mystery this season.	Kentucky is one of the deepest teams in the nation and regularly plays 10 players. Carruth is deadly behind the arc. Daniels and Hayes are solid defensive contributors. Chiles has been shaky as a backup point guard.	Kentucky has been a Jekyll and Hyde team all year. They've shown they can compete with anyone in the country, but they've also struggled and have blown big leads. Which Wildcat team is going to show up Saturday?
ANALYSIS	Smith has taken three different programs to the Sweet 16 and can motivate his players in big games. While Brey is a good motivator, the Irish haven't really upset an opponent since he arrived.	While both teams play similar styles, the key for the Irish is to keep their big men in the game to balance Kentucky's physical presence on the court. The Wildcats must frustrate the Irish offensively.	The athletic Humphrey must avoid getting in foul trouble. He needs to win the battle of the boards and be an inside presence for the Irish. As long as he is in the game, the Irish have the edge.	While Notre Dame's three perimeter players play good defense, they'll have trouble containing Prince's three-point shooting. Thomas will have to outplay Hawkins for the Irish to win.	Brey makes it very clear who his top players are. However, if the Irish get into foul trouble, Notre Dame's bench won't be much help. Kentucky clearly has the edge in players coming off the bench.	While fan support for the Irish might be the greatest it has been all season, the Wildcats have played in front of hostile crowds before. Notre Dame must stay close early because Kentucky pulls away in the first half.

Together until the end

Senior captains played together in high school before anchoring rebuilding process

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

A hulking, trash-talking post player sporting a gold tooth quickly caught the attention of David Graves at a high school basketball camp.

Although both players had just finished their freshman years of high school, Graves found himself gawking at the physical player who controlled the inside and dominated opponents.

"He intimidated the hell out of me," said Graves.

Little did he know that Harold Swanagan would quickly become his closest friend and that the two of them would graduate from college seven years later as major contributors to the sudden turnaround of the Notre Dame basketball program.

"We're like brothers," Graves said. "There's days where we're fighting, there's days where we're back together. In the end, we're always had each other's back."

In Kentucky, young boys do one of two things. Either they fall in love with basketball or they move out of state. Basketball is life in the state where residents live and breathe Wildcat blue. It just seemed natural that Swanagan and Graves would grow up bleeding basketball.

While the two spent high school summers playing on the same AAU teams, they both came from very different backgrounds. Graves had strong family support and easily managed good grades. Swanagan's parents were always moving in and out, and he spent much of his life with his grandmother and great aunt. But despite different backgrounds and upbringings, the two seemed to have mutual respect for each other. Graves became a source of stability for Swanagan, while Swanagan became a source of

inspiration for Graves.

The pair had often talked about going on to play college basketball together. And when it came time to choose a college, Graves spurned his hometown college and committed to play for John MacLeod at Notre Dame. But it didn't look like Swanagan would join him.

Swanagan was interested in Notre Dame, but he didn't think MacLeod was interested in him. Ironically, Notre Dame was very interested in Swanagan, but didn't think he wanted to play for the Irish. Had Graves not made a timely phone call to clear up the problem, Swanagan would have played college basketball at another school.

"Look, you should take a visit up there," Graves told his friend. "If you like it, we can play together for four more years and turn the program around."

Swanagan hopped on the next plane to South Bend and loved everything about the campus. Even after he committed, it was a fight for him to clear the admissions department. They didn't think Swanagan, who struggled academically in high school, would be able to succeed in the classroom at Notre Dame. But when Swanagan is hit, he never falls down. At Notre Dame, he worked to prove them wrong. He studied hard and earned solid grades, culminating in a personal-best 3.5 grade point average last semester.

"I believed in myself, but I don't think a lot of people believed in me," he said. "What motivates me is people thinking I can't do things ... People doubted me. I guess I'm proving them wrong now."

During MacLeod's eight years as head coach at Notre Dame, the Irish had never qualified for the NCAA tournament, never won a game in four years in the Big East tournament, and had finished

over .500 only three times. Graves and Swanagan joined highly-touted New Jersey recruit Troy Murphy in what was MacLeod's last — and best — recruiting class at Notre Dame. And when they arrived, they made a pact to turn the Notre Dame basketball program around.

"We didn't care whether we were going to be on the cover of ESPN," Graves said. "We just wanted to get this place back to where it needed to be."

That didn't happen their first year. While Murphy dominated the Big East and Graves emerged as a potent perimeter player, the Irish still finished 14-16. In fact, Graves lost more games in his first year of college basketball than he did between sixth and 12th grade.

"If you look at where we came from in high school, we all came from winning programs, and we weren't used to losing," Swanagan said. "Freshman year, it was really tough for us to lose as many games as we lost. We wanted to turn the program around and to be able to look back in four years and say we did our job."

It was an attitude the trio would make sure they passed on to each new class of freshmen. And they made the message very clear. Moral victories against top-ranked opponents wouldn't cut it anymore, they said. The final score was all that mattered.

"Right when I came in," said junior Matt Carroll, "they told me, 'Last year we were OK, but didn't do any postseason stuff. Listen. We're going to turn this thing around and be a national contender.'"

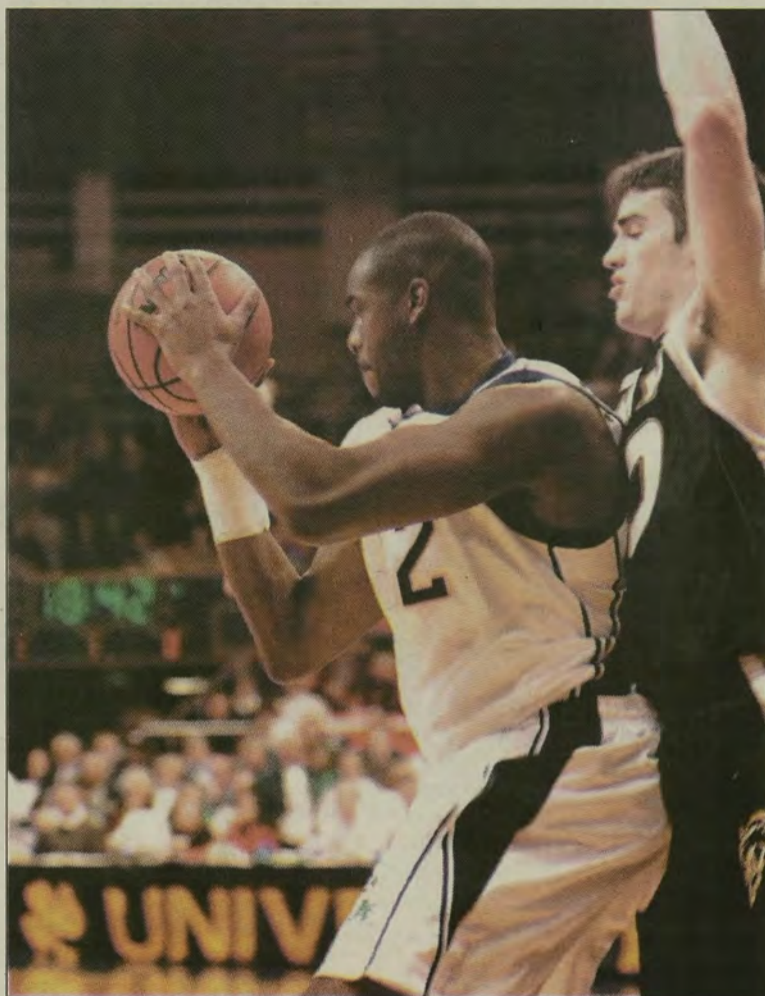
But if the players were determined to turn around the program, they had trouble finding a coach who wanted to stick with them. When MacLeod resigned after Graves, Swanagan and Murphy completed their first season, Matt Doherty was hired as head coach. But just one year later, Doherty bolted for North Carolina and Mike Brey was hired as the third basketball coach in three years.

Through all the personnel changes, Graves, Swanagan and Murphy formed the foundation of a team that qualified for the NCAA tournament in their junior year. In fact, after Murphy left a year early for the NBA, the only three people who had been affiliated with the Notre Dame basketball program for more than three years were Graves, Swanagan and strength and conditioning coach Tony Rolinski.

"It feels like I've been here 12 years because of all the people that have circulated through here," Graves said. "A lot of players in the country would have transferred. But when you have players in the school that trust the program and have blind faith, things will work out. If I didn't have faith in this place, I would have left."

Graves, Murphy and Swanagan made sure none of the younger players lost faith, either. And as MacLeod, Doherty and Brey passed through the revolving door to the office of Notre Dame basketball coach, the players remained the cornerstone of the basketball program.

"[When I first came in, they were] a little in shock, wondering



BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

Senior Harold Swanagan backs down an Army player during a game earlier this season. Swanagan went from barely being admitted to Notre Dame to earning a 3.5 GPA last semester.

what my style would be like," Brey said. "But because of all the things they went through with the coaching changes and being beat up early, they're a pretty resilient group. They've been through just about anything, and you have to like their mental toughness."

While Graves and Swanagan are close friends with all 10 other members of the team, there is a special bond between the Kentucky natives that only they can understand. They are a pair that understands each other's inner secrets and deepest thoughts. When Graves was replaced by Swanagan in the starting lineup midway through last season, it was Swanagan who understood the frustration Graves was feeling. When a determined Swanagan wanted to prove he could succeed at Notre Dame, Graves joined him in study hall.

"I haven't always had family around to talk to, and when I don't, I have Dave to talk to," Swanagan said. "Everytime I'm in need or I need to talk to somebody, he's there."

"He's persevered through so much. You think you have things bad, and then you look at him and you say you have it as good as you can," Graves said. "Everytime you come into contact with Harold, you enjoy your life."

In the one season with Matt Doherty as head coach, the Irish narrowly missed a NCAA tournament berth and finished second in the NIT. Last year, Graves and Swanagan celebrated Notre Dame's first Big East West Division Championship in school history and helped lead the Irish to a 20-10 record and an appearance in the NCAA tournament — the first for the Irish in 11 years.

They've had their own individual success, too. Until Swanagan missed a game earlier this season against Colgate, the pair had played in every single college game together. And Graves needs just 27 more 3-pointers to set the all-time Notre Dame record for most career 3-point shots made.

"They came in here when it was absolutely rock bottom, and they helped lead this program

back to the NCAA tournament and win a league championship," Brey said. "For them, I feel good that they are going out on a very positive note and can feel they re-established our program."

While each player says they want to return to the NCAA tournament and make another shot at the Big East title, deep inside, there's a small part of each player that is elated at what the duo has already accomplished at Notre Dame — both on and off the court.

"When I first came here, I didn't even know if I was going to be here for four years, if I was going to fail out because people thought I didn't have the ability to do the things at school to succeed and play basketball," Swanagan said. "Now, I'm nearing the end, and it's a big relief to me and my family."

"It's all been very satisfying," Graves said. "It's what I wanted us to do. I wanted to be a part of the rebuilding and to see it fold out before my eyes, and it's been a blessing."

When college basketball is a distant memory, Graves and Swanagan will still be calling each other up on the phone, laughing about life. They'll talk about how they transformed a dismal basketball program into one that is nationally respected. And they might even be able to watch the Irish play in the Final Four.

They might even remember that day, years ago, when they first met in a Kentucky gym. Then, they'll talk about how they anchored a program in transition and each other.

"There's always going to be a special bond between me and David," Swanagan said. "We grew up together in high school, we played college ball together, and it's going to be a fact that we're going to spend some holidays together after we graduate. He's part of my family now, and we're going to stick together."

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Senior David Graves watches his shot fly toward the basket during Notre Dame's win against New Hampshire. Graves was a key part of Notre Dame's rebuilding process.

Big East race heats up; Irish in third



TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Freshman Chris Thomas flips up a shot during Notre Dame's season opener against New Hampshire. Thomas earned Big East Co-Rookie of the Week honors, the third time he has done so this season.

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After dropping Monday night's contest to Syracuse, the Irish missed a golden opportunity to take control of the Big East West Division. Now, with Notre Dame entering the heart of the Big East schedule, every game becomes important as the Irish try to defend their league title.

The 14-team Big East conference is split up into two divisions of seven teams each. The Irish are tied for third place of the West Division with a league record of 2-2. Ahead of Notre Dame is undefeated Syracuse and 3-2 Pittsburgh. Georgetown is tied with the Irish, and Rutgers, Seton Hall and West Virginia bring up the rear of the West Division.

After Saturday's non-conference game against Kentucky, the Irish close out their schedule by playing 11 Big East games, eight of which are against West Division foes.

Notre Dame has a crucial four-game homestretch coming up that will impact the Irish postseason hopes. After Saturday's games against Kentucky, the Irish host Georgetown, Seton Hall, and Pittsburgh. If the Irish win all three games, they will move into second place in the West Division.

The way teams finish in their respective divisions during the season determines where they will be seeded in the Big East Tournament. For example, if the Irish finish third in the West Division, they will play the sixth-place team in the East Division. The top two teams earn first-round byes for the early March tournament held in Madison Square Garden, while the seventh seed in each division does not earn a tournament berth.

In the East Division, Connecticut is on top, followed by Miami, St. Johns, Villanova, Boston College, Providence and Virginia Tech.

Although the team lost to Syracuse Monday night, Notre Dame has beaten West Division foes Pittsburgh and West Virginia. The Irish lost to East Division opponent Villanova in the Big East opener last month.

Notre Dame plays home-and-home series against all division foes, meaning that the Irish play two games against each opponent, one home, and one away.

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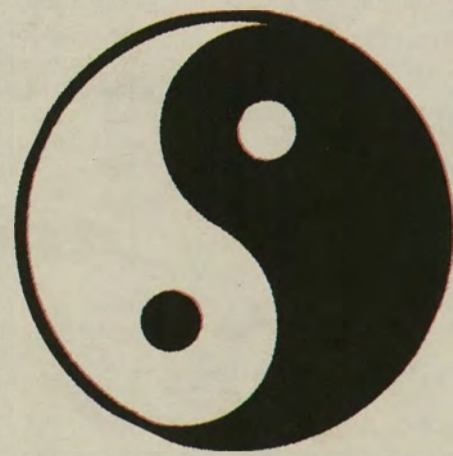


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outside the windows and the jutting side cause about half of the rooms to have a view of the and good health for the Manorites.

She became interested in the art in 1983 when, after a divorce and a series of dead-end jobs, a friend suggested she read a book on Feng Shui. Kostelnik started organizing her house by adding a fish tank, a Feng Shui maneuver meant to increase one's good fortune, to her home. After she installed the fish tank her luck, indeed, began to change. As she continued to organize her home with Feng

Shui she found that her life had almost completely turned around.

Kostelnik enrolled in Feng Shui and Eastern Philosophy classes at the University of California at Berkeley under the tutelage of Lin Yun, a practitioner of Black Hat Feng Shui.

Eventually, Kostelnik managed to open a metaphysical bookshop with the money she save from the increasingly large tips she was receiving while she worked as a waitress; tips, she believes, that were a direct result of her use of Feng Shui. Kostelnik eventually returned to Indiana where she has been a practitioner of Feng Shui and occasional university lecturer for the past seven years.

"I think that Feng Shui [helped me to manage my] problems in a better manner, a more adult manner, with intelligence," Kostelnik said.

Dealing with life's chaos is Feng Shui's purpose. Because the qi of one's environment is directly linked with

one's personal qi, ordering the space in which one lives will cause the chaos in one's personal life to be resolved.

Feng Shui cannot always control all the factors in an environment. Apartments and dorm rooms can present particular Feng Shui challenges because of the conservative amount of space, limited options in location and (of course) smaller financial budgets. Remember, Feng Shui is not a to do list; one does not have to have obsessive-compulsive disorder to improve one's qi.

Kostelnik feels that the biggest piece of advice she can offer college students is to clean up their living areas.

"Your home is a metaphor for what is happening in your life, it's like a mirror. If your home is cluttered it probably means your mind is cluttered too," Kostelnik said.

For example, doorways and windows with straight pathways leading to them may invite shars, intense bursts of sha qi known as "poison arrows." Often times in Feng Shui-conscious buildings,

architects will build zig-zag paths to prevent shars from crossing. A dorm room may not have enough space to add an object to block shars, but a simple pa-kua mirror, an octagonal mirror bordered with the eight I Ching trigrams, can reflect a shar away from one's room. Interestingly enough, the Taj Mahal - one of the most Feng Shui-conscious buildings ever built - neglected to protect against this anomaly and built long straight paths with power lines running along them to the entrance which reputedly brought about the downfall of its builder.

Meditative music such as Gregorian chants can help promote

relaxation which breeds sheng qi. Mirrors can also be placed to symbolically increase the room's size. Proper lighting can ward of sha qi lurking in gloomy corners as well.

A room should also reflect its occupant. Personal chachkies that represent the interests of the occupant should be prominently displayed. Also, portraits and statues of deities should always be placed high up on a walls or shelves in places of reverence.

While professional Feng Shui consultations are available, it is probably best to check out the interior decorating section of the local bookstore and pick up a basic book on Feng Shui. Kostelnik warns that there is a lot of misinformation in many books and recommends *The Western Guide to Feng Shui* by Terah Katherine Collins, *Move your Stuff, Change your Life* by Karen Rauch Cater and *The Dancing Wuli Masters* by Gary Zukov.

Finally, Feng Shui is not for everyone; most Feng Shui practitioners are quick to point out that Feng Shui is meant to be enjoyable, relaxing and productive and for the individual, but by no means mandatory. Even those skeptical of qi or Feng Shui's power will find that the art at least offers a lot of practical decorating tips and is much more enjoyable than trying to get digital cell phone service on campus or program a VCR.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Irish open indoor home season tonight

By DAVE COOK
Sports Writer

Luke Watson is back. He is strong and he is eager to get the 2002 track season under way.

Watson was sidelined for the 2001 season because of problems with his IT band, a leg injury which left him unable to compete. He decided to sit out the whole season because he was not feeling strong — both physically and mentally.

"I obviously wanted to be out there competing, just because I'm a competitive person. It definitely was not fun sitting on the sidelines," Watson said.

During the 2000 season, Watson won the steeplechase run at the Big East outdoor championships and took 18th place in the same race at the NCAA national championships. Watson is also coming off a fifth place finish at the NCAA national championships in cross-country this fall where he earned All-American honors.

Now Watson is eager to carry on where he left off as the team continues its season Friday night at Notre Dame against Ball State and Western Michigan.

"Luke Watson will help out immensely. He would help any track team. He's going to be a major help," said Irish head coach Joe Piane.

Alongside Watson is a distance corps that is as good as it is deep. Six-time All American Ryan Shay will be returning for his final season. Shay finished sixth at the cross country nationals during the 2001 season, and he took first place in the 10,000 meter race at the 2001 NCAA Championship during outdoor track. Shay also finished sixth place behind Watson in the 2001 cross-country national championships.

Also looking to contribute significantly in the distance events are Pat Conway, Marc Striowski, Todd Mobley, and Kevin Somok. Friday night, Shay will be running the mile and Watson will be running in the 3000-meter race.

For the women's track and field team, it is Liz Grow who will be leading the Irish into the 2002 season.

Last season Grow became the first woman sprinter in Notre Dame history to earn All-American honors. She finished in eighth place last year in the 400-meter dash during the 2001 NCAA outdoor championships.

Grow will be running in the 500

meters Friday, an event in which she does not usually participate. Sophomores Ayesha Boyd and Kristen Dodd will be joining Grow in the sprinting events. Boyd won both the 60 meter and 200 meter dashes in competition last week at Purdue, a non-scored meet. Freshmen Tonya Cheatham, Tiffany Gunn, and Latasha Steele add to the young yet strong sprint group.

Also back is the entire 4x400 meter relay team that qualified for the NCAA championships during the 2001 season.

Another All-American in Tameisha King will be contributing significantly for the women. King participates in both the hurdle events and the long jump. Joining King in the long jump is senior Jaime Volkmer, who also participates in the pole vault competition.

In the men's sprint events, it will be Tom Gilbert who will be carrying much of the weight this season. Gilbert is the only one who has had considerable success in Big East competition. Gilbert runs the 60 meters and the 200 meters, his specialty being the 200 meters.

James Bracken and Ryan Hurd also look to succeed this season. From the football team, Vontez Duff, Julius Jones, and Matt Shelton look to add to the sprint corps.

The Irish will see very strong competition this Friday from Western Michigan.

Junior Krisy Mahome was named Mid-American Conference Track and Field Athlete of the Week last week for contributing in every win in their last meet. She runs the 200 meter and 400 meter dashes.

On the men's side of Western Michigan, Dale Cowper will be leading the team as a thrower ranked No. 4 in the nation as of now. Western Michigan also features Steve Walke who runs in both the 4x400 meter relay and the 600 meter run.

From Ball State comes Zach Riley in the weight throw and sophomore Matthew Denmark who placed first in the high jump with an NCAA Provisional Qualifying height of 7-1.

For the women, junior Natash Lothery set a school record in the 600m last week. Also from Ball State is junior Katie Nowak who finished first at Purdue last week in the 1600.

Running events begin Friday night at 6:30 p.m. on Meyo Track.

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MLB

Selig sees Washington as "prime candidate"

Associated Press

PHOENIX

The city that twice lost the Senators got an unexpected boost Thursday when baseball commissioner Bud Selig said Washington was the "prime candidate" to get a team through relocation.

On a day when players' union chief Donald Fehr directly spoke to all owners for the first time, Selig made the biggest news — though his aides said no team would move this season.

"There's no doubt in my mind that relocation is coming," he said. "It's just a question of when. I've always said that we need to solve the basic problems, and when we solve the basic problems we can then turn our attention to relocation."

Washington has been without a major league team since the expansion Senators became the Texas Rangers after the 1971 season. For at least a decade, groups have tried to obtain a team for either RFK Stadium or Northern Virginia.

Washington/Northern Virginia has been the most aggressive region in seeking a franchise.

"I'd have to say that given the demographics of the area, and the number of people who want it, I would say it's the prime candidate," Selig said.

Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief legal counsel, said no team will move this year. He said it was too early to tell if a team could relocate for 2003.

After Fehr spoke to owners, he briefed his players on the status of negotiations for a new labor contract, and Arizona pitcher Curt Schilling blamed Selig for the tumultuous offseason, dominated by talk of contraction and franchise sales.

"As a group, I think players are deeply disappointed the commissioner chose two days after the World Series to make the announcement he made," Schilling said.

Schilling's Diamondbacks capped one of the best World Series ever by rallying in the bottom of the ninth to beat the New York Yankees in Game 7 on Nov. 4. Two days later, owners voted to eliminate two teams, plunging baseball into an offseason of uncertainty.

The contraction plan has been halted by a Minnesota court and owners are in the midst of unprecedented franchise swapping. On Wednesday, a group headed by Florida Marlins owner John Henry was given approval to buy the Boston

Red Sox in a record \$660 million deal.

Owners vow to quickly approve a \$158 million sale of the Marlins to Montreal Expos owner Jeffrey Loria and a \$120 million sale of the Expos to the commissioner's office, which would operate the team this season — unless contraction goes through and the Expos are folded.

"We settled the Boston thing," Selig said, adding owners would deal with Florida and Montreal "expeditiously." He still says it isn't too late to eliminate two teams this season, with Montreal and Minnesota the likely targets. However, most baseball officials say the obstacles are to great for this season.

"Contraction, although it's provoked an angry and bitter response, is on the table because the owners want it to be on the table," Selig said.

Schilling said the uncertainty has hurt baseball's finances.

"The game should be going through the roof publicity-wise," he said. "Owners have killed season-ticket sales for some franchises."

Relocation for 2003 could wind up being linked with a failure to eliminate teams this year. An injunction forces the Twins — the original Senators before they moved in 1961 — to honor their 2002 lease at the Metrodome. Selig and the team are awaiting word from the Minnesota Court of Appeals on their attempt to lift the order.

Selig said that if the commissioner's office buys the Expos, an independent person would be put in charge. The commissioner's office intends to operate the Expos for one season at most.

"I'd be shocked if it was for more than one year," DuPuy said.

An option remains to eliminate two teams in 2003, including the Expos, and move another franchise. Anaheim, Oakland and Tampa Bay have been mentioned as possibilities by owners.

Both Fehr and Selig gave hope that the 2002 season will not be interrupted a work stoppage, which would be baseball's ninth in three decades. The union hasn't considered striking and owners haven't considered a lockout.

Bargaining is to resume next week on a labor contract to replace the one that expired Nov. 7. Teams proposed last week to increase the amount of shared locally generated revenue from 20 percent to 50 percent, after a deduction for ballpark expenses. The union worries that it would drain money from high-revenue teams that would otherwise spend it on players.

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Recruits

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ly had to prove themselves much before and [the coaches] have never faced the kind of pressure they face at Notre Dame now. But we'll know by Feb. 6 [signing day] how well they've done."

Since Willingham is African-American, Lemming thinks he will have an easier time bringing in black recruits. But since his hiring Willingham has already lost three top black recruits.

"I think [his race] should be very important except they've been losing [black recruits] since he's been here. They've lost Dominique Byrd, Gavin Dickey and Julian Jenkins, three of the guys that everybody expected Notre Dame to get. But I do think it is important in the long run," Lemming

said.

The Irish have had another problem to overcome during this year's recruiting process.

The annual football banquet is planned for every December and is mainly used for recruiting visits. But this year the banquet was cancelled because of the coaching situation and this may cost the Irish dearly this year.

"A lot of the players that could have come into Notre Dame in December have already committed in January before they've had a chance to get to the [January] 18th," said Lemming. "They had to cancel both weekends because of the coaching change and it has some effect on [the recruiting]."

Many of the players that have already verbally committed to attend Notre Dame have been excited about the hiring of Willingham. The recruit that seems the most thrilled about

Willingham is safety Jake Carney. Carney narrowed his college choice down to Stanford and Notre Dame before choosing the Irish. Now that Willingham is the head coach, Carney is thrilled.

"I'm extremely excited about [Willingham]," said Carney. "My top two [schools] that I had narrowed down to before committing to Notre Dame were Notre Dame and Stanford. This really was a perfect situation for me. I think he's a great coach and his character and coaching style makes you want to play well for him and work hard for him."

Offensive lineman Bob Morton couldn't agree more with Carney.

"When I saw Coach Willingham at the press conference I was highly impressed," said Morton. "He handles himself very well, which is going to be one of the main points for

this job. I have nothing but good things to say about him."

Almost all of the previously committed recruits were expected to stick with Notre Dame despite the head coaching situation. The two recruits that were wavering on whether to sign with Notre Dame or not were quarterback Chris Olsen and lineman Jeremy Vanalstyne. As of now, Olsen has reaffirmed his commitment to the Irish while Vanalstyne has changed his verbal commitment to the University of Michigan. When asked whether he knew where he would attend school next year, Vanalstyne was indecisive.

"I don't know right now," said Vanalstyne.

Despite losing Vanalstyne Notre Dame can still bring in a top five recruiting class for next season depending on how well the Irish do this weekend when 15 blue chip prospects make their official visits.

The biggest name visiting this week is Lorenzo Booker. Booker, a running back from Ventura, Calif., is rated as the third best player in the country and the No. 1 running back. Lemming believes the Irish have a chance to sign him.

"He's never been to Notre Dame and he doesn't like cold weather," said Lemming. "The positive is that he knows Notre Dame will give him the best education and also probably a better chance to play and team him with his teammate and good friend James Bonelli."

Booker, along with other top high school players from around the country, will get a chance to meet Willingham this weekend and the new head coach will have one last chance to secure a solid recruiting class.

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"I think that he has a great work ethic and he's a really great person and football coach."

Scott Raridon

"I think he's a real determined guy and he knows what he wants to do with the program."

Chris Frome

What the recruits are saying about Willingham

"With him being a new coach I think he brings a lot to the institution such as racial diversity, good values and just being a good head coach."

Marcus Freeman

"I have a really good relationship with Tyrone Willingham and we're going to see if we can continue that when I get here because he's a great guy and a good person to be around."

Jeff Jenkins

"I talked to coach Willingham on the phone and I'm really excited to come out on Friday. Hearing that call from [Willingham] that they're going to run that type of offense made me feel better... I told North Carolina State 'No' and I'm firmly committed to Notre Dame."

Chris Olsen

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SMC SWIMMING

Saint Mary's swimmers sunk by Alma, 145-93

By NELLIE WILLIAMS
Sports Writer

Worn out and fatigued from traveling and a week of training in Palm Beach, Fla., the Saint Mary's swim team suffered a hard loss on Saturday against Alma College. Alma outswam the Belles, winning by a score of 145 to 93.

"They swam as hard as they could have swam," said Belles coach Greg Petcoff.

"Everybody was tired from travel and training."

The Belles left for Florida Jan. 3 and had to spend a night in the Atlanta airport because of snow and ice. In Florida, the team trained everyday and swam one meet against Division I and II schools, finishing sixth out of eight teams.

"The Florida meet went exceptionally well," said Petcoff. "We swam hard in Florida, which is one of the reasons we didn't do so well

this past Saturday. Those that went to Florida, left a lot of their races down there."

Petcoff felt that the team did not have enough time to rest after their intense training in Palm Beach.

"I had them tired and I hadn't let them recover enough," said Petcoff.

Sophomore Megan Ramsey was the only individual to take first place against Alma. She had two individual wins, in the 200-yard freestyle and

the 100-yard butterfly. The 200-yard medley team was the only relay team on the Belles to beat Alma.

"We were really worn down on Saturday," said Ramsey. "I was trying to concentrate on my form and technique and definitely felt fatigue."

The dual meet against Alma was the Belles first MIAA conference meet of the year. This weekend they will travel to Calvin College.

"I think everyone will

bounce back individually," said Petcoff. "Everyone is working hard in practice. We really are gearing for the conference meet."

Ramsey knows the Belles can do better.

"Our goal is to shake off last Saturday. It was a tough loss for us. We are going to move on and show the conference that it wasn't our best."

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Walton's triple-double leads Arizona past Southern Cal

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz.

Luke Walton is one of the best at making his teammates look good. On Thursday night, Walton was the one who took center stage.

Luke Walton had 11 rebounds and 10 assists to go with a career-high 27 points.

The 6-foot-8 junior son of former NBA and UCLA great Bill Walton got his first career triple-double in (No. 18 ESPN/USA Today, No. 16 AP) Arizona's 97-80 rout of Southern California (No. 23 ESPN/USA Today, No. 18 AP), the Trojans' first Pac-10 loss.

Walton had a career-high 27 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists. He also had four steals, a career-best four blocked shots and played the point in a stifling zone defense that befuddled the Trojans from the start.

"He does things you don't teach," Arizona coach Lute Olson said. "It's in the genes. He has a great feel for the game. He also has a great feel for leadership, and it's always a positive thing. He really helps the young guys a

lot with the approach that he takes to things."

Walton was 7-for-11 from the field and a career-high 13-of-15 at the foul line. As usual, Walton talked in terms of the team.

"This is the best we have played for a full 40 minutes," he said. "We showed people what we can do if we keep our energy up."

Salim Stoudamire scored 18 points, including 6-for-6 at the foul line. The freshman guard broke the Arizona record for consecutive free throws by running his streak to 35. He is 45-of-46 from the line this season. The old record of 29 in a row was by Dylan Rigdon in 1993-94.

Freshman Will Bynum added a career-high 17 points, Rick Anderson 11 and Channing Frye 10 as the Wildcats (12-4, 5-2) beat the Trojans for the 17th consecutive time at McKale Center.

The Trojans (13-3, 5-1) had won nine in a row and had never started the Pac-10 season 6-0, but they were out of this one in a hurry.

Arizona led by as many as 27 points in the first half and by 31 in the second. A 17-7

run to finish the game got Trojans within 17.

Sam Clancy scored 30 points for USC, one short of his career-high. Desmon Farmer added 13 and Gennaro Busterna had 10 for the Trojans, who shot 33 percent from the field, compared with Arizona's 54 percent.

"Thirty points doesn't mean anything when you lose by 17," Clancy said.

Olson rarely uses a zone defense, but he felt it would take some of the inside pressure off his young front-line players. He said he's never had a team play so much zone in a game.

"We came out with the idea that we were going to go with the zones on made shots and

man on misses," Olson said, "but they had so many problems with it we just opted to stay with it."

Clancy said the defense should not have been a surprise.

"We see the zone all the time," he said. "We just weren't making the shots."

USC coach Henry Bibby faulted his team's defense.

"We didn't play defense tonight," he said. "We just didn't step it up."

Walton became the fifth Arizona player to get a triple-double. The last was Loren Woods, who had 13 points, 10 rebounds and 10 blocked shots against Washington on Jan. 13, 2001. Woods also had one the pre-

vious season. The other Wildcats to achieve it were Damon Stoudamire in 1994-95, Chris Mills in 1991-92 and Matt Muelbach in 1989-90.

Walton had 20 points, seven rebounds, five assists, three steals and two blocks in the first half as Arizona took a 51-26 lead. Near the end, his teammates knew he needed one more assist.

"Some of the managers told me in the huddle," Walton said. "I think they told some of the other players because every time I passed the ball they were shooting it."

Walton got his 10th assist, completing the triple-double, on a 3-pointer by Bynum with four minutes to play.

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Football

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ly going to get it done."

Although 5-foot-8 and smaller in size than many of the Irish players, Willingham made his presence known. Following his hiring earlier this month, players were expecting someone who would take control, but what surprised them was the laughter. "I thought he was more of laying down rules and things like that," Duff said. "It was a nice atmosphere in there, everybody laughing and having a good time."

Willingham's offense at Stanford, which used less

option and more passing than the 2001 Irish offense, raised the question about who will take the quarterback role. Following the meeting with the team, the question still remained. Willingham did not address any specific players, instead keeping the focus on his theme of doing what it takes to win a game.

"He just said whoever will win games for us will be out there," quarterback Carlyle

Holiday said. "He doesn't care who plays, just get out there and work hard."

When spring football begins in April, Holiday, Jared Clark and Matt LoVecchio will all be looking to adjust to the new offense. And with a new coach, the quarterbacks may all be starting over. "He's got a plan and he knows what

he wants us to do," LoVecchio said. "We're just going to have to follow his plan and do what he tells us and everyone will

"He just said whoever will win games for us will be out there. He doesn't care who plays, just get out there and work hard."

Carlyle Holiday
Irish quarterback

ing controversies and a month away from the Stadium, April can't come to soon for the Irish.

"Being home for a month, there was this waiting to get back, just get back and see my team," Faine said. "It's just part of my life ... Everybody wants to get back here and get back on track, a better track than last year."

And following Thursday's meeting, the players say there is only one answer to whether or not Willingham can get the job done.

"Definitely. Definitely," Faine said. "Without a doubt."

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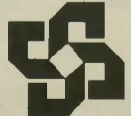
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MEN'S SWIMMING

Irish look to swallow Grizzlies

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Sports Writer

In December's Notre Dame Invitational, Oakland University was the only team that came close to threatening the Irish stronghold on the meet.

The Irish swallowed the Golden Grizzlies easily by the conclusion of the weekend to win the competition. Saturday, the men's swimming and diving team will look to beat Oakland again as the two teams square off in dual meet competition.

"Just because we beat them in the Invite doesn't mean we'll beat them in the dual meet," said co-captain Jonathan Pierce. "We have to stay focused and keep our heads in the game."

The Irish men kick off a four-meet streak that will end their dual meet season mid-February. It's the final stretch to fine tune their skills and qualify for the Big East Championships — making the next month a critical time in the team's schedule.

"We want a little more experience in our primary events for the swimmers," said head coach Tim Welsh. "We want to go faster each week, and look at the scoreboard at the end of the day and be pleased with our performance and points."

This weekend's matchup against Oakland will be the toughest challenge for the Irish. While they defeated Oakland earlier this season, they dropped the dual meet to Oakland last year. Traditionally one of Notre Dame's most competitive dual meets, it will be the hardest meet of the season, Pierce said.

Oakland is strong in the sprinting events, with two of its relays high in national rankings. The 200-yard freestyle relay is ranked fourth nationally, and the 400-yard relay ranked sixth.

The Irish have the advantage in the distance events and diving, and should be competitive in the 400-yard individual medley as well. But the key will be stopping Oakland headliners, such as

sophomore Sean Broadbent, who posted the fastest Oakland sprint times at last year's Mid-Con Championships, and was elected Newcomer of the Year by the conference.

"Our objective will be to break up the top people so they don't dominate the events," said Welsh.

But Oakland's lack of depth might give the Irish an in to break up those top performers.

"Oakland has a limited number of really fast swimmers," Pierce said. "They're not nearly as deep as we are. We need to focus on events where they put their good swimmers, because they're going to expect them to win."

"We pretty much can't be afraid," said sophomore sprinter Matt Obringer. "We can't think about what they've got. We know we've worked hard. We pretty much just have to go after it."

The meet begins at Rolfs Aquatic Center at 2 p.m.

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

ND hosts Iowa in 3-day meet

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Sports Writer

Notre Dame swam the University of Iowa before — but it wasn't exactly a serious type of meet.

It didn't even have real events. During their training trip under sunshine and warm temperatures in Honolulu, Hawaii, the teams squared off for a little non-conventional competition — 75-yard events, 600-yard events, 150-yard events. None were official NCAA events, and none could really measure progress.

Still, it was fun. "There wasn't a lot of pressure," said junior Laurie Musgrave. "When you swim a 75, you're not sure what time is good for that. It was different, and different is fun."

The Irish won the face-off, capturing 12 of 13 events. But the "fun" events will be put away this weekend, when the Irish face off against Iowa again — this time, for real. Both the University of Iowa and the University of Illinois will arrive on campus for the Notre Dame Dual Meet Invitational — a 3-day

dual meet between the three teams.

This time, the only abnormal part of the meet schedule is that it's in mock Championship format — imitating the schedule of events at the Big East and Big Ten Championships.

It is the first in a series of five meets over the next month that will wind down the dual meet season for the Irish and propel them into post-season Championship competition.

"They're extremely critical," said Irish head coach Bailey Weathers about the upcoming meets. "We have a lot of decisions to make for Big East. The hard decision at this point is in terms of who swims the relays ... it's a matter of figuring out who's the best person."

The Irish have several headliners vying for positions on the relays — four backstrokers, three breaststrokers, four butterflyers and four freestylers. Swimmers will also have to make decisions over the next month about what events to swim at the conference championships.

And they know it's crunch time.

"This month is going to be really big for us," Musgrave said. "It's really time to start to bear down and focus."

The Irish swim Villanova on Jan. 26, Northwestern on Jan. 31 and University of Michigan on Feb. 2. Michigan and Northwestern, the most difficult competitions on the schedule, land at the end of the season — leaving the Irish no room to back off at the end.

"It's set up that way to have our most important dual meet competitions at the end," Weathers said. "That's the type of competition we're going to face across the board at Big East."

It also will force the Irish to hang onto their undefeated dual meet record for the season.

"It's not too unrealistic," Weathers said. "We haven't been beaten this year, and to win that out would be huge for us."

The Irish swim tonight at Rolfs Aquatics Center at 6 p.m., and Saturday at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Duke blows past Maryland at home

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C.

Things were back to normal in the Duke-Maryland series — the top-ranked Blue Devils won in Cameron Indoor Stadium.

The third-ranked Terrapins were unable to stop All-American Jason Williams, who scored 34 points as the Blue Devils (15-1, 4-1) took over first place in the Atlantic Coast Conference with a 99-78 victory Thursday night.

Lonny Baxter led Maryland (13-3, 3-1) with 24 points before fouling out with 3:46 left and his team down 15 points.

The Terrapins were trying to become just the third team since 1985 to beat the Blue Devils three straight times on its famed home court, but Williams put a stop to that.

After an incredible 30 lead changes in the opening 23 minutes, Williams scored seven points in a one-minute span, getting two driving layups and a 3-pointer as Duke opened the second half with scores on eight straight possessions to take the lead for good and improve to 17-4 in its last 21 games against Top 10 teams.

Mike Dunleavy, who scored just two first-half points, was also a hero in the second half, scoring 19 points. Carlos Boozer added 20 for the Blue Devils.

Duke led 73-63 with 12:39 left before the Terrapins closed within three two minutes later. But Dunleavy hit a bank shot, a 3-pointer and Williams turned

a Maryland turnover into a slam dunk to push the lead back to 10.

About a minute later, Dunleavy made two free throws and hit a long 3-pointer as Maryland fell behind again by double digits and then faded down the stretch.

Williams had struggled some against the Terrapins in his career, shooting 39 percent in seven previous outings, but he was 13-for-23 from the field, had eight assists and seven rebounds in arguably his best game of the season.

The top two scoring teams in the ACC combined to score 97 points in the first half as the lead changed hands 25 times as neither team could pull away.

The players didn't shake hands or look each other in the eye before the opening tip, and it was clear both were ready out of the gate.

The lead changed hands 10 times before the first television timeout as the Blue Devils and Terrapins at one point combined to score on 11 of 13 possessions as the game raced at a fever pitch.

The largest lead of the opening half was seven points by Duke as Williams took control early, scoring 15 points over the first 11:15.

The Terrapins got a lift late in the half when reserve Ryan Randle, who is averaging 4.2 points, scored seven points over the final 1:48 as Maryland went to the locker room with a one-point lead and once again feeling good about itself in Cameron.

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Irish senior swimmer Mike Koss poses in front of his physics project. Koss spent time in Japan as part of his project, only the second Notre Dame student ever to do so.

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gram from former swim team co-captain Matt Hedden, who participated in the research last year. It was Hedden's encouragement that inspired him to apply for the research position, Koss said.

But accepting the research opportunity meant having to leave the team for a week early in the season—and miss two dual meet competitions.

"I gave kind of a speech before I left," Koss said. "I told them that even though I'd be on the other side of the world, [I'd be right there with them.] They were really supportive."

Koss trained during his week in Japan, working out with stretch cords and medicine balls while trying to research and sightsee.

But despite the difficulty in maintaining the responsibilities of both activities, he wouldn't have had it any other way, he said. It's taught him time management, and the lessons he learned in Japan will be invaluable in his career.

"It made me realize a ton of things. When you read your physics books, you have no idea how the experiments took place. It's just this view of some guy with crazy hair with amazing intellect," he said.

He also learned that while he might not know everything about the culture, he could use the talents he had to fit in.

When an instruction manual for a rotary pump written in English befuddled his Japanese-speaking colleagues, Koss was able to read the directions—something the other researchers couldn't.

Then, he helped them assemble it.

"I didn't speak English for the first three or four days," he said. But smiling, he adds—"I know enough [Japanese] to get by now."

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish ready for battle before the war

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Editor

While players on both teams have had Monday afternoon's nationally televised contest between Notre Dame and Connecticut circled on their calendar for months, the Irish first must take on the Providence Friars in Rhode Island Saturday afternoon.

Head coach Muffet McGraw stressed throughout this week's practices not to look past Saturday's game.

"The most important game on the schedule right now is Providence," McGraw said. "We've really got to take it one game at a time here because every game is so critical. We want to try to get one of those [Big East tournament] byes ... I think Connecticut is really not the focus of the season like it was last year."

While Connecticut is ranked No. 1 in the polls, undefeated and embarrassing opponents each time they take the court, the Irish have taken a different path since the two teams met in the NCAA Semifinal last year in St. Louis. Notre Dame is just 9-6 on the year and 1-6 away from the Joyce Center.

"I think initially when we get on the road, we don't seem to be the same team," freshman forward Kelsey Wicks said. "I think that all of our focus has gone into being the team that we are at home and focusing and being prepared and everyone stepping up to a leadership role. Until that happens, we won't be the team that we're capable of being."

Wicks and her teammates begin that mission Saturday. Notre Dame topped Providence 72-66 on Jan. 5, led by 26 points from freshman forward Jacqueline Batteast and 20 from classmate Teresa Borton. The freshman scored 55 of Notre Dame's points for the game.

Saturday's game is particularly worrisome for the Irish on the offensive end. While junior Alicia Ratay emerged as the team's leading scorer in three of the last four games, the junior scored only six points on 1-8 shooting last time the Irish and Friars met. And while the freshmen stepped up as Ratay struggled, the newcomers have shot better on their home court than on opponents' courts.

"They were physical with [Ratay], the referees let us play and consequently she didn't get to the line as much," McGraw said of her guard's performance against Providence. "She also had some open looks, she just didn't hit them. That was the game where everybody else was playing so well, she saw herself as more of a passer."

And while McGraw expressed pleasure with the role that her freshmen are taking, she stressed that the leadership needs to come from the team's elder statesmen.

"I really think on the road, your upperclassmen really need to lead," McGraw said. "That's key for us and that's what hasn't been happening. I think the freshmen are taking more responsibility than they really deserve to in some of these situations."

To win on Saturday, the Irish also need to play a complete game.

McGraw's team fell 60-59 last Saturday at Villanova after leading 55-45 with less than seven minutes remaining. Against Providence, Notre Dame built a 54-41 lead midway through the second half before allowing the Friars to close within one later in the period before pulling away.

"We know that last time we played Providence we let them back in the game so we've got to be really focused," sophomore point guard Le'Tania Severe said. "We haven't been doing that well on the road so we've got to be focused on the task, take it one game at a time."

And McGraw hasn't had any trouble keeping the team from looking too far ahead, at least according to Wicks.

"That's quite simple," Wicks said when asked how the team stays focused. "Coach McGraw's job is pretty much go keep us focused on the task at hand. She's been pretty much 'Providence, Providence Providence' first so we haven't even got to Connecticut yet."

Notes:

♦ Guard Jeneka Joyce, who has rotated in and out of the starting lineup all season, took part in the team's last two practices and is expected to play limited minutes Saturday. The sophomore has been nursing a hip pointer, as well as heel and toe injuries.

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Irish forward Jacqueline Batteast fights for position against Purdue earlier this season.

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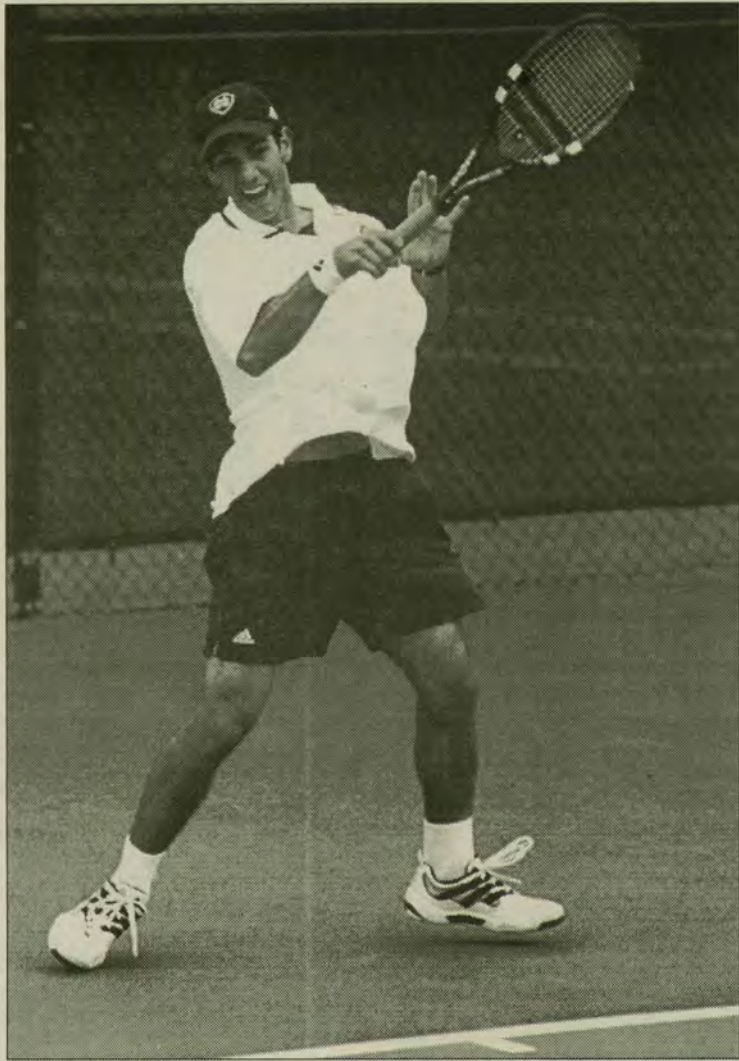
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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish start off spring ranked seventh



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Luis Haddock-Morales returns a serve during an outdoor match last fall. The Notre Dame men's tennis team begins its spring season this weekend.

By RACHEL BIBER
Sports Writer

With the 2002 tennis season underway, the Irish find themselves in unfamiliar territory.

Notre Dame is slotted seventh in the latest Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings — its highest preseason rank ever — as they head into tomorrow's play against No. 75 UC-Irvine and No. 64 Furman.

Cracking into the upper echelon of the collegiate tennis rankings may place the Irish in uncharted terrain, but they will not be slowing down to ask their competitors for directions, and are sure their solid lineup will reel in the wins.

"With our enviable combination of tremendous depth, talent and experience, we fully expect to be a fixture in the top 10 this year," Notre Dame head coach Bob Bayliss said. "Our sights are set on an impressive showing in the NAATAs hosted by Texas A&M in May."

While Bayliss' lofty expectations have yet to be tested, the success of the Irish should be assured by a squad that lost no starters from 2001, and one that also includes four starting seniors. Last year's team finished out the season with a 17-7 dual match record and a No. 16 ranking.

The faces that brought Notre Dame to its nationally recognized stature last year will no

doubt be the same. Leading the Irish in singles will be the combination of seniors Casey Smith and Javier Taborga, along with sophomore Luis Haddock-Morales, followed by the grouping of seniors Aaron Talarico and Andrew Laffin, sophomore Matt Scott and junior Brian Farrell.

The depth represented in the singles lineup was a major element in the success of 2001, but the team's disappointing performance in doubles last year highlights an area of much needed improvement.

"The reason for our success last year was that we were really tough down below, and we won enough big matches between one, two and three," Bayliss said. "I think the key for this year is that our doubles has to be much more successful than it was last year. We've changed the combinations, and Javy and Casey have done exceptionally well [this fall]."

Others may describe the doubles duo of Taborga and Smith as doing better than "exceptionally well" this fall season, as the two paired up at the No. 1 position, racking up 15 wins to a mere 4 losses, en route to earning a No. 6 national ranking as they head into the spring season.

The No. 6 ranking marks the highest by an Irish pairing since the fall rankings in 1997 when Brian Patterson and Jakub Pietrowski were ranked fifth.

While the No. 1 doubles position is locked up in the hands of Smith and Taborga, the No. 2 and No. 3 slots are up for grabs. Vying for one of the spots at Nos. 2 and 3 doubles will be Talarico, Farrell, seniors Ashok Raju and James Malhame, sophomore Ben Hatten and freshmen Paul McNaughton and Brent D'Amico.

Although the Notre Dame lineup is still being tweaked, UC-Irvine and Furman are not expected to give the Irish a serious run for their money.

"The weekend will be an interesting opener," Bayliss said. "[UC-Irvine and Furman] are both NCAA level teams, teams that could make the tournament. They're teams we expect to beat, but it wouldn't be too big of a stretch for one of them to beat us."

Beating UC-Irvine and Furman will rely heavily on the depth of Notre Dame, which has definitely been identified as a major strength for the Irish, but Bayliss also recognizes the need for a strong leadership to surface in the highest part of the lineup in order to fulfill hopes of success in 2002.

"Depth is a strength," Bayliss said. "And then the emergence of one or two of the people at the top to really take charge would separate us from a lot of teams."

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HOCKEY

Irish ready to skate up CCHA standings

By MATT ORENCHUK
Sports Writer

Throughout the course of any athletic season there is a separation of the contenders from the pretenders. Such a separation is about to come in the CCHA.

Right now there are eight teams in the league that are within six points of third place. Notre Dame and the University of Nebraska-Omaha are two of the teams jammed in the CCHA standings.

That is what makes this weekend's games against Nebraska-Omaha important for the Irish. If Notre Dame is going to separate itself from the competition, then the team must have a success against the teams closest to them in the standings.

"We are coming into this weekend looking for the sweep," said sophomore Aaron Gill. "This is a huge opportunity to jump ahead of the logjam and put us up in front of the competition."

The Irish have been playing better hockey as of late, going 6-3-1 over the last six weeks of competition. A large part of that success has been freshman goalie Morgan Cey and the developing corps of young defensemen.

During the first month of the season the defense was young and inexperienced. A couple of games the Irish took leads into the third period only to give up tying and winning goals. Through the last six weeks though the Irish defense has played with a renewed sense of confidence.

"We have one of the younger defensive corps in the league," said sophomore defenseman Brett Lebda. "We had to get used to playing with each other. Right now it feels like everything is coming together."

In Nebraska-Omaha the Irish find a team in the same predicament as themselves. The Mavericks are one point behind Notre Dame in the CCHA and they are looking at the Notre Dame series as a way to move up in the standings.

Nebraska-Omaha started off the season on fire, going 7-2 in their first nine games. However, as of late the Mavericks have cooled off some. Nebraska-Omaha is a more human 5-7-3 since mid-November when CCHA play started. Senior Jeff Hoggan leads the Maverick offense. He is their leading scorer with 14 goals and 16 assists on the season. In goal is sophomore Dan Ellis, who has stats similar to Notre Dame goalie Morgan Cey.

The Irish are happy to have the students back, and hope that the home crowd can propel them to a weekend sweep. Notre Dame has sold out their last three games at the Joyce Center.

"Over break it was great, sellouts every night," said Lebda. "It is a great feeling when you have a full building and a loud supportive crowd."

The puck drops tonight and tomorrow night at the Joyce Center at 7:05 p.m.

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Irish sophomore defenseman T.J. Mathleson moves down the ice during a recent game. Notre Dame hosts Nebraska-Omaha this weekend in the Joyce Center.

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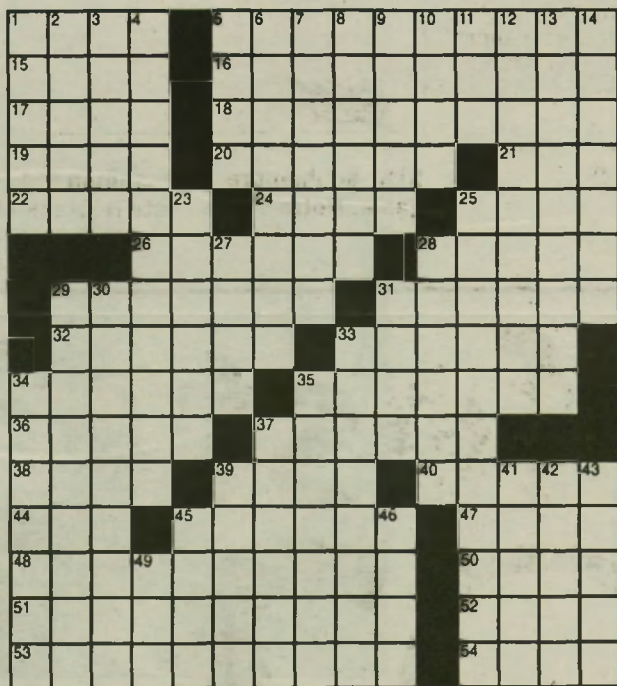


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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): New opportunities will develop through friends and colleagues. You will find yourself in an opportune position if you want to make changes to your career and your home. ☺☺☺

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Let your creative talent flow. You have a gift when it comes to communication and you must not hold back if you have something important to say. ☺☺☺☺

CANCER (June 21-July 22): This is not the day to pick a fight with someone you care about. You may be a little disgruntled but that doesn't mean that you should take it out on others. ☺☺

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will have no trouble wrapping others around your finger. Your charming manner and entertaining personality help others to see things your way. ☺☺☺☺

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Sudden changes may throw you for a loop but if you are willing to

ride the storm you will find yourself sitting in a pretty good position. ☺☺☺

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't. You must work with the people most likely to further your cause and avoid dealing with those who are negative or unwilling to lift a finger. ☺☺☺

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't be too sure about a deal that you are involved in. It is best to ask questions as well as doing a little investigative research yourself before you proceed. ☺☺☺

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): If you decide that you want to promote something that you believe in you should do it without hesitation. The people around you will be eager to listen and quick to respond. ☺☺☺☺

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Focus on your job. If you want to make changes, go for interviews or send out your resume. You may find that someone you currently work with is holding you back. ☺☺

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Travel and educational pursuits will be in your best interest. You will pick up valuable information if you listen to someone you respect and admire. ☺☺☺☺

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Deals can be made if you seize the moment and act fast. Take care of matters that concern older relatives. A lack of sympathy may cause some tension at home. ☺☺☺

Birthdays: You have so many things going on in your head. You are inventive, curious and quite willing to experiment. You have a great deal of warmth and charm and you put others at ease. (Need advice? Check out Eugenia's Web sites at astroadvice.com, eugenialast.com, astromate.com.)

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FOOTBALL

Making his mark

◆ Willingham has last chance to land top recruits

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

The month-long search for a head coach may hurt Notre Dame's chances to land top recruits, according to recruiting analyst Tom Lemming. Lemming believes Tyrone Willingham may struggle landing his first Irish class.

Lemming believes that recruiting at Stanford and recruiting at Notre Dame present two completely different scenarios.

"It was a different kind of recruiting at Stanford where they only went after the top academic kids which is easier recruiting," Lemming said. "Now in order for [Willingham's coaching staff] to prove themselves at Notre Dame they have to battle the Florida States and the Tennessee and the Michigan head to head. It will be determined by signing day how good they've done this year."

Lemming also said that the recruiting problems more than likely would concern Willingham's staff and not the head coach himself.

"I think Willingham will be good, it's really his staff that's the question mark," said Lemming. "They've never real-

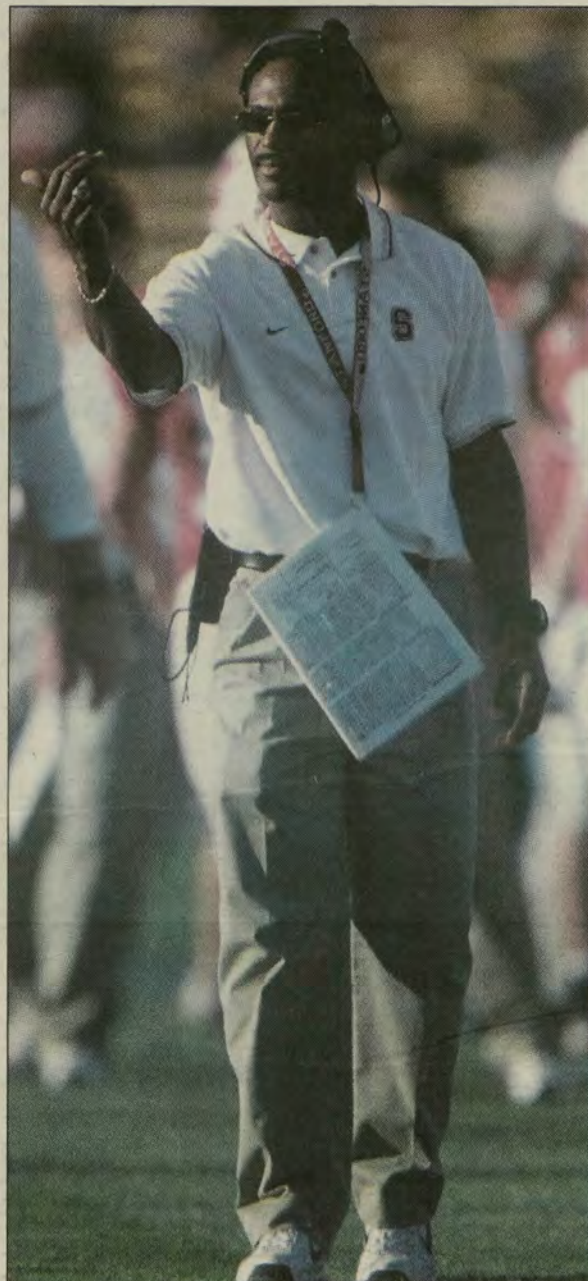
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New Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham began an important weekend Thursday, meeting with his team for the first time. This weekend, Willingham faces another big test when many recruits come to Notre Dame for their visits.

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◆ New head coach meets with team for first time

By KATIE McVOY
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He didn't get specific. He was relaxed. But Tyrone Willingham made his point perfectly clear at his first team meeting with the Irish.

"He doesn't accept losing," wide receiver Lorenzo Crawford said of the new Irish head football coach. "He's all about winning."

At a Thursday afternoon team meeting, the Notre Dame football team met Willingham for the first time since his hiring on Jan. 1. During the hour and a half meeting, Willingham outlined his game plan for next season — winning.

"Win. That was underlined, bold-faced, everything," said cornerback Vontez Duff. "He wants to win in the classroom, on the field, in social life."

Following a 5-6 season, the team welcomed Willingham's ideas and took with them a sense of confidence in the Willingham's ability to take the team in the right direction.

"My first impression is that the guy is really pushing his point to win," center Jeff Faine said. "... He just makes a great point that that's what he's here for. I think he's real-

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Koss travels to Japan for physics research

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Sports Writer

Standing in the bathroom of a Japanese home, Mike Koss realized he was surrounded by a culture in which he just didn't fit.

In a traditional gesture of hospitality, his Japanese hosts had provided him with a pair of house shoes — geijas in Japanese — worn to keep the house clean. There was just one prob-



Koss

lem. Koss has a size 14 foot, and the little wooden heeled shoes his hosts expected him to squeeze his feet into were about a size six.

Not to mention the problem of a tall American male trying to teeter around a foreign house in a pair of heels.

Koss, a senior co-captain of the men's swimming and diving team, was chosen to travel to Japan this year as a member of an international physics research team. While the language of physics comes as second nature Koss, the language of a foreign culture did not.

"It was just completely amazing to me," he said. "There's a huge difference in cultural customs. They have a

completely different sense of cleanliness," Koss said, laughing about the shoes.

But Koss is used to fitting into difficult situations as a four-year veteran of the swim team — a task he has managed while working towards a physics degree. Between putting hours into the pool and putting hours into the laboratory, Koss has learned to make balance a goal.

"I love the guys I swim with and I love the stuff I do," he said. "Swimming and research are both things I really enjoy ... but it has meant a lot of nights with very little sleep."

Koss' balance was rewarded this year with honors in both of his passions. In the

pool, he leads the swimming and diving team as co-captain. And in the classroom, he was chosen as one of only two undergraduate members in an international research project.

The project, completed in collaboration with the Research Center for Nuclear Physics in Osaka, Japan, examines Isoscalar Giant Dipole Resonance — a scientific process that provides a way to determine nuclear compressibility patterns. The benefit of that research is that scientists can use the information to determine if a star will sink into a black hole or explode in a supernova.

Koss is the second Notre

Dame student to work on the project, which concludes this semester. The research has taken him to Japan twice, once last summer and once this October to collect data. Koss will analyze the data and co-author a paper scheduled to be presented at a meeting of the American Physical Society this spring.

"Mike is a very bright student," said Umesh Garg, Notre Dame physics professor and Koss' adviser for the project. "It's a really remarkable opportunity. Something like being able to go to Japan and be part of international collaboration is not common."

Koss learned about the pro-

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