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## COBA to initiate diversity program in accountancy

By MIKE JACCARINO  
News Writer

Citing their mutual interests in diversity, officials with both Notre Dame and the Big Six accounting firm of Coopers & Lybrand have come to terms on funding for the development of a diversity program in the College of Business Administration.

Conceived by Thomas Frecka, chair of the College's department of accountancy, and Brent Inman, national director of recruiting for Coopers & Lybrand, the program will focus on minority accounting students in the College. Funding for the program will span a five-year period and will be comprised of a \$200,000 contribution from Coopers & Lybrand as well as \$350,000 in individual donations from the firm's 160-plus Notre Dame alumni.

Funding will be allocated for additional staff involvement, supporting more extensive mentoring, advising, and tutoring for students within the accounting program, said Frecka. The program allows for an increased number of internship opportunities available to accounting students, the development of workshops and seminars on cultural diversity, as well as the possibility of funding for minority scholarships and financial aid.

"We want to attract minority students to the College of Business Administration as well as retain them by offering a supportive environment, conducive to keeping them here," explained Jannifer Crittendon, student advisor for the College and one of the architects of the program.

The program reflects the relatively low minority participation in accounting and consequently the growing need and desire for minority representatives in the professional accounting marketplace.

"A small number of minorities go into accounting and in general the accounting firms want to increase diversity in the workplace in order to relate to a more diverse field of clients," said Frecka. "Notre Dame has one of the top accounting programs in the country and so is a logical place for the development of a model diversity program to eventually be implemented at schools across the nation."

The program, which will be fully in place by the fall of 1996, indicates a growing pursuit by Notre Dame officials of a more diverse student population and their realization of the benefits of such.

"Making Notre Dame like the real world - the real world Notre Dame students are going to experience after college - gives the students here a better understanding of how to live in a diverse world and how to utilize the talents of different cultures," Frecka said. "Diversity also makes Notre Dame more attractive to corporations seeking to improve the diversity of their own work force."

The pursuit of diversity has taken shape across

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### CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

## Council discusses Ad Hoc report

*Preacher maintains University should support GLND/SMC*

By BILL CONNOLLY  
News Writer

The Campus Life Council discussed the findings of the Ad Hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs' Final Report yesterday, resulting in differing opinions and a new resolution submitted for discussion.

The possible splintering of the gay and lesbian community into three different groups — Gays and Lesbians at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College (GLND/SMC), a

program for gays and lesbians formed by Campus Ministry, and the support group recommended by the ad hoc committee last week to be set up under the authority of the Office of Student Affairs — concerned Ava Preacher, assistant dean of the College of Arts and Letters. As a result, Preacher proposed her own resolution on the issue, meant for discussion only, at the start of the conversation.

After restating various parts of the Ad Hoc Committee's report, Preacher's resolution concludes: "Be it resolved that we (the CLC) once more call upon the Administration to recognize GLND/SMC as the University group of gay and lesbian students, deserving of all rights and privileges accorded other campus groups."

Student Body President Jonathan Patrick, a member of the Ad Hoc committee defended the committee's decision. "We tried to make

the best compromise possible," said Patrick. "We hope the GLND/SMC will now take steps toward compromise as well as we try to promote an inclusive environment at Notre Dame."

"The new group suggested by the report could unite all gays and lesbians into one group," Patrick added. "The challenge is for Professor O'Hara to agree with us."

Preacher responded by stressing that self-determination is important to all campus groups, a key component of her resolution. According to Preacher, the Ad Hoc Committee's fifth recommendation would not allow for self-determination for the recommended group since the advisor of the group would be chosen from a list of names submitted to O'Hara.

Father Terence Linton, another

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Preacher

### Get your tickets here



The Observer / Brandon Candura

Senior Ken Maverick sells raffle tickets to sophomore Dave Griffith to win football tickets outside South Dining Hall. The proceeds of the raffle will benefit the social program "There are Children Here."

## Alumni to serve in Appalachia

Special to The Observer

Eight Notre Dame alumni will join some 100 current students in the University's annual Appalachia Seminar service-learning project during spring break.

A one-credit course in theology, the seminar is designed to introduce students - and this year, for the first time, graduates - to the culture and the social issues of Appalachia and to assist residents of that impoverished region. From March 10-15 the Notre Dame contingent will work at 10 sites in four states to provide health care, home repairs and other services through community and religious organizations.

The Notre Dame alumni will work with nine students in Gary, W.Va., a former coal

town that has been plagued by economic hardship in recent years. The project is jointly sponsored by the Notre Dame Alumni Association Community Service Program and the Center for Social Concerns (CSC) in conjunction with McDowell Mission, an ecumenical home building based in Gary.

"Many of our alumni worked on similar service-learning projects during their undergraduate years at Notre Dame," said Jay Brandenberger, the center's coordinator of experiential programs. "Now, five, six, seven years after graduation, this project gives them an opportunity to once again work and learn side by side with students and residents."

Other components of the Appalachia Seminar have been designed to both serve the re-

gion and provide students with career-related experiences.

"Sometimes people think these projects are just about volunteering to help others in need," said Brandenberger. "That's important, but what we're really doing is integrating service with learning."

The Appalachia Seminar has been offered each semester during fall and spring break since 1980. Three other experiential learning projects are scheduled for spring break 1996: students will live for a week with people with disabilities at the L'Arche community in Toronto; an environmental issues seminar will be based in Chicago; and the annual Washington seminar will provide students with direct contact with political, Church and service leaders in the nation's capital.

## Panel encourages students to offer service to others

By SARAH CORKREAN  
News Writer

In an effort to increase awareness in creating community among races within the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community, Saint Mary's Justice Education Department presented part four of their "Conversation Series" entitled "Is Community Still Possible?" yesterday evening.

A four person panel gathered before faculty and students to raise questions and suggest ideas as to how community service can fit into students' lives while on campus, and more importantly, how community service within interracial grounds will fit into students'

lives after college.

The panel, comprised of active community service leaders in the South Bend and Chicago areas, have strong backgrounds in social work and community involvement on a day to day basis. The goal of the panel and series is to "provide models of community based on social services as well as to encourage and to provide opportunities for volunteer work," according to the series sponsor, the Justice Education Department.

Senior Alia Paige, a featured panelist, spoke of her personal experiences within the ND/SMC community. Paige, a noted

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

# Take me out to the ballgame

It's March once again, which to sports enthusiasts means the anticipation of that long-awaited and much heralded event of athletic excitement: OPENING DAY!

Melanie Waters  
Assistant Accent Editor

Oh, come on, you didn't think I was talking about basketball, did you? Sorry, but basketball fanaticism is obviously not in my blood. Being from Cleveland makes cheering for basketball pretty pointless. Actually, I think the Cavs' uniforms are heinous enough to turn me off to the whole sport. Let's face it, the city of Cleveland seems to be a little clueless when it comes to picking colors for their teams.

Anyway, back to my quasi-point. I was going to explain my philosophical beliefs on why I could care less about "March madness," but I was told ever-so-gently and with only a few threats of physical violence that if I did, no man on this campus would ever speak to me again. That is not so good for my social life. So, I will concede my argument and avoid having to enter the witness protection program by wishing you all a very happy bunch of playoff games.

You can call me in April, though, when it's time to welcome the joys of warm weather with the start of baseball season. OK, so April in Cleveland isn't exactly tropical. But if you, too, have been counting the days since the end of the World Series...well, then you probably need professional help as well because that's really pathetic. Seriously, though, you people from cities with a history of good, or at least tolerable baseball teams just wouldn't understand. Let me tell you how it feels. For the last 40 years, the Indians couldn't have beaten eight-year-olds in T-ball. Until two years ago, you could walk into an Indians game in the fourth inning and buy field box seats a row behind the plate for less money than it cost to buy a hot dog.

I saw my first Indians game when I was eleven, and there were enough empty seats for the entire population of North Dakota. I didn't care, though, because I was watching a real baseball game in a real stadium. My pony-league softball mind was in a whirl, especially at the fact that there were absolutely no dandelions to pick in right field. What did they do for fun out there? I was amazed that they really spent the whole time playing the game, and I had so much respect for the players afterward that I don't think I was nailed in the head by a pop fly for the rest of the softball season.

If I couldn't be a baseball player, and "bat girl" wasn't a career option, I had to settle for being a dedicated baseball fan, even if it meant being loyal to teams that were, well, less than stellar. I think I've been a fairly respectable fan, as far as annoying technical knowledge goes. A lot—OK, most women I know, would rather have a root canal than sit through a full nine innings. I tried in vain to interest my mom in the finer points of the sport last year, but I gave up when she looked at the field and said, "Are we the blue pants or the red pants?" So, I apologize in advance to my weary friends who probably can't bear the thought of listening to me rant and rave through another season. Stock up on your patience now, because there's 27 days to go...but who's counting?

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■ WORLD AT A GLANCE

## Railroad car carrying propane explodes

WEYAUWEGA, Wis. Thirty-five cars of a Wisconsin Central freight train derailed today and a tanker carrying propane exploded, setting fire to nearby buildings and forcing the evacuation of the entire town, authorities said.

"It exploded near a co-op which has some fertilizer which they're afraid could ignite," Waupaca County Sheriff's Department spokeswoman Mary Robbins said.

"They're concerned that there are other cars with propane on them."

Bob Jones, a Wisconsin Central spokesman, said 17 of the 35 cars that derailed were carrying hazardous materials, with 15 of those carrying liquid propane gas.

He did not immediately know what the other two were carrying.

No one was reported injured, Robbins said, but witnesses reported more than a dozen ambulances were at the scene in case they were needed.

Robbins said a feed mill operated by the Wolf River Coop was destroyed by fire, but the blaze did not immediately spread to the farm co-operative's adjacent gasoline station or fertilizer store.



The propane car and the mill still were burning four hours after the 6 a.m. derailment, but sheriff's officials said the blaze was under control.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation closed about a five-mile stretch of highway Wisconsin 110.

"The front of the train was by the industrial park and the back end was over by the co-op," said Kristi Laux, a waitress at the Country Cafe.

The train was headed from Stevens Point to Neenah when the derailment took place, Jones said.

All residents of the central Wisconsin community of about 1,600 were being evacuated as well as 200 people at the Weyauwega Health Care Center and Lakeview Manor nursing homes just outside town, Robbins said.

Two railroad employees were on the train when the derailment took place, but they were at the front end of the train and it was the 19th through the 53rd cars that went off the tracks, Jones said.

Some residents were being buses to an old gymnasium in Waupaca, Robbins said.

The fire was reported visible as far away as New London, about 13 miles to the east.

## Kevorkian likens goal to executioner

PONTIAC, Mich. Surprising his own lawyer with his choice of words, Dr. Jack Kevorkian compared his intent Monday to an executioner's duty to "implement justice." Defense attorney Geoffrey Fieger, seeking to dispel the image the analogy had created, quickly asked if Kevorkian feels he is an executioner. "Not at all," Kevorkian replied in his second day on the stand at his assisted-suicide trial. A key question at the trial is whether he intended to kill when he helped two people die by breathing carbon monoxide in 1993. Michigan's assisted-suicide law, now expired, exempts someone who gives medication or procedures that may hasten death as long as the intent is to relieve pain or discomfort, not to cause death. "When an executioner pulls the switch on the electric chair, is his wish to kill a human being?" Kevorkian asked. "Or to fulfill his duty to ... implement justice and uphold the law? What's his aim?"

PONTIAC, Mich.



## Disabled student dies unnoticed

PHOENIX A disabled university student who slipped into a coma and sat slumped in his wheelchair unnoticed for a week by his fellow students has died. Ellis Mather was 21. Mather, once a star wrestler in his tiny Alaskan hometown before he was disabled in an accident, was found in his dorm room at Arizona State University in November after others finally smelled a persistent odor and sent police to check on him. He spent more than two months clinging to life in a vegetative state in a Phoenix hospital. He died Feb. 10, said Jeff Byrd, chief executive at the American Transitional Hospital. Mather's parents, Elsie and James Mather, sat vigil by his bedside and said they received support from many strangers in Arizona and around the nation. "It was just really heartwarming to get the kind of response we did," Mrs. Mather said. The couple has since returned to their home in Bethel, Ala. Doctors believe some sort of illness initially weakened Ellis, leaving him to suffer in silence in his wheelchair in his room. Over the course of the week, he apparently experienced a shortage of oxygen to his brain.

PHOENIX

## Video store workers found shot dead

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. George and Pauline McDougall regularly came to pick up their 19-year-old grandson when his late-night shift at a video store ended. So when authorities couldn't locate them after the grandson and two co-workers were slain, they feared the worst. Detectives pleaded today for information that might help them find the McDougalls. "Somebody has had to have seen their car or them or something," said Tony Herrera, Albuquerque Police Department spokesman. Police feared they might have seen the slayings and been abducted or hurt, he said. The McDougalls' grandson, Zachary Blaylock; Jowanda Castillo, 18; and Mylinh Daothi, 30; were found bound and shot to death Sunday morning at Hollywood Video in the city's southeast heights. Employees reporting for work Sunday morning found the victims in a back room, Herrera said. Herrera said investigators believed the shootings occurred after the store's scheduled closing at 2 a.m. Sunday. He cited robbery as a possible motive, although detectives had not determined if money had been taken.

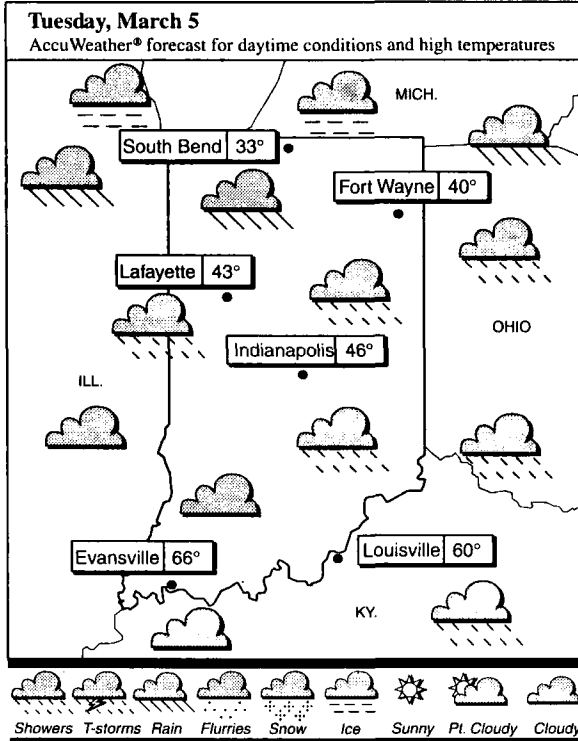
ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.

## Hepburn treated for pneumonia

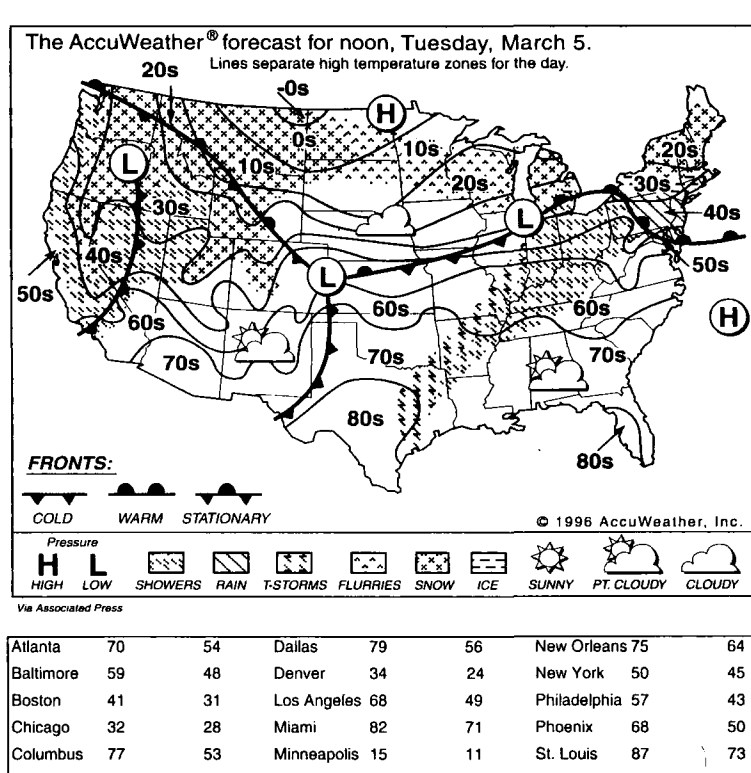
NEW YORK Katharine Hepburn was critically ill with pneumonia and at one point expected to die, but has left a hospital and returned to her Connecticut home, the Daily News reported Monday. The 88-year-old actress' business agent, Eric Hanson, did not return telephone calls for confirmation. The News quoted unidentified hospital officials as saying Hepburn, who divides her time between New York and Connecticut, was admitted to Lenox Hill Hospital last week under an assumed name. They told the newspaper she was very ill and that her doctors at one point had not expected her to live. Karen Ziper, a spokeswoman for the hospital, said Monday that no one named Katharine Hepburn had been registered at Lenox Hill and that the hospital would not confirm she had been there. It was not clear when Hepburn was released. Family members told the News that Hepburn was resting comfortably at home Sunday. As for whether she was out of danger, a sister-in-law, identified by the paper as Mrs. Robert Hepburn, said: "No, I can't say that. She's working through it."

NEW YORK

■ INDIANA WEATHER



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# Rabin's widow: Fight for peace to continue

By CHRIS OLERT  
Associated Press

HACKENSACK, N.J.

Hours after a terrorist bomb exploded in Tel Aviv today, the widow of slain Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Israel will continue to fight for peace and will overcome its enemies.

"To our enemies, we say we will continue to fight most now, and in the future," Leah Rabin said during a ceremony at Fairleigh Dickinson University here to honor her and her late husband. "We will continue defending our homes and our families."

"We will continue our search for peace and at the same time we will pursue you and hit you hard," she said, quoting her husband's words. "We will eliminate you. We will overcome you."

Rabin accepted honorary degrees for herself and her late husband amid news of today's bombing at a Tel Aviv shopping center, the fourth terror attack in Israel in the past nine days.

The honorary degrees were given as a memorial tribute to the late prime minister, and in

recognition of his widow's continuing public support of the peace process. FDU is affiliated with the BioTechnical Institute in Tel Aviv.

Rabin was assassinated Nov. 4, 1995, in Tel Aviv. Yigal Amir, a 25-year-old law student, is charged with the murder. The late prime minister would have been 74 on Friday.

On Sunday, at the opening of a photo tribute to her husband at a Manhattan gallery, Mrs. Rabin said, "There is no alternative to peace. We just have to continue on that road."

The exhibit portrays Rabin in 30 photographs, with his family and in the company of such notables as President Clinton, Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat, Golda Meir and Richard Nixon.

Mrs. Rabin, speaking Sunday, said of the recent bombings: "Again we are so shocked by the horrible activity that had only one purpose, to destroy the dream."

And referring to her husband, she added: "We all have to be very strong like he was."

The exhibit is scheduled to tour the New York area and cities around the United States.

## Spring cleaning?



The Observer / Brandon Candura

In light of recent renovations, these workers are preparing to move boxes of materials into the Preservation Office, newly located to the left of the Notre Dame Federal Credit Union off of Douglas Road.

## Auction to benefit homeless

Special to The Observer

The Center for the Homeless in South Bend will receive a majority of the proceeds from a fund-raising auction to be conducted March 15 by the Notre Dame Club of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

The auction will be held in conjunction with the club's Universal Notre Dame Celebration, an annual event to update alumni on the state of the University.

As a part of the UND Celebration, the Fort Lauderdale club will honor talk-show host Regis Philbin, a 1953 Notre Dame alumnus and classmate of club president Harry Durkin. Philbin, who previously has donated his services in support of the Center for the Homeless, will assist in the auction of some 40 major items. About 60 items also will be available in a silent auction.

George Kelly, special assistant to the athletic director

and a member of the Notre Dame athletic department for 27 years, will be the keynote speaker.

Established in 1988, the Center for the Homeless is an outgrowth of community concern for those in need of shelter and related services.

The project is a partnership sponsored by four sustaining members: Notre Dame, the City of South Bend, the United Religious Community, and the Junior League.

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Applications are available in the Students Activities Office 315 LaFortune and should be returned by March 8th.

Interviews will be conducted March 19th and 20th...  
Please remember to sign up for an interview when you turn in your application.

Call Gayle Spencer with questions @ 631-7308

### SECURITY BEAT

#### FRI., MAR. 1

7:26 p.m. An off-campus student reported the theft of his wallet from the Joyce Center field house. The wallet was left unattended at the time of the theft.

10:07 p.m. Security responded to a two car accident on Edison Road. There were no injuries reported.

3:19 p.m. A Grace Hall resident was transported by Security to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of a sports injury.

11:55 p.m. Security responded to a two car accident in the B16 parking lot. There were no injuries reported.

#### SAT., MAR. 2

12:52 a.m. A Knott Hall resident was transported to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of a sports injury.

12:51 p.m. An off-campus student was transported to St. Joseph Medical Center by Security for treatment of a sports injury.

#### SUN., MAR. 3

3 a.m. A Lewis Hall resident reported receiving a harassing telephone call.

7:07 p.m. A contractor reported the theft of tools from the basement of the power plant.

11:17 p.m. A Farley Hall resident reported the theft of her vehicle from the D2 south parking lot. The case is under investigation.

## MARDI SOIR CHEZ MARITAIN

A series of Tuesday evening lectures on Catholic thought

Michael S. Sherwin, O.P.

on

"Reconciling Old Lovers:  
John Paul II on Science and Faith"

Tuesday, March 5, 7:30 p.m.

Maritain Center, 714 Hesburgh Library



## COBA

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campus. The program instituted by Coopers & Lybrand is only part of a more encompassing diversity program established within the College in October 1995. The program is developed in the tradition of a similar program in the College of Engineering, instituted with tremendous success in 1987.

According to Colonel John Miles, assistant dean of the College of Engineering, the implementation of that program has resulted in a 57% increase in the number of minority stu-

dents completing the requirements of the College of Engineering once enrolling in it as freshmen.

The College of Business Administration program will continue to rely on the donations of corporations such as Cooper & Lybrand after the five year contribution period has expired.

"Right now the accounting industry has been interested in diversity related issues so they've been very supportive in the area," Crittendon said. "We hope Coopers & Lybrand will continue to be leaders in their support, but we hope they prompt others into following suit in their attention to diversity related issues."

## Diversity

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leader of multi-culturalism within the community, is president of the Sisters of Nefertiti, an African-American women's group that promotes awareness of various cultures.

Paige focused on the awareness "that has to be developed and present on campus if after college we will be able to build any sense of community at all."

An experienced social worker for the South Bend School District, Elly Wynia focused on the notion that no sense of building a community will be realized unless "people feel important and that their community is respected by others outside the community for any pride to foster and grow."

Panelist M.J. Murray, an '82 Saint Mary's graduate and a local family therapist, reflected on building community in 1996. Murray expressed how much sadness she feels when in this age of 20th century technology and advanced com-

munication, it is even necessary to talk about developing community within inner city areas.

"Especially for such a homogenous college community such as Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, it is more of a challenge to develop a sense of community within all racial communities and having a basic understanding of how diverse life outside of this college community actually is," said Murray.

Rounding out the panel was Robert Price a Notre Dame architect graduate, who works for a Chicago firm which focuses on inner city developments.

Price stated that "an effective mode of action is to get involved with community and get to know your neighbors to help eliminate fears to build bridges."

"The conversation series builds awareness not only for social work majors, but the college community in general, which is a stepping stone to developing community unity," said sophomore social work major Sara Kuenhne.

## CLC

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member of the committee, countered that O'Hara would only have a say in choosing an advisor for the first year the group exists. According to Linton, this allows the group to be focused at its inception. Patrick agreed with Linton, and reminded the CLC that all advisors can be called into question by the Office of Student Affairs.

Preacher then stated the main theme of her resolution by expressing her frustration over the events surrounding the issue. "In the spirit of Christianity," Preacher said, "all O'Hara has to do is say, 'We accept you into the community.'"

Father Patrick Sullivan emphasized that Preacher's resolution was simply a repetition of last year's CLC resolution to O'Hara which O'Hara rejected. He further stated that the best way to make headway on the issue is to endorse the ad hoc committee's report as strongly

as possible.

Preacher expressed concern that the leaders of GLND/SMC, whose work she feels has gone unappreciated, will continue to be part of an illegal and not funded group. According to Preacher, even if O'Hara supports the committee's recommendations, most members of GLND/SMC will remain in that illegal group since they desire the level of recognition that the new group proposed by the committee will not supply.

However, Patrick stressed that various gay and lesbian leaders had advised him that gay and lesbian students would join the proposed group if the package presented to them was to their liking.

In other CLC news, the Council agreed to meet three more times before the end of the year instead of just once. This was done in order to hear O'Hara's decisions on the CLC's resolutions on co-residentiality and du Lac and to have the time to respond to O'Hara through further resolutions if need be. It will also give O'Hara time to formulate her decision

after deciding on the ad hoc committee's report.

Patrick announced that O'Hara had asked for an extension for her decision on both resolutions. The CLC decided to ask Patrick to advise O'Hara to deliver her decision on the co-residentiality resolution the week before March 18, and her decision on the du Lac revision resolution the week before March 25.

Thus, the CLC will now meet three more times: March 18, March 25, and April 1. This will also afford them the time to discuss other issues they have worked on this year.

Different members of the CLC updated the council on the progress of these issues yesterday. The campus calendar project and the project to improve RecSports through student input are both near completion. According to O'Hara, the surveys regarding the transportation needs of different groups of students are coming back now. A report will be made by Student Government on the matter and sent to O'Hara by the end of the school year.

## ATTENTION JUNIORS

INTERESTED IN THE  
RHODES AND MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIP

Professor Walter F. Pratt, will have a meeting to inform you of  
deadline dates and the Fall application process on

Tuesday, March 5, 1996

6:00 PM

101 Law School

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■ GREAT BRITAIN

# Gays kept out of armed forces

Associated Press

LONDON

A ban on gays in the military will remain because of fears that a change in policy would undermine the effectiveness of the armed forces, the government said today.

A policy review team appointed by the Ministry of Defense concluded that any relaxation of the ban "is likely to have a detrimental effect on op-

erational effectiveness," Armed Forces Minister Nicholas Soames told the House of Commons.

Four gay people have challenged the policy in court, so far without success. They are seeking to appeal to the House of Lords, the final appeal under British law.

"There would have to be a non-defense reason to change the current policy," Soames said. "Accordingly, we will fight

this case every inch of the way if we have to."

The case was brought by former Lt. Commander Duncan Lustig-Prean, 36, ex-Royal Air Force Sgt. Graeme Grady, 32, ex-Royal Air Force nurse Jeanette Smith, 28, and former naval weapons engineer John Beckett, 25.

They have said they will appeal to the European Commission of Human Rights if they do not prevail in British courts.

■ ISRAEL

# Hamas strikes again; 11 die with bomber

By MISH COFFEY  
Associated Press

TEL AVIV

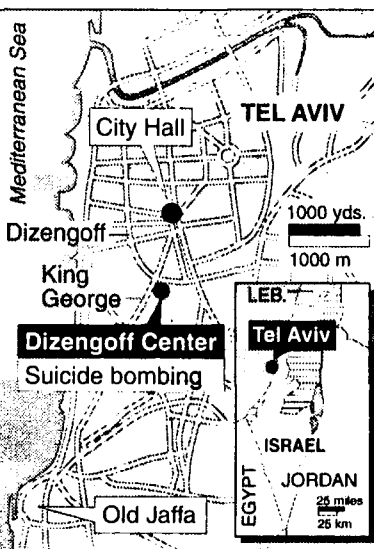
A Hamas suicide bomber blew himself up yesterday outside Tel Aviv's biggest shopping center, killing at least 11 other people and wounding more than 100. Victims included children dressed in costumes for a Jewish holiday.

Israel army radio said at least 18 people died in the attack outside the Dizengoff Center shopping mall, the fourth bombing in Israel in nine days. Forty-four innocents died in the three previous bomb attacks, including 18 in a bus bombing in Jerusalem on Sunday.

The Muslim militant Hamas group claimed responsibility for today's bombing, as it did for the other three. The bombing war, which has struck at the heart of Israel's two major cities, has traumatized the country and left peacemaking with the Palestinians in a shambles.

Tel Aviv Police Chief Gabi Last said the suicide bomber was on foot, crossing with shoppers at the busy intersection of King George and Dizengoff streets when he set off the bomb. Witnesses said the attacker struck next to a line of people waiting at a cash machine.

Witness Eli Shurany said he saw bodies flying through the air, among them a woman and a girl, about 10 years old, who



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were killed instantly. "There was one girl with the bottom of her leg blown off," Shurany said.

Children in costumes for the Purim holiday, which starts tonight, were among the casualties.

A woman said she was at the mall with three daughters in costume when the blast went off. "The children were covered with glass," said the woman. One of her daughters was cut.

"All her back was full of glass fragments. She was bleeding. She has a hole in her back. It was horrifying," said the woman, who did not give her name.

Witnesses said they saw dead children, but those reports could not immediately be confirmed.

■ JAPAN

# Opposition blocks vote on bailout plan

By YURI KAGEYAMA  
Associated Press

TOKYO

Munching on crackers, opposition lawmakers blocked the door to Parliament's budget committee room into the night

Monday, trying to stymie a government plan to use taxpayers' money to help bail out failed housing lenders.

The plan, which has dominated debate in Parliament this year, would use \$6.5 billion in taxpayer money to help seven bankrupt housing loan companies clear up bad debts of at least \$61 billion.

Most of the debts stem from ill-advised loans to real estate speculators in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto says taxpayer money is needed to clean up the mess and restore international confidence in Japan's financial system. But polls estimate 80 percent to 90 percent of Japanese oppose the bailout.

Critics charge that the bailout is only protecting corporate lenders, including financial institutions linked to Japan's powerful farm cooperatives. The institutions lent heavily to the housing lenders but are insisting on getting most of their money back.

To allay the mounting public uproar, the governing coalition asked businesses that founded the failed housing companies to pay \$4.8 billion to help end the political deadlock, Kyodo News reported.

But by late Monday, no agreement on that had been reached. Party officials said meetings continued late into the night.

Parliament's budget committee had been scheduled to hold final debate on the bailout at Monday's blocked session. It planned to try again to meet on Tuesday.




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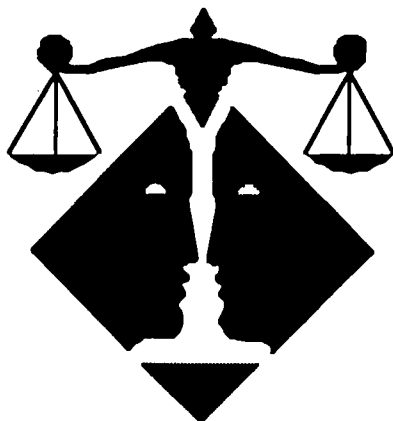
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## ■ FRANCE

# Net surfers carve out niche in cyberspace

By PIERRE-YVES GLASS  
Associated Press

PARIS  
In their unending war to prevent English-language domination, the French are turning their attention to the most global realm of all: cyberspace.

As Internet use spreads, French-speaking Internet promoters — from France's Ministry of Culture to cyberspace crusaders in French Canada — are working on the first-ever online French searching software and a French vocabulary for Net users.

The goal: to allow Francophone "cybernautes" to use the Net without submitting to English, which dominates the worldwide computer network.

"For me, the Internet is the theater for a new colonial war," said Alain Caristan, a researcher at INRIA, France's computer research institute.

"Anglophones created the Internet. They're at the heart of its growth," he said. "There's a danger it'll stay that way."

Challenging the English-speaking world's cultural bulldozer is nothing new to the French.

Since January, radio stations have been required by law to play a minimum of 40 percent French-language music. Similar laws require advertisements and product labels to be in French. And France spurred the European Union to limit non-EU — i.e. American — television programs.

On the Internet — a global, often anarchic web of interconnected computers — most information and user jargon is in English.

Search programs like Yahoo (<http://www.yahoo.com>) or the popular software Webcrawler (<http://www.webcrawler.com>) are tools that enable users to find what they're looking for and are virtually all in English. They also are geared to find English-language information, though links to foreign sites are certainly plentiful.

That puts non-English speakers at a disadvantage. They must understand English to use the "search engines," even to find information in their own languages. And search engines often can't handle accented let-

ters.

In February, a group of French researchers put the first all-French search engine (<http://www.iplus.fr/lokace>) on the Net. Francophones use it to find information in any of the thousands of French-language sites.

The Montreal Computer Research Center in Quebec plans to launch another all-French "moteur de recherche" in coming weeks.

Many users also want to stop a new Internet "Franglais" from taking hold — the use of English slang by some French Net surfers.

Scientists, professors and other users in France, Canada, Belgium and Switzerland feed proposals to an office of the French Ministry of Culture, which recently began a list of French Net jargon.

Many of the terms come from Quebec, which has a tenth of France's population but about as many Internet users — between 100,000 and 400,000.

Words Quebecers coined that are now in widespread use include "fureteur" for Internet user and "mitrailleur" (machine-gunner) for flamer, someone who shoots off an angry, often obscene e-mail diatribe. Other proposed cyberspace slang includes "autonome" for offline — when you're no longer hooked into the Net.

For Pierre Oudart, who oversees the list, the Internet is a chance to unite Francophones around the world.

"In geographical space, the French-speaking world is dispersed," he said. "But in virtual space, via the Internet, the entire French-speaking world is at your fingertips, from France to Quebec or elsewhere."

## ■ EL SALVADOR

# Top leaders duel over war

By JOSEPH FRAZIER  
Associated Press

SAN SALVADOR

Gerson Martinez, a former guerrilla chief, and Rene Figueroa, a comfortable member of the Salvadoran establishment, might have shot each other a few years ago.

And they would have been praised by their friends for doing it.

Today, they lead their respective parties in Congress. While sharp differences and social problems remain, the rancor that split this Central American nation is softening as the country rebuilds from war.

With the Cold War over, the United States, which pumped more than \$4 billion into the country in the 1980s, no longer smothers it with attention but still spends millions to unscramble the egg that was El Salvador.

After a 1992 peace accord ended 12 years of war that claimed 75,000 lives, former combatants are finding they can at least tolerate each other.

The main problems of this Massachusetts-size country aren't lingering hatreds but youth gangs, soaring crime and stubborn poverty.

Figueroa, head of the conservative ARENA faction in congress, said he has a good working relationship in the legislature with the former rebels, a relationship that began in 1994.

"We will not be enemies again, only political adversaries," he said.

Martinez feels likewise.

"I believe we are working toward a congress that can function without too much emotional baggage," said Martinez, congressional leader of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front.

The FMLN, as it is known, fought a series of U.S.-backed

Salvadoran governments and now is a legal party.

The human-rights outrages that smudged the country's image in the 1980s and helped fuel the war are virtually gone. Now there is at least a veneer of economic recovery, especially in the capital.

The name "El Salvador" defined terror in the 1980s, when rightist death squads ran unchecked, slaughtering suspected leftists at will. At one point political murders averaged about 1,000 a month.

"We can say that the aspect of violence and human-rights abuses in a systematic form has changed," said Victoria Marina de Aviles, the government human-rights prosecutor, a post created by the peace accords.

"It continues but it is no longer politically inspired, and violations are no longer protected by impunity."

"We fight as always the elitist position that to work for human rights is to work for delinquency and for the sectors of the left."

The United Nations reported in January that twice as many complaints were filed with her

office in 1995 as in 1994 and said that was "testimony to Salvadorans' increased confidence in this institution."

Most complaints involve police brutality or legal procedures. Mrs. de Aviles says loss of social and economic rights now are a greater concern in a poor nation.

The poor are as poor — poorer say some — as they were before the war.

Sixty percent of the nation lives in poverty. The capital remains crowded with thousands of people who fled here to avoid the war in the countryside, and they continue to live wherever and however they can.

"Maras," or gangs of poor youth, many inspired by their Los Angeles counterparts, and nurtured by a shattered society and rule the streets in some areas.


Their estimated 10,000 members are blamed by the government for everything from petty crime to murder and trafficking in guns and drugs.

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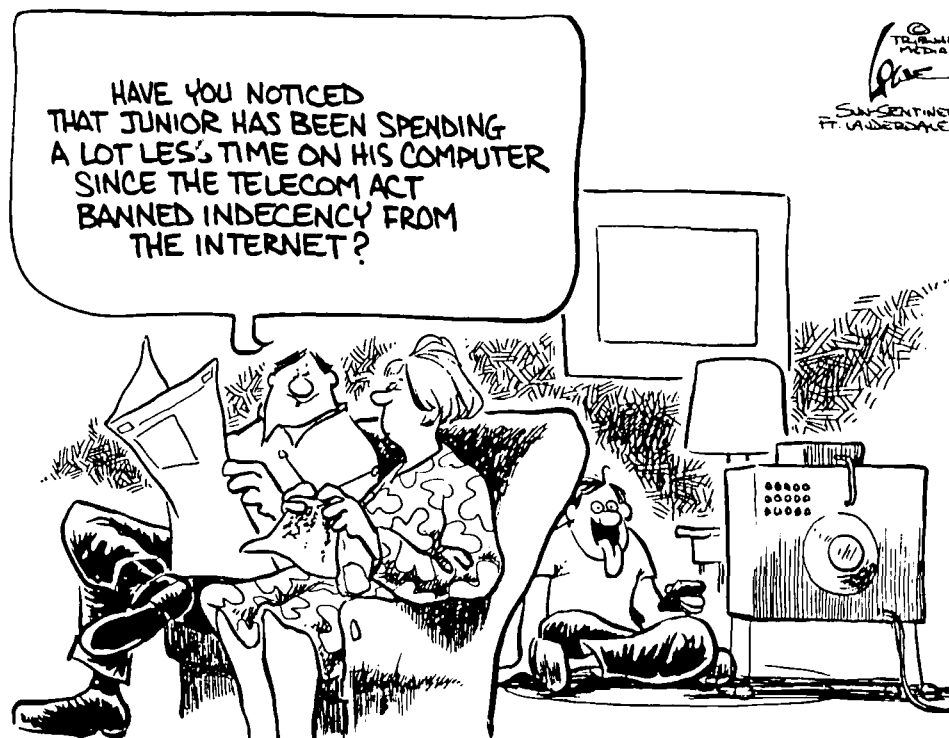
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## ■ MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU

# Irish pubs foster St. Patrick's Day spirit in Americans

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Irish-Americans, pull-up a seat and listen. The unrelenting voice of the pub is once again calling your name. So grab your fags (cigarettes) and that favorite wool sweater — preferably the one with the hole in the left elbow — and prepare to experience the pinnacle of Irish culture at the pub.

## Kara Pavlik



For many of us with Irish roots, the pub is a place where we are instantly comforted by a warm crowd of like-minded people laughing and drinking. But whether in the Emerald Isle, or here in South Bend, a pub is not just a bar, a place to grab a bottle of beer or half-warm pint of Irish stout. The pub, on March 17, serves as a taste of Ireland; a taste of Irish social life. Remember, in Ireland, the pub is the cultural epicenter for activity.

Thus, spending Paddy's Day in a pub is a great idea for us Irish-Americans. And the reason goes far beyond needing to drown our longings for Ireland in whiskey. It's the pub atmosphere, more than the pint, that makes this holiday. Without the pub, St. Patrick's Day in America would be unbearable.

A good Irish pub, no matter where it is located, brings much more along with it than actual drinks. At a true Irish pub, people find gossip and advice, friendship and love and always craic (the Irish term for "fun"). They also find seisiuns — informal gatherings for singing melancholy songs that are best accompanied by guitar, fiddle and a bodhran, an Irish circular drum.

And when Irish bars offer chips (potatoes) with vinegar and salt, Guinness and fags, it's an added comfort — especially when served in a pub with a Victorian Dublin look. A style associated with curved dark wood arches, paneled walls and sandblasted opaque glass.

So where to find such a place if the spring break funds cannot sport a trip to Ireland? These days, all you need is a major city in the United States. Since 1992, Guinness, the brewer with Irish roots, has been on a mission to "plant" Irish pubs nationwide. Although American law forbids any real connection between brewers and pubs, Guinness has recently helped investors find everything from a pub site to an Irish staff with the all-important "gift of the gab."

To Notre Dame student, Terry McGivern, a native of County Down, St. Patrick's Day this year will revolve around a pub, specifically Gaelic Park located in Chicago's South Side. But at home in Northern Ireland, the holiday was not usually spent drinking.

"In Ireland, St. Patrick's Day is a holy day where we go to mass in the morning and play a match of football in the afternoon," McGivern said. "The whole bar aspect of St. Patrick's Day came from America."

Traditionally, the holiday is celebrated as the day when St. Patrick converted Ireland to Christianity in the 5th-century. St. Patrick is renowned for missionary work, such as baptizing thousands and assisting the sons and daughters of Ireland to become disciples of Christ. With this in mind, everyone can "go to the pub to enjoy themselves and be reassured that St. Patrick is working towards saving our souls," McGivern said.

And with added protection against the penalty of sin, I see absolutely no reason to avoid the pub. In fact, the only thing to avoid, according to McGivern, are "plastic shamrock joints."

McGivern speaks of those bars that

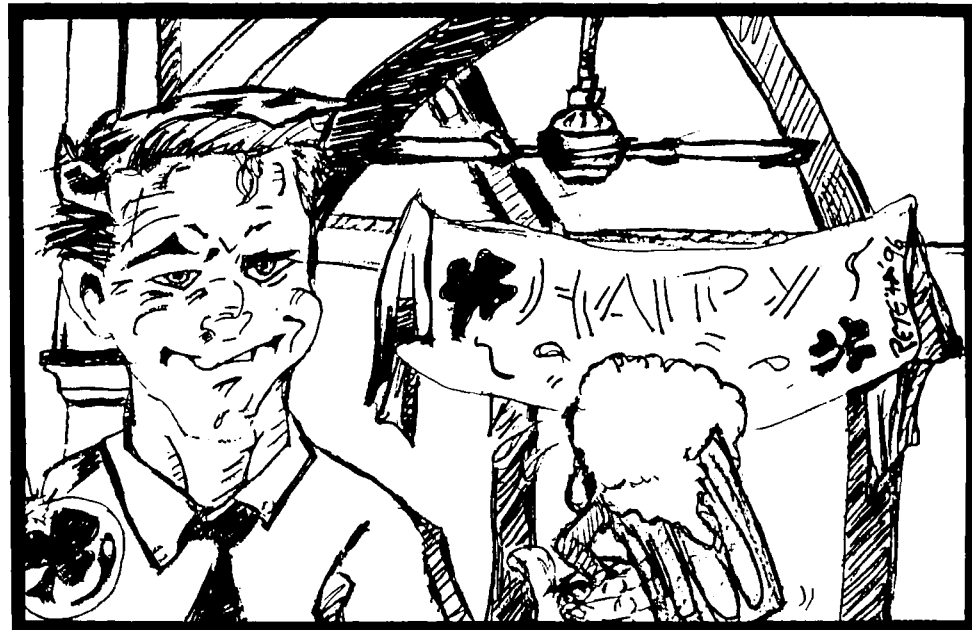
stick a mere shamrock on the window and tout an Irish name. You know, I can't think of any of those places in South Bend.

Besides, McGivern wanted to send out a warning: visit one of those places on March 17 and you'll get what you deserve, a second-rate St. Patrick's Day. Thanks, McGivern!

the establishment, by all means, move on to another.

Realize that what I have described is typically an Irish-American version of St. Patrick's Day; the Irish would tend to be "a wee bit more refined" in their plans, McGivern said.

But also realize that there's no holiday more to Notre Dame than this one —



My personal advice for just the right place to spend Paddy's Day is to find an Irish-American pub where the crowd gets rowdy. Look for a bar where the patrons shake bottles of beer, cover the tops with their thumbs, and spray one another until their faces are wet and sticky. Select a pub where the owner, preferably Irish, partakes in the fun. No St. Patrick's Day celebration is ever complete until a bar's owner is hoisted onto the shoulders of some burly woman and thrown wildly about a room.

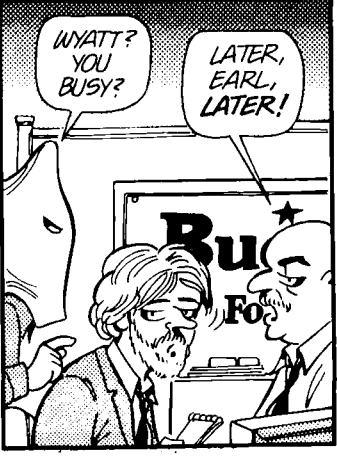
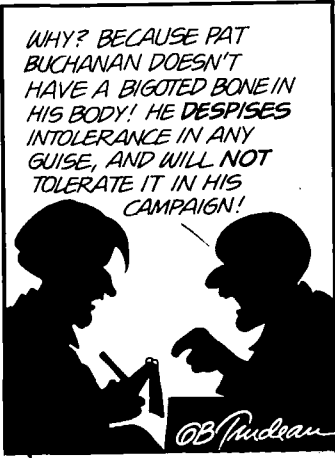
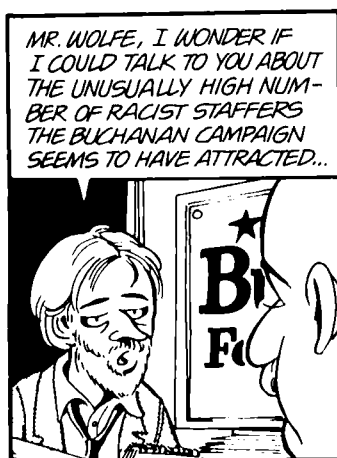
Keep in mind that the glory of this holiday comes from fun. You might try climbing up on the bar, and running up and down while shimmying and screaming for joy. And if you get ejected from

shamrock icons, guardsmen in kilts, that leprechaun clad in Kelly green, all provide reason for lovers of the University to celebrate.

So I have a proposal for all you Domers and the lovely women across the street. It's provocative, a little edgy, but it's an impeccable Irish-American tradition: Lose all restraints on March 17, and saunter through the doors of an authentic Irish pub as if you're Sinead O'Connor. I guarantee, you won't be disappointed.

Kara Pavlik is a senior at St. Mary's who spent her sophomore year abroad in Maynooth, Ireland.

## ■ DOONESBURY



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## ■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

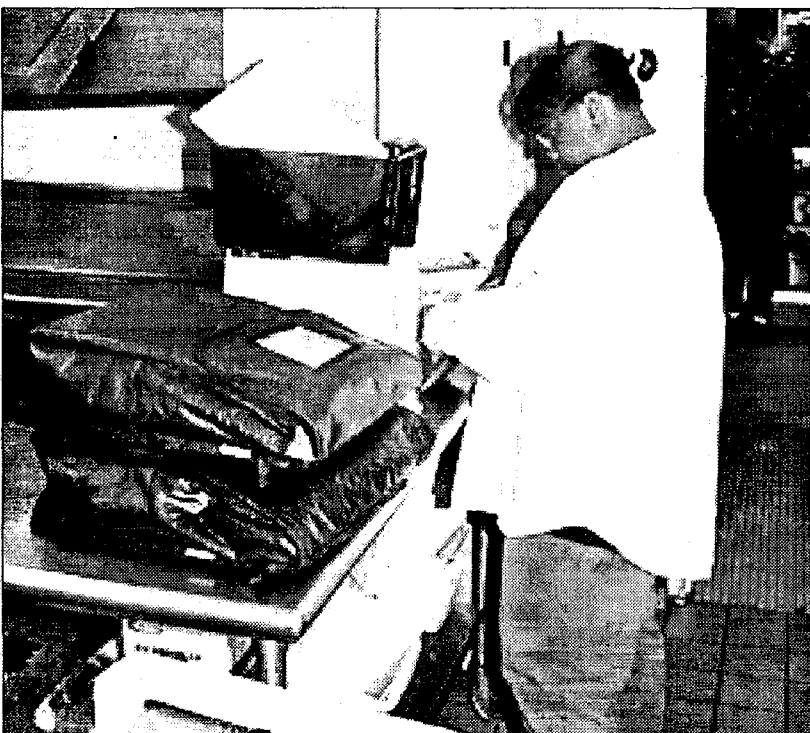
"Since a politician never believes what he says, he is surprised when others believe him."

—Charles de Gaulle



# My So-Called Life in the Huddle

The ups and downs (and dents) of one night on



By ANDREA JORDAN  
Accent Copy Editor

**H**ello, guys and gals. Many of you may know me, and for those of you that don't, I am one of the infamous Huddle drivers. I am one of those notorious maniac Huddle drivers that derives a certain amount of pleasure from watching pedestrians scatter like bugs when I whip around corners and prepare for the double thump as they disappear under my wheels. In my opinion, "pedestrian" means predestined to be hit. (I'm only joking, I really don't drive like this.) But enough about my driving skills; let's talk about about the real concern that many Huddle Drivers have - tips. Tips on an average night are pretty bad, and tips on a good night are

aren't much better. To be more specific, tips are either non-existent or barely enough to purchase a pretzel at the Huddle. This is the general case after a delivery shift of two hours and four deliveries. All non-tippers and skinflints should feel ashamed of themselves because delivery people bust their buns doing deliveries.

One delivery means that the delivery person must trek around the Huddle gathering the food for the order. Then they have to make sure everything is packaged correctly. Afterwards, they go to the Huddle cart and climb in with their arms overloaded. It is a good possibility that they have two or three deliveries at one time. If this is the case, they must make every second count while driving and delivering the food. One order may be in North quad and the other in South quad, requiring some cross-campus maneuvering. When this happens, they do everything short of giving blood to get the food out in a timely manner. And one would think after all that hustle and bustle, a person would give a tip, but they usually do not. If that scenario did not convince people to give up the green, then perhaps the next might.

A typical delivery shift can be either awful or good, and this does not just depend on the tips a person receives. The weather factors into whether or not a delivery shift is good or bad. If it is warm outside, then a driver generally has an easy time of getting to their destination whether it is day or night. But, that applies basically to the spring and summer months.

For the winter and fall, if it's only cool not extremely cold, then this is still good weather. However, snow and rain are a Huddle driver's worst enemies. If there is snow, forget about driving with ease. We drive to survive. Ice and the Huddle-mobile wheels are like oil and water; they just don't mix. The same applies for rain—windows fog up and visibility turns to zero. In the rain, I generally drive with the Huddle-Mobile door open just so I can avoid having an accident. After describing the best and worst driving conditions, I'd like to share an account of one of the worst possible delivery shifts a person could have.

It's Monday, February 19, 1996, and I am on a delivery shift from 9:30 to 11:30 p.m. It is 10:00 p.m. at the Huddle and, finally, after a long wait, I get an order for Sorin Hall. The order consists of a sandwich and an order of breadsticks totalling \$5.40. That is no problem to make. It only takes 10 minutes tops to get this order ready and bagged up. At 10:15 p.m., a second order is called in for Lewis Hall. The order calls for a sausage and a pepperoni calzone, with an orange flavor ice: grand total, \$6.75. Once again, no problem. This order takes approximately 15 minutes to prepare and bag up. I am out the door by 10:30 p.m.



When I open the door, what do I see? Rain, and lots of it. But if I drive carefully, everything should be okay. First stop is Sorin. I run inside and slow to a walk to deliver the order. Okay, food delivered and the tip is \$.60. What? I take the tip, give the person a look of disgust and say thank you. Next destination is Lewis Hall, and here is where

begins. When I step outside, it is no longer just raining, but pouring down enough rain to submerge a good-sized city. As I drive to Lewis, I wonder what is the best route, considering all the space renovation of the Main Building takes up, either side will be long and tedious.

I decide to take the route near the Basilica with a pathway guarded by a rail and a fence. At first, the pathway looks big enough, but I guess I judged incorrectly. I hit the railing because I can't see how close it is because of the rain. I decide to back out and go the other route. Big problem - I hit this fence, too. Then I decide to get out and take a look at the trouble. Well, I just happen to be trapped inside the Huddle-mobile



since the space between the railing and the door is roughly an inch. Great. No time to panic, I tell myself. Just keep thinking calmly, and eventually you'll make it. I keep at it for about five

Since I am back on track, Visibility is zero, but no rain and the Huddle-Mobile door is within inches of yet another second accident within five

to watch out for those sneaky curbs. The Huddle-mobile no bumps or bruises for either one of us.

I knock on the door and deliver the food, silently hoping for a ten with the response of "Keep the change, you filthy animal." Quickly, I decide whether to throw the change or not. I decide on the latter, and I add a few forks over a dollar to go along with her lonely quarter. Huddle-Mobile once again with my final destination by the door.

Taking the route by Saint Ed's heading towards Washington, jerking my head forward into the window shield from the ground is a black rail. This rail just happens to be behind one of the wheels of the Huddle-Mobile. As



immediately. At least, I hope so. Huddle-Mobile, I hope so.

When I get to the rescue point, looking back as I lift it back as I on Huddle at night, that do night, I Grand Great of three waste Rememb and Huddle through a food to Therefore your wal give us r and do n us with m e a g extra coin



# Huddle-Mobile

## the delivery trail



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### ■ MEDICAL MINUTE

## Drink, Drank, Drunk

By JOHN GALVIN  
Accent Medical Correspondent

If you're a crazy college kid, it's about that time. Yes, it's about time to put away those books and pull out your I.D. Spring Break is here, and you're going to have the time of your life. Don't waste your time pre-tanning or bickering over accommodations because next week at this time, you're going to be somewhere warm and happy. No tests, no papers, no snow...just you and a mass of other beautiful college nuts indulging in life. Yes, a place where the water meets the shore and pleasure meets risk... Risk? Yes, your indulgence of fun and sun can be distorted by the popular pastime of intoxication. You're not thirsty, but, heck, you're in college...so you drink, and you drink, and you drink. What do you drink? A choice college toxin, of course - like beer or a mixed drink. Why? Because it's proven that the higher your Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC), the more distorted your reality becomes (see table below). If your reality is boring or troubled, chances are you will exploit the effects of alcohol. But, just how much do you know about alcohol?

Did you know that alcohol's effect as a depressant is achieved from poisoning your central nervous system? When ingested, alcohol passes from the stomach into the small intestine, where it is rapidly absorbed into the blood and distributed throughout the body. Because it is distributed so quickly and thoroughly, the alcohol can affect the central nervous system even in small concentrations. In low concentrations, alcohol reduces inhibitions. As blood alcohol concentration increases, a person's response to stimuli decreases markedly, speech becomes slurred, and he or she becomes unsteady and has trouble walking. Very high concentrations, often achieved by bingeing, can easily cause coma and death. The American Medical Association has defined the blood alcohol concentration level of impairment for all people to be 0.04 grams/100 liters of blood. The following is a generally accepted guide to the effects of alcohol.

#### Normal

(0.01 - 0.05 BAC)

- Everything is normal.
- You talk about the weather.
- You can taste your drink.

#### Buzzing

(0.03 - 0.12 BAC)

- You show-off your new J.Crew bathing suit and talk of doing things prohibited by Du Lac.
- You're losing your attention, judgment and control, and it makes you sad.
- You're losing your attention, judgment and control, and it makes you laugh.
- You're better at dancing around than walking.

#### Tipsy

(0.09 - 0.25 BAC)

- You are either laughing or crying too much.
- Your general loss of critical judgment, perception, memory and comprehension makes you the joke of all of your more tolerant friends. (You're laughing too because you have no idea what is going on.)
- You discover that the wall is of great assistance when walking.
- You want to take a little nap.

#### Sloppy

(0.18 - 0.30 BAC)

- You could be in Key West, Cancun or the Line Backer — you're not sure.
- The room suddenly moves without you.
- You think you're having the absolute best time of your life.
- Things begin to change: red becomes yellow, small becomes big, ugly becomes cute.
- You find it easier to hold your glass with two hands.
- Your slurred speech is almost as slow as the thought that follows it.
- People look at your lethargic body and chuckle.

#### Pathetic

(0.25 - 0.40 BAC)

- You've lost most motor functions.
- You don't care.
- You try, but your body won't stand.
- You contemplate about life and vomiting.
- You're with friends, yet alone in your stupor.
- Sleep is golden.

#### Out-Cold

(0.35 - 0.50 BAC)

- You are completely unconscious.
- Your body is cold.
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- You're in someone else's bed.
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#### Dead

(0.45 + BAC)

- You die from respiratory arrest.

If you're going to indulge in alcohol, keep in mind that alcohol is most rapidly absorbed when the concentration of the drink is between 10% and 30% (mixed drink). Below 10% (beer) is not as easily absorbed due to the low concentration gradient of the gastrointestinal tract and not readily eliminated. On the other hand, concentrations higher than 30% (hard alcohol) tend to irritate the mucous membranes of the gastrointestinal tract, causing increased secretion of mucous and delayed elimination. Hence, beer is no safer than any other alcohol; if anything, it is perhaps a riskier and more costly method of intoxication.

If you would like to control your susceptibility to extreme intoxication, food is the answer. Food taken along with alcohol results in a lower, delayed blood alcohol concentration.

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The type of food ingested has not been shown to have a measurable influence on this affect but the larger the meal and closer in time between eating and drinking, the greater the diminution of drunkenness.

Wherever you go next week, remember that even though you are a wild college student, a little moderation will allow you to control your craziness.

# Canisius earns first NCAA berth since 1957

Fairfield, which raced to a 23-3 lead in the opening minutes of its semifinal victory over Niagara, had it tougher against the Griffs. The Stags made just 8 of 30 shots from the floor and fell behind at the outset this time.

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And with my last dying breath, i lay sobbing, yearning for the days of old as i cry "go news forever"

## ■ SOFTBALL

# Hurlers propel squad to fourth place finish

By MIKE DAY  
Sports Writer

Give them a little sunshine and some time to grow, and they will respond. At least, that seems to be the case with the Notre Dame softball team.

Coming off a tournament in which they lost three of four games and struggled to adjust to playing in the outdoors, the Irish more than redeemed themselves at the NSCA Leadoff Classic over the weekend. Playing against 24 of the nation's top teams, Notre Dame walked away with a fourth place finish and reason to hold

their heads just a little bit higher.

"Considering who we played and everything else, I am happy with our overall performance this weekend," said Irish head coach Liz Miller. "We try to schedule the toughest possible schedule early in the season, so we can be fully prepared once the conference season starts."

After falling to Washington 7-1 on Saturday afternoon, the Irish were forced to take on Texas A&M in the consolation bracket. To combat the Aggies' explosive offense, Miller sent starter Terri Kobata to the mound for the third time in

three days, and the senior didn't disappoint.

In leading the Irish to a 3-1 victory, Kobata did not allow an earned run and limited Texas A&M to just six hits in seven innings. For the weekend, Notre Dame's No. 1 starter allowed just two earned runs in 21 innings and was credited with the win in all three tournament triumphs.

"I was real pleased that she was able to go out and perform at that level for three days in a row," said Miller. "She had never really done that before, so it was good to see her throw well and give us everything she

had in her three starts."

Center fielder Jennifer Giampaolo and first baseman Elizabeth Perkins drove in one run apiece, and the Irish were able to capitalize on two Aggie errors to earn their third victory of the weekend. The win propelled Notre Dame into the championship game of the consolation bracket.

After falling 6-2 to Hawaii back on Friday evening, the Irish were determined to avenge their loss to the Rainbows in a rematch on Sunday evening.

Although they certainly gave Hawaii a run for its money, Notre Dame was unable to overcome one of the top scoring teams in the nation.

"We showed a lot of improvement this weekend, even in the span of just three days," said second baseman Meghan Murray. "The offense did real well, and we seem to have made the adjustment to the warmer weather. It's good to see that we can play with some of the toughest competition in the country."

Murray homered and drove in a pair of runs to help the Irish rattle Rainbow starter Kelly Gentle.

Third baseman Kara McMahon went 1 for 4 with one run batted in, and left fielder Katie Marten collected a pair of hits as the Irish jumped out to a 2-1 lead only to relinquish it just an inning later.

Notre Dame starter Joy Battersby had her problems with the Hawaii offense, allowing five earned runs in four and one-third innings. Despite her troubles, Miller is pleased with the way that her No. 2 starter has developed in just her second tournament of the young season.

"I am not discouraged at all by the way Joy threw over the weekend," said Miller. "She faced some tough competition, and that won't always be the case in the regular season. As a whole, I think the pitching staff is coming along real well."

Pitching is one of many reasons why optimism runs wild in the early stages of the Irish season.

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# Tennis

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crucial victories to clinch the "w" for the Irish.

Simme, who has played all season with a nagging foot injury, defeated Chris DeVore in the no. 3 singles position, 6-3, 7-6. O'Brien easily defeated Gavin Sontag in the fifth slot, 6-3, 6-1.

At No. 4 singles Patterson dropped the first set 3-6 to Brady Blain. But the freshman showed a lot of character as, with the match on the line, he came back to overcome Blain in the second and third stanzas. Blain and Patterson battled in those last two sets, but Patterson out fought Blain winning in dramatic fashion 7-5, 7-6.

Sprouse and Pietrowski were beaten by Illinois best, Jeremy Sutter and Jerry Turek respectively. The loss was just Sprouse's third of the season through twelve matches.

Sutter jumped on top in his match with Irish captain Sprouse as he won the first 6-3. Sprouse bounced back in the second as he battled to win the second set tie breaker. But, Sutter outlasted Sprouse as he clinched the point with a 7-5 win in the third and decisive set.

Turek defeated Pietrowski in straight sets, something uncharacteristic of his outstanding play so far this season.

Senior Jason Pun was defeated in a grueling three set match by Jakup Teply.

In Sunday's match against Miami of Ohio the Irish got points from some different sources, which has been their style all year.

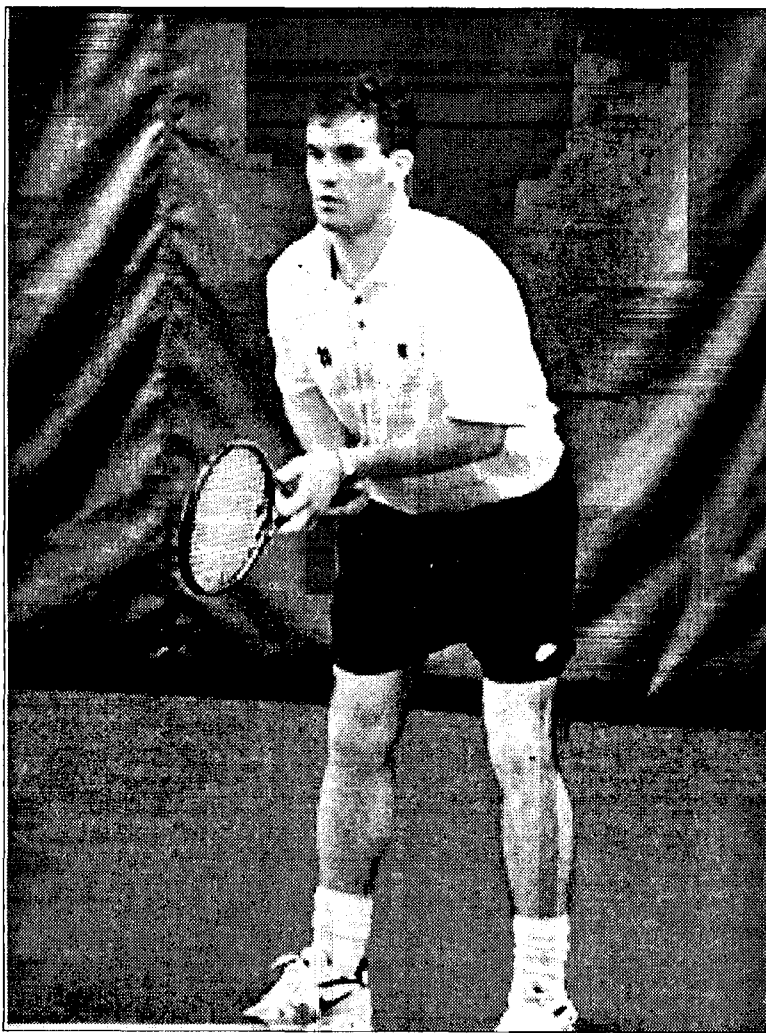
"In the last three matches we have had different guys step up big," Sprouse explained. "I think that is a great way for it to happen. Everyone feels like they are contributing and it is great for team moral."

The Irish won the doubles point with wins at the nos. 1 and 3 slots. The Sprouse and Pun team and the Simme and Patterson duo picked up victories and got the Irish going against the Bobcats.

Sprouse picked up his ninth win on Sunday. Classmates O'Brien and Pun also picked up victories as O'Brien was the only singles player to win both matches over the weekend.

Pietrowski dropped his second match of the weekend at the no. 2 position. Simme and Patterson lost their nos. 3 and 4 singles matches on Sunday after both won Saturday.

The Irish have depended on their depth all season long, and it came through for them this weekend in Illinois.



Despite losing only his third match of the year, captain Mike Sprouse and the Irish swept both of their weekend matches against Illinois and Miami (Ohio).

## FOOTBALL

# Recruit wins Watkins Memorial Trophy

Special to the Observer

Notre Dame recruit Raki Nelson recently received the Watkins Memorial Trophy.

Green Bay Packers' Reggie White's National Alliance of African American Athletes named Nelson, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania's Bishop McDevitt High School, the premier African American Male High School Scholar Athlete in the nation.

Nelson is an All-American Wide Receiver for McDevitt High School, who are the Pennsylvania AA State Champions. He received national attention when he unveiled the first Community Action Poster ever done by a high school athlete. Nelson and his quarterback, Jordan Scott, handed out and autographed posters to grade schools and to midlevel football programs in the midstate area. Nationally, the posters were distributed by the National Alliance of African American

Athletes.

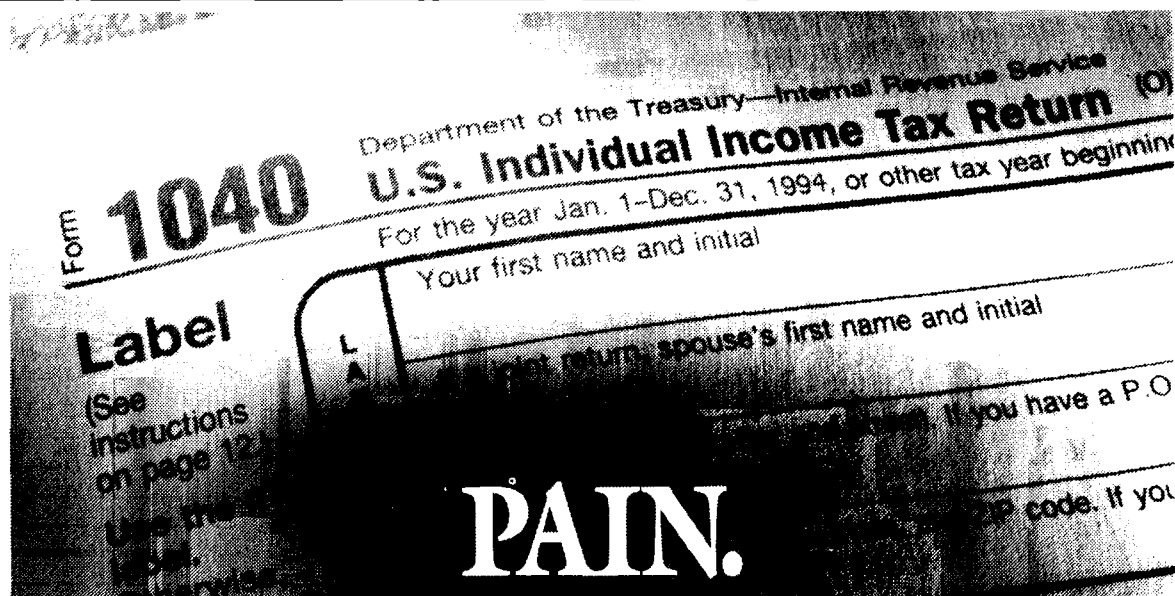
The award is given in honor of Franklin D. Watkins one of the founding fathers of the National Alliance of African American Athletes. The National Alliance is the largest community service organization of African American Athletes in the United States. This award is given annually to a Black male scholar athlete who has taken a leadership role in articulating the cause of the African American community.

The award is sponsored by DANKA, a business equipment giant, and the award will be presented by Dick Engle, President of Central Business Systems.

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**Volleyball:** Come see the Irish Men's Volleyball Team take on Teikyo-Marycrest of Iowa on Tuesday, March 5th in the pit (auxiliary gym) inside the JACC. Games announced by Mike Mathis, the voice of volleyball.



Foilist Jeremy Siek (background) qualified for his third NCAA tournament over the weekend. The Observer/Dave Murphy

## Fencing

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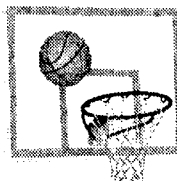
weekend.

Among the others qualifying were Jeremy Siek, foil, and Brice Dille, epee. Siek finished second to Thorston Becker, who once again squeaked out a 5-4 victory over Siek. Foilist Paul Capobianco and epee Phillip Lee each finished sixth and may be added to the team based on a strong regular season and tournament.

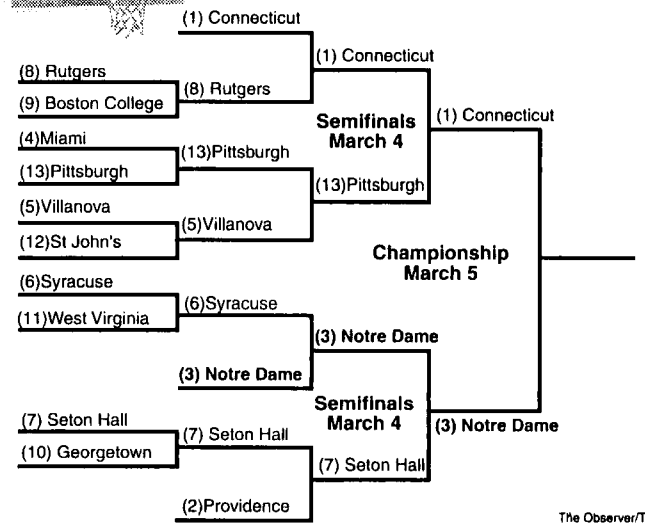
"It was a big disappointment that Paul (Capobianco) didn't make it," lamented Auriol. "He had a good season but a bad tournament. It was a nice surprise to have Anne Hoos qualify. It looks good for us to qualify the maximum of ten members for the championships."

This is Siek and Lester's third and de Bruin's fourth consecutive appearance at the NCAA championships. Lester and de Bruin finished second last year.

"We have a good chance to make the top three like last year," said Auriol about his prospects for the upcoming NCAA championships. "Every year, the goal is to win the national championship. When I look at the season and regionals last week, the results were good."



## 1996 NCAA BIG EAST WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



The Observer/Tom Roland

## Big East

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hind them and prepare themselves for easily the biggest, most pressure-packed game of their young careers. The Lady Huskies, with All-American players like 6-7 Kara Wolters

and Jennifer Rizzotti, provide the challenge that, if met, would put the Notre Dame women's basketball program on the map.

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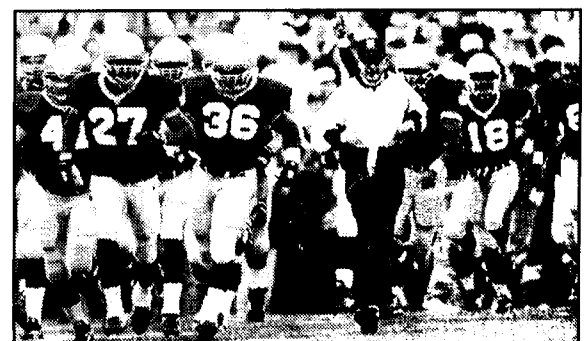
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## ■ BASEBALL

# Pitching falters in final two losses to New Orleans

By DYLAN BARMMER  
Sports Writer

Something strange happened to the Notre Dame baseball team this past weekend.

The Irish won convincingly against then 6-1 New Orleans ace and National Player of the Week Steve Stanson on Friday night, behind a strong performance from their own starting pitcher, only to drop the next two games, surrendering 23 runs in the process and limping out of the Big Easy with a 4-5 mark on the season.

Funny game, baseball.

The Irish were hitting on all cylinders on Friday night, using a 12 hit offensive performance and a six and two-third, three run bid from sophomore Christian Parker to knock off Stanson and the Privateers by an 8-3 score.

The newly renovated Irish lineup proved instrumental in the win, as new leadoff hitter Rowan Richards went 2-4 with two runs and an RBI, and Scott Sollmann turned in a 2-3, two run performance from the number two spot in the order. Stanson, who was coming off a 12 strikeout performance against Southern Mississippi, surrendered nine hits and five earned runs to the surging Irish bats in five and two-thirds innings, and Irish freshman Alex Shilliday continued to impress on the mound with two innings of no-hit, three strikeout ball to close out the game.

"Christian Parker pitched as well as he has since he's been here," said Irish head coach Paul Mainieri following the win. "Alex (Shilliday) pitched with all the poise you would expect out of a veteran. It was a great overall win for us."

So what happened to the Irish over the next two days? The answer to this question can be summed up in two simple words: bad pitching.

"The next two days we were faced with the fact that our starting pitchers did not pitch as well as Christian Parker did in the first game," said Mainieri.

But the problems for the Irish weren't merely confined to the starting pitchers. The entire Irish staff, not-so-proud owners of a bloated 6.39 ERA, simply could not get the job done in the final two games of the series, surrendering 25 hits and issuing 12 walks to go along with the aforementioned 23 runs.

"It's really tough to win when you're giving up eleven or twelve runs a game," commented Mainieri. "We have got to get better on the pitcher's mound - there's no question about it. I know we have the talent to do it."

On Saturday it was Darin Schmalz, coming off a shutout gem against Navy last weekend, who bore the early brunt, as the Privateers exploded for four runs in the third to turn a 0-2 deficit into a 4-2 lead. Schmalz got into trouble early in the inning, when the Privateers used a walk and two singles to load the bases before first baseman Miguel Rivera knocked in two runs to knot the score at 2-2. New Orleans would get three more hits and two more runs in the inning, and Schmalz

never recovered, leaving the game after giving up a triple to center fielder Jim Cueto to open the bottom of the fourth.

The Irish, who at one point trailed 7-2, would rally to tie the score at 7-7, however, using a five-hit, five-run seventh inning to pull the game back within reach. But the Irish bullpen let the offense down, surrendering two runs in both the seventh and eighth inning, and the game ended a 11-7 New Orleans victory.

The story line for Sunday's game bore a striking resemblance to the previous game, as the Irish jumped out to a 1-0 lead before a five-run second inning by the Privateers left them staring up at a 6-1 deficit. This time it was Craig Allen, who at 0-3 on the year has struggled thus far, who took the early lumps, surrendering six earned runs in just one and a third innings while struggling with his control all the while.

Notre Dame continued to battle back, at one point narrowing the gap to 8-6, but the Irish pitchers faltered, and the Privateers tied on four runs in the final three innings to preserve a 12-7 victory and improve to 8-2 on the season.

The Irish did improve a great deal offensively, scoring 22 runs and amassing 35 hits in the three-game series. Richards was 6-14 overall with a homerun, two doubles and six runs scored from his new spot in the lineup, and Sollmann

thrived in the number two spot, going a combined 5-12 with a triple, five runs and a team high five RBI. Second baseman Randall Brooks also fared well after being moved to the bottom spot of the order, going 6-12 with two runs scored.

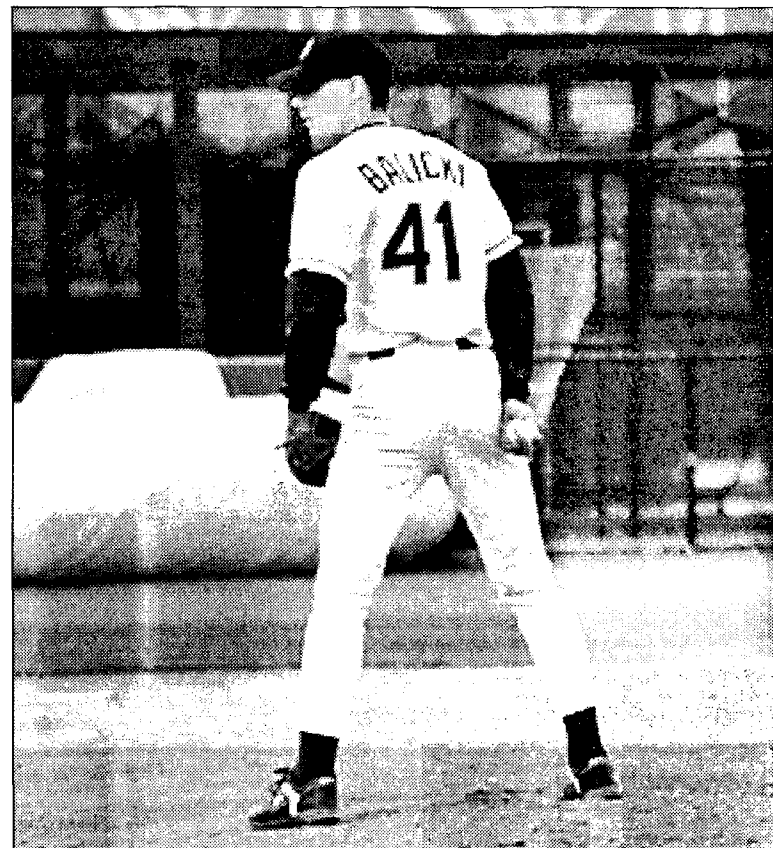
"I felt like, offensively, we really started to come closer to our potential," commented Mainieri. "I think that the moves we decided to make last week really helped us as far as our overall offensive production. We showed more life than we had in the first two weekends."

**Around the Horn:** Irish center-fielder Scott Sollmann's two-run triple in the seventh inning of the 11-7 loss to New Orleans was the 19th of his career, moving him even further ahead of Shaun Fitzmaurice, who is second on the Notre Dame all-time list with 14 three-baggers.

Rowan Richard's 6-14 performance from the leadoff spot moved his average to .371, tops amongst Irish regulars.

Senior catcher Bob Lisanti, known more for his glove than his bat, continues to thrive at the plate this season. Lisanti went a combined 3-8 over the weekend, bringing the career .260 hitter's average to .353.

Righthander Christian Parker leads the Irish in victories (2), innings pitched (14 2/3), and strikeouts (11). His 3.07 ERA is first among Irish starting pitchers.



The Observer/Brian Hardy  
Mike Balicki (1.3 IP, 1 hit, 1 run) was one of only a few Irish pitchers to escape New Orleans unscathed this past weekend.

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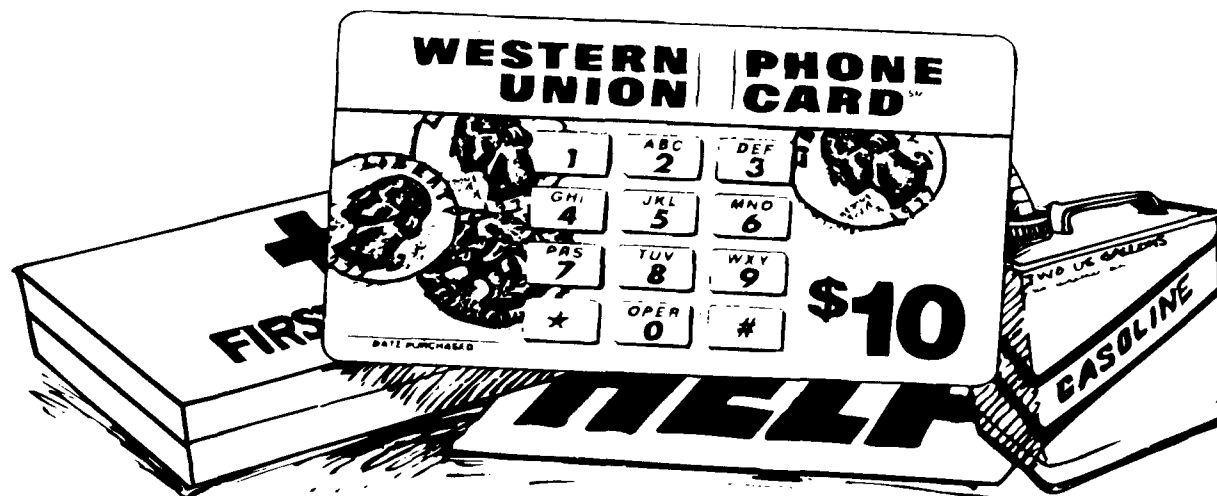


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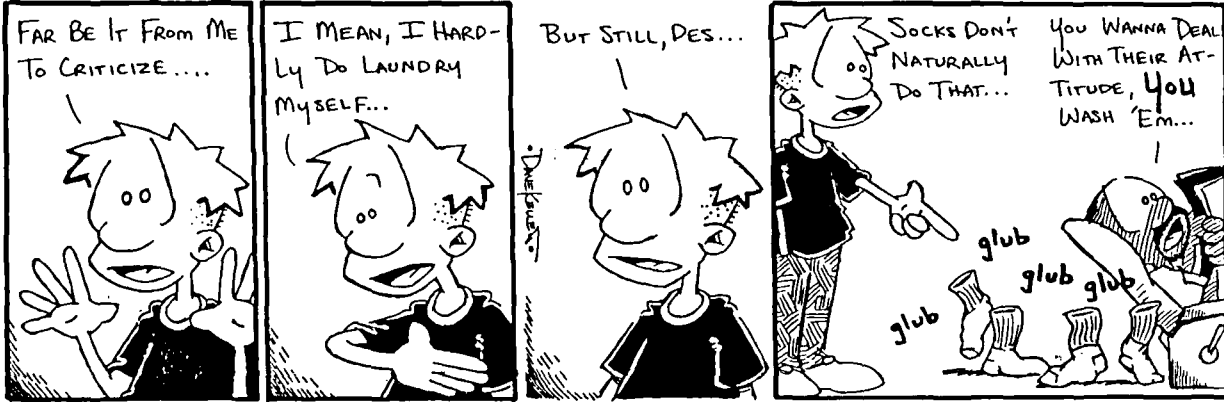


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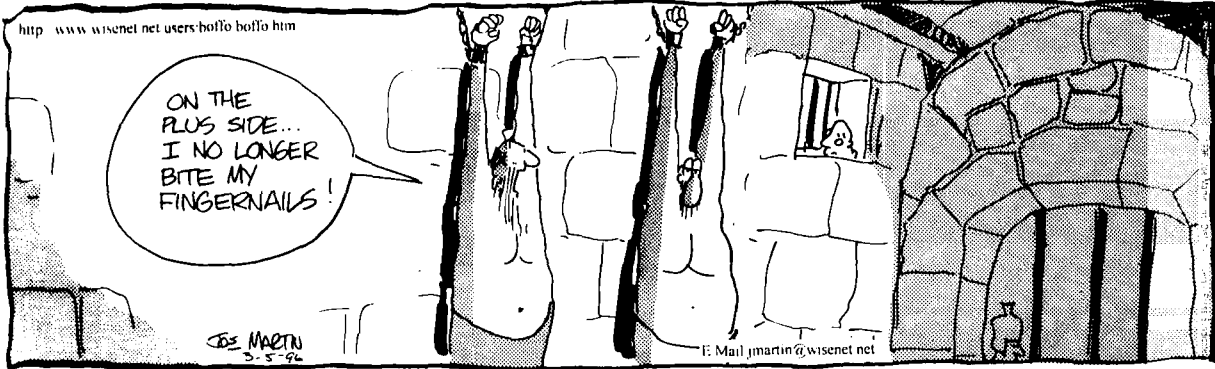
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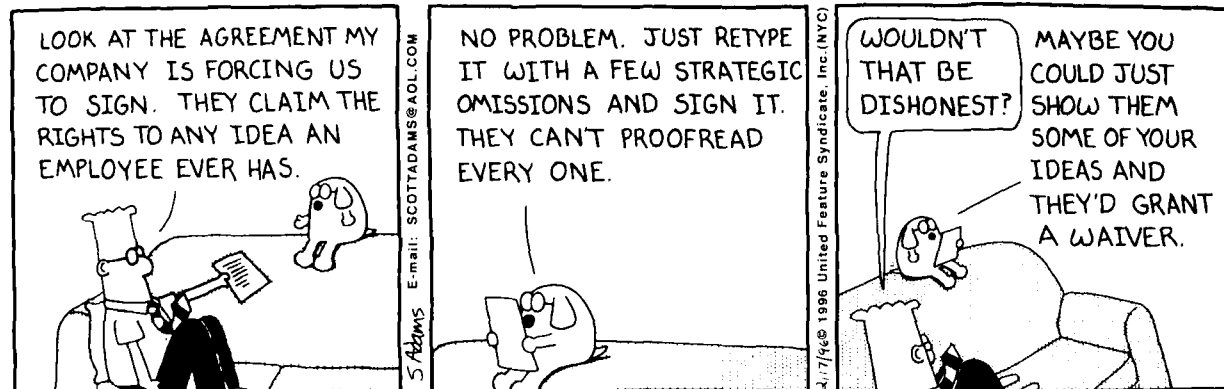
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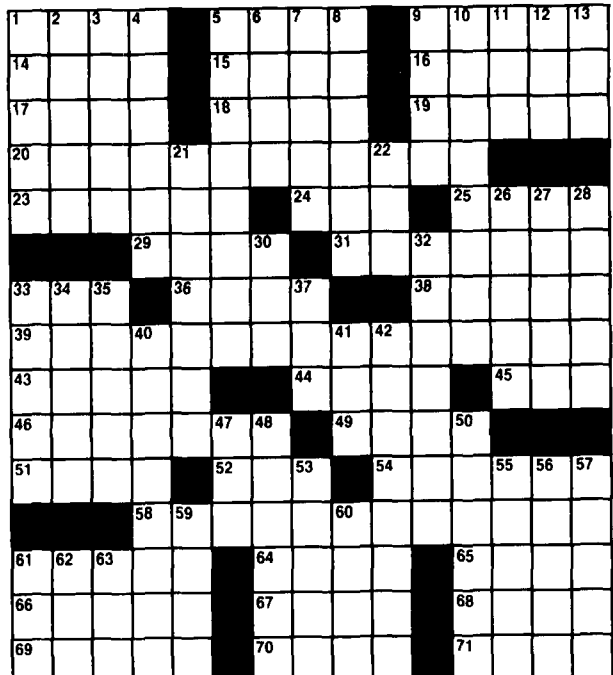
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**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Your creative vision is powerful today. A positive attitude will encourage someone close to your heart. Look for a transformation in a close personal relationship.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Look beyond immediate problems. The financial outlook is bright. A long-distance call announces a new opportunity. A special relationship intensifies.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Communications are in the spotlight. Something you see on TV gives you an employment idea. Attending seminars or night school could increase your earning potential.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The emphasis today is on money, payments and collections. If your social life seems dull, reach out to new people. Joining a charitable group puts you in touch with like-minded individuals. Extend an invitation.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A career choice you make now could lead to a big change in lifestyle. Family members look to you for leadership. Do not let them down. Household projects proceed smoothly. The love temperature soars!

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make a special effort to accommodate people who work behind the scenes. Cultivate the good will of someone who could play a big role in your career. So-called "bargains" may be anything but.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Focus on work assignments that provide an outlet for your creativity. Artistic endeavors enjoy particularly beneficial influences. Friends prove sympathetic and helpful. Repay favors as fast as you can. Romance deepens when you make concessions.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Teamwork pays huge dividends now. Gather tax materials for your accountant. Keep receipts in a safe place. Your intuition regarding a person or problem is right on target. Romantic partner appreciates your direct approach.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): An opportunity to make long-range financial plans will arise. A mutual investment could pay poor dividends. Look elsewhere. Health and fitness should be a priority. Provide teens with a shoulder to lean on.

■ OF INTEREST

Tonight in the Cinema at the Snite, the movies "Oklahoma" and "Godfather, Part II" will be playing at 6:30 and 9:15 p.m. The cost is \$2.

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## ■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Semi-final win sets up final UConn showdown

By TIM MCCONN  
Sports Writer

Beth Morgan and the rest of the Irish squad said that they wanted this. They even predicted it would happen. One better be careful what one wishes for, because it may very easily become reality, as it has in this case.

Before a sellout crowd of 8,241 fans Monday night at the University of Connecticut's Harry A. Gampel Pavilion, the Notre Dame Women's Basketball team defeated a pesky Seton Hall team 69-58 in the semi-finals of the Big East Tournament. As a result of this victory, the third-seeded Irish advance to the championship game, where they will face their newly discovered nemesis: top-seeded UConn, who served up two defeats to the Irish in the regular season.

For the first twenty minutes, it appeared that this would be

anybody's game. The Irish simply could not assert themselves on offense, and they had trouble stopping the opposition on defense. In fact, for the initial eight minutes, Notre Dame fell behind the lowly Pirates by as much as six points. It looked as if the goal of winning the Big East championship might be halted before it ever had a chance to be realized.

At the 11:40 mark in the first half, Katryna Gaither took a Jeannine Augustin feed and finished off a fast break with a layup, making the score 11-10 and giving the Irish a lead they would not relinquish, except for one brief moment at the 9:09 point.

Despite their best efforts, the Irish just could not seem to shake the Pirates, whose stubbornness kept them in the contest. At the half, the score was 37-31.

The Irish displayed their brilliant selves in the second half.

They shot out of the gates quickly, making a 9-2 run that was capped off with a Morgan baseline jumper, making the score 48-35.

For the next six minutes, the lead hovered around 10 points. The Irish then broke it open, giving themselves a 19 point lead with 7:12 remaining. From that point on, Notre Dame played prevent defense and protected their lead, ensuring that they would move on.

Teamwork indeed played a part in this victory. Morgan led the team in scoring with 16 points. Gaither completed the double-double by pouring in 12 points and grabbing 12 boards. Also, Carey Poor and Mollie Peirick each contributed 12 points. Jeannine Augustin dished out six assists, while Peirick contributed four.

Despite this hard-fought victory, the Irish must put it be-

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Mollie Peirick contributed 12 points and four assists as Notre Dame advanced to the Big East final with a 69-58 win over Seton Hall.

## ■ FENCING

## The magic touch

## Notre Dame qualifies eight for NCAAs

By WILLY BAUER  
Sports Writer

Almost every Notre Dame fencer shook off the rust that plagued them in the previous week's Midwest Championships, and showed off the luster that was there only weeks before for the NCAA qualifiers.

Eight Irish fencers sliced and diced their way to the NCAA championships that are set for the last weekend in March. Freshmen Luke LaValle and Sara Walsh both won their sections and all the women fencers were on top of their respective games.

"The tournament went better than expected because of the epee guys," recalled coach Yves Auriol. "Brice Dille placed fourth and Phil Lee came in sixth. The epee team had been a question mark going into the season, so it was good to see them do well."

Walsh was back to her dominating self for the qualifiers. She gave up one touch for the whole tournament. Myriah Brown also qualified for the NCAAs from the foil team. If not for the rule stating only two members from each team can go for each weapon, two other Irish foilists could have qualified. Mindi Kalogera and Nicole Mustilli were among the final six foilists vying for the five NCAA slots.



The Observer/Dave Murphy  
Freshman Sarah Walsh breezed through the NCAA qualifiers last weekend allowing only one touch the whole tournament. She will be one of the Irish foil representatives later this month at the NCAAs.

"I fenced better than I had all season," said Walsh. "I concentrated really hard on the final match and the concentration carried over to my other matches. It was great to see all four of our (team) members make it to the finals. Everyone fenced really well."

Women epee's Maria Thieneman and Ashley Shannon almost made the fi-

nals, making it all the way to the final cut. Teammates Claudette de Bruin and Anne Hoos placed second and third in the tournament.

LaValle avenged his two losses at the Midwest team championships on the way to his first, possibly of many, sectional title. Teammate Bill Lester finished third for the

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## ■ MEN'S TENNIS

## Irish depth secures winning weekend

By JOE CAVATO  
Sports Writer

Just past midway through the season the Notre Dame men's tennis team has already had its share of ups and downs. They got off to a spectacular start as they began the season 6-1. Included in those six wins were victories over nationally ranked teams Minnesota, Boise State and Kentucky.

Then, the Irish hit a tough weekend at the National Indoor Championships where they lost three to top twenty squads. Now the Irish seem to be rolling again as they have overcome three tough regional foes in the past week.

After coming off those three losses, we could have lost any of one of those regional matches," captain Mike Sprouse noted. "It was more important for us to win those close matches."

This past weekend the Irish traveled to Champaign, IL where they took on the Fighting Illini Saturday and Miami of Ohio Sunday. There they came up with two more victories pushing their record to 9-4.

In Saturday's victory over Illinois the Irish got a lift from their doubles play and from the middle of their singles to nip the Illini 4-3. Then on

Sunday the top and bottom of the Irish lineup lead the way to yet another 4-3 win.

The squad got off to a good start in winning two of the three doubles matches to win the point. As usual, the Irish played well when they struck first giving them confidence going into singles play.

Against the Illini the no. 2 and 3 doubles teams clinched the point. Brian Patterson and Jakup Pietrowski continue to prove that they will be a force for the Irish. The freshman and sophomore duo has come up big for the Irish in big matches. They won a tough match over Gavin Sontag and Chris DeVore 8-6.

In the no. 3 doubles slot dual match veterans John J. O'Brien and Ryan Simme continued their solid play. They beat the Illini team of John Manpearl and their no. 1 singles player Jeremy Sutter by a score of 8-6.

Seniors Sprouse and Jason Pun dropped their doubles match as Jerry Turek and Brady Blain were victorious in an 8-4 match.

On the singles side the Irish were lead to a victory, not by the usual sources Sprouse and Pietrowski, but by the 3, 4, and 5 players. Junior Ryan Simme, Patterson, and senior John J. O'Brien came up with

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## Men's Basketball

vs. Syracuse at Big East Tournament,  
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## Women's Basketball

vs. Connecticut, Today, 5 p.m.  
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## Softball

at South Florida Tourney, March 8-10

## Baseball

vs. Lewis-Clark State in Seattle, March 8  
vs. Long Beach State in Seattle, March 9

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