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The Linebacker Lounge, a popular student bar, has a second exit in the back for customers to use in the event of an emergency evacuation. Some students said they are concerned about evacuation procedures in area clubs in light of recent nightclub deaths around the country.

NEWS ANALYSIS

Recent nightclub deaths cause concern

By JULIA MILLER-LEMON
News Writer

The recent tragedies at nightclubs in Chicago and Rhode Island have raised concern among local students and bar owners, many of whom told The Observer that their businesses lack evacuation plans.

On Feb. 17, 21 people died and 50 more were injured at the Chicago nightclub E2 when a crowd of people rushed for the exit. The deaths were a result of the stampede of people, which started when security guards used pepper spray in an attempt to break up a fight between two women.

Last Thursday, 97 people were killed in what has been noted as the fourth deadliest nightclub fire in the nation's history. The Station, a nightclub in West Warwick, R.I., caught fire after a pyrotechnics display by the band playing ignited the paneling and low-hanging ceiling.

In both cases, the number of

people in the buildings exceeded their maximum capacities, which played a major role in the inaccessibility of exits.

Owners of South Bend's most popular nightspots had varied responses regarding the recent tragedies.

"We called the fire marshal for a courtesy check, just to make sure everything was up to par," said Chuck Hammons, owner of The Library, formerly Finnigan's Irish Pub in downtown South Bend.

He added that everything was fine, but Hammons told "most of the employees and regulars to use the back door in case of an emergency because most people will immediately go to the front."

He also has installed a sprinkler system in the bar, which is not actually required because of the size of the space. Perhaps an even more apparent precaution is evidenced in the nine signs posted on doors and in the bathrooms instruct-

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London students react to rising Iraq tension

By C. SPENCER BEGGS
News Writer

LONDON
When students studying in Notre Dame's London Program returned to their flats Sunday night from the first of their week-long travel breaks, they returned to an anxious city reeling from terror scares and massive anti-war protests.

Beginning with the Jan. 5 arrest of four North African men accused of possessing large quantities of the deadly poison ricin in their flat, British intelligence and police forces have engaged in sweeping raids across the city in the past two months, including one at a city mosque where they found protective suits against chemical, biological and nuclear fallout and various terrorist documents. A bomb scare evacuated Heathrow airport on Feb. 14 and a massive anti-war rally shut down much of central London on Feb. 15.

As U.S. and British governments move forward with preparations for possible military engagement in Iraq, the fear of terror attacks from Iraqi sympathizers or al Qaeda cells at home and in the British Isles is increasing; both governments have issued terror alerts in the last week. And despite Notre Dame's proverbial bubble, the all too real possibility of war is on the minds of Notre Dame students.

Junior Matt McGowen, a political science and economics major,

believes that the U. S. and Britain have made the case for war and are justified in leading a coalition force without U. N. backing.

"I think war should be a last resort, but it has been 12 years and there is substantial evidence of Saddam's non-compliance and I think that overall justification exists for action," McGowen says.

McGowen, who currently is serving as an intern with a British Member of Parliament, says he keeps up on current events by reading or watching the news daily, but says that not all London students share his interest in the affair.

"There are some people that will talk about it for five hours and then there are some that don't want to talk about it at all," McGowen said.

Junior anthropology major Juliette Hobbes said she and her flatmates watch CNN everyday, but said only half of London students discuss Iraq and few appear to be interested in pursuing any other type of involvement.

"I don't want to do anything that would jeopardize my safety or go against my country," Hobbes said.

Junior Program of Liberal Studies major Joe Powers was concerned that not enough students were informed about the issue.

"We had a speaker come into class to talk about Just War Theory and it was frightening to

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Benefit honors mother's memory

By CAITLIN EARLY
News Writer

The second annual Ace for the Cure, a colon cancer benefit match sponsored by the Notre Dame women's tennis team, is set to take place at noon on Sunday in the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

Sunday's benefit match holds particular significance for senior team member Katie Cunha who founded and organized the event last year in response to her own mother's diagnosis with stage-four colon cancer.

"My mother was always so healthy, but after her diagnosis last September, she got sick

very quickly," said Cunha.

According to the American Cancer Society, colon cancer is a leader in cancer deaths, second only to lung cancer. Estimates show that one out of every 18 Americans will develop colon cancer in their lifetime.

"My goal was to raise awareness not only for colon cancer patients, but for all people who have cancer," said Cunha.

Over Christmas Break of last year, Katie Cunha and her sister, Camille, had the idea to sponsor a colon cancer awareness benefit in conjunction with the women's tennis team and christened it "Ace for the Cure."

"When I first presented the idea before the administration

last January, they really took to it," said Cunha.

On April 7, 2002, the first-ever Ace for the Cure benefit match was held during the women's team's last home match of the season against the University of Miami.

Katie Cunha's mom, Christine Cunha, was present at last year's event.

"From January until April, I kept the match a secret from my mom," said Cunha. "When she finally arrived on campus, she was so surprised to see all the posters and flyers about the event. It meant so much to her."

Christine Cunha passed away

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DINNER BELLES



BETH QUINN/The Observer

Construction is progressing on the new Student Center and dining hall at Saint Mary's. The new facility will replace the current Noble Family Dining Hall and house student government offices.

INSIDE COLUMN

And in this corner

I still remember my first encounter with boxing. It was my freshman year, and my boyfriend of the time was fighting in the Bengal Bouts. While he did not fight until the semifinals, I went with him to watch the preliminaries, and I will never forget it. We walked into the dark JACC and stopped at the edge of the bleachers. My jaw nearly hit the floor as I stood there watching the fight and thought of my own boyfriend in the ring. I grabbed his arm and said, "You're not going in there! You're not going in there!" He turned to me, grinned, and said, "Yes I am," before dragging me to a front row seat. As he yelled out words of encouragement to his fellow boxers, I sat gripping the edge of my seat and flinched with every punch. As the night went on, I flinched less and relaxed more. I began to learn about technique, scoring, and judging. Of course, once it was my boyfriend in the ring, my composure went right out the window. Fortunately, he escaped the semifinals unharmed and victorious, and then went on to win a championship. I had never been more proud of him than I was that night.



Lisa Velte

News Photo Editor

With my newfound understanding and enjoyment of boxing, I decided to join the women's boxing club the next year. Many of my friends and family questioned both my ability and my sanity. It turned out to be one of the most positive and memorable experiences during my years at Notre Dame.

I am no longer dating a boxer or boxing myself, but boxing still holds a place in my heart. I have been fortunate enough to have the opportunity to be the photographer for the Bouts this year. It has been one of the most enjoyable and rewarding experiences of my life. I encourage you all to go the Bouts on Sunday afternoon, whether you have been there before or not. Go see the results of weeks of hard work and training by these young men and help them celebrate their success and accomplishments. Remember that this is part of what makes Notre Dame special, and that nowhere else will you find an athletic and charity event like it.

I'd like to say thank you to the men of the boxing club, for helping those less fortunate and for giving me the opportunity to work with such a fine group this year. Thank you to the women boxers, for teaching me how to box, push myself past my limits, and letting me help you mark this year of a new tradition. And thank you to Shawn, for teaching me about boxing and giving me a respect for it. Without you, I would not be writing this.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Lisa Velte at lvelte@nd.edu

CORRECTIONS

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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

- ◆ Lecture: "The Ballinrobe Outrage: The Irish Language and the Courts in the Nineteenth Century" 3 p.m. at Flanner Hall Room 424
- ◆ Lecture: "Power, Power and Organizing: The Struggle for Economic Justice" 3 p.m. at McKenna Hall
- ◆ Collegiate Jazz Festival 6 p.m. at Washington Hall

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- ◆ Mass 7:15 a.m. at Church of Loretto
- ◆ Australia Questions and Answers 12 p.m. at LeMans Hall
- ◆ Women of Faith Conference 2 p.m. at Stapleton Lounge

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

- Cell phone found near Lyons**
A cellular phone was found Thursday near Lyons Hall and turned into NDSP for safekeeping.
- Student transported to hospital**
Police transported a student to St. Joseph Medial Center Thursday for treatment of a laceration sustained near Zahm Hall.
- Water pipe breaks in Main Building**
NDSP responded Wednesday evening to a report of a water pipe breaking in the Main Building.
- Police issue speeding ticket on Juniper**
Police issued a citation for exceeding the speed limit on Juniper Road Thursday morning.

-compiled from the NDSP crime blotter

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall	South Dining Hall	Saint Mary's Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: Vegetable lasagna, Italian sausage marinara, four-cheese pizza, cherry turnover, southern-fried chicken, au gratin potatoes, brown sauce, chicken gravy, whipped potatoes, mixed vegetables, cherry crisp, baked cajun pollock, Italian rice pilaf, sliced carrots, Italian-blend vegetables	Today's Lunch: Manicotti, cacciatore sauce, chicken fajita pizza, quiche lorraine, chicken cordon bleu, baked cod, delmonico potatoes, honey-glazed baked ham, Italian risotto, cut green beans, grilled vegetable plate, potatoes skins, onion Rings, szechuan beef and vegetable stir-fry	Today's Lunch: French fries, spaghetti, pasta, potato wedges, broccoli, carrots, salad bar, cookies
Today's Dinner: Cherry turnovers, breadsticks, grilled pork chops, broccoli-rice casserole, brown sauce, pork gravy, whipped potatoes, corn, cherry crisp, grilled tilapia, baked noodle casserole, California-blend vegetables, baked sweet potatoes, green beans, peas	Today's Dinner: Italian beef and macaroni, Cajun pasta sauce, red clam sauce, chicken fajita pizza, rice and black olives, baked chicken parmesan, kielbasa and sauerkraut, roast pork tenderloin, sesame-baked pollock, corn cobbettes, sauerbraten, zum zum potato salad	Today's Dinner: Salad Bar, carrots, cheese pizza, bagels, french fries, tomato soup, cake

LOCAL WEATHER	TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY					
HIGH	30	HIGH	22	HIGH	33	HIGH	24	HIGH	27	HIGH	33
LOW	20	LOW	20	LOW	16	LOW	18	LOW	20	LOW	10

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Students organize 'Vagina Monologues'

By SARAH NESTOR
Saint Mary's Editor

A performance of "The Vagina Monologues" is scheduled to take place in Regina Hall North Lounge at 8 p.m. Sunday, although students connected with the performance would not confirm that it was occurring and declined to comment on any matter relating to "The Monologues."

An advertisement on the V-Day Web site indicated the College was holding a performance but did not provide a date, place or time for the performance. Saint Mary's senior Susan Almeda is listed as the organizer but refused to comment.

Last year, students organized an unofficial reading of "The Monologues," despite possible punishment from the College's administration. However, College President Marilou Eldred did not sanction last year's performance and it appears that the administration will not sanction this year's performance either.

Susan Dampeer, assistant to the president, said the official stance of the College is that it will not endorse a presentation of "The Vagina Monologues" through funding or facilities. Dampeer also said the Saint Mary's administration was not aware of any specific performances at Saint Mary's this year.

"The Vagina Monologues" performance in 2001 was performed unofficially after College alumnae and the Board of Trustees voiced their disapproval of the controversial play to the College. Despite the can-

cellation students performed "The Monologues" in 2001, and Eldred demanded an apology from leaders of a campus sexual assault awareness group whom she accused of organizing the performance.

However, students who participated in last year's reading of "The Monologues" were not sanctioned and at the time Eldred said there would be no repercussions if the play was performed. According to Dampeer, students, faculty and staff are free to gather informally for a reading or performance of "The Monologues" without penalty.

"Organizers and participants describe the mission of the performance as an effort to raise awareness about sexual offenses against women. Saint Mary's feels that addressing this issue is an important duty of all colleges and universities," Dampeer told The Observer last week.

Over the past two years Saint Mary's has developed self-defense classes for students, held security forums and created a crime map and sponsored the awareness play "Sex Signals."

Saint Mary's senior transfer student Shannon Wojcik has never seen a performance of "The Monologues" but believes such performances are essential.

"I think creativity and art are important," Wojcik said. "I think to grow as people and as a society we need to be pushed. Sometimes we are pushed into places that make us uncomfortable, but I think we need to be open to new experiences."

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SMC to hold interfaith conference

By SARAH NESTOR
Saint Mary's Editor

This weekend Saint Mary's students will be participating in a Muslim-Catholic dialogue designed to increase understanding between the two faiths and promote discussion. The conference, titled "Living as Women of Faith: A Muslim-Catholic Dialogue," begins today and ends on Sunday and is sponsored by the College's Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership.

Saint Mary's students and female junior and senior high school students are invited to participate in the dialogue. Participants will discuss the fundamentals of Islam and Catholicism, explore the impact of faith and culture and visit Masjid al-Noor, a local Muslim mosque, and the Church of Loretto, according to publicity for the event.

Students and staff members

from Universal School, an Islamic co-educational institution for preschool through 12th grades in Chicago will be participate in the dialogue. Karen Danielson of the Universal School, will be a co-moderator of the dialogue and will also give a presentation on the prophet Muhammad. Danielson has worked on opening lines of communication and understanding with the Muslim community.

"We found the need after Sept. 11 to work even more diligently to outreach to the community," Danielson said.

The Archdiocese of Chicago and the Chicago Muslim community have been working together over the past 10 years, which has led to an understanding between the two communities, said Danielson.

"I've felt that the Catholic Church has been interested building relationships for at least the last ten years," Danielson said. "After Sept. 11 having those

relationships were a good step [in reducing tensions]."

Danielson works on creating dialogues between the Muslim community and other groups, both religious and non-religious, to help build relationships.

"I think it is very important [to dialogue] as many Muslims have remained in an isolated community," Danielson said.

A screening of two interfaith films on Saturday in Carroll Auditorium at 7 p.m. will be the only part of the conference open to the general public. The films "What Do You Believe" by Feinbloom Films and "Common Grounds" by Zahra Productions will be shown. Each film's director, Sara Feinbloom and Ahmad Zahra will be at the screening to speak. Carol Mayernick, executive director of United Religious Community of St. Joseph County, will also speak at the screening.

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GOP forces nominees' approval

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Senate Republicans forced committee approval of three of President Bush's judicial nominees Thursday, despite Democrat's efforts to delay action as they have delayed the high-profile nomination of Miguel Estrada to the federal appellate bench.

Democrats said Senate Judiciary Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, overrode committee rules to send U.S. Appeals Court nominees Deborah Cook and John

Roberts to the Republican-controlled Senate, despite objections that they had the right to continue holding the nominees in committee.

Hatch said he was within his rights under committee rules to force a final vote.

"We're not going to have filibusters in committee," said an angry Hatch at the end of a three-hour hearing in which sharp words were exchanged between himself and Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.

The hearing was heated at times, with Democrats at one point walking out to prevent Hatch from having enough

committee members present to vote. "You may bully some but you're not going to bully me" Kennedy told Hatch.

"You're not going to bully me either," Hatch replied later.

For three weeks, Democrats have held up a confirmation vote on Estrada's nomination by threatening a full-blown filibuster.

Now Democrats are likely at least to ask for an extended Senate floor debate on Roberts and Cook to protest Hatch's action, even though both got votes from Judiciary Democrats.

CORRECTION

In Monday's story "SMC raises tuition for third straight year," tuition increase figures were incorrectly reported. The correct tuition costs for the 2003-2004 are tuition: \$21,624, student government fee: \$150, technology fee: \$200, resulting in a total increase for the coming year of \$547. The Observer regrets these errors.

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Nightclubs

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ing people about what to do in the case of an emergency.

Hammons also said that the maximum occupancy of The Library is 203, and he makes sure that the number of people in the club never goes much higher than that.

The maximum occupancy of the Chicago club E2 was 750, yet New York Times reports claim that there were more than 1,500 people in the club that night. James Joyce, the commissioner of the Chicago Fire Department, told Times reporters that after some investigation, his team discovered only one venue of escape from the second-story building — a single staircase.

According to the Times, the club had been ordered to close last July because of 11 viola-

tions of fire and building codes. The city lawyer said that the club was open in violation of court order, a contention that was disputed by the owner if E2.

Some students have questioned the occupancy of local bars frequented by students.

"There have been so many times when the bars have been so packed that you can't even move, especially Boat Club," said sophomore Greg Bosl.

When asked about the legal maximum occupancy of Boat Club, owner Mike McNeff said, "A lot, I don't know. Maybe 500."

Yet, it's not unusual for there to be around 900 patrons on football weekends and 600 on peak nights. Boat Club has no set emergency evacuation plan, but clearing almost twice the legal limit of people "wouldn't be an issue," said McNeff.

There is also no sprinkler system inside. "It wasn't

required when the building was built," McNeff said.

Like McNeff, Gary Delinski, owner of The Linebacker since 1984, had no idea what the maximum occupancy of his bar was. In the 17 years since he has been the owner, Delinski has never had to evacuate the bar, but is confident that his employees could quickly and successfully clear all patrons out of the bar in the case of an emergency.

"We are only required to have two exits, but we have four total. After the tragedies in Chicago and Rhode Island, I got all the bouncers and employees together to discuss the emergency plan," Delinski said.

Jason Zolman, a manager at Corby's Irish Pub said that the occupancy never goes much above its 250-person limit and that they have installed a sprinkler system in case of fire, but that there is no definite

emergency plan in effect.

"We're really not big enough. We don't have to worry about it," Zolman said.

And while Coach's Sports Bar has three emergency exits that are lit up during the evening, there is no emergency evacuation plan at this point or signs posted on the walls with directions as to where to go in the case of an emergency, manager Byron Sigh confirmed.

Nightclubs are not required by law to have emergency evacuation plans, but they must be inspected yearly before they can renew their liquor license. All owners and managers interviewed claimed that they have never had received any violations from the fire marshal — just suggestions for improvement.

"I never really thought about my safety before, but now I wonder if there is something that the inspectors have missed," Bosl said.

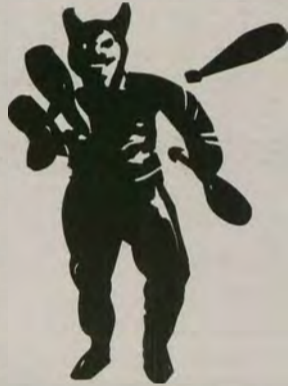
In the past two decades, building and fire code laws have become more expansive, and the instance of nightclub tragedies has dropped from 1,369 in 1980 to 500 in 1999 as a result. The new emphasis on limiting maximum occupancy, increasing the reliability of fire alarms and the addition of sprinkler systems and battery-operated exit signs at all major exits have played a major role in reducing the incidence of tragedies significantly. But students said these improvements don't necessarily make up for the fact that many inspections only catch a glimpse of what the condition of a nightclub is, especially at peak times like football weekends.

"When some of the bars get so overcrowded, I have no idea how everyone could get out if anything happened," Bosl said.

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Last Call!

The final deadline for submissions to the spring issue of **THE JUGGLER**, ND's lit/art/design magazine, is **Wednesday, March 5.**



Submit written entries to the box outside the Scholastic office in the basement of South Dining Hall or email them to juggler@nd.edu. No entries of more than 2,500 words, please. Submit artwork to Robert Sedlack in 212 Riley Hall. Supply slides for 3-D work or pieces larger than 11" x 17".

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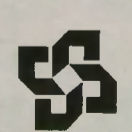
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Iraq to destroy missiles, position special forces

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS

Iraq agreed in principle Thursday to destroy its Al Samoud 2 missiles, two days before a U.N. deadline. Word of the agreement came as chief weapons inspector Hans Blix said Baghdad's disarmament efforts had been "very limited so far."

The mixed signals were likely to provide ammunition to supporters and opponents of a quick war to disarm Iraq. The two sides failed to reach agreement on key issues during a heated and bitter discussion in the Security Council on Thursday.

The council debate came as the U.S. military buildup for war exceeded 200,000 troops in the Persian Gulf region on Thursday.

The United States is seeking Turkish permission for a northern front against Iraq, but Turkey's governing party, facing strong public opposition to a war, delayed a vote to allow in more than 60,000 U.S. soldiers. Justice and Development Party leaders called for parliament to take up the issue on Saturday.

Inside Iraq, Saddam Hussein was moving some of his best-trained forces into new positions, Bush administration offi-

cials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

In a letter to Blix on Thursday, Iraq agreed "in principle" to destroy its Al Samoud 2 missiles, which were found to have a range exceeding the 93-mile limit set by the Security Council at the end of the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

But it wasn't immediately clear whether Iraq's letter, obtained by The Associated Press, constituted an unconditional acceptance and whether Iraq would meet the Saturday deadline to begin the destruction, as Blix has ordered.

Iraq asked Blix to dispatch a technical team to discuss the "framework and timetable" for carrying out the order, but Blix's deputy was already in Baghdad to oversee the destruction. The letter was delivered three days after Saddam indicated in an interview with CBS anchor Dan Rather that he would not destroy the missiles because in his view they do not exceed the 93-mile limit.

Iraq maintains some of the missiles overshot the limit because they were tested without warheads or guidance systems. In the letter, from by Iraqi Lt. Gen. Amer al-Saadi, Baghdad said it still believes "that the decision to destroy was unjust and did not take into



Iraqi President Saddam Hussein meets with aides in Baghdad Thursday. Iraq announced plans to destroy its Al Samoud 2 missiles, which exceed the 93-mile range limit set by the UN.

consideration the scientific facts regarding the issue."

Blix told reporters earlier this week that the missile issue would be a key test of Iraq's cooperation with a U.N. order to disarm.

At the United Nations, diplomats said privately that the lack of consensus and tone of the debate Thursday were demoralizing, but many held out hope for compromise among the council's five major powers.

The United States and Britain are pushing a resolution that would open the door for war, while Russia, China and France are calling for continued weapons inspections and a diplomatic end to the crisis.

Witness says Blake offered him \$10,000 murder deal

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

A veteran Hollywood stuntman testified Thursday that Robert Blake offered him \$10,000 to "pop" Bonny Lee Bakley and suggested a restaurant among various sites for carrying out the killing.

Gary McLarty is among key prosecution witnesses who say the star of the 1970s TV show "Baretta" solicited the murder of his wife.

He testified during the second day of a preliminary hearing to determine whether the 69-year-old actor and his former bodyguard will stand trial in Bakley's slaying outside a restaurant in May 2001.

Blake, gaunt and hollow-eyed, appeared to stumble leaving court for a midday break. Superior Court Judge Lloyd Nash told Blake that sheriff's deputies indicated he looked "wobbly" and asked if he was able to continue.

"No, I'm fine," Blake replied. "I just, I'm in ... I've waited 11 months to get here, sir, and I'm not going anyplace. The jail has taken enough blood to fill a battleship. If they could find anything wrong I'm sure they would, sir. I'm all right. I promise you I'm all right, sir."

McLarty, who is in his 60s, said he met Blake two or three months before Bakley's killing, thinking it was about a movie job. Instead, they drove to Blake's home where the actor asked him if he could get a gun silencer and then showed

him a handgun in a zippered bag.

Blake was complaining about a woman he had impregnated and was trying to get money out of him, McLarty said. The actor showed him a back house on the property where she stayed, and pointed out how someone could sneak in an open door, go up the stairs and "pop her," the stuntman said.

He said they then went for a walk in the neighborhood and Blake suggested the restaurant scenario.

"It was to go out and eat dinner one night, then he would go back to the car and leave, that would give someone the time to go up there and dispose of her that way and then come back to the car," he said.

The prosecutor asked if Blake used the

word "dispose."

"Most of the time he used the word pop," McLarty replied. He said the walk ended when his hip began hurting from an old motorcycle injury and he could not go any farther.

Bakley, the 44-year-old mother of Blake's daughter Rose, was shot as she sat in the couple's car near Blake's favorite restaurant, Vitello's. Blake claims he left her there to return to the restaurant to retrieve a gun he had left behind, then came back to find her mortally wounded.

Blake made pained expressions during some of the testimony and at one point whispered to his attorney, Thomas Mesereau Jr., and shook his head while McLarty was on the stand.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

China affirms life sentence for activist:

A Chinese court on Friday upheld a life prison term for U.S.-based dissident Wang Bingzhang on spying and terrorism charges, his defense lawyer said. The ruling by the Guangdong Provincial High People's Court ends the appeals process for Wang and no further legal challenges to his Feb. 9 conviction are allowed, said lawyer Wen Chao. Wang, 55, was arrested after police said they found him tied up in a temple in southern China on July 3.

Russian gov't workers protest low pay:

Underpaid teachers, doctors and other state employees across Russia rallied Thursday to demand the higher wages and to block proposed reforms they fear will deprive them of their already limited financial security. A few thousand protesters gathered in Moscow in front of the federal Cabinet building, blowing whistles and carrying signs with slogans such as "Give the Cabinet a teacher's salary!"

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

WTC design features 1,776-foot spire:

A spire that would rise hundreds of feet higher than the World Trade Center was chosen Thursday to fill the yawning hole in the city's skyline, opening a complex new phase in the rebuilding of ground zero. The plan by architect Daniel Libeskind will restore "lower Manhattan to its rightful place in the world," Mayor Michael Bloomberg said. The design calls for a cluster of glassy, angled buildings and a 1,776-foot spire filled with gardens instead of office space. It would preserve part of the pit that was the foundation of the twin towers for an as-yet undesignated memorial to the nearly 2,800 people who died there Sept. 11. "The plan succeeds both when it rises into the sky and when it descends into the ground. In doing so, it captures the soaring optimism of our city and honors the eternal spirit of our fallen heroes," said John Whitehead, chairman of the Lower Manhattan Development Corp., the agency that picked the design.

NASA emails foreshadowed Columbia:

In the days before the Columbia disaster, NASA and contractor engineers explored the possibility that the shuttle had been fatally damaged on liftoff and precisely predicted some of the symptoms that the orbiter showed on re-entry. But despite their explorations, which they called "what-iffing," they were never convinced that the shuttle had a serious problem.

Karzai says he is looking for bin Laden:

Afghan President Hamid Karzai said Thursday he is not convinced that Osama bin Laden is alive, but he wishes the al-Qaida leader would appear to answer for his actions — "to God and to mankind." During a news conference at the National Press Club in Washington, Karzai said he doubts the authenticity of recent audiotapes in which someone said to be bin Laden tries to rally Iraqis and expresses a desire to die a martyr.

Benefit

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this August, after losing her struggle with colon cancer.

"I decided to sponsor Ace for the Cure once again this year to remember and to honor my mother's memory," said Cunha.

While tickets were sold for last year's benefit match, this Sunday's Ace for the Cure is free admission for all to attend.

"While donations are gladly accepted, it is not about the money. We really want to focus on raising awareness about colon cancer and all other cancers throughout the local community," said Cunha.

Cunha has been working in cooperation with local radio stations such as U93 and B100 to promote the benefit match throughout the entire South Bend-Mishawaka area.

Children from the Memorial Pediatric Oncology Unit and their families will be present at Sunday's benefit match.

Cunha is hopeful that this year's donation will exceed the \$7,000 contribution that resulted from last year's Ace for the Cure. All proceeds from the event will be donated to the Lance Armstrong Foundation, which "exists to enhance the quality of life for those living with, through and beyond cancer" by providing various support services to cancer survivors.

"It was an amazing event last year with a huge turnout," said Jay Louderback, coach of the Notre Dame womens tennis team. "Katie put in a lot of time into the event this year and we're looking forward to another great match. The University of Texas is a competitive team, usually ranked in the top 10, and it should be a great match to come out for."

During Sunday's Ace for the Cure, a variety of prizes will be raffled off, including gift certificates to local restaurants and businesses and Notre Dame athletic apparel. The first 100 hundred fans to arrive will receive an Ace for the Cure T-shirt.

Katie Cunha's family, including her dad, sister, brother and grandfather, will be on campus for Sunday's match.

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London

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hear how few of the kids in the class knew what [about it]," Powers said.

Powers said he feels that it is important for London students to be informed about the situation in Iraq because it could affect their safety in London. The student residence is located in an area with a high concentration of immigrants from the Middle East and North Africa. London has a small but active community of Islamic fundamentalists who have allegedly fostered the likes of shoe bomber Richard Reid, suspected 20th Sept. 11 hijacker Zacarias Moussaoui and the controversial Muslim cleric Sheikh Abu Hamza.

Powers, who does not support the war initiatives because he believes that they will only cause more problems than they can hope to solve, said that he and a number of other students had recently been accosted on a bus by a North African man. Powers said that he is cautious about where he goes and who is around him in London, because he is concerned that he may be singled out as an American.

Hobbes, who is in favor of war, said that she used to share Powers' concerns but now feels that Londoners are equally wary of each other, though when traveling in Europe she sewed a Canadian flag to her backpack and pretended to be Canadian out of concern over anti-American sentiments in Europe.

In general, students said that they were more worried that a war in Iraq would provoke a retaliatory terrorist attacks in London than be direct targets themselves.

"I think war may result in a heightened potential for terrorism here, but I don't think the outbreak of war will have any direct effect on us as such ... Our concern is more ongoing terrorism than war," Canon Paul Bradshaw, director of undergraduate students in London, said.

Bradshaw, who has been the head executive of the London Program for the past six years, pointed out that the program has had experience dealing with periods of international and domestic turmoil such as the

Gulf War in 1991 and terrorist bombings by the Irish Republican Army in the mid-90s.

Bradshaw also denied rumors that Notre Dame would send students home or prohibit travel if there was a terrorist attack in London. He said the program had not made any definite plans in the case of threats to student safety, but would handle situations on a case-by-case basis with the students' welfare as its top priority.

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IN BRIEF

Japan's jobless jump in January:

Japan's unemployment rate hit a record high 5.5 percent in January for the third time in half a year as the nation battles serious job losses in the retail and restaurant business.

The data Friday from the government's Labor Force Statistics Office highlight the dismal labor market in the world's second largest economy at a time companies are squeezing costs and debts stringently.

The government also released revised figures for the past two years that did little to change the overall picture for Japan's stagnant economy.

The nation's unemployment rate first hit 5.5 percent in August 2002 — the highest since the government began keeping track in the 1950s.

Geneva sues U.S. accounting giant:

A Swiss state sued accounting firm Ernst & Young Thursday for 3 billion Swiss francs (\$2.2 billion) in damages over the way it audited the Geneva Cantonal Bank.

The claim is based on the findings of a yearlong study by another leading accounting firm which found "serious failures in its work," said Robert Cramer, acting cantonal president of the canton of Geneva.

"These actions were extremely damaging for the state," Cramer said. Geneva — the majority shareholder in the bank — was forced to set aside 2.7 billion francs in its 2000 budget to bolster the bank's finances.

Mortgage rates slide to record low:

For the third time this year, weekly rates on 30-year mortgages have reached a new low.

The average interest rate on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages dropped to 5.79 percent, Freddie Mac, the mortgage company, reported Thursday in its latest nationwide survey. The previous low rate was last week's 5.84 percent, and before that it was the rate of 5.85 percent for the week ending Jan. 3.

SYR shop opens for business

◆ "Hook-Up" to offer unique, low-priced gifts

By HELENA PAYNE
News Editor

Two Notre Dame sophomores promise to ease gift shopping for dorm dances by bringing the presents closer to the consumer for less than \$10.

The Hook-Up, a non-profit store that sells gift merchandise, opens today in LaFortune Student Center's Dooley Room on the first floor.

"I've been seeing the need for more unique items," said Steve Dick, a marketing and psychology major who manages the store with accounting major Mike Iselin.

Until the end of the semester, The Hook-Up will be open every Friday from 4 to 8 p.m., offering assorted items from colorful picture frames to fireman helmets.

The idea for The Hook-Up came after Dick saw a need for students to have a convenient way to obtain the traditional gift for dorm dances.

"I have this drawer of just crazy stuff and before an SYR ["Screw Your Roommate" hall dance], people would come running down and say, 'Steve, do you have a gift for me?'"

He and Iselin decided to enter a contest in the Entrepreneurs Club's incubator program to encourage student business ventures.

Since Notre Dame policy's restrict student businesses, the Entrepreneurs Club has worked with the Office of Student Activities and the Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies for the 10-week project.



The Hook-Up founders Steve Dick and Mike Iselin pose with their wares. The sophomores opened a store to sell SYR gifts in LaFortune Student Center.

Iselin said he and Dick had to show a list of their inventory to Student Activities as well as assure the Office that their business would in no way compete with others in the Huddle or the Hammes Bookstore.

"It's pushing the limits of a lot of policies that are in place," said Brian Coughlin, director of Student Activities, adding that the Office would be open to approving the store in the

future depending on the plan and how it follows University policy.

"It's a case-by-case basis," Coughlin said.

Dick and Iselin both said they hope to apply to re-open the store for next school year.

For now, Dick will head The Hook-Up's advertising and work on inventory and the Web site with Iselin, who is also in charge of accounting.

Students can pre-order

items online from The Hook-Up at www.nd.edu/~miselin/hook-up.

Profits from the store will go toward the Newell Hill Music Foundation, which teaches art and music to underprivileged children. The Hook-Up is one of two not-for-profit businesses out of the 50 that applied to the incubator program.

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Oprah joins ranks of billionaires

Associated Press

NEW YORK

While many of the world's richest people saw their fortunes shrink again in the last year, Oprah Winfrey's grew enough to put her on Forbes magazine's list of billionaires — the first black woman to join the ranks.

Bill Gates leads the list for the 9th straight year, but the Microsoft co-founder's net worth fell 23 percent from a year ago to \$40.7 billion. Investment guru Warren Buffett remained in second place with \$30.5 billion, a 13 percent drop from last year.

Gates' personal wealth, much of it in company stock, has diminished by 60 percent since April 1998, when it briefly reached \$100 billion. His worst year was 1999, when it plunged by a third as the government pursued an antitrust case against Microsoft. Forbes notes he is also the world's biggest giver, donating \$1 billion annually to charity, largely to vaccine research.

Meanwhile, Oprah's media empire grew steadily stronger, and she made the list this year with a net worth of \$1 billion. Her debut comes just two years after Black Entertainment Television founder Robert Johnson became the first black billionaire.

Membership in the exclusive club fell by 21 this year to 476, the third year of declines since the economy weakened and stock markets started falling. The group's combined wealth also fell to \$1.4 trillion from \$1.54 trillion last year.

"You see the poor economies wreaking havoc on their finances like everyone else. They're not immune," said Louisa Kroll, who edited Forbes' March billionaires issue, which hits newsstands Friday.

The 222 Americans on the list hold 47 percent of the group's wealth. But U.S. billionaires collectively lost \$98 billion last year. Of the 67 billionaires who left the list, there were 30 Americans, including media mogul Barry Diller, venture capitalist Vinod Khosla and Sid

Bass, a member of one of Texas' wealthiest families.

Four of last year's billionaires were wiped out entirely — Swiss shareholder activist Martin Ebner, German media tycoon Leo Kirch, Brazilian television mogul Roberto Marinho and Turkish banker Mehmet Karamehmet.

A fifth, Swiss businessman Klaus J. Jacobs, gave it all away. Another whose net worth plummeted was Canadian cable magnate Andre Chagnon, who donated nearly his entire fortune to help fight disease and obesity among children.

Germany's 43 billionaires are led by retailers Theo and Karl Albrecht, who remained comfortably in third place with a combined net worth of \$25.6 billion, down from \$26.8 billion last year.

Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen held fourth place with a net worth of \$20.1 billion, down from \$25.2 billion. Saudi Arabia's Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Al Saud, Citigroup's largest individual investor, moved up to the fifth spot with a \$17.7 billion fortune.

SOUTH KOREA

U.S., N. Korea war games grow complicated

Associated Press

CHICHON

A sudden North Korean attack is often the last thing that goes through the mind of Sgt. Cavason Sutton before he drifts off to sleep.

"I think about it every night ... what if they bomb me?" the 21-year-old Montana native said.

Thursday provided a sobering wake-up call as he and 3,000 other U.S. Army soldiers slugged through war games within cannon range of North Korea just a day after the communist country warned its citizens to prepare for war.

His Bradley fighting vehicle tore through a muddy creek just fine. But it drove only halfway into a clearing before mock enemy fire rained down and military referees declared his armored vehicle blown to bits and Sutton "dead."

"It makes everything more real," Sutton said.

The war games, part of annual maneuvers, were just a prelude to what's in store. Next month, the United States and South Korea are planning massive joint military exercises billed as boosting defenses against "external aggression."

The United States, which bases 37,000 troops in South Korea as a deterrent against the North, says the maneuvers

are not related to new concerns about North Korea.

But they come at a sensitive time, when North Korea is locked in a global standoff over its suspected nuclear weapons program. The North Korean government, which almost daily accuses the United States of planning an invasion, routinely condemns the drills as "escalating the military threat" and aggravating tension on the divided Korean Peninsula.

Underlining its concern, North Korea predicted Wednesday that North Korea could be the U.S. military's next target after a war in Iraq and urged its people to brace for attack.

Brig. Gen. Jim A. Coggin, who commanded Thursday's maneuvers, said they had nothing to do with the recent tensions. But, he said, the standoff "has contributed in a positive way" to morale because it "reminds soldiers why they're over here."

He acknowledged, however, that Thursday's training grounds could be tomorrow's battlefields if diplomacy fails. "It would be a very close and

brutal fight in the hills that we're seeing around us right now," he said.

Some in South Korea agree with the North that the upcoming war games are ill-timed.

"If we cancel the drills, it would be a good message to North Korea that we are willing to solve the problem in a more diplomatic way," said Paik Haksoon, a North Korea expert at the Sejong Institute, a think tank outside Seoul. "As

for any kind of drill or war game, they will use it as an excuse for stepping up the pressure on America."

In previous days, North Korea has done just that — lashing out at two alleged incursions by U.S. spy planes.

North Korea regularly makes such accusations. And during a 1993-94 nuclear crisis in the peninsula, North Korea put its 1.1 million-member military, the world's fifth-largest, on war footing. It also moved much of its population into underground shelters.

Tensions have run high since October, when the United States said North Korea admitted having a secret nuclear

program. North Korea is demanding that Washington sign a nonaggression treaty guaranteeing it won't attack. The United States refuses to do so until North Korea gives up its atomic ambitions.

The 1950-53 Korean War ended with an armistice, not a peace treaty, leaving the peninsula still technically in a state of war. The border is the world's most heavily armed, with most of the nearly 2 million troops of both sides deployed nearby.

On Thursday, the U.S. practiced to make sure that border stays there.

Possible invasion routes through a mountain pass were obscured with smoke screens as armored vehicles and battle tanks rumbled up and down hills to the thunderous booms of simulated explosions. Camouflaged troops rushed for cover under the rattle of machine guns.

At the end of the day, the narrow valley floor between two wooded mountainsides lay strewn with "bombed-out" vehicles stuck in the mud.

Col. Daniel Bolger, who helped supervise the games, denied they were a provocation. "We're developing the skills we need to protect this peninsula," he said. "Our intent is to be good enough at this that the guys up North decide not to play."

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Fred Rogers of 'Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood' dies of cancer

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PITTSBURGH

Day after day for more than three decades, Fred Rogers put on a zip-up cardigan and sneakers and gently invited millions of children to be his neighbor.

He never wavered in his mission — using "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" as a way to persuade young television viewers to love and feel more secure in their world.

Rogers died Thursday after a bout with stomach cancer at his Pittsburgh home, leaving gener-

ations of people who grew up watching him in mourning. He was 74.

His low-key, low-tech public television show refused to follow its louder, more animated competition. It presented Rogers as one adult in an increasingly busy world who always had time to listen to children.

"What a loss to the world. He talked to kids at the ages of 4 to 6 about feelings. That's the age when they begin to realize they have an effect on their world," said Dr. T. Berry Brazelton, an author and child development

specialist.

An ordained Presbyterian minister, Rogers produced the show at Pittsburgh public television station WQED beginning in 1966, going national two years later. The final episode was taped in December 2000 and aired in August 2001, though PBS affiliates continued to broadcast old episodes.

Rogers opened each episode in a set made to look like a comfortable living room, singing, "It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood" He composed his own songs for the show.

One of his sweaters hangs in the Smithsonian Institution.

He would talk to viewers in a slow, quiet voice and introduce them to other characters and to guests such as cellist Yo-Yo Ma and trumpeter Wynton Marsalis. Then he would take his audience on a magical trolley ride into the Neighborhood of Make-Believe, where puppet creations — including X the Owl, King Friday XIII and Daniel Striped Tiger — would interact with each other and adults.

Rogers did much of the puppet work.

On Thursday, staff at Family Communications Inc., which produced the show, brought bouquets of flowers left outside WQED and placed them on the set next to King Friday's castle.

"He was not an actor. People would ask us, 'What is Mr. Rogers really like?' The thing was, he was the same," said family spokesman David Newell, who played Mr. McFeely on the show.

The show won four Emmys, and Rogers won another for lifetime achievement. He received a Peabody Award in 1993 and the Presidential Medal of Freedom in July 2002.

In April 2002, President Bush invited Rogers to help launch a reading program. When Rogers entered the room with no introduction, spontaneous applause erupted.

Rogers hushed the audience, asking for 10 seconds of silence

to "think about anyone who has loved you and wanted the best for you."

Rogers was born in Latrobe, 30 miles southeast of Pittsburgh. Early in his career, he was an unseen puppeteer in "The Children's Corner," a local show he helped start at WQED in 1954. In seven years of unscripted, live television, he developed many of the puppets he used later.

He studied early childhood development at the University of Pittsburgh and was ordained in 1963 with a charge to continue his work with children and families through television. That same year, Rogers accepted an offer to develop "Misterogers," his own 15-minute show, for the Canadian Broadcasting Corp.

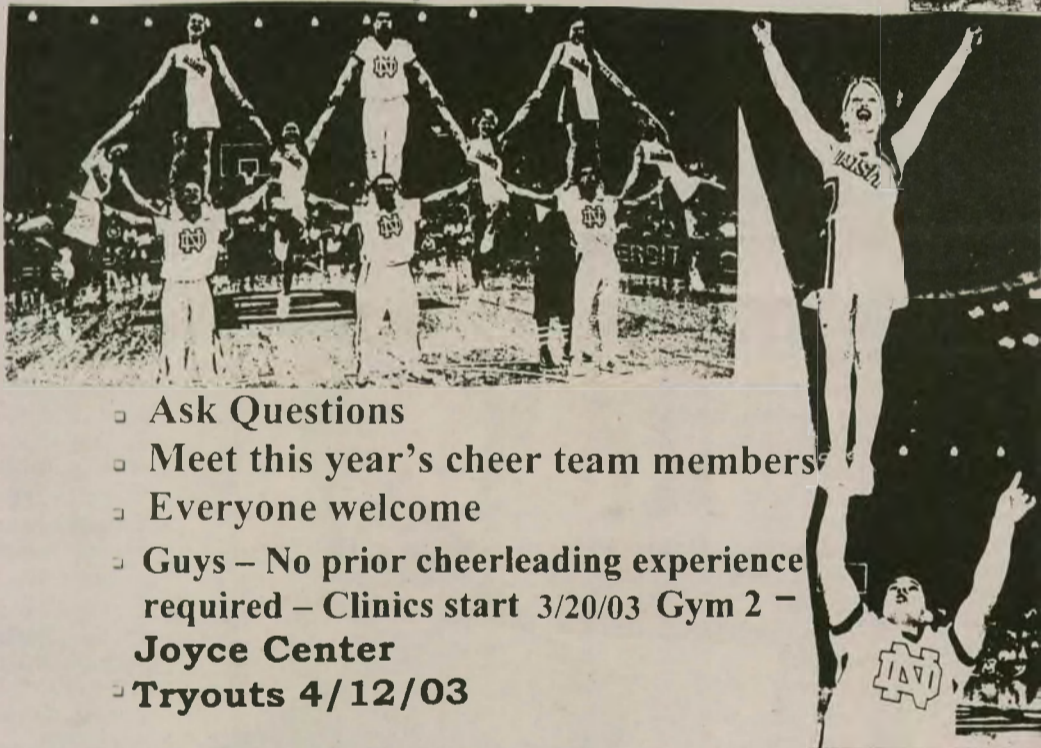
He brought the show back to Pittsburgh in 1966, incorporating segments of the CBC show into a new series distributed by the Eastern Educational Network to cities including Boston, Philadelphia and Washington.

In 1968, "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" began distribution across the country through National Educational Television, which later became the Public Broadcasting Service.

Through the years, Rogers dealt with topics ranging from anger and anxiety to death and divorce. He taught children how to share and even why they shouldn't fear taking a bath by assuring them they would never go down the drain.

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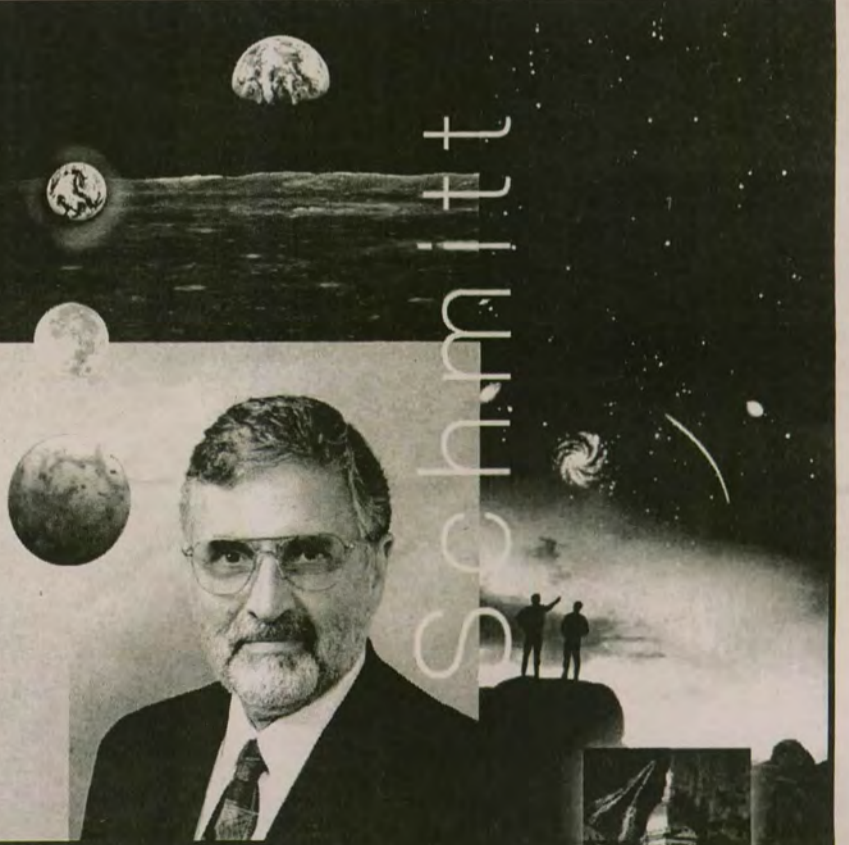
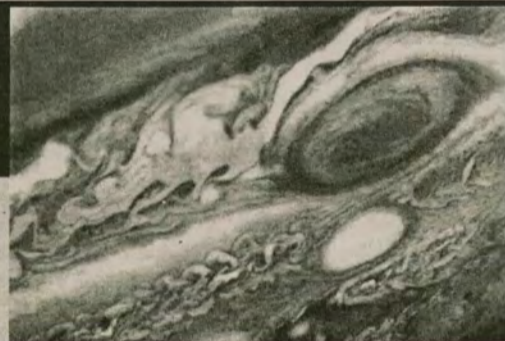
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University should support public women's bouts next year

Watching 12 women spar in six exhibition bouts this week sure beats playing kickball or watching "The Godfather."

When women boxers entered the ring at the Joyce Center, they fought for gender equality at Notre Dame in a way that could never be planned by student government, as the aforementioned events were in an attempt to honor of the 30th anniversary of women at the University.

Instead, the women's bouts were initiated by a proposal Women's Boxing Club Co-Presidents Shelley Skiba and Laura Young wrote and pushed through RecSports earlier this winter. But these women, and another 100-some members of the club, have only fought the first round. Next year the women have said they hope to not only exhibit their skills before the men's Bengal Bouts, but instead compete in their own public tournament - a

request the University should proudly honor.

Though the club was founded in 1997, previous club presidents believed they would be "pushing their luck" to request University support for public bouts. Instead the women trained intensely and sparred privately in "the pit" of the Joyce Center. Before they heard their first starting bell, the women's team acted as behind-the-scenes supporters of the men's Bengal Bouts, a tournament that raises thousands of dollars annually for the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh.

Now that Skiba and Young have led 12 women through the ropes and fought the first round, the team has proven their athletic skills in addition to their dedication to the missionaries' cause. Women, too, can fight passionately, technically, tirelessly - and hopefully soon, competitively.

And they could have dominated at kickball, too.

The Observer Editorial

Thanks Father Poorman

Last year Father Mark Poorman imposed his will on our campus society, and whether or not student government or students in general feel like it is their time to take issue, I feel it is mine. I could drone on and on about the oncoming death of campus dances or whine about a lack of hard alcohol, but truth be told, neither bothers me - I'm not a good dancer and I drink whatever I want regardless.

John Litle

Frankly Obnoxious

What I think is more important is the change in campus atmosphere and what terrible results that change may have brought about. First, last year many a student howled about how they would be driven off campus by the policy and how on-campus social life would change. Poorman shot back with statistics on students moving off campus. The students were right in the end of course - I'm not biased - the culture did change. No longer is there the daily thump of bass pulsing through Alumni Hall. I don't walk past Morrissey on my way to D6 and see lights flashing in the windows anymore. Dillon Hall, the largest dorm on campus, might have 19 seniors next year, if it's lucky.

What I do see are large amounts of underclassmen - essentially my whole dorm - evacuating campus every weekend to drink. I can't blame them; it's not just the rules, it's the attitude. The overwhelming stench of the restrictions suffocates the social atmosphere. It's akin to the thick ethanol scent on an already cold and drab winter day - it drives everyone inside, or in this case, off campus.

For proponents of Poorman's policy,

this result is acceptable. Anything that happens to a student off campus, in the nearby neighborhoods whose poverty the University has sought to hide and ignore, is no longer the legal liability of Notre Dame. To alumni and collegiate review groups and to his peers, Poorman appears a success. The policy has improved the image of the University, lowering on-campus drinking incident statistics and allowing Father Edward Malloy, University president, to moralize about alcohol abuse to the National Press Club last April. I suppose to those of us who realize the dangers this policy has created, it seems more like a dismal failure.

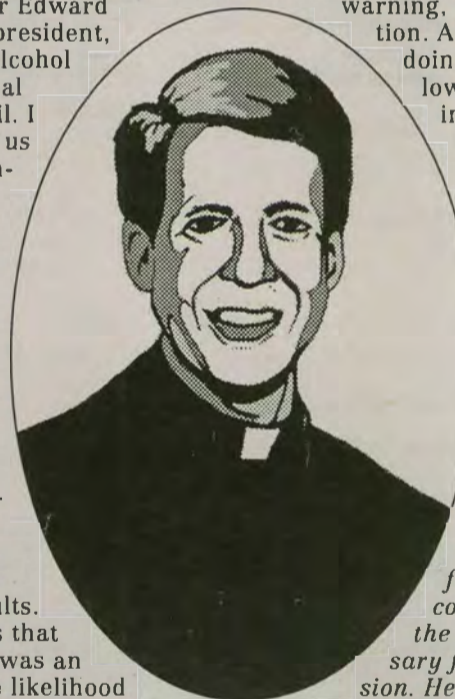
It's not that any off-campus incident with a student is the direct result of Poorman's policy. Saying that would be silly. We are college students, and we can make our own decisions and deal with their results. What I am saying is that I think that when I was an underclassman, the likelihood of myself and those around me heading off campus to party on a cold day in the middle of winter would have been substantially less than it is today and has been all year.

I'm not saying that Poorman's shortsighted policy ambitions and his disregard for the effect they would have on student life are directly responsible for any of the terrible

things that have happened off campus this year. I am saying that they created the environment where something terrible was going to happen.

Whether it be the consistent muggings off campus, in our parking lots, even on our campus itself or something worse, Notre Dame is sending her youngest and most inexperienced out into a dangerous, desperate neighborhood without the slightest warning, direction or precaution.

And Notre Dame is doing so in an effort to lower legal liability and increase moral prestige not to protect students. I never knew Our Lady's University to be selfish, heartless, thoughtless and callous. I thought those were the virtues of lesser mortals. Perhaps I was mistaken.



John Litle is a senior MIS major who anticipates responses from freshmen who couldn't possibly have the perspective necessary for informed discussion. He directs them and anyone interested in a collegial debate to his email address, jlittle@nd.edu. His column normally runs every other Thursday.

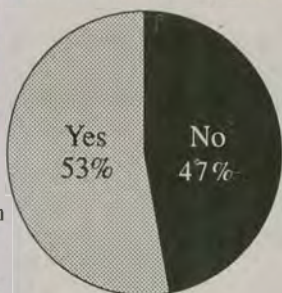
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Do you support a war with Iraq?



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena ... and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."

Theodore Roosevelt
former U.S. President

VIEWPOINT

Friday, February 28, 2003

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Reflecting on an ND life

Nothing can be more devastating than the early end of a promising life.

And so it was confirmed on Feb. 12 that Notre Dame freshman Chad Sharon's body was found floating in the St. Joseph River. Here the eternal question confronts and confounds the Notre Dame community. Why must it be?

Gary Caruso

Capitol
Comments

Why must the life of an amenable, friendly, young man, moved by a love of Notre Dame, lighted on his way to high hopes be brought to an untimely end with his dreams unrealized? Chad's fellow Fisher Hall and section dormmates who knew him best must be left bewildered and perplexed. Perhaps Chad's life, too short, shut off too soon, was set forth expressly for those who shared a moment with Chad at Notre Dame.

Most high school and college yearbooks contain student photographs placed as memorials to a life cut short. Too often, though, we allow time to gradually dull our memories until the life represented by those memorials becomes sealed within those pages. Men of Fisher Hall who knew Chad well, permanently burn your memories now.

Chad is the child that every Notre Dame parent sends to campus. His service to those around him and his love of the University community is that uniquely intangible aspect of Notre Dame that can only be felt on campus. His life is the epitome of every student who wandered on campus from 1842 until today.

His smile is every 3 a.m. talk session among roommates filled with jokes, pranks and old-fashioned shenanigans. His spirit is the same that supposedly walks Washington Hall, and his fatigue is that of every student during finals week.

Those of us who are mere ghosts of another time on campus continue to live in the blood of the bricks. Once we pass through Notre Dame, our heartaches and triumphs are soon forgotten. Yet we know who Chad represents because we have had the opportunity to reflect on what once was ours and remains so vividly portrayed as in "A Christmas Carol." We were once Chad but did not realize it until after our exodus from campus.

During our time on campus, we fought against a new alcohol policy, proposed revising dining hall food plans, explored the possibility of changing

parietal regulations and pursued the feasibility of coeducational dormitories. The football and basketball teams were national powers, student parking needed expanding and campus life needed more events so students could better socialize. Professors piled homework upon homework, and nobody slept during exam weeks.

Those who are employed by Notre Dame usually share a sense of community and enjoyment while on the job. Administrative staff maintain the continuity and stability of the bureaucratic process. Professors banter academic theory with young minds who bring unexpected surprises and pleasant personalities to the classroom.

Staff, including those who deal with discipline like Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs Bill Kirk or deal with regulation enforcement like Notre Dame Security Police Chief Rex Rakow, share the bond that comes from the campus community. Both men, while acting through their official University capacities, gave of themselves to find Chad and comfort his family. They are but the current custodians of historical positions that are a part of the campus community who care for the welfare of students.

The Notre Dame student experience is a four-year cycle that rotates each year. Faces on campus remain constant; only the names and seasons change. That is the bond we share without directly knowing each other. That is the spirit that makes Chad our brother.

For those of you on campus whose anointed time is now, note that Chad is your look into the mirror. A piece of him resides in each of us who have known life at Notre Dame. He gave laughter from a good heart so that we could laugh. He gave to others so that we may give to one another.

Chad Sharon, voted most likely to succeed in high school, will forever be a young college freshman. Seize the moment to appreciate your moment at Notre Dame and those with whom you socialize. And use Chad Sharon's life as your model.

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What we should do

About two weeks ago, in the wee hours of the morning, four armed Cuban border guards seeking asylum sailed their "warship" into Key West, Fla., its Cuban flag still flying, docked at the Hyatt Marina Resort Hotel and wandered through the streets of the city until they finally found a police officer to surrender to. Just nine days before, Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge, speaking in Miami, warned that "one slip, one gap, one vengeful person can threaten the lives of our citizens at any time." Does Ridge not know how porous our borders are? Did he not know about the 232 Haitian migrants who were only detected when their boat ran aground off the Rickenbacker Causeway joining downtown Miami with Key Biscayne?



Jim Sterba

In his recent address to the U.N. Security Council, Colin Powell brandished a small vial of simulated anthrax — the real kind we sold to Saddam Hussein in the 1980s when we considered him a useful ally — claiming that just such an amount of anthrax was sufficient to shut down the U.S. Senate. But surely Powell knows that about 350,000 foreigners enter the United States illegally each year, presumably some of whom could be bribed to carry such vials to the American heartland if an individual, group or a nation was bent on attacking us in that way.

Surely Powell must know that the entire U. S. Coast Guard is no larger than New York City's police department, leaving much of our shore unprotected. Vulnerable as we are, it is hard to believe that an attack on Iraq, especially one that proceeds without U.N. Security Council approval, would not be more likely to provoke, rather than prevent, the use of weapons of mass destruction against us.

But isn't it an important goal to bring democracy to Iraq, the country that has suffered so much under Saddam Hussein's rule? If the United States is so concerned to bring democracy to the region, why didn't we help establish a democracy in Kuwait after the Gulf War, or why don't we promote democracy in Saudi Arabia or Egypt or other countries where we have considerable influence? And if we are so interested in promoting democracy, why have we told the Kurds in Northern Iraq to give up on the idea of a federation with Baghdad, and why have we apparently agreed to allow the Turks, a hated enemy of the Kurds, to follow United States forces into Northern Iraq? In 1997-99 the Turks, with a large infusion of U.S. weapons, killed tens of thousands of Kurds in their own country, driving 2 million of them from the devastated countryside. From our own actions, it seems that we are not much interested in promoting democracy in the Middle East.

So what then should we be doing? First, we need to give the U.N. inspectors more time to continue to produce results. According to Hans Blix, the previous inspectors, working under far less favorable conditions, destroyed more weapons of mass destruction in Iraq — before the United States pulled the inspectors out of Iraq — than were destroyed during the first Gulf War. But that inspection process had taken time, far more time than the three months of the current inspection process to date.

Second, we need to enforce all U.N. Security Council resolutions, not just the 17 against Iraq. There are about 31 against Israel, mostly in connection with the West Bank and Gaza Strip, land that Israel occupied after the 1967 Arab-Israeli War, and there are 23 resolutions against Turkey, in connection with its occupation of Cyprus. Both of these countries are in blatant violation of U.N. Security Council Resolutions, and yet, they still receive vast amounts of U.S. aid and weaponry. We definitely need to be more even-handed with respect to our support for the enforcement of U.N. resolutions.

Third, we need to project a more just foreign policy. For starters, there are a number of international treaties and conventions — the Kyoto Climate-Change Treaty, the Treaty Banning Land-Mines and the Rome Treaty for the establishment of an International Criminal Court — that the United States has failed to sign for reasons that seem simply to favor U.S. special interests at the expense of international justice or what would be of benefit to the world community as a whole. The fact that the United States — which constitutes 4 percent of the world's population — while using 25 percent of its energy resources refuses to sign the Kyoto climate-change treaty and make the cuts in its energy consumption that virtually all other nations judge to be fair, makes it in this regard look something like an outlaw nation to the world community. So we must do better in projecting the image of a just society.

Lastly, it is important to recognize that George W. Bush can still be re-elected (or maybe just elected for the first time) despite the wretched state of the U.S. economy, even if we don't go to war against Iraq. With the presence of U.S. forces in the region, the U.N. inspectors may be able to uncover — to everyone's satisfaction — all the remnants of Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction. Some of these forces could then be deployed as a buffer between Israel and Palestinian territories, enforcing a return to the 1967 borders. With these accomplishments, Bush might even receive the Nobel Peace Prize.

So no one really needs a war against Iraq, and certainly no such war can be morally justified at the present time. In addition, projecting a more peaceful image of the United States trying to do justice in the world in the ways I have suggested could turn out to be the best defense we have against attacks directed against our own people.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Support the Bouts

Sunday, 22 Notre Dame students are going to mix it up. Punches will be thrown and noses bloodied, but don't be too worried about it. At the end of it, the students will embrace better friends than when it began.

One of the greatest traditions on the Notre Dame campus, the Bengal Bouts, will culminate with 11 exhilarating final matches.

The Bouts are an offshoot of Knute Rockne's boxing program that under the management of Dominic "Nappy" Napolitano took on a charitable goal. They have been a fixture on this campus for 73 years and send as much as \$75,000 annually to our brothers and sisters in Bangladesh. There are plenty of reasons to attend the last night of the Bengal Bouts. Come to hear the outrageous nicknames people come up with. Watch your friend, roommate or significant other in competition and out of support for his six weeks of hard work. See a sport that isn't in the mainstream on its purest amateur level. But most importantly, come to support the Bangladeshi family of five that can live for two weeks off the proceeds of your \$10 student ticket.

One of the beauties of the Bengal Bouts is the unpredictable outcome. This year, there are an unprecedented number of boxers making their debut in the finals. First year boxers Andrew Groebner, Paul Harris, Alex Fergus, Charlie Gough, Bill Wuest, Juan Diego Vargas and Darryl Burton are competing in the Joyce Center Arena for the first time. Seniors, come for your last tournament to watch Wuest, Groebner, Shawn

Newburg, Clay Cosse, Tom Pierce, John Lynk, Rob Joyce, Jon Valenzuela, Steve Keppel, Chris Pearsall and Ryan Duffey pour their hearts on in the ring for the final time. But no matter who you are rooting for, come in support of the Holy Cross priests who work so hard to improve the lives of an impoverished people half a world away.

This weekend's bouts promise to deliver a thrilling experience as championship titles are defended while new ones are sought. Having studied for six weeks under the tutelage of alumni coaches Terry Johnson and Tom Suddes, they are eager to showcase their talents for the community. On behalf of the coaches, managers and student captains, please consider this your cordial invite to Sunday's Bengal Bouts Finals.

We invite you to cheer for the fighter who takes his licks for a less fortunate kid in Bangladesh. We invite you to study the veteran who boxes with precision for the student learning the fundamentals of math and science at Notre Dame College in Dhaka. We invite you to grimace for the young man spilling his blood to fill the mouths of children he will never know. At the end of the night, we invite you to put your hands together for the fighters who fought a brave battle, not just against each other, but against Bangladeshi poverty.

Shawn Newburg

Clay Cosse

co-presidents

Notre Dame Boxing Club
Feb. 28

Holography lights up gallery

Moreau Art Galleries at Saint Mary's features 9 leading women artists

By COLLEEN BARRETT
Scene Writer

Tonight, Saint Mary's will welcome its new exhibition, "Leading Lights: Women in Holography," to the Moreau Art Galleries.

The exhibition features the work of nine artists from a cross section of nationalities and backgrounds. Each uses holography as her primary means of visual expression, though they all display different styles and techniques. A unique feature about the exhibit is that all of the artists are women.

"Women have been pioneers in the field of holography. They have made significant contributions to the art and development of the medium," said Doug Tyler, a professor in the Department of Arts Visiting Arts Program. He is the organizer and curator of the exhibition and its associated activities. Tyler brought the exhibit to Saint Mary's because it is a women's college, and he wanted to stress the critical role that women have played in the evolution of holography.

"A widely held stereotype of technology is that it is largely the domain of men, a world in which the male gender excels in understanding and application," Tyler said. The introduction of both photography and holography have opened the way for women to excel in artistic venues that utilize technology.

"Holography is a three-dimensional image that stores information about the total subject or the object being recorded," said Tyler. The artists record a pattern of information from an object and reconstruct that same pattern using lasers, which are highly organized and allow the artists to produce a high quality image.

"Hold out your hand," said Tyler. "Without looking at it, you wouldn't know it was there except that it is



Photo courtesy of Doug Tyler, Saint Mary's

The Moreau Art Galleries features a movement in art called holography, where artists use an understanding of physics to create holograms using various lights and lasers.

attached to your body. The brain reads patterns of light to let you know that it is there."

The artists in holography have a complete understanding of the physics behind their work, such as the properties of lights and lasers. They use this understanding to create holograms that Tyler called "phenomenal."

"They may not be as sophisticated as what we are used to seeing in films and in stories," he said, "but the images have such a unique property. You really have to experience them first-hand. It is a little bit of a shocker when you see how vivid the images really are."

In conjunction with the exhibition, Saint Mary's welcomes Margaret Benyon, as its second artist-in-residence for the 2002-03 academic year. Benyon began exploring the use of holography in art in the early 1960's and her work has brought her recognition around the world. Two years ago, she was awarded a Member of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth. Benyon presented a lecture about her work in holography and participated in a gallery conversation. The artist will also be present at the exhibition opening today from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Moreau Art Galleries.

Tyler hopes that by bring the exhibit to the communities of Saint Mary's, Notre Dame and Holy Cross, people will gain an appreciation for the art. "The medium itself is extraordinarily rich in opportunity. It presents to the visual artist a means to express herself in a very contemporary way."

He also wants the communities to appreciate the contributions of women to the field. "These women have demonstrated a clear visionary strength, a quality which this curator feels defines them as 'Leading Lights,'" Tyler said.

The exhibit will be showing until Mar. 14. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Friday, and 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday.



Photo courtesy of Doug Tyler, Saint Mary's

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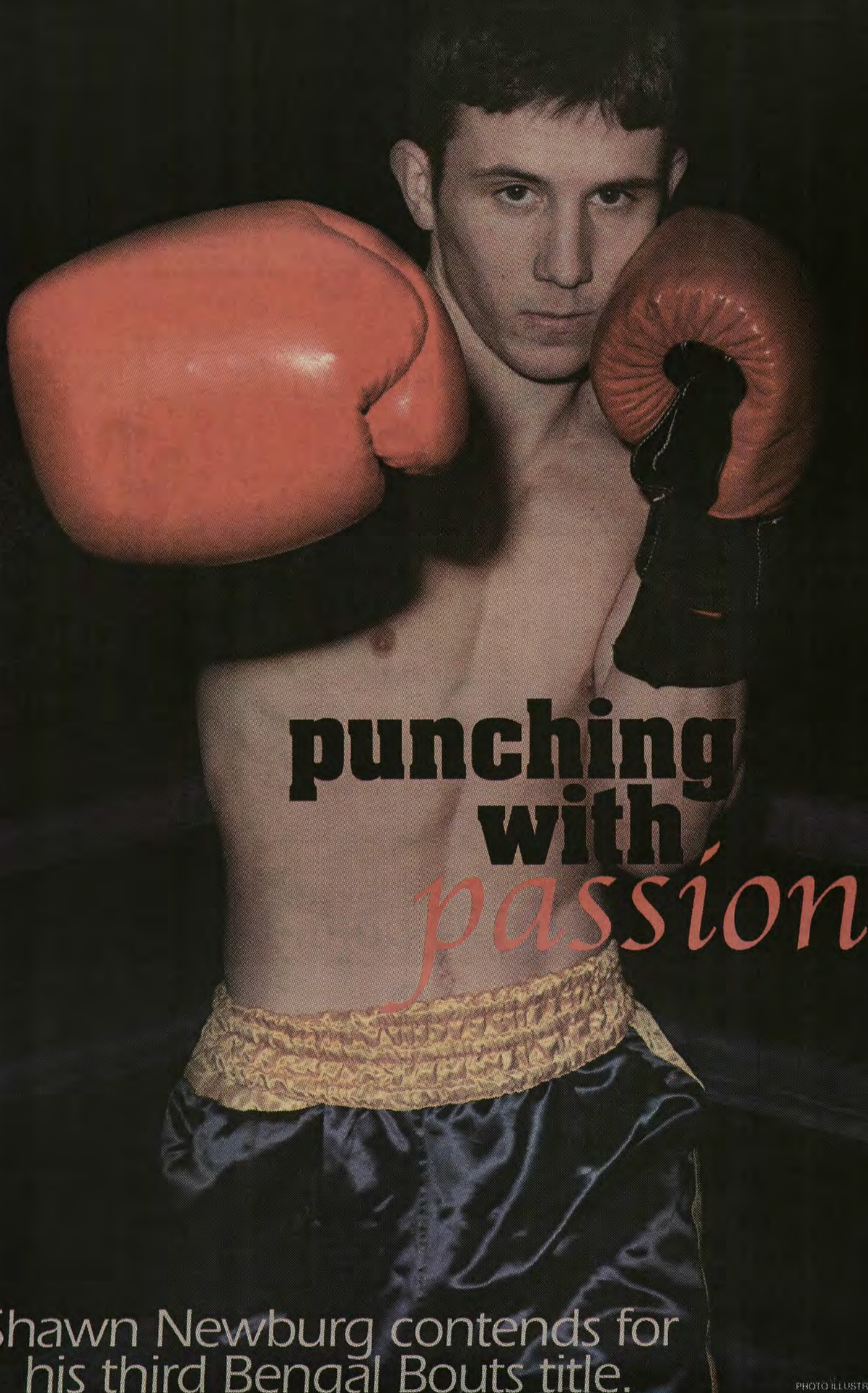
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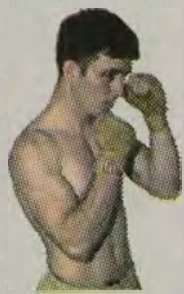


**punching
with
passion**

Shawn Newburg contends for his third Bengal Bouts title.

PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY KATIE MCKENNA and LISA VELTE

125-pounds



VS.



SHAWN NEWBURG JON VALENZUELA

PICKS

- LUKE BUSAM
Newburg
- JOE HETTLER
Newburg
- MATT LOZAR
Newburg
- LISA VELTE
Newburg

Senior captain Shawn Newburg goes for his third title Sunday against sophomore Jon Valenzuela. Newburg looked impressive in his semifinal fight against Brian Faist as his fast hands and lead hooks led him to a unanimous decision win. Valenzuela won a split decision, but took a few shots from Sung Hoon Kim Wednesday night and Newburg's quickness may exploit Valenzuela's low left and open stance.

Newburg prefers a more defensive, counter-punching style that will match up well with Valenzuela's tendency to lead with looping right hooks. This match-up will be one of the better fights of the night and tardiness will be regretted.

140-pounds



VS.



TONY HOLLOWELL BILL WUEST

PICKS

- LUKE BUSAM
Hollowell
- JOE HETTLER
Hollowell
- MATT LOZAR
Hollowell
- LISA VELTE
Hollowell

Junior captain Tony Hollowell is looking for his second title this year, but will have to cut down the taller Bill Wuest in order to achieve it. Wuest's hard jabs ended his semifinal fight early, but Hollowell has shown that he is able to take a punch or two over the years.

Wuest will have to be consistent with his jab Sunday because Hollowell will not stop attacking. Hollowell will be the aggressor in this one and if he gets inside early, Wuest may be in trouble.

Hollowell's lead left may not be as effective on the taller Wuest, but the former champion should have little trouble scoring punches.

155-pounds



VS.



COLIN KERRIGAN STEVE KEPPEL

PICKS

- LUKE BUSAM
Kerrigan
- JOE HETTLER
Kerrigan
- MATT LOZAR
Keppel
- LISA VELTE
Keppel

Colin Kerrigan has battled his way over taller fighters twice in the tournament, attacking the body well and gaining victory. Steve Keppel has attacked every part of every opponent he has faced this year, brawling his way to the finals.

Keppel will be aggressive once again and Kerrigan may have a hard time attacking his body, yet finding openings in a strong defense is what earned Kerrigan his spot in the finals. Keppel has never been hesitant to throw plenty of punches and Kerrigan faces a different fighter than he had in the past.

Neither fighter was seeded to make it this far, but both have proved they are more than ready to be in the finals and their styles should be compatible in this fight.

160-pounds



VS.



MARK DESPLINTER TOM PIERCE

PICKS

- LUKE BUSAM
Pierce
- JOE HETTLER
Pierce
- MATT LOZAR
Pierce
- LISA VELTE
Pierce

Mark DeSplinter has been the Lennox Lewis of this year's Bengal Bouts, jabbing his way to victory and forcing his opponents to conform to his technical style. However, senior captain Tom Pierce has been the pre-prison Mike Tyson of the bouts, leveling both his opponents before the end of the first round.

Pierce will have to use his feet to keep DeSplinter where he wants him and close fast to avoid the sticking jab. If DeSplinter gets caught in a brawl for even a few seconds he may take his place on the mat next to Pierce's other opponents.

This is the most stylistically diverse fight of the finals and neither boxer will be eager to conform to the other's technique.

180-pounds



VS.



CHRIS PEARSALL ANDREW GROEBNER

PICKS

- LUKE BUSAM
Pearsall
- JOE HETTLER
Pearsall
- MATT LOZAR
Pearsall
- LISA VELTE
Pearsall

Both 180-pound finalists won close victories over talented fighters in Wednesday's semifinal round. Chris Pearsall out-gunned the No. 1 seed Tommy Demko and Andrew Groebner's power pushed him past the combo-throwing Larry Rooney.

Pearsall's one-two combos and patience in the ring are his best assets and few fighters have been able to respond well to his offense. Groebner's strength and powerful right could be a major factor in this bout.

If Pearsall moves as well as he did in his preliminary match, Groebner will have trouble landing a big punch.

190-pounds



VS.



JOHN LYNK WILLIAM ZIZIC

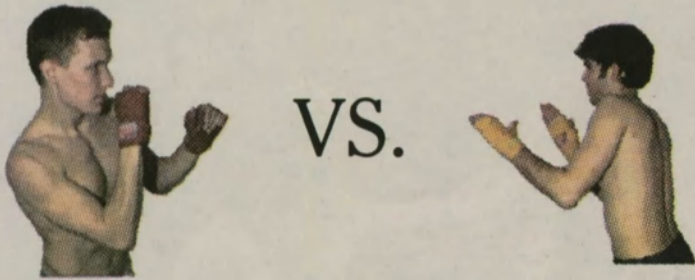
PICKS

- LUKE BUSAM
Lynk
- JOE HETTLER
Lynk
- MATT LOZAR
Lynk
- LISA VELTE
Lynk

John Lynk has rarely met an opponent he couldn't drop to the mat, but Will Zizic is one of them. Lynk beat Zizic in last year's semifinals by a unanimous decision, but Zizic is a new fighter this year who advanced to the finals with relative ease.

Zizic is extremely powerful, but Lynk's ability to throw and take a punch combined with his uncanny speed for a man his size will be hard to overcome. There will be some serious punches given and taken in this bout and each fighter could see some time on the mat if his defense fails.

145-pounds



PAUL HARRIS **RYAN DUFFEY**

PICKS

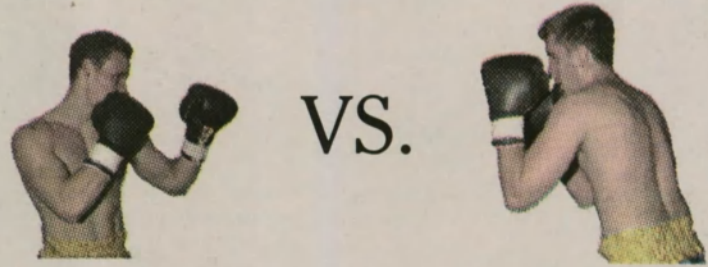
- LUKE BUSAM
Duffey
- JOE HETTLER
Harris
- MATT LOZAR
Harris
- LISA VELTE
Duffey

Paul Harris overcame a reach advantage in his narrow victory over top seed Luke Dillon and will have to do so again to beat Ryan Duffey. Expect Harris to charge Duffey early and often in this match.

Duffey needs to rely on his reach advantage and footwork to pick off the mobile Harris with his jab. Neither fighter has experienced the two-minute rounds of the finals before, but Duffey has more overall ring experience than Harris and that will work to his advantage.

Harris threw a lot of punches in the semifinals and if he is more accurate Sunday, Duffey's defense will have to be near perfect. If Duffey stands his ground and relies on his jab he will be in good shape.

150-pounds



JUAN DIEGO VARGAS **BRANDON GASSER**

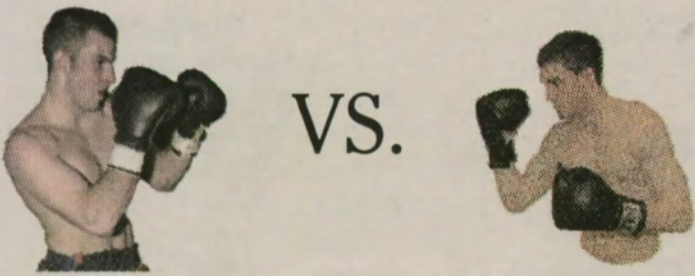
PICKS

- LUKE BUSAM
Vargas
- JOE HETTLER
Vargas
- MATT LOZAR
Vargas
- LISA VELTE
Vargas

Don't look away for long during this fight because Juan Diego Vargas and Brandon Gasser will keep the punches coming until the final bell. One of their many anticipated exchanges could turn the match in seconds. Vargas and Gasser have both boxed and brawled well, varying their styles to meet their opponents and it will be interesting to see the nature of Sunday's fight.

Vargas' hands may be a bit faster, but Gasser's one-two's have been straight and accurate the entire tournament. Gasser will find success if can keep a bit of distance between himself and Vargas, but this is something no fighter has been able to do thus far.

165-pounds



CHARLIE GOUGH **ALEX FERGUS**

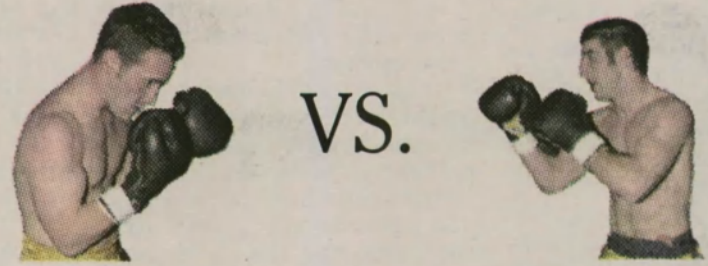
PICKS

- LUKE BUSAM
Fergus
- JOE HETTLER
Gough
- MATT LOZAR
Fergus
- LISA VELTE
Gough

Alex Fergus hasn't appeared to have much trouble in this year's tournament, but Charlie Gough has shown that he can trouble even the most talented of fighters. Gough had a huge performance Wednesday night against Pat Dillon, coming on hard in the final rounds to beat the captain.

Fergus has moved better in the ring than most boxers and stays composed when in trouble. Gough may be a bit stronger, but Fergus' footwork easily compensates. If Fergus stays mobile and keeps his guard up, he will find success.

170-pounds



CLAY COSSE **ROB JOYCE**

PICKS

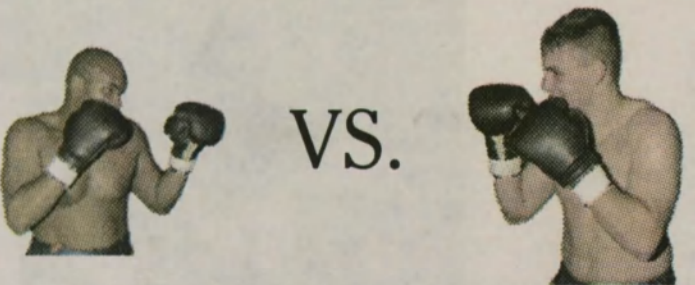
- LUKE BUSAM
Joyce
- JOE HETTLER
Cosse
- MATT LOZAR
Cosse
- LISA VELTE
Cosse

Rob Joyce is so comfortable in the ring that he appears nonchalant at times, dismissing the advances of opponents with a perfectly placed counter or a quick dodge. Clay Cosse, however, punches through every second of his bouts as if it were his last.

This is a matchup of the top seeds in this weight class and a bout showcasing two of the most talented fighters this year.

Clay will no doubt come out firing and may give up a bit of defense with his hooks that Joyce is capable of capitalizing on. Both Joyce and Clay have had noteworthy performances in past finals. Joyce lost to Mark Criniti in 2001 and Cosse fell to Chris Matassa in 2002, both of which were fights of the year. This matchup also has the potential to become a Bengal Bouts legend.

HEAVYWEIGHT



DARRYL BURTON **STEFAN BOROVINA**

PICKS

- LUKE BUSAM
Borovina
- JOE HETTLER
Burton
- MATT LOZAR
Borovina
- LISA VELTE
Borovina

Stefan Borovina will not be able to avenge his loss to Carlos Abeyta last year, but he can still pick up his first title. Borovina looked strong and moved well in his semifinal win over Ben O'Connor that was called 40 seconds into the final round.

Borovina has no small challenge ahead of him in sophomore Darryl Burton who dismissed the former champ Abeyta in the semis. Borovina is smaller, but makes up for the pound difference in speed and technique.

However, anything can happen with punches as hard as these two throw and Stefan will need his footwork the whole match to avoid the big right of Burton.

73rd ANNUAL BENGAL BOUTS

◆ Date: Sunday, March 2, 2003

◆ Time: 2 p.m.

◆ Location: Joyce Center

Defending 2002 Champions

Shawn Newburg - 125-pound

Mark DeSplinter - 160-pound

John Lynk - 190-pound

Fight Previews by Luke Busam

Photos by Lisa Velte

Boxing, Newburg a perfect fit

◆ Captain seeks third title in 4 years

By LUKE BUSAM
Sports Writer

Sometimes it seems the involvements that define a person's life choose the person rather than the individual selecting the activity. A defining trait will attach itself to someone, dominate his personality and quickly become a necessary partner.

For Shawn Newburg that necessary partner is boxing. Boxing fits Newburg.

Like many Bengal Bouts captains, he was chosen in an unassuming way. A simple flier grabbed his attention and a welcoming table at activities night hooked him in, filling the void that many high school athletes feel when they begin college.

"I was a little disappointed that there wasn't a wrestling team or anything at Notre Dame until I saw a flier for boxing," Newburg said.

That flier quickly led Newburg to his first championship at the end of his freshman season. But before running to a championship, he walked to practice to learn the basics.

"I remember the novice season pretty well, in particular doing a jab drill with [current senior captain] John Lynk — he's huge," Newburg said. "I must have hit him about 10 times before he finally hit me with a jab, but it seems like I can still feel it. He knocked me pretty good."

Fortunately the 125-pound Newburg never faced the 190-pound Lynk in the tournament, as it would have been a bit of a mismatch for him.

Despite the pain he felt from Lynk's jab, the pain from a yearly Bengal Bouts ritual made Newburg even more dedicated.

"I still remember the first time we did a thousand pushups in one practice. It

was just so exhilarating and inspirational. This is coach [Tom] Suddes' specialty," Newburg said. "Every year he leads us in a practice where we do a thousand pushups. Ever since that practice coach Suddes has been a role model for me."

Newburg provided his own exhilarating moments that year as he fought his way through the 120-pound division and earned a split decision victory over James Fishburne in the finals.

"Freshman year was an awesome final. I was just a snot nose kid that didn't even really know anything about the program yet," Newburg said. "I was the first fight, as usual, and we were about half an hour late starting so I was getting pretty anxious. Then I [found] out that Muhammad Ali is showing up and that's why we're waiting. So in he comes and then the lights go out and I get in the ring."

"I had won one fight and then there I was boxing in front of the greatest ever. That was a great moment."

Newburg's sophomore year ended with a tough loss to Camilo Rueda, his first and only defeat in Bengal Bouts.

"It's pretty hard to lose. You just put in so much work over the preceding time and then to get beat makes you really question your sanity," Newburg said. "Then you remember that the program is about so much more than the tournament that you accept the loss and look forward to the next year."

The next year, Newburg's junior year, brought more wins and a second championship. Newburg won his semifinal fight over Derrick Bravo and the final over Jason McMahon. With two championships and three finals appearances, Newburg was one of the most successful fighters on the team. His suc-

cess stems in large part from his consistent form through the years. Newburg employs a defensive, counterpunching technique that many boxers in the program strive for, but few achieve with success.

"I'm a more defensive boxer usually, and I fight really quick," Newburg said. "I'm lucky enough to have pretty quick hands and can get away with fighting defensively and still having a good counter offense."

His quick hands and near perfect footwork have frustrated his opponents, many of whom use bigger looping hooks and a brawling style that sacrifices defense.

"I also try to always fight smarter than my opponent," Newburg said. "Coach Suddes always says the first rule of boxing is 'Don't get hit.' I take that to heart and fight very technically and always try to box so I score more points than my opponent."

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Shawn Newburg delivers a right hook to Jason McMahon during last year's final in the 125-pound division. Newburg won the fight in a split decision.

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"While he works the corners to help the other boxers and cut down his eagerness, when Newburg is in the ring, he keeps a tunnel-eyed focus."

"I have a ritual that I always get in the ring and go through all of the specifics of my fight. I picture the other guy and what he's doing and what I want to do for the three rounds," Newburg said. "I go to the corner between rounds and everything and just try to make it as close to the actual fight as possible."

"His pre-fight routine is a small glimpse of the determination that has led Newburg to the finals every year. While in the ring he is rarely challenged and never flustered. His hands held high and striking quickly, his feet constantly sliding over the canvas, and his defense being one of the best in Bengal Bouts all testify to his undying focus."

"Newburg's journey with boxing has been a glorious one and as he approaches the final fight of his Notre Dame career, he paused to remember the people who have helped him along the way."

"I am very grateful to my mom and family and friends," Newburg said. "I also want to thank the coaches, captains, boxers

and fans. I am especially thankful to my girlfriend who has been so supportive through the last couple years of boxing."

"Boxing has always been more than just a way to pass the time for Newburg, as it is for all Bengal Bouts boxers."

"I am a better person because of boxing," Newburg said. "I'm a pretty passionate person about pretty much everything that I do, so this gives me an opportunity to be passionate about a great cause."

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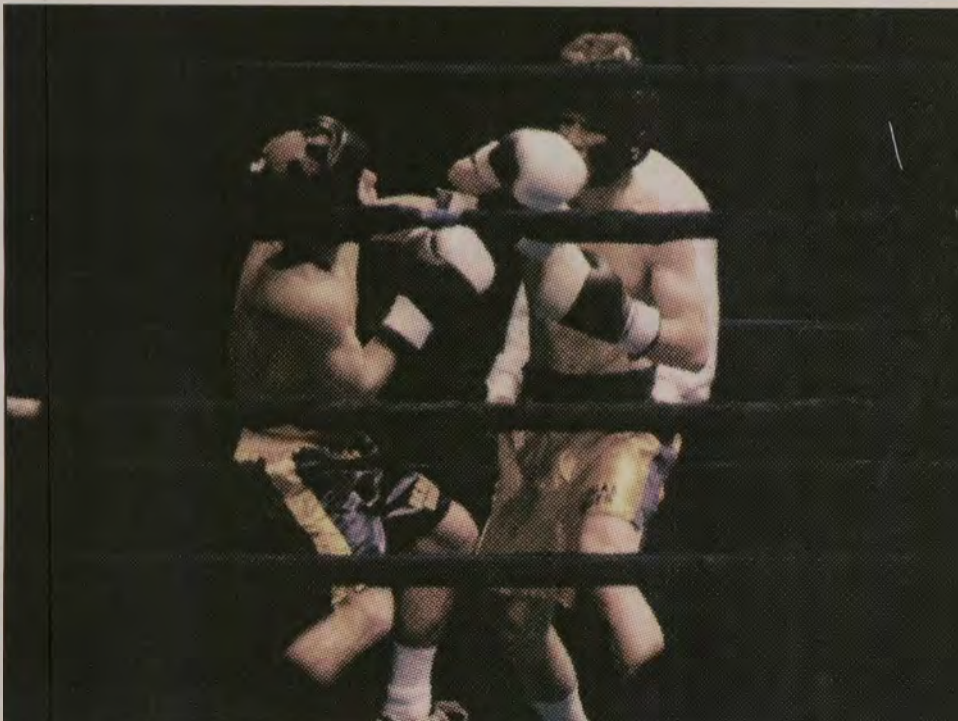
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Shawn Newburg follows through after landing a right hook against Jimmy Fishburne during his freshman year. Newburg won the fight in a split decision.



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Camill Rueda drills Shawn Newburg in the face. Camill defeated Newburg in 2001 by unanimous decision.

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Shakespeare in the 70s

The Not-So-Royal Shakespeare Company updates 'Taming of the Shrew'

By KC KENNEY
Scene Writer

When a classic Shakespearean masterpiece opens with "Play That Funky Music White Boy," you know you're in for a comedy of special degree. With the stage littered with all sorts of 70s nostalgic contraband, director Sean Nelson has done very well by putting a contemporary spin on an old favorite. Leisure suits, bowling shoes, short skirts (and I mean short) and even a huge Afro donned by one of the leads mark this show, making it familiar and laughable at the same time. Nelson has worked hard to make this a

"Shakespeare for a new audience" and it shows itself on stage, making the Bard's work accessible to all levels of appreciation.

The stage of the Hesburgh Center is translated into the town of Padua where a rich young man named Lucentio (JJ Marler) arrives with his servants Trania (Monica Kershner) and Biondella (Alex Callan) to attend the local university but he quickly becomes distracted when he sees the beautiful Bianca (Kate Dolack) and instantly falls in love. Problems arise when Lucentio must contend with her two suitors, Gremio (TJ McNally) and Hortensio (Jeff

Eyerman), and Bianca's father (Dan Hoople) who has declared that no one may court Bianca until her older sister is married first. This seems easy enough until the arrival of the eternally ill-tempered Katherine (Elizabeth Grams), making it quickly clear why no one has made a move. Lucentio inserts himself into Bianca's life by trading places with his servant, Trania, and posing as a tutor, while Trania poses as her master, cleverly disguising herself by putting up her hair and employing the use of a sock. The problem of the shrew is solved for Bianca's suitors

when Hortensio's friend Petruccio (Mike Rampolla) arrives. He is a brash young man from Verona who intends to marry a rich woman, regardless of her disposition. Tempers and insults fly as Petruccio works to

tame Katherine and win her over, ultimately marrying her and carrying her off to his home where he plans to continue his "taming." Trouble continues for Lucentio as his deception meets difficulty when Bianca's father wants to meet Lucentio's father. Of course, this could be difficult since the "Lucentio" that Bianca's father knows is Trania. Thus, continuing the deception, they bring in a school master (Mark Ross) to

"Taming of the Shrew"



The Not-So-Royal Shakespeare

Director: Sean Nelson
Playwright: William Shakespeare
Stage Manager: AnaMarie Ortiz
Starring: Dan Hoople, Steve Hoeplinger, TJ McNally, JJ Marler, Jeff Eyerman, Mike Rampolla, Mark Ross, Monica Hershner, Alex Callan, David Tull, Laura Kable

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Hortensio, played by senior Jeff Eyerman, and Gremio, sophomore TJ McNally, conspire to win over the hand of the fair Bianca for themselves.

play the role of the father. All is well and good until Lucentio's real father shows up. This is a comedy in the truest sense of the word, with characters getting into absurd situations, trying to get themselves out again and still achieve their wishes.

This show is a lot of fun to watch and easy to get into, regardless of Shakespeare's classic style of speech. In this, Nelson's directorial debut, the production really illustrates his enthusiasm and love of the theater. Nelson's attention to detail and situational comedy is really a treat. He uses very clever methods of getting around otherwise difficult staging. Little things like integrating a cricket chirping is almost out of a Looney Toons cartoon, but it makes the comedy of the show come out in more than simply the words. Music also becomes a major element in the show, bringing in 70s classics like "Low Rider" between and even in scenes a bit to lend to the retro theme and make it more familiar to the audience. Truly, the audience won't be able to help singing along and getting into it.

Despite the strength of the show as a whole, there are also many specific elements, mainly in the different actors delivery of their parts, which really add to the overall quality. Marler and Kershner as Lucentio and Trania are a very engaging duo, contrasting Marler's clown-like efforts to get to Bianca and Kershner's cool, conniving manner. Rounding out the group is Callan's Biondella, giving new meaning and new appreciation to the word "fool." Though always a little spacey and in her own world, her ease with difficult speeches show off her strength as an actor. McNally and Eyerman do quite well as the two old suitors after Bianca. As Gremio, McNally's gravelly voice and well-developed character are reasons to miss him when he all but disappears in the second act. Eyerman starts out slow as Hortensio, but really comes into

his element when his character is disguised as a "Soul man" music teacher, where he really comes out and gives a solid performance. Dolack's Bianca is cute and lovable, showing great disparity between Grams' Katherine. Gram starts the show as mad as Ophelia, but the chemistry between her and Rampolla is really amusing. She seems to really come into her own when trading insults with him. Rampolla as Petruccio illustrates a classic confidence we see in Zack Morris or James Dean. Wait until the second act when his outbursts give a great display of his versatility with serene and more ill tempered than the shrew herself. One of the true highlights is Tull, with his comedic timing and willingness to be flung about makes a great toady out of Grumio. He never seems to run low on energy or his efforts to get a laugh out of the audience.

This show has often been criticized for its portrayal of women as needing to be "tamed," a concept not well received by women of today. This, in fact, was one of Nelson's motivations for using the time period he did, marking one of the culminations of the women's liberation movement and showing it in a very comedic portrayal. However, the stress on comedy and the love story really downplay the social commentary. Truly, this show is a well-done comedy, bringing laughter from the audience as the cast does a great job of bringing this great work of Shakespeare to life.

Not-So-Royal is proud to present "The Taming of the Shrew." The show is directed by Sean Nelson and will be running: Friday, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, at 2:30 p.m. General Admission: \$5. Tickets can be purchased at the LaFortune Box Office at 631-8128 or at the door.



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Lucentio, played by senior JJ Marler, and Trania, senior Monica Kershner, hide in order to spy on the beautiful Bianca, played by Junior Kate Dolack.

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team at Notre Dame. Even one of her high school coaches said she wouldn't make the Irish squad.

However Swanson was persistent — especially with coach Muffet McGraw.

"I had bombarded her office with stuff, so she knew more about me than I did about her," Swanson said. "I used to send her five tapes a week and letters in hot pink envelopes. So she had a lot of game tape from me. I made it known really clearly to her that if she had a spot, I wanted to tryout."

Luckily for Swanson, the year she enrolled as a freshman, Notre Dame had another guard transfer. The opportunity was suddenly there for Swanson and she jumped on.

Swanson had already worked hard all summer to condition herself for the tryouts. When the day came for the first open gym, she, along with six or seven others, played with and against the scholarship players. At first McGraw had her players decide who would be invited back for another day. Swanson made it through the first few cuts and was one of the final three.

The next day at practice, only two remained. Then Swanson was the only one left. She kept going to practice each day, but didn't know if she had officially made the team. Finally her anxiety overtook her.

"I kept practicing and I called coach McGraw one day, 'I'm sorry but I'm just dying to know, did I make it or not' ... She was like 'Yeah, you made it,'" Swanson said. "That was the famous phone call. I called everyone I knew after that. I was so excited. It meant a whole lot to me, especially because all those people back home doubted me."

Once on the team, Swanson quickly became a fan favorite. Every time she entered the game, the Notre Dame crowd would go crazy.

"The way the fans receive me let's me know that they're aware that I do make contributions even if I'm not on the court," Swanson said. "I really and sincerely appreciate the way they have embraced me. It's not something I had to do. It makes the experience very rewarding for me."

Another highlight for Swanson came during her sophomore season, when she was part of Notre Dame's only national championship in women's basketball. For a player just happy to make the team, win-

ning a ring was icing on the cake.

"My dream was just to play here and then I get this," Swanson said. "I thought, 'you have to be kidding me.' It's one of those things that you can't put into words."

Despite the excitement of making the team, her popularity with the Irish fans and a national championship, Swanson still sat the bench when she could have been starting at other colleges. It was frustrating for her, but she kept a positive attitude, which impressed McGraw.

"She's been a real joy to coach," McGraw said. "She's somebody that has a great attitude. She's somebody that encourages her teammates. She's positive all the time and she always wants to know what she can do to make the team better."

Swanson did such a good job of helping her teammates in practice and in the locker room that McGraw made her a "bench captain." Swanson relayed the team's feelings and attitudes during a particular stretch in the season. This has helped McGraw to understand her team better.

"I try to get a read of what's going on in players heads," Swanson said. "Sometimes when I'm feeling a certain vibe, I want to let coach McGraw be aware of what players may be thinking or feeling."

Swanson's home court career will end Saturday when Notre Dame faces Seton Hall at the Joyce Center at 4 p.m. She will graduate in the spring with a degree in entrepreneurship and a GPA hovering around 3.5.

"[My last home game] will be very emotional, but at the same time I will have so many fond memories to look back on," Swanson said.

But Swanson will leave behind more than basketball and memories. She evolved from an unknown player to a fan favorite and, more importantly, became a model for her fellow Notre Dame students to admire.

No one gave her a chance. No one believed she could accomplish her dream. No one thought her goals were realistic.

Four years later, Swanson has a national championship ring, countless fans and an experience she admits she'll never forget.

More importantly, she proves that dreams are attainable.

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MENS LACROSSE

Irish face Penn in home opener

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

The No. 17 Notre Dame mens lacrosse team has an opportunity to reverse last year's early season misfortune when it plays its home opener Saturday versus No. 23 Pennsylvania at Loftus Sports center.

Notre Dame has already started better than last season. In its first game of the season, the Irish topped Penn State, 10-9. Notre Dame (1-0) got four goals from junior attacker Dan Berger and a goal and five assists from junior attacker Matt Howell to open with a victory. The game was revenge for a 10-9 defeat at the hands of the Nittany Lions in last year's first match.

Now the Irish (1-0) host the

Quakers, a solid program that defeated Notre Dame last season in Philadelphia, 7-6. With a win, Notre Dame will have accomplished a complete turnaround of its disappointing 0-2 start of last season.

Penn is one of the 11 top 25 teams, according to the Inside Lacrosse Poll, the Irish will play this season, and a win would mean a huge boost in record and team morale as the Irish try to return to the Final Four, which it reached in 2001.

In last year's contest, Penn's Sonny Sarker broke a 6-6 tie with 4:30 remaining to put the game away. Berger scored a then-career high four goals in the game, but the Quakers led 5-3 at half, having outscored the Irish 3-1 in the second quarter. Notre Dame held Penn scoreless in the third

quarter but let up two late goals.

The Irish face Penn again this season with six returning starters and some new, young faces. Berger, a returning starter and last season's leading scorer, recorded 21 goals on 47 attempts last year, giving him an outstanding .447 shooting percentage.

Notre Dame reached the Final Four two seasons ago but caught the losing end of many close matches in 2002, losing seven games by a combined 10 goals.

This season, the Irish are optimistic about reestablishing themselves as the national contenders of two seasons ago. A win in its home opener would be a good start.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Marquette wins at Louisville

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky.

No. 10 Marquette took a huge step toward its first Conference USA title on Thursday night.

Meanwhile, No. 11 Louisville can't seem to stop its late-season slide.

Dwyane Wade scored 28 points and Scott Merritt added 18 as the Golden Eagles came from 19 points down to beat the Cardinals 78-73.

Travis Diener added 16 points and four assists for Marquette (21-4, 12-2 Conference USA), which won for the 14th time in 15 games. The Golden Eagles have a game-and-a-half lead over Memphis in the overall league standings with two home games left.

"We played with great heart, great resiliency," Marquette coach Tom Crean said. "This is a complete team effort."

Wade hit a free throw with 23.4 seconds left and Louisville's Reece Gaines, after faking a defender to get himself open, missed a 3-pointer with 10 seconds remaining that could have tied the game.

Diener hit two free throws

with 6 seconds left to clinch the win.

"We never gave up. We always felt like we were going to win," Diener said.

Wade also led the Golden Eagles with seven assists and had eight rebounds, outduelling Gaines, his main competition in the race for the league's player of the year.

Gaines, the hero of Louisville's 73-70 win at Marquette on Feb. 15, scored only 12 on 4-of-11 shooting for the Cardinals (19-5, 9-4 Conference USA), who lost for the fourth time in five games after a 17-game winning streak.

"If Dwyane Wade didn't put an exclamation point on what type of player he is, I don't know what will," Crean said. "He defended, rebounded and scored. He really got a lot of things done."

Freshman Francisco Garcia scored 24 for Louisville and Ellis Myles had 12 points and 11 rebounds before he left the game with a knee injury with 1:15 left.

Louisville coach Rick Pitino did not immediately know Myles' status, but feared he was gone for the season. Myles is Louisville's leading rebounder, with 7.7 per game.

"It was a big blow for the team to see him go down," Gaines said.

The Cardinals led 42-23 in the first half and by 11 at halftime before the Eagles came roaring back.

Louisville led 57-45 after a fast-paced first three minutes of the second half.

But the Eagles went on an 18-4 run over the next four minutes, holding the Cardinals to a single field goal. Merritt gave Marquette its first lead with a basket in the lane with 10 minutes left.

"We threw away the stat sheet at halftime," Crean said. "We wanted to start all over again."

Myles kept the Cardinals close with three rebound putbacks. But Wade had eight points in a five-minute span to put the Eagles up 74-70.

"It was a big-time game. I tried to step up to the challenge," Wade said.

Garcia scored on a drive — just his third basket of the second half — to keep Louisville within two.

Merritt sank a free throw with 2:29 left, and the teams each failed to score before Myles' injury. He screamed in pain and pounded the floor after falling awkwardly. He left the game on a stretcher.

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through Irish big men for an easy two points.

"They were kind of worn out, and that was due to our defense and the way we pushed the ball," Gordon said after the game Monday. "Their having to run with us every time and try to catch up with us definitely wore them down."

That's why the four days off from game action have come at a great time for the Irish. After a light day of practice Tuesday and the day off Wednesday, the Irish should return to the court Saturday at Rutgers rested and ready to get back on the winning side of things.

"I'm glad we don't play until Saturday," Brey said. "We need a little time off; this was a tough stretch for us. I think they'll be fine, though, and Rutgers will be a tough challenge on Saturday."

The Irish have gone all season without losing consecutive games, and they will try to keep that streak alive at Rutgers' Louis Brown Athletic Center.

Even with the additional rest over the week, the Irish will have to overcome their season-long ineptitude on the road. Notre Dame (21-6, 9-4 in the Big East) is just 3-4 this season when playing at opponents' home venues, with losses coming at Pittsburgh, Kentucky, Seton Hall and Syracuse.

But the Scarlet Knights (11-

14, 3-10) have struggled since beginning Big East play this season. Rutgers got off to a 9-4 start this year, but lost its first five conference games and has since fallen to last place in the Big East West Division.

Notre Dame and Rutgers already met once this season on Jan. 14 at the Joyce Center; and the Irish coming away with a 68-57 victory. The game was plagued by the shooting woes of Rutgers' guards Mike Sherrod and Jerome Coleman, who were a combined 5-for-19 from the floor and fared no better from the free throw line as Coleman went 0-for-7.

On the other hand, Irish guards Matt Carroll and Chris Thomas had a stellar day, scoring 25 and 19 points, respectively. The pair was also 16-for-17 from the free throw line, leading the team to a 22-for-23 day in foul shooting. In addition, Carroll was red-hot from behind the arc, finishing 5-for-9 on 3-pointers.

One area the Scarlet Knights may hope to exploit is their advantage in the paint. In the first matchup, 6-foot-10 forward Herve Lamizana had 14 points and eight rebounds for the Scarlet Knights. Center Kareem Wright also had a good day for Rutgers coming off the bench, as the 6-foot-9, 270-pound senior scored 11 points in just 22 minutes of play.

Tipoff is set for 4 p.m. Saturday in Piscataway, N.J.

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WOMENS BASKETBALL

Final home game for 2 seniors

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Two players who have had very different careers at Notre Dame (16-9, 8-6) will both play in their final home game when the Irish take on Seton Hall (13-11, 7-7) at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Joyce Center.

Alicia Ratay and Karen Swanson are Notre Dame's only two seniors this season and both end their home basketball careers against the Pirates. Ratay has already set several Irish records and is tied for all-time 3-pointers made. She is also one of two captains on this year's squad.

Swanson walked onto the team as a freshman and has become a fan favorite during her career. Swanson has played in 75 games during her career, including 23 in each of her first two years.

The Irish will be looking to rebound after a lackluster performance against Pittsburgh Wednesday night. While Notre Dame managed to win 77-69, coach Muffet McGraw was displeased with her teams play.

"I thought we played poorly. I would just like to leave it at that," McGraw said after the game. "I thought it was a team effort and it was not a good one."

Notre Dame did have five players score in double figures, led by reserve Courtney LaVere's 14 points.

The win, coupled with Virginia Tech's loss to Rutgers, pushed the Irish into sixth place in the Big East standings. Both the Hokies and the Irish are 8-6 in conference, but Virginia Tech beat Notre Dame 53-50 Feb. 9.



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Notre Dame forward Jacquelline Batteast drives against St. John's earlier this season. The Irish play their final home game of the season Saturday against Seton Hall.

Notre Dame also needs a win to improve their NCAA tournament chances. While it appears that the Irish should make the tourney, wins in their last two games and another win in the Big East tournament would likely improve their seeding.

Seton Hall is fresh off a 78-71 victory over Miami at home. Leslie Ardon and Ashley Bush, who had 21 and 15 points, respectively, led the Pirates. The Pirates also forced the Hurricanes into 24 turnovers.

The win was rare for Seton Hall, who had lost five of their last six games before facing Miami.

Charlene Thomas's 11.6 points per game and 6.1 rebounds lead the Pirates. Thomas is the Pirates only player in double figures in scoring.

This game has strong implications for the Irish, who could move into fifth-place in the division with a win and a Virginia Tech loss next week.

Notre Dame also want to play better in their final two games, against Seton Hall and Syracuse, and take momentum into the Big East Tournament.

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and Nebraska and a team in Minnesota that might be the most under-rated baseball program in the country. They're playing in a major league stadium, one of the games will be televised, and it's a great opportunity for all the players at college baseball's highest level."

After playing the fourth-ranked Sun Devils last weekend, the Irish continue to face some of the nation's top programs this weekend, with teams like Nebraska (4-2), who played in the College World Series last year, and Wake Forest (4-1), who finished last season 47-13-1 and 17-6 in the powerful ACC that sent two teams — Georgia Tech and Clemson — to the College World Series and had a third — Florida State — that was knocked out by the Irish in the NCAA Super Regional in Tallahassee, Fla.

"We've always tried to play good teams early the season, and I think it's important to do that, because it sets the tone early in the year for the level of play that is the level that we expect out of our team, and is what is needed if you want to be considered one of the elite baseball programs in the coun-

try," Mainieri said.

The opener of the weekend will be billed as a matchup of 2002 College World Series participants that never got a chance to square off in the Omaha, Neb., tournament last summer.

The Irish will send sophomore Chris Niesel to the mound against Huskers' left-handed junior Aaron Marsden. Niesel will be pitching his second game of the season after allowing four runs in six innings in a no-decision in Notre Dame's first game against Dayton last Friday.

This will also be the second start for Marsden, who was a force on the mound for the Huskers last season, going 8-1 with a 2.70 ERA.

Saturday, the Irish will square off against tournament host Minnesota (2-2) in a game that will be televised by Fox Sports Net North. Senior right-hander Pete Ogilvie will take the mound for the Irish against the Golden Gophers.

Notre Dame should get its biggest test of the weekend in its final game against Wake Forest. Sophomore right-hander John Axford, who won his first start of the year against Newman Saturday, will take the mound against fellow sophomore left-hander Tim Morley, who will be making his first start of the season against the Irish. As a freshman in

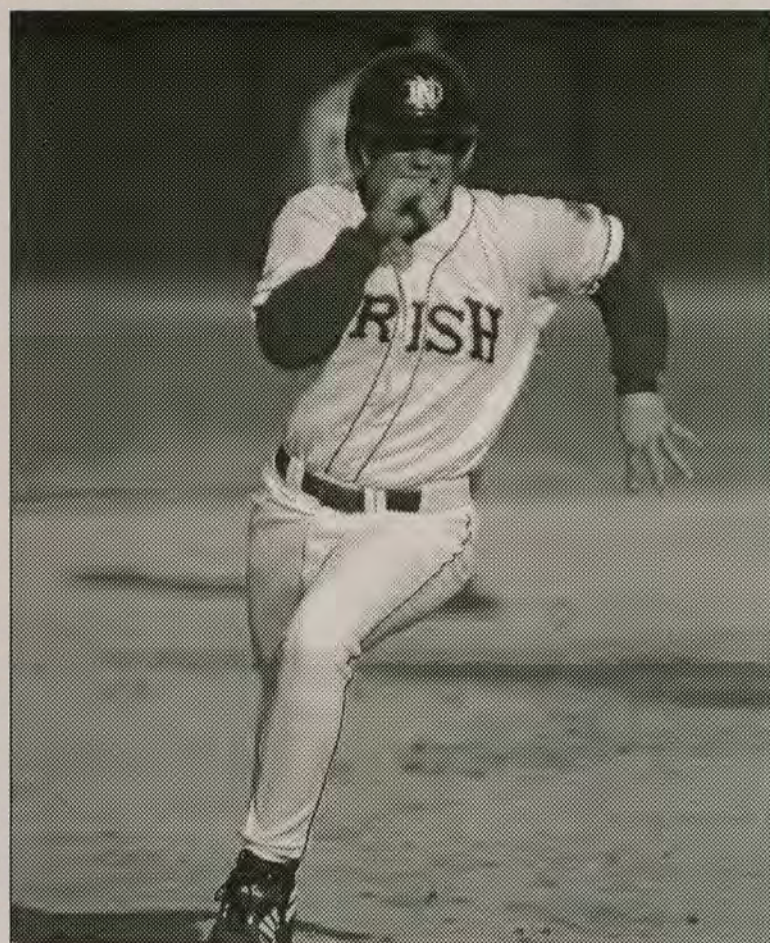
2002, Morley finished the year 6-3 with a 4.41 ERA and 71 strikeouts in 87.2 innings pitched.

Playing so many top-ranked teams at the beginning of the year can be tough for a squad like Notre Dame, which gets little, if any, time to practice outdoors before the games start because of the winter weather conditions of South Bend.

But Mainieri doesn't look at the tough early season schedule as a problem, but a challenge that will make his team better come the end of the season.

"I know we're just starting the season and we're not going to be as good now as we are in April after we've got a lot of games under our belt," Mainieri said. "But still these are the kinds of experiences that make you better. And I'm not conceding that we won't be able to go up to Minnesota this weekend and have a lot of success. I'm expecting our team to embrace this challenge and play very well."

The Irish begin play in the tournament at 12:15 p.m. today against Nebraska.



Observer File Photo

An Irish player rounds third base in a game against Valparaiso last season. Notre Dame travels to Minneapolis this weekend and will participate in a prestigious tournament.

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FENCING

Irish look to repeat as Midwest Conference champs

◆ Ohio State and Northwestern present biggest challenges

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

Having finished in the top three at the past nine NCAA Championships, this weekend's Midwest Fencing Conference Championships isn't the peak of the season for the Irish. But for some of their opponents, it's a chance to knock off one of the top teams in the country.

That's why the Irish have to be careful.

"Usually our matches are very emotional in the conference to win the championships, like a local rivalry," Notre Dame coach Janusz Bednarski said. "It will be a

nice summation for all the work the kids have made and time they sacrificed. It would be nice to have a lot of medals. But it is a way to build a team and part of a process. I will not pay maximum attention to this [weekend's results]. I want to win. Even if it isn't the most prestigious game in the season, you have to be ready."



Bednarski

Bednarski expects his top-ranked mens team and No. 3 womens team to be challenged by teams the Irish have already faced this season.

"Ohio State and Northwestern will be tough and the rest of the teams are

pretty equal," he said. "[The other teams] have better weapons sometimes. Those teams distinguish themselves from the others."

The Notre Dame mens team defeated No. 4 Ohio State 16-11 at the Ohio State Duals Jan. 25 while the womens team dropped a 15-12 dual meet to Ohio State.

Northwestern's womens team won the conference championship in 2000 and 2001 before the Irish reclaimed the title last year. The Irish defeated the Wildcats 19-8 at the Notre Dame Duals Feb. 1.

One of the most intriguing matches this weekend will take place in mens sabre between Notre Dame and Ohio State. The Irish went 2-7 against the Buckeyes' sabre squad at the Ohio State Duals.

The Buckeyes feature a trio

of standout sabre fencers in Colin Parker, Jason Rogers and Adam Crompton. In the U.S. senior sabre rankings, Parker is currently 13th, while Crompton is first and Rogers is third in the U.S. junior sabre rankings.

At last year's conference championships, the Irish won both overall team titles and claimed team titles in all weapons except for womens epee, which was won by Northwestern.

The Irish claimed four individual titles last year. Epeeists Jan Viviani and Kerry Walton and foilists Ozren Debic and Alicja Kryczalo each won

championships at their respective weapons. Debic has won three conference championships overall. Senior sabre Gabor Szelle and senior epeeist Sanna Carnick have also won conference titles.

Saturday's action will determine the team champions

in each weapon with the school having the highest point total earning the overall team conference championships. Individual champions in each weapon will be decided Sunday.

"Usually our matches are very emotional in the conference championships, like a local rivalry."

Janusz Bednarski
Irish coach

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MENS TENNIS

Irish in tourney at La Jolla

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

Coming off a close loss to No. 40 Northwestern last weekend, a few members of the Irish squad will begin play today in the prestigious Pacific Coast Doubles tournament in La Jolla, Calif.

The tournament, an annual non-team event for the Irish, includes many of the nation's best doubles teams. Given its southern California location, the event is also an ideal opportunity for cold-weather teams like Notre Dame to get some outdoor playing experience.

Additionally, this is a chance for the Irish to improve their doubles play, which has cost them the victory in a few close matches this season. While the duo of sophomore Brent D'Amico and junior Matt Scott has generally been strong, the rest of the doubles lineup has been giving the team some heartache, particularly in the matches against Duke and Florida State. After losing the doubles point, the Irish lost those matches 4-2 and 4-3, respectively.

Still, in a season that began with the worst start in team history, the Irish are seeing improvements.

"We got some points where we're getting some real productivity now," coach Bob Bayliss said.

The upcoming weekend should give the Irish a better idea of what sort of doubles lineup will improve their edge against tough opponents.

When they return from La Jolla, the Irish will face Michigan at home March 6.

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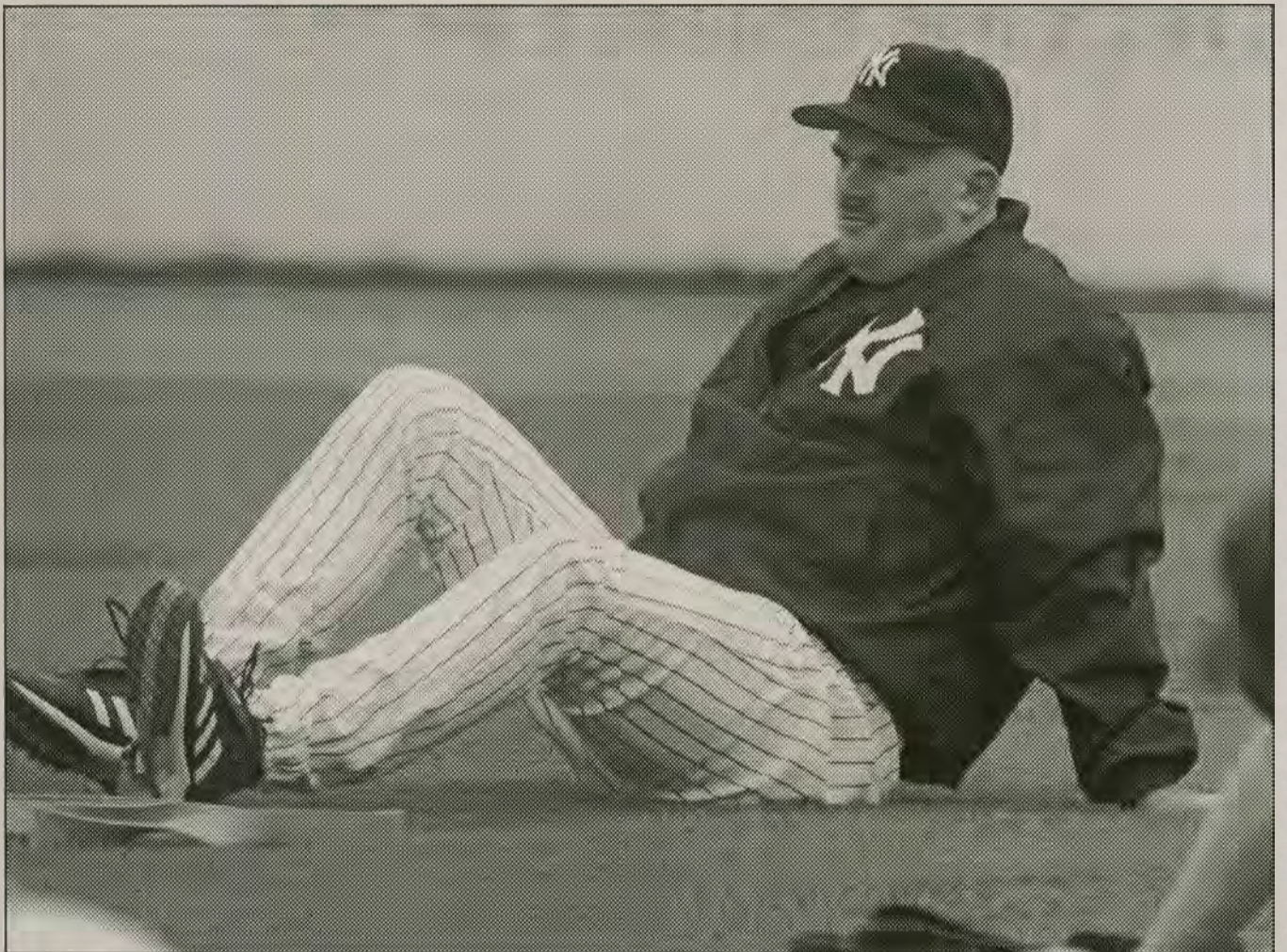
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team		team	
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2	Kentucky (14)	Kentucky (2)	2
3	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	3
4	Florida	Florida	4
5	Texas	Duke	5
6	Duke	Texas	6
7	Kansas	Kansas	7
8	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	8
9	NOTRE DAME	Louisville	9
10	Marquette	NOTRE DAME	10
11	Louisville	Marquette	11
12	Wake Forest	Wake Forest	12
13	Xavier	Xavier	13
14	Maryland	Maryland	14
15	Syracuse	Syracuse	15
16	Oklahoma State	Illinois	16
17	Creighton	Oklahoma State	17
18	Illinois	Creighton	18
19	Stanford	Stanford	19
20	Mississippi State	Mississippi State	20
21	Georgia	California	21
22	Utah	Georgia	22
23	California	Utah	23
24	Memphis	Connecticut	24
25	Dayton	Dayton	25

Baseball Polls

Baseball America		Collegiate Baseball	
team		team	
1	Georgia Tech	Florida State	1
2	Rice	Cal State Fullerton	2
3	Florida State	Georgia Tech	3
4	Arizona State	Arizona State	4
5	Cal State Fullerton	Rice	5
6	Texas	South Carolina	6
7	Wake Forest	Stanford	7
8	Baylor	Texas	8
9	Stanford	Long Beach State	9
10	South Carolina	Wake Forest	10
11	Long Beach State	Baylor	11
12	Richmond	Mississippi State	12
13	Louisiana State	Miami	13
14	NOTRE DAME	Louisiana State	14
15	Auburn	Richmond	15
16	Southern California	Texas A&M	16
17	Mississippi State	Kansas	17
18	Nebraska	Auburn	18
19	Clemson	Clemson	19
20	North Carolina	NOTRE DAME	20
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22	Miami	Tulane	22
23	Kansas	Florida	23
24	Texas A&M	Tennessee	24
25	Wichita State	Wichita State	25

MLB



Reuters Live Photo

New York Yankees pitcher David Wells admits to pitching last season's perfect game "half-drunk" in his new autobiography, *Perfect I'm Not! Boomer on Beer, Brawls, Backaches, and Baseball*.

Wells 'half-drunk' in perfect game

Associated Press

NEW YORK
David Wells claims up to 40 percent of major leaguers use steroids and says amphetamines are readily available in baseball clubhouses. "As of right now, I'd estimate 25 to 40 percent of all major leaguers are juiced. But that number's fast rising," Wells wrote in *Perfect I'm Not! Boomer on Beer, Brawls, Backaches and Baseball*, an autobiography scheduled for release next month.

Wells also admits he was "half-drunk" and had a "raging, skull-rattling

hangover" when he pitched his perfect game against Minnesota in May 1998, having stayed at the Saturday Night Live season-ending party until 5 a.m., eight hours before gametime.

A copy of the galleys of the book, written by Chris Kreski, was obtained by The Associated Press from publisher William Morrow.

"Down in the minors, where virtually every flat-broke, baloney-sandwich-eating Double-A prospect is chasing after the same, elusive, multimillion-dollar payday, the use of anabolic homer-helpers is flat-out booming," Wells wrote. "At

just about 12 bucks per shot, those steroid vials must be seen as a really solid investment."

He writes that amphetamines are so commonplace that "stand in the middle of your clubhouse and walk 10 feet in any direction, chances are you'll find what you need."

"As a pitcher, I won't ever object to a sleepy-eyed middle infielder beaming up to help me win," Wells said. "That may not be the politically correct spin on the practice, but I really couldn't care less."

Rob Manfred, executive vice president of labor

relations in the commissioner's office, declined comment on Wells' claims. Major leaguers are being tested for the first time this year for certain illegal steroids and drugs of abuse, but the testing has been criticized by some as not extensive enough to be effective.

The 39-year-old left-hander was not available for comment Thursday.

In the book, Wells alternately criticizes and praises Roger Clemens, admits he's not friendly with teammate Mike Mussina, says Andy Pettitte was angered by Hideki Irabu's large salary.

around the dial

FRIDAY NBA

Magic at Knicks 8 p.m., ESPN
Clippers at Trail Blazers 10:30 p.m., ESPN

SATURDAY COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Notre Dame at Rutgers 4 p.m., ESPN2
Syracuse at Georgetown 1 p.m., ABC
Penn State at Northwestern 2 p.m., ESPN
Texas at Texas Tech 4 p.m., CBS
Iowa at Indiana 7 p.m., ESPN
Cincinnati at Memphis 9 p.m., ESPN

NBA

Kings at Spurs 4 p.m., ESPN

NHL

Wild at Blues 9 p.m., ESPN2

SUNDAY COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Duke at St. John's 12 p.m., CBS
Wisconsin at Minnesota 2 p.m., CBS
Kentucky at Georgia 4 p.m., CBS

IN BRIEF

Manager collapses at weigh-in fight

The manager of WBA heavyweight champion John Ruiz was taken to a hospital Thursday after passing out following a brawl at the weigh-in for Ruiz's fight with Roy Jones Jr.

Norman Stone was cut on the lip during the brawl, which started as he and Jones' trainer, Alton Merkerson, argued about fight gloves just before the weigh-in.

Both men went flying off a temporary stage and were trading punches before order was restored. After the weigh-in, though, Stone collapsed and was taken by stretcher to an ambulance, complaining of pain in his side.

"One of his guys sucker-punched me," Stone said after the melee.

Doctors at the hospital told Stone he would be treated and released Thursday night, according to Bob Trieger, Ruiz's publicist.

"He's doing fine," Trieger said. "His pinkie may be broken. They were going to give him an X-ray. His neck

is still a little tender."

The brawl wasn't the only unexpected event at Caesars Palace on Thursday. Jones stepped on the scale and weighed 193 pounds.

The undisputed light heavyweight champion said all along he didn't plan to weigh more than 185 for Saturday night's fight, and would probably be in the low 180s. Still, he'll be giving away 33 pounds to Ruiz, who weighed 226.

Ruiz livened up matters by appearing in a gaudy outfit, complete with a red and white pillowy velvet hat, platform shoes and a chain with a large fake-gold dollar sign on it.

"I had this for Halloween a couple of years ago," Ruiz said.

Matsui homers in second at-bat of spring training

Derek Jeter knows Hideki Matsui still has plenty to work on — such as a home run handshake.

Matsui showed why the New York Yankees were so eager to sign him,

hitting a homer in his second at-bat of spring training Thursday against the Cincinnati Reds.

The Yankees' new slugger trotted around the bases showing little emotion before slapping hands with Jason Giambi, on-deck batter Jorge Posada and the rest of his new teammates as he went back to the dugout.

"We've got to come up with a shake," Jeter said.

That's still to come. But Matsui didn't wait to flash the swing that earned him the nickname "Godzilla" back in Japan.

"I was very happy I could play like this in my first game of the pre-season," Matsui said through an interpreter after the Yankees' 9-3 loss.

"I think I was a little bit lucky to hit a home run today. It wasn't the pitch the pitcher wanted to throw."

Matsui might have credited good fortune for his success, but his teammates focused on his disciplined approach and ability to fight off tough pitches.

HOCKEY

Hot Irish look to extend 4-game winning streak

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

The Irish take on Western Michigan in a home-and-home series this weekend. Friday, the Irish travel to Kalamazoo to take on the Broncos, before returning to the Joyce Center Saturday to close out the series.

The Irish (13-13-6, 11-10-3 CCHA) hope to continue on their four-game winning streak — their longest winning streak this season — and also improve on their current playoff position. The top six finishers in the conference get home ice in the first round of the playoffs; currently the Irish sit in fifth place, tied with the Broncos and Northern Michigan.

After finishing with the Broncos, the Irish travel to Marquette, Mich., to close out the regular season against Northern Michigan in a two game series. Irish head coach Dave Poulin knows these are important points to take advantage of in the playoff race.

"Home ice is the primary reason we want to win," he said. "Take that out of it, and the most important thing now is to just keep playing well."

Just two weeks ago, the Irish were on the bottom end of the CCHA standings, but a four-game winning streak — including three one-goal wins — have

vaulted Notre Dame into the thick of the playoff race.

It's precisely those one-goal games that Poulin would like to eliminate, however.

"I'd like for us to close the other team out earlier and decide games earlier," he said. "There's been a lot of times this year when we've had early opportunities and haven't capitalized."

Most notably, last Friday the Irish took an early 3-0 lead over Lake Superior State only to end up giving up two late goals to eke out a 3-2 victory, despite outshooting the Lakers by a 2-to-1 margin.

This is the second time this season that the Irish have faced the Broncos (14-16-2, 12-11-1 CCHA), with the Irish coming away with 4-2 and 8-5 wins in a home-and-home series on Oct. 18 and 19 to open CCHA play.

"[Western] is very similar to the what they were the last time we played them," Poulin said. "The systems they run are the same, and we especially want to stop their power play."

The Broncos are coming off of a 3-3 tie and a 4-2 victory over Bowling Green last weekend. The 4-2 victory broke a five-game winless streak for the Broncos.

A trio of talented forwards in Jeff Campbell, Vince Bellissimo and Dana Lattery leads Western Michigan offensively.

Bellissimo, only a freshman, is second on the team with 28 points.

The Broncos have two able net-minders in freshman Scott Foster and sophomore Mike Mantua, but neither has any particularly impressive stats.

Overall, the Broncos are a relatively average team both offensively and defensively, remarkably similar to the Irish.

"We're eerily similar in all of our numbers," Poulin said. "We might be better a bit defensively but we're still really close."

Saturday's game holds a special significance to the Irish, as it is the last regular season home game for the team. Traditionally, graduating



SARAH LATHROP/The Observer

Irish freshman center Matt Amado scores a goal last weekend in Notre Dame's 6-3 victory over Lake Superior State. This weekend Notre Dame and Western Michigan will play a home-and-home series.

seniors are presented with a home jersey by their teammates.

"This game means something to the seniors," Poulin said. "Evan [Nielsen] said he couldn't believe how the four years go by so fast."

Of course, assuming the Irish

take care of business during these last four games, Saturday's game won't be the last they play on Joyce Center ice this year.

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WOMENS TENNIS

Irish look to break losing streak at home

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

After a string of three losses last weekend against top-25 teams, the Irish are planning on getting a win or two this weekend.

No. 19 Notre Dame will welcome No. 50 Wake Forest Saturday and Texas Sunday.

Although the Demon Deacons have struggled of late, the Irish are not complacent.

"Wake's a dangerous team," Irish coach Jay Louderback said. "They've struggled this year."

Last year, Wake Forest was among the top eight teams in the country, but like Notre Dame, they lost a fair amount of players to graduation.

Notre Dame has had some successes this season, including a weekend of wins over Big East opponents Boston College and Virginia Tech, but a tough schedule that includes foes like No. 1 Duke, North Carolina, Northwestern, Tennessee and Kentucky cost the Irish some wins. After being defeated by Kentucky last Monday, the Irish now stand at 4-5.

"They're pretty young, like we are, but they are very dangerous," Louderback said. "Their doubles [teams] are good. They've got some kids in the top of their lineup that are very good."

Besides the No. 1 doubles duo of senior Katie Cunha and freshman Kristina Stastny, the Irish doubles lineup is not set.

"We're still looking at [doubles]," Louderback said.

Although Cunha and Stastny have been performing well all season, they were the only pair to lose last Monday against

Kentucky.

Sunday's match will have special significance for the Irish, as they will be hosting their second annual Ace for the Cure fundraising event. The fundraiser, created by Cunha, is intended both to increase awareness of colon cancer and to raise money for cancer research. The Irish captain's mother died of the cancer in August, but Cunha is continuing the Ace for the Cure in honor of her mother, Christine.

"I'm using my tennis match to draw awareness around the

campus and the deadly threat of colon cancer," Cunha said.

At last year's event, Cunha's

mother was present and the event raised over \$7,000.

"It's been an unbelievable project," Louderback said. "Last year it was a great success. We raised a lot of money for colon cancer. The amount of time Katie put into it was unbelievable. You could tell it was such a good event last year because of the time she's put in to it."

Both Cunha's coach and her teammates have been impressed with her organization of the event, which will raise money by charging admission to Notre Dame's match with Texas.

"She has been amazing at getting everything together," junior Caylan Leslie said.

"It's something she feels very strongly about," Louderback said. "We help her a little bit — we do whatever she tells us to do."

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Jay Louderback
Irish coach

February 28, 2003

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Michael C. Brach
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WOMENS LACROSSE

No. 7 Irish looking to build off record 2002 season

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

Coming off the best season in the program's history, the women's lacrosse team will look to continue their progress this season as they open their regular season at Cornell Sunday.

For the Irish, ranked seventh in the Preseason IWLCA/Brine Poll and fifth in the preseason Inside Lacrosse Magazine Poll, this marks a season in transition as they go from being a team constantly striving to beat top 10

teams to one that is in the top 10 itself.

"Our goals will be the same," said head coach Tracy Coyne. "We want to win the Big East and to advance to the national tournament. But it's difficult because this is the first time where we've had a team that accomplished a lot in the previous season."

Notre Dame will be relying heavily on senior leadership this season, beginning with midfielder Danielle Shearer, who was recently named a preseason first-team all-American by Inside

Lacrosse Magazine. Shearer led the Irish in scoring last year with 39 goals and 20 assists, and was a second-team all-American along with being named the Big East midfielder of the year.

Also named to the preseason all-America team was goalkeeper Jen White, who was named to the second team. She was a unanimous first team all-Big East selection last year with a 7.49 goals-against average and a .545 save percentage.

Classmates Kelly McCardell, Eleanor Weille and Elizabeth Knight will help White anchor

the Irish defense, while Anne Riley will be expected to lead at midfield attack and Angela Dixon will lead the attack.

The Irish already participated in the Loyola Tournament in Baltimore, Md. Sunday. The schedule for the event was altered by the weather, and the Irish ended up playing four shortened games, including a 6-5 win over host Loyola.

Despite the win, Coyne felt that the performance left much to be desired.

"I'm not really pleased with how we played. Our transition game was horrible. In practice we're working on executing and the fundamentals, such as possessing the ball, passing and catching," she said.

Coyne felt that part of the problem was meshing new team members together, however, and

that it could be corrected quickly.

In their first game, the Irish will be facing a Cornell team that is coming off a Final Four appearance last season and returns a number of quality players, including Sarah Averson from the national team. Notre Dame dropped a 10-9 decision last year to the Big Red at Moose Krause Field.

"They are solid defensively and their transition game is good," said Coyne. "Their attack should also be able to put points on the board. We played them last year, which should help because we're familiar with their style of play, but we've never played them up there before."

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WOMENS GOLF

Irish start spring season at Pinehurst

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

The women's golf team begins the spring portion of its schedule today as they compete in the Edwin Watts/Carolinas Collegiate Classic in Pinehurst, N.C. This will be the first action for the Irish since last November at the Pine Needles Invitational.

Irish coach Debby King is taking her top six golfers to Pinehurst, including three freshmen who had the three lowest scoring averages in the fall. Sarah Bassett led the team with a 77.86 average, while classmates Katie Brophy and Lauren Gebauer finished with 78.89 and 79.25, respectively. Also making the trip are juniors Shannon Byrne and Rebecca Rogers and sophomore Karen Lotta.

The Irish will be looking for Bassett to continue her good play from the end of the fall season. She was the top finisher for the Irish in three events, while

firing three tournaments of 231 to finish the season including rounds of 71 and 74 at the adidas Invitational in Florida.

Brophy's best tournament of the fall was her last, as she used a second round 73 to finish tied for 20th at the Pine Needles Invitational. Gebauer finished in the top five at the Notre Dame Invitational with a 234 total, where the Irish won their home tournament for the second time in three years.

Byrne, Rogers and Lotta all finished as the low scorer for the Irish at one tournament last fall. Byrne fired 230 at the adidas Invitational to finish 17th overall, while Rogers led the team at the Legends of Indiana event where she shot 234 to tie for 42nd. Lotta tied Bassett at the Marilynn Smith/Sunflower Invitational with a 231 total and also fired a career best 72 in the final round of the Notre Dame Invitational.

The Irish will be at a disadvantage in North Carolina playing against southern schools that have been able to continue practicing in better weather conditions. King is confident, however, that the long layoff will not harm her team's chances.

"I think we are going into this tournament with the right attitude," said King. "We might be at an advantage since we might be a little ... hungrier to play."

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ND SOFTBALL

After 15-hour bus ride, Irish look to turn season around

By AARON RONSHEIM Sports Writer

After a heartbreaking 7-4 loss last Sunday to No. 17 Alabama, in which the Irish led 4-0 going into the seventh inning, Irish head coach Deanna Gumpf wanted nothing better than to get on the plane and return to South Bend. But instead, the Notre Dame softball team endured a 15-hour bus ride back to campus after missing their return flight.

Gumpf remained confident, however, that this bus ride brought the team closer together.

"It's a character building trip," said Gumpf. "We were playing so good against Alabama and it just fell apart that last inning. If the girls could handle the weekend and the 15-hour bus ride, they can handle anything. We got home and have moved on. I think this weekend will be a turning point for us."

The Irish will hope that the weather will cooperate with them as they travel to Lafayette, La. to play five games this weekend. Besides facing Louisiana-Lafayette (7-0) twice, the Irish will play two games against Northwestern State (0-7) and one game against McNeese State (0-7). This will be the first time the Irish have played either McNeese or Northwestern State.

Even though the Irish have never played either team, Gumpf has tried to prepare her team as best as possible.

"We try to find out as much as we can about these teams through teams that have played them in the past," said Gumpf. "We try to imitate them in practice and try our best to know them without seeing them."

Offensively the Lady Cajuns of Louisiana-Lafayette are paced by Danyele Gomez, who leads the team with two home runs, seven RBIs and a .474 batting average. On the mound the Irish will face Lady Cajun ace, Brooke Mitchell, who is 4-1 with a 0.25 ERA and 49 strike outs in only 28.1 innings.

McNeese State, a member of Southland Conference, is lead by Beth Jordan on offense and their leading pitcher is Jessica Denham, who has posted an impressive 1.33 ERA.

Even though their 0-7 record is not impressive, Northwestern has appeared in three of the last five NCAA championships as the winner of the Southland Conference. So far sophomore Nicole Martin has been the bright spot for the struggling Lady Demons offense.

These teams will have to deal with an improving Irish pitching staff, as sophomore Steffany Stenglein continues to return from a shoulder injury.

"This has been the first time

that Steff has thrown in a game since May," said Gumpf. "Because she had been injured all summer and fall she just needed to get back into rhythm again. Each game she thrown she has gotten better."

Also fellow sophomore Carrie Wisen is expected to start at least one game this weekend after not pitching last weekend due to an illness. While those two have struggled in the early going, freshman Heather Booth has been very impressive this season and has recorded all three of Notre Dame's victories.

Two other freshmen that have stepped up in this young season are Kellie Middletown, who has taken over the center field job, and Meagan Ruthrauft, who leads the Irish with a .429 batting average.

"[Middletown] stepped right in and is doing a great job," said Gumpf. "I am confident that she will play well for us and Ruthie has just been hitting the spot out of the ball. What I like about these two freshmen is that they are doing everything that they can for this senior class."

After two weekends of inconsistent play and battling the weather, Gumpf feels that this weekend could be the turning point in their young season.

"This team knows what it takes to win," said Gumpf. "It is just putting it all together. I think we are on the upward swing and weekend could be a great turning point for us."

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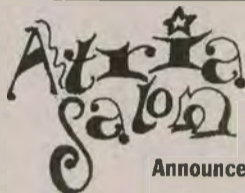
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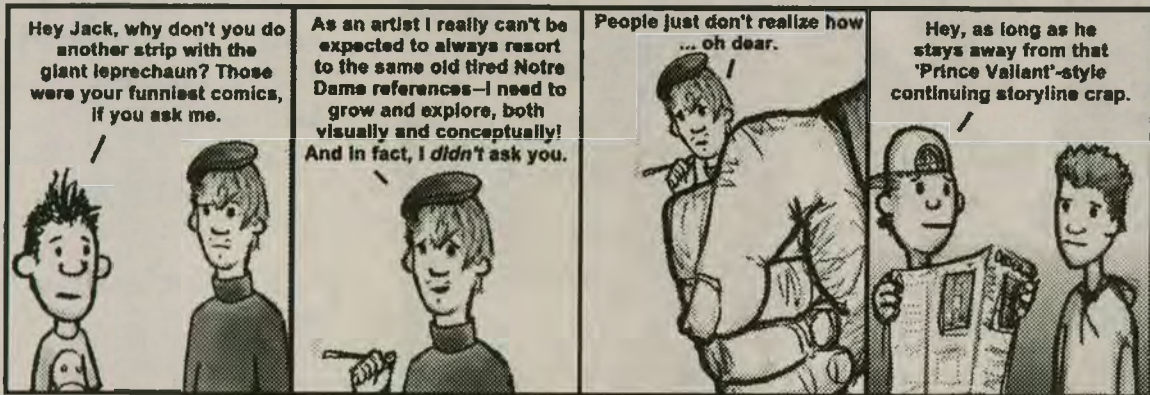
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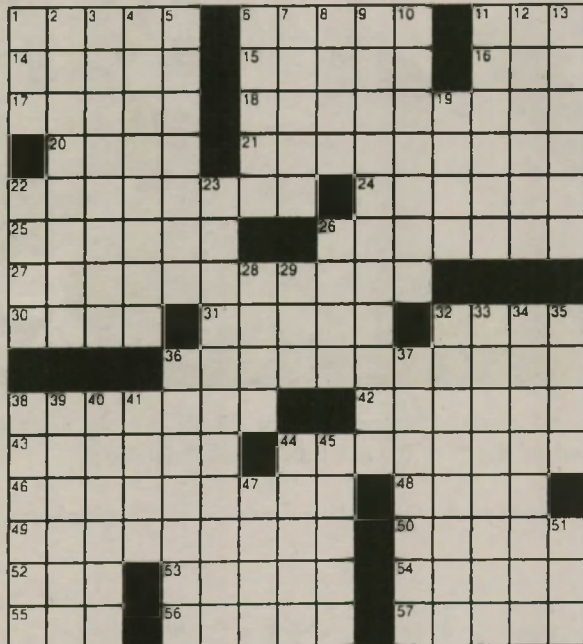
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Woman in a "Paint Your Wagon" song
 - 6 They may go on park walks
 - 11 Kind of pad
 - 14 Like musical instruments
 - 15 Loose on
 - 16 Violinist Jean-Ponty
 - 17 "Thief" (1950 movie)
 - 18 Not separate from
 - 20 Mountain goat's perch
 - 21 Site of Churchill College
 - 22 1967 Pulitzer-winning novel by Bernard Malamud
 - 24 Radioactive isotope
 - 25 One who suspends an action, in law
 - 26 ___ Aigner, noted designer of shoes and handbags
 - 27 Romantic verse starter
 - 30 Feller
 - 31 Hand-held entrees
 - 32 ___ city atty.
 - 36 Brando, notably
 - 38 Web-surfing needs, at times
 - 42 Ideals
 - 43 Early 20th-century art movement
 - 44 Marcher's instrument
 - 46 Tough spots
 - 48 No more
 - 49 Essays
 - 50 Pick up
 - 52 Shoe spec.
 - 53 Like typical Georgian woods
 - 54 Council member, maybe
 - 55 Places for sgts.
 - 56 Popeye's creator
 - 57 Procedures: Abbr.



Puzzle by Sherry O. Blackard

- DOWN**
- 1 W.W. II area
 - 2 Collectible for a so-called paleontologist
 - 3 Up
 - 4 Check on
 - 5 Some ballet twosomes
 - 6 Find a job for
 - 7 Fix, as a road
 - 8 Little bit
 - 9 Quintessential news headline
 - 10 Olympics no-no
 - 11 Came home feet first, maybe
 - 12 Overpower in battle
 - 13 Be up to something
 - 19 Red or white
 - 22 Renowned 1939 film setting
 - 23 Site of raw material?
 - 26 Suffix with smack
 - 28 Stinkers
 - 29 Command level: Abbr.
 - 32 With real effort
 - 33 Allowances
 - 34 Duke in "King Henry VI"
 - 35 Skipping syllables
 - 36 Fender benders, e.g.
 - 37 Puts side by side
 - 38 Household expenses
 - 39 Lay out
 - 40 Wears down
 - 41 Solemnity
 - 44 Kentucky college
 - 45 From Nineveh: Abbr.
 - 47 Like "War and Peace"
 - 51 Ambulances' destinations: Abbr.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't lead someone on today because you aren't sure of your feelings. One-sided relationships are apparent. Be honest and treat others the way you would like to be treated yourself.★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll be a walking dynamo today. You will have lots to contribute and plenty to learn. Take a little time to tell someone how you feel.★★★★

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MENS BASKETBALL

Rested Irish ready for test at Rutgers

◆ Four days off gave weary team some time to regain legs

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

Four games in 10 days will take their toll on a college basketball team.

No one saw that better than No. 9 Notre Dame Monday when the Irish were outdone at home by a more explosive Connecticut Husky squad.

"We're a little tired right now," Irish coach Mike Brey said after the disappointing home loss, his team's first of the season. "We need a couple days to get our legs under us."

After falling behind by 15 at the half and as many as 17 during the second half, the depleted Irish squad didn't have enough of a fight left in them for a push to take the lead away from Connecticut in front of a packed Joyce Center crowd.

Each time the Irish got close to catching the Huskies, Notre Dame's exhaustion became evident on the other end of the floor as Connecticut guard Ben Gordon would slice uncontested to the basket for a layup or forward Emeka Okafor would bully his way

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Junior guard Torrian Jones looks to pass in Notre Dame's 93-92 double overtime win over Georgetown Feb 1. The Irish travel to Rutgers for a 4 p.m. game Saturday.

BASEBALL

Schedule doesn't get easier

◆ Irish facing 2 top-10 teams at Dairy Queen Classic

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

Just a week after dropping a pair of games to No. 4 Arizona State in their home park, No. 14 Notre Dame (2-2) returns to action against another tough field in the Dairy Queen Classic as the Irish take on No. 16 Nebraska, host Minnesota and No. 7 Wake Forest.

The tournament is considered one of the premier early-season tournaments in the country, drawing a field of three top-20 teams and staged in a major league venue, the Metrodome.

"It will be a good, challenging weekend for us, and it's going to be a lot of fun," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said. "I told our guys that this weekend should be one they look forward to as much as any weekend the entire season, because they'll be playing two teams ranked in the top 15 or so in Wake Forest

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WOMENS BASKETBALL

Making her dream come true

The first time I covered a womens basketball game this season, Notre Dame did a lot of things well.

They knocked down 3-pointers. They play solid defense.

They built a big lead. And they had the crowd roaring for much of the game.

But no Alicia Ratay jumper or Jacqueline Baateast blocked shot could bring the crowd to their feet the way senior Karen Swanson did when she checked into the game with about three



Joe Hettler

Sports Editor

minutes remaining in the second half.

Why would 10,000 people get so excited to see a player that averaged all of 1.0 points per game as a junior?

Why would everyone from little kids to the old alumni in the gold seats instantly rise from their cushions to applaud a player that has never played more than 11 minutes in a game?

Why would the crowd make so much noise for a player that hardly contributed to the team's performance on the court?

To understand that answer, you must first understand Swanson's almost-too-good-to-be-true story.

Swanson was a standout

guard for Westlake high school in Cleveland. She was a four-year letter winner in basketball and led her team in points, rebounds and steals as a senior. She was conference MVP that season and set the league's steals record as well. She was also a two-time first-team all-conference and earned all-district honors as a junior and senior.

After the season, numerous Division II and III schools made Swanson offers and even a few Division I's came calling. But Swanson's dream school, Notre Dame, wasn't one of them.

"Everyone that recruited me, I was very upfront with them and told them there was only one place where I wanted to go to college," Swanson said.

But not many people gave her a chance to actually make the

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Senior Karen Swanson looks to pass against St. John's earlier this season. Swanson, who started her career as a walk-on, plays in her final home game Saturday against Seton Hall.

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Louisiana Classic at Lafayette, La.

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Irish open their season at a 2002 NCAA Final Four participant.

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Irish look to defend conference crowns.

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BENGAL BOUTS

Sunday, 2 p.m.

Finals of 73rd annual Bengal Bouts held this weekend at the Joyce Center.

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