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SMC class of '97 ticket violates election policy

By CAROLINE BLUM
Saint Mary's Editor

According to Board of Governance Elections Committee, the Jolie Pokorny (President), Laura Loh (Vice-President), Karyn Connolly (Secretary), and Katie Ellsworth (Treasurer) ticket running for senior class office next year has violated an election policy.

While campaigning, the Pokorny ticket passed out their 8 1/2" x 11" platforms to the entire campus, a violation of Election Poster Policy No. 6 that states, "Any additional handouts must be smaller than the 8 1/2" x 11" flyer."

"We need to take into account how many people their flyers affected," Elections Commissioner Emily Ruffner said. "The flyers could

SC SAINT MARY'S ELECTIONS

Today:
7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
in the Dining Hall

4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
in the Dining Hall

Unofficial results will be posted at 9:30 p.m.

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Herro trial reset for later date

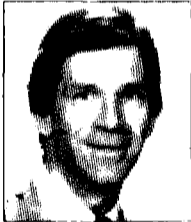
By BRAD PRENDERGAST
News Editor

The trial against Notre Dame Professor Mark Herro, accused of molesting a 14-year-old boy, has been rescheduled for July 8.

Herro's trial had been set to start March 21, but was postponed at the request of his lawyer, Charles Asher.

Reasons for resetting the trial date were not available, and phone calls to Asher and St. Joseph County Prosecutor Michael Barnes were not returned yesterday.

This is the second time



Herro

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Hollywood lauds Prejean's story

Sarandon wins Oscar, nun continues crusade against death penalty

By KRISTI KOLSKI
Assistant News Editor

The movie "Dead Man Walking" may have garnered Susan Sarandon the best actress award at the Oscars last night, but after the paparazzi and ticket sales diminish, there will still be the woman who inspired the film.

Sister Helen Prejean has made a lasting impression through her work with death row inmates in Louisiana's Angola State Prison and has unwittingly found herself in the spotlight as a spokesperson against capital punishment.

Appearing on Oprah and featured in journals across the nation, Prejean has become a bit of a star herself. As the author of the 1993 autobiography with the same title as the movie, Prejean exposed more than the criminal. She also exposed the human being behind the violence and the families of victims who must struggle with issues of forgiveness.

Sister Eleanor Bernstein, director



In the Tim Robbins film "Dead Man Walking," Sister Helen Prejean (Susan Sarandon) lays a compassionate hand on the shoulder of death row inmate Matthew Poncelet (Sean Penn).

of the Center for Pastoral Liturgy at Notre Dame and a friend of Prejean, believes that the movie is a serious issue for contemporary society.

"Sister Prejean never says that a sin is okay. She shows that we can condemn the sin but forgive and offer mercy to the sinner," Bernstein said. "The real struggle for human being is to do the kind act, to confront the sinner and be compassionate."

The movie expressed the difficulty, especially for the parents of the vic-

tims, to find forgiveness. In addition to her work with death row inmates, Prejean offered assistance to the families of victims to help them find some sense of peace.

"Through her work you gain an appreciation of what compassion, justice, mercy and patience means," said Brother Bonaventure Scully, rector of Keenan Hall.

Scully has followed Prejean's efforts since she visited Notre Dame in the spring of 1994 as part of a presentation sponsored by Keenan in conjunction with several other dorms.

At that time the movie was a fledgling idea but it emerged into an honest representation of the issues in Prejean's book surrounding the death penalty.

"The movie does not tell you what to think about capital punishment but it does challenge you to face the question," Scully said.

Racial, socio-economic and political factors in addition to issues of Catholicism all emerge in the portrayal of Prejean's life.

The movie highlighted the fact that most people on death row are either a minority or unable to afford better lawyers.

"It reflects everything about our judicial system," Scully said.

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Sister Prejean (center) consults with Sarandon and director Tim Robbins on the set of the film.

University raises record sum

Special to the Observer

The University of Notre Dame raised a record \$70.2 million in cash contributions in fiscal year 1995, according to the annual report of the University's Department of Development.

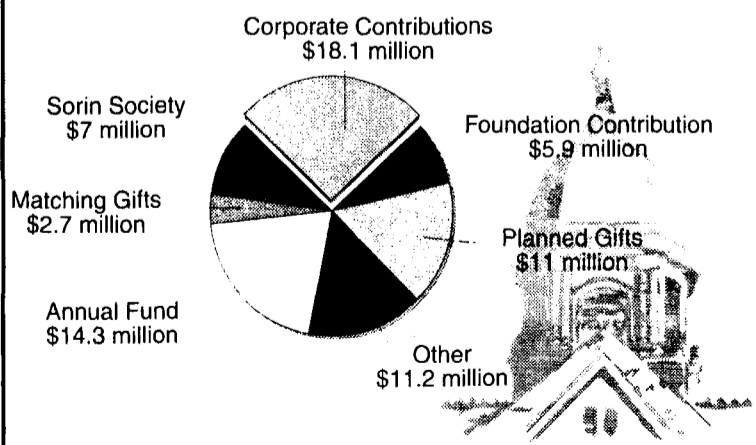
The total, which does not take into account pledges of future gifts, exceeded by more than \$5 million the record established in 1994.

"Notre Dame is fortunate—blessed, really—to receive such phenomenal support from various constituencies," said Daniel Reagan, director of development. "There can be no question that the progress Notre Dame makes is due in large measure to the generosity of our benefactors. We are more than grateful."

Record-setting totals in the planned giving program, the Notre Dame Annual Fund, and corporate support played a large role in establishing the overall record for cash contributions.

Planned gifts—including be-

Cash Contributions to Notre Dame Fiscal Year 1995



quests, trusts, insurance and other estate gifts—amounted to \$11 million, equal to the record established last year. The Badin Guild, established for benefactors who include Notre Dame in their estates, numbers 491 members whose anticipated gifts total more than

\$170 million.

In its 52nd year, the Notre Dame Annual Fund raised a record \$14.3 million, a four percent increase over the previous record established in 1994. The fund's matching gifts program raised a record-

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GRADUATE STUDENT UNION

Annual award honors five student teachers

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN
News Writer

For the second year in a row, the Graduate Student Union (GSU) will honor graduate students with the GSU Awards for Outstanding Teaching by a Graduate Student.

The awards are given for an outstanding teaching performance by a graduate student as a teaching assistant (TA) or an independent instructor. Teaching assistants help professors by grading and occasionally giving lectures. Independent instructors have complete responsibility for their classes. They are the main instructors of the class.

Winners receive one-hundred dollars and a place on a plaque in the GSU office. "The major reason that we started these awards last year was to publi-

cize the quality of graduate student teaching," said Ed Wingenbach, the head of the awards committee.

The independent instructors are judged by Teacher-Course Evaluations (TCEs), creativity and innovation in the creation of syllabi, and outside references, such as letters from department heads.

"The teaching assistants are harder to grade, because there are no syllabi or TCEs for most of them," Wingenbach said. Teaching assistants are judged by letters from the professors and, in some cases, letters from undergraduates that have taken the class.

The committee that decides the awards is made up of four graduate students from each division of the University's Graduate School, Science, En-

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INSIDE COLUMN

Details worth remembering

I was speaking to a very nice woman the other day and she happened to mention that I "generally pay no attention to details." I was outraged. Me, a sensitive, caring man, not pay attention to details.



Thomas Roland
Managing Editor

Sure, I can't tell you what I wore yesterday (unless I woke up late in which case it's the same thing I have on today). And until a week ago I couldn't remember what the hell I did with my comb (which had been missing since sometime first semester). But what I can tell you about is baseball.

Barry Bonds is the best. Greg Maddux is God. Frank Thomas is Zeus. Francisco Cabrera can hit the ball right down the line when it matters (just ask anyone from Pittsburgh). Bo Jackson only needs one good leg and a bat to hit the ball 420 feet. Carlton Fisk could teach Deion a thing or two about professionalism. My pee-wee league could teach Bill Buckner a thing or two about keeping your eye on the ball.

Some "people" out there may find this information to be "useless knowledge." To them I ask: Where the hell do you think knowledge of the molecular bonds of chemistry is going to get you? In the worst case scenario I'll meet another baseball junkie and share a few stories. I just don't see that chemistry thing doing the same. "How 'bout them polymer bonds; isn't that hydrogen just zany," just doesn't have the same ring as "How 'bout them Brewers, that B.J. Surhoff is really tearing it up." You baseball nazi's will never experience the joy of reminiscing Kirk Gibson's ninth inning blast off The Eck to the call of Marv Albert. Never will you share reenactments of the scene from Dave Henderson's ninth inning blast to send the Sox to the '86 Series. Never will you smile as you think back to Saturday afternoon with Vin Scully and NBC's Game of the Week. The numbers 2130, 714, 61, and legendary number 7 mean nothing to non-junkies.

Sure I am oblivious to the minor details like when Easter is (do we get Thursday off?) and when I have the next test in Finance, but I do know that Orel Hershiser once pitched 59 straight scoreless innings (not that will be answer on the Finance test), but it will get a grin as fellow junkies think of the scene as Mike Soscia picks him up after he broke Sandy Kofaux consecutive scoreless innings mark. Or even the thought of Harry Caray making the home run call for Andre Dawson during his '88 MVP season, "It might be. It could be (by this time the ball has already landed somewhere on Waveland and Dawson has already crossed the bat as they prepare for the next pitch). It is! A homerun. Holy Cow." Or my all-time favorite Caray quote (in reference to the Cubs road uniforms), "Looks like those things say Cuba aye Steve." This from a man with glasses so big his cheeks stay warm when the wind blows.

I never claim to remember where I park my car, or who the lead singer of Green Day is, or even how to pronounce all my roommates names (hey, there are five). What I can tell you are the important things, like the fact that Willie McGee is the only batting champion to not finish the year in the league he won the title.

If you need help learning about the things that are important, watch "Field of Dreams."

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WORLD AT A GLANCE

'Braveheart' wins five Oscars, including best picture

LOS ANGELES

"Braveheart," the epic about a 13th-century Scottish patriot, won five Oscars Monday night, including best picture and best director for its star Mel Gibson.

Like Gibson, Emma Thompson also won an Oscar in another area of her craft, adapting the Jane Austen novel "Sense and Sensibility" for the screen.

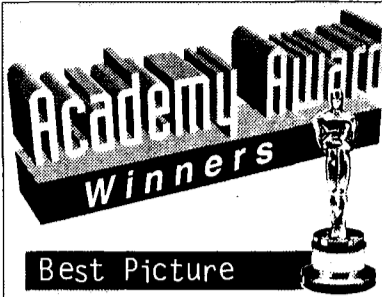
Susan Sarandon, who played a nun trying to redeem a condemned killer in "Dead Man Walking," took best actress honors and Nicolas Cage was named best actor for his role as a suicidal alcoholic in "Leaving Las Vegas."

Gibson, a plaid vest flashing from between the lapels of his tuxedo, thanked writer Randall Wallace and producer Alan Ladd Jr. for bringing the script of the early Scottish epic to a "fiscal imbecile."

"Like most directors, what I really want to do is act," said Gibson. He granted his own wish, casting himself as the wild-haired warrior who drove the English from Scotland.

"Braveheart" was Gibson's second outing as a director, the first being "The Man Without a Face" in 1993. He follows a line of actors-turned directors who have won Oscars: Robert Redford, Warren Beatty, Woody Allen, Kevin Costner.

Thompson, who won the best actress award for "Howard's End" in 1992, collected her second Oscar.



Best Picture

"Braveheart"

Best Actor

Nicolas Cage
"Leaving Las Vegas"

Best Actress

Susan Sarandon
"Dead Man Walking"

Director

Mel Gibson
"Braveheart"

The English actress told of visiting author Austen's grave at Winchester Cathedral "to pay my respects and tell her about the grosses."

She concluded by dedicating her award to Ang Lee, who directed the film but was overlooked for an Oscar nomination though the film was up for best picture.

Supporting actor awards went to Kevin Spacey, the verbal con man in "The Usual Suspects," and Mira Sorvino, who played a hooker in "Mighty Aphrodite," won the Academy Awards for supporting actor and actress Monday night.

Spacey thanked his mother for driving him to acting classes when he was 16: "I told you it would pay off, and here's the pudding."

Sorvino thanked her father as the veteran actor openly sobbed in the audience.

"When you give me this award you honor my father, Paul Sorvino, who taught me everything I know about acting," she said. The elder Sorvino, a character actor, has appeared in TV's "Law & Order," and the movie "Goodfellas," among others.

AP

Kirk Douglas got a standing ovation as he stepped up to accept an honorary Oscar — announced earlier — for "50 years as a creative and moral force in the making of motion picture community."

Clinton urges support for health law

WASHINGTON

President Clinton urged states today to vigorously enforce laws barring tobacco sales to minors to combat the notion "that glamor and grit can be found in a package of cigarettes." Clinton met with 27 state attorneys general at the White House and asked them to implement an anti-smoking regulation named for the late Rep. Mike Synar, D-Okla. The rule, part of the Public Health Service Act of 1992, requires states to restrict the sale and distribution of tobacco products to minors in order to get federal block grants for substance abuse and treatment. Clinton acknowledged that even the best efforts of government may not be enough to keep some young people from smoking. He cited data that showed 3,000 young people per day begin smoking and 1,000 reduce their life expectancy because of the habit.



Man sentenced for attacks on Amish

SPARTA, Wis.

A carpenter who sought revenge after an Amish buggy forced his car into a ditch was sentenced to 60 years in prison Monday for raping a 15-year-old Amish girl and firing a rifle at a horse and buggy. The attacks were classified as hate crimes because Michael Vieth admitted he targeted members of the religious sect. "Nobody deserves to go through what I put these people through," Vieth said at his sentencing. He apologized and said he would get alcohol counseling in prison. Vieth abducted the girl in rural Wilton as she walked home from substitute teaching and sexually assaulted her in his car. He cut off her underclothes after she told Vieth it would be a sin for her to remove them, according to the criminal complaint. Earlier that day, Vieth had shot at an Amish horse and buggy with a .22-caliber rifle. The buggy held a man and three children; only the horse was injured.

Russia drops plan for tariff increase

NEW YORK

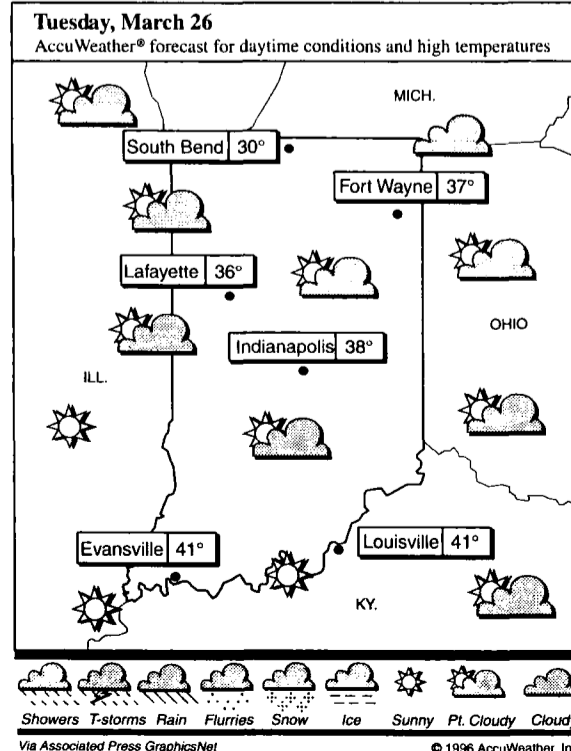
Russia has dropped a plan to raise import tariffs by 20 percent, clearing the way for a \$10.2 billion loan from the International Monetary Fund, The New York Times reported. The loan had been thrown into doubt earlier this month after Russia's finance minister, Vladimir Pankov, proposed the across-the-board tariff increase, contradicting previous assurances to the IMF. But the Times reported Tuesday that a senior Western economist said Russia has now met almost all of the conditions and that the fund's staff had prepared a confidential analysis recommending that the loan go forward. The IMF's 24-member executive board is scheduled to take up the loan on Tuesday, and the Times said formal approval is now virtually assured. The loan is linked to a comprehensive plan to proceed with market reforms and is expected to give Russian President Boris Yeltsin an important election-year boost. Last month, the head of the IMF approved the loan to prop up Russia's free-market reforms.

Canadian liberals sweep election

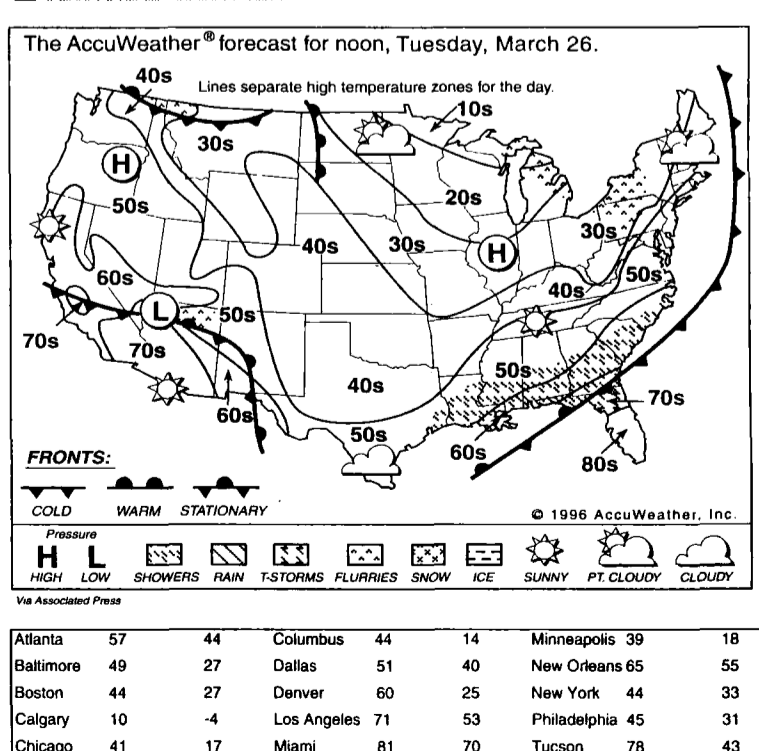
TORONTO

Prime Minister Jean Chretien's Liberal Party swept to victory Monday in five of six by-elections for vacant parliamentary seats, including one district where Quebec separatists had fielded a strong challenger. Pierre Pettigrew, appointed in January as Chretien's minister of international cooperation, defeated Daniel Turp, a policy adviser to the separatist Bloc Quebecois, in a working-class district in Montreal. The Liberals had held the seat since 1953, and Turp fared better than other separatists in recent elections in the district. A second new member of Chretien's Cabinet, Intergovernmental Affairs Minister Stephane Dion, also won his race in another Montreal district. That district had voted so strongly for federalist candidates in recent elections that the Bloc Quebecois made only a token effort this time. The Bloc Quebecois' only victory Monday came in the central Quebec district.

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NATIONAL WEATHER



Atlanta	57	44	Columbus	44	14	Minneapolis	39	18
Baltimore	49	27	Dallas	51	40	New Orleans	65	55
Boston	44	27	Denver	60	25	New York	44	33
Calgary	10	-4	Los Angeles	71	53	Philadelphia	45	31
Chicago	41	17	Miami	81	70	Tucson	78	43

Panel aids selection of major

By SARAH CORKREAN
News Writer

As a year of adapting to college life for freshmen draws to a close, Saint Mary's students find themselves sorting through a list of possible majors with many unanswered questions.

In an effort to assist students and answer their questions in the early stages of choosing a major, the Counseling and Career Development Center (C&CDC) presented the panel discussion last night.

Karen Manier, assistant director of the C&CDC, along with a panel of Saint Mary's juniors and seniors representing a wide array of majors, guided an audience of Saint Mary's freshmen through the process of choosing a major.

Manier warned the freshmen audience of the many "stumbling blocks" that students may face when declaring a major.

"Some students simply don't always do enough information searches before declaring a major," said Manier.

The panel suggested three guidelines to students choosing a major. First, students should read the information available about the major.

Secondly, students should talk to other students in the major and faculty in the department.

Thirdly, experiencing the major firsthand by taking a class was also recommended. The panel indicated that this will help students focus on those majors that incorporate their interests. In beginning the process,

Manier suggests students visit the C&CDC career library. The library offers books on majors and occupations as well as a computer program linked to alumnae to assist in finding internships or providing information on majors.

"Not only do we offer valuable information, but a student assistant is on duty to assist in searches," said Manier.

"By making a visit to the C&CDC library, we can help with any questions and get students started on the road to deciding on a major," said Beth Lang, student assistant.

"The library is a great resource that all students are welcome and invited to use in making plans about majors in college and afterwards," said Manier.

Morrissey accepts new post

Special to The Observer

David Morrissey, associate director of development at Notre Dame and director of the University's Los Angeles regional development office, has been promoted to the newly created position of director of international and public policy advancement.



Morrissey

In recent years Morrissey has directed Notre Dame's early efforts in international fund raising, with a personal focus on Asia. He played an integral role in the University's record-setting Strategic Moment capital campaign and in the development department's win-

ning of Circle of Excellence Awards from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.

In his new role, Morrissey will expand the University's international development activities and also establish special advancement programs for Notre Dame's law and graduate business schools and for the University's presence in Washington, D.C.

"Dave has been Notre Dame's link to the West Coast for more than 15 years," said William Sexton, vice president for University Relations. "We are delighted that now he will be joining us on campus to continue our new focus on international development and to work closely with the law and business schools. We have only recently begun to establish closer ties to decision-makers in

Washington, and I'm pleased that Dave also will be directing our efforts in that regard."

A member of the Notre Dame development staff since 1980, Morrissey previously worked in alumni and development positions at Loyola Marymount University. He also served for four years in the U.S. Air Force as a missile launch officer and instructor. He holds a bachelor's degree from Loyola and a master's of business administration degree from the University of Southern California.

Morrissey and his wife, Bonnie, are the parents of four children, all Notre Dame graduates: Kevin '86, Kimberly '88, Colleen '92, and Dennis '93. Colleen is a second-year student in the Notre Dame Law School.

Morrissey will assume his new position April 1.

In step!



Prachi Dixit of South Bend demonstrates Indian dance at Asian Cultural Night last night.

Patterson receives Bayer Corp. grant

Special to The Observer

Steven Patterson, a recent doctoral recipient from Georgia State University, has received a two-year postdoctoral fellowship endowed by Bayer Corp., according to Charles Kulpa, Jr., professor of biology.

Patterson, a postdoctoral fellow in the laboratories of Assistant Professors of Chemistry

and Biochemistry Richard Taylor and Bradley Smith at Notre Dame, is conducting research on the "Library Approach to Carbohydrate Sensors."

The fellowship will be administered by Notre Dame's Center for Bioengineering and Pollution Control. The center coordinates faculty research activities in the Colleges of Engineering and of Science.

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ND celebrates Earth Week

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame Environmental Coalition, an informal alliance of campus groups, is celebrating Earth Week with a week full of activities to promote environmental awareness and involvement.

"Seeking Environmental Justice: A Panel Discussion on

Brownfield Policy" will take place Wed., March 27 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in Room 120 of the Law School. An Environmental Movie Festival will be sponsored by the Terra Club Fri., March 29 from 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. in Montgomery Theater in LaFortune Student Center. ShamROCK Greenfest, spon-

sored by the Recyclin' Irish, will be from 1-5 p.m. Sat., March 30 at the Fieldhouse Mall. The outdoor concert will feature George and the Freeks and Stomper Bob and the 4x4s. There will be speakers, booth presentations by environmental groups, tie-dying, free food, a bead workshop and an environmental obstacle course.

Election

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have caused over ten individuals to easily change their minds."

The Elections Committee met Monday to decide the penalty for the violation, which they collectively agreed would be a deduction of 15% of the ticket's total votes.

"We obviously have to penalize them because all the other tickets played fair," committee member Christine Riesenberger said.

The committee based the penalty on the voter turnout in past elections and an estima-

tion of what the voter turnout will be today when the juniors vote.

"If it's a close or marginal election, the violation could have an effect," committee member Colin Shaughnessy said. "But if the election is a landslide, the violation won't make any difference."

Committee members Jen Lidga and Emily Miller also supported the decision, explaining that some of the members on the ticket have held student government offices before, and have knowledge of the election policies.

"The reason why Emily [Ruffner] holds mandatory meetings is to assure that situations like this don't occur," Miller explained. "She is very

specific in going over the rules and policies."

The committee ruled that in case of a runoff at the election today, the 15% penalty would again apply.

"We assume full responsibility for distributing flyers that were 8 1/2 x 11 inches," presidential candidate Jolie Pokorny said. "This minor oversight that will result in a 15% vote reduction is a call to all 329 members of the class of 1997 to vote in order to ensure that our class is fully represented. We are the same ticket, with the same platform, and the same dedication to serve our class."

Voting will take place during all meals in the dining hall today.

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ineering, Social Sciences and Humanities. The nominees are divided up by division, and each division representative suggests one or two finalists for each award. The committee then

meets and decides on two or three overall finalists.

The suggestions of the committee are then passed on to Barbara Turpin, the associate dean of the Graduate School, who decides the honorees. "We finally settled on two for the TA award, and three for the independent instructor awards, but

we were extremely impressed with the quality of the teaching this year. There were plenty who were well above the university average," said Wingenbach.

The committee has already submitted its finalists to Turpin, and the winners are expected to be announced by April 1st.

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"Besides, there is no evidence that capital punishment deters anything. The people that commit these crimes are far from rational."

For Scully, the issue is a political game.

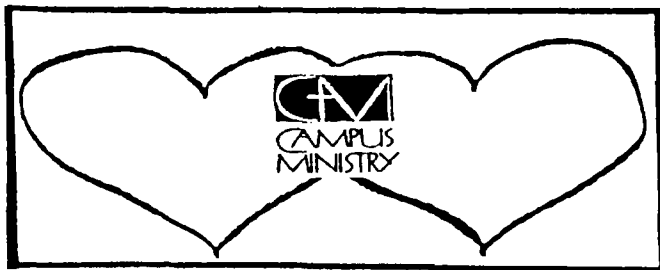
"Politicians play with people's lives to get votes. Instead, it should be a moral issue and we should look at it as educated Catholics."

"Dead Man Walking," said Prejean of her book, "was a

sustained meditation on love, criminal violence and capital punishment.

"In a larger sense, [the book] is about life and death itself," she continued. "Are we here to persecute our brothers or to bring compassion into a world which is cruel without reason?"

WHAT'S THE FUTURE OF THIS RELATIONSHIP?



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Money

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tying \$2.7 million. Among U.S. colleges and universities, Notre Dame is second only to Harvard University in both number of matching gifts and total matching gift dollars.

A record \$7 million was raised through the Sorin Society, flagship of the Annual Fund.

The society includes contributors of a minimum of \$1,000 annually in unrestricted gifts, as well as Founders Circle members, who donate \$3,000 or more annually.

Corporate contributions to Notre Dame in 1995 amounted to \$18.1 million and foundation contributions totaled \$5.9 million for a combined record of \$24 million.

More than 50 percent of Notre Dame's undergraduate alumni made contributions to their alma mater, one of the highest participation rates among American colleges and universities.

In total, almost 35,000 alumni contributed \$31.3 million to the University.

Herro

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that the trial date has been reset.

Herro, an associate professor in the electrical engineering department, was arrested in late October by St. Joseph County police and charged with three counts of child molestation and two counts of sexual misconduct with a minor.

He remains on the faculty of the University pending the outcome of the trial, according to Michael Garvey, assistant director of Notre Dame Public Relations.

From January 1994 to June 1995, Herro allegedly molested the boy numerous times at several locations. Herro was a friend of the boy's family, authorities said.

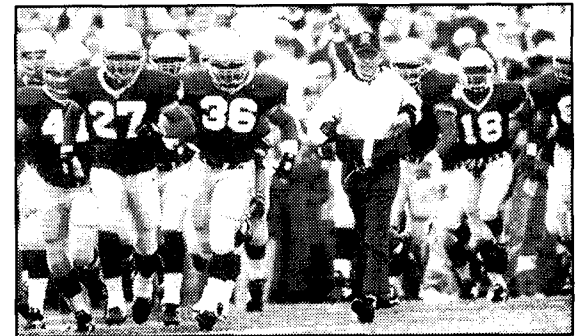
The boy's father informed the county police of the alleged conduct in October after finally persuading his son to talk about it, according to police reports.

Herro remains free after posting \$2,000 bond. He has pleaded innocent.

The South Bend Tribune contributed to this report.

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New comet attracts skygazers

By CAROLYN THOMPSON
Associated Press

BOSTON
Other comets have come closer to Earth. Others have shone brighter. But as comets go, Hyakutake, the little greenish fuzzball in the sky, is a heavenly reward for skygazers.

"Suddenly, all of your neighbors who thought you were a little odd hunting for dim, little, distant galaxies in a telescope in your backyard in the middle of the night suddenly can step outside their door and there it is," said Alan MacRobert, associate editor at Sky & Telescope magazine in Cambridge. "For amateur astronomers, these are wonderful times."

Hyakutake, making its first appearance in about 9,000 years, has been drawing countless eyes to the night sky.

Internet sites are crowded with enthusiastic observations.

"Boy is this fun," began one message. "Dang, what a sight!" read another. "You simply can't miss this comet. It just jumps out at you."

Not bad for a chunk of dirty ice that's been drifting above since the solar system formed.

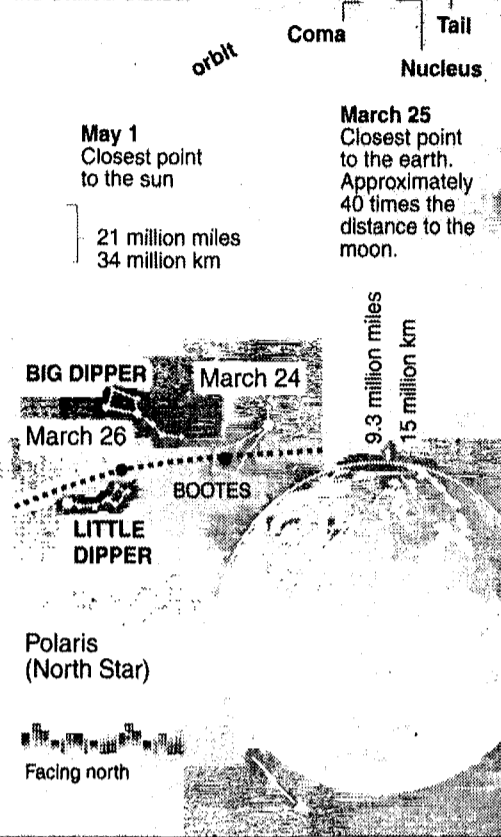
"There's something about the appearance of a comet," said Brian Marsden, associate director for planetary sciences at the Smithsonian-Harvard Center for Astrophysics. "I suppose it's the fact that you can have this thing ... just for a little while and know it's come from a great distance."

Hyakutake, named for the amateur Japanese astronomer who discovered it in January, is the brightest burning comet since Comet West in 1976. It is visible throughout the Northern Hemisphere.

Observers say there have been few more watchable comets this century, though the much larger Hale-Bopp due to

Comet Hyakutake

The brightest comet to pass this close in 400 years, it should be visible from Japan, Europe, Canada and the United States.



Source: California Institute of Technology, AP research

What is it?

The core of a comet is a "dirty snowball" made up of ice, dust and rock. When its orbit takes it close to the sun, the ices steam outward, creating the coma (also known as the head) and the tail.

How big is it?

The comet's head is about 40 times larger than the earth

How bright will it be?
Possibly as bright as a quarter moon.

When will it be back?
Between 10,000-20,000 years.

Viewing tips

- Try to leave the city. Light pollution makes it difficult to see.
- Let your eyes get adapted to the dark first (at least 20-30 minutes).
- Take a simple star chart with you.
- Contact your local astronomical society or planetarium to see if they have a "star party" planned.

AP/Tonia Cowan

pass near Earth next year could top Hyakutake's show.

At Hyakutake's nearest point to Earth — about 9.5 million miles away Sunday and Monday — sky-watchers said it had the brightness of Sirius, the brightest star in the northern sky. Its tail of glowing gases is an estimated 62,000 miles long.

A comet came closer to Earth as recently as 1983, but it was nowhere near as bright.

Experts say the comet will start to fade after Monday until the first week in April as it drifts farther from the Earth, but may brighten again as it

gets closer to the sun. It should become visible to people in the Southern Hemisphere in mid-May, MacRobert said.

Traveling 198,000 mph as it rounds the sun, Hyakutake's orbit and the gravitational effects of the planets should bring it back this way in about 17,000 years. Halley's Comet returns every 76 years.

"Things like this spur people to look up beyond the surface of our little planet, where we live our little lives," MacRobert said, "and see something of the bigger, wider universe that is waiting for us to just look up."

RUSSIA

Yeltsin calls for closer ties with Belarussians

By DEBORAH SEWARD
Associated Press

MOSCOW

President Boris Yeltsin said Monday that Russia and Belarus would have strong ties under their new union, but denied the two countries were forming a single state.



Yeltsin

President Alexander Lukashenko of Belarus announced Saturday that his country would sign an agreement with Russia next week creating a new union between the two countries.

Some Belarussians feared the union would strip them of their independence. But Yeltsin said each country would remain independent.

"It will not be a treaty on (creating) a single state. But it will be a treaty on very deep integration," Yeltsin told reporters in Moscow before leaving for Norway.

Speaking in Brussels on Monday, Belarussian Prime Minister Mikhail Chigir insisted that both countries would maintain their independence.

News of the agreement drew strong reaction from Belarussian nationalists opposed to stronger ties with Russia.

About 15,000 people, many waving red-and-white Belarussian flags, marched through downtown Minsk on Sunday to demand continued independence and protest government moves toward closer links with Moscow.

The Belarussian National

Front said 100 people were beaten, 12 detained and six hospitalized as a result of clashes with police during the demonstration.

Front leaders also said they planned to send a letter to Yeltsin warning that they will fight if the union goes ahead.

"If the Kremlin continues its policy of occupation, it will get another Chechnya," National Front leader Zoznyak said the letter would say.

Most Belarussians, however, support closer ties with Moscow. The country of 10 million is floundering economically and many Belarussians long for the stability of the old Soviet system and look to Russia to bail them out.

Chigir acknowledged that his country is the poorest of all the former Soviet republics and said expanded trade with the West would, among other things, help Belarus pay the enormous bill it owes Russia for oil and gas.

In Moscow, the agreement drew mixed reviews from Communists, who generally support the restoration of the former Soviet Union.

Viktor Anpilov, leader of the most pro-Soviet Communist party, was quoted Monday by the Interfax news agency as saying that the agreement was doomed to failure.

"There can be no talk of integration without the restoration of Soviet power, people's ownership and a single union of nations," Anpilov said.

However, Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov, who is the front-runner in the presidential race, praised the new union Sunday and claimed credit.

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■ GERMANY

Authorities seek Syrian terrorists

Associated Press

BERLIN
Authorities investigating two terror attacks in the 1980s are seeking two high-ranking Syrians, including one described as a relative of Syrian President Hafez Assad, officials said Monday.

One arrest warrant was issued a year ago for Feisal Sammak, Syria's former ambassador in East Berlin and a relative of Assad, according to Suzanne Pfefferkorn, a spokeswoman for the Berlin State Justice Ministry.

Sammak is suspected of having helped terrorist Carlos the Jackal's alleged right-hand man, Johannes Weinrich, in the 1983 bombing of a French cultural center in West Berlin, which killed one man and injured 23 others. Weinrich is being tried for murder in the bombing.

The other warrant is against Heitham Said, chief of the Syrian air force's spy agency. He is accused of ordering the 1986 bombing of the German-Arab Friendship Society in West Berlin, which injured seven people.

Austrian officials arrested Sammak in Vienna in 1994 at the request of the German government, but he was soon released under diplomatic immunity. He is director general of the Syrian Tobacco Co.

■ BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

Peacekeepers opt for 'dynamic' role

By EDITH LEDERER
Associated Press

SARAJEVO
NATO-led peacekeepers will take part in civilian projects to rebuild Bosnia "in a much more dynamic way," the force said Monday in announcing a significant deviation from its mandate.

The U.N. peacekeeping mission that preceded NATO was doomed in part because it spread itself thin, and alliance commanders insisted on sticking to the military role assigned in Bosnia's peace pact.

But with the need to rebuild the war-ravaged country so great, and cooperation among Bosnia's rival factions so poor, NATO has found it necessary to expand its role.

"The military commanders have now accepted that they

will change their emphasis," said Maj. Simon Haselock, a NATO spokesman.

The announcement meant that NATO was expecting full compliance with the last military milestone in the peace agreement — the withdrawal of all forces to barracks to storage areas by April 18.

Since the NATO-led force took over from the United Nations in late December, it has successfully implemented military provisions of the peace agreement — maintaining the cease-fire and separating the combatants.

But the civilian challenge of trying to get Muslims, Croats and Serbs to live together again has proven more difficult.

"We're now saying that we will assist in civil projects in a much more dynamic way than we have done hitherto," Haselock said. "This shift in the em-

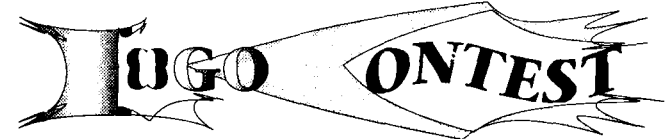
phasis of land forces operations is in response to the obvious need for civil assistance in repairing and replacing the infrastructure damaged after four years of war."

After April 18, he said, peacekeepers will help to clear mines and make locals aware of the dangers from mines, he said. It will also assist in transportation, communications and

medical care.

Haselock indirectly played down the dangers of "mission creep" — or spreading the NATO force too thin.

Despite the new flexibility voiced Monday, there was no indication that NATO would assume a greater role in guarding suspected grave sites against tampering before planned excavations this spring.



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Study: Risk of disease 'small'

By ROBERT BARR
Associated Press

LONDON
Hoping its words would speak louder than its modest actions, Britain said Monday that the risk of humans catching mad cow disease is "extremely small" and ruled out destroying millions of animals to curb its spread.

But far from calming worries, the government's statement only fueled what is becoming an increasingly partisan issue and sparked angry exchanges in the House of Commons.

"Last week I said public confidence was hanging by a thread. Now public confidence has collapsed," Harriet Harman of Britain's opposition Labor Party told the legislature after the announcement.

The European Union banned British beef and veal on Monday, and Burger King restaurants in Britain and joined the spreading boycott that threatens to devastate the nation's \$6-billion beef industry.

Government scientists said they were investigating two possible new cases of the human sickness linked to mad cow disease.

The panic over British beef began last week, when the government disclosed that scientists believe 10 cases of a lethal brain disease "most likely" stemmed from the cattle disease, formally known as bovine

spongiform encephalopathy. At least eight of the victims have died.

Millions of Britons stopped eating beef, and school cafeterias, restaurants and more than a dozen nations banned it.

On Monday, the trouble continued for the British beef industry, with the European Union banning its meat.

Britain was the only dissenting vote in the EU veterinary committee. All but two EU countries — Ireland and Denmark — had already banned British beef, as the United States has done since 1989.

British Prime Minister John Major immediately appealed to EU Commission President Jacques Santer and won a promise to reconsider the deci-

Mad cow disease

The mad cow scare threw Britain's \$6 billion beef industry into crisis when the government acknowledged that the cattle disease is the most likely source of a similar brain disease that has struck 10 young Britons.

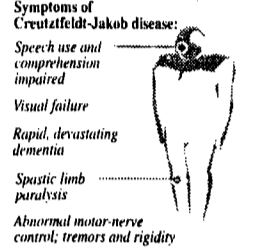
Trail of the brain disease

1 Sheep entrails, contaminated with a brain-wasting disease, scrapie, is fed to cattle. The use of sheep entrails as feed was banned in 1989.

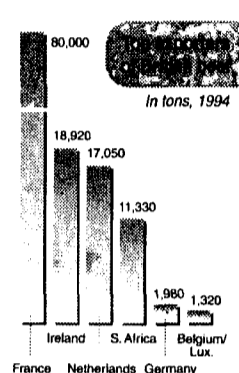
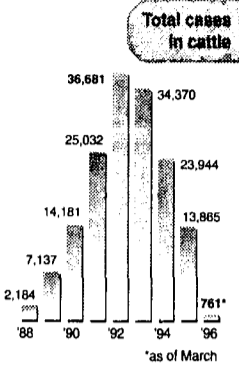


2 Contaminated cattle slaughtered, meat distributed.

3 Humans are infected when meat is ingested.



Source: Meat and Livestock Commission



sion Tuesday.

Burger King announced Monday night that its restaurants in Britain were joining McDonald's, Wendy's and the British Wimpy chain in switching to imported beef.

Governor vetoes bill banning gay marriages

By JENNIFER MEARS
Associated Press

DENVER

Gov. Roy Romer vetoed a bill banning same-sex marriages Monday, saying such unions may deserve legal recognition.

"It is one thing to believe, as I do, that marriage is the union of a man and a woman," Romer, a Democrat, said. "It is quite another to believe that committed same-sex relationships do not exist and should not be recognized by society."

"We cannot prohibit or ban these relationships, and we shouldn't use our law to attempt to do so," he said.

The bill won final approval in the Colorado Legislature earlier this month. The bill passed 33-31 in the House and 20-14 in the Senate, so it is unlikely supporters could get the two-thirds majority needed to override the governor's veto.

The bill is similar to legislation in other states introduced in response to a court case in Hawaii that could result in a ruling legalizing gay marriages as early as this year.

Since states customarily recognize each other's statutes, such a ruling in Hawaii could force the other 49 states to grant homosexuals in same-sex unions the same financial, legal and social benefits afforded to married heterosexuals.

Supporters accused Romer

of bowing to political pressure. But Romer, a three-term governor who is barred by law from serving another term, called the legislation mean-spirited and unnecessary.

"Let's be honest. Some support this bill because it is a way to single out and condemn the lifestyle of gay and lesbian people," he said.

Leslie Reed and Sharon Espinosa, a lesbian couple, said the governor's action was a step in the right direction. "We're in the long run going to be recognized as a family," Espinosa said.

Will Perkins, chairman of Family Values, condemned the veto. "The governor is absolutely unaccountable to the electorate," he said. "He is in the pocket of pro-homosexual interests and is attempting to hold the state hostage."

Colorado was boycotted and labeled the "hate state" after approving an anti-gay-rights measure in 1992 that banned local laws protecting gays from bias in employment, housing and public accommodations.

The ballot measure, written by Perkins' group, was struck down by state courts and never took effect. The U.S. Supreme Court is expected to rule on the challenge this year.

Perkins said his group will consider bringing forward a ballot initiative banning same-sex marriages in Colorado.

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AUSTRALIA

Accused murderer faces trial

Suspect pleads not guilty in the slaying of seven

By PETER SPIELMANN
Associated Press

SYDNEY

On the opening day of his trial, the man accused of stalking and slaughtering seven backpackers in Australia's most notorious serial murder case pleaded innocent Monday.

Prosecutors are to present opening arguments Tuesday in the trial of Ivan Robert Marko Milat, 51, charged with killing

five women and two men between 1989 and 1992, dumping their bodies in the tangled woods of Belanglo State Forest.

Milat also allegedly attempted to murder a British man who escaped. The man, identified only as "Witness A" is scheduled to testify at the trial in the New South Wales Supreme Court.

During a pretrial hearing, the man said he was hitchhiking in January 1990 when Milat picked him up, pulled out a pistol and produced a bag of ropes.

The man said he bolted from the car, and Milat shot at him as he fled near the turnoff to the state forest, about 60 miles

southwest of Sydney.

Milat's ex-wife also is expected to testify that he often took her hiking or picnicking in the forest and often carried a gun on those outings.

Australia has had other mass murders, even ones with more victims.

But the calculated stalking and capture of the victims, combined with the sheer brutality of the slayings, horrified the nation like no other.

Overseas, the killings tarnished Australia's reputation as a safe tourist destination for the budget-minded backpacker.

Milat, a former truck driver, is charged with murdering seven people:

- British traveling companions Caroline Jane Clarke, 21, of Slaley, and Joanne Lesley Walters, 22, of Maesteg.

- German couple Gabor Kurt Neugebauer, 21, of Munich, and Anja Susanne Habschied, 20, of Karlsruhe.

- German traveler Simone Loretta Schmid, 21, of Regensburg.

- James Harold Gibson, 19 and Deborah Phyllis Everist, 19, both from Australia's state of Victoria.

In a pretrial hearing, the prosecution said the killer used a rifle with a silencer to avoid attracting attention as he shot Clarke 10 times in the head, using her skull for "target practice." Walters' T-shirt had over 20 slash and stab holes in it.

Parts of the gun used to shoot Clarke bear Milat's fingerprints and were found in his house. Ballistics tests linked it with bullets and cartridges found near Clarke's remains.

Camping gear, backpacks and other property belonging to several of the backpackers were found at Milat's home or had been given to his relatives for storage, police say.

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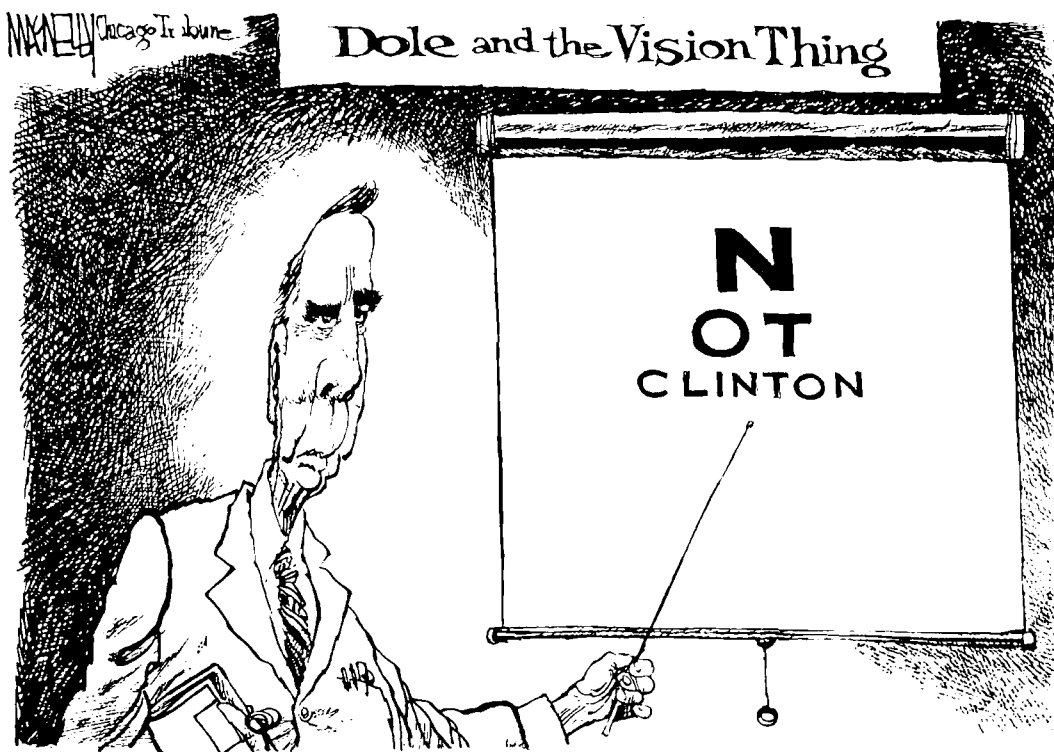
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Israeli 'security measures' leave Palestinians in a bind

Dear Editor:

Yesterday, we visited El Fawwar refugee camp. This morning two houses there will be demolished by explosion. The houses belong to the family of Ibrahim Sarahneh who was responsible for the Ashkelon bombing of February 25.

The house demolitions will leave 35 family members homeless. Sitting inside a makeshift tent near her sealed home, Ibrahim's mother says she was in Jordan for two months before the bombing.

The day she came home, her son told her he was going away for a while to look for work. (Unemployment is a chronic problem in the camps, as in the rest of the Occupied Territories, but has been exacerbated by the condition of the "peace agreement").

Ibrahim's mother denounces the action of their son and the killing of innocent Israelis. "Tomorrow," says Ibrahim's brother Mohammed, "my 15 children will witness the bombing of their home, and they will feel such anger that they may go out and do what Ibrahim did."

The Israeli military has another theory about house demolitions. As one official said, "blowing up a house has greater psychological deterrent effect. When you feel the ground tremble under your feet you think about it a long time" (Jerusalem Post, 15 March).

This is evidently a form of deterrence that works only on Palestinians. The family homes of Jewish settler Baruch Goldstein, who massacred 29 Palestinians at prayer, and of Yigal Amir, the confessed assassin of Yitzhak Rabin, remain standing.

The house of Ibrahim's family may also be seen as a metaphor for the Palestinian territories, which are slowly being destroyed through an ongoing "closure" imposed after the bombings.

Collective punishment, considered a deterrent by Israeli officials, is in fact creating a climate of frustration and desperation among Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip that may ren-



der any potential for peaceful negotiations impossible.

For two weeks, all Palestinians were confined to their village or town by hundreds of Israeli checkpoints. At least three infants died at the check point when they were prevented from reaching hospitals. Cancer patients, people needing kidney dialysis, and others were cut off from their treatment.

Now movement between towns and villages is permitted for a 12-hour period daily; however, the rhetoric of "easing the closure" obscures the fact that Palestinians are still denied freedom of movement, access to jobs and schools, and the ability to transfer food and products freely.

A top UN official in the territories has predicted social and political unrest if this closure continues for two more weeks.

The overwhelming majority of Palestinians, even the mothers of bombers, condemn the suicide bombings. Tens of thousands have participated in demonstrations from Nablus to Gaza protesting the violence. And yet,

two million Palestinians are being forced to pay a heavy price for the crimes of a few desperate, vengeful young men.

The conditions here have become abysmal. In Gaza, where unemployment has risen from 50 percent to now 70 percent, many people are near starvation.

To make matters worse, yesterday Israel brought in over 200 Thai workers to replace Palestinian laborers (in jobs that most Israelis refuse), and will continue to bring in new Thai workers at the rate of 400 per day for the next ten days.

During its 28 year occupation, Israeli forced the Palestinians into economic subservience, blocking independent development that would compete with Israel, and maintaining a large reserve of cheap Palestinian labor.

Now Israel pretends it has no responsibility for the condition of hundreds of thousands of people to a small area around their homes. In middle-class neighborhoods, some people are wandering from house to house trying to sell televisions and VCR's to pay their rent.

Others are returning their medicine to the pharmacy to get a few shekels to buy bread for their children. Many merchants are selling goods at half-price. Banks have frozen loans to Palestinian businesses.

Not only are people without work, but many have been denied their right to an education. In the wake of the bombings, Israel closed Abu Dis College and Hebron University, leaving several thousand students and hundreds of employees without work.

These students' families had already paid their tuition, a hardship for many. Bethlehem University, where I am teaching, has reopened after two weeks of closure; however, many of our students and faculty living in Jerusalem are arbitrarily denied entrance into Bethlehem, as Israeli soldiers at checkpoints send them back to their homes just five miles away.

These practices, called "security measures" by both Israeli officials and by President Clinton, have created a devastating state of insecurity among the Palestinians who condemn bombings and violence.

Causing great suffering among an entire population, to punish the crimes of a few, is an outrage that would be tolerated by no civilized society.

This humiliation, if intended to produce "Israeli security", will likely have a different effect, as the initial enthusiasm for the "peace process" rapidly deteriorates.

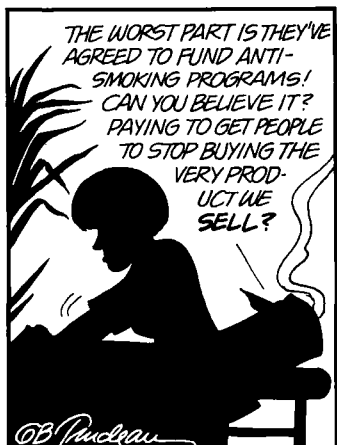
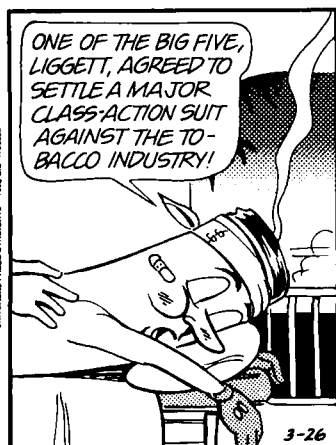
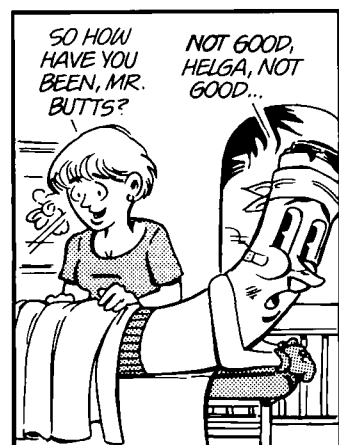
Coming only a few months after the partial Israeli "withdrawals", the reality of continuing domination is setting in, and along with it, a sense of helplessness and growing resentment. If any hope for peace is to be salvaged, the closure must be lifted now.

THERESE SALIBA

Editor's Note: Therese Saliba is a senior Fulbright scholar at Bethlehem University West Bank, 1995-96, and a Faculty member at The Evergreen State College, Washington.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A word has power in and of itself. It comes from nothing into sound and meaning; it gives origin to all things. By means of the word can a man deal with the world on equal terms."

—N. Scott Momaday

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Enthusiastic, talented students have opportunity for role reversal

Dear Editor:

An Appeal to Graduating Seniors:

I am writing to ask you to consider spending your next two years teaching in an under-resourced urban or rural public school.

Seven years ago, when I was a senior in college, I started Teach For America because I was convinced that a national teacher corps of America's most talented individuals could fundamentally change our country, by ensuring that more of our nation's young people have an equal opportunity to an excellent education, and by influencing the consciousness of a corps of individuals who will ultimately be among our nation's leaders. Now, having seen first-hand the circumstances facing children everywhere from south Central Los Angeles to the Mississippi Delta to the South Bronx, I am only more passionate about our mission.

It is impossible to capture in a short letter what we have learned about the severity of challenges facing some of our nation's young people. Suffice it to say that they do not have anything near an equal opportunity to an excellent education.

They need more teachers who hold high expectations for them, who are creative in spite of what resources, and who are committed to doing whatever it takes to reach them. At the the same time, our nation at large needs leaders who are committed to effecting needed systemic changes.

Today as you read this, one thousand Teach For America corps members from all academic majors and ethnic backgrounds are teaching in classrooms across the country. They are bringing to their schools a tremendous sense of possibility and a passionate commitment to their students. They are starting extra-curricular programs, running school improvement initiatives, and rewriting school curricula. They are expanding the horizons of their students by introducing them to college, and by taking them on trips everywhere from France to Washington, D.C. At the same time, our alumni are starting schools, assuming leadership roles on school faculties, and working for education reform through other channels. Others are in

law, medicine, public policy, and corporate America where they have a rare commitment to changing the circumstances in urban and rural areas.

I'm writing now to call upon you to become part of this movement and to help build our country's future. Whether you are already on track to a secure job or are still searching for the right opportunity, I hope you will apply to Teach For America.

You have until April 3 to fill out the written application. We extended our deadline by one month to help compensate for budget reductions that forced us to limit our campus recruitment effort this year. For more information, please contact your career service office or call our national office at 1-800-832-1230 *225.

Thank you for considering this. The decision you make in the next two weeks could change the rest of your life, and the lives of some of our nation's most promising children.

WENDY KOPP

Founder, Teach for America

Women's lib hits a standstill

Dear Editor:

We would like to offer a few comments in response to the letter written by Laura Grimes, Maureen Kramlich, Colleen Murphy and Elizabeth Jensen, Officers of Feminists for Life (Observer Feb 28). It is not clear to us how these women can be counted feminists at all.

Fundamental to feminism's meaning is the claim to freedom. Women who accept choices determined by patriarchal authority are feminism's enemy not its ally.

The Feminists for Life's obedience to the Vatican line in the area of women's reproductive health issues certainly earns them the label "pro-life" as defined by the Church but, by the same token, it also lines them up with the Vatican's anti-woman agenda.

"Feminism" in this context is no more than a flag of convenience. We have no desire to impose our choices on the "Feminists for Life," concomitantly we do not want them imposing their choices on us. It is precisely through such infringement that we are deprived of our freedom, and a person that denies another's freedom is no feminist!

The column written by Ann Pettifer in the December issue of "Common Sense," which Grimes et al are attacking, makes the simple and rather obvious "feminist" point, namely, that like Mary the mother

of Jesus (it was the Advent season) all women should enjoy the freedom to be pregnant by choice.

"Every woman wanted child" was Pettifer's theme. She went on to argue that right-wing Catholics and Protestants — those vociferous voices in the pro-life movement — are guilty of callousness when they refuse to face the need for effective birth control programs. These would reduce the risk of women being "at the mercy of their fertility."

If these "Feminists for Life" had either experience of the Third World or had read the literature, they would know that it is the women themselves in these countries who wish to reduce the size of their families and to space their children more effectively. This benefits both maternal health and that of the children.

Had Grimes et al stuck to their point about "pharmaceutical" birth control being, at least arguably, deleterious to women's health they might have made a useful contribution to the birth control debate. Instead, the point was used as a stalking-horse as they prepared to tout "natural" birth control over the artificial sort.

If, for example, they had come out in a spirited defense of the "non-pharmaceutical" condom or diaphragm as alter-



natives to "hormonal" pills, they would have shown some independence from the patriarchal, Vatican line. Again, we see that their whole approach reeks of deceit.

Allegiance to the papal condemnation of the artificial contraception is the sine qua non for them, as they make clear towards the end of their letter. To call for "natural" family planning for women anywhere, but particularly in the Third

World is outrageous in its naivete and its willful ideological arrogance.

Such loyalty to papal teaching disallows ceding the issue of contraception by whatever means, to women themselves. The subtext of their argument remains "Father knows best."

NEVE GORDON

CATHERINE ROTTENBERG

MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU

Feminist movement takes the floor, addresses current issues

I am sitting here contemplating the "F" word. A forum to be held at Saint Mary's tonight.

This is the second-most important panel discussion to be held on the college's campus this year. The most significant, of course, was the Belles: Who Are They? which questioned whether or not the "Belles" was the right nickname for the college. The "F" word discussion -- the second event planned for the week of the women at Saint Mary's -- will not hash out old mascot grievances. Even though the "Belles" will never embody the true characteristics of a Saint Mary's woman. The topic, this evening is feminism, hence the "F" word.

cannot...agree with (the feminist) agenda," said Susan Alexander, coordinator of Women's Studies at Saint Mary's. "The younger generation has little voice in the direction of today's women's movement and is reluctant to embrace feminism."

True. I'm surrounded daily with fellow women in their 20's, and it's safe to say most are afraid of feminism. Afraid not of their gender, but in fear of societal reprisals of claiming to be a feminist.

Alexander in her research on how women at the college view feminism discovered that only one out of 36 women surveyed was willing to outright identify herself a feminist.

I'm not certain if Alexander's findings surprise you, but I hope her work will help females realize that the women's movement needs to be reclaimed. For the movement has become polarized -- between the liberal feminist and the separatist -- and largely misunderstood.

I applaud the women of Saint Mary's Women's Center who are sponsoring this forum. Instead of filling out another questionnaire on the subject with No.2 pencils, these women chose to look for a direction for the "third wave" of feminism. They're seeking answers as to why women resist it -- and toy with the notion of killing the movement all together.

How far are Saint Mary's women willing to go in the name of feminism? Well, bra-burning seems to be out of the ques-

tion. Today they're just too expensive to let them go up in flames. So those participating in the discussion will just raise questions -- complicated questions with contradictory answers -- about how gender awareness is both positive and negative for women.

Let's face it: Feminism is not all that benevolent a classification in our society. There are powerful interests opposed to feminism, like getting a date. Many women, especially at Saint Mary's, believe that a feminist identity limits the options of who they can "go out with." And when you live in a confined all-female college community, anything that might scare away a potential date is unwelcome. That is assuming one is heterosexual.

Young women also do not like feminism because of its correlation with women who are survivors of men's violence. But women and violence against them is a gender issue. And it should not be ignored on either Saint Mary's or Notre Dame's campus where sexual harassment and date rape occurs. Not recognizing this as a women's issue is denial for women that rape or incest could happen to them.

I admit, there aren't many young women who want to be labeled as a "feminazi." And because women are afraid of this categorization, they choose to deal with the issue of equality as individuals. Granted, this would be fine if it were the case. But in reality, women on

their own hide from feminist issues. That's apathetic -- especially at an all-female institution.

Remember, no female can hide from feminist issues by choosing not to be a feminist. Women's issues like abortion, proper contraception and child-care do concern females. Those women who fail to see this, care little about the full scope of their gender; and feed the popular press' portrayal of women as merely physical objects.

Hopefully, this week planned to raise awareness on equal rights for women, will assist females connect personal experiences with feminist issues. As "E.R.A.'s babies" we owe at least that much to our mother's and mentors who fought for the equal rights amendment to the Constitution.

The beauty of "F" word forum is that women at Saint Mary's are beginning to take their responsibility as women and as feminists. We young women have a responsibility to the forthcoming generation, our daughters, to keep the movement alive.

Tonight's forum, The "F" Word: Feminism on Saint Mary's Campus begins at 7 p.m. in Hagggar Parlor.

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Kara Pavlik



The "F" word forum has the distinction of being the first opportunity for students and faculty to talk about feminism in relation to Generation X. Which is important because our generation has trouble defining feminism.

"The future of feminism rests in the hands of a generation that

CROWD PLE

Shining the spotlight on camp



In the fall, Shenanigans brings their energy and spirit to the JACC before each home football game as they perform at the Alumni Hospitality Center. As soon as the last tailgate party empties out, the group begins preparing for their annual Christmas concert at Washington Hall.

Second semester, the ensemble turns its attention to thoughts of sun and sand as they coordinate their week-long Spring Break tour that is hosted by regional Alumni clubs. Past Shenanigans-adventures have included Disney World, Washington D.C., Charleston, California, and a memorable but unexpected detour through Elizabethtown, Kentucky.

In addition to tour, the group also performs at Junior Parents Weekend and hosts a spring concert as well as a commencement concert. Throughout the year, they appear at business events, charity fundraisers, and private parties as entertainment.

In the past, Shenanigans has performed for the Michiana Carnival of the Arts, Memorial Hospital of South Bend, the Y.W.C.A, the St. Joseph County Public Library and even Hardees' Hometown Heroes awards ceremony.

This spring, Shenanigans is moving in new directions. The group is presenting a Broadway revue April 28 in Washington Hall, and will tackle 18 new songs instead of performing songs from earlier in the year. While the revue will be a challenge for both the current and the incoming officers, everyone is excited at the prospect of an all-Broadway performance.

According to incoming Staging Director

Mia Montagna, "The spring show will be very different from our other recent shows. We've got brand new songs and choreography. We're also performing several small group numbers, and we'll be using some costumes, too."

The concert will feature selections from Gershwin's "Crazy for You," Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," and the Tony-award winning "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying." Group members will perform solos and small-group numbers as well, embracing a blend of Broadway classics and recent theatrical hits.

Shenanigans hopes to attract an even greater following both on campus and in the community by appealing to audiences of all ages and musical tastes. Newly elected Music Director Buzz Burns notes, "We want to develop our talent and gain recognition as a quality musical group."

Burns looks forward to expanding the group's size and enlarging the group's repertoire. "I want us to appeal not only to the Alumni but to the students," Burns says. "I think we really have something to offer them."

Interest in Shenanigans continues to grow on campus and around Michiana. Each year, the group receives an increasing number of requests for performances in the community. This interest, and the dedication of Shenanigans members, excites the group's new officers about future prospects, which will hopefully include a Shenanigan 15-year reunion concert during the upcoming football season. From the music of Broadway to Ireland, Shenanigans is a talented and energetic group that definitely shines in the spotlight.



Another spectacular Shenanigan finale.

SHENANIGANS

By RYAN HARDING
Accent Writer

Where can you find Broadway show-stoppers, vocal jazz, and traditional Irish folk songs all on the same stage? It may seem like an odd combination, but not for Shenanigans. The group is Notre Dame's only singing and dancing ensemble, and consists of students from both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. An entirely student-run organization, Shenanigans combines vocals with musical theater and choreography.

The group enjoys an excellent reputation both at the University and in the surrounding community. Shenanigans was founded fifteen years ago by student Rick Ward as an offshoot of the Glee Club. Interest quickly grew, and Shenanigans became an independent organization shortly after its inception. Today, the group practices three times a week to prepare for the many campus and community concerts that make up its busy schedule.

Voices of Faith

By MIKE JACCARINO
Accent Writer

When you touch your skin it doesn't matter what you feel; when you get down on your knees, whispering into the dark silence of the night, it doesn't matter who's listening. It's late and you want to let go, so just sing. Sing the faith! Sing alleluia! Sing to the Spirit! But make sure you sing along with them, the Voices of Faith Choir, 'cause if you open your eyes, it's bound to touch you.

Watch the tears flow down their cheeks—cheeks of different colors, all feeling for a different reason. Listen to the voices hum, bringing people together in the aisles. Feel a tear hit your skin; now you're up on stage singing with them. Feel yourself giving, sharing so much more than a song.

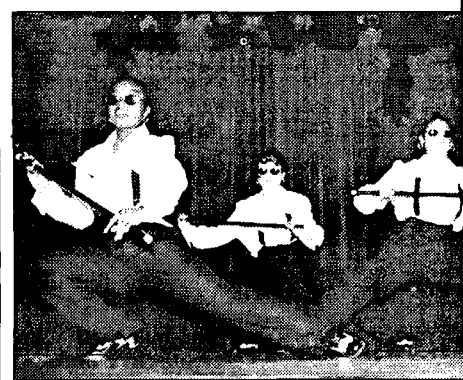
Some say that when the Notre Dame and St. Mary's Voices of Faith Gospel Choir sings, you can feel the Spirit. Like a great ethereal hand from above, it reached down on the night of their biannual concert at Washington Hall this year, leaving the audience on stage with them, softly singing, crying, speaking in tongues into the night. The curtain closer was a song entitled "Calling My Name": "my personal plea to God to keep his hand upon me as I miss the straight and narrow," remembers the one who sang its words—Freshman Dynesha Mason. "Its amazing what God's

presence can do," said Courtney Smith, the choir's co-president. "It's very moving music; it's deeply felt. People got so moved by the Spirit that night that by the end everyone was on stage with us, praying and singing together," Smith said.

Bringing people together and lifting away the darkness when the light seems to hide is what this group is all about. It's about the Friday nights spent together rehearsal nights for the thirty-something members of this group who gather to share their lives, pray together, sing together, leaning on each other through music and faith. Rehearsals begin with each person reading a Bible verse as they hold hands and pray. "The weeks are tough but on Friday nights we get to sing and let go, sharing our faith. There are Baptist, Methodist, Roman-Catholic, and Islamic people but they are also people who have family members who are ill and need comfort so we all pray to a single God," says Smith, seeing those eternal lines between people fade away before her eyes with their song-filled voices.

Something drifted away as they sang in North Dining Hall one lack-luster Friday evening. Before anyone could notice, people normally separated by the length of space between tables sat together listening to the Voices of Faith who sang before them. "Common thing is the love of God and the desire to praise, being thankful for what we have, bringing people together in song," says Smith. "It was faith bringing people together and the Spirit in the music," adds Mason.

The Spirit evoked in the music wanders



Troop ND members perform at their Talent

TROOP ND

By GREG BURLIN
Accent Writer

Dancing is an expression of emotion, release of tension, and an exhibition of personality. Because of its many diverse characteristics, dance is popular among most students, who partake in it through dances, parties, or specific dance-oriented clubs. One such club is Troop ND.

Troop ND was founded in 1991 by Elizaga as the first hip-hop dance group on Notre Dame campus. Elizaga founded the group in an effort to promote multiculturalism through dance and to teach dance on campus. From the original sixteen member team, the group has grown to over 200 members, while the performance has maintained their 16 person capacity.

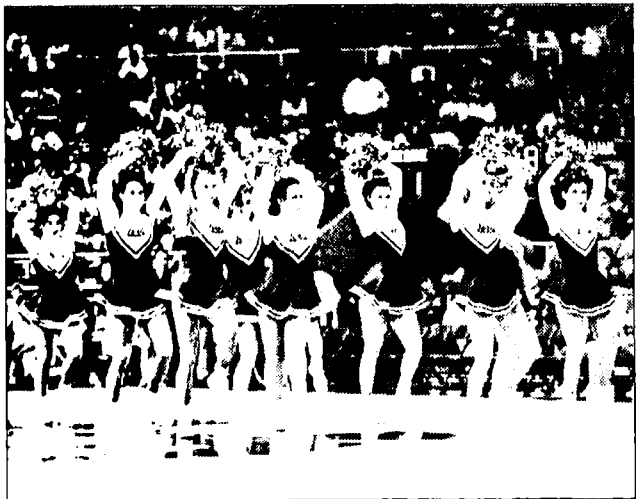
The group "is totally student-run," says secretary Melanie Sulistio. Under the supervision

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us performers

school year. Since the group is non-competitive, they focus their efforts on charity, community and campus performances.

Griffith said that members put in anywhere from 15 to 25 hours per week in preparation for their pep rally appearances and their game-day exhibitions at the JACC and the bookstore. Their football weekend work doesn't stop with their high energy routines, though. To raise money, the pom squad also sells football programs during the fall.



The Observer/Mike Ruma

Throughout the year, the poms entertain campus and civic audiences of all ages, from the South Bend Tribune's All-Star Basketball Game audience to the Girl Scouts. This year, the squad was not only invited to perform during halftime at every basketball game but also at pre-game and during time outs. The members of the pom squad are proud that their talent and hard work have earned them respect, but they note that one of their most important goals is to promote a positive and respected image among all women at Notre Dame and

Saint Mary's.

"We're sort of like public relations agents," Griffith says. "We're a positive representation of the two schools."

Prendeville also noted that the members of the squad strive to act responsibly and maturely in both their choice of routines and their conduct as representatives of the two campuses. Griffith believes that their image is reflected in their mutual respect for each other, which is especially important in the success of a student-run organization.

"It's hard sometimes to have someone your own age tell you what to do," Griffith said. "It's amazing how well every one of us works together. You kind of just know what's expected of you, and it works well for us."

Prendeville said that as part of a student-run organization, "you gain so much experience as a person and grow so much as a squad. Everything you have earned, you have earned through your own work." She also added that success is so much more rewarding because "you feel like you have a voice in everything you do."

Prendeville said that the group owes much of its recent success to the efforts of this year's co-captains, Jill Broemmel and Shloe King, who brought the squad to a new level as they performed alongside the cheerleaders during basketball season. Prendeville is excited that relations between the two squads are positive and friendly, and believes that they are "an enhancement of one another" as spirit supporters and role models.

What, then, does it take to "make it" as a pom squad member? Certainly, endless energy, excellent dance abilities, and the all-important high kick are recommended. But Prendeville noted that the most important quality of all is enthusiasm, both as a performer and as a positive representative of "the ambiance at Notre Dame."

of moderator Emil Hofman, the club members choreograph and teach the routines to the rest of the members. The performance team practices three times per week for two hours each session. In addition to the six weekly hours of practice, the officers compose a newsletter which is mailed out multiple times each semester informing members of upcoming events and performances.

While the original performance team of 1991 included eight men and eight women, this year's team is entirely female. "We don't want to portray the club as all girls," said co-president Grace Montenegro. "We definitely want guys in the club!" Tryouts for the performance team were held at the beginning of the school year, where the 16-member team was selected. "While it turned out that many of those who made it had some prior experience in dance, no background is required to participate," Sulistio said.

The performance team has a routine of five to six dances that they practice at a time, incorporating hip-hop, jazz, and street dances. However, at most performances they are limited to only one or two dances. Most often Troop ND performs at variety shows such as Black Images, International Student Organization (ISO), and the St. Ed's Carnival. In addition, they host their own Talent Show, which took place this past weekend.

The Troop ND Talent Show is the highlight of the year for the club. As with the other club activities, all aspects of the show, from recruitment to lighting, are handled by club members. The show, a sell-out for the third year in a row, incorporated local and campus acts with performances by N Rar 4m, Sabor Latino, and Emily Lord, as well as with dances by Troop ND. In addition to an opening and closing dance by the full group, the team also split up into three and four person acts.

Judges for the competition included former Notre Dame football stars Jerome Bettis and Tony Rice along with members of the Notre Dame Women's Soccer Team and other local friends of the club. This year featured a new aspect, according to Montenegro. "For the first two years we had a celebrity host, but this year the show was hosted by Allan Rossum." Both Montenegro and Sulistio agreed that the starting cornerback did an outstanding job.

The Talent Show served a purpose beyond showcasing the abilities of talented individuals. "We donated what proceeds we made after expenses to the Boys' and Girls' Clubs of St. Joe County," said Montenegro. In addition, the club reserved twenty seats free of charge for members of the South Bend Center for the Homeless, an act of generosity that ended up paying big dividends. When the beginning of the show was delayed for a few minutes, all those in attendance were heartily entertained by a display of dancing by some children from the Center. "The kids were teaching us some moves!" said Montenegro.

The last on-campus performance that is currently scheduled by Troop ND for this year is the St. Ed's Carnival later this semester. This is an especially good opportunity to see Troop ND at their best. "While at most performances we can only do one or two performances," said Sulistio, "at St. Ed's we do all of our dances."

Sulistio and Montenegro are optimistic about the future of the club. Next year they hope to do a series of charity and volunteer performances in the South Bend area, at locations such as nursing homes and elementary schools. Other ideas include clinics for younger children and a greater emphasis on the club as a whole rather than only the performance team. Sulistio summarized, "We're just hoping that it keeps growing and we continue to promote multiculturalism."

■ MEDICAL MINUTE

The Mechanics of In Vitro Fertilization

By LIZA NYKIEL

Accent Medical Correspondent

On July 25, 1978, Louise Brown was born in the Oldham General Hospital in England to the amazement of the entire world. For John and Lesley Brown, the proud parents, the birth of their daughter was a truly marvelous event for, you see, Louise Brown was the first child to be conceived in a test tube. Since that time, further research in the action and mechanisms of the various reproductive hormones have led to a better understanding of the fertilization process and thus enhanced techniques of in vitro fertilization. Fortunately as this advancement may be for childless couples around the world, it has opened a whole new jar of worms in the troubling world of medical ethics.

The term "in vitro" comes from the Latin phrase that means "in glass," which is in contrast to "in utero" or "in the uterus." Robert Edwards and Patrick Steptoe were the men responsible for literally taking the delicate process of fertilization outside of the woman's body and into a test tube. Although there have been a number of improvements in the process, in vitro fertilization follows four "basic" steps. First, the female is given a reproductive hormone to promote the maturation of ova or eggs.

Ovulation is the name of the process where an egg is released from one of the two ovaries (but usually not from both). A few hours before ovulation is expected to occur, the medical team makes a small incision in the abdomen, just below the navel, and inserts an instrument which allows the doctor to visually examine the maturing eggs. Before the mature eggs rupture the ovarian follicle, the wall is punctured by the doctor and the contents of the follicle is sucked out by an instrument resembling a small vacuum.

The removed eggs are placed in a nutrient media that resembles the environment of the fallopian tubes (which is the "route" the egg takes to reach the uterus). Sperm "collected" (use your imagination) from the male is added to the media supporting the eggs. Once an egg has been penetrated by a single sperm, the ovum is considered to be fertilized and is transferred to another nutrient solution. The egg begins the process of cellular division, and once it has reached the eight-cell stage, the ovum is ready to be returned to the mother for in utero development. Because the fertilization has not occurred in the woman's body, the body does not know to prepare the uterus, so hormones are injected to do so. The small ball of cells is placed in the uterus through the cervix, which is the opening that leads to the vagina. If all goes well, the ovum at the 32 or 64 cell stage attaches itself to the wall of the uterus, and the pregnancy runs its normal course.

In the United States, as of 1989, more than 100 clinics are performing this technique. Success rates for the procedure range between 23-25%, roughly the same odds as those of a normal couple trying to conceive. As of 1992, this procedure costs about \$5,000, and is usually not picked up by insurance companies except in extraordinary circumstances.

The benefits of such a developed technique should be obvious. Women with a myriad of reproductive problems can now participate in the joys of having their own child. Public opinion of this procedure is also positive. At the Norfolk clinic in Norfolk, Virginia, where the first U.S. baby was born via in vitro fertilization, waiting lists of over 8,000 names have been reported, a backlog of almost sixteen years.

Other benefits have evolved from this procedure, and ironically, have helped in the development of more effective contraceptives. For example, if it is discovered how the sperm penetrates the egg, methods can be developed to prevent or enhance this penetration. The way in which environmental toxins affect the developing fetus can also be discovered through such research.

However, these advancements do not come without a price. There have been a number of questions raised that need to be considered in depth before any standards concerning this procedure can be established. First of all, when the ova are mixed with the sperm, no matter how many are fertilized, only three or four are implanted. What comes of the other ova that have been fertilized? Those who believe life begins at conception will have a difficult time with the destruction of these fertilized eggs. Others that do not share this view but feel that the potentiality to develop into a human being demands better treatment may be disturbed by the destruction as well.

What of eugenics? With these new advancements, do we run the risk of developing a society that will demand the sex, intelligence and build of their children? Ultimately, how far are we to meddle in the affairs of nature? Difficult as these questions may be to answer, they have to be addressed.

Have any questions or comments? Feel free to e-mail me: Liza.C.Nykiel.1@nd.edu

■ NBA

Spurs streak left intact with victory over Nets

By CHRIS SHERIDAN
Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. The San Antonio Spurs overcame fatigue and a cold-shooting fourth quarter to win their 14th game in a row — one short of the franchise record — with a 95-88 victory Monday night over the New Jersey Nets.

The Spurs shot just 4-for-17 in the fourth quarter and 37 percent overall, but stayed ahead with a pair of 3-pointers by Sean Elliott and by out-rebounding the top rebounding team in the NBA.

Elliott had 35 points, one short of his season-high, and David Robinson had 11 offensive rebounds and a total of 17 rebounds to go with his 19 points. San Antonio outrebounded the Nets 52-43, including 22-12 on the offensive glass, in winning its 50th game of the season.

The Spurs, who finished a four-game road trip and won their seventh in a row away from home, will go for their 15th victory in a row Wednesday night at the Alamodome against New York. The club record of 15 straight victories was set March 14-April

9 last season.

New Jersey trailed by as many as 12 in the fourth quarter, but the Spurs went cold from the field after Elliott made a 3-pointer with 10:21 left for an 82-70 lead.

An 11-2 run by the Nets, capped by a three-point play by Shawn Bradley, cut the deficit to 84-81 with 3:20 left.

Vinny Del Negro missed a jumper at the other end of the court, but Elliott got an offensive rebound and made a 3-pointer — his fifth of the game — for an 87-81 lead with 2:29 left.

San Antonio, which played Sunday at Indiana, scored its last eight points from the free throw line in the final 1:53.

Shawn Bradley had 21 points and Armon Gilliam 20 for the Nets, who were playing their fourth game in five days.

Notes: Jayson Williams of the Nets heaved in a 3-pointer from them opposite foul line at the third quarter buzzer. It was Williams' second 3-pointer of the season. ... Chuck Person was 0-for-8, with all eight misses coming from behind the 3-point line. ... Nets center Yinka Dare, playing in his 56th career game, almost got his first NBA assist.

■ NCAA WOMEN'S EAST

Lady Vols win defensive battle

By HANK KURZ JR.
Associated Press

CHARLOTTEVILLE, Va. Tennessee overcame a ferocious defensive effort by Virginia with one of its own Monday night and advanced to its ninth Final Four with a 52-46 victory in the women's East Regional.

Held to 19 percent shooting and 14 points in the first half, Tennessee limited the Cavaliers to 21 percent shooting and 19 points in the second half.

The defensive pressure allowed Tennessee to rally from a 17-point deficit and win the third straight NCAA thriller between the teams.

Latina Davis scored all 12 of her points in a take-charge second half, when the Lady Vols (30-4) made 15 of 28 shots.

Michelle Marciniak and Abby Conklin added 12 points each for Tennessee.

Virginia (26-7), in losing for the sixth time in seven tour-

namment meetings with the Lady Vols, was held scoreless for almost six minutes down the stretch as the Lady Vols put together a decisive 16-2 run.

Davis scored six straight points to get the spurt started, and the Lady Vols then got points from four players before Marciniak made six straight free throws to erase any chance for the desperate Cavaliers.

Tora Suber led Virginia with 14 points, but she left the game for about six minutes midway through the second half after hitting the floor hard trying to split defenders. Suber returned with 6 1/2 minutes to play.

Wendy Palmer also missed some time for Virginia after aggravating her injured knee, but she returned and finished with nine points and 11 rebounds in her final college game. DeMya Walker had 10 points and 12 rebounds.

The 14 points by Tennessee in the first half tied the mark

for fewest points by a team in one half at this stage of the tournament. UCLA scored 14 against Georgia in 1985.

In shooting 6-for-32 in the first half, the Lady Vols rushed their shots and looked nothing like the group that routed Kansas 92-71 in the regional semifinals.

Chamique Holdseclaw and Conklin were both 2-for-9, and the backcourt of Marciniak and Davis was a combined 1-for-11.

It was the 10th meeting between the schools, and the eighth in NCAA tournament play.

The Lady Vols have eliminated the Cavaliers six times previously, including a 70-67 overtime victory in the 1991 championship.

Virginia's only victory in the series was a 79-75 overtime triumph in the 1990 East Regional championship at Norfolk, Va., a loss that cost the Lady Vols of a chance to play for the national championship on their own floor.

■ NIT

Garden welcomes 'other' Final Four

By DAVE GOLDBERG
Associated Press

NEW YORK Around midtown Manhattan, banners welcome the NCAA's Final Four to New York — even though the championship of college basketball will be contested eight miles due West across the Hudson River in New Jersey.

The "other" Final Four, the National Invitation Tournament, is here, too, beginning Tuesday night at Madison Square Garden.

But that's the NIT's only edge — if there's a "Mecca" for basketball in this area, it's the Garden, not the newly named Continental Arena, which used to be named for Brendan Byrne, who was governor of New Jersey when it

was built.

In fact, this is the tournament to which Jack Powers, the chairman, welcomed the final four teams by noting that all four that made it here last season — Marquette, Virginia Tech, Canisius and Penn State, made it to the other tournament this year.

Name this year's NIT's final four?

Easy. Two football teams: Nebraska and Alabama; St. Joseph's, which is remembered for a game it didn't play against Arizona, and Tulane of Conference USA.

Tulane (21-9) and Nebraska (19-14) meet in the first game Tuesday night followed by Alabama (19-11) vs. St. Joseph's (18-12), with the winners to meet Thursday.

Are these guys bad?

The operational line at Monday's coaches' news conference was from Tulane's Perry Clark.

"A few points in a few games we'd all be in the NCAA," he said.

So it was left for Alabama's David Hobbs to use line always cited at this time of the year: "There are eight teams left playing and we're four of them."

There are some good things to say about the NIT teams ...

And some bad. Good: Alabama beat Mississippi State 56-55 in Starkville on Jan. 13 and the Bulldogs are playing across the river now. And its star, Roy Rogers, is a "name" player — the 'Bama publicity department was planning to pose him in front of a midtown fast food establishment of the same name.

Bad: The Tide lost at home to the Bulldogs and were blown away by two other Final Four teams, Kentucky and Syracuse.

Good: St. Joseph's twice took Massachusetts into overtime before losing.

And the Hawks showed up for a game at which Arizona was supposed to show but canceled out because it had been snowing. It was 40 degrees when St. Joseph's coach Phil Martelli staged the tipoff for the "game" on the day it was supposed to have been played.

Bad: Nebraska lost 10 of its last 11 games before winning its three in the NIT. "But if we hadn't beaten Fresno State," said coach Danny Nee, "you'd have Jerry Tarkanian here instead of me."

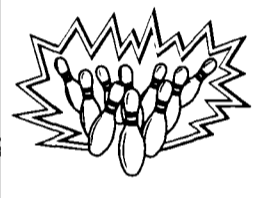
But the best news for the NIT may be what's across the river and the spillover effect it may create.

Powers noted that requests for media credentials are up and, perhaps, so may be requests for tickets from Mississippians and Kentuckians for Alabama and Tulane games.

Then there's the Philadelphia factor.

St. Joseph's is a 90-minute train ride from the Garden and the trains come right to the game — the platform is seven stories under the court.

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No. 1 Minutemen out for respect

By HOWARD ULMAN
Associated Press

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BOSTON
Top-ranked Massachusetts has the most wins in the nation of any major team. It crushed a strong Georgetown team to reach the Final Four and already has beaten Kentucky by 10 points.

Yet, as a sizable underdog to the Wildcats in the NCAA semifinals, the Minutemen are still waiting to win respect even though they've lost just one game.

"We're still UMass from little Amherst. Until we win a national title, this is going to happen and that's fine. I accept that," coach John Calipari said Monday. "We don't play us against the world. We know respect is earned and, obviously, we haven't earned it yet."

Part of the problem is UMass never had been to the Final Four. Kentucky had been there 10 times and won five national championships.

This year's Wildcats have a deep bench and have piled up huge margins of victory. Massachusetts depth isn't nearly as impressive and it has been in a lot of close games, including four overtime wins.

But the Minutemen did open their season with a 92-82 win over Kentucky that knocked the Wildcats from the No. 1 ranking.

UMass center Marcus Camby was outstanding in that game with 32 points and nine rebounds in 33 minutes. On Saturday night, the Wildcats will try to do a better job against him.

"They're looking for revenge. We're looking for respect," Camby said. "So, for us to beat them again, maybe we'll get a little respect."

UMass (35-1) went into its first game of the season ranked fifth. But it had lost an exhibition game to the Converse All-Stars, while Kentucky (32-2) already had won its first game and was ranked first.

The Minutemen led 29-10 before Kentucky rallied to tie it 45-45 at halftime. But UMass began the second half with an 11-1 run and fought off the rest of the Wildcats' comeback

"I knew at the beginning of the year that this was a special team," said Dana Dingle, UMass' leading rebounder, "that everybody shares the same ultimate goal of winning the national championship and, as the season progressed, I knew it to be true and I knew we had a chance to get there."

The Converse loss "woke us up," Calipari said. "What I found out after the Kentucky game is we have a team that wants this bad. As bad as I want it for them, they want it for themselves."

That resolve stiffened as the season progressed. Last year, the Minutemen reached the quarterfinals but squandered a five-point halftime lead and lost to Oklahoma State 68-54 as Camby managed just six points and fouled out.

In this year's quarterfinal, UMass led Georgetown by just four at halftime.

Last year, "we went in at halftime and said, 'we're going to the Final Four,'" said Donta Bright, the Minutemen's second leading scorer. This year "Marcus came in the locker room and said, 'remember Oklahoma State.'"

Camby scored the first three baskets of the second half against Georgetown, starting an 11-1 run that gave the Minutemen firm control.

UMass shut down Allen Iverson in the second half but has to face another outstanding guard, Tony Delk, if it is to move to Monday's night's championship game against the winner of the Mississippi State-Syracuse semifinal.

Carmelo Travieso likely will be the main defender on Delk, just as he guarded — and frustrated — Iverson.

When UMass has the ball, it will be facing a quick, trapping defense.

"They are just ferocious defensively," Calipari said. "They are doing a much better job of rotating out of traps. They are doing a much better job of running people down."

"Right now, Kentucky is a 10-point favorite in this game and I think it comes down to their depth, size, their shooting ability, their coaching. We know it's going to be a hard game for us to win."

SEC sends two to Final Four

By JIM O'CONNELL
Associated Press

A conference having more than one team in the Final Four is nothing new in the 1990s.

With Kentucky and Mississippi State of the Southeastern Conference both heading to the Meadowlands this weekend, five of the seven Final Fours of the decade have had a pair of schools from the same league.

The conference that was expected to keep the tradition of multi-berths alive this year was the Big East, which had three teams in the Top Ten all season. It did get one team to the national semifinals, but it wasn't one of the big boys, it was Syracuse, the fourth-best team in the league.

The other team in the mix for the national championship will be top-ranked Massachusetts, like Mississippi State making its first appearance in the Final

Four. So 60 NCAA tournament games have given us a matchup of No. 1 vs. No. 2, the first in the NCAA tournament since top-ranked Houston and Louisville met in the Final Four in 1983.

This Final Four has already been compared to that one, with many calling the Kentucky-Massachusetts meeting of top seeds the title game and Monday night a mere formality for net-cutting purposes. That's what people thought 13 years ago when Houston prevailed in an epic tournament game and then waited 48 hours to be ambushed by North Carolina State, coached by the late Jim Valvano, in the shocking championship game.

Syracuse was the No. 4 seed in the West and Mississippi State was a rung lower in the Southeast. Both took different roads to reach the Meadowlands.

Syracuse, making its third Final Four appearance and first since 1987, went on a regional thrill ride, beating Georgia in overtime on a couple of last-second shots and then hanging on to knock off second-seeded Kansas.

Mississippi State comes in off a two-week run that saw the Bulldogs beat Kentucky in the SEC tournament championship game before beating the top seeds in their region, Connecticut and Cincinnati.

What makes the Kentucky-UMass matchup even more delicious is that it's a rematch of the November game that saw Massachusetts handle the Wildcats in an impressive 92-82 victory. The Minutemen lost only once this season and Kentucky just twice.

Syracuse comes in with eight losses and Mississippi State has one less, further lessening the importance of the opener of Saturday's doubleheader.

Bulldogs' fans celebrate

Associated Press

STARKVILLE, Miss.

The usually quiet country roads of Starkville have been anything but during Mississippi State's unprecedented run in the NCAA tournament.

Many of the university's 14,000 students have celebrated each victory by joyriding around campus, blowing horns and setting off firecrackers.

"It's been bedlam. I have never seen anything like it," athletic director Larry Templeton said Monday. "I've dreamed of having this kind of experience. Having grown up here, to be here firsthand is almost unexplainable."

A crowd of about 5,000 people packed the small Golden Triangle Regional Airport Sunday to greet the Bulldogs, who earlier in the day beat Cincinnati 73-63 in the Southeast Regional final to earn a spot in the Final Four.

"Cars were backed up from the airport to the highway. It was an unbelievable crowd," said Jim Ellis, a 1969 Mississippi State graduate in his 18th season as color analyst on Bulldog radio broadcasts.

"It's the biggest thing that has happened, certainly in basketball and probably in

Mississippi State sports."

Ellis said his trip from the airport back to campus took 90 minutes, compared to the usual 15. There he ran into another crowd — "100 or so students" already in line, and ready to stay overnight in rainy weather, waiting for the chance to buy Final Four tickets.

By midday Monday, the 250 student tickets were gone. The rest of the school's allotment of 2,500 tickets were being offered on a priority basis to season ticket holders and Bulldog Club members.

"It was pretty tough getting tickets," said Glenn Willis of Starkville, who waited in line more than 3 1/2 hours Monday morning to get six tickets for his boss who was out of town on business. "There are a lot of people really talking about Mississippi State basketball right now."

Two weeks ago, many felt Mississippi State had peaked with a win over then top-ranked Kentucky to win its first-ever Southeastern

Conference tournament championship.

Instead, the Bulldogs have topped that with a trip to the Final Four. In a matter of 48 hours, they beat the top two seeds in the Southeast Regional — never trailing against Connecticut or Cincinnati.

State plays Syracuse in the first national semifinal game Saturday at The Meadowlands in New Jersey. In the other semifinal, No. 2 Kentucky plays the only other team it lost to this season — No. 1 Massachusetts. The winners play Monday night.

Ellis said most of the business signs in Starkville "have something about Mississippi State on them, from 'Final Four Baby' to 'Congratulations.'"

The university is the centerpiece of the rural northeast Mississippi town of about 19,000 where big draws in the past have been high school football (two straight state championships) and college baseball (seven NCAA regional tournaments since 1984).

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■ NCAA FINAL FOUR

Wildcats' tempo might be too upbeat for UMass

By MIKE EMBRY
Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. Rick Pitino doesn't want to hear any talk that the Kentucky-Massachusetts game in the Final Four is the true championship.

"Who's to say that Massachusetts or Kentucky is better than Syracuse or Mississippi State?" the Kentucky coach said Monday. "You don't know that."

The Massachusetts-Kentucky showdown is the headline attraction at Saturday's semifinals in New Jersey, with the Syracuse-Mississippi State game commanding less attention.

Mississippi State, a fifth seed, upset Connecticut and Cincinnati to win the Southeast Regional while Syracuse upset top-seeded Kansas to come out of the West.

"Going into it you would say Connecticut and Cincinnati would have been there, or Kansas would have been

there," Pitino said during a news conference. "But you don't know. That's what makes the game so unbelievable. Because Mississippi State or Syracuse could play the best ball, I hope not, from The Meadowlands."

And that why Pitino is not in favor of seeding teams after they reach the Final Four.

"I think what makes college basketball so great is that it's unpredictable," he said. "I know we have our hands full with any of those opponents."

During the season, Kentucky lost 92-82 to Massachusetts and split against Mississippi State, winning 74-56 and losing 84-73.

While Kentucky is favored to win the national title, Pitino isn't sure his Wildcats should be in that role.

"I think they've been in Margaritaville too long," Pitino said of the oddsmakers. "Maybe they should concentrate on other areas because two of the three teams in this Final Four beat us.



Photo courtesy of University of Kentucky Sports Information
Head coach Rick Pitino believes his team should not be touted as the favored winner of the NCAA tournament.

"I don't care what you factor in, I'm from the old school when it comes to this. Forget the rhetoric, forget who's up and who's down, who's afraid and who's not afraid, the game is won or lost on the court.

"I won't say Mississippi State is better than us because we beat them once. But they beat us late in the year when it counts more. And Massachusetts beat us. So, I can't speak for Syracuse, but you definitely have to make Mississippi State and Massachusetts big favorites," he said with a laugh.

Kentucky has steamrolled into the Final Four, winning by an average margin of 28.3

points. The closest game was the 83-63 victory over Wake Forest in the Midwest final.

Pitino isn't making too much of the wide margins because of his team's up-tempo game.

"They can play it because that's their style or they can play like Wake Forest, a different style," he said. "Then eventually if your style starts to win, now they're forced to play that style. And that's when you see lopsided victories.

"It's not because you're that much better than that team. It's just that your style takes over and then suddenly it goes the other way with the big numbers."

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WEEKEND RACQUETBALL TOURNAMENT - This tournament will be on Saturday, March 30, and Sunday, March 31. There will be men's and women's divisions with t-shirts being awarded to all participants. Bring your own racquet, but racquetballs will be provided. Also, refreshments will be served. You must register in advance in the RecSports office by Thursday, March 28 and there is a \$6 fee.

CHRISTMAS IN APRIL BENEFIT RUN - March 30 is the date for this 5K or 10K run, and 2 mile walk. The run begins at 11 a.m. with the start/finish being at the Rockne Memorial. There will be six divisions for each run with trophies being awarded to the top finisher in each division. All registrants will be awarded a t-shirt. The cost of the run is \$5 in advance and \$6 the day of the event. All proceeds will be donated to Christmas in April. Family members of all staff and faculty can participate. All family members over the age of 18 need to complete the standard registration and insurance waiver and all minors need to have their parent or guardian sign the waiver for them. All registration/waiver forms can be obtained in the RecSports office and both will also be available at the event.

DROP-IN VOLLEYBALL - RecSports will be offering Drop-In Volleyball on Tuesdays March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, from 8-11 p.m. in the Joyce Center. Come by yourself or bring some friends. No established teams or advanced sign-ups necessary.

CASTING AND ANGLING COURSE - Course includes four sessions which meet on Tuesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The dates are April 2, 9, 16, and 23. Classes are held in the Joyce Center, Rolfs, and campus lakes. Equipment is provided, but participants are encouraged to bring their own. The fee is \$8 for the class and is open to students, staff, and faculty. Advance registration in the RecSports office is required.

Swimming

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(Championships) was a great meet for us," said Brooks. "We showed the Big East that we are not just another team coming into the conference. We proved that we would be up there every year."

Next on the agenda for Brooks was a trip to Indianapolis for the Olympic trials, which lasted from March 6 to March 12. The pool in Indianapolis is a meter pool (Olympic swimming competitions use pools measured in meters), which is slightly longer than the normal indoor yard pool collegiate swimmers are used to. Brooks swam in the 100-meter time trials, but did not compete in the actual qualifiers. In the 200, Brooks turned in a time 2:16.2 and was satisfied with her swim considering that it was in a meter pool.

Finally, less than two weeks after the trials, Brooks went to represent the Irish at the NCAA Championships in Ann Arbor. The meet took place this past weekend from March 21-23.

When asked if the trials tired her out before the NCAA's, Brooks responded, "There was enough time between the two meets for me to be rested. I was ready." She certainly wasn't kidding.

Brooks shot off the blocks to a fast start, setting a personal best in the 100-yard backstroke. She beat her qualifying

time by almost half of a second with a time of 55.87 and finished thirteenth overall in the meet.

Once again, it seemed she had accomplished her goals, and once again Brooks refused to rest on her laurels. Not only did she break her personal record in the 200, but she shattered Big East Championship time by 1.7 seconds and took tenth place overall.

Afterwards, Brooks explained what her thoughts had been going into the competition. "I wanted to go my lifetime best and gain some experience for next year." She clearly did that and a whole lot more.

Brooks discussed the implications of her qualification for the national championship meet, as well as the team's solid effort at the conference championships.

"It (Brooks' qualification for the NCAA's) was a step a step in the right direction for the program," said Brooks. "The last person from Notre Dame to qualify for NCAA's was Jocelyn Peterson in 1994. The fact that we made a strong showing in the Big East and sent a swimmer to the NCAA's should help with recruiting."

Strong recruits would certainly be a big plus for next year's team and it appears that Erin Brooks is more than ready to lead those new Domers in the season ahead. As far as personal goals go, Brooks simply said, "This year's experience should help me next year. My goal is to work hard and try to get into the top eight in my events next year."

■ NBA

Ceballos' dedication questioned

By BETH HARRIS
Associated Press

INGLEWOOD, Calif.

If Cedric Ceballos expected his Los Angeles Lakers teammates to forgive his unexcused four-day Arizona vacation, forget it.

Ceballos finally turned up Sunday, but the Lakers didn't toss out a welcome mat for him. His sudden disappearance last Wednesday has splintered a team fighting Houston for fourth place in the Western Conference and home-court advantage in the first round of the playoffs.

"He abandoned us, you know. At a time like this, at a time we have to stick together," guard Nick Van Exel said. "It's going to be hard. We've got a team captain who just walks out."

Ceballos, 26, claimed unspecified family problems needed his attention, but he didn't otherwise explain his trip to Lake Havasu, Ariz., where he water-skied while the Lakers wondered why they didn't hear from him for four days.

"I had some personal and family problems to deal with. I apologize for myself and the actions of not letting my employers at the Lakers organization know this," he said. "It just got to a point where it was just a little too much for me. I just needed time."

Ceballos was taken off the suspended list Monday, and left with the team on a six-game road trip beginning Tuesday night at Orlando. Instead of starting against the Magic, he will play in a reserve role,

coach Del Harris said.

Ceballos insisted his absence had nothing to do with basketball, and he dismissed rumors that he is unhappy about playing fewer minutes since Magic Johnson rejoined the team Jan. 29.

"I've always been happy with my role," Ceballos said. "You bring a Hall of Fame player back, everybody's going to adjust. Those adjustments were made and they're fine with me."

Angriest of all the Lakers is Johnson, a self-described "ultimate team player" who put retirement on hold to return to the team this season.

"This is the worst time for all this to happen," he said. "I'm really sick and tired of it."

Johnson said Ceballos going AWOL has taken away from his comeback. He said he plans to wait until the offseason before deciding whether to return next year.

"Maybe I won't throw myself back into next season. I don't know," Johnson said. "It's hard for me to deal with all this. I'm too old."

Just as Michael Jordan recently lit into Dennis Rodman for head-butting an official, Johnson expects to have a long talk with Ceballos. As of Sunday night, Ceballos had not explained his hiatus to his teammates.

"What is he going to do? Is he going to commit himself or not? That's the big question," Johnson said after scoring 28 points against Charlotte in his second start in place of Ceballos. "I want to welcome him back, but let him under-

stand we need a commitment from him."

Johnson fondly recalled a time when players didn't abandon their teammates and willingly sacrificed personal glory to win.

"What happened to the good old '80s? I never would have seen a guy walk out," Johnson said. "If a guy had personal problems with us years ago, we would've helped him through."

In a further sign that all is not well in Lakers dressing room, someone placed a decorated milk carton in Ceballos' locker, with words clipped out of the newspaper to form the phrases, "Where in the world is Ceballos?" and "MIA."

Ceballos is respected, if not well-liked by his teammates. He is the Lakers' leading scorer with a 22.4-point average, but his erratic behavior could jeopardize his status as co-captain.

"A lot has to come off everybody's chests," Johnson said. "He's going to have to sit down and listen. We have to set our priorities straight or we're going to be an early exit (from the playoffs)."

Ceballos met with Lakers executive vice president Jerry West and general manager Mitch Kupchak on Sunday.

"He didn't look like the same lively, active guy that I know," West said. "I could see something there that I hadn't seen before."

Ceballos wasn't the only starter who didn't play in the Lakers' 103-94 loss to Charlotte. Center Vlade Divac stayed home due to tonsillitis, and wasn't on the flight for Orlando on Monday.

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■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Thomas, Sox expect to 'hurt' the competition

By RICK GANO
Associated Press

SARASOTA, Fla.

Can you sign some baseballs, Frank? Just a quick picture, please. Hey, Frank, you got five minutes? Frank ... Frank ... Frank ...

Frank Thomas, tall, muscular and strong with an engaging smile, puts up with the attention. It's part of being a big-time star with a big-time paycheck.

"There is a point where you don't feel like doing things and you tell people no," said Thomas, whose first five seasons with the Chicago White Sox have been five of the most consistently powerful in the game's history.

"I've learned to say no at the appropriate times. A lot of things that I do are very small in my mind, so it's not that hard for me to sign an autograph or something like that because it's second nature."

He can be a normal guy, too. He can soak his ankles in the same tub of ice where he's cooling a post-practice beer and cheer loudly during the final seconds of an NCAA playoff game, just like any fan.

Forbes estimated last December that Thomas was the 25th highest paid athlete in 1995, making \$7.8 million in salary and endorsements.

None of this would be possible without his bat and his uncanny eye for the strike zone. He's a big man, who played one season as a tight end at Auburn, who can hit the ball out of sight. But most power hitters don't know the strike zone like Thomas, who finished 1995 batting .308, with 40 home runs

and 111 RBIs.

The combination of power and vision has allowed him to compile at least a .300 average with at least 20 homers, 100 RBIs, 100 runs scored and 100 walks in each of his first five full seasons in the majors.

No other player has ever reached those plateaus for five straight years. Ted Williams and Lou Gehrig had those type of numbers for four straight. Six, anybody?

"Don't believe the hype," Thomas said, repeating a slogan he adopted several years ago. "Talk about it when it's done, when I'm retiring. In my mind, I'm still a young player. I'm still learning the game and I'm still having fun. I've still got a lot to prove."

Thomas, 27, has not been afraid to voice his opinion on occasion. During the strike, he said replacement baseball would never be a hit with the fans. When the White Sox switched batting practice schedules last spring, he expressed his displeasure, saying it would throw off his routine.

And after the Sox's miserable season of a year ago, Thomas made it known that the team needed to make changes if it wanted to compete.

"Sometimes I speak my mind, but I'm not a controversial guy and I never have been. I've learned to say no and learned when to open my mouth," said the American League's Most Valuable Player of 1993 and 1994.

He's never had a spring training better than this. He's batting nearly .500 with three homers and averaging an RBI per game, all pointing to another huge season.



Senior Jason Pun dropped four this weekend, as the Irish suffered defeats at the hands of the Tarheels and Blue Devils.

Tennis

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are 0-2 with them playing inconsistent."

After coming off the Blue-Gray Classic in which the Irish went 1-2, they were looking to rebound against a very tough foe Saturday in the Blue Devils. Duke outlasted the Irish in a close match by the score of 5-2.

"We played very close to very good teams," head coach Bobby Bayliss remarked. "We lost some very winnable matches."

The No. 2 doubles combination of Jakup Pietrowski and Brian Patterson got the Irish off on the right foot as they upset the No. 15 ranked Duke doubles team of Dmitry Muzyka and Sven Koehler.

The Ryan Simme-John J. O'Brien duo clinched the doubles point with a 8-3 win and the Irish looked poised for an upset.

However, the Blue Devils came up with some very strong singles play and overcame the Irish.

In the No. 1 and 2 singles slots Rob Chess, ranked fourth in the country, and Dmitry, ranked forty-sixth, edged senior Mike Sprouse and Pietrowski respectively.

Chess won the first set tie breaker, 7-6 and held off Sprouse in the second 7-5. Muzyka came from behind after losing the first 3-6, to defeat Pietrowski in the second and deciding sets 6-3, 6-4.

Patterson and O'Brien were also defeated in grueling three set matches. Duke's Peter Ayers struggled with Patterson at No. 4 singles in the first two sets, 6-4, 2-6, before dominating the decisive third 6-1.

Adam Gusky clinched the win for the Blue Devils with a 2-6, 6-3, 6-4, victory over O'Brien in the No. 5 singles position.

Senior Jason Pun had a tough time at No. 6 singles as Jordan Wile needed two sets to win the point.

The lone bright spot on the singles side for the Irish was junior Ryan Simme who won a well fought three set match over nationally ranked Sven Koehler, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.

On Sunday the Irish squared off against the Tar Heels for the second time in as many weeks. The 'Heels upset the Irish in the Blue-Gray Classic by the score of 4-1. UNC proved again that they have Notre Dame's number as they came out on top of a 4-2 outcome.

Sprouse and Pun had a rough weekend as they lost their second doubles match of the weekend to the nationally ranked Carolina tandem of David Caldwell and Brint Morrow, 8-2.

Sprouse, currently ranked at No. 44, suffered his worst singles defeat of the year at the hands of the No. 41 ranked player in Caldwell, 6-0, 6-1.

Pun can sympathize with his double partner in that he suffered the same fate as he was

handed a straight set loss to Tony Thomas who clinched the win for the Tar Heels.

The No. 35 doubles North Carolina team of Thomas and Tripp Phillips easily beat the Irish No. 2 doubles squad Pietrowski and Patterson 8-1.

However, Pietrowski and Patterson did earn points for the Irish on the singles side as they defeated Rob Tedesco and Paul Harsanyi, respectively.

O'Brien went 0-2 in Carolina as he was overmatched by Tripp Phillips 6-2, 6-2.

Ryan Simme was on his way to victory over a ranked opponent in Brint Morrow, but after the match was clinched his match was called.

Although the Irish have struggled through the heart of their schedule they are still 6-0 in their regional which is where they will play before the NCAA championships. Now the Irish have a rest in which they have just one match in twelve days. According to Bayliss this will be a big lift for the Irish.

"This break will give us a chance to sleep in our own beds, recuperate and enjoy that delicious dining hall food before our last six dual matches before the Big East tournament."

The men's tennis squad toughest remaining matches will square them off against regional foes Michigan and Northwestern.

Key for the success in post-season play will be building confidence.

"We need a win," Sprouse mentioned. "We need to get some confidence in each other in our last six matches. It has nothing to do with tennis, we simply need to get confidence in each other before tournament play."

The teams first chance at regaining that confidence will be this Sunday against the Indiana Hoosiers in Bloomington.



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Baseball

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off Darin in the first four innings."

Boston College's Paul Bibbo wasn't quite as untouchable, getting hammered for seven earned runs on ten hits in six innings of work. Leading the offensive assault for the Irish were Randall Brooks, who continued his torrid pace at the plate with a 3-3, three RBI performance. A spray hitter, Brooks even took one deep, capping a six run third inning with just his third career home run. Third baseman J.J. Brock also got in on the act, going 2-4 with four RBI and two runs scored, and Scott Sollmann hit just the second homerun of his illustrious college career.

"We started swinging the bats right away," said Mainieri. "Yarmouth-Dennis has a really short porch in center field. In fact, it's the sight of my only college homerun. I was telling the guys this, and look what follows suit. Sollmann hits a homerun, Brooks hits two homeruns—all the little guys hit one out."

In the second game, it was Dan Stavisky who held the Eagle bats in check, throwing six innings of six-hit, shutout ball to earn his second win in as many starts on the year. Mike Balicki picked up the save for the Irish, surrendering just one run in three innings of relief work. The suddenly heavy-hitting Brooks homered again, and Bob Lisanti, in a rare DH role, put the Irish up 5-0 with a home run of his own in the top of the third inning.

The first game of Sunday's double header against powerful Providence saw the Irish's six game winning streak come to a

Offensive Assault	
The Notre Dame baseball team continued to impress at the plate in their 3-1 Big East roadtrip this past weekend, scoring 27 runs on 44 hits, 10 of which left the park. Here are some of the stars at the dish over the Irish's first 20 games: (Team highs are in bold)	
Randall Brooks (2 B)	.415 BA, 38 TB, .465 OB%
Mike Amrhein (LF)	.367 BA, 5 HR, 17 RBI, 57 TB, .722 SLG%
Scott Sollmann (CF)	.342 BA, 21-R, 3 3B, 17 SB
George Restovich (1B)	.333 BA, 22 R, 4 3B, 42 TB, 20 RBI
Jeff Wagner (C/DH)	.315 BA, 3 HR, 13 RBI, .456 OB%
Rowan Richards (RF)	.305 BA, 22 R, 9 2B, 4 HR, 14 RBI

brutal end at the hands of sophomore sensation Todd Incantalupo, who baffled the Irish for a full seven innings, surrendering just eight hits and two runs while mowing down nine.

Providence's powerful offense also keyed their win, exploding for nine runs in the fourth inning of an 18-2 dismantling of the Irish. Third baseman Ryan Kinski, who knocked in eight of Providence's 25 runs on the day, keyed the attack with a 1-3, five RBI performance at the plate, including a two-out three-run homer in the fourth inning to put the Friars up 4-1.

Freshman Alex Shilliday, along with every other Irish pitcher in the game, was lacking his best stuff on the mound, as the phenom fell to earth in surrendering five earned runs in just three innings.

"You have to give them credit—they're a pretty good hitting team," commented Shilliday. "They hammered us pretty good. I could've hit my spots better, and I was up in the zone a bit too much. I know I'm go-

ing to get several more opportunities on the year, though."

The Irish rebounded in the rubber game, jumping out to 5-2 and 10-2 leads in surviving a 10-7 win. Notre Dame's bats lashed out at last year's Big East Pitcher of the Year Mick Macone, tagging him for twelve of their 16 hits, which included a season-high five homeruns.

The offensive explosion enabled an erratic Christian Parker (6 1/3 IP, 5 H, 6 ER, 6 BB) to move to 4-0 on the season, and the attack was keyed by Rowan Richards and Jeff Wagner, who each knocked in three runs on two homeruns. Wagner, who hit .538 with an eye-popping 1.417 slugging percentage on the weekend, was a perfect 4-4 in the game, and Scott Sollmann also came up big, turning in a 3-6, four stolen base performance.

The Irish will take a break from the Big East schedule this week, hoping to squeeze in a few non-conference games before heading to Philadelphia for a three-game series with host Villanova next weekend.

Frigid temperatures force Belles indoors

By LORI GADDIS
Sports Writer

Softball and spring in South Bend do not go hand in hand. The cold temperatures are frustrating for those wanting to venture out to enjoy sunny skies, warm weather and a little bit of activity. Such is the case for the Saint Mary's softball team.

Cold weather forced the Belles to go eight days without any activity. They were scheduled to play Olivet College last Thursday but that game was postponed because of freezing temperatures. It seemed that the delay along with being confined to practice indoors affected the Belles' play as they split their double header with Wheaton College on Saturday by scores of 3-11 and 12-10.

In the first game, Wheaton came out strong at the plate, tallying up 10 hits for their 12 runs for the game. The Belles' 3 runs came from 6 hits, a sign that a lack of aggressive movement on the bases could have been a factor.

"We didn't really make Wheaton play defensively," explained coach Maggie Killian. "We had trouble focusing due to our long time off after Florida and we didn't move people around the bases well."

The Belles' defense experienced difficulty in the fourth inning when they were faced with bases loaded and two outs. It was then that one of the first year players got her chance to prove her stuff.

Shana Cagney, a first year

pitcher, came in to make her pitching debut in the Varsity arena and take the last out of the inning to stop Wheaton from scoring further.

"We were in a hole and our momentum was dead," stated Cagney. "I was anxious to be able to show my talents. I got over the nerves and I think that I will have more confidence in the future and do some good things for the team."

The second game proved a better display of softball than the first. The Belles' success was attributed to being more aggressive on the bases as well as an alert defense.

Senior pitcher Laura Richter shined for the Belles going 4 for 4 for the game. This included 1 single, 2 doubles and 1 home run that cleared the fence, Richter's third for the season in only 9 games. Richter contributed a total of 7 RBIs for the game. Senior shortstop Shannon Heise added two doubles for the Belles.

"We really came together as a team in the second game," stated junior catcher Gretchen Moore. "It was a challenge for our defense because a lot of their batters went both ways. But we reorganized, woke up our bats, and became more aggressive on the bases."

The Belles continue to practice indoors and are becoming anxious to get on the field. They hope to take it outdoors today and take two from cross-town rival Bethel College today at 3 p.m. at Saint Mary's.

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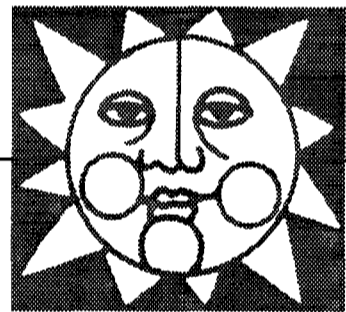
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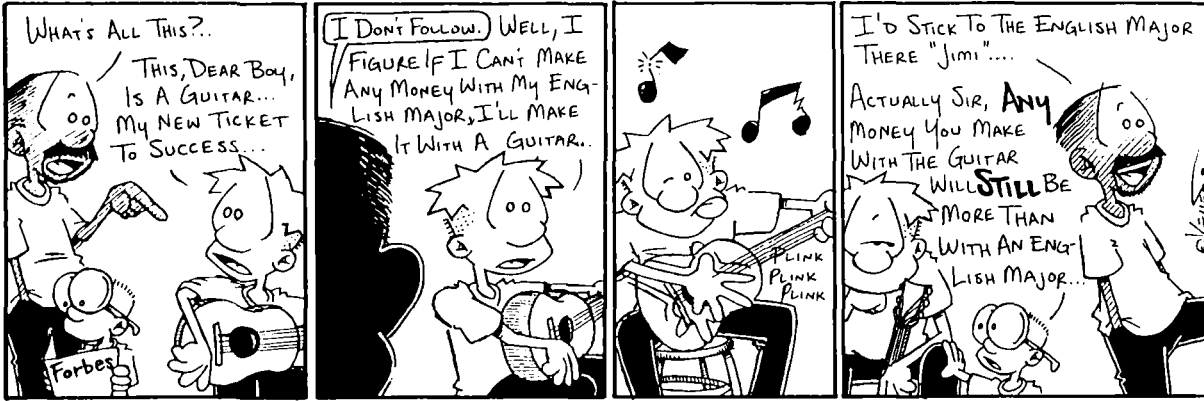


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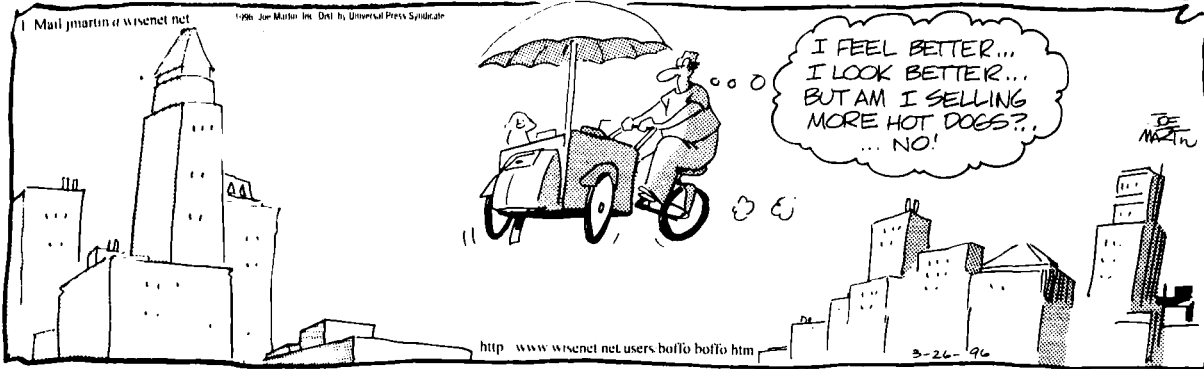
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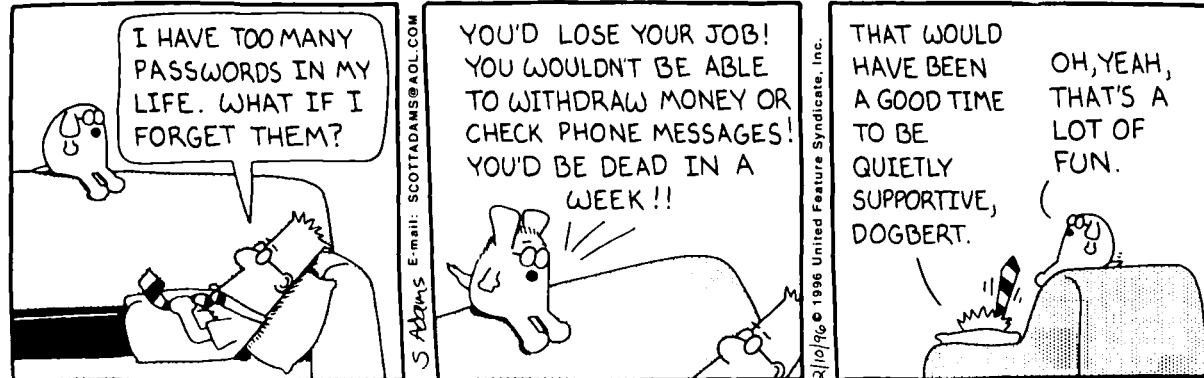
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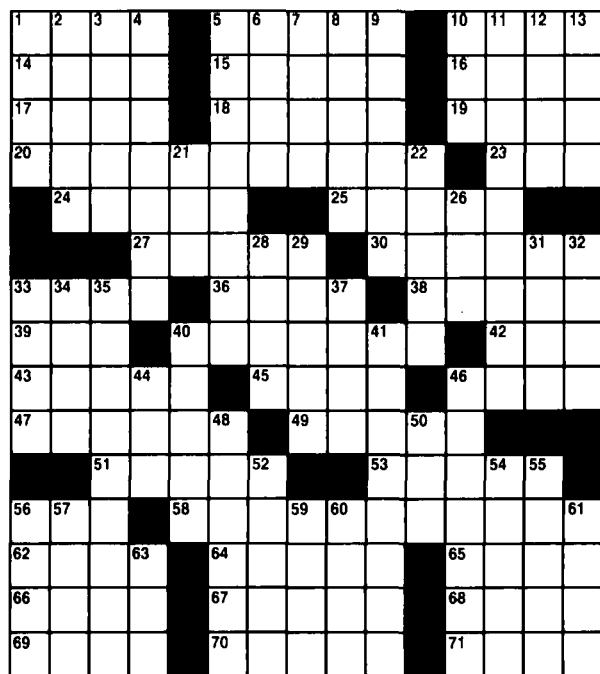
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 - 30 Nova ___
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 - 39 Children's card game
 - 40 Changeable in shape
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 - 46 Fires
 - 47 Signify
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 - 51 Cobbler's stock
 - 53 Pindar's Muse
 - 56 Footfaraw
 - 58 1960 chart topper
 - 62 G.O.P. insider Matalin
 - 64 Skepticism
 - 65 "My Way" lyricist
 - 66 Old socialite Maxwell
 - 67 "Sesame Street" Muppet
 - 68 Champagne name
 - 69 Appear
 - 70 Intelligence
 - 71 Mrs. Shakespeare
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- 1 50%
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 - 3 1964 Olympics city
 - 4 Vehicles with bells
 - 5 Mafioso
 - 6 Battle with the police
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 - 8 Whips
 - 9 Principles
 - 10 "Caught you!"
 - 11 Erwin Rommel's nickname, with "the"
 - 12 La Scala song
 - 13 Castle defense
 - 21 Recent: Prefix
 - 22 Preserve again
 - 26 Dawn goddess
 - 28 NASA chimp
 - 29 Led Zeppelin's "Whole ___ Love"
 - 31 Actress Skye
 - 32 Trojan War god
 - 33 Filled with wonder
 - 34 Lowland
 - 35 Locomotive
 - 37 Withdraw, as from a dependency
 - 40 One of the Benchleys
 - 41 Kind of ballot
 - 44 "The Purloined Letter" writer
 - 46 Joe Namath's alma mater
 - 48 Dodges
 - 50 Unit of work
 - 52 Dorm sound
 - 54 Mortise insertion
 - 55 Like some old buckets
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Make the most of your individuality. Prominent people are looking for original thinkers. When trying to negotiate a major agreement, a straightforward approach will be most effective.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Continue operating from behind the scenes and through friends. A more direct move could be challenged. Getting together with people who share your ideals energizes you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take inventory of your strengths and weaknesses. A heartfelt desire to grow spiritually means the battle is half-won. Continue to encourage those who have allied themselves with your cause.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Halfway measures will not suffice today. Go whole hog! Your dedication to your work will bring numerous rewards. Give yourself a treat now and then.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Pursuing projects or people with too much

intensity will backfire. Try to find a quiet place to work on complex tasks. A steady pace is more efficient than rushing around at the last minute.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Not a good time to make hasty decisions or oppose someone's authority. Those who write your paycheck get to call the tune. Take advantage of a group's support.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Forget past romantic disappointments. Tonight finds you basking in someone's admiration. A marriage proposal could be just around the corner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Compromise on domestic issues. You are lucky to have a real friend and supporter! Unexpected gifts, even a token of love, will be warmly received.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Get to work early, and look for ways to streamline your hectic schedule. Visualize what you want and how you plan to get it. Choose a fun companion if going out tonight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A discussion with your romantic or business partner brings up exciting new options. Heed your instincts. You need to evaluate all available options. Welcome suggestions from children. They may be wise beyond their years.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Fame and fortune will not remain elusive. Protect yourself in romance. Good friends will tell you the truth about a potential mate even if you do not like what you hear. Count your blessings!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be responsible when dealing with a difficult parent or supervisor. You will understand a financial problem more clearly if you ask probing questions. Others may react defensively. Stand up for your rights and beliefs.

Of Interest

Cinema at the Snite tonight will be showing the movies "Two Laws" and "Mystery of Kaspar Hauser" playing at 7 and 9:30 respectively. The cost is \$2.

Job Search Orientation for Juniors presentation is designed to give juniors an overview of the types of activities involved in preparing for the job search in their senior year as well as how the Career and Placement services office can assist in this process. The presentation will be held today from 4-5 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room at the LaFortune Student Center. Presented by Kitty Arnold, Director, Career and Placement Services.

Max Oelschlaeger, a professor of philosophy & religion Studies at the University of North Texas will give a lecture today at 4:15 p.m. entitled "Religion as a Source of Earth Ethics." It is co-sponsored between the Government Department and the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies. It will be held in the Hesburgh Auditorium.

Arts & Letters Departmental Follow-Up sessions will be held tonight: Romance languages at 4:30 p.m. in 118 O'Shaughnessy, economics at 7 p.m. in 118 O'Shaughnessy, and government at 7 p.m. in 203 O'Shaughnessy.

Teresa Ghilarducci of the economics department & Kellogg Institute will be giving a lecture today entitled "The Political Economy of Pensions in Chile and Argentina" in C-103 Hesburgh Center for International Studies at 12:30 p.m. The chairperson of the event is Charles Wilber also of the economics department & Kellogg Institute.

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Irish presence felt at Olympic trials

Junior Erin Brooks posts an impressive time in backstroke

By BRIAN REINTHALER
Sports Writer

Like many other Notre Dame athletic teams this year, the Irish swimming team has gained renewed recognition with their membership in the Big East conference. Success however, is what sets teams apart come recruiting time, and the recent performances of junior backstroke Erin Brooks have probably done just that for the Notre Dame swimming program.



Brooks

Brooks swims the 100-yard and 200-yard backstroke for the Irish and these two events

have kept her extremely busy throughout the past month. In late February, Brooks traveled with her teammates to Pittsburgh to compete in their first Big East Championship meet. The backstroke took first in the 100 with a time of 56.2 seconds, which qualified her for a spot in the NCAA Championships.

Then, as if being the first Domer to qualify for the prestigious competition in the past two years wasn't enough, Brooks confidently moved on to her next event and qualified again. This time the junior raced to a time of 1:59.40 to capture the win in the 200 and boost the Irish to a third place finish in their conference championship debut.

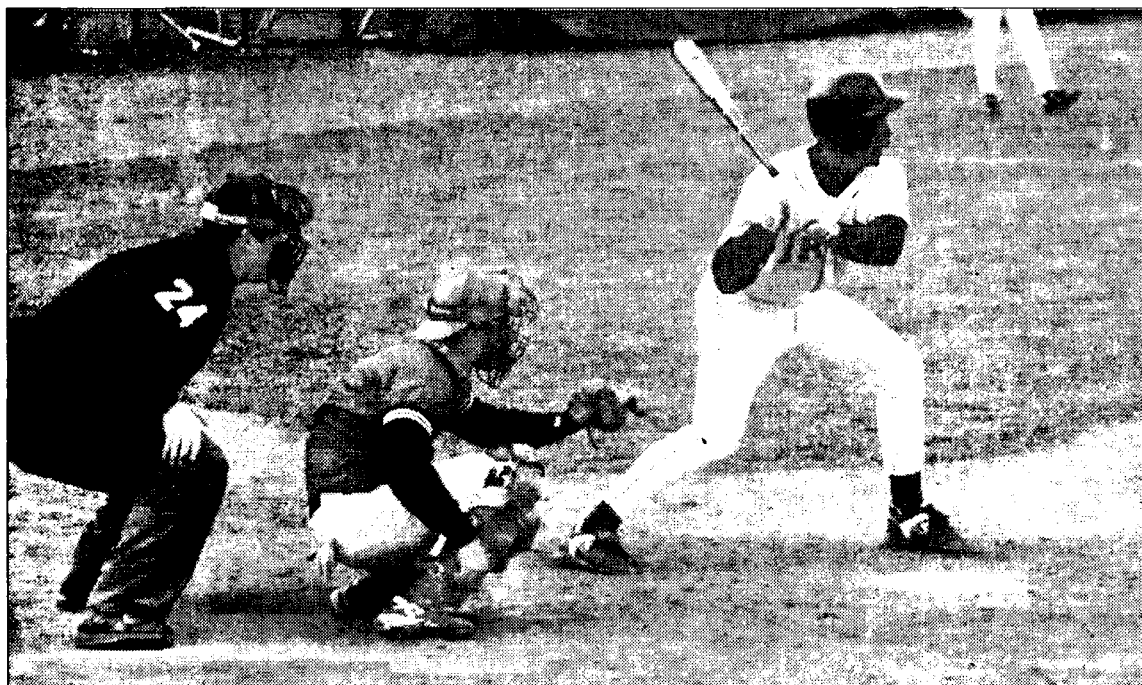
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BASEBALL



Junior second baseman Randall Brooks (.415 BA in '96) continued his torrid hitting, going 7-14 with 2 HR in Notre Dame's 3-1 Big East roadtrip.

Home opener postponed

Sluggers sweep Eagles but split Friars on successful Big East roadtrip

By DYLAN BARMMER
Assistant Sports Editor

Put the home opener on hold. The Notre Dame baseball team will have to wait at least another day until they usher in the first home game of the Big East era, their scheduled matchup with Wisconsin-Milwaukee having been frozen by the less than spring-like South Bend climate.

In the meantime, the 13-7 Irish can look back with satisfaction at their 3-1 road trip this past weekend, which included a two game sweep of Boston College and a 1-1 split with last year's Big East champs, Providence College.

"I thought our players responded to the chal-

lenge very well," commented Irish head coach Paul Mainieri. "It was great to win our first two ballgames. Providence is one of the toughest teams we're going to face all year."

The Irish yielded but one run to the Eagles in Saturday's doubleheader at Cape Cod's Dennis-Yarmouth Stadium, cruising to 9-0 and 6-1 wins amidst biting cold and 30 mile per hour winds.

Notre Dame's Darin Schmalz was spectacular on the mound in the opening game, pitching all seven innings of the shortened contest, surrendering only four hits while striking out five.

"There was a little bit of nervousness and anxious anticipation about beginning our first season in the Big East," said Paul Mainieri. "But when you have a great starting pitcher, it certainly provides a calming influence over the team. When the other team doesn't score any runs, it's pretty hard to lose the game. I don't even think they (Boston College) hit a ball out of the infield

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MEN'S TENNIS

Netters fall to 9-6 after rough trip down South

By JOE CAVATO
Sports Writer

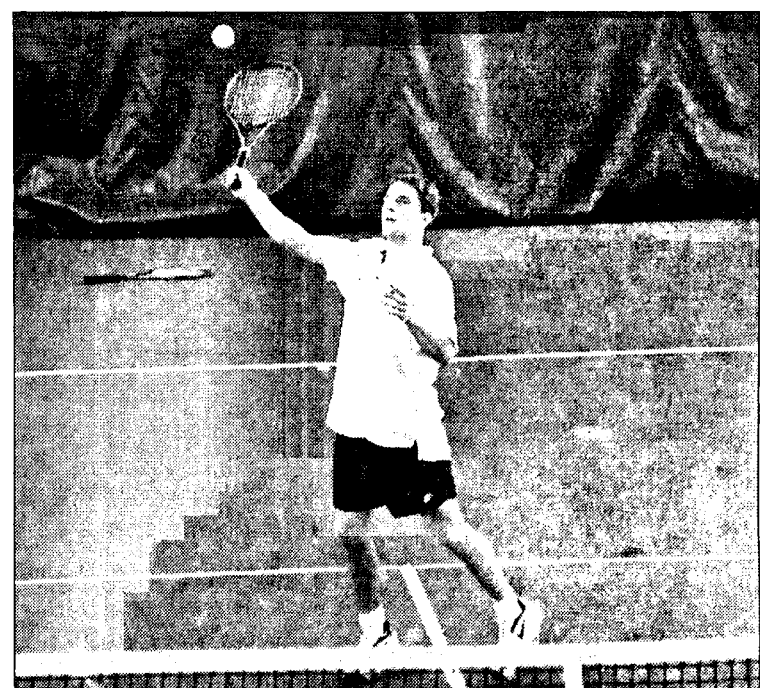
Most people know that a trip to Tobacco Road to compete against Duke and the University of North Carolina would most likely be a difficult trip. What most people do not know is that the competition is stiffer on the tennis court as opposed to the basketball court.

This past weekend the Notre Dame men's tennis team found out exactly how tough times can be in Carolina as they dropped matches to the ninth ranked Blue Devils and the twenty seventh ranked Tar Heels. After

getting off to a 6-1 start the Irish record now stands at 9-6. Besides the tough schedule, the main thorn in the squad's side has been consistency.

"I think that we are better than our results," head coach Bobby Bayliss observed. "We have not been real consistent. For example, we'll have one guy not play well on one day and play great the next. While at the same time there will be someone who plays well the first day and not the second. So, instead of being 1-1 with our guys playing well together, we

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Freshman Brian Patterson scored a victory over his Tarheel opponent, but it was not enough as Notre Dame fell to UNC, 4-2.

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