POPE JOHN PAUL II

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"It's a huge loss for the Church."

Emily Ledet
Walsh sophomore

"He traveled millions of miles and to every corner of the earth to bring his personal message of faith, hope and love to all of the world, not just Catholics."

Father Theodore Hesburgh
University President Emeritus

"He was really important, not only to Catholics but to the whole world. I feel like I lost a part of my family."

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John Paul II had global, human impact

Pontiff reached out to millions, modernized papacy and defended human rights

By EILEEN DUFFY
In Focus Writer

In contrast to his immediate predecessor Pope John Paul I, who served for only 33 days before dying, Pope John Paul II served for 27 years, the third-longest papacy in history.

He entered the papacy during a time of world tumult. While the Church was bouncing in the wake of Vatican II, an iron curtain was cloaking parts of the world. Later, lightning-fast progress would strike, sparking a storm of changes.

The pope was never afraid. He seized the new opportunity that air travel presented, eventually becoming the most-traveled pope in history. He visited places where he was unwelcome or his message was rejected. And he always kissed the ground of those places when he deplaned, a tribute to the humanity of Jesus Christ.

John Paul II always defended human rights, especially in the face of communism. He also defended the Church's post-Vatican II stances, despite their unpopularity in radical or liberal parts of the world.

The changing world was not a problem for Pope John Paul II. Even Vatican City now has its own Web site.

Global reach

Pope John Paul II became the leader of an ancient establishment on the "threshold of the globalized media world," said history professor and director of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies R. Scott Appleby.

With air travel reaching new possibilities and the arrival of the Internet, the papal office had more globalization opportunities than ever before.

In the face of such challenges, Appleby said, "his presence, his visibility, his charisma ... assured that the Church and particularly the pope would be at the center of attention."

"He brilliantly brought the Church to the media and global age," Appleby said.

Pope John Paul II made 104 trips outside Italy and more than 150 within Italy during his papacy. He visited every continent, except Antarctica.

According to the Chicago Tribune, the pontiff's penchant for world travel stemmed from his first trip abroad as pope, when he visited Mexico in 1979. One of his first stops there was the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, where he spent more than an hour praying alone.

"It was while praying to Guadalupe, the pope later said, that he had an epiphany," the Tribune article said, "suddenly understanding that it was his mission to become the pilgrim pope, bringing the word of God to people around the world."

Indeed, the pope did not limit his travel to any one area of the world, although he personally visited almost all of Rome's 334 parishes.

Born and raised in Poland, he "really embraced that relation with Poland and Eastern Europe," said Kathleen Cummings, associate director of the Cushwa Center and professor of history.

John Paul II was also "tremendously beloved in Latin America," said Timothy Matovina, director of the Cushwa Center, for his "commitment to justice, considering these countries struggle with poverty."

Matovina referred to an article by 20th century theologian Karl Rahner to characterize Pope John Paul II's papacy.

"Rahner said that following Vatican II, we're moving from being a Western European church to a truly world church," Matovina said. "... [B]ecome a world church, that's happened in Pope John Paul II's papacy."

Matovina offered the diversity of bishops as evidence of the globalization of the church. While European bishops used to travel to places like Africa, South America and Asia, more and more bishops native to these continents are emerging.

The pope did not hesitate to enter countries that, due to communism, outlawed the very religion he represented. He visited Poland twice when it was under martial law, once in 1979 and then again in 1983. He also made a trip to West Germany in 1987, two years before the end of communism, and to Cuba in 1998.

During these visits, as always, the pope stressed religious freedom, Appleby said.

"He was a great champion of freedom — the freedom to fulfill your destiny as a human being, to fulfill your destiny in God, to be fully in touch with the spirit of love and forgiveness," Appleby said.

He was always concerned with human rights, which he called "non-negotiable, inviolable, not something that's transitory," Appleby said.

Some of these governments were profoundly changed following these visits. One month after the pope's second visit to Poland, the current leader there, Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, ended martial law. The pope was also "one of the primary causes" of the fall of the iron curtain, Matovina said.

"Not many people have the moral gravity to be part of that counter-force," Matovina said.

While the pope was not effective in ending communism in Cuba today, his visit nonetheless meant a great deal to Catholics in Cuba, whose worship had been so restricted by the 40 previous years of communism, Matovina said. Cummings called John Paul II's ecumenical work with Jews one of the highlights of his papacy.

"His moral voice was heard throughout the globe," Matovina said.

Humanity

The pope should be remembered for his humanity, Matovina said.

Appleby agreed, noting that "[t]he Church often emphasizes the divinity of Christ," but that Pope John Paul II said what we learn from Christ is to be human.

"His gestures — hugging children, kissing the ground after getting off a plane — are all signs of his presence in humanity," he said.

"On the one hand he emphasized aspects of the Church that are hierarchical, patriarchal," Cummings said. "But he also made the papacy seem more human with his willingness to embrace and be embraced."

And just as his arms were open for an embrace, his mouth was open about the pain he endured near the end of his life.

"On his trip to Lourdes [in August of 2004], he talked about suffering," Cummings said. "He shared his suffering with the world."

Leading the post-Vatican II Church

When it came to defending Church teaching, Pope John Paul II was quite different from his predecessors. Pope Paul VI, Appleby said, was "unpopular" and "retreated" from the public near the end of his life. In contrast, Pope John Paul II "provided answers at a time when there were a lot of questions," Cummings said.

For example, Cummings said many thought the Church's stance on birth control and female ordination was going to change with Vatican II — it did not. The time following that was a period of "tumult and change," she said.

"But [Pope John Paul II] was not apologetic," she said. "He defined these things as central to Catholic teaching."

Law professor Vincent Rougeau also highlighted the pope's rigid adherence to Catholic teaching.

"He was a very traditional pope for people who thought that there might be more conversation about the role of women ... he shut that conversation down," he said.

While he defended male-only ordination and urged women to seek out roles as mothers and wives, Cummings said, John Paul II also decided to classify sexism as a sin.

Integrity in death

"People may disagree with him, but there's no doubt he was a faithful and holy man," Cummings said of the reaction to John Paul II's death.

"We're seeing various world leaders complement the pope [following his death]," Matovina said, "and that's unprecedented. Not everyone agrees with him, but people admire his integrity."

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The Life of Pop

May 18, 1920
Pope John Paul II was born Karol Joseph Wojtyla in Wadowice, Poland, to his father, Karol, a foundry worker, and mother, Emilia, a school teacher. His mother died when he was 9 years old.

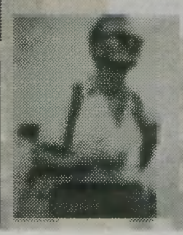
1920

June 1938
Wojtyla enrolled at Jagiellonian Universityin Krakow, Poland and attended an underground seminary in 1942.

November 1, 1946
Wojtyla is ordained as a priest.

1948
Wojtyla graduated summa cum laude from Angelicum Pontifical University in Rome.

1954
Wojtyla became a professor of theology at Catholic University in Lubin, Poland.



1958
Wojtyla is consecrated as auxiliary bishop of Krakow.

1964
Wojtyla is installed as bishop of Krakow.

1967
Wojtyla is elevated to cardinal.

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October 16, 1978
At 58, Wojtyla is elect
the 264th pope, the fi
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Notre Dame remembers Pope John Paul II

Community mourns, celebrates life of Church leader

By MADDIE HANNA
Associate News Editor

When Pope John Paul II passed away Saturday afternoon, the Basilica bells tolled for an hour, alerting the campus of his death and immediately drawing mourners to the Grotto.

Since the news hit Notre Dame this weekend, students, administrators, faculty, staff and members of the South Bend community have lamented the pope's death and celebrated his life in a variety of ways.

Approximately 400 people attended a rosary service Saturday night at the Grotto led by Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman, University President-elect Father John Jenkins, Basilica Rector Father Peter Rocca, Director of Campus Ministry Father Richard Warner, student body president Dave Baron and vice president Lizzi Shappell.

Those in attendance shielded their Grotto candles from the wind while singing "Ave Maria," swaying to the Alma Mater and praying in a way that Warner said was one of the pope's favorites.

"Simple, yet profound, [the rosary] still remains on the dawn of the new millennium," Warner told the crowd. "It is a prayer of great significance."

When the prayers ended, those holding candles flooded forward to place them in the Grotto, many lingering long after to say silent prayers.

Following the service, Warner said it was meant to "grieve his [the pope's] passing but celebrate

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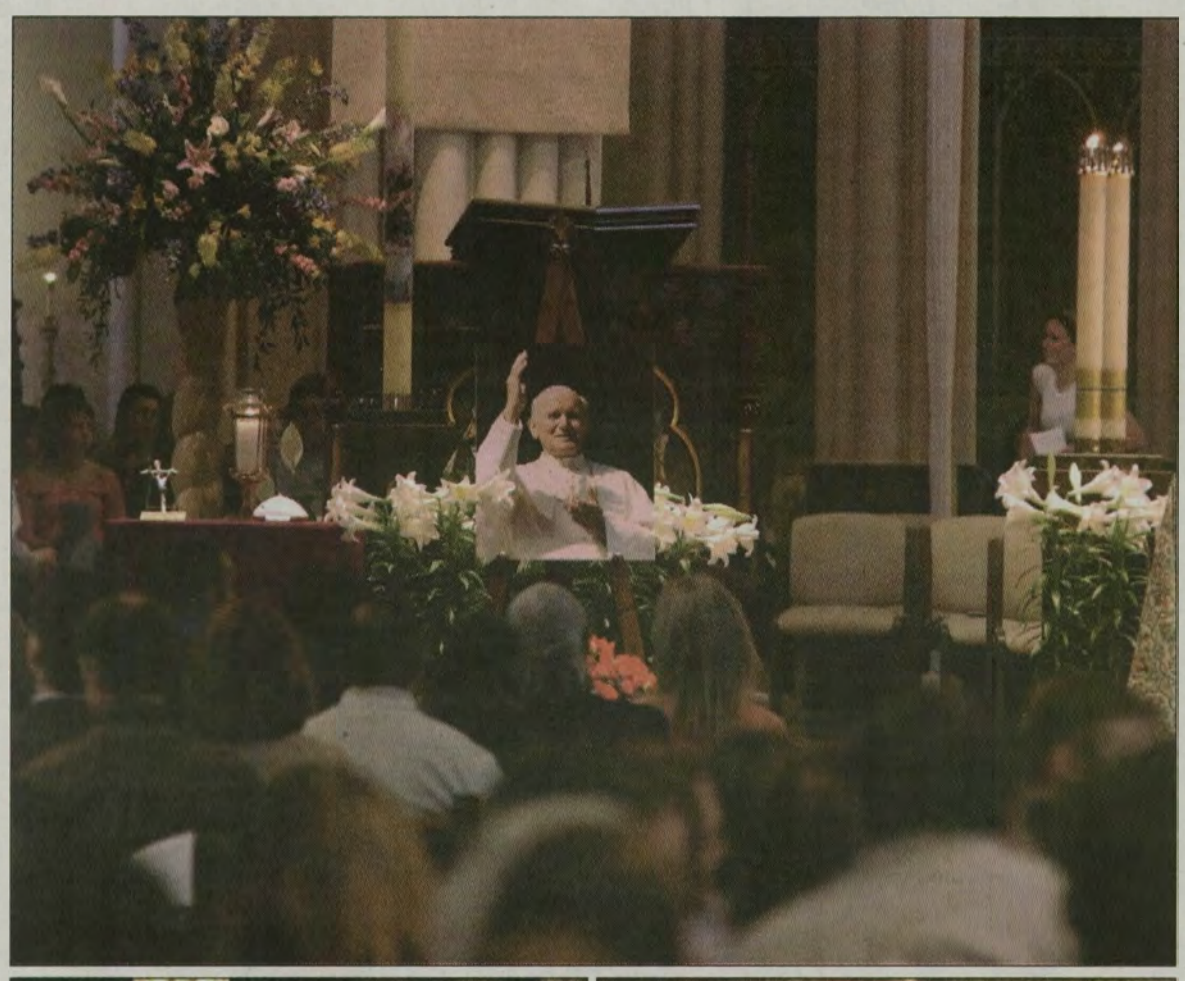

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Notre Dame honored Pope John Paul II by displaying an image of him in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, top, holding vespers Sunday evening, bottom left, and organizing a rosary service Saturday.

Pontiff impacted Catholic universities, ND presidents

By MADDIE HANNA
Associate News Editor

Although Pope John Paul II never stepped foot on God Quad or worshiped in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, a number of indirect yet significant ties exist between the late pontiff and Notre Dame.

Catholic universities

Perhaps the pope's most lasting impact on Notre Dame is his influence on Catholic education. In an April 25, 1989 address entitled "On the Catholic Universities," the pope stressed the necessity of Catholic institutions in a world filled with challenges.

"This Catholic character does not distort the university or restrict its legitimate autonomy as a place of moral formation and of free research; it recognizes and even confirms this autonomy, helping the university to realize its true nature and to overcome the dangers of distortion," John Paul II said.

During this time period, Malloy joined two other U.S. educators on a 15-member commission to help revise the pope's Apostolic Constitution, a draft document released by the World Congress on Catholic higher education in November 1989.

In the Sept. 26, 1990 issue of The Observer, Malloy said the draft "recognizes the significant role played by lay people [and] is strong in ... affirmation of academic freedom."

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University explores selling WNDU

By KATE ANTONACCI
Associate News Editor

The University has hired Kalil and Co., a brokerage firm based in Tuscon, Ariz., to look at the possible sale of Michiana Telecasting Corp. (MTC), the operator of WNDU-TV, according to a statement released Friday by Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves.

"In recent months we have received a number of inquiries from parties interested in acquiring Michiana Telecasting Corporation," Affleck-Graves said.

"The University feels it has a responsibility to evaluate such inquiries in a fiscally prudent manner."

Due to the University's "limited knowledge of the broadcasting industry," Affleck-Graves said the outside brokerage firm was hired to help with the evaluation.

Though the firm has been hired, Affleck-Graves said that no decision has been made at this time.

"The financial officers of the University are always making evaluations of how the money can best be put to use," University spokesman Matt Storin said.

Though the subject of selling the station has come up before, it has never been examined to this degree, Storin told South Bend Tribune.

Storin would not speculate as to why Notre Dame is looking into selling Michiana Telecasting Corp., whose station WNDU is located on Notre Dame's campus.

Sources close to WNDU said the content of some NBC programs over the last five to 10 years may be considered a cause for possible sale.

In Sept. 2003, WNDU-TV decided not to air the comedy television show "Coupling" because of its racy subject matter. The board of directors of MTC unanimously voted after receiving advance copies of "Coupling" episodes. Four officers from the University were involved in the voting.

Though viewers voiced concern, the University was cautious about the sensitive nature of the show and the effect its airing may have had on WNDU's business relationship to NBC.

WNDU's President and General Manager Jim Behling had no comment about the possible sale.

The University has owned the station since 1955.

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First Pro-Life Youth Rally hosted at ND

By KATIE LAIRD
News Writer

The Notre Dame Right to Life (RTL) Club hosted its first annual Pro-Life Youth Rally on Saturday, where more than 100 high school students and youth group members gathered together and learn and to listen about abortion awareness and virtuous living.

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the students, volunteers, coordinators and Notre Dame undergraduates assembled in Lafortune Ballroom for the rally, celebrating with famous speakers, music, food and a prayer service.

Arina Grossu is the Youth Education Outreach commissioner for ND Right to Life who helped organize the event. Two groups of RTL formed an outreach program last year to reach out to high school students to advocate chastity and to create abortion awareness.

"We wanted to connect with the high schools in local areas with our students here as well as other organizations," Grossu said. "It is an opportunity to come together."

Aimee Shelide was the emcee of the event and works to help organize Notre Dame volunteers with RTL. She was pleased with the rally's outcome.

"There's a lot of positive energy," Shelide said.

The rally included two

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Inside Column

Real men eat food

Eileen Duffy
Assistant News Editor

The other night I enjoyed a lovely dinner at Chili's with some friends. Oddly enough, the table was split by gender.

One half of the group indulged in two appetizers, entrées and dessert. One person ordered a chocolate milkshake to go.

The other half only had water to drink; their hands did not stray near the godforsaken chips and salsa. Even salads were a no-no for this group, since they came with croutons (carbohydrates) on top.

Guess which sex sat on which side?

Wrong.

Ladies and gentlemen, I present to you an epidemic sweeping across the campus: men eating like women. Newsflash, guys, this is more unattractive than those extra pounds would be.

One of the boys I was with at Chili's that night opened his menu to the "Light Fare" and scoffed at the choices.

"600 calories?!" he wailed in a suspiciously feminine voice. "How many calories are in the rest of this shit?"

Or take this, for example. My roommate recently dined at Hooter's with two gentlemen, one of whom bravely ordered fried pickles as an appetizer.

After three (I repeat, three) of the quarter-sized delicacies, the other boy leaned back and whined, "I think I'm full!"

Please. You might as well take out a compact and start powdering your nose at the table.

Another friend of mine was recently invited to a luncheon with a male companion. Everything was going peachy until they ordered.

After requesting a B.L.T. on low-fat wheat toast, the boy smiled at my friend as the waitress moved to a different table. Suddenly a look of panic crossed the boy's face.

"Waitress!" he screamed, almost falling out of his chair. "Can you make sure there's no mayo on that?" Then, turning back to the girl, he giggled, blushed and explained that just the sight of mayonnaise "makes him squeamish."

Talk about a turn-off.

If you really do care, boys, my advice would be never to talk about it. Girls just don't want to hear about how the carbs in those 15 beers you drank last night went straight to your butt, or about how the fare at South Dining Hall is so greasy and preservative-loaded. Be a man, for crying out loud.

Last Sunday I was pleasantly surprised to see a young man carrying a plate piled high with eggs, sausage, hash browns and toast. That, I thought, is my kind of man.

Then he proceeded to cover the entire plate with cheese, sticking it in the microwave as he headed back for a donut.

I practically proposed on the spot.

As Kate Gales wrote earlier this year, real men drink beer.

Yes, they do — but they also eat a pizza afterwards.

And they aren't ashamed to get pepperoni on top.

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

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Corrections

The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

Question of the Day: *What did you do when you heard about the death of the pope?*

Chris Garibaldi
freshman
Fisher

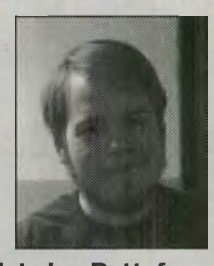
"I went to the Grotto."

Johnny Mospan
junior
Fisher

"I turned on the news and talked to my friends in Rome about it."

Tony Jannazo
senior
Off-campus

"I went to Mass."



Nicholas Battafarano
freshman
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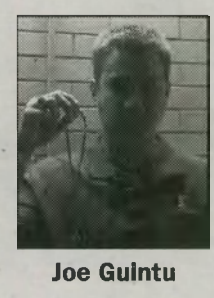
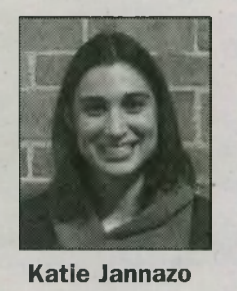
"I prayed."



Joe Gulntu
senior
Fisher

"I prayed the rosary with a rosary which he blessed when I was in Rome."



Katie Jannazo
freshman
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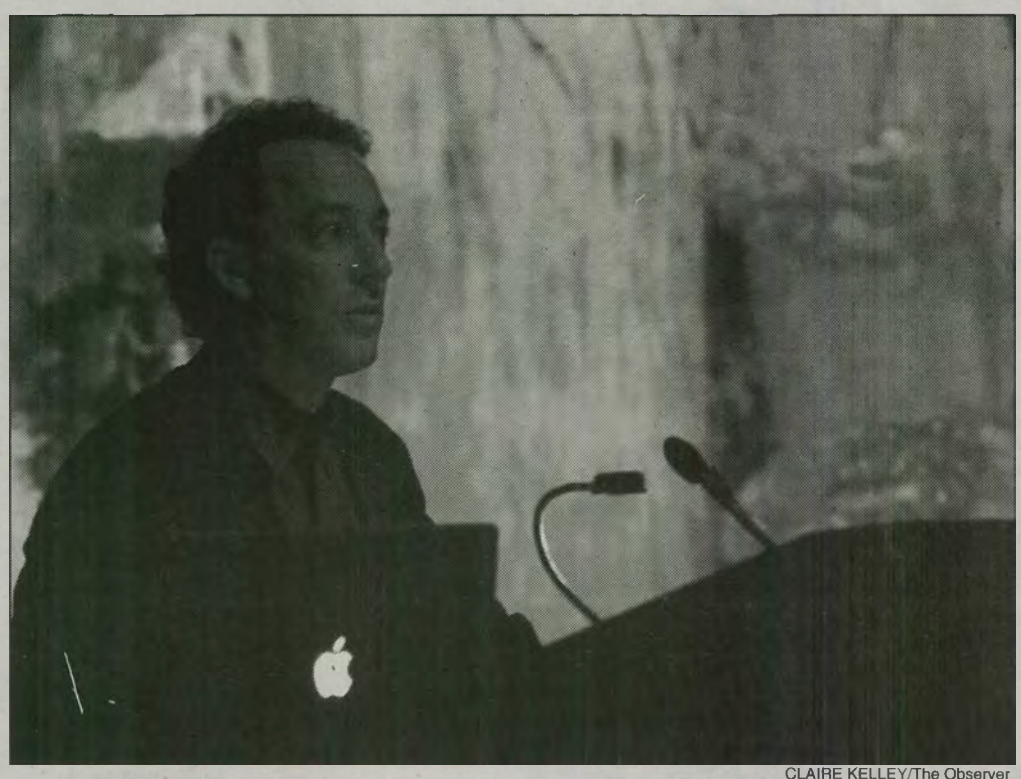
"I prayed for him. He was a great man."



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Michael Kimmelman, chief art critic for The New York Times, shows slides during a lecture Sunday at the Snite Museum entitled "The Accidental Masterpiece: On the Art of Life and Vice Versa."

Offbeat

Thief robs apartment, does household chores

RICHMOND, Va. —A woman's apartment was cleaned out, and cleaned up by a burglar, police said. According to police, the woman returned home Thursday after being away for a week and discovered her television, computer and other items missing. The burglar had also helped himself to food and booze.

But this was not a thoughtless thief. Police said the rear sliding glass door, which the woman had left open, was closed and locked when she returned. In addition, "clothes and dishes had been washed and dried," according to the police report.

Police Capt. Karl Leonard said it's possible the burglar knew the woman was going to be gone for a while and may have decided to take up residence in the interim.

TV channel accidentally airs naked dancers

POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y. — Viewers expecting to see the latest local meeting on their public access channel got an eyeful recently when Cablevision played a tape of nude dancers accidentally.

The mistake affected customers in parts of Dutchess, Ulster, Putnam and Orange counties.

Hopewell Junction resident George Morton returned home from Palm Sunday Mass and turned on his television to see a striptease contest.

"I thought, this is terrible," Morton said. "I don't get HBO or anything like that."

Cablevision said Thursday it was not a public access program and that a "program switching error" occurred.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

In Brief

David Orr, chair of environmental studies at Oberlin College, will give a lecture today entitled **"The Fifth Revolution: Connecting People and Places."** It is sponsored by the School of Architecture and will being at **4:30 p.m. in 104 Bond Hall.**

Andrew Rippin of the University of Victoria will speak at **4:30 p.m. today in McKenna Hall** in a lecture entitled **"Syriac in the Quran: Muslim Theories."** The talk is part of the "Towards a New Reading of the Qur'an" conference.

The **softball team** will face off against Eastern Michigan in a doubleheader Tuesday at **3 p.m. and 7 at Ivy Field**.

Ray Ofden, of the department of mathematics at the University of Glasgow, will speak Tuesday on **"Biomechanics of Soft Biological Tissue: Structure and Modeling."** The lecture is sponsored by the department of aerospace and mechanical engineering and takes place in **138 DeBartolo Hall.**

The South Bend Center for Medical Education is sponsoring a lecture by **Gary Fromm, M.D., entitled "Sleep Disorders"** Tuesday at **7 p.m. in 102 DeBartolo Hall.**

The **baseball** team faces Toledo Tuesday at **5p.m. in Eck Stadium.**

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.

Local Weather

	TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HIGH	63	55	71	61	49	51
LOW	45	40	51	44	33	34

Atlanta 74 / 62 **Boston** 70 / 49 **Chicago** 64 / 48 **Denver** 65 / 42 **Houston** 83 / 67 **Los Angeles** 78 / 72 **Minneapolis** 80 / 62
New York 70 / 49 **Philadelphia** 75 / 48 **Phoenix** 56 / 40 **Seattle** 61 / 48 **St. Louis** 71 / 58 **Tampa** 88 / 68 **Washington** 75 / 49

World in mourning gets first glimpse of late pope

Vatican begins preparations for funeral and conclave

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — John Paul's earthly remains lay clothed in crimson vestments, his head on golden pillows and adorned with a white bishop's miter. His hands held a rosary, a pastoral staff was tucked under his left forearm. Swiss Guards stood watch on either side.

Karol Joseph Wojtyla was finally at peace, the lines of pain erased from his face after years of crippling disease.

"It was very satisfying for all of us to see him so serene," said Cardinal Roger Mahony of Los Angeles, one of many church officials, diplomats and politicians who paid their respects at the papal bier. "His life is finished and he gave up his spirit."

Television images from the Vatican's frescoed Apostolic Palace on Sunday gave the public its first view of Pope John Paul II since he died the night before. Starting Monday, the pope's body was to lie in state at St. Peter's Basilica for public visitation.

Newscom

Church officials recite prayers over the body of Pope John Paul II in the private chapel of the Vatican Sunday. The pope's body will lie in state beginning today in St. Peter's Basilica.

An estimated 100,000 people turned out at St. Peter's Square for a morning Mass and thousands more — tourists, Romans, young and old — kept coming throughout the day, filling the broad boulevard leading to St. Peter's Basilica. They clutched rosaries and newspaper photos of the late pontiff, standing shoulder-to-shoulder and praying for the soul of "our beloved John Paul."

"Even if we fear we've lost a point of reference, I feel like everybody in this square is united with him in a hug," said Luca Ghizzardi, a 38-year-old nurse with a sleeping bag and a handmade peace flag at his feet.

Early Sunday, a text message had circulated on cell phones in Rome, asking people to light candles in their windows. "May they light up the road to God for him, the way he did for us," the message said.

Around the world, bells tolled and worshippers prayed in remembrance of the man who reigned for longer than all but two of his predecessors and was credited with helping bring down communism in Europe and spreading a message of peace during his frequent travels around the world.

John Paul, who was 58 when the cardinals elected him the first non-Italian pope in 455 years, also left a legacy of conservatism. He opposed divorce, birth control and abortion, the ordination of women and the lifting of the celibacy requirement for priests.

The mourning stretched from the pope's native Poland, where 100,000 people filled a Warsaw square at the spot where he celebrated a landmark Mass 26 years ago, to the earthquake-devastated Indonesian island of Nias, where a priest led special prayers. In Paris, the great bell of Notre Dame sounded 84 times — once for each year of the pontiff's life.

In New York, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan and former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani joined parishioners who packed St. Patrick's Cathedral for a standing-room-only Mass.

"He showed us how to live and he showed us how to die," said one parishioner, Joan McDermott. "He reached out to people of all faiths, not just Catholics and Christians."

In the Holy Land, Israelis remembered John Paul as a builder of bridges between the faiths, noting how he had embraced Holocaust survivors with kindness and maintained friendships with Jewish friends from childhood.

In Rome, officials were scrambling for a huge influx of pilgrims — up to 2 million of them — seeking to pay final respects to the late pontiff.

The College of Cardinals — the red-capped "princes of the church" who now officially govern the 1 billion-strong Roman Catholic Church — was to hold its first meeting Monday, a pre-conclave gathering expected to plan and set a date for the funeral later this week at St. Peter's Square.

President Bush was expected to attend the funeral, which will draw other world leaders as well as Vatican hierarchy and ordinary faithful. The conclave must begin 15 to 20 days after the pope's death.

John Paul died at 9:37 p.m. Saturday in his apartment of septic shock and cardio-circulatory collapse, the Vatican said.

The mourning began with an overnight vigil in St. Peter's Square. In keeping with Vatican tradition, Cardinal Camillo Ruini, the late pope's vicar for Rome, issued a formal announcement of John Paul's death to the people of Rome early Sunday.

Cardinal Angelo Sodano, the Vatican's No. 2 official, gave the homily at Sunday's Mass at St. Peter's. "For a quarter century, he brought the Gospel of Christian hope to all the piazzas of the world, teaching all of us that our death is nothing but the passage toward the homeland in the sky," he said.

The written text of Sodano's homily called the late pope "John Paul the Great," a title usually designated for popes worthy of sainthood, such as Gregory the Great and Leo the Great. Sodano did not use the title when he delivered the homily, and there was no explanation. Vatican texts, however, are considered official texts even if they are not pronounced.

After the Mass ended, Archbishop Leonardo Sandri, who became the pope's public "voice" in the final weeks of his life, read the traditional Sunday noontime prayer, which John Paul delivered throughout his pontificate.

The crowd applauded, and some fought back tears, when Sandri announced that the late pope prepared the prayer himself before he died — perhaps one of John Paul's last written documents.

"It's a historic event," said Ercole Ferri, a 72-year-old Roman who proudly showed off a list of the six popes he has lived through. "It's not something sad for me. I think of all that he has done."

"I think more about how hard it will be for a new one to follow in his footsteps," he added.

"John Paul held his hand to us young people," said 21-year-old Alessio Bussolotti, who drove to Rome with his fellow Boy Scouts from the Italian city of Ancona. "Now we have to give him ours."

Once the Mass ended, cardinals, prelates, Italian government officials and diplomats gathered in the Sala Clementina of the Apostolic Palace, where John Paul's body lay in state.

His crossed hands clutched a rosary, and his pastoral staff was tucked under his left arm.

At their meetings beginning Monday, the cardinals will read John Paul's final instructions, including his choice of burial place. Most popes in recent centuries have asked to be buried in the crypts below St. Peter's Basilica, but some have suggested the first Polish-born pope might have chosen to be laid to rest in his native country.

In addition, the cardinals will arrange for the destruction of John Paul's Fisherman's Ring and the dies used to make lead seals for apostolic letters — formal gestures meant to symbolize the end of his reign and to prevent forgeries.

On the sidelines, cardinals will certainly be sizing each other up as possible "papabili," or having the qualities to be the next pope.

Cardinal Bernard Panafieu, one of five French prelates who can vote, said Sunday he was hoping for someone "who dynamizes the people — God's people — as John Paul II did. At the same time, a man who has an international sense, of the opening of Catholicism to the world. An open man and at the same time, a man faithful to the great traditions of the Church."

Pope's final images: Releasing a dove, touching his throat

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — He released a dove from his apartment window, and chuckled in delight as it flew back into his room.

He touched his throat, struggling to speak from his hospital room after surgery to insert a breathing tube in his windpipe. He pounded a lectern in apparent frustration after trying — and failing — to greet the faithful.

These were some of the last poignant public images of Pope John Paul II, who spent his final days shielded from a world so accustomed to seeing him.

Millions were moved Sunday as video of the pope's body lying in state at the Vatican's Apostolic Palace was beamed around the globe. But for many Roman Catholics, the photographs and footage of John Paul in the last weeks of his life stir even deeper emotions.

Giuseppe Gobbato, a 62-year-old gas station attendant who joined thousands on St. Peter's Square to pray for the pope, said he snipped out a newspaper photo taken on Wednesday — the last time John Paul appeared alive in public — and planned to have it framed.

"It's a memory that cannot be measured," he said.

Images of the pope during that appearance are among the most indelible now that he's gone.

Newspapers and television stations captured a gaunt John Paul in the window of his apartment overlooking St. Peter's. As TV cameras zoomed in, he made a dramatic attempt to say a few words but managed only a rasp, his mouth open and his face contorted in pain.

Realizing he simply couldn't speak, the pope swatted at the microphone in front of him in a gesture to have it taken away. He was then wheeled away from the window and the white curtains were drawn closed — the last time, until his body was displayed on Sunday, that he was seen.

There were other affecting recent moments immortalized in film, replayed over and over since his death as reminders of the frailty and vulnerability — as well as the courage — of John Paul's final weeks.

There was the pope brushing a hand over his throat in late February during a silent appearance at a window to Rome's Gemelli Polyclinic hospital after doctors fitted him with a breathing tube. It was "almost as if he wanted to apologize," the Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano commented at the time.

There was the pope on Palm Sunday, back in his Vatican window, pressing a hand to his head and thumping a lectern with a fist after failing to manage even a simple greeting to 50,000 pilgrims gathered on the square.

There was the pope a week later, on Easter Sunday, coughing and uttering just a few unintelligible sounds before resting his hands on the lectern in apparent defeat.

To be sure, other far more cheerful images will endure: photos of the pope in his prime, on skis or in hiking boots and a parka, or jokingly cupping his fists over his eyes as though peering through binoculars — for years a hot-selling Rome postcard.

Though Monday's edition of L'Osservatore Romano, out on newsstands Sunday, ran a black and white photo of the dead pope's face on its front page, three of Rome's main dailies recalled a happier time: They used photos of John Paul kissing babies or tenderly making the sign of the cross with a thumb over their foreheads.

Some of the most touching images of the pope were captured on Jan. 30, probably the day he came down with the flu — the beginning of his rapid downward spiral and a two-month struggle that finally ended Saturday evening.

The pontiff was addressing thousands of young people from an Italian Catholic organization who marked January as a month to promote peace. He was flanked at his studio window by a pair of 8-year-olds — a boy and girl — who urged the world to remember children who live in countries wracked by war.

Each of the children at his side sent a dove flying, only to watch helplessly as the white birds darted back into the apartment.

John Paul's face creased with laughter.

He grabbed one of the doves, shooed it out the window and playfully patted the boy on the head. After a quick flight over the square, the bird winged its way back and flew inside.

Notre Dame hosts annual Spring Vis

By KATIE PERRY
News Writer

This weekend more than 150 prospective African American, Asian American, Latino and Native American students flocked to Notre Dame to find out first hand what life is like under the illustrious — albeit scaffolded — golden dome.

Spring Visitation Weekend kicked off Thursday with the arrival of a distinguished group of minority prospective students. The annual event was planned and coordinated through the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

"The weekend's purpose was to answer the questions and ease the concerns of some of the best and brightest students from under-represented populations throughout the United States," assistant recruitment coordinator Son Nguyen said.

In this aim is the underlying goal of attracting talented students who may contribute diversity to the University, sophomore student coordinator Covington Doan said. Doan participated in the program as a high school senior.

"Ultimately, Spring Visitation weekend is an admissions recruitment tool. The prospective students come here to hear first hand what students have to say and have their questions answered," Doan said.

High school seniors representing a wide array of ethnic backgrounds shadowed both minority and non-minority students currently enrolled at Notre Dame. The prospects experienced nearly every facet of campus life, from parietals and professors to dorms and dining halls.

"The hosts do a major service to the University by personally welcoming the prospects into community life at Notre Dame," Nguyen said. "Our hosts took their prospects to class, discussed student life issues, walked around campus and showed them a glimpse of the ND social scene."

In addition to partaking in the daily campus bustle, visiting students attended such culture-oriented events as Latin Expressions on Friday and Saturday's BCAC Fashion Show. In past years admissions officials have taken heat from members of the Notre Dame community who label the planned activities as "deceptive diversity."

But according to Nguyen, these events are not arranged solely for the purpose of Spring Visitation weekend. They are instead part of a larger diversity series that spans the entire scholastic year.

"Latin Expressions and Fashion Show fall along with other signature events like Asian Allure [in] early fall and Fiestang [in] late winter," Nguyen said.

Doan said that planned events are functional in that they serve as necessary entertainment for the visiting students.

"You can't expect to have the prospective students do homework — or at least watch their host do it — and go to the Grotto and pray or participate in folk choir in order to [have] the ND experience," Doan said.

Events like Spring Visitation weekend demonstrate the concerted efforts of administrators to increase campus diversity; however the perception of Notre Dame in this area is far from pristine.

Earlier this year the Princeton Review ranked the University among the nation's top 10 most homogenous student populations. Additionally, the abrupt dismissal of head football coach Tyrone Willingham sparked accusations of racial discrimination from the media as well as students, faculty and staff within the Notre Dame community.

The apparent racial strains such incidents have placed upon the University led to "prep work" implemented by the event's coordinators in order to assess the issue, Doan said.

"A forum was held to gather student input as to how they see the campus now," Doan said. "A number of Spring Visitation veterans offered their input as to what went well and what didn't on their [visit] and what they felt needed to be done this year to help alleviate any tension that was present."

Nguyen said that aside from calling two meetings with minority students to gauge the current atmosphere on campus, not many things were done differently regarding this year's Spring Visitation weekend.

"Is this Spring Visitation Weekend more of a priority to the University than the past Spring Visitation Weekends? Most definitely not. Increasing campus diversity at Notre Dame has always been one of the top priorities of the Undergraduate Admissions Office and will remain so," Nguyen said.

But Doan says that the ambience on campus this year indeed affected the weekend.

"I cannot comment for everyone, but I feel as though [Willingham's] dismissal had an impact on Spring Visitation weekend, but it did not make [the weekend] any more or less important than it always has been for the University," Doan said. "We ask students to be who they are and to be honest and genuine when speaking to prospective students — that has not changed throughout the years, but it may have been stressed more this year given the current state of the University."

For Nguyen and other University administrators, amplifying the importance of culture and diversity on campus is a continuous mutual goal that will benefit both current students and incoming students from different backgrounds.

"It is our hope that these students come to the realization that Notre Dame can enrich their lives just as much as they can contribute to Our Lady's University," Nguyen said "These students bring with them amazing life stories and will most certainly be tremendous assets in our pursuit of excellence."

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Observer, staffers honored at ICPA

Observer Staff Report

The Observer was named the second-best Indiana daily student newspaper at the annual Indiana Collegiate Press Association awards ceremony Saturday, with 75 percent of its entries in writing categories earning first, second or third place honors.

The Observer staff earned first place in the Best Single Issue category for its Dec. 1, 2004 issue, which added eight pages of special coverage of the firing of head football coach Tyrone Willingham.

The staff also earned first place in the Best News or Feature Series category for February 2004's "Diversity at Notre Dame," a comprehensive three-day series coordinated by former editor in chief Andrew Soukup and former managing editor Meghanne Downes.

The 2004-05 editorial board earned both second and third place in the Best Staff Editorial category for "Preserve Academic Freedom" and "Homosexual Community Deserves Equality," respectively.

Numerous staff members captured a variety of individual honors as well.

Soukup and former editor in chief Matt Lozar won first place in the Best Sports News Story category for a package of articles on Chris Thomas leading the Irish in their upset over No. 5 Connecticut.

Other first place honors went to Soukup in the Best Column category for "Never Forget," his farewell column in the 2004 senior issue, and to former assistant managing editor Joe Hettler in the Best News Feature category for "Serving with Honor," an article on former Irish basketball player and Iraq veteran Danielle Green.

Second place honors went to Downes and editor in chief Claire Heininger in the Best Breaking News Reporting category for "Monk Moves On," their coverage of University President Father Edward Malloy's April 2004 decision to step down from the presidency after June 2005. Soukup, managing editor Pat Leonard and assistant managing editor Heather Van Hoegarden earned second place in the Best Stand-alone/Pullout Section category for "A Decade of Decline," the Irish Insider for the 2004 Blue-Gold game.

Others earning second place were Heininger and Kevin Allen [Best Non-Deadline News Reporting for a package of stories on gay and lesbian student groups at Notre Dame], Janice Flynn [Best Investigative Story for two articles on Opus Dei], scene editor Rama Gottumukkala [Best Entertainment Feature Story/Review for an article on The Passion of the Christ], Lozar [Best Sports Feature Story for an article on the 30th anniversary of Notre Dame ending the 88-game winning streak of the UCLA men's basketball team] and photo editor Claire Kelley [Best Sports Photo for two photos of the Notre Dame-Michigan football game].

Third place honors went to Heininger [Best Non-Deadline News Reporting for an article on Malloy's response to the unexplained barring of Muslim professor Tariq Ramadan from the U.S.; Best News Feature for an article on Notre Dame graduate and 9/11 panel member Tim Roemer], former scene editor Maria Smith [Best Entertainment Feature Story/Review for an article on King Lear],Van Hoegarden, Leonard and Justin Schuver [Best Sports News Story for a package of articles on the Willingham firing] and former graphics editor Mike Harkins [Best Informational Graphic for a graphic summarizing the 2003-04 Year in Sports].

Other Notre Dame media groups represented at the ICPA convention included the Juggler, named the second-best literary magazine; Scholastic, named the top news magazine; and the Dome, named the second-best yearbook.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Palestinians take on militants

RAMALLAH, West Bank — After weeks of hesitation, Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas has finally made moves to challenge the powerful militant groups sowing chaos across the West Bank.

In the end, he was spurred into action by domestic concerns, including an audacious rampage by gunmen through Ramallah and the very real fear of impending electoral defeat, rather than by persistent U.S. and Israeli demands that he crack down on armed groups.

"The Palestinian Authority has been crippled and it's become very evident to the people," Palestinian political analyst Hani Masri says. "It reached a point where people were wondering what value is there in having a leader."

Ceremony honors tsunami dead

BANG MUANG, Thailand — Pressing their hands in a gesture of respect, hundreds of tsunami survivors crowded Sunday into a Buddhist temple in southern Thailand that was a makeshift mortuary for those killed by the deadly waves on Dec. 26.

Until just a few weeks ago, the grounds of the Bang Muang temple were filled with thousands of bodies, as officials struggled to cope with the crushing number of corpses from the tragedy.

The bodies are now gone, moved to a custom-built facility elsewhere. But those who gathered to pray for the souls of the victims are still haunted by the December disaster.

"I am still alive but it's as if I am dead. I have lost everything," said Savitri Chanakul, 38, a vendor who lost both of her children and a grandson.

NATIONAL NEWS

Amtrak train's engine derails

WHITE SALMON, Wash. — The engine of an Amtrak train derailed Sunday in a Washington state gorge, sending at least 10 passengers to hospitals, officials said.

The Portland, Ore.-bound train was carrying 115 people when the locomotive's wheels left the track, leaving four passenger cars leaning upright against an embankment in the Columbia River Gorge in southern Washington, Amtrak spokeswoman Marcie Golgoski said.

Hospital officials said a pregnant woman was admitted to a hospital for observation. One man had a shoulder injury and was expected to be treated and released. Eight others were being examined.

King's assassination remembered

ATLANTA — The voice of Martin Luther King Jr. boomed again from the pulpit of Ebenezer Baptist Church on Saturday as dozens of people gathered to commemorate the 37th anniversary of the civil rights leader's assassination.

Excerpts of several King speeches were played over a loudspeaker at the church where King preached from 1960 to 1968, including his "I've Been to the Mountain Top" speech, delivered in Memphis, Tenn., just hours before his death.

Among the crowd was U.S. Rep. John Lewis, a lieutenant of King's during the civil rights movement who became a follower as a teenager after hearing King on the radio during the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

LOCAL NEWS

Mayor endorses stadium idea

INDIANAPOLIS — Mayor Bart Peterson endorsed major parts of the governor's plan to finance a new Colts stadium and an Indiana Convention Center expansion Saturday but insisted the city should have ultimate control over the project.

The question of how the project would be overseen is emerging as possibly the major sticking point between Republican Gov. Mitch Daniels and the Democratic mayor as the two race toward a deal in these final weeks of the 2005 legislative session.

POLAND

Citizens lament death of native son

Hundreds of thousands gather in Warsaw square to remember Pope John Paul II

Associated Press

AP

People pray at St. Anna's church for Pope John Paul II's health in Warsaw Friday. The Pope's death was seen as a great loss for Poland.

WARSAW — About 100,000 Poles mourned John Paul II on Sunday at the Warsaw square where the Polish-born pope celebrated a landmark Mass that inspired opponents of the communist regime 26 years ago.

In John Paul's hometown of Wadowice in the south, a large bust of the pope was brought from the town hall and placed in front of St. Mary's Basilica, where he was baptized. It is to remain there until a statue of John Paul replaces it.

Poles returned Sunday to the spot as many as 1 million people turned out in 1979 to hear newly elected John Paul II's call to "renew the face of the Earth" — credited by many with inspiring the Solidarity trade union movement led by Lech Walesa that toppled Communism.

"From the symbolic place where John Paul II lit the flame of freedom, dignity and solidarity, Warsaw is praying for mercy for the Holy Father," Bishop Piotr Jarecki told the crowd gathered for the special service.

People were "praying that, in each of us, in our town in Poland, in Europe and the modern world, we can see the fruits of the life and mission of John Paul II to the end," Jarecki said from a platform in Pilsudski Square, formerly Victory Square.

Police officials put the crowd at around 100,000. The number was difficult to estimate because the throng spilled over into surrounding streets.

Churches elsewhere overflowed with crowds, with several thousand people jammed into a Mass at the St. Anne's Cathedral in Warsaw's Old Town. Thousands more stood outside and watched the service on a large television screen.

Red-and-white Polish flags with mourning bands of black cloth attached flew around the city.

"It's a great loss for Poland," said Jozef Romanzuk, 40, a businessman standing in front of St. Anne's. "The pope was a symbol of the new Poland. Now, we are beginning a new history, in which we Poles are left alone."

Jaroslaw Sikorski, 24, said, "We have been left orphans. That means we must be strong. And the word of John Paul II gives us this strength."

Barbara Zielinska, a government worker, recalled the pontiff's words: "The pope said, 'Don't be afraid,' and I'm not. He brought Poles closer to God, fulfilled his mission and now he has left."

In Krakow, where John Paul served as archbishop, hundreds laid flowers, placed candles and stood in silent contemplation under the window, where John Paul used to appear to talk to people during his visits to Poland as pope.

Outside Krakow, thousands stood in a meadow an open-air Mass at Lagiewniki, where the pope consecrated a large, modern concrete-and-glass church during his last visit to his homeland on Aug. 17, 2002.

During World War II, the young Karol Wojtyla used to pray at a chapel in an adjacent convent on his way to forced labor under Nazis at the nearby Solvay salt quarry.

"I was born in 1982 and to me, the pope is a Pole," said Ann Pszczol, a 23-year-old student of Slavic languages at Krakow's Jagiellonian University who came to the service.

"I cannot imagine now how I will accept a new pope. I have a sense of great loss and emptiness now."

St. Peter's Square fills with mourners

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Hoisting children onto their shoulders and holding cherished photos, tens of thousands stood silently shoulder-to-shoulder Sunday at a Mass for the late Pope John Paul II in St. Peter's Square. Gradually, though, tears gave way to fond memories.

Some people had camped out in sleeping bags overnight on the cobblestones. Underfoot were melted candles and flower petals left during the vigil.

As an organ sounded the first notes of Mass, many people held up cameras to photograph the ceremony on the marble steps of St. Peter's Basilica.

Some clutched photos of the pope as a younger, more energetic man, before illness left him grimacing and stooped. In them, he beamed, blessed babies or led processions with a golden staff. Each time the giant screens lining the colonnades showed a close-up of John Paul's picture, the crowd applauded.

"Even if we fear we've lost a point of reference, I feel like everybody in this square is united with him in a hug," said Luca Ghizzardi, 38, a nurse with a sleeping bag and a handmade peace flag at his feet.

Police said about 80,000 people attended Mass, with about 20,000 more spilling into the surrounding boulevards. Around the Vatican, bike riders in spandex and sleek helmets stopped to peer past the colonnades at the crowd. First aid staff readied stretchers, and sniffer dogs checked trash cans. Guides holding up umbrellas led tourists to the square's edge.

Emergency health services said late Sunday that they were called to assist the faithful in St. Peter's Square 115 times during the day.

Most of the injuries were cuts and broken bones from people who had fallen or fainted. Three of the cases were life threatening, officials said.

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Malloy added that the document "promoted a positive and friendly relationship between local bishops and Catholic institutions."

However, when the pope's Ex Corde Eccelsiae came under the scrutiny of the nation's bishops in November 1999, Malloy called the document's potential impact on Catholic universities "positively dangerous," according to an article in the Nov. 18, 1999 issue of The Observer.

R. Scott Appleby, professor of history and director of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, explained that Ex Corde was a comprehensive, broad-ranging statement about higher education unrelated to the 1990 Apostolic Constitution.

"It was a papal document — Malloy had nothing to do with it," Appleby said.

He said the controversy was related to the issue of academic freedom and especially the pope's mandate, which requires local bishops to approve theology professors at Catholic universities.

"I've been with him in his chapel in the Vatican a couple of times, and that's a very moving experience."

Father Edward Malloy
University President

"Malloy led the voices of those who wanted implementation of the papal document to reflect academic freedom," Appleby said. "Even though [the University] is Catholic, the underlying principle is academic freedom, and Father Malloy is very much in that tradition. There's no question that he wants to be Catholic but also a top-rate university."

Appleby said Malloy's disagreement was not with the pope or the general statement but the method of implementation.

However, Appleby said the approval of Ex Corde by U.S. bishops has not greatly harmed the academic freedom of Catholic universities.

"Very few bishops have interpreted the mandate as requiring them to scrutinize in great detail everything that goes on in the classroom," Appleby said.

Malloy and Hesburgh remember

"I've been with him in his chapel in the Vatican a couple of times, and that's a very moving experience," University President Father Edward Malloy told The Observer Thursday. "He's clearly a man of deep prayer."

Malloy also worked with the pope on issues related to higher education and toured locations in Poland frequented by the late pontiff in his childhood.

"I visited the church where he was baptized and the house where he lived in most of his life," Malloy said.

University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh met John Paul II right after the former Karol Woityla assumed the position at the Vatican, according to the South Bend Tribune.

In a statement Saturday, Hesburgh referred to John Paul II as a "Pope for the World," explaining that he "traveled millions of miles, to every corner of the earth, to bring his personal message of faith, hope and love to all of the world, not merely to Catholics."

ND appointments and titles

The pope has appointed at least two priests with Notre Dame connections to higher positions in the church.

In 1997, the pope named Father Daniel Jenky as an auxiliary bishop for the diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Prior to the nomination, Jenky, a Holy Cross priest, served as the rector of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Theology department chair John Cavadini said the pope later appointed Jenky to bishop of Peoria, Ill.

In 1995, the pope appointed Rev. Charles Schleck Titular Archbishop of Africa. Schleck graduated from Notre Dame in 1948 with an undergraduate degree in philosophy and served on the University's faculty for a short period.

In addition to making appointments, John Paul II made the Sacred Heart Church a minor basilica in 1992. In a Jan. 17, 1992 Observer article, Jenky said the title was "a papal recognition that Sacred Heart is a church with an international reputation; it is a center for prayer, pilgrimage and devotion and a place where the liturgy is done with amplified richness."

The pope's gift

Those attending Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart are undoubtedly drawn to the large painting of John Paul II surrounded by flowers. However, just to the left, a small crucifix sits unobtrusively on a table.

This simple crucifix was actually a gift presented by the pope to Hesburgh, according to a plaque in front of the display.

Family ties

If the adage "blood is thicker than water" has any merit, then the pope has one essential and quasi-familial link to the surrounding Notre Dame community. South Bend, Ind. and Czestochowa, Poland are sister cities — Czestochowa being the site of John Paul II's childhood home.

Indiana governor Joe Kernan originally formed the sister city agreement in 1992 after visiting Poland when he was serving as mayor of South Bend.

A press release from current South Bend mayor Stephen Luecke outlined the reasons for the agreement.

"Along with the large Polish community of South Bend that draws much of its heritage from cities like Czestochowa, the two cities are also similar in size and in their common appeal to religious communities because of the University of Notre Dame's Sacred Heart Basilica and Czestochowa's renowned monastery complex of Jasna Góra, the home of the famous Black Madonna," the release said.

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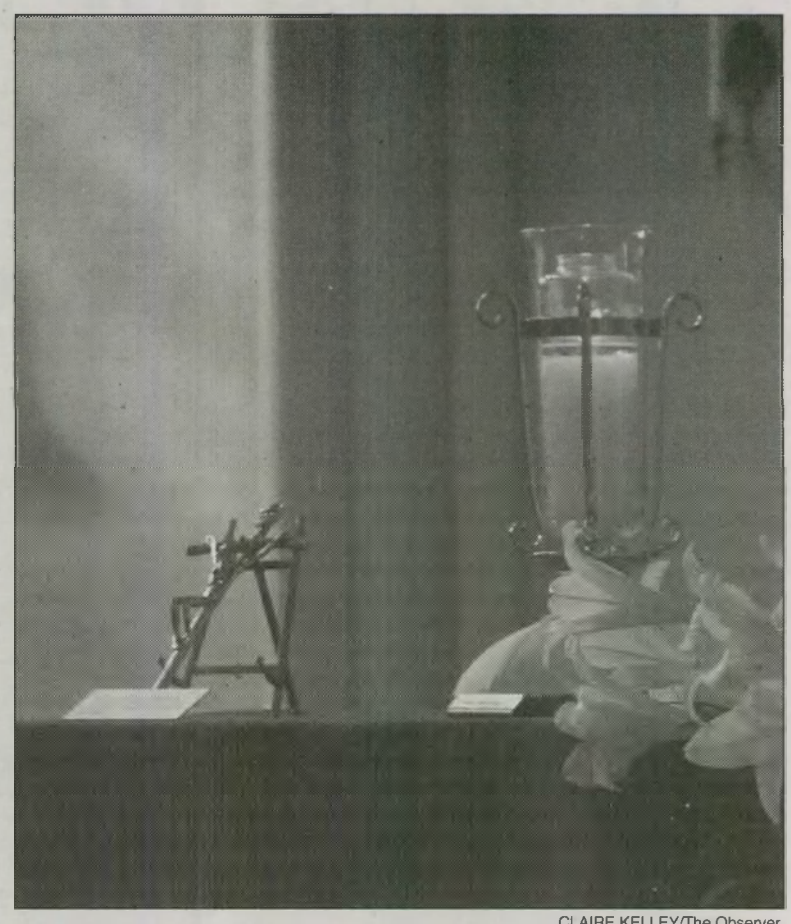

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A crucifix given to University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh by Pope John Paul II sits on a table in the Basilica.

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Due to housing limitations, single rooms may or may not be available. Completed Housing applications must be submitted to the office of Special Events by April 15, 2005. A housing contract will be completed at this time.

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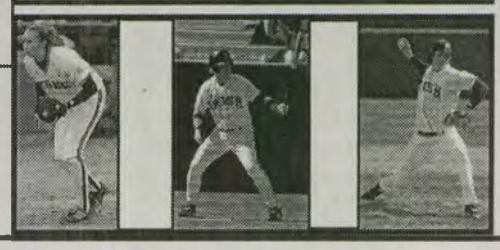

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IN BRIEF

ATA declares net loss of $817 million

INDIANAPOLIS — The parent company of ATA Airlines Inc. reported a net loss of more than $800 million for 2004 in its annual report filed Thursday with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

The $817 million loss included a $100.2 million operating loss on revenue of $1.5 billion, and $638.5 million in expenses related to ATA's Chapter 11 reorganization. That compared with earnings of $15.8 million on almost the same amount of revenue in 2003.

The biggest expense related to the bankruptcy reorganization was $568 million in lease rejections on jets removed from service as the airline downsized.

ATA on Thursday was holding an auction to sell its Chicago Express commuter airline and a hearing on the potential sale was scheduled Friday in bankruptcy court in Indianapolis.

Living will software sales surge

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Sales of computer software to create living wills are surging amid the high-profile debate over Terri Schiavo, the severely brain-damaged Florida woman who died Thursday.

"We've never seen sales like this," said Clark Miller, a spokesman for Nolo.com Inc., the creator of Quicken WillMaker Plus 2005. "The living will has simply become a part of American consciousness in a way it hadn't been before."

WillMaker Plus sales rose 63 percent in the five days after March 18, when Schiavo's feeding tube was removed, compared to the prior five days. At Kansas City-based H&R Block Inc., spokesman Tom Linafelt said sales of the company's WILLPower program jumped 95 percent last week. Other software makers — including Carson, Calif.-based Cosmi Corp. and Socrates Media LLC — also reported spikes in sales.

"What happens in a case like this, it becomes a bellwether for folks to become aware about an issue that normally they wouldn't," said Michael Kahn, a spokesman for Chicago-based Socrates.

Software industry analyst Chris Swenson of research firm NPD Group, said will-writing software and other legal programs have seen a 63 percent increase in sales over the past quarter, compared with the previous three months.

AIG admits to improper accounting

Insurance giant acknowledged transaction errors with Berkshire Hathaway

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Amid widening government probes into its financial practices, insurance giant American International Group Inc. acknowledged Wednesday it had improperly booked transactions with a unit of Berkshire Hathaway Inc. that artificially boosted its reserves.

AIG also said that it had not yet completed an in-house review of its accounting and would have to delay filing its annual report until April 30. New York-based AIG earlier had said it expected to file the report on March 31.

The disclosures came as the Securities and Exchange Commission and New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer were preparing to question AIG's former chief executive officer, Maurice "Hank" Greenberg, and Berkshire Hathaway's chairman and CEO, billionaire investor Warren Buffett, next month about the controversial reinsurance deal.

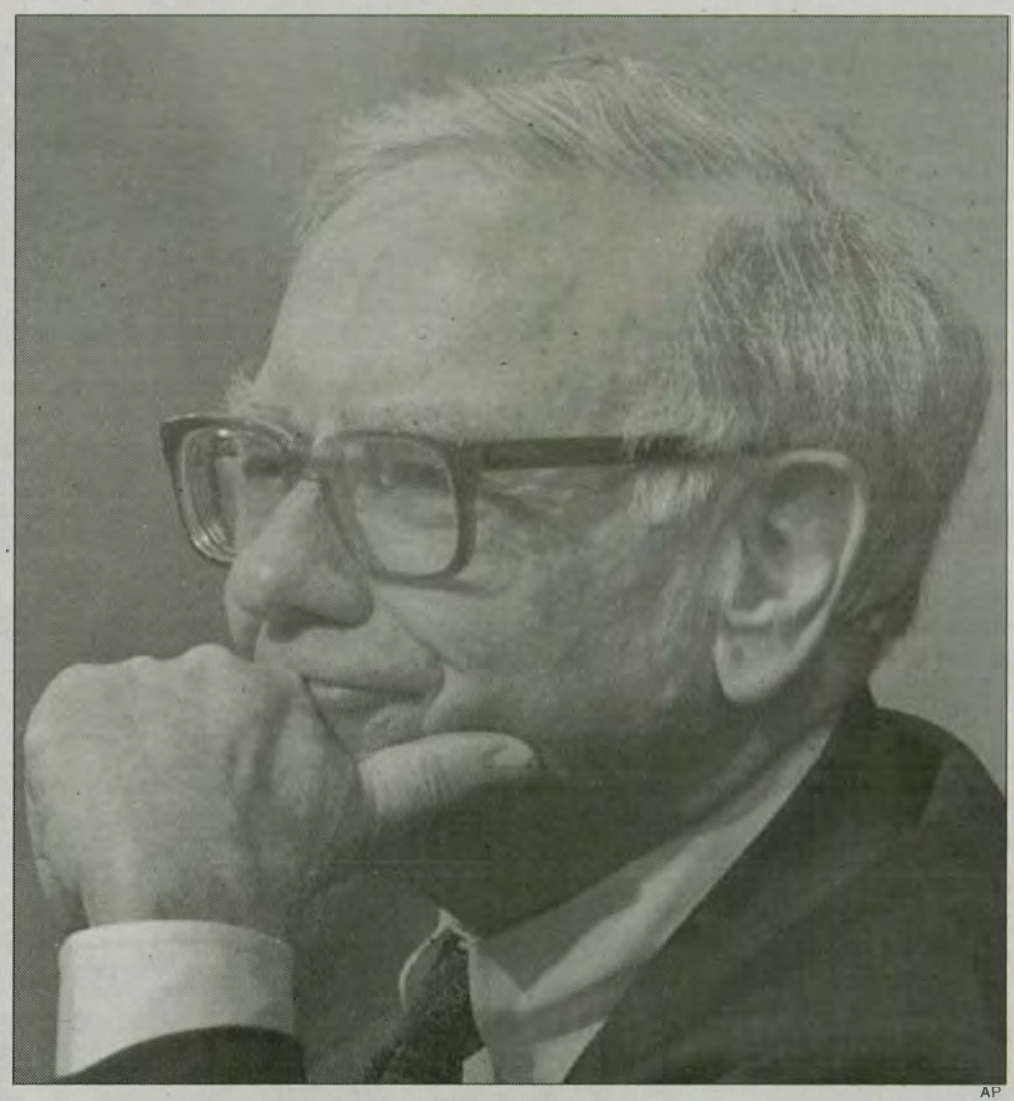
Buffett is to speak with investigators on April 11, and Greenberg the following day.

Berkshire Hathaway has said that Buffett was not aware of how the transactions were structured "or on any improper use or purpose" of the transactions.

Greenberg, who is 79 and led AIG for nearly 40 years, was forced out as CEO by the board earlier this month and has said he will resign shortly as chairman of the company.

In a detailed four-page statement, AIG also disclosed a number of other accounting problems, including the way it booked deals with Caribbean-based insurance companies.

AIG said, however, that the known errors and changes in accounting would reduce the company's $82.87 billion in capital by about $1.7 billion, or 2 percent.



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Berkshire Hathaway's chairman and CEO, billionaire investor Warren Buffett, was unaware of the improperly-booked transactions, the company said.

Howard Mills, acting superintendent of New York state's insurance department, which is also participating in the investigation, called AIG's statement "pretty significant" and added: "These are very serious issues, and their own admission that they misled this department, we take very seriously."

Mills said that AIG needs to continue "to get their house in order, and we believe they will do so."

Analysts at Morgan Stanley said that "some investors may take comfort that details are beginning to emerge" on AIG's side.

They added, however, that "the depth and breadth of troubles and apparent lack of accounting controls at AIG is alarming, in our view."

AIG shares dropped $1.04, or 1.8 percent, to close at $57.16 in Wednesday trading on the New York Stock Exchange. Berkshire Hathaway shares closed virtually unchanged at $87,000.10, also on the Big Board.

The investigators are looking into a number of reinsurance transactions, which involve insurance purchased by insurance companies like AIG.

Reinsurance traditionally has been used to spread out risk among insurers but, in some cases, it has been used for the questionable purpose of polishing a company's financial statements. If there is no risk transfer, the deal shouldn't be booked as insurance.

In the case under review, AIG purchased reinsurance from Berkshire Hathaway's General Re Corp. in the fourth quarter of 2000 and first quarter of 2001.

Investigators have said that AIG used the deals to pump up its reserves when markets were uneasy about the company's outstanding liabilities.

AIG said Wednesday that its accounting for the transactions with General Re "was improper and, in light of the lack of evidence of risk transfer, these transactions should not have been recorded as insurance."

Digital photo era changes photography

Associated Press

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Jesse Eisenberg came within a technological whisker of losing all her honeymoon snapshots.

The 31-year-old lawyer's digital images, stored on an online photography site, vanished while she was in the hospital this winter having her first child. She had given up all hope of retrieving them when they suddenly reappeared on her computer more than a month later.

"I can't believe we got them back!" she exclaimed. "Oh my God, I'm going to be printing all day today."

It's a refrain that sets the photo industry's heart racing.

As the digital revolution sidelines film, the photo industry is having to rely more heavily on high-margin services and supplies — inks, chemicals, paper — that go into making prints.

Yet the picture is not quite as it seems.

While there's no hint of a falloff in the desire of Americans to freeze-frame the world around them, the overall number of images converted into prints has been slipping since the dawn of the 21st century.

The drop-off coincided with the lightning transition to a world without film. A few years ago, there wasn't a framework in place to help digital shutterbugs print easily or cheaply.

Digital cameras are now in about 43 million homes in America, and that 40 percent penetration could reach 70 percent by 2007. The more mainstream they become, some analysts argue, the more likely that old printing habits will re-establish themselves.

"Everybody treasures memories, and what makes memories more vivid than a photograph, a print?" said Ulysses Yannas of Buckman, Buckman & Reid in New York. That impulse, he thinks, "will not fade, it's human nature."

Bolstering Yannas' belief is a recent frenzy of acquisitions of online photo startups, which are projected to churn out 700 million prints this year, up from 400 million in 2004.

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world-renowned speakers, Dan DiSilva and Trish Short. DiSilva, a musician who has played around with world with musicians such as James Taylor, the Chieftains and B.B. King, spoke to the crowd about his experiences. After 10 years of touring, DiSilva formed the band Crispin, a Catholic funk band that uses its music to spread the Catholic message to listeners.

DiSilva spoke to the students about chastity, basing his talks on the Theology of the Body writings by Pope John Paul II.

Short, a former model and actress turned producer and director who for the past 10 years has been producing pro-life videos and music for pro-life ministries throughout the world. She spoke to youth about the power of purity and charity and the role of faith and scripture in today's culture.

Lisa Bonadies and Elizabeth Johnston are two sophomores from Marion High School in South Bend who attended the rally and listened to the speakers.

"I think they really got their point across," Bonadies said. "[DiSilva] really communicated with kids," Johnston said.

In addition to the speakers, RTL members performed skits on chastity and showed a power point presentation on abortion awareness. There was also a prayer service and music performed by DiSilva.

Vendors from Indiana RTL, Reason Enough to Act and ND RTL were at the rally selling T-shirts, and handing out pamphlets other literature to inform students.

The Women's Care Center was also there showing support for their message.

"We're here to support what they're doing," said Judy Madden, the Director of Education for the center. "They've got a friend here in the community."

The Women's Care Center is a resource center that was started 20 years ago by a Notre Dame professor, and has extended to 12 care centers and extends assistance to over 10,000 women. It reaches out to women who face unexpected pregnancies. It is the biggest provider for this type of work in Northwest Indiana.

E-mails and flyers about the rally were sent to 7 diocese including Chicago, Fort Wayne and Grand Rapids areas. However, many high schools were on spring break this week and were unable to attend the rally.

"This could have been doubled ... if it were at a different time," Grossu said. "We want this to grow into something ND RTL is known for. Notre Dame as a premiere Catholic university in the nation and in the world should have a real voice in spreading the pro-life message to the youth of the nation."

Grossu is optimistic about the future of the rally. "I'm so excited about the feedback we're getting from the media," she said. "It surpassed my expectations."

The rally ended with a mass in the basilica which included singing by the ND Women's Liturgical Choir.

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TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Approximately 400 people gathered at the Grotto Saturday evening to say the rosary at a service for Pope John Paul II.

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his life."

"We have had the opportunity to see him give real meaning to the universality of our faith," Warner said.

He placed the prayer service in the context of Notre Dame's university setting.

"I think that this service and these services all around the world will show us all again so many people loved John Paul II, but that he had a special love for young people," Warner said.

Touching on what he considered remarkable aspects of the pope's life, Warner said John Paul II grew up in poverty, studied theology underground during the Nazi occupation and was a "great sportsman."

"Since he was such a holy man, it's clear he is with God right now," he said.

Students thought the prayer service was an appropriate way to pay their respects to the pope, whose passing was unfortunate but not unexpected, they said.

"I wish he was still here, but heaven's a better place because of him," freshman James Carlson said.

"I thought that [the service] was a nice way to commemorate his death," sophomore Rebecca Moss said. "I was glad they had it planned before."

Carlson said he wished more people had attended the service, especially considering Notre Dame's Catholic identity.

"I expected [the crowd] to be out to the road," Carlson said. "You don't see a pope die every day, or every year, for that matter."

A memorial Mass will be celebrated today at 5:15 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. The Mass will be preceded by a 4:30 rosary service.

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Schiavo case spurs statehouse debate, unique coalition

Associated Press

The arguments surrounding Terri Schiavo will live on in statehouse debate and new laws if an emerging coalition of disability rights activists and right-to-lifers succeed in turning the national agony over her case into a re-examination of when and how our lives come to an end.

So far, only a few legislators in a handful of states have sought significant changes to their laws, which define the fundamental elements at stake — how a person can set limits on their medical care, who gets to decide what their wishes are, what evidence is needed to prove it.

None have yet become law and the chances for most, if not all, are slim this year, with some legislatures finished and many far along in their work for this session. But both Republicans and Democrats say the arguments aren't going away.

The debate is an effort to strike a new balance between one stance that argues that medical care and morality mean life must be pursued in nearly all cases, and another stance, crafted over decades of changing views about death, that some may choose to end drastically damaged lives that depend on artificial means.

"I really wanted to make sure we gave a default for life and not for death," said Kansas state Rep. Mary Pilcher-Cook, a Republican who helped revive a measure that would give courts a greater chance to review decisions to end life-sustaining care, lessening the role of guardians or doctors. "Our most vulnerable citizens are in fact in the most danger of losing their life without any recourse."

She was joined in her effort by disability activists, many aligned with liberal causes, and Democrats in the state House. The measure stalled in the Kansas Senate, however, as the session ended for the year last Friday.

"We don't want to get into the politics of the right or the left or whomever," said Michael Donnelly at the Disability Rights Center of Kansas. "This isn't about politics, this is about how we value or don't value the lives people with disabilities have."

His group had been working for years to revisit the issue, and came together with several conservative legislators to move the bill forward. Elsewhere, the National Right to Life Committee has produced model legislation and is working with legislators in several states.

Legislation has also been introduced in Alabama, Hawaii, Louisiana, Minnesota and South Dakota. The Louisiana bill is called the "Human Dignity Act"; Alabama's is the "Starvation and Dehydration Prevention Act."

Many measures predate recent weeks of attention to Schiavo, though some drew their inspiration directly from the agonized public debate over the 41-year-old woman's death — like one in Missouri introduced last Thursday, the day Schiavo died.

"I was gripped by what I was watching and couldn't believe the state of Florida would let this woman die in this manner," said GOP state Rep. Cynthia Davis. Her bill would bar anyone from directing that artificially supplied food and water be withheld or withdrawn without a specific written directive from the patient.

There's also a slew of legislation around living wills and other end-of-life issues that wouldn't further the aims of this emerging group — like a Nevada measure that would let a guardian end life-sustaining measures even if it's against a patient's known wishes, as long as it's in their best interests.

The views of medical care and ending life have shifted over the past 30 years as the country grappled with brain-damaged or coma-bound patients whose families said they shouldn't be forced to live a life they wouldn't want, starting with Karen Ann Quinlan in 1975, then to Nancy Cruzan in 1990 and now to Schiavo.

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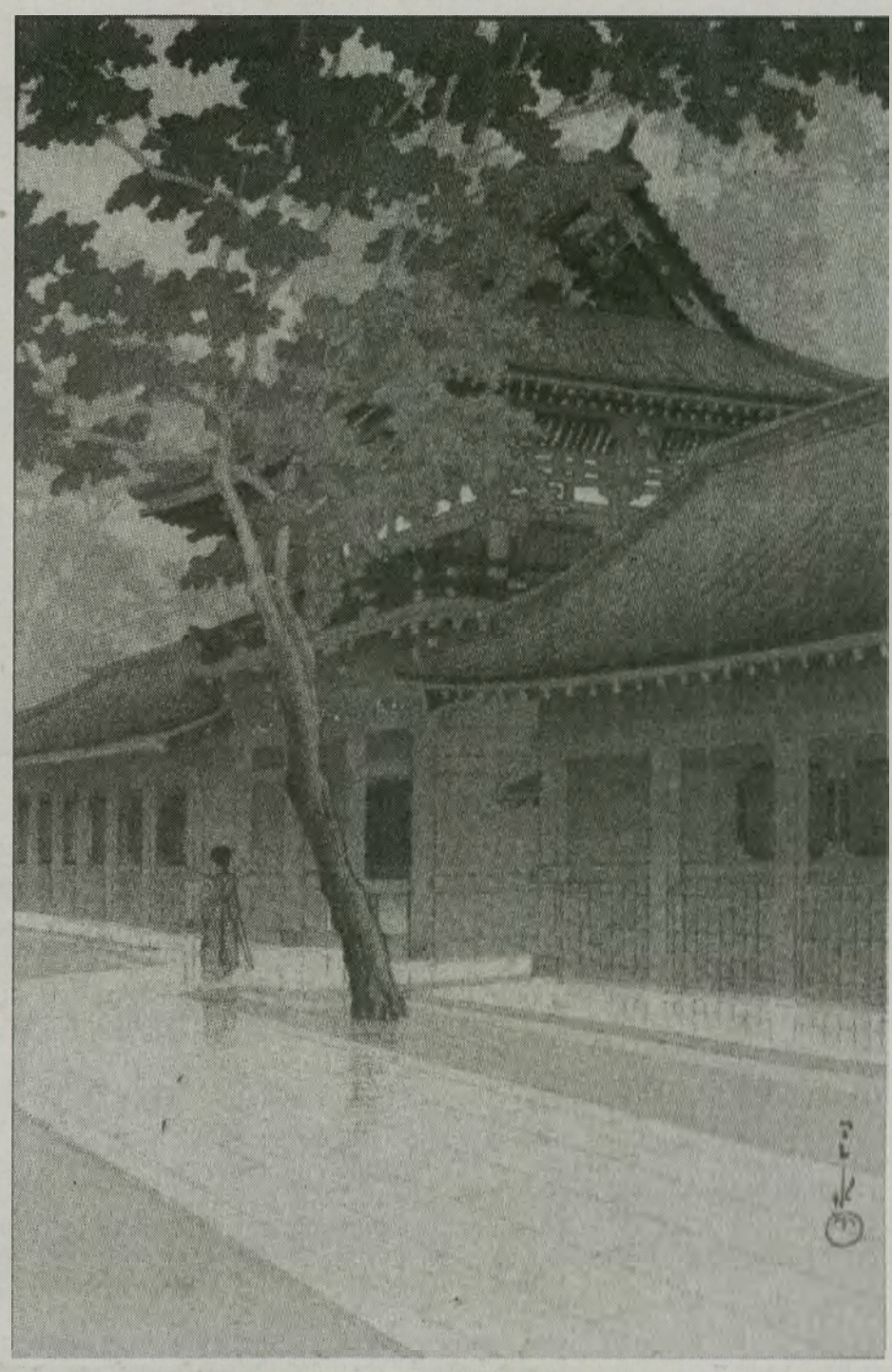

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Forty Ounces to Falco

Prior to arriving at Notre Dame, I had never been much of a Catholic. I rarely made it to Mass more than once or twice a month. I had attended more bar mitzvahs than baptisms. There was not a single crucifix anywhere in my house. And when asked in CCD class in third grade who the Pope was, I confidently answered, "The President of Italy."

Nevertheless, while reading the front page of Saturday's New York Times, specifically those stories regarding the global mourning over the impending death of Pope John Paul II, I started crying. Yes, the kid who could stoically get through "E.T.," "Life is Beautiful," "Schindler's List," and even "Rudy" without shedding a tear, started weeping over a simple page of newsprint. It truly was one of the most peculiar moments of my life, and at the time, I had no idea what came over me.

After all, I have never been to the Vatican, nor have I ever even watched the Pope speak on television. I have never read any of his encyclicals or apostolic letters, and until recently, I barely even knew what it was that he did besides drive around in a bubble car and wear a funny hat. On top of that, I have often found myself in disagreement with many of the more orthodox positions of John Paul II, especially in regards to abortion, euthanasia, birth control, gender, homosexuality and embryo research. Still, when I read about his illness and his effects on the worldwide Catholic community on Saturday, I cried like a baby. What was wrong with me?

It soon dawned on me that I finally understood what it felt like to be lost in a cave without a torch, and when I saw that the rest of the world's one billion Catholics shared my predicament, it may have pushed me over the edge. Upon further reflection, I began to recognize that my entire life had been spent under the misconception that a person had to wear a crown or fight wars or live in a white house to truly deserve the title of Leader. I think what really had me upset and confused on Saturday morning, though, was the realization that I didn't know a damn thing about how the world worked.

For all of the importance that I have blindly bestowed upon the office of the presidency of the United States, I never stopped to think about what made that position so great. Sure, a president can improve the lives of some people through tax breaks and social programs, but that does not change the fact that a huge chunk of the globe typically despises this "leader of the free world," regardless of which political party pulls his strings.

On Saturday, after seeing the equally distraught faces of European citizens in St. Peter's Square, Middle Eastern nuns in Jerusalem and New Yorkers at St. Patrick's Cathedral, all huddled together as one collective mass of humanity, life began to make sense again, and I cried with my fellow brothers and sisters. If one man could have such a profound uniting effect on the world — a world full of genocide and racial discrimination and war and political malfeasance and greed and hunger and terrorism and hatred — then humanity might still have a chance.

Great leaders, I realized, do not grace the world with their presence very often, and for every Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr. and John Paul II that emerges to bring us together, there are a hundred million other Osama bin Ladens, Adolf Hitlers and Kim Jong Ils around to split us apart. The tricky part, of course, is distinguishing between the uniters and the dividers before it is too late.

For me, I never quite understood just how important John Paul II was as the glue that held over one billion of the Earth's children together. If I had known earlier about his diplomatic efforts for achieving global harmony by visiting 129 countries, his vital role in ending communism and restoring peace to the Middle East, and his passion for spreading the values of Catholic social teaching in the hopes of rescuing all of humanity from its unnecessary suffering, perhaps I would not have been so surprised by Saturday morning's newspaper. Maybe if I had understood that the true leader of the free world was not a person whose primary goal was American hegemony, but a person whose only goal was global solidarity, then I probably would have been better prepared to handle the emotional distress of losing the Pope.

Regardless, though, I finally feel safe saying that there is still a chance for the human race to come together and prosper, and that is just another reason to shed tears of joy over the accomplished life of John Paul II.

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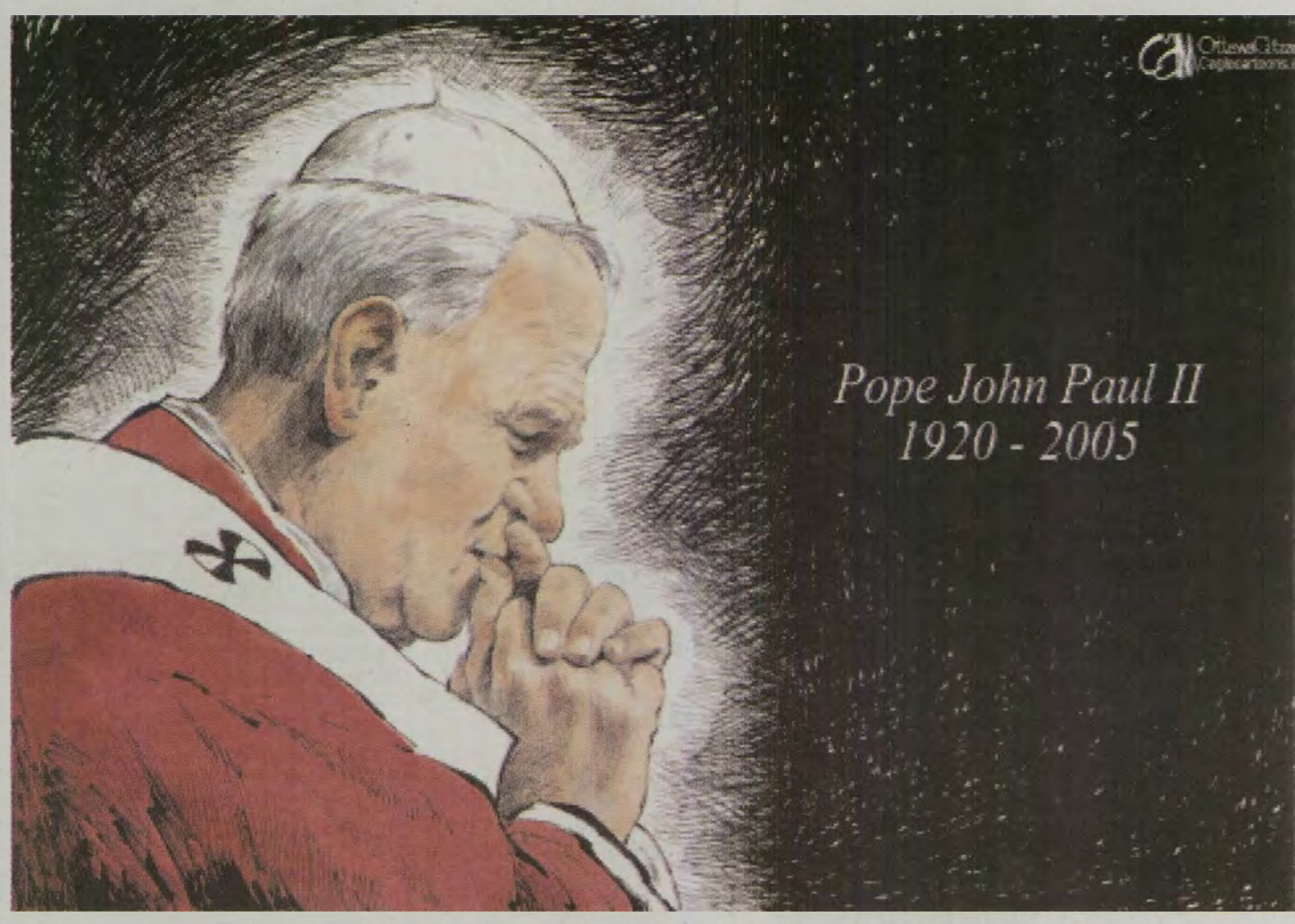

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Pope John Paul II

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Filling in 'the whole truth'

The column of Professor Rice on March 24, "The whole truth, and nothing but ..." falls short of delivering the whole truth as promised. In at least one respect, the column resembles Dan Brown's runaway bestseller "The DaVinci Code." It deploys enough truth to be credible but not so much as to be accurate or fair.

To compare Rice's viewpoint to the controversial novel may strike some as inappropriate and misleading. I felt the same when I read Rice equate several different inclinations: smoking, problem drinking, shoplifting, eating disorders and homosexual feelings. Rice persists in the clumsy, one-dimensional comparison because he prefers the University be resolute and uniform in its opposition to so-called disordered inclinations. Rather than be sensitive to the complexity of human experience and the reality of what science teaches us about human development, he prefers the University proclaim "the inclination to any disordered act is itself disordered" and explore no more.

While the argument may be technically correct, according to its source at least, it is not a big enough idea to fulfill Notre Dame's promise as a Catholic University. An approach so exceedingly limited, so legalistic, and so inflexible is contrary to the intellectual spirit of the University. Moreover, quoting the argument to discourage those who seek justice — civil rights and social acceptance in society and the Church — for gays and lesbians is contrary to the core of the Catholic message: the enormous love that Christ had for humankind.

No one can forget the scandalous love Christ demonstrated for humankind, a love of such scandalous proportions — breaking bread with sinners and dieing on the cross in the manner of a common criminal — that the radical example lives on today. I hope the example will continue to challenge assumptions and question convention at Notre Dame. I applaud all the members of the University, past and present, who are open to the radical experience of that love and who feel challenged by it enough to open their hearts and their minds to the idea of change.

Edward Cottrell
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March 31

New dimension to the dome debate

I have been reading the letters to the editor surrounding the controversy between the graduating class and the administration regarding the re-gilding of the dome. I have to say that I strongly support the students' point of view.

I vehemently disagree with the statement of Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves that graduation is not about the physical dome. You don't remember standing in front of it getting your picture taken. It will be 30 years this May since I stood in front of the dome to have my graduation picture taken with my parents and I vividly recall the event. That picture stands on my desk in my study. I look at it everyday and remember the moment.

Also, I remember the first time that I saw the dome as my parents and I drove off the Indiana Turnpike. Every time since I look for that same view when I go to Notre Dame. The physical dome symbolizes Notre Dame and what it means to be a Notre Dame graduate. Therefore, the meaning of graduation is very much symbolized and remembered by the physical dome and standing in front of it to have your picture taken with your family.

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Whatever happened to 'Hello?'

Adam Lichtenheld
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My first experience with "real" dance parties was here on the Farm. While at these parties, I observed an alarming phenomenon that I just can't keep to myself. It might just be that I'm old, but when I was in middle/high school, the way to ask a girl to dance was: "Hi, do you wanna dance?" Old fashioned, I know, because then we'd just pop in an 8-track and Frankenstein the night away. (You do remember the Frankenstein school of slow dancing, right? Locked arms, stiff legs and rocking side to side?) Well, apparently, in modern times, the way to ask a girl to dance is a little more Discovery Channel, if you will.

From my observations, here's what you do: First, spot a girl you'd like to dance with who is, strangely enough, already dancing — usually in a circle of her closest female or gay male friends. Then — and this is important — you wait for her to turn away from you. At that point, you quickly — because she might turn back around — sneak up behind her. Finally, and I'm sorry to alarm my more sensitive readers, but this is actually true, you begin ramming your pelvis into her from behind. Once this "request" is made, the female expresses her approval or disapproval in an equally non-verbal and rudimentary way. After taking a quick glance back, and surveying the opinions of her surrounding friends of the would-be suitor, she either circles away or pushes back against this ramming in acquiescence. Ah, young love.

At first, I was shocked, and I asked some of my undergrad female friends about this. They all immediately expressed their disapproval and disgust. Yet, not a week later, I saw two of them personally engaging in this very same behavior. Neat.

What's worse, I tried my old method and got an even more shocking result. One night, as I moved through the crowd at a dorm party, I came face to face with a young lady. Now, to be honest, she was a little bit of a linebacker to my sort of wide-receiver, if one was to compare physiques, but I thought I'd at least say hello. Now, the only words that left my mouth were "Hi, how's it going?" What happened next still haunts me.

In a split second this girl latched herself onto me with three of her four available limbs (thankfully saving one for standing purposes) like I was the last pint of water on "Survivor: Palua" and began bucking like a rodeo bronco. And just like in rodeo, after the first eight seconds, I wanted off. But I was awash in confusion and guilt. Perhaps in this brave new world of sneak-attack pelvic thrusting and backing that thing up, my simple greeting had a new and frightful meaning. I held on until rescued by friends but wondered secretly: Had I brought this on myself?

I suppose my question really is: Whatever happened to "hello?" Are we just so smart that the simple habits of polite society no longer apply? Is it wrong that there are communication majors doing this?

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College, contraception and strategies against stupid things

Adam Lichtenheld
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We all do stupid things. Especially as stressed, overworked, poor, alcohol-loving college students away from school for a week on an exotic beach crawling with gorgeous members of the opposite sex — we all do stupid things.

Recognizing this reality, a pre-spring-break campaign by University Health Services advertised "stocking up" on various contraceptives (including the morning-after pill) before University of Wisconsin students hit the beckoning sexual havens scattered along the coasts of Mexico and Florida. The rationale behind the UHS advertisements was reasonable — it would be difficult for individuals to obtain contraceptives in unknown places and having resources at hand "just in case" would be wise lest something were to happen.

But according to Republican state representative Dan LeMahieu, the willingness of health services to provide prescription birth control to students is both a waste of taxpayer dollars (even though the UHS campaign was funded entirely by student segregated fees) and a motivating factor in their decisions to explore their sexual desires.

In response, LeMahieu is drafting legislation that would prevent UHS from advertising the morning-after pill or supplying it to students. He was quoted as saying that he is "outraged that our public institutions are giving young college women the tools for having promiscuous sexual relations, whether on campus or thousands of miles away on spring break."

Now, I am far from being able to claim understanding of the female psyche, but somehow I feel that the availability of contraceptives does not act as the main sparkplug for women's desires to partake in sexual activity (and I can personally assure you that it is not the primary determinant for men). Though most individuals wisely seek protection beforehand, being able to have safe sex is not the main reason people decide to have sex.

Personal opinions on premarital relations notwithstanding, the urge of young people's uncontrollable hormones and drunken-inflated feelings of unrestricted lusting will not be deterred by the inability to access contraceptives. Rather, failing to make safe sex tools available would only ensure that the risks of pregnancy and disease would rise significantly. Indeed, college students having sex is not the problem. Unwanted pregnancies that lead to abandoned children and abortions are the problem. Sexually transmitted infections and the HIV virus, which has become a global epidemic, are the problem.

LaMahieu's proposed legislation follows the illogical federally funded approach to sex education in schools that preach "abstinence only" and fail to teach students either same-sex practices or stone-cold facts. Let us recall the report issued several months ago by U.S. Representative Henry Waxman that revealed severe flaws and outright lies featured in the teachings of the Bush administration's sex-education policy. Among the misinformation that young people were spoon-fed was that condoms fail to prevent HIV transmission in 31 percent of cases, half of all homosexual teenagers are HIV positive, mutual masturbation causes pregnancy, and abortion leads to sterility.

It truly is ironic that those who wish so desperately to prevent abortions adamantly seek to deprive individuals of the means to practice safe sex and prevent unwanted pregnancies. They live in a fantasy world where young people never yield to their sexual desires and believe that students' decisions will be influenced by the opinions and lectures of politicians or the provisions of restricting legislation. College students are going to have sex — as it is a personal choice — and it can be done safely or stupidly. But that should be a responsibility of the individual, not the government.

It is disturbing to witness the eroding of the availability of safe sex methods, motivated by the fanaticism of the religious right and ultra-conservative wing of the Republican Party. Their attempts to infringe unnecessary government regulations based on personal beliefs is nauseating, particularly when it entails abolishing individuals' rights of choice and denying people resources to protect themselves. Perhaps we should just adhere to the advice of Matt Groenig's "Basic Sex Facts For Today's Youngfolk," "When authorities warn you of the sinfulness of sex, there is an important lesson to be learned. Do not have sex with the authorities."

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PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Latin Expressions lights up weekend

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Left, two musicians play in the band for the act "Duelo." Mariachi ND members showed off their musical talents as well in "Popurri de las canciones eclecticos."

By CHRISTIE BOLSEN
Assistant Scene Editor

In a sold-out performance that almost shook down the chandeliers in Palais Royale, Latin Expressions let everyone celebrate all that is Latino in an absolute revelry of a show on Friday night.

The 15th annual show had too many highlights to count, with each act impressing the rowdy audience for a different reason. The Masters of Ceremonies, Fred Licón and Nicole Orozco, elicited riotous response from the crowd throughout the night by cracking well-placed ethnic jokes.

"This is not your standard variety show," Licón said.

"This is a Latino show," Orozco said, to a round of cheers.

They did suggest to the audience not to throw their "chones" up on stage, telling people if they didn't know what "chones" were to ask the person next to them.

After kicking off with dancing and singing acts, the First Class Lady Steppers switched gears when they took the stage with an attitude that permeated their fabulous performance. After shouting to "watch us do it now," they stomped, clapped and danced away a seductive routine.

Lyons sophomore Gabby Obregon's "Tanguillos" stood out spectacularly in a night full of standout acts. Wearing a brilliantly colored dress, she smiled her way through a solo dance with confidence. Her feet were a flurry of movement while her arms were smoothly graceful, as she spun around and flourished her ruffled skirt.

"Fuego," with Tessa Garcia, Natalia Muñoz and Grisel Ruiz, lit up the stage with a fiery, sparkly dance number featuring colored ribbons, shoulder shimmying and hip shaking energy. Their talents meshed perfectly in their performance, in a riveting number with plenty of sultry moves and raucous cheers coming from the other performers waiting on the upper balcony.

Latin Expressions 2005
"Raices"

Executive Director: April Garcia
Assistant Director: Yadira Huerta
Producer: Dennis Bonilla
Publicity: Jackie Ramirez
Opening Act: Guadalupe Gomez and Miguel Luna
Fundraising: Grisel Ruiz

Without a doubt, though, it was "Machetes" by Ballet Folklorico Azul y Oro that stole Act I and possibly the entire night. With collars open and bandannas tied around their heads, a stage full of very brave men danced among flashes of huge, gleaming knives that they wielded easily in their hands for a nervous audience. Weapons flying high and spectators tensing, they tossed and swished away calmly. Gasps resounded when they suddenly shouted, "Blindfold!" and pulled their bandannas down over their eyes, continuing with the pace turned up a few notches. It was a magnificent display of skill and hotness.

Act II featured powerful poetry and more talented performances. As expected, Project Fresh was a refreshing blast of the unexpected that can only be described as cool. It was innovative, even humorous, and combined raw street moves with polished talent. Their stage presence was like a spontaneous party had broken out onstage and everyone was invited to share in the fun.

The Selena Act began with a dramatic recreation of the movie scene where the kids are playing around instead of practicing seriously, until their father chastises them into putting their talent to use. Yadira Huerta, wearing a slinky Selena-like outfit, was dead-on in her singing, with her powerful, gorgeous voice bringing the singer's hits back to life in renditions of songs like, "I Could Fall in Love." This prompted the balcony spectators to whip out their lighted cell phones and wave them slowly from side to side.

Performers from throughout the night danced through the aisles to pull up audience members as the Selena tribute brightly picked up the tempo. Soon, the exuberant venue was as bumping and crowded as a party in a little South Quad dorm room. The last act of the show captured the spirit of the evening in that dancing — fun, diverse and proud of it.

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"Fuego," left, lived up to the translated name "fire" with a sultry dance. Ballet Folklorico dancers wowed the crowd by each wielding machetes in both hands.

OPERA PREVIEW

Opera Verdi Europa coming to Morris

By CHRIS McGRADY
Scene Writer

A taste of opera and European culture will be coming to campus, thanks to NDPresents, the University-established group in charge of scheduling well-known artists and bands.

Opera Verdi Europa, an opera troupe out of Bulgaria, will be performing "La Traviata" tonight at the Morris Performing Arts Center in downtown South Bend. Opera Verdi Europa was created in 1996 by artist director Ivan Kyurkchiev and is now considered by many to be one of top opera groups in Europe and is now bringing their abundant talents to the United States.

The fact that famous opera singers such as Orlin Anastassov and Dario Volonte started their careers with Opera Verdi Europa is a testament to the consistent quality of the company. This will mark the second time Opera Verdi Europa has come to the Notre Dame campus, the first time being last year's performance of "Le Boheme" at the Morris Center.

The group is well-known for performing opera in a style that many other companies cannot achieve. The group fuses the characteristics of several different cultures, namely blending the Bulgarian style with other European styles, creating a multicultural experience that is second to none. They have performed operas including "Othello," "Madame Butterfly," "Carmen" and "The Pearl Fishers" as well as productions of the Mozart and Verdi "Requiems."

The three-act "La Traviata" was originally written by famed Italian composer Guiseppe Verdi. Verdi was born in 1813 as the son of an innkeeper and showed promise on the organ. Ironically, he was denied entrance to the Milan Conservatory because of "inadequate training." In lieu of this, he studied with Lavigna of La Scala and wrote his first opera "Oberto, conte di San Bonifacio" in 1839.

Verdi was a huge admirer of Shakespeare and wrote several operas that were based on Shakespeare's works, namely "Macbeth" and "Othello," the later of which was the masterpiece of his later life. "La Traviata" was written in the middle of his career and secured his establishment as a major force in opera. Now Verdi is considered by many to be the foremost Italian composer of opera and is one of the most imitated and revered men in the opera culture.

"La Traviata" is based on a play by Alexander Dumas and is a tragic story of a beautiful courtesan and the sacrifices she makes for love. Originally, when the opera premiered at the Teatro la Fenice in Venice, Italy in 1853 it was not well received by its first audience. Believing that his opera was ultimately doomed for failure, a frantic Verdi wrote to a friend the following night, "La Traviata last night was a fiasco. Is it my fault or that of the singers? Only time will tell."

Photo courtesy of Patrick Ryan

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However, "La Traviata" has withstood that test of time and is now considered to be one of the greatest operas ever created and is also one of the most often performed. The opera will be performed in its original Italian form with English supertitles. The main character of Alfredo Germont will be performed by tenor Rumen Shterionov, Violeta Valery will be performed by Yanitsa Nesheva and Flora Bervoix will be played by Silvia-Sorina Munteanu. The opera will be conducted by Nayden Todorov.

Admission to the performance ranges from $20 to $45. Tickets are available either by calling the Morris Center box office toll-free at 800-537-6415 or on the web at www.MorrisCenter.org.

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EXHIBIT REVIEW

Creative student art impresses in Snite exhibit

Fine arts students show their talents with varied artistic mediums in contemporary display

By BECCA SAUNDERS
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Many of the exhibits featured at the Snite Museum of Art are interesting to a handful of people on campus with knowledge or interest in a certain area of history. But this is not always the case — as has been proven by the current Snite exhibit featuring the work of Notre Dame graduate and undergraduate students.

The Masters of Fine Arts (M.F.A.) and Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) students present contemporary pieces of art shown in a variety of mediums and covering a vast assortment of contemporary issues.

All of the pieces throughout the M.F.A/B.F.A. exhibit are thought-provoking and artistically impressive. The range of the mediums of art includes prints, paintings, carving on drywall, sculpture, graphic pieces and much more. Each student has an individual area where his or her art is displayed as a collection. The variety and contemporary nature of virtually every piece in the exhibit ensures there truly is something for every visitor's taste.

Some of the art was a bit more traditional in terms of medium, but challenging in subject. For instance, Megan Lloyd's collection of ultra chrome prints features men and women with less-than-desirable figures in lingerie and sexual poses. Allyson Klutenkamper's collection also featured prints, but the prints focused on female figures that appeared lost and confused in a variety of settings. Another attention-grabbing set of ultra chrome prints was Rachel Ourada's collection that focused on the idea of possessions as an extension of the self. The prints visually focus on the connection between snapshots and material items that people may associate with the memory of the snapshot.

Rhett Poche's collection was called the "Allegory of the Luscious and the Lecherous" and consisted of two acrylic paintings on panel. The subject of one of the paintings was a woman surrounded by a "luscious" scene composed almost entirely of pink tones; the painting displayed directly next to it was a mirror image of the woman and her setting, but the subject is a male surrounded by mostly blue tones. John Lambert's installation sculpture made from clay focused on the "x" symbol, which is a symbol he considers to "represent the essence of structural strength."

Many of the pieces were not as traditional due to the medium chosen. Tomas Rivas presented a variety of pieces including a piece carved on white drywall and a piece composed of a pins and thread drawing on the wall. Mary Prendergast's piece called "Patternity" focused on the influence a woman's relationship with her father has on her own well-being and future relationships. The piece is presented as a series of clothing patterns, showing the type of father that produces a daughter with certain strengths and weaknesses. Matthew Searle presented a collection called "The Internal Theatre" that was composed of three black boxes with a small peep hole that the viewer looks into and sees the surreal scenes created by Searle, "constructed to reveal something about the viewer." Allison Traynham's piece was a collection of graphic images focused visually around house and conceptually around the idea of the scattered family in the independent world of today.

The show includes a few borderline satirical pieces such as Eric Monger's "Collecting Grief." The piece is essentially a stand selling the product, "Eternaplast," a product to which one can "Just add ashes!" of loved ones that have died and been cremated. Mark Cook presented a graphic piece satirically focused on the common dependency on fossil fuels.

The industrial and product design pieces were also intriguing. Alex Lobos designed a new kitchen system, focused primarily on a dishwashing system based on the principles of the ocean, as well as a system based off the principles of rivers. A safer forklift called "Levisafe" was designed by Mike Elweel and a broom that doubles as a vacuum cleaner, called "CleanSweep," was designed by Selim Nurudeen. Kathryn Colarco designed a shoe to meet the needs of elderly people who are diabetic.

All in all, the M.F.A/B.F.A. exhibit is not to be missed. And it would be hard to miss it, considering the show will run through May 15 at the Snite, which is free and open to the public. The work of the extremely talented art students of Notre Dame deserves to be seen and the M.F.A/B.F.A. exhibit abundantly proves that point.

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NBA

Bryant injures leg; Grizzlies blow out Lakers

Marion and Johnson lead Suns to victory over Houston 91-78

Associated Press

The fading Los Angeles Lakers lost Kobe Bryant and yet another game, falling 102-82 to the Memphis Grizzlies on Sunday.

Mike Miller scored 22 points to help the Grizzlies move into a tie with idle Denver for seventh place in the Western Conference, 8 1/2 games in front of the 10th-place Lakers. Memphis and Denver are three games ahead of ninth-place Minnesota, which beat Sacramento on Sunday.

Los Angeles has lost 11 of its last 12 games and eight straight on the road.

The Lakers, already shorthanded with Chris Mihm hurt and Lamar Odom placed on the injured list before the game, got limited time from Bryant, who left the game in the second quarter with a right leg injury. Los Angeles also lost Brian Grant in the second quarter to a pair of technicals, leaving the Lakers with a makeshift lineup the rest of the way.

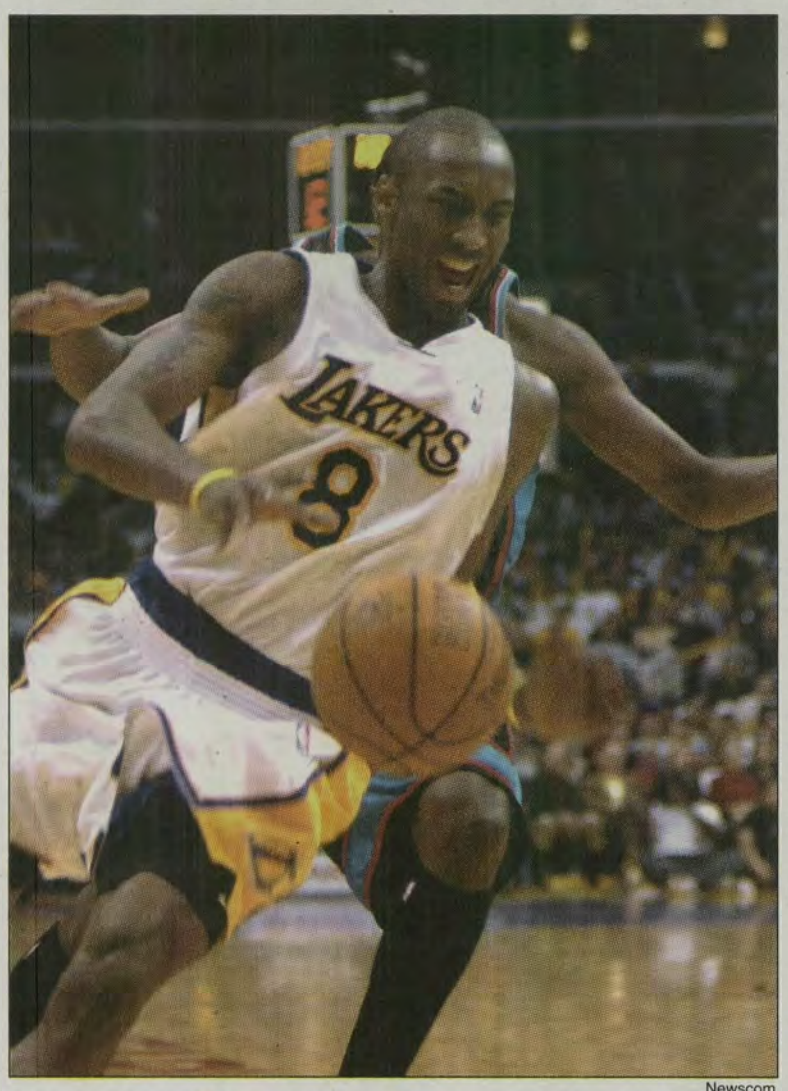
Memphis led by 27 in the first half and the Lakers never cut the deficit into single digits.

Lorenzen Wright added 16 points for Memphis, while Brian Cardinal had 15 points off the bench. Pau Gasol had 13 points and 10 rebounds.

Caron Butler led Los Angeles with 18 points, and Chucky Atkins added 13 points.

Memphis built a 32-14 lead in the first period as the Lakers struggled from the field. Bryant had nine points while the rest of the team missed 11 of its 12 shots.

The Lakers actually got an offensive spark in the second half after Bryant left the game. Butler keyed the rally with nine points, and Sasha Vujacic had eight as Los Angeles cut into the Memphis lead. The Grizzlies carried a 79-64 lead into the fourth quarter.



Newscom

Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant looks for a shot against the Memphis Grizzlies Sunday. The Grizzlies won the game 102-82 as Bryant suffered an injury to his right leg.

Cavaliers 100, Mavericks 80

LeBron James kept his cool when his teammates lost theirs.

James scored 37 points and Zydrunas Ilgauskas added 21 to lead the Cleveland Cavaliers past the Dallas Mavericks Sunday despite the ejection of two players.

The Cavaliers, who led by 20 points in the second quarter, looked like they would implode late in the third quarter when Robert Traylor and Drew Gooden were tossed for arguing Traylor's foul on Jerry Stackhouse. Traylor threw his arm band into the crowd, and Gooden followed by whipping his head band into the seats.

"LeBron came up right after that and said 'I've got it,'" Cavaliers coach Brendan Malone said. "When you have a player of his caliber saying 'I've got it,' you got it."

James played every minute for the fourth time in nine games, including two that went to overtime, and is averaging nearly 32 points a game over that span.

"No matter how many minutes I play, I'm so determined to get to the playoffs right now that I can't afford to get tired," said James, who added 10 rebounds and seven assists.

The win keeps the Cavaliers (38-34) tied with Indiana for the sixth playoff spot in the Eastern Conference, and snapped their string of eight straight losses to Dallas.

Following the ejections, Stackhouse hit four straight free throws to tie the game at 56. Michael Finley added a 3-pointer on the next possession to give the Mavericks their first lead.

AP

Cleveland Cavaliers guard LeBron James drives in the lane against the Dallas Mavericks Sunday. James scored 37 points in a 100-80 Cavaliers victory.

But Finley was flagged with a technical after getting in an official's face over his foul on a 3-point attempt by James, who made all four free throws to make it 60-59 at the end of the period.

Asked if that was the pivotal play in the game, Mavericks coach Avery Johnson responded: "What's the next question?"

The four-point play sparked the crowd and the Cavaliers. Ilgauskas scored eight of the next 11 points on a 13-2 run to open the fourth quarter, making it 69-61 and securing the lead for good.

"'Z' was struggling until the fourth quarter and then he came alive," Malone said.

Ilgauskas scored 15 of his points in the second half, and had 16 rebounds. Anderson Varejao stepped up in Gooden's absence, scoring nine with eight rebounds.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 21 points and Stackhouse added 16. The loss ended the Mavericks' four-game winning streak.

Cleveland held a 64-34 rebound edge and played aggressively from the opening tip after losing to Dallas eight days ago, 117-86.

"They came out and they had payback on their mind," Mavericks guard Jason Terry said.

After an awful shooting first half, the Mavericks climbed back in it with a 21-5 run late in the third quarter.

Finley, who was 8-for-8 from 3-point range against Cleveland last week, shot 3-for-7 from beyond the arc and finished with 13 points. The Mavericks were just 6-for-22 from 3-point range.

"This was a very disappointing game," Johnson said. "You really have to give Cleveland some credit."

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SWIMMING

Phelps edges record-holder Crocker in 100m butterfly

15-year-old Katie Huff matches Phelps with three wins at trials

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Michael Phelps wasn't as generous this time around.

Phelps, who yielded his spot on the U.S. gold medal 400-meter medley relay to Ian Crocker at the Olympic Games last summer, caught his longtime friend and rival at the finish and won the 100 butterfly Sunday night at the U.S. trials for the world championships in July.

It was the third victory of the meet for Phelps, who trailed Crocker by more than a half-second at the turn but pulled ahead to win in 51.34 seconds. Crocker, who holds the world record of 50.76, finished at 51.45.

"I always feel I have to be at a certain place when I race Ian," Phelps said. "I know he has a faster first 50 than I do, so I always feel like I should be within striking distance, within a half a body length of him. I saw him coming off the wall and I just tried to do everything I could to get home."

Crocker beat Phelps at the 2003 world meet and at the 2004 Olympic trials. But Phelps won the Olympic gold in that event and then gave his spot in the 400 medley relay so Crocker could have another chance for a gold medal following a poor swim in an earlier race. Crocker swam the butterfly leg in the relay as the American team won the gold in world-record time.

"I love to race Ian. He's probably one of my favorite competitors to race," Phelps said. "With the friendship we have, and the competitive edge we both have for that race, it just makes it that much more exciting."

Phelps and Crocker were almost 2 seconds faster than third-place Peter Verhoef. Only the winner of each event is guaranteed a spot on the U.S. team for the world championships in Montreal on July 24-31, although the second-place finishers likely will be added to the roster depending on how others qualify in multiple events.

"Against Michael, if I'm going to win the race, I'm going to have to be ahead at the 50 [meters] because he's such a strong finisher," Crocker said. "Just be ahead but not so far that I can't hang on in the last 25. I think I'm getting better at timing that and getting the adjustments right."

The 51.34 was just over two-tenths of a second slower than Phelps' best time in that event. He also held the world record at 51.47 before Crocker broke it two years ago.

"I didn't feel very good this morning, I didn't feel good in warmup. But the times speak for themselves," Phelps said. "I'm definitely happy with 51.3. Two-tenths off my best time, I can't be disappointed at all."

Crocker called his rivalry with Phelps "a challenge."

"Both Michael and I, we race our friends all the time," Crocker said. "They're our friends out of the pool, but when it gets down to business, they're your rival no matter who they are, and you want to beat them.

"If we can just keep that in mind, I think we have a pretty good friendship."

Phelps earlier won the 200 and 400 freestyle races.

In the other events Sunday, the third of six days of trials, Tara Kirk, who finished sixth at the Athens Olympics last year, won the 100 breaststroke; NCAA champion Kara Lynn Joyce of Georgia won the 50 freestyle; Olympian Jason Lezak won the men's 50 free; and 15-year-old Katie Hoff matched Phelps as a triple-winner with a victory in the 400 individual medley.

WOMEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT

Michigan St. knocks off Tennessee

Baylor upsets No. 1 LSU to advance to championship game

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Michigan State's climb to national prominence took the Spartans all the way over Rocky Top.

Down by 16 points in the second half, Michigan State rallied — tying the largest comeback in Final Four history — then finished off Tennessee with a pair of fast-break baskets to complete the 68-64 upset Sunday night. The win sets up Tuesday's title game with Baylor, another unlikely championship contender.

"This team has the heart of a lion," Michigan State coach Joanne P. McCallie said, her players bouncing and hugging with wide-eyed looks of disbelief on their faces.

Trailing 45-29 with 16:02 left, Michigan State wouldn't quit and finally caught the Lady Vols at 62-62 on two free throws by Victoria Lucas-Perry with 1:20 left. Moments later, Michigan State point guard Kristin Haynie made a steal and layup to put the Big Ten champions ahead.

Tennessee's Loree Moore then tied it with a runner in the lane, but Spartans senior center Kelli Roehrig scored underneath to make it 66-64 with 35 seconds to play.

The Lady Vols (30-5) then missed a 3-pointer and two inside shots before the ball dropped in the hands of Roehrig, who fed Lucas-Perry for a layup with 2.7 seconds left to complete the remarkable comeback.

The Spartans' last two baskets were their only fast-break points of the night.

Michigan State's rally tied the largest in Final Four history. In 2001, Notre Dame came back from 16 down to beat Connecticut. But the Spartans didn't pull off the night's only jaw-dropping return to life: Baylor had to overcome a 15-point deficit in the game before to take out overall No. 1 seed LSU.

Baylor, whose uplifting tale of redemption is the feel-good story in this tournament, advanced to its first national championship game with a 68-57 victory.

The Spartans (33-3) danced and hugged in a circle as the final horn sounded on their game. McCallie said it wouldn't take long for her to get started preparing for the Lady Bears.

"By Midnight," she said. "Baylor's a fantastic team, and they had a terrific game also, and we're very excited, and midnight, we got til about midnight."

Baylor 68, LSU 57

Baylor's comeback ranked among the best in Final Four history. Its defense was determined and incredibly stingy.

The Lady Bears were simply better — and now the end of their remarkable, uplifting redemption story will be told on the final night of the season in the national championship game.

Baylor got 21 points from Sophia Young and major contributions from Emily Niemann and Abiola Wabara to beat LSU in an impressive Final Four debut for a program that not long ago was the worst in the Big 12.

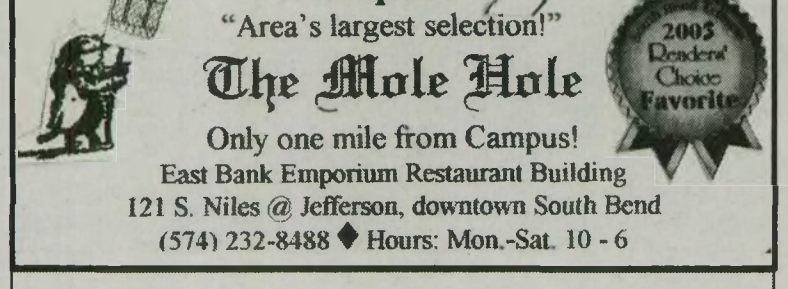
"Wow! That's a good team we just beat," said coach Kim Mulkey-Robertson, who looked misty-eyed as she pumped two fists up to the roaring Baylor fans.

The Lady Bears (32-3) have brought a new feeling of pride to a campus stained by scandal in the men's basketball program. They'll take a 19-game winning streak — the longest one going in NCAA women's basketball — into the title game Tuesday night against Final Four newcomer Michigan State. The Spartans beat six-time national champion Tennessee 68-64 in the second semifinal.

LSU (33-3), seeded No. 1 overall in the NCAA tournament, jumped out to an early 15-point lead but the Lady Bears came storming back to tie it at halftime. The Lady Tigers, who looked restless at times on offense, then built a six-point lead in the second half, only to wilt again.

"We have a quote in our locker room that says you don't always get what you want, you get what you earn," LSU coach Pokey Chatman said. "I don't think our kids did enough to earn it. We got beat in the paint, we got beat in execution and that right there was the ballgame."

Baylor frustrated LSU to such an extent with its 3-2 zone that only four players scored for the Lady Tigers, who held their own on the boards but still got outscored 32-24 inside. The comeback was the third-largest in a Final Four game. Michigan State overcame a 16-point deficit in the second semifinal to tie the record set by Notre Dame against Connecticut in the 2001 semifinals.



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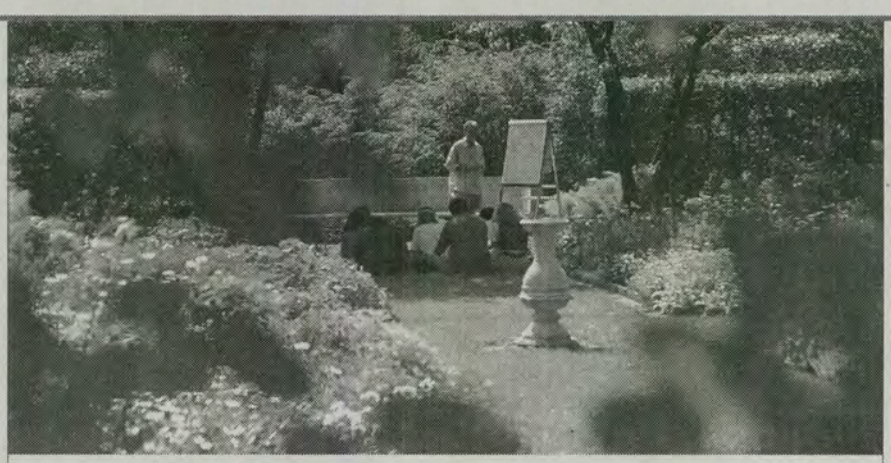

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2	Cal St. Fullerton	17-6	1
3	Georgia Tech	21-4	5
4	Tulane	21-5	2
5	LSU	19-6	3
6	Mississippi	19-5	7
7	Florida	19-7	11
8	Miami (Florida)	22-7	6
9	Arkansas	21-4	8
10	Arizona	18-10	13
11	North Carolina	20-5	16
12	Stanford	14-8	12
13	Rice	18-9	15
14	South Carolina	19-5	9
15	Baylor	16-10	10
16	Texas A&M	19-9	14
17	Florida State	27-5	17
18	Oregon State	19-4	18
19	Coll. of Charleston	20-4	19
20	Nebraska	21-3	20
21	Mississippi State	17-4	24
22	Long Beach State	18-10	NR
23	Auburn	19-8	NR
24	Arizona State	18-13	NR
25	Central Florida	25-5	25

ESPN/USA Softball Collegiate Top 25

	team	record	prev.
1	Michigan (17)	31-1	1
2	Arizona (3)	26-2	2
3	California	29-3	3
4	Texas	26-4	4
5	Tennessee	37-4	5
6	Texas A&M	31-2	T7
7	Stanford	23-4	6
8	Baylor	31-4	T7
9	Oklahoma	33-6	9
10	UCLA	18-6	10
11	Alabama	36-7	11
12	Georgia	28-7	12
13	Florida	27-6	14
14	Louisiana-Lafayette	22-7	13
15	Oregon State	19-6	15
16	Missouri	27-3	16
17	Washington	16-9	17
18	Fresno State	20-7	18
19	Iowa	25-5	21
20	Arizona State	25-7	22
21	Georgia Tech	32-7	23
22	Nebraska	20-11	T19
23	Northwestern	18-9	24
24	Creighton	22-4	NR
25	LSU	17-11	T19

Big East Baseball

	team	overall	conf.
1	Boston College	16-6	4-1
2	Rutgers	13-9	3-1
3	NOTRE DAME	13-10	3-1
4	St. John's	12-9	2-1
5	Villanova	14-7	3-3
6	Georgetown	15-13	3-3
7	Connecticut	15-7	2-2
8	West Virginia	11-16	2-4
9	Pittsburgh	13-9	1-4
10	Seton Hall	6-14	1-4

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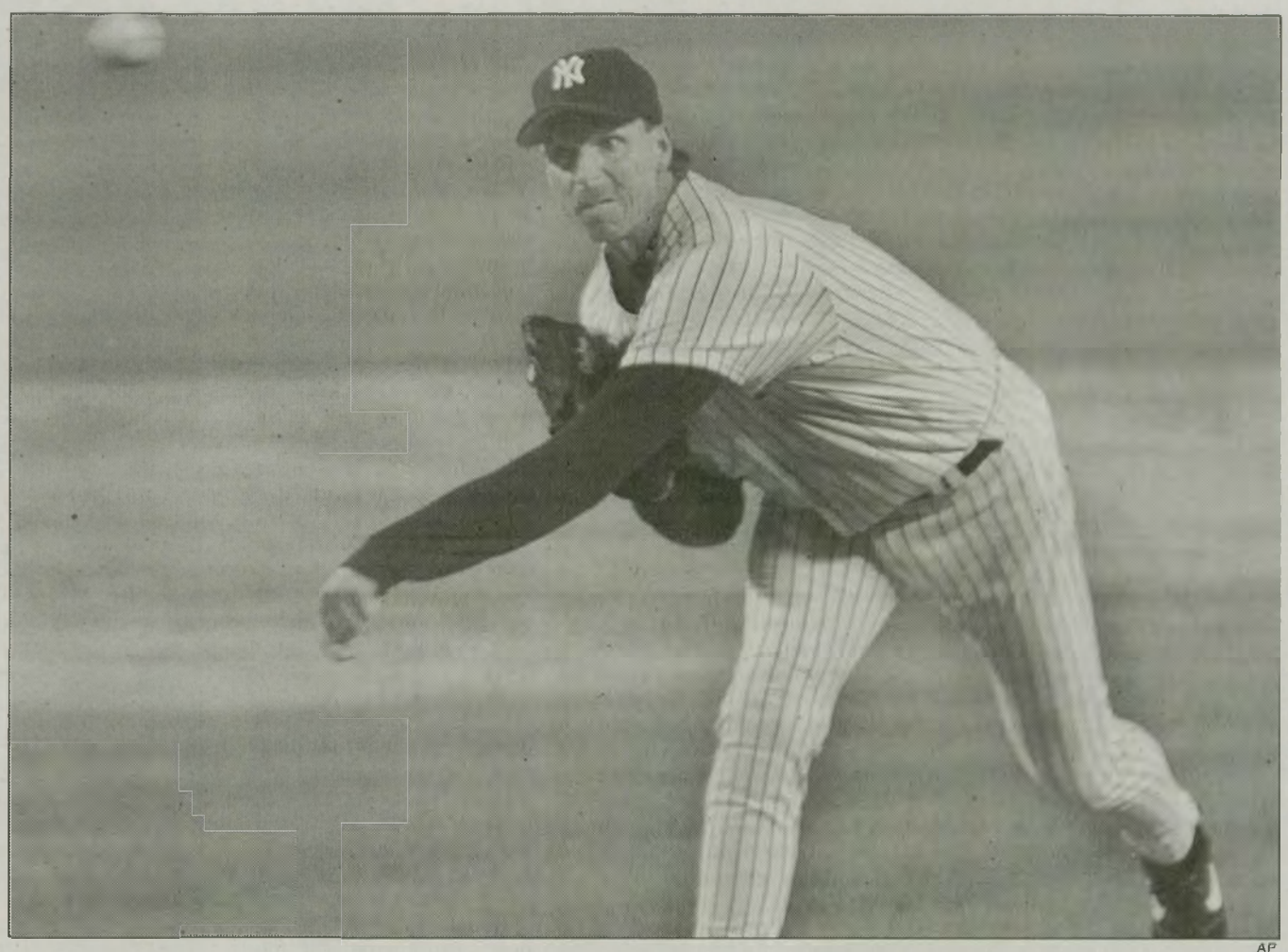

AP

Randy Johnson led the New York Yankees to a 9-2 defeat of the Boston Red Sox Sunday in the opening game of the MLB season. Johnson gave up just one run in six innings in his first game as a Yankee.

Johnson, Yankees down Red Sox 9-2

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The tallest Yankee ever began the big task of putting the Boston Red Sox back in their place.

Randy Johnson shut down Boston in his New York debut, dominating his new team's old rival. He outpitched David Wells, got help from Hideki Matsui and a rejuvenated Jason Giambi and led the Yankees over the World Series champions 9-2 Sunday night in the major league opener.

Already, there were bad omens for the Red Sox: Matsui leaped in left to rob Kevin Millar of a two-run homer in the third, Giambi stretched to reel in two bad throws by shortstop Derek Jeter, Alex Rodriguez made a diving stop at third on Edgar Renteria, and Tino Martinez made a backhand dive at first to prevent an extra-base hit by Johnny Damon.

By the time Matsui hit a two-run homer off Matt Mantei for a 8-1 lead in the eighth, it was almost piling on.

With Boston taking the field as champions for the first time in 86 years, the Red Sox returned to the scene of their improbable triumph staring directly at the 6-foot-10 Big Unit, brought to the Bronx to help the Yankees win their first title since 2000.

Giambi, back at first base following injury, illness and a reported admission of steroid use, received a pair of standing ovations from the sellout crowd of 54,818 and went 1-for-2 with a single and two hit-by-pitches.

Gary Sheffield, back from offseason shoulder surgery, hit a go-ahead single in a three-run third inning against Wells, and Martinez received two huge ovations in his first game in pinstripes since 2001.

Since New York moved within three outs of sweeping the Red Sox in the AL championship series last October, the Red Sox had won eight straight, becoming the first major league team to overcome a 3-0 postseason deficit, then blowing out St. Louis in the World Series.

But following an offseason of joy in New England, the Red Sox started with a thud, pitching poorly, making a pair of errors and losing their fifth straight season opener.

IN BRIEF

Cubs place ace Prior on DL to start the season

PHOENIX — Although he doesn't like it, Mark Prior will start the season on the disabled list for a second straight year.

"I didn't want to go on the DL. I still don't want to go on the DL," Prior said before the Chicago Cubs' worked out at Bank One Ballpark on Sunday. "I don't consider myself injured like last year when I couldn't even go out and throw."

Manager Dusty Baker said that because Prior couldn't throw for a week because of a sore elbow, he needs to build up his endurance. He's scheduled to start for Triple-A Iowa in its season opener at Albuquerque on Thursday.

Last season, Prior started on the DL with Achilles' tendon and elbow problems and missed two months.

This year, though, Baker said the elbow inflammation that sidelined Prior in spring training and had bothered him since early March has healed, but since the right-hander needs more work, it was better to put him on the DL to make room for another pitcher on the active roster.

Prior, who said that he understands the Cubs' move even if he doesn't like it, will be activated and start against San Diego on April 12, barring any setbacks.

Sanchez suspended for violating steroid policy

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Tampa Bay outfielder Alex Sanchez was suspended 10 days for violating baseball's new policy on performance-enhancing drugs, the first player publicly identified under the major leagues' tougher rules.

The suspension begins Monday when Tampa Bay opens its season against Toronto, the commissioner's office said Sunday.

Under the new policy that took effect last month, steroids and other performance-enhancing substances are the only drugs to draw a 10-day suspension. Baseball officials and the players' union agreed they would not disclose the exact substance for which a player tests positive.

Sanchez said he was surprised by the suspension, adding that he uses milkshakes and multivitamins to build his energy — and blaming the positive test on something he bought over the counter.

"I'm going to fight it, because I've never taken steroids or anything like that. ...I never take any steroids because I don't need them," said Sanchez, who was released by Detroit in mid-March and signed by the Devil Rays.

Sanchez, 28, who hit .322 with 19 stolen bases in 79 games for the Tigers last season, said he was drug tested while he was with Detroit. He was to be the Devil Rays' center fielder on opening day.

Devil Rays general manager Chuck LaMar said the team would have no comment on the suspension.

"It's surprising," manager Lou Piniella said. "That's all I have to say on that."

MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish fall to Dartmouth 10-9 in second one-goal loss of year

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

Notre Dame fell 10-9 at Dartmouth Saturday, tallying its second one-goal defeat of the season.

"I feel like we didn't play particularly well," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "I was disappointed in the way we played and I take full responsibility for it. I don't think I had us as prepared as we needed to be."

Dartmouth led 8-7 at the beginning of the fourth quarter but Notre Dame tied the match when attack Pat Walsh tossed in a goal with 7:11 left in the contest.

The Big Green answered back quickly with two goals in the final three minutes to cement the win. Midfielder Ben Grinnell weaved his way through the Irish defense and scored with 2:54 remaining. His teammate, midfielder Alec Hufnagle, notched the winning goal 1:27 later.

The Irish mounted a comeback with freshman midfielder Michael Podgajny scoring with 19 seconds remaining, but the final seconds ticked away before Notre Dame could score again.

"The most encouraging thing of the day is that we gave ourselves a chance to win the game," Corrigan said. "We did that without playing well and that is a good sign for a team."

Walsh, currently second in the NCAA in scoring, continued his hot streak by netting two goals and one assist. The Great Western Lacrosse League player of the week has totaled at least three points in every game this year.

Notre Dame took the early lead with two Matt Ryan goals in the first eight minutes of the game. Dartmouth then tied the contest with two goals of their own coming at the 2:51 and 1:50 mark of the first quarter.

The victory was Dartmouth's first ever over Notre Dame.

With their only two losses this seasons coming by a combined two goals, Corrigan believes Notre Dame might be better than its record indicates.

"I think we have tremendous potential," Corrigan said. "I've seen some great signs from this team throughout the season in terms of their approach to things. At the same time, the important thing is, are we learning the lessons we need to be learning as we go through, both from the wins and the losses."

Dartmouth fired 51 shots on goal compared to Notre Dame's 32, but Irish freshman goalie Joey Kemp made 23 saves to keep his team within reach.

"Joey was terrific," Corrigan said. "I honestly think Joey was the reason we had a chance to win at the end. He was outstanding all day. I think he's proving to be just a tremendous talent in the cage."

Notre Dame is currently in a position to determine its NCAA Tournament fate. The Irish need to win their remaining four regular-season games (Denver, Air Force, at Fairfield, at Ohio State) to win the conference and automatically qualify for the NCAA Tournament.

"If we win our next four we're going to win our league and go to the tournament," Corrigan said. "That's what we need to be focused on now and I think we're going to need all the experience that we've gained throughout the season."

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LUKAS MENDOZA/The Observer

Notre Dame's Jim Morrison receives a pass from a teammate in his team's win over Butler on March 19.

BASEBALL

Rutgers doubleheader postponed until today

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Senior Staff Writer

Inclement weather conditions in New Jersey forced the postponement of Notre Dame's scheduled doubleheader against Rutgers Sunday.

The teams will attempt to make up the two games today at Frank Eck Stadium in a doubleheader that starts at 11 a.m.

In accordance with Big East policy, the length of today's doubleheader will be limited because of Notre Dame's travel schedule — no inning will be allowed to start after 4:30 p.m.

Junior Tom Thornton and sophomore Jeff Samardzija are the probably starting pitchers for Notre Dame, while Rutgers is expected to send O.J. DeChristofano and Aaron Kalb to the mound.

Notre Dame (13-10, 3-1 in the Big East) hopes to continue its season-long four-game winning streak against the Scarlet Knights (13-9, 3-1). The Irish have outscored their opponents 36-11 over that four-game span.

The Irish will remain at home to face Toledo Tuesday.

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MEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT

Illini hope to finish No. 1

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — The best team in the country all season is an underdog today. By now, Illinois is used to it.

Even though they've only lost once, have tied the NCAA record for wins and have been ranked No. 1 in the country since December, the Illini (37-1) have had trouble getting their due much of the season.

Never has that been more true than in the buildup to Monday night's championship game, when the Illini face North Carolina (32-4) in a matchup being billed as Team vs. Talent.

Illinois is the "Team. North Carolina has the "Talent."

The Illini say they don't take offense to the comparison. Often during their interviews Sunday, though, they found themselves defending the way they're perceived — as the unsung group of guys who "play the game the right way," compared to Carolina's group of stars.

"We have NBA people at our games every time," Illini coach Bruce Weber said. "We're going to have some guys drafted, whether it's this year or next year. But we don't have quite the names, I guess, and athletic guys that maybe they have."

The reason the Tar Heels get the edge starts with Sean May, the 6-foot-9 center who averages 17.1 points and 10.9 rebounds this season. North Carolina also has Rashad McCants, Jawad Williams and Raymond Felton. They'll all go to the NBA soon, as will the sixth man, freshman forward Marvin Williams.

"They'll have a lottery pick coming off their bench," Illinois forward James Augustine said. "They're obviously more talented. But when it comes down to the situation, it's who's the better team" that will win.

Nobody has won more than Illinois — ever. With their 72-57 victory over Louisville in the semifinals, the Illini matched Duke (1986, 1989) and UNLV (1987) for the most wins in a single season.

Like the Tar Heels, the Illini have stars and NBA talent, starting with guard Deron Williams, a tenacious defender and super ballhandler who may have played himself into the NBA lottery, as well.

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ND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Team qualifies 7 for Big East finals

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

Despite what the results may say, the biggest winner this weekend at the Poehlein Invitational was Mother Nature.

Athletes battled 20 to 30 mile per hour winds Saturday at Purdue University and were forced to settle for slow times on the track and short distances in the field events.

In spite of the conditions, the women's team emerged with four victories and seven Big East qualifications.

Kerry Meagher won the 1,500 meters in her first race since the cross-country season and qualified for the Big East meet. Lauren King duplicated Meagher's performance in the 5,000 meters, winning in her first attempt of the track season, and qualifying for conference.

King dominated the competition, winning by over 18 seconds. The return of King and Meagher to the distance team solidifies an already strong portion of the Irish's squad. Coach Tim Connelly was pleased to have two of his veterans back in the lineup.

"It was great to see Kerry run well," Connelly said. "We wanted to get her and Lauren on the track after they missed indoor. Lauren was very strong in the 5K. We're going to keep her in the 5,000 for a while because she's not ready for speed work yet. We're just glad to have them both back."

Notre Dame's best distance runners were coming off a rigorous weekend at Stanford and ran in the 1,500 meters as a training exercise. This allowed the Irish to dominate this event scoring six of the top nine places, including the top three. Meagher was followed by Stephanie Madia and Elizabeth Webster to complete the 1-2-3 finish. Coach Connelly was pleased by the results, but wasn't worried about his team's times this week.

"Everything was slow because of the conditions. The kids knew this and just ran to win races. I was proud of their effort," Connelly said.

"I was proud of their effort."

Tim Connelly
Irish coach

The 4-by-100 relay team of Brienne Davis, Maryann Erigha, Domenique Manning and Okechi Ogbuokiri also impressed, winning in their first race together.

"They got the stick [baton] around nicely, and they worked well together for the first time out," Connelly said.

Stacey Cowan won the high jump, qualifying for the Big East meet in the process.

Two other high jumpers, Cassie Gullickson and Emily Loomis also earned places in the Big East meet.

Davis's time in the 100 meters and Manning's 100-meter hurdle effort rounded out the Big East qualifiers.

The Irish will have next weekend off and will focus their efforts during the next two weeks on training for the Mt. SAC Relays, traditionally a very competitive meet, which begins April 15.

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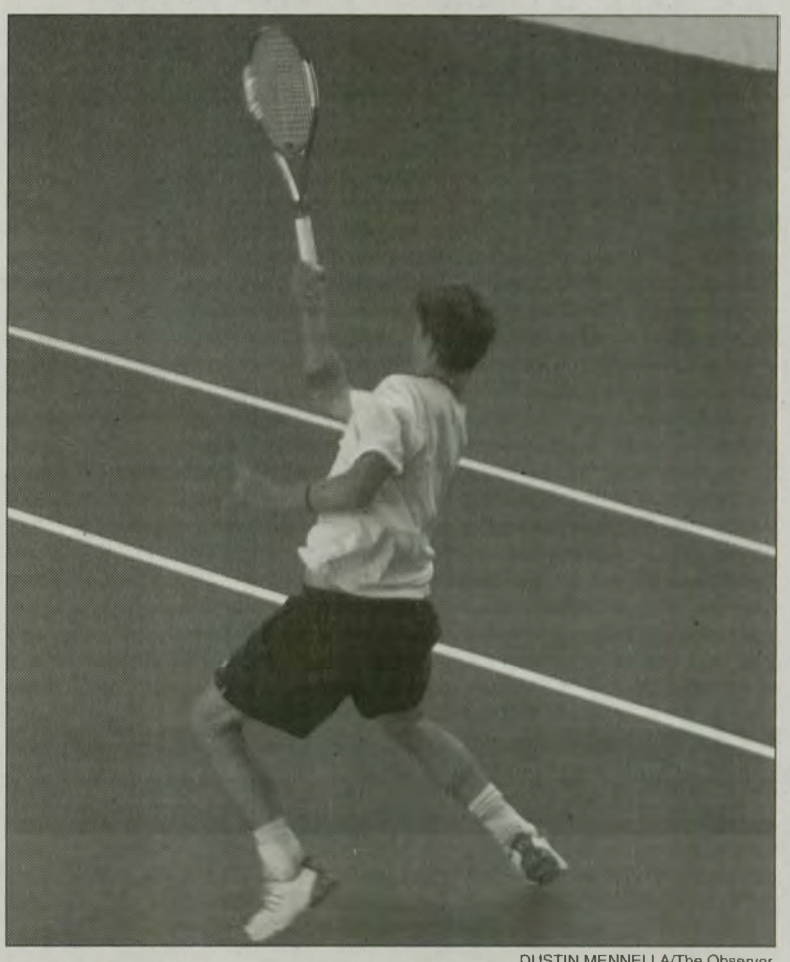
MEN'S TENNIS

Irish hobbled by injuries in 5-2 loss

Squad drops all but one match to No. 46 Southern Methodist

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Sports Writer



DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer
Ryan Keckley returns a shot in a doubles match against Michigan on March 26.

Freak injuries lurk in any sports contest, biding their time and striking at inopportune moments. This weekend, the Irish saw the injury bug rear its ugly head.

Facing a rallying, motivated Southern Methodist team, the Irish men's tennis team struggled on Sunday, losing a 5-2 match to the No. 46 Mustangs (11-9). No. 29 Notre Dame (15-6) dropped all but one singles match as they found themselves battling minor injuries to several players.

"I think we learned that you've got to bring it every day," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "I think SMU played probably their best match of the year — that's what their coach told me and I have no reason to doubt it. It was close enough but we got outfought in a couple matches. If anything, we need to be more aggressive. We have to look for offensive opportunities a little bit more and in at least three or four of the matches, that was the case."

Despite getting the early 1-0 lead after winning the doubles point, the Irish had trouble against an aggressive SMU team that attacked across the board in each singles match. But in the first match of doubles play, both senior captain Brent D'Amico and junior Eric Langenkamp were hobbled by injuries and the Irish's No. 1 duo dropped an 8-4 decision. "SMU played really well," Bayliss said. "Brent D'Amico has been a little iffy all week with a hamstring [injury]. He played doubles but late in the doubles match, it tightened up on him. Eric had a groin pull and Brent had a hamstring injury, so neither of them was available for singles play."

Sophomore Ryan Keckley stepped in for the Irish in singles play but faced some injury problems of his own. Although he won the first set, Keckley struggled with severe cramps in the second set and dropped both of the last two sets in a 4-6, 6-4, 6-2 decision.

The sole Irish singles victory came from freshman Sheeva Parbhu, who won a three-set match with scores of 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 against SMU's Federico Murgier.

"[Parbhu] continues to show an awful lot of poise for a freshman," Bayliss said. "He won the first, lost the second and won the third. Murgier was very solid off the ground but Sheeva was a little more aggressive. He was able to dictate and had the guts to step up and hit some big shots late in the third."

The other singles matches went poorly for the Irish, as the team faced the added pressure of playing at higher spots across the board.

Playing at the No. 1 singles slot, sophomore Stephen Bass lost a 6-2, 6-3 decision to SMU's Paul McNaughton. Sophomore Irackli Akhvlediani and junior Patrick Buchanan also dropped quick decisions to SMU players, losing 6-3, 6-4 and 6-3, 6-3 at the No. 4 and No. 5 slots, respectively. Playing at the No. 2 position, sophomore Barry King lost a close match to Gwinyai Chingoka, 3-6, 6-4, 7-6.

"Barry King played a courageous match but lost 7-6 in the third set," Bayliss said. "Chingoka was relentless in his ability to make Barry hit passing shot after passing shot. That's a tough way to win a match because you really have to play twice as good as the other guy. Barry played as hard as he could play and very courageously but just didn't have the confidence to come to the net, which was the difference in the match."

The lone bright spot for the Irish was their doubles play in the second and third doubles matches, which were both solid victories. After shuffling their doubles lineup at the end of March, the Irish are seeing some dividends with the new combinations.

Keckley and King beat SMU's Peter Oredsson and Henrik Soderberg 8-5 at the No. 2 doubles position and Bass and Parbhu beat the duo of Chingoka and David Kuczer 8-4 in the third slot.

"It was a big win for third doubles because SMU has fairly solid doubles [teams]," Bayliss said. "They don't give away any free points by loading up at the No. 1 or No. 2 spots. They have balanced and solid teams. I think that the fact that we were able to win a match at No. 3 was a real plus and hopefully it's something we can build upon."

With almost a week until their next match, the Irish will rest up before facing Ball State at home next Saturday at 1 p.m.

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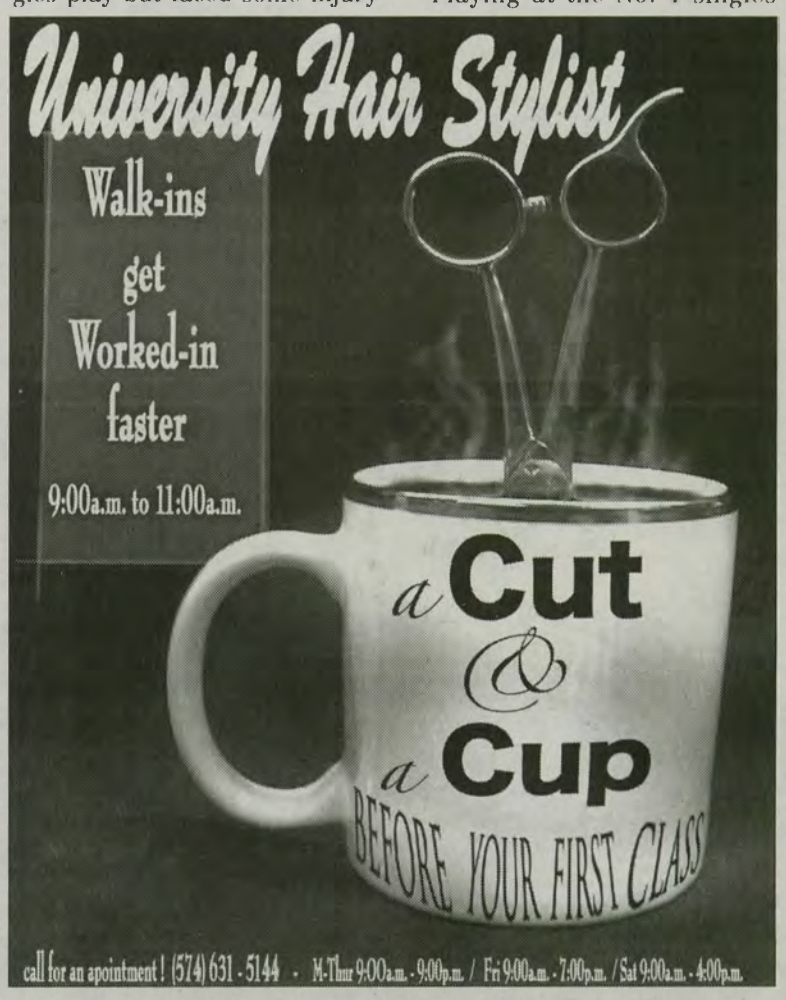

SMC TENNIS

Team opens year with 9-0 scrimmage victory

By KATE SERYAK
Sports Writer

On Saturday, younger members of the Belles tennis team traveled three hours to Albion, Mich., to scrimmage a team that is usually in the MIAA conference but wasn't this year due to lack of players.

The Belles did well, winning all of their singles and doubles matches, 9-0. Although it was only a scrimmage, this match served as a stepping-stone for several of the younger players on the team.

"Because we lost our top five players who were seniors last year, we have a really young team that needs experience like this to get them ready for future matches," senior Katie Harthen said.

For several Belles, this was their first time playing in a college match.

"It was a lot of fun. I got to play with one of my friends in a doubles match which we won and I was really happy about that," freshman Jackie Sias said.

"There were some really close matches, but everybody pulled out a win and did a really good job," sophomore Kelly Barnett said. "The doubles teams worked really well together despite not having much of a chance to practice with each other."

The Belles are using every opportunity they can this early in the season to get ready for their big matches against conference rivals Hope, Kalamazoo and Albion.

"Those three are our biggest challenges, we always look forward to those and take a lot of pride away when we win," Harthen said. "Those are the ones we prepare for the most and look forward to."

Even though Saturday's match was important, the Belles still enjoyed themselves.

"It was a good match and we had fun," Harthen said. "We were out there for practice and to have a good time and that's exactly what we did. It was a good practice for us. I think that we're doing well so far and that we're looking really good."

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SMC GOLF

Belles best of 13 teams at Ohio tournament

By THOMAS BARR
Sports Writer

The Belles rang in the new season with a tournament victory.

The team took first place in the Capital University 2005 Purple and White Golf Invitational in Foxfire, Ohio, this Friday and Saturday.

The Belles won the 13-team tournament, shooting a course record 357. They edged out the Ohio Northern squad by three strokes in the tournament.

"Its good anytime you win, to beat 13 teams, but we definitely didn't play up to our potential," Belles coach Mark Hamilton said. "It was tough weather on a tough course, but in the end we played better than the other teams, and that is what matters."

The inclement weather that shortened the tournament to only 18 holes did not prevent several Belles from having impressive individual performances.

Senior Steffanie Simmerman tied for overall lowest score with 83 strokes, which was also the club course record. Fellow senior Julia Adams finished second with an 84.

While two other Belles, captain Chrissy Dunham and Megan Mattia, rounded out the top 20, the team was not satisfied.

"We had two really great performances by Simmerman and Adams, but I know some of the other girls were disappointed with their performances," Hamilton said.

The Belles are preparing to play in the Tri-State University Invitational Tournament this Saturday at 10 a.m. in Angola, Indiana. The team has been working hard to fix weaknesses and maintain strengths that were evident at Foxfire.

"Our ball striking has been solid," Hamilton said. "Weather has hindered us from getting out on the course to practice. This affects mental preparedness and our short game."

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Current and future Irish shine

Batteast and Schrader both perform well in Indy all-star games

By JOE HETTLER
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Notre Dame's departing star and its incoming one both performed well in the Women's Basketball Coaches Association Night of All-Stars Saturday at Indianapolis.

Senior Jacqueline Batteast, who finished her career as Notre Dame's fourth all-time leading scorer, had 11 points, five rebounds and three steals in 29 minutes of the All-Star Challenge.

The game featured 20 of college basketball's best senior players.

Lindsay Schrader, who will arrive at Notre Dame in the fall, tallied 10 points in 22 minutes of the High School All-America Game. She drained a key 3-pointer in the second half before her Red team eventually lost to the White team 92-88.

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Irish recruit Lindsay Schrader defends North Carolina recruit Rashanda McCants in the McDonald's All-America Game Thursday.

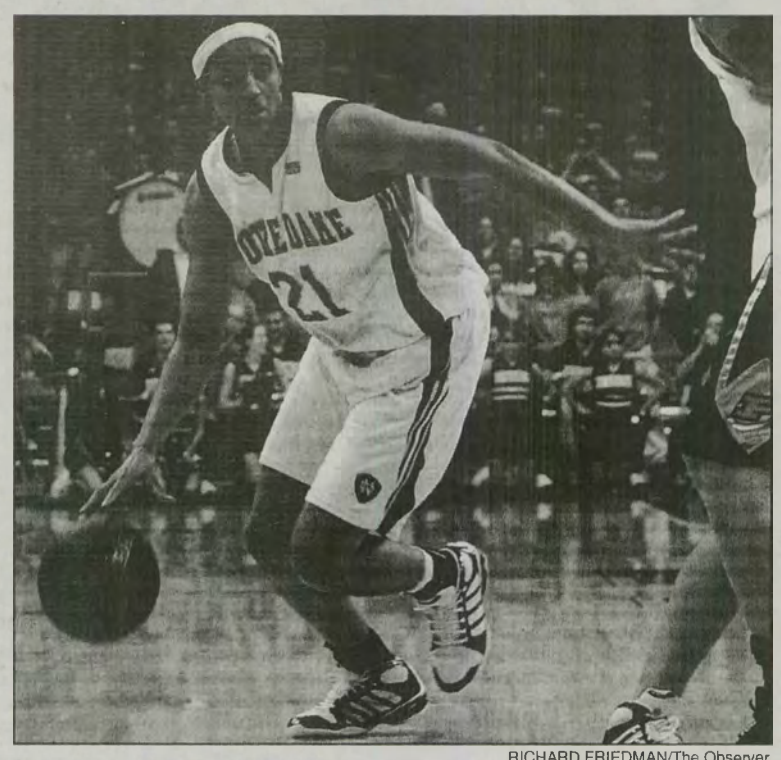
Schrader was recently named Miss Basketball in Illinois and is the fourth incoming Notre Dame freshman to play in the WBCA game.

Alicia Ratay, Katy Flecky and current Irish junior Courtney LaVere also participated in the exhibition.

The Bartlett, Ill. product played in the 2005 McDonald's All-American game March 30 at the Joyce Center. She averaged 21 points, 10 rebounds and three steals during her high school career and was a three-time all-state selection.

Schrader will be one of the players trying to help replace the graduating Batteast. The South Bend native was recently named one of 10 members of the Kodak All-American squad. She became just the second Irish player to ever earn such an honor. Ruth Riley was named to the team in 2001.

The Big East coaches tabbed Batteast as the conference's player of the year this season after the senior posted 16.9 points and 6.6 rebounds per game.



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Irish forward Jacqueline Batteast looks to drive in a game against Purdue Jan. 16.

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MEN'S TRACK

Irish compete at Purdue

ND athletes take five titles, including pole vault, 800 meters

By JOHN EVERETT
Sports Writer

The Irish traveled to West Lafayette, Indiana this past weekend to compete in the Mike Poehlein Invitational on the campus of Purdue University.

The Fighting Irish won five events on Saturday, four of them individual events and one was a relay victory.

Selim Nurudeen far outpaced the field in the 110-meter high hurdles.

Nurudeen ran the race in 13.96 seconds, not his fastest time this year — his fastest time was 13.92 seconds last week at the Dr. Pepper Invitational — but consistently strong, which encourages optimism for the rest of the season. Irish hurdler Geoffrey Bennett also qualified for the Big East in the 110-meter hurdles.

Adam Currie led a strong Irish effort in the 800-meters. Currie won the event in 1 minute, 54.22 seconds, a mark which is just .58 seconds shy of the Big East qualifying standard.

This was Currie's first performance of the 2005 outdoor season. Following Currie in the 800 for Notre Dame were Eric Morrison in third at 1:54.84 and Brett Adams in fifth at 1:58.15.

Two of Notre Dame's victories came in the field, with David Viken claiming the pole vault title and Derek Goguen outdistancing his competitors in the javelin.

Viken's vault of 4.75 meters and Goguen's throw of 55.06 meters were both good enough to qualify for the Big East Championships.

Notre Dame field athletes also achieved several Big East qualifying marks in the hammer throw, as Chip Roberts, Kyle Annen, Garrett Koxlein and Kevin Moffett all qualified.

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Irish distance runner Kurt Benniger runs in the Meyo Invitational Feb. 5. The Irish competed at the Poehlein Invitational at Purdue Saturday, winning five events.

Many field competitors at the meet were adversely affected by the strong 30 mile-per-hour winds at the site of the event. However, Viken was very pleased with how the Irish responded to the challenge.

"The wind was really a problem for a lot of the people who competed; they even had a hard time keeping the crossbar up for the pole vault," Viken said. "I was really pumped because 15'7" is a [personal record] on the season for me. I think all of the field athletes did as well as they could under the conditions. "

The Irish relay victory came in the 4-by-100 meter relay. Nurudeen, Zach Labrecque, Christopher Jacques and Tommie Lee combined to run the relay in 42.79 seconds.

Jacques and Lee also qualified for the Big East in the 100 meters.

The Irish have no meet this coming weekend.

Their next meets will be April 15-17 when the team will send athletes to both the Mt. San Antonio College Relays in Walnut, Calif., and the Indy Relays in Indianapolis.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Team bounces back, crushes Long Beach

Irish win five matches en route to blowout victory over 49ers

By DAN TAPETILLO
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After falling to Wisconsin 4-3 last week, Notre Dame (9-8) was not just hoping to rebound from the loss with this weekend's match versus Long Beach State. The Irish were also looking to restore their confidence heading into the final stretch of the season.

Notre Dame topped the 49ers 5-2 Saturday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion, but is just beginning what the team expects to accomplish by the season's end.

"[This match] was extremely important after losing to Wisconsin," junior Lauren Connelly said. "We went into this match as it was the first of the season so we could get a fresh start and gain momentum and confidence for the next several matches."

The Irish began the contest with an impressive sweep in the doubles matches.

First off the court was the No. 2 doubles team in the nation of sophomore twins Christian and Catrina Thompson, playing at No. 1 for the Irish. The Thompson's defeated the 49ers' team of Nicole Bouffler and Sandra Rocha 8-1.

They were followed by the Irish's No. 3 team of senior captain Sarah Jane Connelly and junior Kiki Stastny. Connelly and Stastny topped Stephanie Bengson and Krystina Katayama 8-3.

The final team to walk off the courts was the No. 2 Irish team of freshman Brook Buck and Lauren Connelly. They handed the 49ers' Alanah Carroll and Rachael Porsz an 8-4 defeat.

Coach Jay Louderback said the team's impressive performance in doubles was crucial to their later success in singles.

"We played well in the doubles matches and some of the momentum carried into the singles matches for us," Irish coach Jay Louderback said.

The first of four singles wins came from Lauren Connelly at the No. 3 position by topping Long Beach's Rocha 6-4, 6-3. This is her third out of four matches since moving up to the No. 3 position for the team.

The second win came from and No. 44 ranked Catrina Thompson at No. 1. She defeated Bouffler 7-5, 6-3.

But it was the victory from Sarah Jane Connelly at No. 5 that secured the victory for the Irish.

Connelly beat Carroll 6-2, 7-5 at No. 5. Louderback had only words of praise for the senior captain.

"I was really impressed with all of the matches, but especially with Sarah Jane's [performance]," Louderback said. "She had to come back in the second set to clinch the match for us and she did it while staying calm."

The final win came from Liz Donohue at the No. 6 position. Donohue topped Claudia Argumedo 6-2, 1-6, 6-2. This victory is her third straight, improving her record to 17-12 on the season.

The two losses came from Stastny at No. 4 and No. 100 Buck at No. 2. Stastny fell to Porsz 3-6, 7-5, 1-0 (10-8), while Buck dropped the match to Bengson 6-4, 0-6, 6-2. Louderback said the victory over Long Beach State was a confidence-booster for the Irish.

"This win was so important because Long Beach was a team that fought hard. It was also important for us mentally because we have won so many doubles points and couldn't come up with three singles points," Louderback said.

Lauren Connelly attributes the win to the team's mentality during practice.

"This week in practice we tried to be positive because we could have easily of been negative after the loss to Wisconsin," she said. "But everyone has practiced hard and it showed today."

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ND WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

Showers wash out eastern road trip

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Senior Staff Writer

April showers have put a damper on Notre Dame's Big East season so far this year.

The Irish were scheduled to participate in road doubleheaders against Rutgers Saturday and Villanova Sunday, but inclement weather in the northeast United States forced the postponement of both series.

Notre Dame is scheduled to make up its games against Villanova today, with starts at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

The doubleheader against Rutgers has not yet been rescheduled.Because the team will remain on the road Monday to make up the games against the Wildcats,

Notre Dame's doubleheader against Eastern Michigan Tuesday has been pushed back from 3 pm. to 4 p.m.

Thursday night, Notre Dame defeated Loyola-Chicago on the road 10-0, pounding out a season-high 16 hits in the contest. With their win over Loyola, the Irish extended their winning streak to six games.

Starting pitcher Heather Booth came up one out short in her bid to pitch the second no-hitter of her career, allowing a hit to Loyola's Tricia Oberhaus with one out left in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Senior Megan Ciolli paced the offense with three hits, two RBI and three runs. Sophomore Stephanie Brown had three hits and an RBI.

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DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Sophomore Cole Isban takes a shot in the Notre Dame Invitational Sept. 19. The Irish finished sixth at the Augusta State Invitational this weekend.

Augusta

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10th, Gustafson was still at three-under after 14 holes.

Despite a double bogey on the 15th hole and a bogey on the 16th, Gustafson finished the round at even par, the fourth-best score for the third round. He finished the tournament in a tie for 38th individually, good for third on the team.

Before Gustafson's big round, Cole Isban and Mark Baldwin had carried the Irish for the first two rounds.

Isban and Baldwin shot matching 75's in the morning round Sunday, and Isban had a four-over 76 to begin the tournament. Those two rounds left Isban in a tie for sixth and Baldwin tied for 14th after two rounds.

"We had high expectations, myself and for the team," Isban said.

We knew that this was a top-notch field with a lot of top 25 teams here and we were excited."

Isban had the best individual total for the Irish at 228 (12-over par), good for a tie for 14th while Baldwin tied for 25th overall with a 17-over 233, second on the team.

"I had a couple stretches of bogeys and doubles that really hurt my position," Isban said. "But fortunately I was able to come back with two or three birdies each round that at least held me in there."

"This definately gives us a little momentum and a little more confidence. We've got another big event coming ... and we know we can play well."

Scott Gustafson
Irish golfer

For the team, this was a big confidence booster.

"This definitely gives us a little bit of momentum and a little more confidence," Gustafson said. "We've got another big event coming up in Texas A&M with a similar field, and we know we can play well."

Isban echoed Gustafson's sentiments.

"We love getting this opportunity to play these [top] teams," he said. "We feel that we can play with anyone in the country now."

That confidence will be pivotal for the Irish in the upcoming weeks.

First, they tee off in the Texas A&M Invitational Apr. 16-17, with a field just as tough as this week's.

Then, it's back home to Warren for the Big East Championship Apr. 23-24.

For now, the Irish are happy with what they've done this week and will use it as a platform for future tournaments.

"This week was great for us," Isban said, "to see how far we have come and yet have so much more we could do."

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Lacrosse

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midfielder Lena Zentgraf's first collegiate hat trick.

The pivotal conference weekend began on a rather optimistic note for the Irish.

In search of its first Big East victory, Notre Dame charged out of the gates, netting a 2-0 advantage on a pair of goals by Foote and Jackie Bowers, respectively, in the contest's first 2:07.

While Connecticut was able to secure a 3-2 lead over the next eight minutes with three consecutive goals, the Irish immediately responded, tallying three consecutive goals of their own to regain a two-goal advantage at 5-3 with just over 12 minutes remaining before the break.

After trading goals a pair of goal with the Huskies, however, Notre Dame's wheels began to fall off as Connecticut rallied off seven straight goals — four before halftime — and nine of the next 10 en route to a dominant 13-7 lead 11:53 into the first half.The Irish refused to give in, scoring the game's final three goals, but it was a case of too little too late as Notre Dame squandered Foote's four-goal performance and fell to 0-2 in the Big East.

In dire need of a victory, the Irish reversed Friday night's fortunes as they rode hat tricks from both Zentgraf and Foote to a crucial 12-9 victory over Rutgers Sunday.Midfielders Caitlin McKinney and Brittany Fox each chipped in with a pair

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Notre Dame midfielder Lena Zentgraf attacks the Rutgers defense during Sunday's contest. Zentgraf scored three goals in a 12-9 Irish victory.

of goals while Bowers and attack Mary McGrath also found their way onto the score sheet with single tallies.

Focused on preventing the slow starts that has put the team in an unconquerable hole time and time again this season, the Irish refused to allow the visiting Scarlet Knights to run away and hide.

Weathering a quick Scarlet Knight burst that staked Rutgers to an early 3-1 advantage after 4:26 of play, the Irish went to work.

Foote picked up her first goal of the game at the 7:27 mark with Bowers and Zentgraf following suit.

The Irish lead increased to 5-3 on Zentgraf's third goal of the afternoon before Rutgers found the back of the net to bring the Scarlet Knights within one at 5-4.

Foote once again sparked an Irish rally, beating Rutgers goalie Lyndsey Feldman for her second goal and the first of five consecutive Notre Dame scores.

Leading 7-4 at half time, the Irish lead would eventually grow to seven at 12-5 before the Scarlet Knights used a late four-goal rally to make the score respectable by the contest's final whistle.

Foote believes the big conference victory will only make the Irish more dangerous as they head down the stretch.

After taking the week off, Notre Dame will finish out a five-game home stand against a couple of non-conference opponents when No. 5 Duke (8-2) and Stanford (6-4) come to town Friday and Sunday, respectively.

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Indiana

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next week in the Lady Boilermaker Invitational in West Lafayette, although she might have to rest during the week.

"She's just going to have to doctor it a little bit," King said.

Notre Dame was a heavy favorite going into the tournament, but King said the win was still valuable heading into tougher competition in the weeks to come.

"I was proud that we went out and proved why we were the favorite."

Debby King
Irish head coach

"You still have to stay tough mentally," she said. "I was proud that we went out and proved why we were the favorite. Purdue and Ohio State are very tough fields. We'll need the experience."

The Irish shot a 20-over-par 620 as a team to beat out second place Grand Valley State by nine strokes. Scoring for the Irish were junior Katie Brophy, who shot a par 154, good enough for third place overall; senior Karen Lotta, who finished 11th with a 157; sophomore Stacy Brown, who shot a 163; and junior Sarah Bassett, who finished with 173.

Grand Valley State placed three golfers in the top 10, but their leader, Merissa Sneller, finished one shot behind Brophy and nine shots behind Nakazaki.

Minnesota shot a 634 to place third, one shot ahead of fourth place Ohio. Toledo, led by Storck, finished tied with Marshall for fifth.

Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Arkansas-Little Rock, Indiana, St. John's, Xavier, Ferris State, Ball State, Bowling Green, Indianapolis and IPFW rounded out the field.

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San Diego

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Dame battled neck and neck with Oregon State and Texas.

With only 20 strokes left to go, the Notre Dame women trailed both opposing crews. In a testament to conditioning and gut effort the women dug deep and passed Texas to place seconds in the Petite race, a little more than a half second behind first-place OSU. The finish placed the crew in eighth overall for the Jessop-Whittier Cup.

"I wasn't disappointed in the crew's effort; I was just disappointed in the results," Irish coach Martin Stone said. "The effort was definitely there. We were facing three crews that will most likely be in the NCAAs."

The second varsity eight crew completed the weekend ninth-overall after a fourth-place finish in the junior varsity B heat followed by finishing third in the Petite race.

The novice eight crew had a similarly successful Petite heat, finishing in first, beating out second place Southern California by six seconds. The novices garnered seventh overall in the Novice races.

"The second varsity eight and novice eight are growing better and getting faster," Stone said.

The Crew Classic, along with most major spring season regattas, has serious implications regarding the end of the year NCAA Championships.

Stone is undaunted by the results of this weekend.

"Our chances to make the NCAAs would have been helped had we made the finals [of the Jessop-Whittier Cup], but by no means are they gone," he said.

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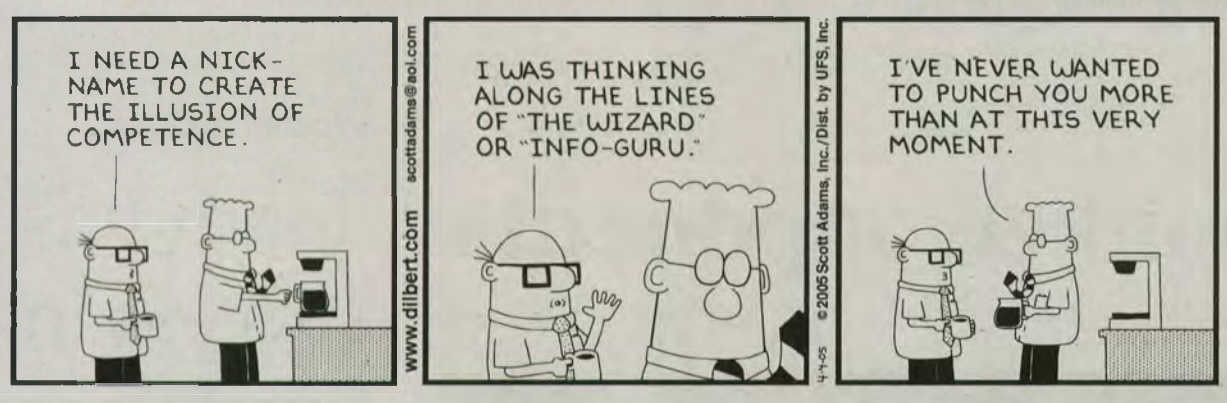

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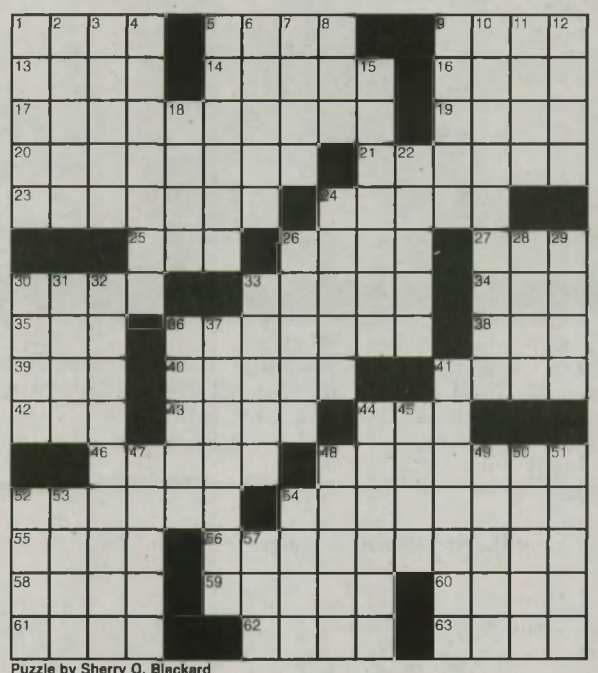

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Amanda Bynes, 19; Eddie Murphy, 44; Alec Baldwin, 47; Marsha Mason, 63

Happy Birthday: You will know instinctively what is necessary and should proceed quickly and without hesitation. Set your parameters and follow through with a creative project or concept that you have. Now is the time to expand your horizons and to try new things. Your numbers are 6, 14, 29, 37, 43, 45

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Everything is going your way today, so do your thing. Your ability to take on a creative project will show everyone around you how talented you really are. Your charm will be irresistible, and a little romance should be scheduled for late in the day. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Personal problems will escalate if you try to solve them right now. Relax and do something that you enjoy doing by yourself. Someone you care about may be a worry, but there won't be much that you can do to help this person. **

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You really should be taking a day trip or checking out a cultural event that interests you. You will meet some interesting people through the activities you participate in. You'll be in a romantic mood, so spend time with someone you really care for. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't get down or let anyone cause you grief today. Make whatever changes are necessary for you to feel comfortable in your own surroundings. Do things that interest you and forget about the things that frustrate you. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Entertaining friends or getting out socially will enable you to build greater friendships and even serious partnerships with people who have similar interests. Romance is in a high cycle, so don't forget to pencil in time with that special someone. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't bother flitting from one thing to another. If you have to force yourself or someone else to do something, the end result will not be worth it. Relax and consider what you can do to make some positive personal changes. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can easily grab the attention of friends, relatives or even that special someone today. You will be highly creative, so don't hesitate to develop something you've been thinking about trying or doing. *****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Ready yourself for something that is important to you. Make alterations to your diet or lifestyle to ensure you are headed in a healthy direction. If you have a pet, take time out to do something special together. **

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You are in need of some excitement. Plan an adventure-packed day and invite someone with whom you enjoy spending time. A little love and romance should be your intent. ****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Not too much will go as planned today. Don't set your expectations too high. The more independent you are, the better. Consider what changes you should be making in the not-too-distant future. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will be raring to get involved in whatever is going on around you. You will be excited about the prospects of getting together with someone who intrigues you. Romance is in the picture, so don't hold back. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You can get a lot done today if you put your mind to it. Change may be required to get your home in order. Taking care of your personal paperwork will lead to some found money. Financial gains are looking good. ***

Birthday Baby: You are inventive, imaginative and ready to take on whatever comes your way. You are courageous, and you always look at the big picture so that you follow the right path and take proper action. You are respected, admired and envied.

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SPORTS
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MEN'S GOLF

Irish defeat five ranked opponents

Gustafson leads Notre Dame to sixth place finish in field with 10 top-25 teams

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

Against one of the toughest fields they have ever faced in a regular-season tournament, the Irish captured a tie for sixth, besting five top-25 teams and tying another in the Augusta State Invitational this weekend.

Despite finishing 29 shots behind host school and champions Augusta State, Notre Dame achieved essentially every expectation the team had coming into the weekend.

While the Irish "didn't play our best," junior Scott Gustafson said, "we still beat a lot of top-15 teams."

For a team ranked in the 60s nationally, that's saying something.

After shooting consecutive 310s on the hilly Forest Hill Golf Club in windy conditions Saturday and Sunday, Notre Dame had its best team round on Sunday.

Gustafson led the Irish in the final round with a stellar round of even-par 72. He rallied from a Saturday 82 and Sunday-morning 81 to post the sixth-lowest round of the tournament Sunday afternoon.

"I was kind of down on myself after finishing that second round of play," he said. "I was looking for any kind of momentum I could get."

He found it immediately.

With the shotgun start Sunday afternoon, Gustafson teed off on the par-five sixth, and got the round off to a fast start with a birdie four. Three holes later, he birdied the par-five ninth. Then, on his ninth hole of the afternoon, he made birdie three to reach three-under at the halfway point.

After rebounding with a birdie on the 11th and making two consecutive pars after bogeying the

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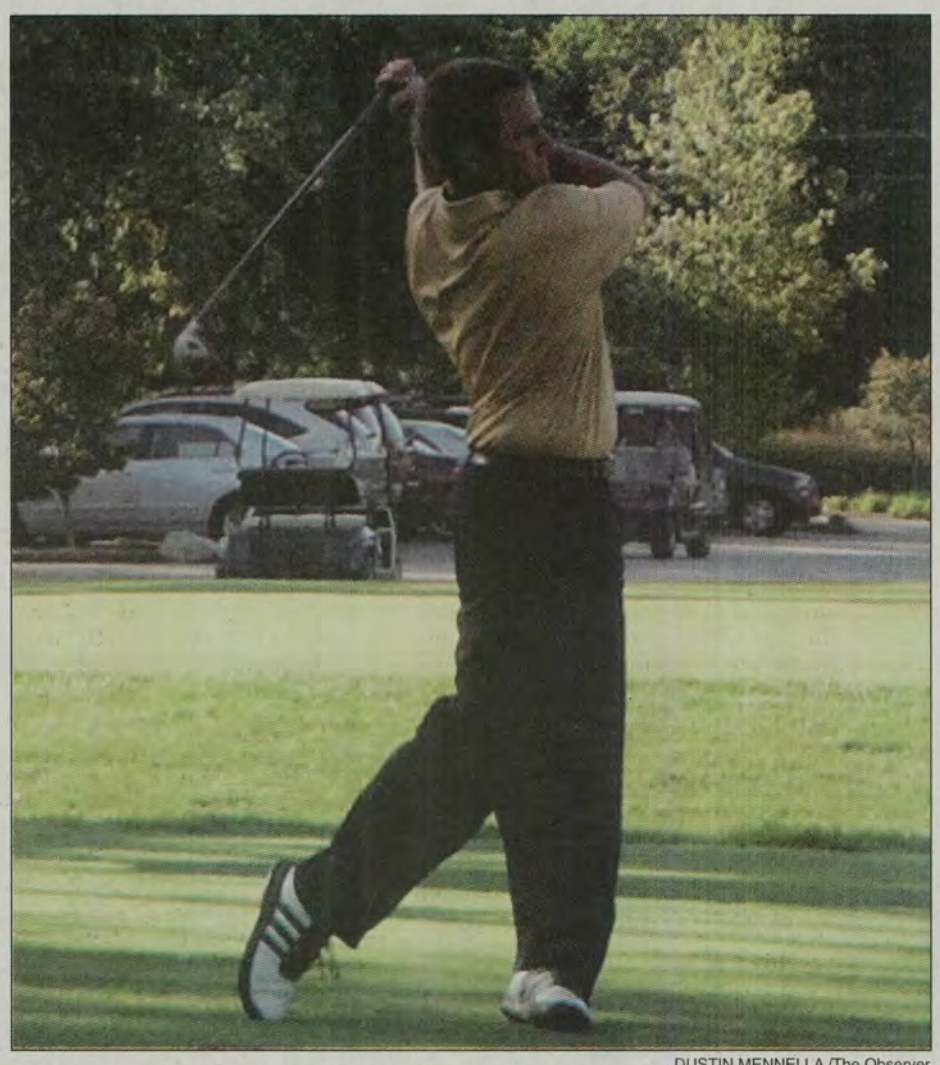

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Junior Dan Klauer tees off in the Notre Dame Invitational Sept. 19. The Irish made a major national statement this weekend, finishing ahead of five ranked opponents at the Augusta State Invitational.

WOMEN'S CREW

Team has success in San Diego

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

The boats of the Irish plied the waters of Mission Bay, San Diego this weekend at the Crew Classic with the best women's crew teams the country has to offer.

The results were mixed, with no overall top-3 finishes present, but the experience and chance to work together in actual competition will gain dividends later on in the season.

The first varsity eight crew competed in the prestigious Jessop-Whittier Cup on Saturday afternoon and garnered a fourth-place finish.

The eight finished with a time of 7 minutes, 3.21 seconds, trailing victor California by 17 seconds. Washington State finished ahead of Notre Dame by a little under than three seconds for third place.

The following day proved more fruitful for the first varsity eight in the Jessop-Whittier Petite race, a race consisting of crews finishing out of the top two in its' first heat. The race came down to the wire as Notre

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Nakazaki leads the way to victory at Indiana

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

The Irish won their second tournament in a row this past weekend at the Indiana Invitational in Bloomington, besting an 18-team field in the weather-shortened tournament at Indiana University Golf Club.

Windy conditions and a wet course forced tournament officials to cut the competition from 54 holes to 36.

Irish sophomore Noriko Nakazaki

was the event's individual champion, shooting a 2-over par 146, beating out Toledo's Natalie Storck by one stroke.

The win represented the third time the Irish have taken both the individual and team titles at a tournament.

It was also the first individual victory of Nakazaki's collegiate career.

"That's a big step for her mentally," Irish head coach Debby King said. "Getting her first collegiate win is a big deal."

Despite the win, the weekend was not perfect for the Irish, who watched senior co-captain Suzie Hayes withdraw from the first round with a hand injury.

"She came up to me during the first round," King said of Hayes. "Her left hand had swelled up and she couldn't grip the club."

Hayes returned to action Sunday and shot a 78. She is expected to be able to compete

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

ND splits weekend games

Irish lose to UConn 13-10, bounce back against Rutgers

By MATT PUGLISI
Associate Sports Editor

It was a weekend of firsts at Moose Krause Field this weekend.

After falling to visiting Connecticut (6-2, 1-1 Big East) 13-10 Friday night — the first home Irish loss to the Huskies in program history — Notre Dame (3-6, 1-2 Big East) bounced back Sunday afternoon to knock off Rutgers (3-6, 1-2 Big East) 12-9 for its first Big East win of the year behind

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BETH WERNET/The Observer

Irish defender Heather Furguson, left, spins around a Rutgers defender during Sunday's game. Notre Dame won the game 12-9 thanks to a hat trick from midfielder Lena Zentgraf.

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Irish win five events at Purdue's Poehlein Invitational.

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Belles open year with 9-0 scrimmage victory over Albion.

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Injuries hobble team in 5-2 loss to SMU Saturday.

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Team qualifies seven members for Big East finals at Purdue Saturday.

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"It is certainly a very great loss, not just for Catholicism but for all humanity."

Jerry Strabley Notre Dame security

"His papacy was a great gift to Catholics, and an inspiration to all people of good will."

Father John Jenkins University President-elect

"The pope was a champion of all types of people and of human dignity."

Thien-An Nguyen-Vu Morrissey freshman

Church turns attention toward next leader

Cardinals will follow complicated process to select Pope John Paul II's successor

By KATE ANTONACCI
In Focus Writer

Pope John Paul II's death on Saturday marked the end of his 27-year term as leader of the Catholic Church. The responsibility of choosing a new pope lies in the hands of the members of the Sacred College of Cardinals, who have 20 days following the death of the pope to call a meeting of cardinals to the Vatican.

At this time, nothing is known beyond speculation about who the next pope will be, said theology professor Lawrence Cunningham.

"There's a pretty formal process. They do a good job at keeping it secret," said Vincent Rougeau, associate professor in the Law School. "They are, however, supposed to be thinking about the good of the Church."

Catholics around the world have responded to the death of the pope and are anticipating the appointment of a new leader.

"The thing I'm amazed at is the tremendous outpouring of people in prayer and support and mourning for his death and also a tribute to his memory," said Jay Dolan, professor emeritus of history. "He obviously had a major impact on the entire world."

Following the death of a pope, a period of mourning begins and runs for nine days. The mourning period began Sunday morning, Cunningham said.

Though the conclave of cardinals must be called no more than 20 days after the pope's death, the cardinals already in Rome must wait 15 days for those who are absent to travel to the Vatican, Cunningham said.

Once the cardinals are at the Vatican, they may not communicate with anyone outside the area until a new pope is chosen.

Cardinals under the age of 80 are eligible to vote. Though there are over 150 cardinals, only 117 cardinals are eligible to vote. They will meet in the Sistine Chapel each day until they reach a 2/3 vote, Cunningham said.

According to CNN.com, the blank ballots are rectangular in shape and must bear, in the upper half, the world "Eligo in Summum Pontificem," meaning "I elect as supreme pontiff." The cardinals write the name of a candidate on the lower half and fold it in two. The elector then walks to an altar in order of seniority and places the ballot onto a small disc and drops it inside a chalice.

"No one knows who it is going to be."

Lawrence Cunningham theology professor

If there is no winner, another vote is taken, Cunningham said.

"If after 30 ballots they don't have a 2/3 vote, they can agree that the simple majority would do to elect a new pope," Cunningham said.

The ballots are burned after votes are counted. If black smoke emerges from the roof of the Vatican Palace, those in waiting in St. Peter's Square know that a pope has not been selected. According to CNN.com, a chemical is mixed with the ballots to produce the black smoke. When a new pope is chosen, the ballots are burned alone without chemicals, and white smoke emerges from the Palace.

"No one knows who it is going to be," Cunningham said.

Professors Dolan, Rougeau and Cunningham all cited an old Italian saying when asked for predictions about the future pope — "Whoever goes into the conclave comes out a cardinal."

"The person who is favored to be pope never becomes it," Dolan said.

Pope John Paul II was the first non-Italian pope in 455 years, Cunningham said. The cornerstone of his papacy was global outreach and it is because of his great interest in the world that some are speculating that the next pope may be from a Third World country, another non-Italian or possibly a non-European.

"There's been some speculation Central and Latin American cardinals and also some from Europe of course," Cunningham said.

"It would be good to have someone from say Africa, which has the fastest growing Catholic population, or Latin America," Cunningham said. "I think it would be a terrific thing for the Church — after all the Church is a Catholic church."

One figure that has been brought up as a possible candidate is Cardinal Francis Arinze of Nigeria. Notre Dame is presenting him an honorary doctorate at the University's Commencement ceremony in May, Cunningham said.

"If [Arinze is elected pope] he obviously will not be at the commencement," Cunningham said.

Arinze, 72, has been a key figure in arranging interfaith dialogue among Catholics, Muslims and Hindus. Arinze was close to John Paul II, according to CNN. If elected pope, he would be the first black pope since Gelasius in 492.

"We're not going to have a black pope. ... The church won't make two bold moves in a row."

Father Richard McBrien theology professor

However, Father Richard McBrien, theology professor at Notre Dame, told the *Boston Herald* that it is unlikely a black pope will be elected.

"We're not going to have a black pope. ...The church won't make two bold moves in a row," he said.

CNN listed Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, John Paul II's chief theological adviser; Cardinal Dionigi Tettamanzi, archbishop of Milan, Italy; Cardinal Ivan Dias, archbishop of Mumbai; Cardinal Godfried Danneels, archbishop of Mechlen-Brussels, Belgium and others as potential candidates.

Cardinal Jorge Mario Begoglio, archbishop of Buenos Aires, Argentina, was also listed as a candidate. If elected, Begoglio would become the first Jesuit pope.

The process of choosing a new pope is not easy, as there are many factors to be considered.

"Do you try to replicate [John Paul II], or do you bring someone in who will focus more on managing the Church as an institution?" said R. Scott Appleby, history professor and director of the Kroc Institute for Inter-national Peace Studies. "The new pope will have to deal with three issues: the poor in the world, the world of Islam [and] advances in science and biotechnology."

Under Pope John Paul II, the "Church moved to the right and got very conservative," Dolan said.

Many agree that the cardinals may choose someone more moderate in their views.

Dolan compared Pope John Paul II to Pope John XXIII, who introduced Vatican II and called the Second Vatican Council, to describe his conservatism.

"He [Pope John XXIII] wanted to let the windows of the church and let some air in," Dolan said. "I think John Paul II closed those windows."

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May 13, 1981
John Paul II survives assassination attempt in St. Peter's Square by Mehmet Ali Agca.

1982
John Paul II received Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, provoking criticism from Israel.

I II made his first visit to the United here he addressed the United Nations; first of several visits to Poland where criticized the communist regime.

1998
John Paul II made historic trip to Cuba and met with Fidel Castro.

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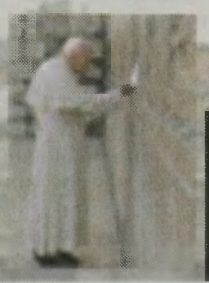
The Vatican established formal ties with Israel.



March 2000
In his first trip to Holy Land, John Paul II apologized for "the behavior of those" who caused the Jews to suffer.

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Pope John Paul II dies at age 84.

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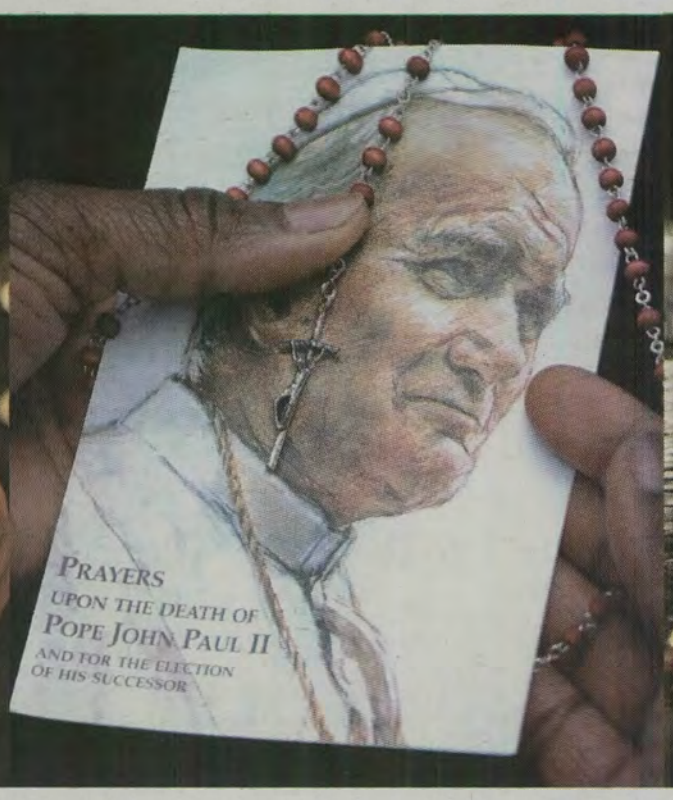

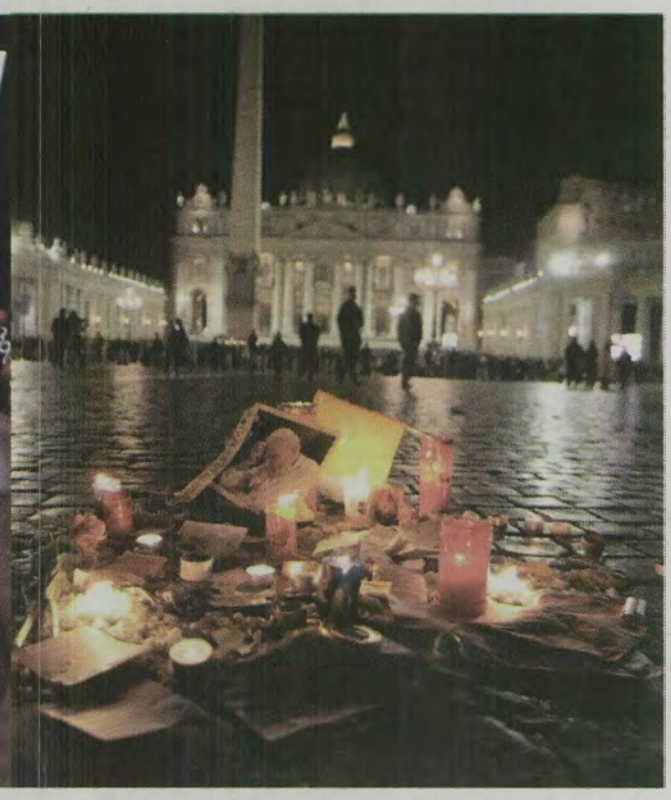

Students in Rome join in mourning pope

St. Peter's Square fills with faithful

By KAREN LANGLEY
In Focus Writer

When Ashley Sinnott arrived at St. Peter's Square Saturday, the news of Pope John Paul II's death had been reverberating around the globe for more than three hours. The square itself, however, remained suspended in time.

"Even though I didn't get there until around 1 a.m., the piazza was still filled with thousands of people singing, crying and clapping," the Notre Dame junior said. "There were backpackers with pillows sleeping under the columns, there were tiny altars set up all around the square, there were people with rosaries staring up at the pope's window. It was very intense because everyone present was so emotional."

"Rome has been quieter than I have ever known it."

Laura Mullaney
Notre Dame junior

Sinnott, who is studying in Rome this semester, was not the only Notre Dame student to experience the immediate aftermath of the 84-year-old pope's death.

The impact of John Paul II's death was felt intensely on the city streets, junior Laura Mullaney said.

"Rome has been quieter than I have ever known it," she said. "So many people have been out either driving or just walking near St. Peter's, but even among them it has been almost silent. There is an overwhelming feeling of sadness, but also of respect."

Mullaney called the cycle of praying for the pope before and after his death "surreal."

"Since Friday, I think most people over here have been aware that it was only a matter of hours, and we had CNN on constantly, waiting for the latest news," Mullaney said.

"It was incredible to be there with thousands and thousands of people — Catholics, Christians and non-Christians all coming together to pay their respects and say some prayers.

"I know I will never forget how it felt to stand under the pope's window with countless others, the smell of scented candles burning throughout the night, and the sound of one group in particular singing songs accompanied by a guitar."

Junior Caroline Murray agreed, adding she does not expect the community's intensity to drop in the coming weeks as the Church works toward selecting John Paul II's successor.

"The whole city feels the effects of this event — St. Peter's Square is the only place in the city that is crowded at all, which is unusual for a weekend," Murray said. "It's amazing to be in Rome right now. I really feel like I'm living a part of history."

Notre Dame students studying abroad in Europe were drawn to Rome on Easter weekend for a reunion organized by Campus Ministry.

"There were students that traveled from Dublin, London and Spain to meet at the Colosseum for Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. Apparently, Good Friday and the events that accompany it have always been very special for the pope, even more so than Easter," Sinnott said.

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Caroline Murray
Notre Dame junior

"So TV monitors at the Colosseum broadcasted images of his watching our gathering. It was really a memorable experience to be in the middle of Rome with Notre Dame kids from all over Europe, watching the ceremony with the pope."

Students were also present at the pope's last public appearance, which occurred Easter Sunday.

"Easter Mass wasn't said by [John Paul II] obviously, but he came out for a blessing at the end. I was there with the Notre Dame crowd again, and everyone was cheering and clapping when he appeared at his window," Sinnott said.

"A microphone was given to him, but he couldn't speak. He waved, and kept putting his hands to his cheeks, like he was crying. It was really emotional, because I think everyone knew this would be his last Easter — there was no way we could have realized it would be his last public appearance, or his last Sunday Mass."

As the week went on, students were aware that the pope was nearing his final hours.

"I would say the overall mood that I've experienced in the last day is one of sadness, but also relief, because he's been so sick there last few months," Sinnott said.

"I know that when the original announcement was made to the square, they said 'John Paul has returned home,' and everyone clapped."

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