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The St. Louis threesome that innovated the popular alt-country music now emulated by many other bands released a new anthology, 89/93, which recaps the group's career.

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Poorman stands firm on alcohol changes



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Father Mark Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, reacts to Mark Garofola's speech to the Campus Life Council and the students present at the meeting Monday.

By JASON McFARLEY
News Writer

As nearly 200 students surrounded him on three sides Monday, the man behind proposed changes to the University alcohol policy welcomed student input into the writing of the revisions but closed the door on reversing the planned crackdown on campus drinking.

"I don't want to build false hope," Father Mark Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, said, receiving grumbles from the student audience. "This does appear to be a definitive direction we're moving in. If we look at that again, it'll be down the road."

Poorman's words came at a divisive Campus Life Council meeting, where the administrator formally introduced amend-

ments to the alcohol policy a week after announcing them to students. He spoke in front of hundreds of undergraduate students who filled the chairs in the LaFortune Ballroom after the crowd had packed another room to capacity.

On a day when CLC members and several students at the 2 1/2-hour meeting directed frank comments and questions to Poorman for the first time publicly, the council's defeat of a Student Senate resolution also thwarted hopes for an eleventh-hour stand against the policy changes.

The CLC voted 11-7 in closed ballot in favor of the resolution to overturn the proposed ban on in-hall dances, leaving the measure one vote short of passage. The vote likely reflected a split between the students and the rectors and lone administrator

who sit on the council.

Comments throughout the meeting reflected the division.

"With the amount of effort we put into alcohol awareness, education, discipline, we could be doing so many other things," said Keenan Hall rector Father Gary Chamberland, who asked Poorman why he hadn't taken the more drastic action of banning all alcohol on campus.

Poorman, a former Dillon Hall rector, restated his belief that alcohol abuse is a problem at Notre Dame but said his proposed changes to outlaw "hard" liquor in undergraduate residence halls, ban in-hall dances and loosen tailgating rules address the issue.

Poorman announced the changes March 18, after a two-year study into abusive drinking

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ND raises tuition 4.9 percent

By LAUREN BECK
News Writer

University officials recently announced an increase in undergraduate tuition that raises average costs to \$32,020 for the 2002-03 academic year and matches last year's 4.9 percent, touting the two as the lowest percentage increases in more than 40 years.

The 4.9 percent hike, which University President Father Edward Malloy revealed in a recent letter to the parents of freshman, sophomore and junior students, translates to a \$1,490 total increase in current costs. It raises tuition to \$25,510 and room and board to \$6,510.

The Board of Trustees has approved annual increases in tuition for the past four decades. The past two years' percent increases have been the lowest since 1959, when there was no increase from the previous year.

The tuition hike was primarily due to growing expenses and a slowing economy, officials said.

"When we consider everything taking place at this University in order for it to grow and become better, we see some extraordinary expenses

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Quadruplets call SMC home

By THERESA FRALISH
News Writer

Most people enter college expecting to leave their family and close friends behind. They generally make new friendships and are often hundreds of miles apart from loved ones. But for the Taylor sisters, junior Lynn, and freshmen Katie, Julie and Laura, a face to face conversation is only a short stroll away. Katie, Julie, Laura and David, who attends Purdue, are quadruplets, and Lynn is their older sister.

Staying together was not an issue for the sisters of New Palestine, Ind.; rather each happened to choose Saint Mary's for separate reasons.

"We definitely made the choice on our own," said Julie Taylor.

While each sister made her own decision, they were all looking for similar characteristics in a college. Saint Mary's small and welcoming atmosphere was a main reason for their choices.

"It's a lot like our high school: small and Catholic," said Laura Taylor. "Saint Mary's just seemed to fit with me — academically and socially," said Lynn. "There were just a lot of benefits to coming here."

The women did apply to other schools, but simply found Saint Mary's to be a good match.

"I also applied to [Indiana University] and Dayton, but I



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Three quadruplets, freshmen Katie, Julie and Laura Taylor and their sister, junior Lynn Taylor, attend Saint Mary's.

liked it here because I've always been in small Catholic schools," said Julie Taylor. "I liked the atmosphere."

While the sisters did not all purposefully choose to attend Saint Mary's together, oldest sister Lynn did play a role in their coming to the same school.

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Eldred recovers from throat surgery

By EMILY FORD
News Writer

It may have been quieter than usual in the Office of the President at Saint Mary's the past two weeks. President Marilou Eldred

recently underwent throat surgery that rendered her unable to speak above a low rasp. Earlier in the year, Eldred had been experiencing hoarseness in her voice, and it was discovered that her vocal cords had sustained damage.

"As you know, this job involves talking all the time, and my voice had been sounding very raspy, and so when I went back to see [the doctor], he said my vocal cords were deteriorating from



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INSIDE COLUMN

Breaking barriers

Halle Berry won the Oscar for Best Actress, Denzel Washington won Best Actor and Sidney Poitier received a lifetime achievement award. Then, of course, all is well with race relations in the film industry — or so some would like to think. Monday's Washington Post boasted about the "golden night for black actors," and many people are talking about the Oscar year that made history by breaking down the race barrier. However, the way some quickly have jumped on the "black actor wave," is actually a perpetuation of that barrier.



Helena Payne

News Editor

There is no doubt that the success of this trio of film stars does represent a unique moment in Oscar history, but more than another moment to tack onto the month of February for a black history fact. The 2002 Oscars, the "golden night for black actors," show that Berry, Washington and Poitier — all of whom have completely different ethnic backgrounds — are still seen as just black actors (emphasis on "black") in the eyes of too many.

The three actors represent various branches on this racial tree that has taken root through history: Berry is actually biracial, Washington is an African American, and Poitier, a Caribbean American whose parents are from the Bahamas.

Granted, Berry, who was raised by her mother, has primarily identified herself as African American or black rather than biracial. Berry's self-identification as an African American is not surprising considering she grew up in an era when mixed identity meant the "other" box on the census and the standardized test form. Even in her acceptance speech, Berry paid homage to former African-American actresses who came before her. Yet this notion that the former African-American actresses like Dorothy Dandridge and Lena Horne have paved the way, acknowledges the idea that there is a separate path for black actors in the film industry.

On the contrary, there is no separate path. So-called "black actors" win awards for great performances just as so-called "white actors" do. Unfortunately, there are few highlights in the Academy's history that demonstrate this fact, but it is getting better. This is not to minimize the historical significance of this year's Oscars, but it is to refute the fixed ideas that many of us have about the differences between whites and blacks in all fields.

Ideally, Berry should never have had to choose between identifying herself as "white" or "black." She should be able to be an actress, a talented Oscar recipient who won not for the "black race" but for her individual talent. There should not have been 74 years of history that she must represent when she stood at the podium to accept her award.

I'd like to see people recognize the varying ethnicity among blacks and whites while recognizing the beauty in those differences rather than broadly grouping people in the vague categories of "white" and "black," which leave many people out and perpetuate the historical racial divisions.

The Academy has honored Berry, Washington and Poitier with awards that hold great value in the performing arts.

Berry has spoken out against the limited roles for women of color. Now that she is "legitimately" one of the best actresses in Hollywood, I wonder if this will change. After playing a widow, a crack addict, and several other demeaning and pathetic characters, (which I realize she did decide to portray) maybe Berry will get more offers for the roles that, say, Julia Roberts, gets?

After all, Roberts won Best Actress last year for playing the girl-next-door role that makes her so agreeable to the American audience. If Julia can just be Julia, can't Halle just be Halle?

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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"The SYR is a major part of Notre Dame tradition, and it's a huge part of the residential community that we try to foster here at Notre Dame."

Brian Moscona student body vice president on proposed alcohol policy changes that will ban in-dorm dances

"To come back and go lifetime-best after being out for a year is pretty incredible."

Bailey Weathers women's swimming head coach on Carrie Nixon's seventh-place finish after she sat out last year because of shoulder surgery

"This is about dorm unity. This is about a hell of a lot more than hard alcohol."

Joe Muto O'Neill Hall president-elect at a student demonstration in protest of proposed changes to the University's alcohol policy

BEYOND CAMPUS

Compiled from U-Wire reports

University of Kentucky allocates funds for scholarships

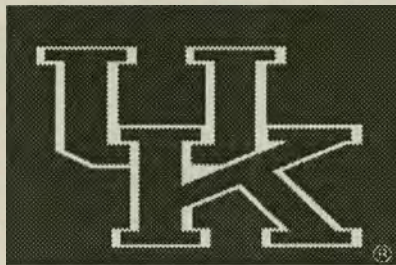
LEXINGTON, Ky.

Part of the money allotted for raises to University of Kentucky's provost, associate provosts and undergraduate deans now will go to support scholarships for prospective students.

UK Provost Mike Nietzel said a decision has been made to contribute 1 percent of the individual's 3 percent merit raise to UK's new Governor's Scholars/Governor's School for the Arts scholarships.

"This example is an excellent gesture to faculty and students about the importance that administrators place on undergraduate education," he said.

Scott Smith, dean of the College of Agriculture, said UK's administration dug deep in a difficult budget year to give raises, and he is



glad to give part of it back.

"I felt great about reinvesting a portion of what I would have received in scholarship support for students," Smith said. "That's a key to building a better university."

UK President Lee Todd, who in February announced that he would decline a possible \$100,000 performance bonus, said this decision was not his idea but he was thrilled

to hear about it.

"It shows their (the deans, associate provost and provost) level of interest and willingness to sacrifice for these scholarships," he said.

The contribution from roughly 20 different individuals will amount to more than \$20,000, Nietzel said.

Nietzel added the potential scholarships are a strong appeal to UK's best prospects when they are making decisions about what college to attend.

Todd said not enough money has been raised yet for the GSP/GSA scholarships, which are set to begin next year. The decision to donate this money, in addition to help fund additional scholarships, could prove to have a much greater impact, he said.

Kentucky Kernel

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Officials probe forged application

ITHACA, N.Y.

Cornell University's "open doors" closed for a senior at the Culver City High School in Culver City, Calif., March 13, as the admissions office for the College of Engineering reported the applicant to Cornell Police for submitting a forged application. The student, whose name remains undisclosed, a young male, sent an application to the College of Engineering, "and in reviewing his documents, the admissions officers discovered some of the material had been altered," said Linda Grace-Kobas, director of Cornell News Service. In the complaint recorded by investigator Scott Hamilton of Cornell Police, the admission officers noted the high school guidance counselor's signature was forged on the application. In addition to this, the submitted transcript also was forged. The incident then was reported to the U.S. Attorney's Office for consultation, to decide what measures should be taken against the high school senior.

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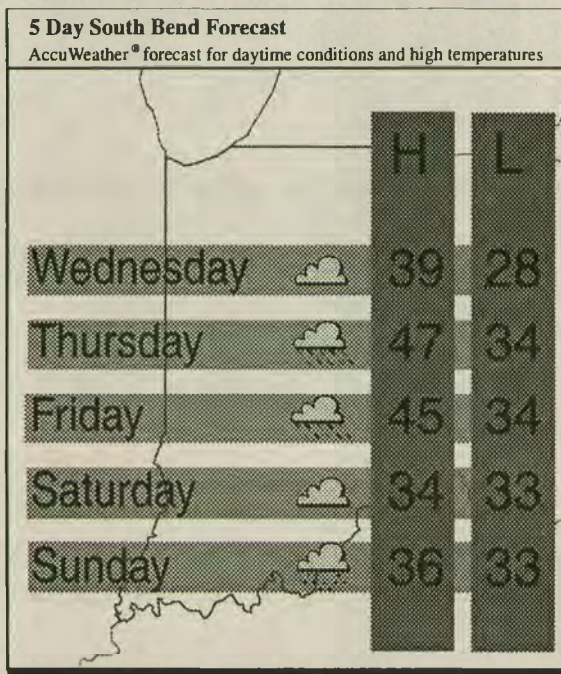
Tuition increases loom over school

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.

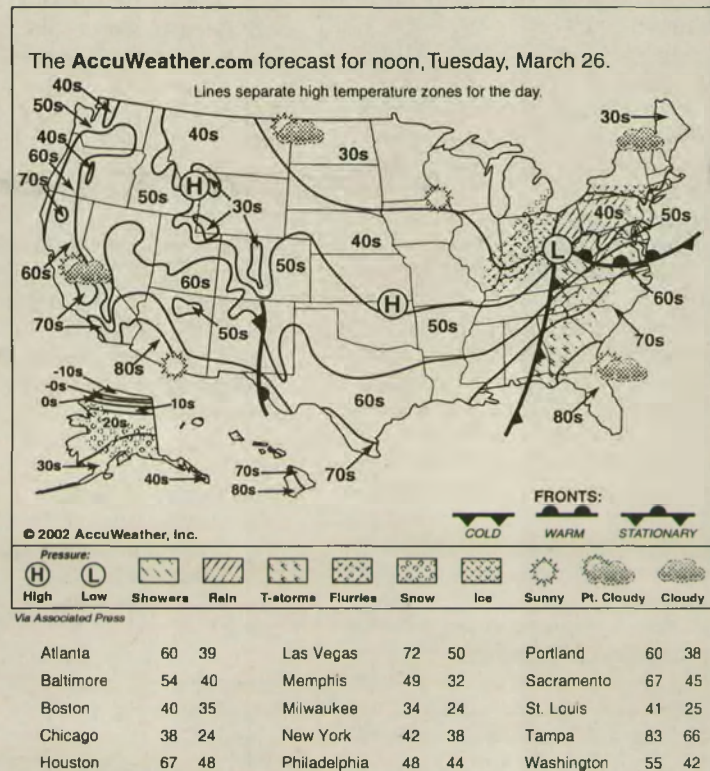
While students at Virginia's colleges and universities face mounting tuition costs, institutions of higher learning throughout the country also are charging their students more money to attend school. Tuition increases have averaged 4 percent at public colleges over the past five years, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education. Yet next year's tuition is expected to increase by a much larger percentage at many colleges and universities. These problems have caused many public schools to raise tuition due to a lack of state funding, Sheehy said. Two schools most affected by tuition increases are University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and University of Iowa. North Carolina's tuition will increase by 20.9 percent for in-state students, while Iowa will charge 19 percent more for in-state students next year. Last week Texas A&M University announced it will charge \$30 more per credit hour, the largest tuition increase in the school's history.

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on campus. Approval by University officers of the changes likely will be a formality, and the revised policy will take effect in the fall.

Students were critical of the changes and decried being left out of the policy-making process.

Chris Manuel, co-chair of the Hall Presidents Council, said Poorman should release survey and focus group results that were part of the study.

"I know that you feel that they are private, but I feel entitled to them," said Manuel, a member of the CLC's alcohol use and abuse task force, who sat next to Poorman at the meeting. "Your report loses a considerable amount of credibility without these statistics."

Poorman said the data was best used for internal planning and "wouldn't advance the discussion at this point."

Poorman compiled and distributed a one-page list of what he believed were the questions students have asked him most in the week since he announced the changes in a campus-wide e-mail.

In the document, he answered concerns about enforcing the liquor ban, saying hall staff won't search for and seize the contraband unless individual rooms or gatherings draw undue attention to themselves.

He also responded to suggestions that the changes would drive more students to consume alcohol off campus and increase drunk-driving cases.

"We can't be held hostage by threat of students drinking and driving because the alcohol policy isn't liberal enough," he said.

Poorman acknowledged that he considered student safety played a role in the changes. He linked incidents of sexual assault and alcohol poisoning to abusive drinking and said the changes would have a "huge impact" on creating a campus culture that isn't alcohol-focused.

Freshman Adam Istvan said the changes were the result of the University wanting to disown liability for students' well being.

But Poorman said, "If we were interested in liability, we would have gone 'dry.' The thing that would have reduced or eliminated our liability was going dry."

Following the meeting, Libby Bishop, student body president-elect, said Poorman hadn't fully answered students' questions.

"I still have a problem with the process of how this policy was formed," she said. "After the CLC meeting, Trip [Foley, student body vice president-elect] and I realized we need a new way to empower students. We want to channel the energy we saw today from students are working on a new way to do that."

Bishop, who enters office April 1, said she would continue to contest the in-hall dance ban. She and Foley expect to meet with Poorman in early April.

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Students travel to capital for social work

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Indianapolis isn't really that far away, but to the students and professor traveling from Saint Mary's to speak to legislators and advocates, it might as well have been the moon.

After two earlier trips were cancelled due to bad weather, members of Saint Mary's social work department ventured to the Indiana state capital to speak to Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan and Annette Craycroft, director of the Indiana Commission for women, as well as several other state leaders.

"It was nice to go after building up those expectations three times," Esther O'Connell, a sophomore, said. "The first time we were one-third of the way there and we had to turn around. It was so disappointing both times."

According to O'Connell's professor, Fran Kominkiewicz, who led the group, the first trip was cancelled due to an ice storm and the second trip was called off in the early morning hours of one of the South Bend area's biggest snowstorms of the year. But both spells of bad weather made the actual trip all the better, she said.

"Through the bad weather, we were able to add more speakers," Kominkiewicz said. In addition to speaking with Kernan and Craycroft, students also met with Pat Rios, director of the Hispanic and Latino Commission of Indiana; Joseph Smith, director of the Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism; Rep. Peggy Welch, chair of the Indiana Women's Caucus; and Rep. Vanessa Summers.

"Annette Craycroft got [the other speakers] set up around the lieutenant governor's sched-

ule," Kominkiewicz said. "She worked hard to get all those individuals in one place at the same time."

Incidentally, Kominkiewicz and her students received assistance in scheduling from a Saint Mary's alumna, Megan Murphy, who is Kernan's chief of staff.

"Wherever we go there is an alum to pave the way," Kominkiewicz said. "It always helps."

Kernan also has ties to the South Bend area. Before he became lieutenant governor, he was the mayor of South Bend from 1987 to 1996. According to junior Laura Porto, Kernan told students that he never thought he would end up in government-elected office. According to Porto, Kernan also spoke his visitors about Indiana's tax structure, calling for a reevaluation of the system, which he declared outdated.

"He talked a lot about how he intends to run for governor," Kominkiewicz said. "A lot of their questions had to do with economic and social justice. The budget was also put back to the executive branch, and they have to make some very hard decisions."

Originally, the students were only given 15 to 30 minutes with the lieutenant governor, but when they arrived at his office, he pulled chairs from three different offices, learned all of their names and spoke with them for over an hour.

"I took it as a vote of confidence in Saint Mary's and our ability to turn out leaders," Kominkiewicz said. "He gave us so much knowledge. I felt like the students also gave much back. He was trying to get their opinions of what was happening in their home states to compare to Indiana."

O'Connell thought Kernan was the highlight of their day in



The students on the social work trip visited with Indiana Lt. Gov. Joseph Kernan on March 21.

Indianapolis. "He is one of the higher-ups in government, and he spoke to us about specific issues," she said. "That was really impressive. He took his lunch hour to meet with us. He took time to explain why money was being taken away from parts of the budget."

According to Kominkiewicz, O'Brien asked Kernan about taxation issues and the Indiana tax structure and Tebbe asked what effect the current economy and legislation has on rural farmers.

"The students modeled great leadership in speaking with the lieutenant governor," Kominkiewicz said.

Rios, Smith and Summers all spoke to the students about intercultural leadership. According to Kominkiewicz, Rios mentioned the presence of a very active Hispanic community in South Bend. As a result, the students plan to invite members of this community to the Community Legislative Forum they will hold on campus April 15.

"Commissioner Rios encouraged the students to become involved in working to improve

the educational accessibility of all Hispanic students across the state," Kominkiewicz said.

The students completed a survey after their trip, which they turned in to Kominkiewicz. Based on those results, the students learned about intercultural leadership, state leadership, and intercultural communication.

"Saint Mary's College and the Social Work Program encourages student leadership in our community," Kominkiewicz said. "It is only one of twelve social work programs national selected to participate in the Intergenerational Program Pilot Project, through social work education, which has provided support to the Social Work Program, infusing gerontology throughout the social work curriculum. Students are working with REAL Services in South Bend in conducting policy assessments in the community, and are using the results to plan the Community Legislative Forum."

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overuse and the straining, so that's why I had the procedure," Eldred said.

According to Eldred, the procedure involves taking a piece of fat from the stomach that is utilized to rebuild the vocal cords. It left her without an incision but with ample recovery time, requiring her to completely rest her voice the entire week following the surgery. Eldred did not allow the vocal restriction to keep her from communicating or from business as usual.

"Somebody from the office came over everyday with the mail and I just wrote notes, thousands of pages of notes and e-mail," Eldred said.

According to Eldred, it is rare for her to be absent from her office for such a lengthy period. She credits her staff for helping her work while recovering.

To relate to those who were not aware of her condition, Eldred constructed a card that stated in large print that she had throat surgery and was unable to speak. She used this when she had to run errands and go to the grocery store. She found the responses of others to be amusing.

"I would show it to people and they would read this and say, 'Oh, that's too bad,' and then they would start screaming at me or they whispered," Eldred said.

Eldred will have to use this card for approximately a month when it is projected that she will regain more complete usage of her voice. Even then, it may be determined that she has not fully healed and may require more surgery.

"I might have to have the pro-

cedure again because they just don't know ... frequently it has to be done twice," Eldred said.

This has been a learning experience for Eldred who has gained a new appreciation for speaking and sensitivity in communication.

"I feel that I have more respect for my voice maybe than I did before," Eldred said.

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Smorgasbord - Thurs. 4/4 - Dinner from Chili's, Olive Garden, Boracho Burritos - Alumni/Senior/Club - 6-8pm
Chance to win restaurant gift certificates

Sound - Sat. 4/5 - DICE and Class of 2004 present "Battle of the Bands" - Starts at 7pm on North Quad and moves to Alumni/Senior/Club at 12am

Spirituality - Sun. 4/6 - Class Mass and Brunch
11am - Dillon Hall

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Poland defends War on Terror:

Poland's president urged Europe to mute its criticism of Washington's War on Terror, telling a summit of prospective NATO members Monday that American lives were the first ones lost in the fight against "the evil" threatening the world. The meeting is one of a series being held before a NATO summit in November in Prague, where the U.S.-led alliance will decide which countries to admit.

Illness delays Milosevic war trial:

The trial of Slobodan Milosevic will not resume for two weeks to allow the former Yugoslav leader to recover from the flu, the war crimes tribunal said Monday. The disruption meant the trial, which began Feb. 12, will be well behind schedule when it resumes April 8.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Kava could lead to liver damage:

The popular herbal supplement kava may be linked to serious liver injury, the Food and Drug Administration warned Monday, urging consumers to see a doctor at the first sign of symptoms. People who already have liver problems, or who take medications that can harm the liver, should ask a doctor before taking kava, the FDA said.

Blood vessels made from stem cells:

Cells extracted from a human embryo have been nurtured into tiny blood vessels, a key step toward someday using embryonic stem cells to aid ailing hearts or fix blocked arteries, researchers say. For the first time, researchers have demonstrated that human embryonic stem cells can be coaxed to spontaneously form blood vessels and organize themselves so they could nourish tissue in the body.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Volunteer parents patrol mall:

Several parent groups, equipped with radios and parents' intuition, have started patrolling the Circle Centre mall in downtown Indianapolis to keep an eye on the youths who descend there each weekend. The patrols, the result of a task force created in 1999, are aimed at eliminating problems before they start — a change from the late 1990s, when fights and other problems were common among youths at the complex. Drawn to shopping, shows and restaurants, about 200 teens are at the mall on a typical weekend night.

SOUTH KOREA



AFP Photo

North Korean leader Kim Jong Il waves goodbye at a railroad station. North and South Korea agreed Monday to reopen discussion about improving relations between the two countries.

Koreas agree to reopen dialogue

Associated Press

SEOUL

South Korea is sending a presidential envoy to North Korea next week to discuss improving relations, the rival nations said Monday, moving to resume dialogue and ease tensions in one of the world's most militarized regions.

The joint statement marks a resumption of the reconciliation process on the Korean peninsula, which stalled last year after President Bush focused criticism toward the North's communist regime.

Lim Dong-won, a special

adviser to President Kim Dae-jung for diplomacy and national security, will visit North Korea in the first week of April, said Park Sun-sook, a chief presidential spokeswoman.

In a report carried by its foreign news outlet, Korean Central News Agency, North Korea confirmed Lim's scheduled visit and said the two sides will discuss "the grave situation facing the nation and issues of mutual concern related to the inter-Korean ties."

Inter-Korean relations warmed after a historic summit between South

Korean President Kim Dae-jung and North Korean leader Kim Jong Il in 2000. Kim Dae-jung won that year's Nobel Peace Prize for his effort to reconcile with the North.

In January, relations dipped again when Bush said North Korea was part of "an axis of evil" along with Iran and Iraq, accusing them of trying to develop weapons of mass destruction.

During a visit to South Korea in February, Bush said his view of North Korea had not changed but he offered to start talks aimed at resolving

the communist country's alleged development of nuclear weapons. North Korea rejected the offer.

South Korean President Kim expressed disappointment at the rejection, but said that his country should do its best to help mediate between the two sides. He said that inter-Korean ties were closely related to progress in U.S.-North Korea relations.

"The United States welcomes and supports dialogue between South and North Korea," said State Department spokeswoman Jo-Anne Prokopowitz in Washington after hearing the announcement.

Bush wants Arafat to join summit

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Bush urged Arab nations Monday to approve a Saudi peace offer to Israel and asked Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to let Yasser Arafat join an Arab League summit where the U.S.-backed initiative may be considered.

"The president believes it is time for Arab nations in the region to seize the moment, to create a better environment for peace to take root," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said of the meeting that

opens Wednesday in Beirut, Lebanon.

Bush welcomes the proposal by Crown Prince Abdullah, and "he thinks it would be very helpful in the search for peace in the Middle East," Fleischer said.

The Saudi offer to Israel of "full normalization" of relations with Arab governments depends on Israel giving up the West Bank, Gaza and the Golan Heights and accepting a Palestinian state with its capital in Jerusalem.

Leaning on Israel to drop its confinement of Arafat to his West Bank

headquarters in Ramallah, Fleischer said. "The president believes that Prime Minister Sharon and the Israel government should give serious consideration to allowing Yasser Arafat to attend."

Secretary of State Colin Powell pressed the point in telephone conversations with Sharon Saturday and Sunday, saying also that Arafat should be permitted to go back to the West Bank after the Arab League meeting.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan also urged Sharon to let Arafat attend the Arab summit.

Market Watch March 25

Dow Jones	10,281.67	- 146.00
Up: 964	Same: 166	Down: 2,211
Composite Volume:	1,032,441,984	
AMEX:	895.88	- 3.09
NASDAQ:	1,812.49	- 38.90
NYSE:	592.43	- 7.66
S&P 500:	1,131.70	- 17.00

TOP 5 VOLUME LEADERS

COMPANY/SECURITY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ-100 INDEX (QQQ)	-3.05	-1.12	35.56
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-2.35	-0.39	16.18
SUN MICROSYSTEM (SUNW)	-3.27	-0.29	8.57
WORLDCOM INC-WO (WCOM)	-6.59	-0.46	6.52
INTEL CORP (INTC)	-1.93	-0.59	30.00

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es," said Dennis Moore, university spokesman. Moore cited the new Center for Performing Arts as an example of an additional expense to the operating budget. Alumni donations financed the construction of the Center, but the University's annual budget must now cover maintenance, staffing and other operations expenses.

"We are a tuition-driven institution ... and if the operating budget is to grow — and this includes increases in salary, additional operating costs — that necessitates an increase in tuition," Moore said.

According to Scott Malpass, vice president for finance and chief investment officer, tuition and fee revenue make up about 55 percent of the total budget, so in effect students pay 55 percent of the actual cost. Revenues from the bookstore and athletic programs as well as earnings from the endowment make up for the difference.

Notre Dame's endowment, which is among the 18 largest educational endowments in the nation, is valued at approximately \$3 billion. Most of this money is donated for a specific purpose and cannot be used to defray tuition costs. Only about 10 percent of the endowment is comprised of unrestricted funds that may be used freely.

A downturn in the economy presented an added challenge to the budget this year, as growth in the endowment slowed.

"We're operating in a different economic environment now, and this may affect the endowment and the budget. Nobody is certain what will happen in the next few months, so we have to account for that," Moore said.

In his letter to parents, Malloy acknowledged that other private institutions increased their rate of tuition growth to respond to the slowing economy, while Notre Dame maintained its previous percent increase. Instead, University officials would respond by limiting salary increases and budget additions.

While increasing tuition, the University strove to maintain its dedication to financial aid.

In the past decade, the inflation rate has been in the 2 to 3 percent range, while tuition has increased in the 5 to 6 percent range, said Malpass. Students often raise this criticism, but Moore called it an inaccurate comparison.

"Inflation takes into account the normal cost of living and maintaining a household. We have to consider atypical expenses like salaries, new equipment, books, technology, competing for the best professors and facilities which are built through alumni donations but whose operating expenses are not covered by the gifts and then become part of the budget," said Moore.

The Board of Trustees also approved three other tuition increases. Graduate school tuition is up 4.6 percent, to \$25,410, and tuition for both the Law School and the Master's of Business Administration Program will increase by 4.8 percent to \$26,110.

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LEBANON

Arab ministers agree on formula

Associated Press

BEIRUT

Arab foreign ministers discussed an Israeli-Palestinian peace initiative Monday that has captured the world's attention, but said they did not go into details and were waiting to hear what Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah has to say about his proposal.

As they wrapped up six hours of consultations in preparation for a summit Wednesday that Abdullah will address, the ministers also said they had agreed on a formula for supporting the Palestinians but did not offer specifics.

On Iraq, they expressed opposition to any U.S. military strike on a fellow Arab state, which is widely viewed as potentially destabilizing for the region.

Still unclear as the summit approached was whether Israel would allow Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to attend. Arafat has been under an Israeli travel ban and Israel has said the price for his freedom of movement is a cease-fire that's proven elusive. An Israeli decision on whether Arafat could go was expected Tuesday or possibly even Wednesday morning.

Leaning on Israel to drop its confinement of Arafat to his West Bank headquarters in Ramallah, White House Spokesman Ari Fleischer said in Washington, "the president

believes that Prime Minister Sharon and the Israel government should give serious consideration to allowing Yasser Arafat to attend."

Secretary of State Colin Powell pressed the point in telephone conversations with Sharon Saturday and Sunday, saying also that Arafat should be permitted to go back to the West Bank after the Arab League meeting.

An aide to Palestinian Planning Minister Nabil Shaath, speaking in Beirut on condition of anonymity, said Shaath had spoken with Arafat on Monday evening and was told things were looking "positive" for the Palestinian leader to attend Wednesday's summit. Earlier, Shaath had assessed the chances of Arafat showing up as slim.

The Kuwaiti minister of state for foreign affairs, Sheik Mohammed Al Sabah, told reporters that ministers "did not discuss the (Saudi) initiative in detail and did not enter into formulas."

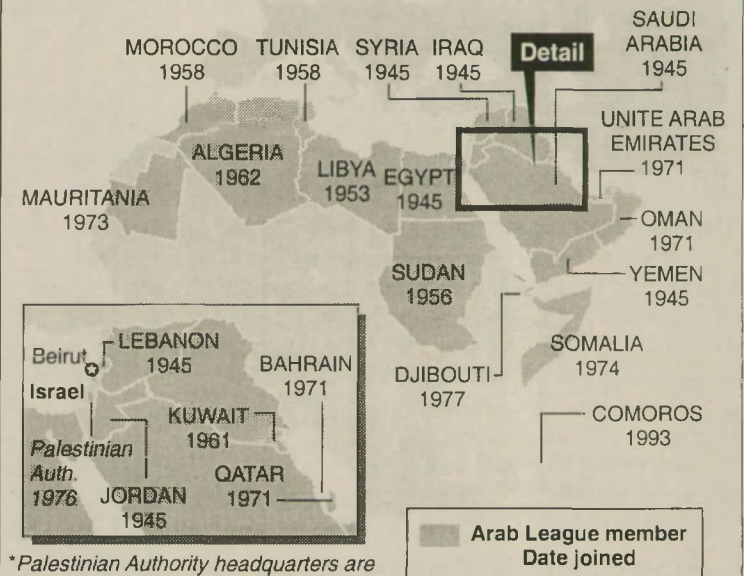
"We are eager to listen to his highness directly," Sheik Mohammed told a small group of reporters at the Phoenicia Hotel summit site.

Lebanese Foreign Minister Mahmoud Hammoud, host of the meeting, concurred at a separate news conference held with Arab League Secretary-General Amr Moussa.

"There is no specific formula

Arab summit for peace

Members attending the Arab League summit in Beirut, Lebanon, will take up a Saudi peace proposal calling on Israel to withdraw from occupied territories and returning the land to 1967 prewar boundaries in return for "full normalization" of relations between Arab lands and Israel. The league was formed in 1945 to promote political, economic and military cooperation among its members.



SOURCES: Associated Press; ESRI

AP

(for the Saudi initiative) — there are ideas, a vision and a framework," Hammoud said. "We should not make predictions and jump the gun." Pressed for further details, Hammoud said: "Our understanding (of the initiative) is that it has to do with Arab rights and

constants. ... It aims to defend and protect Arab rights, asking for what we all want."

"Assuming that Israel does what is required of it, then the level of normal relations between the Arab countries and Israel would be looked into," he added.

Sisters

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own group of friends, and we'll all go to the same parties and see each other at the same places," said Lynn Taylor. "Julie Taylor said, "It's been really nice. We've all done our own thing and been our own people, but we still have each other as friends."

The sisters periodically plan events together, such as going out to dinner.

"We try to have sister night, where we all catch up on things," said Katie Taylor.

While all four sisters have lived together while at home,

attending college did bring some changes for them compared to high school.

"We hung out a lot more because we had to drive together, but we each still had our own close friends," said Laura Tylor. "In high school, it was very blown out of proportion. That's why I like Saint Mary's — because it hasn't been a huge deal. I've only had one person come up to me and say, 'Hey, you're in a quad, right?'"

Though they have been stereotyped as sisters, the girls try to take a carefree attitude toward their relationship.

"We haven't made it a big deal," said Katie Taylor.

A brother completes the set of quadruplets. The sisters main-

tain a close friendship with their brother, who attends Purdue University. Though Julie Katie and Laura are used to seeing him every day, they do think being separated has its benefits.

"I think it's been good for him to get away from the stereotype [of being quadruplets]," said Julie Taylor.

While each sister has a distinct personality, they do share some interests in common. Both Lynn and Laura are interested in medicine, although Lynn intends to enter medical school and Laura is a nursing major.

"We're similar, but I think we're going in different paths," said Lynn Taylor.

Katie and Lynn both play for the Saint Mary's soccer team

and enjoy sharing the field together. "I think we get to see each other a lot more," said Katie Taylor. "[Lynn's] just another teammate, but more than that."

At heart, the women couldn't imagine not being sisters.

"We don't really know any different, there is nothing to compare it to," said Julie Taylor. "We go through the same things. We understand each other, we share clothes, we share friends, we share birthdays," said Laura Taylor. "I wouldn't change it for the world."

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Cadbury buys Nantucket Nectars

Associated Press

BOSTON

British beverage giant Cadbury Schweppes is buying the Nantucket Nectars brand from Ocean Spray, the grower's cooperative whose signature product is cranberry juice.

Terms of the deal, announced by both companies Monday, were not disclosed. The transaction still requires regulatory approval.

Nantucket Nectars, which makes a variety of fruit juices and drinks, now joins Snapple, Mystic and Yoo-hoo in Cadbury's Snapple Beverage Group.

Nantucket Nectars was started in 1990 on Nantucket Island by college buddies Tom First and Tom Scott, known in their ads as the "Juice Guys." Ocean Spray bought the company, known formally as Nantucket Allserve Inc., for about \$70 million in 1997 but now wants to focus on its core cranberry juice business, said Ocean Spray spokesman Chris Phillips.

Ocean Spray has about 16.2 percent of the \$3.6 billion bottled juice market, with \$574 million in sales in the 52 weeks ending Feb. 24, according to Information Resources Inc., which tracks sales at supermarkets, drug stores and mass merchandisers excluding Wal-Mart.

Ocean Spray, which it has been looking for a buyer for the brand since last fall, said it can now turn its attention to its traditional cranberry juice and new white cranberry juice product, which it hopes will increase

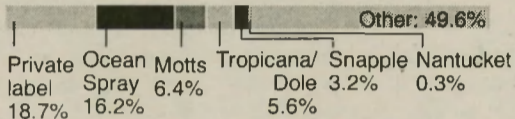
Thirst-quenching deal

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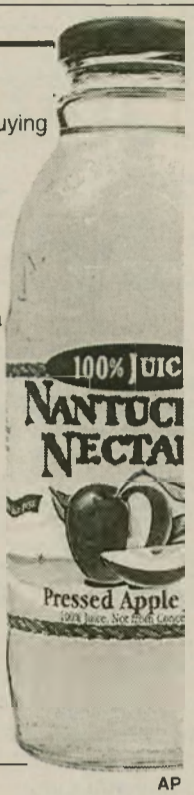
Cadbury Schweppes	Ocean Spray
The candy maker is also the world's No. 3 soft drink firm. Its main brands include 7Up, A&W Root Beer, Canada Dry, Dr Pepper and Hawaiian Punch.	The company controls about 50 percent of the U.S. cranberry drinks market and is owned by a marketing cooperative of 900 cranberry and citrus growers.

London	Headquarters	Lakeville-Middleboro, Mass.
\$6.8 billion	2001 sales	\$1.3 billion
\$742 million	2001 net income	n/a
36,460	Employees	2,200

Selected market share for shelf-stable bottled juices, 52-weeks ending Feb. 24



SOURCES: Hoover's Online; Information Resources Inc.



demand and raise prices for growers who are suffering through a cranberry glut.

"For Ocean Spray, it's purely a matter of focus," said Phillips. "This will allow us to continue to focus wholeheartedly on building the Ocean Spray brand which has made substantial gains over the last 18 months."

"We're really thrilled to have the 'Juice Guys' on board," said Cadbury chief executive Jack Belsito.

John Sicher, editor of industry newsletter Beverage Digest, said

Nantucket Nectars would benefit from access to Cadbury's distribution channels and would now likely be able to expand beyond the East Coast. Ocean Spray recently suffered a setback when it lost a distribution agreement with Pepsi.

"It takes Ocean Spray back to their roots of focusing on its own trademark," Sicher said. "It gives Cadbury an additional, albeit small brand, which really rounds out their (non-carbonated drinks) portfolio in a positive way," he said.

Internet filtering trial begins in Penn.

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

A trial over the constitutionality of a federal law requiring libraries to screen out Internet pornography opened Monday with librarians complaining the government is trying to turn them into the "thought police."

The case is being heard in federal court by a three-judge panel. The trial is expected to last for nine days.

Leading the challenge to the Children's Internet Protection Act of 2000 are the American Library Association and the Multnomah County, Ore., Public Library. They contend the law puts unconstitutional restraints on free speech.

They want to offer patrons a choice between filtered and unfiltered Internet access, contending that parents and children should be the ones who determine what content they find unacceptable.

"There are some 5-year-olds whose parents do not want them to know where babies come from and there are some that do," testified Ginnie Cooper, director of the Multnomah County library, which serves 500,000 people. "We don't try to presume the values of parents."

Libraries stock numerous materials, ranging from sex education manuals to Playboy, that would probably not get past filtering software, testified

Candace Morgan, a Washington state librarian for 37 years.

The law requires that libraries receiving certain types of federal technology funding use filters to block access to objectionable Web sites. Opponents say the software can also block access to sites providing valuable information on topics such as breast cancer and sexually transmitted diseases while failing to block pornographic sites.

"Librarians are uniquely qualified to teach library patrons how to find the content they want and avoid inappropriate content without the government trying to deputize them into the thought police," said Ann Beeson for the American Civil Liberties Union, which is arguing the case for the plaintiffs.

Sally Garner Reed, former director of the Norfolk, Virginia Public Library, said libraries are reflective of their communities and could be stifled by a one-size-fits-all approach from the government.

The government argues that filtering has vastly improved since the law was enacted, making fewer mistakes and allowing libraries to unblock sites that were blocked in error. The government also contends that printed pornographic materials are not in many library collections, so there is no reason why online obscenity should be.

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Starting at the Grotto

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114 Coleman-Morse Center
Fr. Al D'Alonzo, csc, Director

Eucharistic Adoration
Monday through Tuesday
11:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Fisher Hall Chapel

03/27 **wednesday**
Sant' Egidio Community
6:00 p.m.
Log Chapel

RCIA-Practice for Easter Vigil
7:30 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Conversation on Vocations for Women
7:30 p.m.
114 Coleman-Morse Center

Interfaith Christian Night Prayer
10:00 p.m.
Morrissey Chapel

03/28 **thursday**
Holy Thursday
5:00 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

03/29 **friday**
Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Via Crucis
Pilsen, Illinois

Good Friday
3:00 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

03/30 **saturday**
RCIA-Morning Retreat
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Basilica of the Sacred Heart

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Basilica of the Sacred Heart

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■ Basilica of the Sacred Heart
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Wednesday
11:00 am, 5:00pm, 7:00 pm & 9:30pm
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Notre Dame students got what they deserve

Notre Dame students don't deserve alcohol in their dorms or alcohol period for that matter. Let's look at this how it ought to be seen. About six years ago, with the administration's blessing, bars around town started getting busted. Notre Dame students did nothing, just moved on to the next bar. This was understandable at the time. Later, the administration banned the football ticket distribution campout. Notre Dame students did nothing. They just rolled over like the sheep they are and accepted the plate they were given. The next year, the Graffiti Dance was cancelled. Notre Dame students had nothing to say because it didn't affect them, only upcoming freshmen. And last year, out of the blue, a tailgating task force of power-tripping rent-a-cops started busting everyone they could see at tailgates under a new ResLife edict. You, Notre Dame students, whined in the Viewpoint.

Now, the administration is banning hard liquor in the dorms. Let me tell you what Notre Dame students are going to do — nothing. You're just going to take it. Why? Because upper-classmen are going to say, "I'm moving off campus anyway," or "I'm only here for next year." Without a critical mass of students, anything anyone else does won't matter. And you know what's best — you deserve it. I'm not going to sit here and say this policy change is bad. It's not. It's just a continuation of a consistent policy move over the last six years that Notre Dame students have ratified with their apathy.

Oh sure, student government is making a grand hulla-baloo about getting back the SYR. This is because it specifically serves their and the administration's goals. When the administration "gives" us back the SYR, student government will get to claim a victory, students will think they have a voice (so they shut up) and the administration will have carried out its carefully crafted plan to herd its sheep. You think you've won so you don't protest, your stupidity earns you your liquor ban.

What's next after hard liquor? Beer and underage drinking are next. And the sooner the better. If students aren't willing to stand up for what they want now, then they deserve what they get in the future as far as I am concerned.

Of course, I could be wrong. Maybe there will be some sort of student push to stop this legislation. Maybe 15 stu-

dents will go have a sit-in while the rest of the campus mocks them because they themselves are too frightened to stand up for what they believe. Maybe someone will take a dump on the porch of the Main Building. I'm sure someone is going to send an "Oooh, oh so nasty" letter to the editor. You go get 'em pal. I'm sure they'll care what you have to say if you think it out real hard and write it to The Observer. (Note hypocrisy here.)

And here's the problem with the impromptu student government sponsored "protest": a herd of sheep, no matter how large, is not frightening. Standing up on a podium and complaining to a bunch of passive students is no protest. Try perhaps holding a no-class day, a sit-in in the ResLife office or painting horns, a tail and a bifurcated tongue on touchdown Jesus — that's protest. I am in no way advocating this sort of activity.

Is there going to be any sort of civil disobedience to protest the administration's decision? No. Is there going to be any organized effort to stop what is happening? No. Will there even be a campus petition opposing the proposed changes to du Lac? Nope. Why? Because ND students are one of five things: a.) Convinced they don't matter and their opinion won't be heard by the administration (probably true); b.) Convinced that any sort of opposition to University policy undermines the University's ability to function as a private institution (just plain stupid); c.) Mindless little sheep that have yet to question any authority known to them; d.) So morally self-righteous that they condemn anyone for caring about their own living situation when there are poor people in some other country; or e.) So sick and tired of trying to get people to care that they have decided maybe this is a just punishment for student apathy.

So go ahead, write your mean-spirited letters to the editor, sit in your room and drink beer while complaining to your friends about the big bad administration, but by no means take any steps that might show you are displeased with the situation being shoved at you. Remember not to care at all about the future of the school you attend, and above all, hold true to that most sacred of Notre Dame traditions: Conformity.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Alcohol is sole motivator

The Vietnam War, apartheid, the Civil Rights Movement, the Women's Rights Movement, respecting diversity, the Kent State student shootings, election fraud, the Aids epidemic, the Church's crackdown on academic freedom, the Gulf War, gay and lesbian rights, health care debacle and alcohol policy.

Of all these things, among others, only one has been capable of mobilizing the students of Notre Dame to assert their right to expression and voice loud protest. No, not Vietnam, not women's rights. Only alcohol policy has had this power to gather the student community around an issue to make its opinion heard.

I arrived on campus the year after the 1984 alcohol protests, "the keg riots," and was regaled by upperclasspersons with tales of civil disobedience and student audacity. During the course of my years as an undergraduate, I tried several times with others to tap into this largely unused reservoir of student activism: the anti-apartheid movement, the pro-choice movement, Presidential elections, women's ordination, social justice issues of all stripes — even peace and justice in Northern Ireland. Nothing.

I finally had to come to the conclusion that the particular causes which were relevant during my time there were just

not of sufficient interest to arouse, anger or move my compadres on campus.

I was wrong. In fact there is no cause but the cause of alcohol which can arouse the students of Notre Dame to action. So sleep easy tyrants around the world and at home. So long as your evil intentions do not disrupt the steady flow of booze to SYRs, tailgaters and the like, you will face no opposition from the student body of the University of Notre Dame.

Mary Ann Hennessey

class of '90

Strasbourg, France

March 25, 2002

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"We must learn to welcome and not fear the voices of dissent."

James William Fulbright
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Students' role in University policy examined

In need of a true voice in campus affairs

There's something rotten on the campus of Notre Dame. Festering beneath the surface of the University's ideal exterior is a force more frightening than anyone realizes. For years, Notre Dame has given us fleeting gifts of bread and circuses while denying us what is far from our grasp: a voice.

Father Poorman's naïve proposal to change the alcohol policy on the campus is merely a symptom of a terrible plague which afflicts the University. Though his proposal may seem to be madness, there is slight method to his decision. However, we should not overexert ourselves with this one small battle and forget that we have a greater conflict right beneath our eyes. The student's voice was largely absent from the proposal and soon enforcement of the new policy, and Father Poorman knows it.

But is he the one to blame? Does not the Board of Trustees, already known to perpetuate its own archaic "vision" for Notre Dame, bear the bulk of the responsibility for treating us as inferiors? I certainly got this sense when I scanned the hallway wall at the Morris Inn, splattered with portraits of current trustees. I could almost see the thought, "our money makes you possible," emanating from their eyes.

At some point, they forgot that our annual tuition should cover more than the cost of attending classes and eating quarter dogs. The ability to make a change as we see fit is a modest proposal to say the least, but the trustees would rather eat their own children than grant it from their own benevo-

lence.

Alas, we are left with the question: What can we do to assert our voice and pull the curtain back from the eyes of those blinded by the notion that Notre Dame is a picturesque institution? Robert Pazornik's idea for a coalition to "Change ND" is a step in the right direction, but we need so much more. We need to frighten the trustees with more than a petition not to donate money in the future. After all, how many will succumb and donate money to obtain football tickets if we ever return to the status of a football powerhouse?

I challenge everyone who realizes that the call to "Change ND" should really be "Save ND" to act on this pressing issue. Once we pull back the curtain and discover the source of our discontent, we must develop a true student voice.

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Bill Rinner
sophomore
Siegfried Hall
March 25, 2002

If you don't like it, you're free to leave

Try jumping up and down in the rotunda of the Main Building. That seemed to get the administration's attention in 1984. But it didn't change anything. The alcohol policy was implemented anyway.

Fight as hard as you want, as hard as you can — you will not change a single mind.

Remember, at this private — very important word, private — institution, the only due process you receive is that which the administration grants you. The only voice you may raise in opposition is that which the administration allows. You may think that what you do behind closed doors is your business, but you'd be wrong. The doors and everything behind them are the property and/or responsibility of the administration. The hardest thing of all to reconcile is that you agreed to abide by every single restriction over which you are now whining.

Perhaps this will make it clearer: "As long as you live in my house, you'll obey my rules." Sound at all familiar? How about the corollary: "If you don't like it, you're free to leave."

The University has the option to dismiss anyone it chooses for violations of the alcohol policy. For any of you who think they won't, you are probably right.

If you think they are more interested in curtailing the social life on campus than in stopping binge drinking, don't lose sight of this fact: There are, annually, many, many, many more qualified applicants than there are available openings for incoming students at Notre Dame.

You and your tuition payments can be replaced. Easily replaced. By students who will follow the rules, or again be recycled, should the administration so choose.

If you had wanted to spend your college years at a place where you could deposit your excess alcohol consumption in the hedges beside the business school, you wouldn't be at Notre Dame.

Remember why you chose this place.

Or choose another.

And another thought — the rotunda has been refurbished since back then. It may stand up to the abuse even better than the administration.

Patrick Grady
class of '88
March 25, 2002

Mauritanian grandmother offers example of a well-lived life

My relationship with my Mauritanian grandmother is interesting. My American life and her Mauritanian life have almost no similarities. She speaks no French or English and I am just now starting to speak Pulaar.

Despite this, our relationship over the last six months has developed through non-verbal communication.

Maite Uranga

Life in Africa

She loves banana and egg, and I can afford them. Often she becomes my bodyguard. Kids follow me home on a fairly regular basis, but once they enter a certain place she tells them to leave. She is my Pulaar teacher. I have taught her to play Frisbee, listen to a walkman, hold a pen for the first time and develop a taste for candy canes.

She is around 83-years-old but does not know exactly. Her face shows every line of 83 years as her eyes nearly disappear. She wears a headscarf, a long robe and a wrap skirt underneath. Some days all of these match and some days they do not. Her remaining teeth are brown and can fall out at any moment.

Life here involves sitting, eating and sleeping on the ground. Getting up from

any of these positions always verges on disaster for her. Despite this she is always shuffling around somewhere within our compound getting the food ready, which is an all-day activity. Whoever walks by greets her so she is always talking, and if no one is walking by she talks to herself. Or possibly to me — I am not quite sure. Despite this we have an affection for each other.

Every day since I arrived in my village she scuffles off to her older sister's house for lunch and dinner. Each time she tells me where she is going. After about four months she began inviting me to go with her. A week ago the guilt built up and I told her I would go with her. Her wrinkles smiled and her eyes glowed. Anyone she saw for the next few hours was told that I was going to eat with her that night.

At 9 p.m. she yelled at me from across the compound to tell me it was time to go. The normally two-minute walk took about 25. The whole time my grandmother talked to people passing by or to me. When we reached a certain section she warned me about a major dip so I would not fall. We finally got there and her sister and three of her friends were all asleep on a bed (a raised wooden platform).

The house that they were all sleeping in front of is a mansion in Mauritanian

terms and is a fairly large house in American terms. There are high ceilings, marble floors, a refrigerator and furniture. Her son built the house for her and also as a place to come back to on vacation. Despite the relative luxury inside, all of these women are more comfortable sleeping, eating and living outside. The irony of the situation hits me as I join them on their bed.

We talk about normal things: food, weather and family. Their 60-year-old friend brings the food awhile later. We all start arranging ourselves around the food bowl. My grandmother's sister yells at her to hurry up and my grandmother yells back, "Slowly, slowly ... I'm old." They both tell me how crazy and old the other one is and continue to bicker until we are all arranged and start eating.

Despite living here for nearly a year, on some days eating with my hands still presents a major challenge. These 80-plus year-old women were my peers as we all periodically dropped food all over ourselves. Although I think I was the only one with vision good enough to notice. We finished eating and one of their grandsons from the next house came over, cleared the plates away and started making tea for them.

Everyone lay down, drifted into sleep

and had rambling conversations during their moments of wakefulness. Their grandson woke them up one by one when their tea was ready. After my grandmother drank her three rounds of tea we slowly walked home.

I realize this is what I want when I am her age. She has no 401K retirement plan, health insurance or life insurance. She was not thinking at 28 if her stock portfolio would allow her to retire at 60. Yet everyday she lives the life she wants. She gets to eat lunch and dinner with her friends that she has known all her life. She lives in her own house. If something were to happen her family would mobilize around her in support and money would be found for medical care. She is not a burden for her family and instead is looked up to with much respect. I hope I will have that.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Multi-dimensional Gorillaz experiment on G-Sides

By TOM O'CONNELL
Scene Music Critic

Gorillaz is a band that exists on two planes of reality. The first is that of the characters who make up the band: lead singer 2-D, drummer and rapper Russel, bassist and mastermind Murdoc and child guitar prodigy Noodle. Their self-titled debut album has sold millions of copies worldwide since this summer. They are currently in the middle of their first world tour, have appeared at numerous press conferences and have experienced the same successes and problems that a normal band would.

There is only one thing about them that is different. The four members of Gorillaz are cartoon character fabrications; each with their own invented story and personality. In other words, they do not really exist.

In the second plane of reality, Blur lead singer Damon Albarn, beat producer Dan "The Automator" Nakamura, animator Jamie Hewitt and several other human collaborators invented Gorillaz as a way to take the concept album to new heights. Blending many genres of music, including rock, rap, pop, techno and jazz, Gorillaz debut album was an eclectic, original and

likeable mix. At concerts, the human musicians would appear backlit behind a series of translucent screens while the animated frontmen were projected in different two and three-dimensional ways. This is not just a concept album; it is a completely conjured concept band.

G-Sides is a nine song B-side album that contains remixes, alternate versions and original music that had previously only been available in the U.K. There are two versions of the current single "19-2000." The first is a light, upbeat, pop version of the original, while the second is a fast-thumping techno remix. "It's the music that we choose" is repeated again and again during the chorus, and it tells a bit about what this song, as well as the whole album is meant to accomplish. Both songs are interesting in their ability to make completely different songs with opposite moods out of the same original material.



lyrics. "Hip Albatross" is a casual song with a smooth, electric guitar-led melody.

"Ghost Train" is the best new song on the album. It starts out stripped down, slow and creepy with a hollow chorus backing up 2-D. Soon the drumbeat enters and the song takes a techno turn. New sounds and instruments are added periodically, and the eventual arrival of the electric guitar turns the song into a full-blown rock anthem.

"12D3," the album's final song, slows down the pace to a stroll. Led by acoustic guitar and piano, this song and puts the album to bed on a good note.

The world tour is reportedly experiencing some technical and stylistic problems, and the people behind Gorillaz are still working out the kinks of how to present the visual aspect of their concept to the world. However, the musical side of Gorillaz is still a breath of fresh air and has the ability to entertain fans of almost any musical genre.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Eels squirm with optimism on new album

By JOE LARSON
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On the back of the Eels' new album, *Souljacker*, appears an essay entitled "Do You Like Rock Music?" by DJ Killingspree. In this essay, DJ Killingspree welcomes the listener to the fourth studio album from the Eels, calling it "the hardest rocking substance known to man." Although this boast may be a bit hyperbolic, the album does lend itself to some pretty hard rockin' moments.

The Eels first appeared with their 1996 album, *Beautiful Freak*, which featured their most popular song to date, "Novocaine for the Soul." That album was drenched in sarcasm towards all things pop and commercial that guitarist/singer, E, could get at. It was an ambitious album that established the Eels as a truly original band with their own distinct sound. Two more albums, *Electro-Shock Blues* and *Daisies of the Galaxy*, followed

Beautiful Freak and were well received by critics but did not have a radio-friendly hit like "Novocaine for the Soul" and were not very successful commercially.

But, that's kind of the whole point for the band. They rebel against the Backstreet Boys and Britney Spears and they've never been afraid to talk about it in their songs.

Though certainly not catering to the average 15-year-old TRL

fan, the Eels do not really pen any songs about how alternative they are on their new album. This album is chock-full of grooving trip-hop beats on some songs and also crunching electric guitar on others.

Like their other albums, this album is a conglomeration of alternative music. They jump from heavy rockers like "Souljacker Part 1" and "Dog Faced Boy" to smooth, hip songs like "Fresh Feeling" and "Friendly Ghost" without batting an eyelid. Overall, the album plays like a freaky rollercoaster ride over and around all kinds of alternative music. Some songs sound like Beck while others sound more punk-influenced like early Spoon.

The Eels strength is in their softer, slower songs where E's lyrics and the smooth jams of the band are in full swing. The best song on this album is "Fresh Feeling." After one listen, it gets in your head and stays there. It couples a bouncing bass line and a beautifully arranged string section with upbeat and optimistic lyrics that stress hope and love. The song is so uplifting it almost sounds like a pat on humanity's back. E sings, "Some people are good/ Babe in the 'hood/ So pure and so free/ I'd make a safe bet/ You're gonna get whatever you need."

The album follows up the optimistic "Fresh Feeling" with the downtrodden tale of a couple trying to make it through hard times in "Woman Driving, Man Sleeping." The acoustic guitar and drumbeat provide a mellow, melancholic backdrop for the story of a mundane existence and faded dreams.

Although the soft songs are the most powerful, the Eels make a case for themselves as a band that knows how to rock. "Souljacker Part 1" tears through the story of confused and angry youth with a thumping lead guitar riff and some seriously strained vocals.

They also bring almost a Moby-esque kind of jam in "Jungle Telegraph," which is a song that you could easily dance to. It samples a horn section and follows up with



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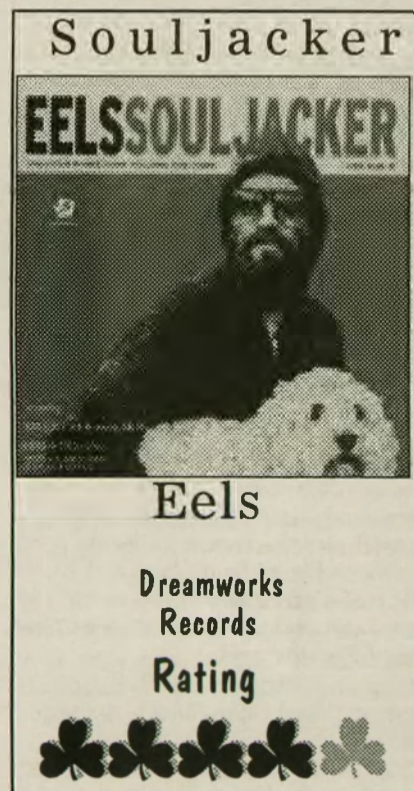
The Eels (from left to right, Butch, E and Adam) try and live up to the originality of their earlier albums with *Souljacker*.

some rocking slide guitar. It tells the story of a character whose mother had hoped he was a girl and is now living in a tree. He asks, "Send me some lovin'/ Send it now/ Send it by giraffe/ Or jungle telegraph."

Another powerful song is "World of S***," in which the narrator tells his lover "In this world of s***/ Baby you are it." The song is a sad and slow cry about solitude and depression. The narrator is begging for his partner to marry him and begin a new life that will change the way he looks at the world and his place in it.

Although the Eels delve into some dark and harrowing places in their songs, the message is always a move towards a more positive life. They discuss the darkness of life with a reverence and an optimism that makes their stories not only tolerable, but also hopeful. They do so either with hard and heavy guitar and strained vocals or with a softer keyboard arrangement and acoustic guitar with jumping bass and drum beats, but either way, their craft is evident and this is an album that gets better each time it is played.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Uncle Tupelo recollects influential career

By BRIAN KORNMANN
Scene Music Critic

Perhaps no band in the past 10 years has had as much influence on their genre of music as Uncle Tupelo. The St. Louis threesome innovated the popular alt-country sound, which many other bands now emulate. One cannot listen to the Old 97's, Jayhawks or Whiskeytown without thinking of the revolution in sound Uncle Tupelo started in 1989.

Jay Farrar on guitar and Jeff Tweedy on bass mixed a sound consisting of punk, blues, rock and country influences that quickly gained a following in and around the Midwest.

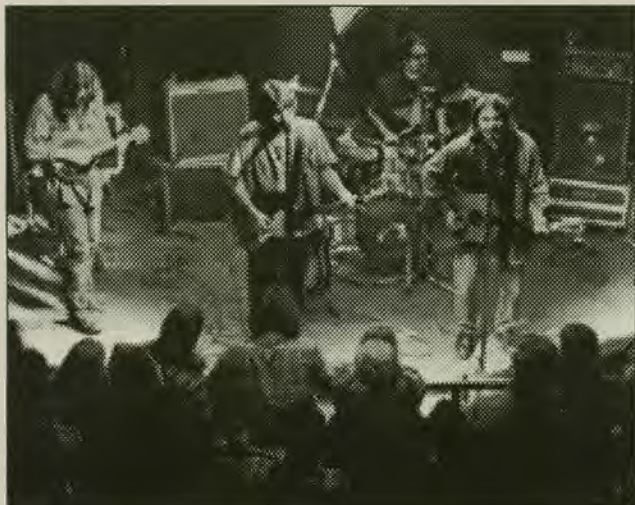


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Uncle Tupelo live in concert in London. The band's new album *89/93: An Anthology* recaps the group's career.

Their first album, *No Depression*, mixed classic country and folk songs such as "Whiskey Bottle" and "John Hardy" with melodic guitar based tracks, "Screen Door" and twang-laced punk rock, "Graveyard Shift." The end result is an album considered by many to be the defining work of the alt-country musical movement.

As time passed, the group expanded their sound range from the hard-hitting album *Still Feel Gone*, to the Peter Buck (REM) produced all acoustic *March 16-20*. The band added members, namely Brian Hanneman, later of *The Bottle Rockets*, to play mandolin and acoustic guitar. The album captured a more soulful sound, and quickly became a favorite of many Tupelo fans. Following the 1992 release of *March 16-20*, the band began to grow apart as the style and direction of Tweedy and Farrar began to drift apart.

Despite the troubles, the band was picked up on Sire/Reprise records in late 1993 and released their last album, *Anodyne*. The album was a perfect accumulation of the entire scope of the bands history, capturing all aspects of Uncle Tupelo's diverse sound. The band played their last shows in a two-night set at Mississippi Nights in St. Louis.

Following the break-up, Farrar and Tweedy went their separate ways. Farrar became the lead singer/guitarist for *Son Volt* and Tweedy assumed the bass and vocal duties for *Wilco*. The band's presence lived on however, and due to popular demand, the decision was made to re-master and re-release the entire Uncle Tupelo catalog, beginning with the *Anthology* album. The 21-track *Anthology* album captures a perfect sampling of Uncle Tupelo's sound, as all of the bands albums are represented on the album in a fully re-mastered edition. Five

89/93: An
Anthology
Uncle
Tupelo
Sony Records
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additional songs, either unreleased, live or from obscure EP's are also included on the album. The songs on the album are represented chronologically on the album, which helps paint a picture of the way the sound and presence of the band evolved over time.

The album itself is fantastic; sound is clear and sharp and the album flows from beginning to end quickly, leaving you wanting more. Because *Anthology* is a greatest hits album, it is difficult to find any weak songs throughout the entire disc, however fan's of the band will probably question the inclusion/exclusion of certain songs on the album. That being said, "Screen Door," "Whiskey Bottle," "Still Be Around," "Moonshiner," "Effigy," "Chickamunga" and "New Madrid" can be considered the highlights of the album.

Taken as a whole, the album is very strong and music fans who enjoy blues, grassroots, punk, country and rock, will find this album as an ideal purchase.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Kweller's youth creates crafty melodies

By JULIE BENDER
Scene Music Critic

Just when you thought music with a melody could only be contrived by paid pop songwriters and spit out through prepped and primed teens with slick dance moves, there comes a savior. He has arrived out of Greenville, Texas, and brings with him an album full of humorously modern lyrics and masterful melodies that linger on your tongue for days. His name: Ben Kweller. On his second solo record, *Sha Sha* (released on Dave Matthews label), Kweller displays his slightly punk-flavored charm on both the guitar and piano. If you can imagine a combined effort of Ben Folds Five, Dashboard Confessional and a modern-day Buddy Holly, the result would be *Sha Sha*.

Opening the album is a bouncy piano number entitled "How it Should Be (sha sha)." As the song proceeds, it slowly fills with hopping background vocals, the twinkling of keyboard effects and a punching drumbeat. Kweller seems to be singing his lyrics straight-faced and serious when really they are quite laughable: "And don't bother me when I'm watching Planet of the Apes on TV/ That's right/ That's how it should be/ Sha sha/ Sha doo." The quite sudden ending of this song in a blast of silence leads right into the next track, "Wasted and Ready."

A more-guitar oriented song, "Wasted and Ready" oscillates between acoustic strumming backed by a French horn and an angry, grunge-like guitar chorus. In the same manner, the lyrics

change between quiet introspection: "I'll continue to be my worst enemy/ It's easy but it seems so hard/ You're near but you seem so far," to loud mockery: "She is a slut but X thinks it's sexy/ Sex reminds her of eating spaghetti/ I am wasted but I'm ready." With no apparent meaning, the lyrics of this song actually evolve from the movie *Doom Generation*, in which one of the characters comments "Sex is like eating spaghetti."

Perhaps the best song on the album, "Family Tree" has Kweller harmonizing with himself beautifully in his Texan drawl. With this song, Kweller confesses his dependency on his lover as he struggles to give advice to others attempting to make it on their own: "But who am I to preach a word or two/ When I can't lift my own head without you?/ ... A broken branch I'd be if you weren't grown to me/ Oh, you are my family tree/ Be good to me." With a countrified guitar and a

chirping background vocals, "Family Tree" is an easy listener. Amidst a rambling piano filler at the end, Kweller melodiously "bops" his way out of the song and leaves you nodding your head and tapping your foot.

As much as Kweller tinges his album with irony and humor, he also reveals his ability to pen songs of a more somber and serious nature. "In Other Words" is a quietly chilling song that winds its lyrics around a haunting piano melody. The song offers up questions about what is beautiful and what is real in life. Kweller speaks of an unidentified "he" and touches on the ambiguity of the movement of time. He sings: "In his eyes I see the fear/ That only time can disappear/ If only time could reappear/ Now is the time."

If there is any complaint about this album, it's that the songs are all structurally very similar. They all start with a

catchy rhythm that bleeds into a quiet first verse. The songs take on a crescendo and build to every chorus eventually leading to an ending that filters out.

One song on the album that veers from this pattern is the quiet "Lizzy." This track opens with some bluesy guitar picking which reiterates itself periodically throughout the song. Tackling the issue of being far away from a girlfriend, this song is softly touching. Kweller sings reassuringly, "Telephone/ Tellin' you/ I'll be home soon/ Dienu/ I love you."

The final song, "Falling," closes the album on a high note. A beautiful piano melody that all at once seems new and somehow nostalgic is central to the song. Kweller sings of a fast paced world where all he wants to do is slow down and enjoy the pleasure of love: "We could talk if days weren't so fast/ And mistakes just leave it so unsure/ Wanna hold you like never before/ 'Cause we're falling and I love you more and more." The perfect ending, this song leaves you softly humming and anxious to press the repeat button.

Sha Sha, though by no means a masterpiece, shows promise for the future career of Kweller. Only 20-years-old, this musician has lots of time to perfect his musicianship and song-writing abilities. A wonderful musician, Kweller's knack for melodies promises us this won't be the last we hear of him. Catch him on tour this spring and also as an opening act for both *Dashboard Confessional* and *Dave Matthews Band*.

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MEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT

Jayhawks will only nest at top

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. This much the Kansas Jayhawks know:

Their season will end in Atlanta, at the Georgia Dome, in their first Final Four since 1993.

But you have to look five years back from then, to a March night at Kansas City's Kemper Arena, to see what really drives this team.

"Our goal wasn't to reach the Final Four. It was to win the national championship," said junior forward Nick Collison, who scored

25 points and had 15 rebounds on Sunday as Kansas beat Oregon 104-86 in the finals of the Midwest Regional.

The other Kansas players echoed that sentiment: Now, nothing short of the Jayhawks' first national title since 1988 — the year before Roy Williams took over as coach — will do.

"It was joy out there," celebrating the win over Oregon, freshman point guard Aaron Miles said. "But we know it's not done. We don't want it to stop here. It feels good to be one of the four teams that can possibly win the championship, but we want to be the ones to do it."

"We want to do it for coach Williams, because of all the things people have said about him, but we also want to do it for ourselves as a team," Miles said.

The Jayhawks, who meet Maryland in the national semifinals on Saturday, have held that goal since the preseason. Williams taped pictures of the Georgia Dome in each player's

locker, along with the message: "What did you do to get here today?"

"It was just kind of a reminder every day when you don't feel like practicing," Collison said. "You see that and realize what you're playing for."

What Kansas (33-3) did to get to Atlanta was sweep the Big 12 regular season, 16-0, and win its first two conference tournament games before being beaten in the finals by Oklahoma — another Final Four team.

Seeded No. 1 despite that loss, the Jayhawks held off Holy Cross 70-59, blew out Stanford 86-63 and scored a hard-fought 73-69 win over Illinois before running over the

Ducks on Sunday.

Along the way, they weathered injury (guard Kirk Hinrich's ankle sprain), foul trouble (Hinrich and Collison played just 37 total minutes against Illinois) and crowd hostility (Wisconsin fans have never forgiven Williams for comments they thought disparaged the Badgers' 2000 Final Four team and coach Dick Bennett.)

And in the end, they put to rest — for this year, anyway — Kansas' recent reputation for underachievement in the NCAA tournament.

"This means a lot," said All-American forward, Drew Gooden, who had 20 rebounds against Oregon. "I knew there were a lot of doubters out there. I know people have given Coach some heat in the past for not reaching goals. But coach Williams is a great coach. This is his year."

"Our goal wasn't to reach the Final Four. It was to win the national championship."

Nick Collison
forward

WOMEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT

Huskies dethrone Old Monarchs

MILWAUKEE

Sue Bird and the unbeaten Connecticut Huskies bounced the party crashers right out of the NCAA Tournament.

Bird scored a career-high 26 points and dished out 11 assists as UConn advanced to its third straight Final Four and fifth in eight years by beating Old Dominion 85-64 on Monday night.

The Lady Monarchs (28-6), miffed at their No. 7 seeding, had used the perceived slight to fuel upsets of second-seeded Purdue and third-seeded Kansas State.

But they could only watch helplessly as the top-ranked and top-seeded Huskies (37-0) made their first 13 shots and sank their first five free throws in racing to a 34-14 lead less than 10 minutes into the Midwest Regional final.

Over the weekend, Old Dominion coach Wendy Larry, whose team lost to the Huskies by 14 in December and had won 21 in row, said: "We're in a position now to ruin parties."

To which UConn coach Geno Auriemma jokingly retorted: "Party crashers usually get beat up or arrested, don't they? At least they did where I come from."

They were turned away at the door Monday night.

With a dominating display of crisp passing and accurate shooting, the Huskies jumped out to a 20-4 lead in less than five minutes and sank 19 of their first 21 shots from the field before "settling" for a 75 percent mark (21-of-28) at halftime, when they were up 55-33.

Their lead never dipped below 14 in the second half.

They'll play the Vanderbilt-Tennessee winner in San Antonio next weekend in search of their third national title and second unbeaten season under Auriemma, who won championships in 1995 and 2000.

It's the third Final Four appearance for seniors Bird, Asjha Jones, Swin Cash and Tamika Williams — considered



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Senior Sue Bird blocks a shot by Irish freshman Allison Bustamante during a UConn win against Notre Dame in January.

the top recruiting class in the game's history.

Old Dominion was seeking its first Final Four trip since losing to Tennessee in the 1997 championship.

But Lucienne Berthieu, the Monarchs' leading scorer and second-leading rebounder, got into early foul trouble and finished with just six points and four rebounds in 17 minutes. She had no points and one rebound after halftime.

She didn't check into the game in the second half until 11:33 remained with the Monarchs trailing 68-50.

Old Dominion got within 14 points at 72-58 with 6:12 left when Okeisha Howard, who led the Monarchs with 20 points, made two free throws.

UConn responded with four free throws, two by sophomore Diana Taurasi, who scored 22, and two by Bird, and the Monarchs were done.

Bird broke her previous career high of 25 points with an eight-foot jumper from the left baseline with 1:09 remaining.

The Huskies finished with 25 assists, the first of which broke their own NCAA record of 786 in a season.

UConn has been the top-ranked team all season, beating opponents by an average of nearly 37 points — a pace that would break its own NCAA record of 33.2 set in 1994-95. The Huskies also are on pace to challenge the mark for lowest average points allowed, 51.1 set by Utah last season.

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish head into Big East

By JOE HETTLER
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Notre Dame softball coach Deanna Gumpf believes that the softball season is divided into three parts.

In the first part of their season, Notre Dame's softball team battled through a tough early schedule to an 8-12 record.

The team now heads into the second part of their schedule tonight against Western Michigan looking to improve and take control of the Big East.

"I definitely think the season is divided into three sections: our pre-season, our Big East season and the post-season," said Gumpf. "Right now, we have gone through the first part and said 'OK, where do we need to get better? We need to not walk as many batters and we need to hit the ball.' That pretty much sums it up."

The Irish have relied on young pitching throughout

the season, particularly from freshman Steffany Stenglein and Carrie Wisen.

"Stef has improved and improved and improved," said Gumpf. "She's gotten better every day that she's been out there. Both the freshman jumped right into the fire and I think it took them both a couple of games just to figure it all out. They needed it. It was great for both of those girls to play the

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Deanna Gumpf
head coach

best teams in the country because now they know what it takes and that's a tough to figure out." So far this season, Stenglein has a 7-8 record with a 2.52 ERA and has struck out 81 batters. She also leads the teams in games pitched with 19.

The Irish offense has been led by unanimous preseason All-Big East selection, Andrea Loman who is hitting a team-leading .327 batting average as well as a .422 on-base percentage. Freshman outfielder Megan Ciolli is second on the team with a .308 average and

leads the team with three round trippers.

According to Gumpf, the older players have a major influence on the younger players and have helped them adjust to college softball.

"Jenny [Kriech] and Jarrah [Meyers] are returning All-Americans so their leadership is pretty much on the field," Gumpf said. "They're there to play ball, and they lead by example. Kas [Hoag] is a great leader because she's the one the girls can go to at any time. She's there for everybody on the team and she's got a lot of heart."

The team hopes to correct its early-season problems and put together a string of victories before Big East play opens Saturday against Pittsburgh.

"I think that we're hitting better than we have in the past," Gumpf said. "I think that if we hit the ball, we'll win. The pitchers know what they need to do. We had a lot of walks early in the season, pitching around a lot of hitters, and now we can go right at them."

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left fielder Dan Trubia knocked a grand slam to tie the score at eight runs apiece.

The score would remain the same until the bottom of the 11th inning when Connecticut's David Tokarz reached base on a throwing error by third baseman Andrew Bushey and then advanced to second. After moving to third on a sacrifice fly, Burnham slapped a two-out RBI single to bring home the game-winner.

Even though the Irish lost both games, they outhit Connecticut 19-12, but left 15 runners on base in the losing effort.

"The biggest thing we have to work on as a team is sowing up our infield defense and hitting in the clutch," O'Connor said. "It's not that we don't have any opportunities to score; we do. We're just not taking advantage of them right now."

In the final game Sunday, the Irish again fell behind early, suffering a 5-0 deficit after four innings. O'Toole cut Connecticut's four-run lead to two in the fourth inning with his second homerun of the series and fourth of the season.

The Huskies would put the game away, however, by dri-

ving home seven runs in the sixth and seventh innings on their way to a 13-6 victory.

The three losses over the weekend overshadowed a milestone weekend for the senior captain and centerfielder Stanley. The four-year starter surpassed 1989 graduate Pat Pesavento to set all-time records at Notre Dame for career hits and consecutive starts, with 297 and 205, respectively.

"I felt wonderful to become a part of the record books," Stanley said. "But, I really wanted to get those out of the way so we could really focus in on the team goals."

Steve Stanley
centerfielder

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it is important for the Irish to rebuild quickly with a double-header Thursday at West Virginia and another Saturday at Georgetown.

"We need some of our players to step up a little bit coming into this weekend," O'Connor said. "We need to stick together as a team and try to get everyone healthy. I believe when that happens, we'll be in a great position."

Contact Chris Federico at cfederic@nd.edu.

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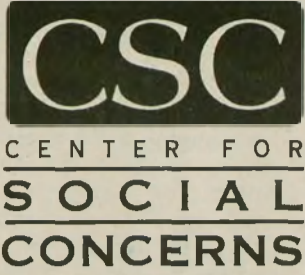
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The Center for Social Concerns extends its deepest gratitude to all who attended, and to all who were involved in the celebration's planning.

On the behalf of the staff of the CSC, we say "*Many thanks!*" to Father Don McNeill, C.S.C. whose long-time history at the University has greatly touched and transformed many lives. And, *Blessings Padre Don!* as you transition beyond the Center for Social Concerns this year!

Current Volunteer Needs

Easter Celebration for local children - Jim Baumgartner - 235-5709

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Ken Stacy - 287-2316 x 334 - ken@tirerack.com

He is looking for a tutor to help his son Joshua with his reading skills. Time commitment would be about 3 hours a week. He can bring Joshua to campus if the tutor would like.

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She would like a tutor for her children who are struggling with reading. She can bring the children to ND on Tues and/or Thurs after 5 pm.

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Starting an after school program that will take place on Weds. from 2:30-3:30 and looking for some students to assist the kids with their homework, especially Math & Reading. Transportation from ND to the school can be provided.

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Several students are needed to accompany adults with disabilities on the annual camping trip to Michigan. We will leave in the morning on Sat., April 6th and return in the afternoon on Sun., April 7th. Transportation, meals, and lodging are provided free. Volunteers will assist the Logan campers in basketball and volleyball games as well as games using the pool table, ping-pong, and foosball tables.

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Senior Send Off Planning

The Senior Send Off is held on the Saturday of Commencement Weekend to celebrate with approximately 10% of the Class of 2002 who are committing to Post-graduate Service Programs. If you are interested in helping to plan the event, please come to the meeting **TONIGHT, March 26th at 7:00 P.M.** at the Center for Social Concerns.

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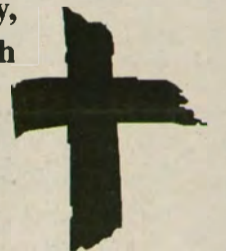
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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

No. 15 Irish look to rebound from loss

By CHRIS COLEMAN
Sports Writer

When the Irish women's lacrosse team matches up today against Delaware, both teams will be coming off similar heartbreaking one-goal losses. The No. 15-ranked Irish look to improve their record to 5-1 while the normally top-tier Blue Hens will be searching for just their third win in seven games.

"Last year they were the first ranked team we beat, it was a really tight game," said senior Natalie Loftus. "They are definitely going to come out ready to play tomorrow."

Delaware played Ohio State on Monday. The Buckeyes, ranked No. 20, jumped out to an 8-4 first half lead. Delaware played a strong second half but almost delivered an upset, before losing 12-11. Like Notre Dame's loss to Cornell, this

game will be fresh on Delaware's mind.

"Delaware is a traditional lacrosse powerhouse," said captain Alissa Moser. "Even though they are not as good this year, they are still a threat. We need to be on our toes."

The Irish look to play for a complete game after a subpar first half in a one-goal loss to Cornell last week. Cornell went up 8-3, and despite a strong second half, the Irish lost 10-9.

"We all knew we weren't playing [in the first half] the way Notre Dame lacrosse should be played. We realize what we did wrong and definitely have corrected it," said Moser. "That was only our first loss of the season, but we really don't want to lose. We are out for a win tomorrow."

The Irish expect to come out strong, but be patient in the first half today. They hope to take immediate control of the game.

"We need to be aggressive," said Moser, who has scored the first Irish goal twice this season. "We are ready to take it to them in the first couple minutes and keep pounding away."

Offensively, the Irish have been scoring goals in bunches throughout the season, and these scoring bursts have been able to carry them to wins. The Irish also have scoring depth, as six girls have recorded five or more goals in as many games.

The Irish have been off since their March 19 game and have used this time to work on their fundamentals.

"We are really excited to play again," said Loftus. "We've had time to work some kinks out and get ready for Delaware."

The Irish will face Delaware at 4 p.m. at Meyo Field.

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BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

The Notre Dame lacrosse team will face off against Delaware in hopes to revenge a recent loss to Cornell.

SMC BASKETBALL

Belles earn MIAA honors

Special to The Observer

The MIAA recently honored three players from the Saint Mary's basketball team, following the Belles' 9-17 season.

Senior Anne Blair was named to the MIAA All-

Conference first team, while sophomore Katie Miller and freshman Emily Creachbaum were named to the Honorable Mention team.

Blair, a three-year captain, averaged 12.8 points, 6.0 rebounds and 1.2 blocks per game.

Miller ran the Belles offense for most of the season and averaged 6.2 points and 3.1 assists per game. Creachbaum, second in Belles scoring, averaged 9.2 points per contest and also excelled defensively, grabbing 5.2 boards per game.

MEN'S GOLF

Irish go south, play moves north

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

The men's golf team traveled south last weekend, but the same cannot be said for its scores.

After firing a collective total of 913, the Irish finished seventh in the 13-team field at the Pepsi-Cola Invitational. Michigan State's Eric Jorgenson won the event with a 212 total, held at the Tanglewood Resort Golf Course in Texas.

The relatively high team score that placed a staggering 44 shots behind tournament champions Michigan State was reminiscent of last week's rather dismal effort in Florida, but misleading according to John Jasinski, first-year head coach.

"I thought we moved in the right direction," Jasinski said, "The scoring was similar to last week but the conditions were much tougher. The play was really substantially better. It was windy out there and very tough to score well."

However, senior Steve Ratay, who finished 13th to once again led the squad, captured his coach's favor for the second week in a row.

"Steve is the only player who really seems to have a handle on getting the ball into the hole," Jasinski said. "The rest really need to make some improvement in their short games."

Ratay agreed. "Certainly we need to work on our short games," he said.

"But I think that's something that comes as the season progresses."

While the unfavorable weather conditions make practice and the task of finding one's short game touch difficult, Jasinski said it's a skill issue as well.

"I think for some of our guys it's a matter of learning some different shots," Jasinski said. "It's a mental thing too. When par is in question you need to have the grit and the skill. It's about having the right mental approach and the confidence in the shot."

While the cumulative scores weren't much better than the ones posted a week ago, the Irish did enjoy some better play from one

player. Freshman K.C. Wiseman pieced together three rounds in the 70s to finish tied for 20th in the 74-player field, the best finish of his young collegiate career.

"K.C. played well," Ratay said. "He's one of the guys that's really coming along."

Jasinski sees the team improving in the coming weeks. "We have a couple more events left before the Big East Championships," he said. "We just need to keep getting better."

Getting better and scoring lower will be the focus of the team when they travel to Lexington, Kentucky to compete in the Johnny Owens Invitational this weekend.

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MEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT

Terrapins won't stop until they reach the top

Associated Press

Juan Dixon and Lonny Baxter already have done their share to lift Maryland to elite status, taking the Terrapins to the Final Four not just once, but twice.

The seniors now plan to attach a spectacular ending to their productive college careers.

Dixon and Baxter are the first players in the rich history of the Maryland basketball program to take part in at least 100 wins. Dixon has played a part in 108 victories, Baxter in 105.

They won't be satisfied until they get two more — Saturday night against Kansas in the NCAA semifinals and in the championship game next Monday night.

"It's my last time doing this, and I'm going to do whatever it takes to win," said Dixon, a multifaceted shooting guard and an integral part of the most successful senior class in Maryland history.

Dixon scored 27 points and Baxter had 29 points and nine rebounds Sunday as top-seeded Maryland won the East Regional and advanced to the Final Four for a second straight year with a 90-82 victory over Connecticut.

The Terrapins already had a run of five straight NCAA tournament appearances when Dixon and Baxter began their freshman seasons in 1998. But Maryland never before reached the Final Four until the duo, with aid from Tulane transfer Byron Mouton, lifted the program even higher.

Maryland coach Gary Williams says the best part of their game is resiliency.

Last year, the Terrapins rebounded from a home loss to lowly Florida State to reach the Final Four for the first time. This year,

they entered the NCAA tournament coming off a deflating loss to North Carolina State in the semifinals of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament.

"Along those four years we've won over 100 games, but we also had some tough losses. Yet we've always been able to come back," Williams said. "We've never let anybody take us off of what we were trying to do. I think our seniors — Juan, Lonny and Byron — have had a lot to do with that. Over a four-year period, they have been mentally tough."

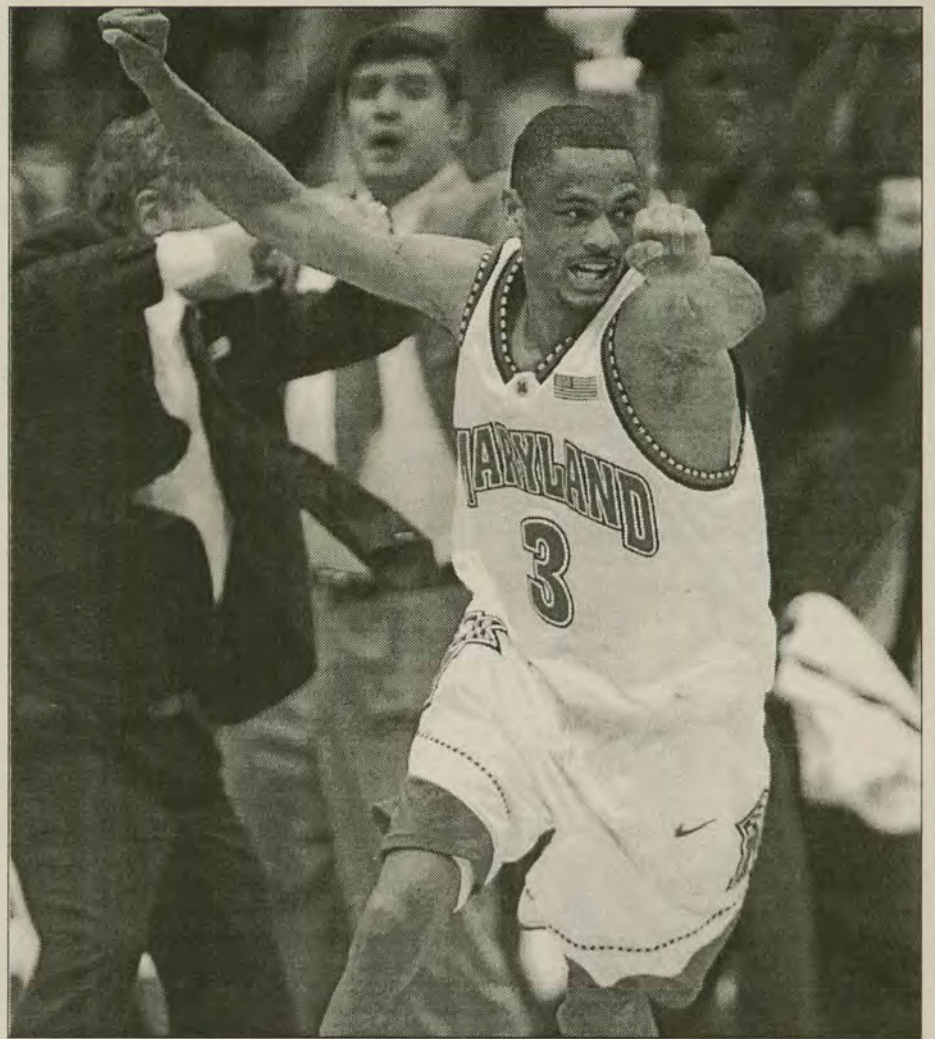
As juniors, the trio guided the Terrapins to where no Maryland team had gone before. Maryland lost to eventual champion Duke in the national semifinals, but virtually everyone associated with the program still considered the season a rousing success.

This time, there will be no moral victories. Only a national championship will do, even though the Terrapins (30-4) have accomplished plenty, capturing their first regular season ACC title since 1980 and winning 30 games for the first time.

"This year's team is much more mature than last year's," Mouton said. "I think that's why we are the situation we are in."

After reaching the Final Four last year, the three could have focused on potential NBA careers. Instead, they channeled their energy toward going out with a national championship.

"Our seniors did a tremendous job this year, because going to the Final Four last year only made them work harder," Williams said. "That isn't always the case. They've done a great job with the other players, trying to get them up to the level we can play at."



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Maryland's Juan Dixon celebrates a 3-point shot in the final three minutes of Maryland's victory during the East Regional Final.

Price is right for Sooners

Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla.

Oklahoma guard Hollis Price needs extra time to warm up before games. When he's on the sideline, a heating pad helps keep his injured right arm loose.

It must be working.

The Sooners are back in the Final Four for the first time since 1988 in large part because of Price, who went down with a gruesome elbow injury in the first round of last year's tournament.

He's averaging 18.2 points in the NAAs this year, a remarkable turnaround for a player who needed three operations.

Price tore the triceps tendon and had nerve damage after coming down hard on an Indiana State player's lower teeth during a drive in the Sooners' loss. Price ended up with a piece of the opponent's tooth in his arm.

"I didn't know it was that severe when it happened, but it turned out to be it was," Price said. "I thank the Lord he got me through that. Coach always says that adversity makes a man, and I think it made a man out of me and a better player, too."

He's been outstanding for Oklahoma (31-4) all season.

At 6-foot-1 and just 165 pounds, Price looks almost frail on the court. But he has tremendous speed, a sweet jumper and toughness, too.

While other Sooners struggled in the first half of the regional semifinal against Arizona, Price made six 3-

pointers. He had 22 of the Sooners' 33 points at halftime, keeping them close enough to rally in the second half.

"I've never seen that kid have any fear," Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson said.

After scoring 18 points in Saturday's regional final against Missouri, Price shared a long hug with Sampson, then called his grandfather in New Orleans — just as he does after every game.

Price's grandparents, George Carraby and Ann Dennis, raised him and his two siblings because their single mother was often in jail.

Price grew up in New Orleans' Desire neighborhood, which Sampson called "one of the toughest projects in that city."

But with his grandparents providing guidance, Price was drawn to sports and stayed clear of trouble.

"He had a beautiful home," Sampson said. "He lived in a project apartment, but he had a beautiful home because of his grandfather and grandmother. Hollis was brought up the right way, and that was his constant."

The "right way" meant coming home straight from school, doing homework before going out to play, and being home on time at night. It meant going to church on Sunday, being thankful for little things and respecting others.

"The distractions were there," Carraby said. "But he was always above that fray because he had folks who impressed on him that there

are things much more important than to waste your life."

Like any youngster, Price occasionally got out of line, but he never got into any serious trouble.

"You didn't need a whip or a switch. He's the kind of kid who comprehends," said Carraby, a counselor at a drug rehab center. "He looks you dead in your eyes when you talk to him, so that when you talk to him, you can get a good read on whether or not you're connecting. Hollis and I could always connect."

Price played several sports, and excelled at basketball. At St. Augustine High School, he averaged 25 points as a senior and led his team to the Class 5A state title. He also led his under-17 AAU summer team to a national title.

He started 22 games at Oklahoma as a freshman, averaging 7.2 points and 3.5 assists at point guard. He played the first 16 games at the point the next season before moving to shooting guard, and wound up averaging 11.8 points and 4.7 assists.

With the arrival of his high school teammate, Quannas White, at point guard, Price has been able to stay at shooting guard this season and was an All-Big 12 pick after averaging 17 points.

The elbow still hasn't healed, but Price's game is perfectly healthy.

"I don't think it'll ever be 100 percent," Price said. "But I haven't had many problems with it. Once I get into a game, I really don't think about it."

Perry to cover for Coverdale

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.

While starting point guard Tom Coverdale hobbled around campus on crutches Monday, Indiana practiced with Coverdale's likely replacement, freshman Donald Perry.

Coverdale, the Hoosiers' second-leading scorer and the player most responsible for getting his teammates into the right spots, sprained his left ankle Saturday during Indiana's 81-69 regional final victory over Kent State.

Two days after being wheeled off the court, Coverdale wore a boot over the injured ankle but still could not put any weight on the leg.

"It's 10 times better than it was yesterday, hopefully it will keep improving," Coverdale said.

Coach Mike Davis said he expected Coverdale to play Saturday against Oklahoma in the first of the two national semifinals.

"He couldn't even walk before we played North Carolina-Wilmington and he played," Davis said about the original injury Coverdale suffered in the Hoosiers' first-round game against Utah. "I think he'll definitely play because I know Tom."

Coverdale sprained his left ankle against Utah, but train-

er Tim Garl said the second injury was in a different spot.

Davis said the Hoosiers would not know until Thursday whether Coverdale could play.

Even if does, Coverdale wouldn't be 100 percent.

So at their first practice since advancing to the Final Four, Perry, from Tallulah, La., was playing with the Hoosiers' starters.

Perry has started five games this year and has steadily improved.

Davis and his players expressed confidence in Perry's abilities even though he appeared rattled at first Saturday when Coverdale was injured with about 9:30 remaining.

"Donald Perry is ready to go," Davis said. "It's been a team game since Day 1. We depend on him (Coverdale), but we'll do it by committee if they press us and spread us out."

Perry acknowledged Monday that he was nervous when he first replaced Coverdale, but said that he would be prepared to do whatever is asked this weekend.

"Saturday was different because I looked up and I was getting ready to celebrate," Perry said. "When he went down, it caught me off-guard. It's like my dad always said, you have to be ready for anything."

FENCING

Fencers take individual NCAA honors

◆ **McCullough, Crompton, Viviani Sobieraj, Debic notch strong finishes for Irish**

By MATT LOZAR
Sport Writer

Several Notre Dame fencers earned individual honors at the NCAA Championships this past weekend.

Senior women's sabre captain Carianne McCullough, a former walkon, achieved third team All-American honors in her final NCAA competition. Her 12-11 record put McCullough in 12th place and made her an All-American for the first time.

"It was really more to help the team than to get All-American," she said. "I mean sure it was in the back of your head. We had the last six bouts to try and get the most wins."

After finishing the first day in ninth place, McCullough won four matches on day two to accomplish her goal of earning All-American status.

McCullough finished in 19th in 2000 and 15th in 2001 at the NCAA Championship. In 2002, she compiled a 42-9 regular season record and a 161-38 career record. At the Midwest Conference Championships, McCullough took third and she finished second at the regional competition.

Teammate sophomore Destanie Milo combined with McCullough to give the Irish 20 points in women's sabre to finish sixth overall.

In men's sabre, senior captain Andre Crompton used an 8-1 record on the second day of the sabre competition to finish in fifth and was second team All-American for the second straight year. Crompton went 18-5 and lost the tiebreaker on indicators (touches earned minus touches

received) to miss out on first team All-American honors.

Knowing a win might put him in the top four, Crompton battled back to win his final bout 5-4.

"I was down 4-2 in my last collegiate bout ever. [I thought] just relax and pull it together," Crompton said. "It was the last touch of my collegiate career and I just wanted to finish strong."

A 10-4 record on day one put Crompton in fifth. He made an inspired run on Sunday, losing only to two-time champion Ivan Lee of St. John's.

"I fenced better and stronger than [Saturday]," Crompton said. "I think what really helped was the six of us [male fencers] had a meeting and we talked about what we needed to do to win."

Crompton and junior Matt Fabricant combined to win 27 bouts and finish fourth overall.

Junior epee captain Jan Viviani finished fifth to earn All-American honors for the third consecutive year. He finished 17-6 and missed first team All-American by one victory.

After starting Saturday by going undefeated in his first two rounds, Viviani did not have energy to keep up the strong start in the last four rounds.

"I got a little tired. I think things were going so well, that you stop thinking about things," Viviani said. "Sometimes it helps, but I think it hurt a little. In certain situations, I probably should have been a little different."

In the regular season, Viviani went 42-3 and his winning percentage of .933 was third best in epee history. His career record of 118-14 gives him a winning percentage of .894 and is the best in career epee winning percentage. Viviani won the conference championship for the first time this season and finished second at regionals.

Midwest Regional champion



MIKE CONNOLLY/The Observer

Junior epee captain Jan Viviani took home All-American honors for the third year in a row with a fifth-place finish at the NCAA Championships.

freshman Michal Sobieraj rebounded after a tough first day to finish with 12 wins and earn third team All-American. Sobieraj and Viviani combined to win 29 bouts and finish in a tie for second overall.

After a foot injury caused

him to finish fifth at last year's NCAA Championships, junior foil captain, Ozren Debic, finished fourth this year, returning to the first team All-American status he attained as a freshman. By earning first team All-American, Debic was

the fourth Irish fencer in 2002 to earn that honor, the most in Irish history.

Debic went 18-5 in pool play but expended so much energy attempting to earn as many points for the team as possible, he ran out of gas in his semifinal and third-place match.

"I did not have the energy to compete with those guys on a high level," Debic said. "Both of them [St. John's Jonathan Tiomkin and Stanford's Steve Gerberman] are good fencers. But if I was not even 90 or 100 percent, if I was fencing well, then I would have won at least one."

Freshman Derek Snyder joined Debic on the men's foil team this year. Snyder went 15-8 at the NCAA Championship, including 7-2 on the second day. His efforts earned him second team All-American.

"I'm somewhat satisfied. My goal was to make top four, but I missed that by a little bit," Snyder said. "I think the first day we kind of lost our cool as far as judging and stuff like that, so we lost our focus a little bit. The second day we did a lot better."

Debic and Snyder had 33 total wins to finish in a tie for second overall.

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Laszlo Lempert
Purdue University

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Abstract

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The problem is to show that there will be at least one point of the snake that is exactly in the same position in the morning as it was at bedtime. Consider both snake and bed one dimensional.

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CLUB SPORTS

Irish gymnasts find luck at Clover Classic

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame-St. Mary's Gymnastics club hosted its annual Clover Classic at Gymnastics Michiana with the women claiming first place and the men taking second. Competing schools included Purdue, Indiana, Minnesota, Ohio State and Xavier.

Emily Smith paced the women's squad, as her 9.35 on bars captured first, and an 8.7 for fourth on beam propelled her to third all around. Caitlin O'Brien also finished in the top five all-around, with third place on both the vault and floor. Mary Blazewicz' 8.4 was good for fifth on floor, edging teammate Katie Bonchonsky who placed sixth, contributing vital points to the team score. The women narrowly edged Purdue and Minnesota for the title.

Guido DiStefano claimed sixth all around for the men, with top six finishes on pommel horse, rings, parallel bars and floor. The Irish closely followed Purdue in the standings, with Ohio State placing third.

Sailing

A cold St. Joe Lake was host again to the Notre Dame Freshman Icebreaker, an apt name for the weekend. Despite cold temperatures, the event was again well run and a huge success for all competing teams. The Irish entered two boats and claimed second and fifth place. Michigan garnered first place, with Ohio and Michigan State placing between the two Notre Dame crews. Wisconsin, Western Michigan, John Carroll, and Indiana completed the order of finish.

Commodore Jack Gaither's club will next race April 5-7 at Miami's April Fool's Regatta.

Men's Water Polo

A depleted men's water polo club reached the finals of the fifth annual Gobbler Classic at Virginia Tech last weekend. Playing after an eleven-hour trek and with no reserves, the Irish opened with a 9-5 win over Virginia and then notched wins over North Carolina State, 8-4, and Charlotte, 7-5, in building to a dramatic championship game

with Rockville.

The Irish came out gunning against Rockville, riding the arm of Jay Deimel to a 3-1 lead. But as the game wore on, fatigue set in and Rockville clawed back to eventually tie the game at four, with 17 seconds left. Mike Doyle's backhand attempt at the buzzer was just short of outright victory. Rather than play the usual overtime period, the tournament format called for a shoot-out, and despite goalie Devlin McCormick's great effort, the Irish fell 4-3.

Deimel and Doyle paced the attack throughout the weekend, with 10 goals each, while Pat Watts and Steve "The Enforcer" Schrantz scored two goals apiece. Danny Wiederkehr dominated in the defense. With four starters missing, freshmen Mike Grow and Jack Spittler played very well in their first extensive game action.

Ultimate

Strong winds made play extremely difficult this weekend at the South Bend Invitational. The Irish women's squad

dropped the opener to host South Bend, 8-3, and then lost the second game to Purdue, 12-4, as winds continued to intensify. The Irish jumped on an overmatched Michigan B team, 11-2, before dropping their third game of the day to No. 1 seed, Michigan A, 11-5.

Sunday's action found four starters lost with injuries as the Irish managed to defeat Oberlin 11-9 before dropping a much closer rematch with Purdue, also by an 11-9 score.

The women's squad placed sixth overall in the tournament, second in the B division. Standout players for the weekend included Mia Stephen as top defensive player and a reliable handler in the wind, Karen Chu, whose speed and athleticism established the zone defense, and Naoli Cordell, the top offensive player for the Irish this weekend.

Men's Rowing

The men's rowing club was unable to defend the Lubber Cup it had captured last year as the varsity 8+ placed fourth in both its races. In heat one, with Tara

Driscoll at Cox, the Irish finished behind two crews from Michigan and a third from Western Ontario. The final B race saw Western Ontario cross the finish first, trailed by Michigan, Grand Valley State and Notre Dame. This crew consisted of Margaret Durant, Cox, Chris Ban at Stroke, Terence Fitzgibbon at Bow, and Kevin Sibbensen, Ross Bartels, John Martell, Ryan Carlson, Chris Reilly and Chris Szefer.

In the Men's JV 8+, the men tied Michigan State for second behind Michigan in heat one, Christina Aune at Cox, before dropping to fifth in the Final A, with Katie Fiorda at Cox. Nick Petrella was Stroke, Patrick Ross at Bow, with a crew of Matt Zatorski, Steve Kettler, Sean Dennis, James Hill and Brad Voller.

Men's Novice 8+ placed third in heat one, with Porscha Radcliffe at Cox, and then went on to capture first in the final B, with Katie Fiorda at Cox, and crewed by Alex Schaefer, Stroke, Mike Sanchez, Nic Iverson, Rich McIver, Mike Gibek, Andrew Jaco and Andy Hronick at Bow.

Going beyond that restraining line

I've been to one lacrosse game in my life, which left me with an inescapable conclusion: I didn't really get it.

Sure, I could tell there was a ball being thrown at a net, and when the ball went in, the team shooting got a point. But beyond that, I might as well have been Keanu Reeves at an acting class. I couldn't appreciate the art on display.

So what better way to learn about the game and the athletes who play it than asking Notre Dame senior defensive standout Tina Fedarcy about the finer points of the sport?

Well, the finer points were: what cartoon character she's like on the field, which lacrosse rule should get the boot and why a Michigan cornerback deserved the 1997 Heisman Trophy. I just asked the essentials, starting with an explanation of which players can go where.

TINA: I play third man, which is defense. Basically, you have attackers, midfielders and defenders. You have a restraining line in lacrosse and only seven people can go across and play attack, and seven can go back and play defense.

Your attackers and your midfielders will go down and be on the attack, and then your low defenders, which is what I am, and the midfielders come down on defense.

TED: So you can never go across [the restraining line]?

TINA: I can go across some-

times, but it's not like I regularly do it. I can go across ... in transition or if I'm up ahead of everybody else.

TED: Do you think that's the most unique lacrosse rule ... or is there anything else that, just looking at it, is kind of goofy?

TINA: I think the things that are the most confusing are whenever there's a whistle, you have to stop. So everyone freezes. And that's kind of weird, because like in soccer, you can just wander around. But in [women's] lacrosse you have to stop.

TED: The differences between men's and women's [lacrosse] — [are] there differences in terms of the amount of contact?

TINA: Everything — it's like a different sport. Men can body check. Women, it's kind of like soccer, shoulder-to-shoulder. You can have contact ... but it's not as aggressive.

It's more of a finesse [game], that's what they say. You can turn that into being pretty rough, still.

TED: So we established that it's rare for you to score a goal, so when you do score a goal is

there a lot of trash-talking in women's lacrosse?

TINA: (Laughs) Not really. I really wouldn't trash-talk when I scored a goal because it doesn't happen that often. And the next time down, I'd probably get pounded.

I say some things on the field that I shouldn't say; I get frustrated with the referees really easily because there's a lot of whistles and I think they're silly.

Our team — we talk to each other a lot ... I think that's intimidating to other teams.

TED: If you had to pick a cartoon character that represented you, that you think that you play like, [who would it be]?

TINA: I don't have the best speed, so I can't go with any of the speedy cartoon characters. I like the Tasmanian Devil, I guess, because sometimes I get very wound up and wrapped up in the game. I'll do dumb things, dumb fouls, and then Coach will have to yell at me. Once I'm in it, I'm very aggressive.

TED: When someone you're marking scores ... do you take that pretty personally?

TINA: Yeah, I take it personal-

ly. It's kind of like everything. Every time the draw goes, that's going to be my ball. Every ground ball, I think, 'I'm getting to that.' When I don't get it, I get a little frustrated, but it makes me work harder.

TED: If you could change any one rule [in] lacrosse, what would you change?

TINA: I would change the stopping on the whistle. It would change the game a lot, but it's just such a frustrating rule.

TED: Do you basically have to stop dead in your tracks?

TINA: [Yes.] When the whistle blows, you stop, no matter where you are, if you're out of position, if your girl is like 10 feet past you, you have to stop.

TED: What are some of the different types of fouls that they can call?

TINA: Empty-stick check, you can't hit their stick when they don't have a ball in it; dangerous

check, which is like checking their stick towards their face.

If you check them in the head, that's the yellow card. (Both laugh) Then you get kicked out. Yeah, I've got a few of those.

TED: [Lacrosse] isn't an Olympic sport yet, is it?

TINA: No. Curling is an Olympic sport but not lacrosse. It's very silly.

TED: When you're watching any other sport, can you identify more with the player who is on defense who doesn't get the credit?

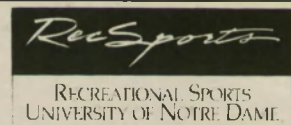
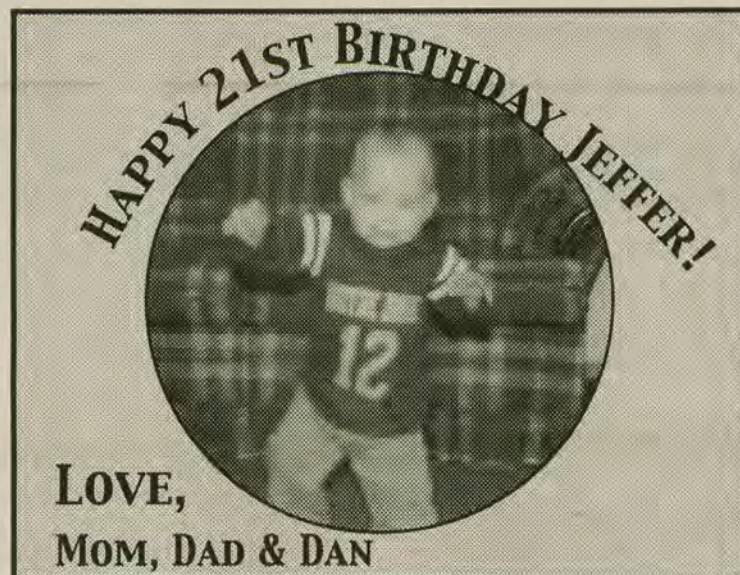
TINA: Definitely ... when Charles Woodson got the Heisman Trophy, I was all about that. [It was] 'Yes, defense!' I always identify with them.

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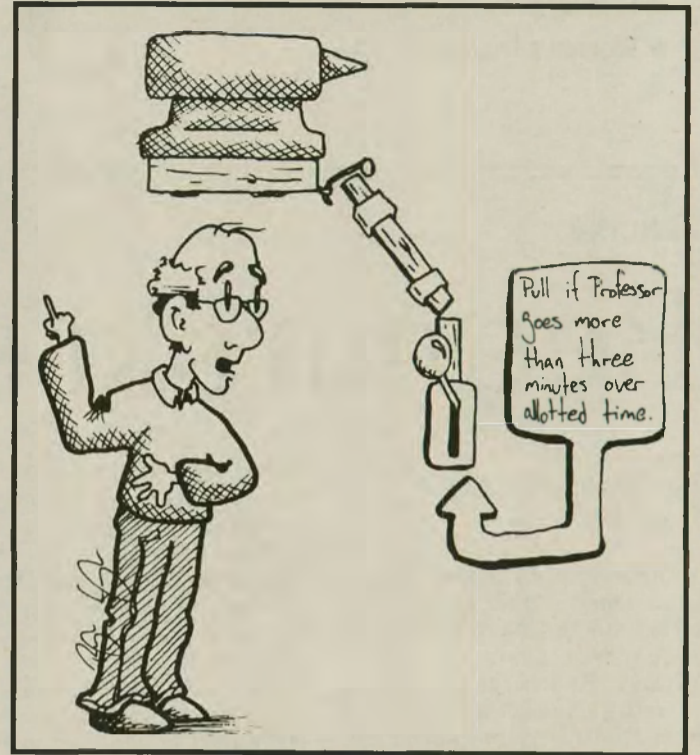
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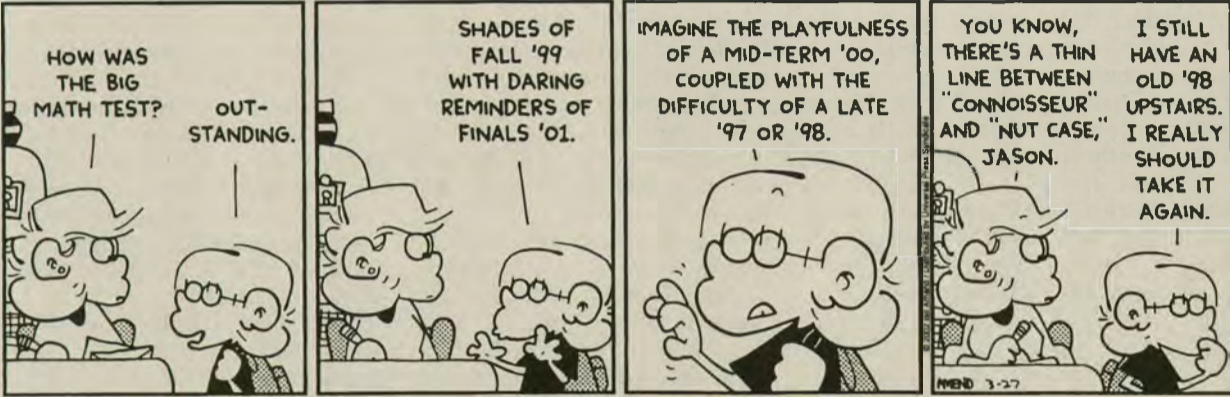
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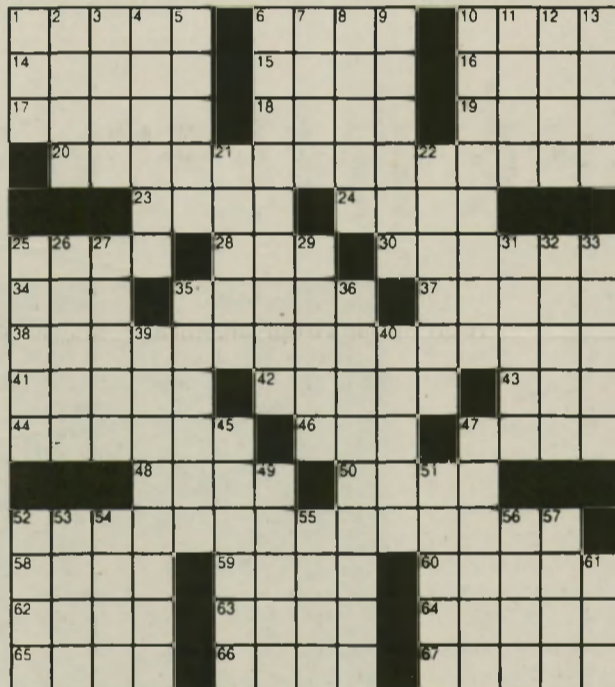
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CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Race car gauges, for short
 - 6 Mesa dweller
 - 10 "No way, ___!"
 - 14 González from Cuba
 - 15 Soon, to a bard
 - 16 Third afterthought in a letter: Abbr.
 - 17 Even if, familiarly
 - 18 Big cat
 - 19 Butcher's goods
 - 20 What 2002 is, according to the 38-Across
 - 23 Temperature
 - 24 Clairvoyant
 - 25 Mournful trumpet sound
 - 28 Soak (up)
 - 30 Prepares for a tough battle
 - 34 Took the cake?
 - 35 Fan mags
 - 37 Laissez-___
 - 38 See 20-Across
 - 41 Book that refers to "People of the Book"
 - 42 Kind of power
 - 43 Inc., abroad
 - 44 Historic London theater
 - 46 Sow's pen
 - 47 Gets the picture
 - 48 Thingy
 - 50 Part of a smoke screen?
 - 52 Annual greeting appropriate to this puzzle
- DOWN**
- 1 It may be high in the afternoon
 - 2 Friend in war
 - 3 Refer to
 - 4 Big laugh
 - 5 "Zzzzzz ..."
 - 6 Intermediate shades
 - 7 "Put a lid ___!"
 - 8 Exclamations of disdain
 - 9 Like a have-not
 - 10 U.S. Steel founder
 - 11 Phone abbr.
 - 12 Hot tubs
 - 13 Italy's Villa d'___
 - 21 Rest area
 - 22 Member of a herd
 - 25 Off the wall
 - 26 Playwright Fugard
 - 27 Kooky
 - 58 What the fat lady sings
 - 59 Goal in musical chairs
 - 60 Go for another 12 issues, say
 - 62 Treaty
 - 63 Fictional Jane
 - 64 Field of play
 - 65 Actress Sommer
 - 66 Does and bucks
 - 67 Disorganized

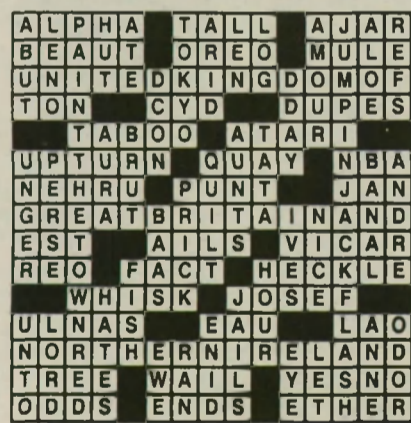


Puzzle by Manny Nosowsky

- 29 River to the Rio Grande
- 31 Move crabwise
- 32 Fit to be tied
- 33 Unpopular ones
- 35 Highest point
- 36 Kind of taffy
- 39 Find a route
- 40 ___ on the line
- 45 Discontinued
- 47 Place for influence?
- 49 "That's nonsense!"
- 51 "Begone!"
- 52 Stare agog
- 53 ___ Mountains (Asian border)
- 54 Short cut
- 55 Taxi rider
- 56 Snake eyes
- 57 Hankerings
- 61 Road to take

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



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Happy Birthday: Expect to have a heavy workload this year. Added responsibilities may be hard to handle but if you put your mind to it you will find that your determination and discipline will help you accomplish your goals. Be sure to eat properly and get enough rest. You will find happiness and harmony in the partnerships you form. Your numbers are 3, 7, 11, 25, 31, 47

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Someone you are trying to make plans with may let you down today. Be prepared to go it alone if necessary. In the end you may find that you have a better chance of getting the advancement you deserve.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Consider getting involved in social outings that are not going to cost you too much. You will meet some interesting people and may even end up getting a job offer out of the deal.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You aren't likely to get along well with the people you spend the most time with. Back off and refuse to let someone goad you into an argument.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Think your plans through carefully. If you help someone else you'll be helping yourself as well. The right people will recognize your efforts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can make financial gains if you get involved in products or services for the home. You must however be careful not to be led astray by someone who doesn't

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have your best interests at heart.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It would be safe to say that you will be a little sensitive today. Try to take things in stride and refuse to let anyone who is tactless upset you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may want to stop and take another look at your present direction. Are you heading toward the goals you set for yourself or have you become idle for whatever reason? Consider where you are and where you want to be.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): As long as you don't lend, donate or let others take advantage of you financially, you should do quite well today. Travel, education and sharing with others will highlight your day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Slow down and think before you speak today. You will have a tendency to be a little too uptight regarding your peers. Let everyone do his or her own thing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will find different cultural backgrounds interesting today. Try to take part in a community event that will open your eyes to different means and methods of doing things.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Hold on to your cash even if you do come across a deal that is tempting. In the long run you'll be glad you held on to your money.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will be in a romantic mood today. Be sure to get out and have some fun. The more entertaining you are the greater the response will be that you receive from others.

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FENCING

Bednarski still No. 1 on the list

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

The search for a new fencing head coach should be completed within the next few weeks as current assistant coach Janusz Bednarski remains retiring head coach Yves Auriol's preferred replacement.

"I plan to do something in the next couple of weeks," Bernard Muir, associate athletic director, said after the 2002 NCAA Fencing Championship. "Hopefully we'll solidify something after we talk to a few more people."

Bednarski said he was very

interested in the job while Auriol reiterated his support for his current assistant.

"Coaching is my life," Bednarski said. "Notre Dame is the place where everyone wants to be. Of course I am interested."

Muir said that Auriol's recommendation would play a large part in choosing the next coach.

"Yves is going to be a key part," Muir said. "What he's done is tremendous and certainly we are going to use his expertise in choosing what direction we head with this program."

Bednarski who has been an

assistant coach with the Irish since 1996 is also the popular choice among current Irish fencers.

Foil captain Ozren Debic believes Bednarski will be a strong head coach but hopes that first-year assistant coach Zoltan Dudas is retained as well. Bednarski's expertise lies in sabre while Dudas is primarily an epee and foil coach.

"I think Janusz is a great coach especially if Zoltan stays on," Debic said. "I think the two of them are a good combination."

Debic, however, believes the Notre Dame needs to hire additional assistant coaches and

increase the fencing budget to include training trips if the Irish are going to win the national championship.

If Bednarski is selected as the next head coach, he plans on strengthening recruiting and building on Auriol's already strong foundation.

"It is not easy but you can always improve on something," he said. "You are learning from the past. We can improve a little bit in recruiting but the most important thing is to keep the kids together and make them into champions."

Bednarski was born in Poland, where he was a member of the national sabre team.

He coached the Polish Olympic team from 1978-88 before moving to the United States in 1988. In addition to his duties with the Irish, he is also the head coach at the Indiana Fencing Academy in Mishawaka. In his seven years at Notre Dame, he has coached two national sabre champions, Luke LaValle in 1998 and Gabor Szelle in 2000. His squads have also produced seven All-Americans — most recently Cari McCullough and Andre Crompton in 2002.

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BASEBALL

Huskies shock Irish with sweep

◆ Stanley has milestone weekend, breaks 2 career records

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Editor

The Notre Dame baseball team suffered one of its most disappointing series in Big East history this weekend as the team dropped three consecutive games to conference rival Connecticut in Storrs, Conn.

The Irish, who entered conference play as a favorite to defend their regular-season league title, are still reeling from the effect of injuries to several key starters. The injuries forced several major changes in the Irish infield as third baseman/catcher Paul O'Toole returned to his former high school position at second base and sophomore Javier Sanchez started at shortstop in place of the injured freshman Matt Macri, who has been relegated to the designated hitter position most of the season.

"There were such high expectations on our team going into the year," Notre Dame associate head coach Brian O'Connor said. "The injuries that we've suffered really show when you go on the road and play in the conference."

The Irish fell on some rough luck during the road trip, dropping each game of the Saturday doubleheader by one run, before being dismantled Sunday by the Huskies, 13-6.

"It was a tough weekend," O'Connor said. "Those are the kinds of things that happen on the road, and it's tough to win on the road. That's why you've got to be that much better. We just didn't get the job done."

In the series opener, Connecticut

jumped out to a 3-0 lead on the Irish freshman Grant Johnson through the strength of a Cy Hess' RBI double and a two-run home run by left fielder Peter Soteropoulos.

In its half of the fourth, Notre Dame got back within one run as centerfielder Steve Stanley led off with a single and senior Matt Bok followed with a walk. An RBI single by Macri scored Stanley and a throwing error on right-fielder Brian Stavisky's single allowed Bok to score the team's second run.

In the next inning, the Irish plated the tying run as Sanchez scored on Bok's double down the left field line.

The Huskies broke the tie in the bottom of the fifth when Hess drew a leadoff walk and then advanced to second on a bunt and to third on a ground out. The go ahead run came as Johnson's pitch got past Bok, allowing Hess to scurry home.

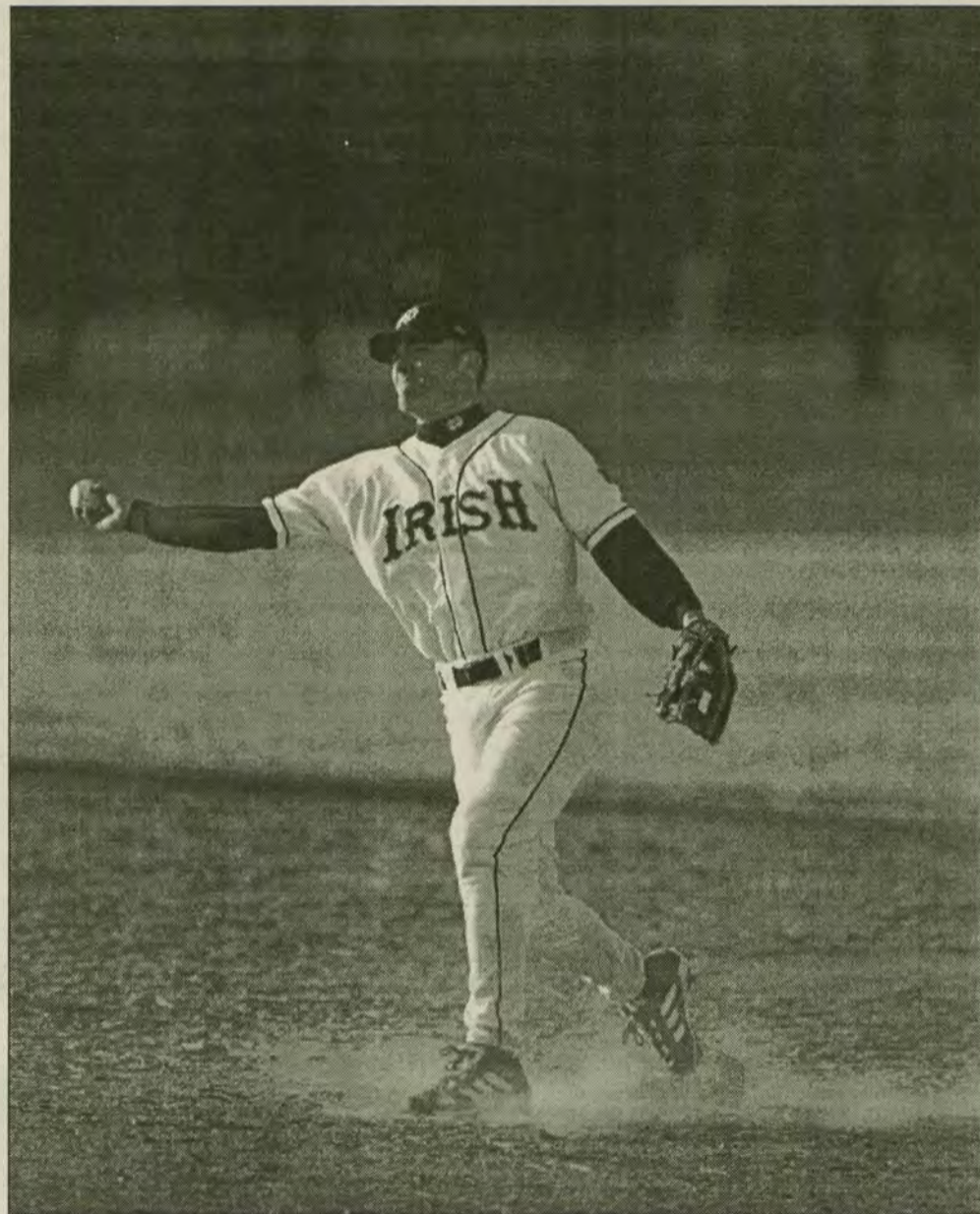
The conclusion of the doubleheader provided for an even more dramatic, 11-inning 9-8 victory for the Huskies. Once again, it was Connecticut who took the early lead, moving on top of the Irish 3-0 after four innings.

In the fifth, the Irish surged back, plating five runs on the strength of RBI singles by first baseman Joe Thaman, Sanchez, Stavisky and O'Toole to grab their first lead of the series.

The Irish added three more in the seventh inning on O'Toole's three-run homerun to take an 8-3 lead.

The five-run advantage would not be enough for the Irish, however, as Niesel ran into trouble in the bottom of the seventh after six solid innings of work.

After surrendering a pair of one-out hits, Niesel hit second baseman Brett Burnham to load the bases. After a bases-loaded walk by Soteropoulos,



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The Irish baseball team opened the Big East season to disappointment, dropping three consecutive games to the Huskies.

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