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■ CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

CLC plans focus on continuity

By BRIDGET O'CONNOR
Assistant News Editor

Yesterday's Campus Life Council meeting began with a debate over what the last meeting of the current council should address.

The discussion centered around whether the council should spend that meeting discussing the specifics of GLND/SMC or focusing on continuity and passing the issue on to the next year's CLC.

"I think the important thing for us to do as a body is to communicate to next year's CLC that this is an issue that needs to be monitored," said student body president Seth Miller.

Student senator Mark Leen disagreed and expressed his desire to pose some questions about the organization to Father Tom Gaughan, rector of Stanford Hall.

"Is this group having an effect?" asked Leen. He explained that he didn't feel that the information about the number of people at meetings of the organization necessarily represented the effect of the group.

"Obviously, this is a campus issue that needs to be monitored," said Miller. "To put this group under the microscope a month after its creation wouldn't do justice to it."

Off-Campus student senator Mike Urbine argued for a focus on continuity, saying, "It's an ongoing issue and it would be very naive to think that the incoming CLC would not address it."

Some agreement was reached when the idea to write down any questions and submit them to the CLC minutes for Gaughan to answer was suggested.

In that way, a visit from Gaughan would not



The Observer/Joe Stark

Reform Committee chair Brendan Kelly presented the recently approved plan for a new Student Union to the Campus Life Council at last night's meeting. This plan included clearly defined roles for each representative body.

said Reform Committee chairman Brendan Kelly.

Kelly presented overheads of the newly conceived Student Union and the changes it will bring to the current government system.

Members raised questions in order to clarify points or address concerns about the new plan.

Such questions included why there was no vote for the student body president in the student senate and the absence of a senate standing committee to examine alcohol abuse.

Separation of powers was cited as the reason for the president not having a vote in the senate and as to the alcohol policy.

"It was not deemed something that needs to

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be required and the last meeting could be dedicated to clarifying the important issues for next year's council which will begin April 1.

With that issue settled, the meeting moved to a discussion of the Reform Committee's changes to the current structure of student government.

"We tried to make a flow chart of the current system and it was just totally impossible,"

Logan Choir opens ND awareness week



The Observer/Joe Stark

Last night's performance by the Logan Center Choir was the first in a series of events scheduled for the Notre Dame Disabilities Awareness Week.

A major aim of the week's activities is to spread awareness of some of the lesser known campus groups.

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Notre Dame Disabilities Week Schedule of Events

Tuesday 7:30 p.m. Panel discussion "Disabilities" at C.S.C.

Wednesday 7:30 p.m. "Celebrating Life of Disabilities." C.C.E. Auditorium

Thursday 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Hospitality luncheon benefitting ND student groups who serve disabled people.

Friday 7:30 Dance, Logan Center. Transportation provided from campus.

Art reflects womanhood in Women's Month Exhibition



By HEATHER CROSS
News Writer

The opening reception for the Women's Month Exhibition at Saint Mary's was held last night in the LeMans lobby. The exhibit features art works from Saint Mary's students.

The works reflect many aspects of womanhood, such as exploring faith, perceiving their place in society, and combating exploitation. There are modern as well as traditional forms of expression, in media such as ceramics, oils, tapestry, textiles, metals, and mixed media.

Each piece uses the media in a creative way to make a statement about women, by women.

The exhibit is sponsored by the Saint Mary's Arts Club and the Student Academic Council in honor of Women's month. The works will be displayed in the lobby of LeMans hall until Friday.



The Observer/Kim Michalik

Saint Mary's students viewed the various exhibits at last night's opening reception for the Women's Month Art Exhibition in the LeMans lobby. The works, which were interactive in some cases, incorporated various media in an effort to capture the essence of what is woman.

■ INSIDE COLUMN

How was your spring break?

If one more person asks me how my break was, I will scream. Loudly. Throughout high school, those days of starry-eyed dreams of the future, I imagined my college days would be just like the pictures in the glossy brochures: groups of Stepford students pondering subjects like Portuguese art and architecture under the wafting branches of ancient oak trees.

So maybe my expectations were a wee bit high. But Notre Dame has forced me to grasp reality: everyone here is conversationally inept.

Now before you cast me aside as a socially rejected nerd who feels that she is much more mentally capable than the morons she is forced to go to school with, let me clarify: I don't usually analyze Napoleonic war strategies over my bowl of Lucky Charms. My problem is that I find myself and those I speak with always rehash the same topics again and again. And in preparation for this intriguing column I have conducted an in-depth, statistical analysis of the four basic conversation groups at Notre Dame.

Number one: The post-break blow-by-blow of hometown follies and tropical jollies.

"So... how was your break?" I'll bet that you are guilty of uttering this little crowd-pleaser at least 67 times already. And I'll also wager that you've heard a billion stories about the cute, tan Texas frat boys in Padre or lamentations on annoying little brothers in East Bumble, Michigan. Fortunately, this category only surfaces three or four times a year; still, isn't there anything else you can think of to say?

Number two: "Dammit, is it cheese-day AGAIN?!" and other dining hall whines.

This category covers everything from how girls in herds put their keys down to save a table to the absurdity of not being allowed to take a bagel out of the guarded dining hall door. This topic will almost always lead to the sub-category of I-can't-believe-I-pay-\$25,000-a-year-for-this-kind-of-treatment. So the dining hall sucks. Deal.

Number three: There is absolutely nothing to do in this frigid town.

South Bend bashing is a favorite pastime of almost all Domers. This conversation is usually started with inquiries about weekend plans, and usually ends with everyone deciding to go to Bridget's for happy hour. There is nothing to do here. This shocking revelation has been discovered so many times that it rocketed from hypothesis to law in record time. Granted, talking about South Bend's shortcomings is something to do, but let's try to be a bit more creative, shall we?

Number four: "I can't believe we actually had a DATE WEEK!!"

Ah, it always comes back to gender relations, doesn't it? Notre Dame students don't date for fear of commitment: namely, a 90-year marriage producing 21 screaming children. We think a date is going to a freshman black-light party and hooking up. We fret and discuss, but nothing ever seems to change. If you talked about gender relations less, and actually dated more, maybe something would change.

Let me be the first to admit that I am guilty of the above-named conversational crimes. But in the depths of our impressive intellects and expansive vocabularies, can we find nothing to say to one another except, "Which do you like better, North or South?" I am afraid we are about to create a new handicap to add to the deluge of politically-correct ailments: Notre Dame is conversationally challenged. By the way, my break was great. Thanks for asking.

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

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■ WORLD AT A GLANCE

Israel, Palestinians clash over Jewish neighborhood

JERUSALEM
Readying for a showdown, Palestinians pitched tents and Israeli snipers and troops in riot gear set up positions today on land in disputed east Jerusalem where Israel plans to build a Jewish neighborhood.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said his government would not reverse its decision to start construction of the 6,500-apartment district this week. Israel radio said ground would be broken Tuesday morning.

"If we do not stand up to threats over Jerusalem, we will not stand up to threats over anything," Netanyahu said. He added that Israel was prepared to deal with possible Palestinian violence.

"We are preparing for all possibilities," he said. A senior Palestinian official said violence was imminent, and Palestinian hospitals discharged some



patients to make room for casualties from any riots. In the West Bank, dozens of Palestinians stoned Israeli troops to protest the construction of Jewish settlements.

In a good-will gesture, Israel agreed today to grant landing rights to Yasser Arafat's aircraft in the Gaza Strip. But the agreement applies only to the Palestinian leader and his entourage.

The Israelis and Palestinians both missed today's deadline to begin talks on a permanent peace accord that would define borders and address the future of Jerusalem, Jewish settlements and Palestinian refugees.

However, prodded by the United States and Jordan, Israel and the Palestinians sought to avert violence by trying to arrange a meeting this week between Netanyahu and Arafat.

Gore takes trial run as president

WASHINGTON

Wrapping up his St. Patrick's Day speech, Irish Prime Minister John Bruton grabbed a bowl of shamrocks, looked Al Gore in the eyes and declared, "On that note, Mr. President..." Bruton quickly corrected himself and called Gore "Mr. VICE president." But it was that kind of day for Gore, the earnest No. 2 filling in for his hobbled boss on Monday. Call it a trial run of sorts. Three days after knee surgery, President Clinton was conducting high-level private meetings at the White House. Still, the lame limb limited Clinton's activity. So the vice president, who hopes to succeed Clinton in 2001, inherited a presidential public schedule that included ticklish political and diplomatic issues. It started early, with the announcement of a presidential commission to whip up support for campaign finance reform. Gore announced that Clinton had appointed former Vice President Walter Mondale and former Sen. Nancy Kassebaum Baker, R-Kansas, to head the panel. The subject is a delicate one at the White House, given mounting questions about the role Clinton and Gore played in 1996 fund raising.



Survey: Air bag safety misunderstood

BOSTON

Most Americans mistakenly believe that air bags, which have killed at least 38 children, help more youngsters than they hurt, according to a survey released today. Nearly 60 percent of adults polled believe that passenger-side air bags are saving more children's lives than not, according to the Center for Risk Analysis at the Harvard School of Public Health. Air bags, which deploy at up to 200 mph, are credited with saving more than 1,600 adults. But there are no documented cases of a child being saved by an air bag, said center director John Graham, whose research two decades ago helped get air bags installed in cars. Graham said he still thinks passenger-side air bags are effective — provided children aren't sitting in the front seat. "We either have to get children in the back seat or redesign the passenger-side air bags," Graham said today. The auto industry has been cooperating with government efforts to educate drivers to have all small children ride buckled in the back seat. Although survey participants recognized that air bags can save lives, they were unclear about the range of injuries that air bags can cause. "The public has a perhaps excessively optimistic and favorable view of what air bags are doing for them," Graham said.

Dublin celebrates St. Patrick's Day

DUBLIN, Ireland

Performance art replaced pageantry Monday during St. Patrick's Day celebrations in Dublin, where marching bands shared parade routes with troupes of actors posing as sea gods and farm animals. The theme was Irish legend, and actors dressed in bovine costumes celebrated the day by running cows and bulls through the streets of the Irish capital. According to legend, bulls represent potency and wealth, and cows symbolize devotion and docility. Other actors rode atop a float simulating an ocean wave, while their colleagues posed as ancient Celtic sea gods. The adventures of Ireland's pirate sea queen, Granuaile, were recreated on a 30-foot galley, where the queen posed surrounded by 50 clansmen. The battle of Clontarf in 1014, when Viking invaders routed the Irish, also was recreated — this time, on bicycles. Other performances featured sea creatures, dragons and clowns. Not all traditions were discarded: St. Patrick made his annual appearance, followed by marching bands from throughout Ireland and the United States bringing up the rear. Green streamers cascaded from city buildings, and revelers enjoyed a premature taste of spring sunshine. Many wore green hats or buttons proclaiming "Irish — for a day" and shamrocks painted on their cheeks.

Protest looms over New York parade

NEW YORK

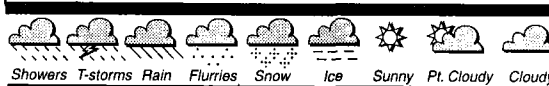
Pipes and drums fell silent for one somber minute Monday as St. Patrick's Day marchers honored the memory of 1.5 million Irish who died in the Great Potato Famine some 150 years ago. Echoes of protest also hung over the nation's largest St. Patrick's Day parade for the seventh year in a row as three dozen demonstrators from the Irish Lesbian and Gay Organization got themselves arrested. They were protesting their exclusion from the march. The 236th annual celebration for Ireland's patron saint was otherwise a spectacle of bands, kilted bagpipers, military marching units and joyous spectators. Organizers estimated that 150,000 people marched and a million or more watched. Earlier, at a Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Cardinal John O'Connor said that to ignore "Black '47," the middle and most severe year of the famine, "is to be condemned to relive it in one way or another." O'Connor also praised former parade chairman Frank Bierre, who died late last year. Bierre led the successful court fight to bar the gay group on the grounds that the parade is a private religious observance and that homosexuality conflicts with teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. Before Monday's parade, supporters of the Irish Lesbian and Gay Organization sat in the middle of Fifth Avenue and blocked traffic for 90 minutes until police arrested them.

■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

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AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

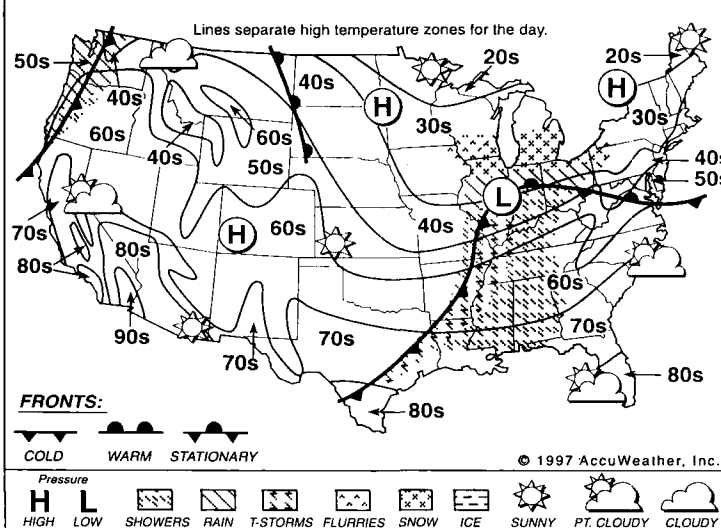
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■ NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, March 18.



Anchorage	34	19	Evansville	49	35	New Orleans	61	53
Atlanta	58	53	Green Bay	36	18	Pittsburgh	38	32
Baton Rouge	61	51	Jacksonville	77	57	St. Louis	48	31
Brownsville	69	56	Las Vegas	86	53	San Jose	76	46
Dallas	70	42	Madison	38	17	Tampa	78	62

ND prepares to celebrate 25 years of co-education

By DEREK BETCHER
Associate News Editor

This year marks the 25th anniversary of coeducation at Notre Dame. The student government Gender Relations Department has designated the week of March 17-22 to commemorate the occasion.

Mass at the Basilica, a speech by president emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh, and a panel discussion are among the events planned for

the week.

"We have a tradition of talking about tradition, but this is a chance for Notre Dame students to meet the people seminally involved in making Notre Dame a co-educational university," gender relations chairman Patrick Belton said. "We definitely want to involve the whole student body in the celebration."

Two main goals underlie the week's activities. The first is simply to commemorate the

25th anniversary of co-education at Notre Dame.

"It's pretty amazing to think that women have only been here 25 years. It'll be special to hear people speak from when it was 95 percent male here, less than a generation ago," said publicity chairperson Stacy O'Brien.

The second goal is to foster discussion on positive and negative trends that have followed the switch to co-education.

Wednesday night's panel discussion should provide impetus for that evaluation. With a wide variety of speakers, Belton hopes no perspective will be left unexamined.

Mary Bliley, the first woman to graduate from Notre Dame, plans on bringing an optimistic attitude to events later in the week. Often touted as Notre Dame's 'First Lady,' Bliley is scheduled to introduce Hesburgh's speech which is scheduled for 4 p.m. on the steps of the Main Building.

"I think everybody will come away from the week with a better feeling about the University," she told The Observer. The 1972 graduate also commented on contemporary campus gender issues facing Notre Dame women.

"There's no pain-free ride. Women will always have to prove themselves every day. There's still a natural good ol' boys attitude I've encountered. You have to believe in yourself and work hard, then go say a prayer at the Grotto," she shared.

Ann Pettifer, the first woman admitted to Notre Dame, will headline Wednesday's panel. She, for one, is looking forward to the discussion and anticipates the opportunity to examine current gender issues affecting the campus.

"I've been a little disappointed recently to see how



Special to The Observer

Mary Bliley was the first woman to receive an undergraduate degree from Notre Dame. She received her BBA following the decision to cancel a proposed merger between Saint Mary's and Notre Dame.

women aren't part of the top administration team here," she told The Observer. "I feel very conflicted. The fact that we've never had a woman student body president has also been a concern of mine."

In addition to what she saw as a lack of role models for campus women, Pettifer cited other impediments along the transition from "conformist Catholic culture."

"The obstacle women face today is that they are still dealing with a very sexist church," Pettifer asserted.

"Talking with these people gives me an incredible sense of continuity. I hope other people can share that experience this week," Belton said.

Retrospective Facts on 25 Years of Coeducation

* May 1971- Notre Dame and Saint Mary's issued a joint statement on intent for merger.

November, 1971- merger called off.

* Installing washers and dryers (as women were not offered laundry service) ironing rooms, pastels on the walls, curtains and full length mirrors were among the changes deemed necessary to accommodate women.

* First woman to receive an undergraduate degree was Sister Mary Aloysia Kiener. For many years her general average stood as the highest ever achieved by an N.D. student.

* Graciela Olivarez, the first woman to graduate from the Law School in 1970 testified before the Board of Trustees Committee on Student Affairs that treatments such as the banning of females from the pool, locker facilities, and golf course were unconstitutional.

* 1977- Suggestion the future dorms be built to accommodate coresidential housing.

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25th Anniversary of Co-education Celebration

Wednesday, March 19

5:15 p.m. Commemorative Mass at the Sacred Heart Basilica.

8 p.m. Panel Discussion at the LaFortune Ballroom.

Friday, March 21

3 - 6 p.m. Band at Stonehenge.

Saturday, March 22

4 p.m. Father Hesburgh Speaks on the Steps of the Main Building.

8 p.m. Seventies Mixer at LaFortune Ballroom

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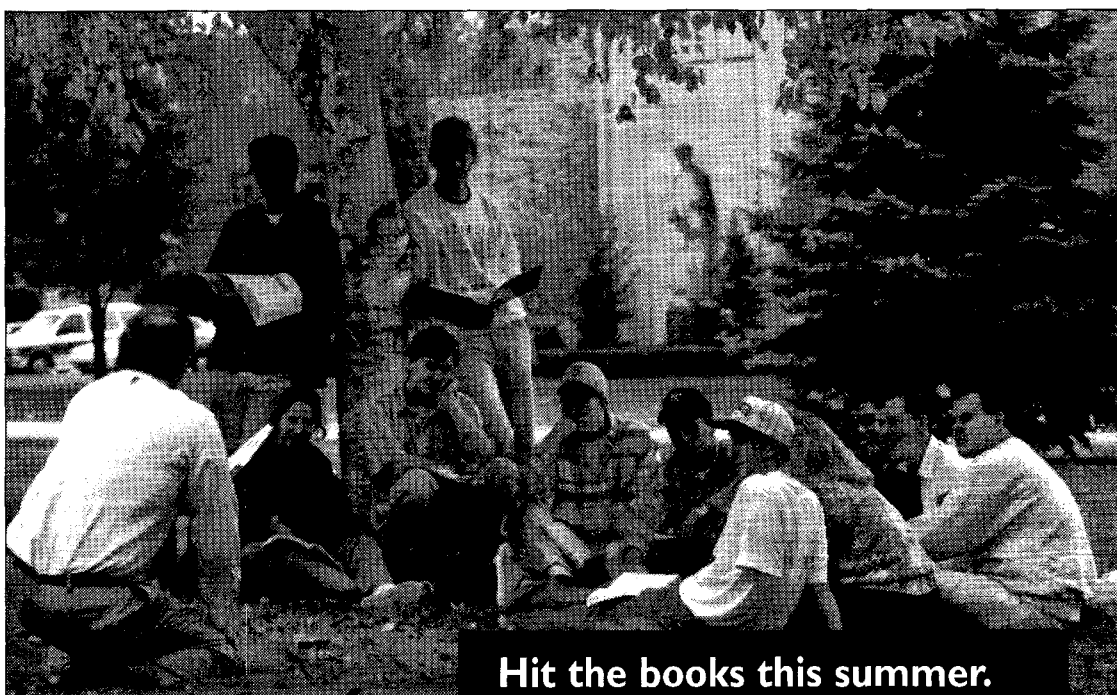
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be a permanent part of the constitution as a standing committee," said Kelly.

Turnover was a key issue in the structure of the Student Union.

According to Kelly, the current system has no continuity and the same issues are discussed every year. With the new system, "each organization must establish a formal transition process to periodic major overhauls."

The evolution of the existing student government has resulted in a "hodge-podge" as Kelly put it, of different branches of government without clearly defined objectives or mission statements.

"For years it has been in the interest of the Office of Student Affairs to have some sort of flow chart for the student government and we have been mystified in that respect," said vice president of Student Affairs, Bill Kirk.

Fungus leaves wheat crop unharmed

By JOHN McCLAIN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Agriculture Department lifted its threat of quarantines against Southeastern wheat crops on Monday, saying it was unable to find any evidence a fungus had contaminated the grain. "We've extensively studied the situation in the Southeast and have concluded that Karnal bunt is not present there," said Terry Medley, administrator of the department's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. The department said it failed to find any bunted wheat kernels in samples, although contaminated rye grass kernels were common. Research has shown, however, that spores from rye grass do not infect wheat.

Clot blocker helps heart patients

By DANIEL HANEY
Associated Press Writer

ANAHEIM, Calif. — A powerful new clot-preventing medicine appears to cut the risk of heart attack and death almost in half in people hospitalized with severe chest pain, a medical emergency that afflicts more than 1 million Americans annually.

The drug is one of a new class of medicines that are likely to revolutionize the treatment of unstable angina, an ominous attack of chest pain that is the leading reason for admitting people to coronary care units.

The medicine is a sort of super aspirin that works by stopping the formation of blood

clots.

These clots can trigger heart attacks by choking off the supply of blood to the heart muscle.

Currently, aspirin and a blood thinner called heparin are the mainstays of treatment for unstable angina. The new medicine proved to be powerfully effective when used in addition to these.

Doctors say the new therapy may turn out to be even more important than clot-dissolving drugs, an entirely different group of medicines that have transformed the treatment of heart attacks over the past decade.

"These are landmark studies that represent a scientific breakthrough," said Dr. Harvey

White of Green Lane Hospital in Auckland, New Zealand.

White said the drug will save the lives of 13 of every 1,000 unstable angina patients treated. By comparison, TPA, the leading clot-dissolver, saves 10 of every 1,000 heart attack patients treated.

White directed one of two large studies on the drug, called Aggrastat, that were released Monday at a meeting of the American College of Cardiology.

Dr. Rick Sax, estimated that if all the 1.2 million unstable angina patients hospitalized in the United States each year received Aggrastat, it would prevent between 5,000 and 10,000 deaths and 30,000 to 40,000 heart attacks.

The Club Column

Attention All Clubs! Sign up for allocation meetings outside the CCC office, Room 206 LaFortune. Meetings run from March 17 through March 27. Failure to meet with us will make your club ineligible to receive funding. Questions, call the CCC at 1-4078.

The Native American Student Organization will be holding a Pow Wow on April 6. Any help would be appreciated. Volunteers are needed. Come and enjoy our celebration. Volunteers should call Sara at 4-1319.

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Welcome Back

Hospitality Program Members

This is a reminder of the meetings scheduled for this week.

When: Wed., March 19 & Thurs., March 20
Where: 204 O'Shaughnessy Hall
Time: 7:00 p.m.

These meetings will be brief.

Please remember to bring your personal calendar.

Remember, you only need to attend one of the two meetings.

If you have questions or concerns, contact:

Jennifer Carrier
Admissions Office
1-7505

Colleen Walton
Student Coordinator
4-4986

Celebrating 25 Years of coeducation!

Schedule of events:

Wednesday, March 19 – 5:15 p.m. Mass in the Basilica with Father Scully and Father Oli Williams. Women from the classes of 1973-77 will serve as Eucharistic ministers and lectors, with a reflection by Anne Pettifer '76.

8 p.m. panel discussion and reception – "Coeducation at Notre Dame: Good and Bad Trends"

Featuring Coach Chris Petrucelli, Anne Pettifer '76, Chris Trutan '73, Dean Russell

Friday, March 21 – Chicago area jazz band featured at Fieldhouse Mall from 4-7 p.m. (sponsored by SUB)

Saturday, March 22 – 4 p.m. – Join Father Hesburgh as he addresses the student body from the steps of the Administration Building. Rain site is LaFortune Ballroom.

Also featured – Mary Bliley, '72, ND's first female baccalaureate graduate. Reception to follow.

8 p.m. – George and the Freeks will perform at the 70's mixer in the LaFortune Ballroom.

Questions? Contact Patrick at 1-7668



■ ZAIRE

Panicked masses flee anarchy

President's poor health opens door for rebels

By BETH DUFF-BROWN
Associated Press Writer

KINSHASA, Zaire
Panicked residents fled the capital Monday while rebels boasted they would take city after city, and rumors spread that the only president a generation of Zairians has known was seriously ill.

The autocratic, charismatic Mobutu Sese Seko, who has ruled Zaire for nearly 32 years, remained hospitalized Monday in Monaco. He had surgery for prostate cancer in August.

The government announced Mobutu was "functioning normally," but The Associated Press has learned that the president was in serious condition and had undergone surgery after being admitted Friday. A source in Monaco provided the information to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

The streets of Kinshasa were rife with rumors that the 66-year-old Mobutu was dead and the military was plotting to take over the government.

Government spokesman Jean-Claude Biebie Ekalabo called on Kinshasans to remain calm and disregard "fantastical rumors."

He said Mobutu would return home this week. Mobutu's son, Nganza, also

said his father would soon return to "continue the process of containment — of protecting the country."

Ferries from Kinshasa across the Zaire River to Brazzaville, the capital of neighboring Congo, have been full for days and international flights are booked as fearful residents flee. Some foreign shop owners have boarded up their stores and sent their families out of the city.

There is great concern in the capital that if Mobutu dies or the army attempts a coup, riots would break out among soldiers and civilians.

Riots in 1991 and 1993 killed hundreds of people and destroyed many businesses.

The rebels, who accuse Mobutu of robbing his country to enrich himself, have swept across eastern Zaire since September. They say they won't stop until they reach the capital — or the president agrees to negotiate. But Mobutu has rejected rebel leader Laurent Kabila's demand for face-to-face talks. He now may be too ill to talk, or to prevent a military coup.

Top generals met in secret Monday, as they did Saturday and Sunday.

Prime Minister Leon Kengo wa Dondo and his Cabinet held an emergency meeting and met with foreign diplomats Monday.

A source close to the presidency told The Associated Press that the army would try to stop Kengo from leaving the country Tuesday. The prime minister was planning to

attend a summit on Zaire, scheduled to convene Wednesday in Kenya. The source, who was in Kinshasa, also spoke on condition of anonymity.

The source also said a presidential plane had been requested for Tuesday, perhaps to take Mobutu to his hometown of Gbadolite, 700 miles northeast of the capital.

But even if the president returns, most observers agree his dictatorship is nearing an end.

"It is threatened, the regime is very threatened," said Bemba Saolona, president of the Group of Allies of Marshal Mobutu and a member of the transitional parliament.

In its first official response to the fall last weekend of Kisangani, the northeast regional capital and Zaire's third-largest city, the government said Zairian troops had been attacked by Ugandan forces. Zaire has repeatedly accused Uganda and Rwanda of supporting the rebels, a charge those countries deny.

The rebels are now threatening to seize the country's second-largest city, on the Zambian border.

"All the towns of the republic are on our agenda ... but Lubumbashi is our next target," rebel spokesman Raphael Ghenda said in the eastern town of Goma.

Rebel forces seized Kisangani with little resistance. Soldiers looted the city of 300,000 people and fled with panicked residents, aid workers said.

Foreign relief workers fled Kisangani ahead of the rebels, leaving 100,000 Rwandan Hutu refugees at Ubundu, 60 miles to the south.

Rwandan Hutus fled to Zaire after the 1994 massacre of 500,000 minority Tutsis, a



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Under the proposed plan, gender, seniority, disabilities and residence in Carroll Hall are the most important considerations in the application for spots in the D6 parking lot.

Proposal details new D6 lot permit criteria

By HEATHER COCKS
News Editor

A proposal concerning allocation of D6 parking stickers has been finalized and is ready for submission to the Office of Student Affairs, according to Ad Hoc Parking committee member Tom Matzzie.

Students with special needs and all women living on South Quad will be issued D6 stickers if the recommendations are approved; for male students, seniority will be a decisive factor.

"Junior men would enter a lottery to obtain their permits," said Matzzie. He added that all Carroll Hall residents will automatically be granted D6 stickers.

"Right now, we're looking at most sophomores and freshman having to park in D2," speculated Phil Johnson, assistant director of Notre Dame Security, adding that he anticipates next year's vehicle registrations to mirror the high numbers reached in 1996-97.

"It's an inconvenience," Johnson allowed, "but the

upperclassmen shouldn't have to sacrifice their spot to a second-semester freshman."

Johnson quickly added that the situation will not infringe on each student's right to have a car at Notre Dame, although they might not get the parking sticker of their choice.

"We will write to the affected students," promised Johnson, "explaining our decisions and how we arrived at them."

Matzzie asserted that student wishes and recommendations were integral to the process of completing the document.

"The committee spoke to campus leaders, such as Megan Murray and [HPC co-president] Deborah Hellmuth, and allocated spaces based on those thoughts," Matzzie said.

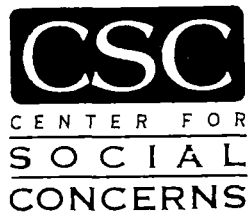
"We refused to begin the process without student input," Johnson concurred. "Students developed the recommendations and we sought their ideas."

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Dollar mixed on EMU worries Clinton proposes more responsive IRS system

By RICK GLADSTONE
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK

The dollar fell against the mark and ended mixed in other currency dealings Monday after a number of senior German officials hinted that Europe's plans for monetary union might be delayed.

The remarks by Finance Minister Theo Waigel and three members of Germany's Bundesbank aroused a broad rally in marks by compounding fears in the foreign-exchange market that the January 1999 debut of the euro will be postponed. That would leave the mark as the predominant currency in Europe.

A weekend report in Germany's Der Spiegel magazine also intensified doubts about the euro's debut, asserting that Waigel's own internal calculations suggested Germany's government deficit would total 4.15 percent of gross domestic product this year.

Such a ratio would be far higher than the currency plan's requirement that the deficit of any participating country total 3 percent or less of GDP.

Although Germany's finance ministry denied the Der Spiegel report, the market still focused on the new speculation that the timetable for the single currency is unrealistic because Europe

remains beset by economic sluggishness and high unemployment, making it difficult to satisfy the strict criteria for the European Monetary Union.

"The theme since trading began was a resurging mark, and that was due to the EMU delay jitters," said Bob Near, vice president of foreign-exchange trading at the Bank of New York. "With the mark taking off the way it did, that really dragged down everything else."

In New York, the dollar settled at 1.6894 marks, down from 1.6935 marks Friday. The dollar settled at 123.66 yen, up from 123.38 yen, due partly to the yen's weakness against the mark.

The demand for marks had the worst effect on the British pound, which tumbled against most currencies and hit the lowest level against the dollar since mid-October. In late New York trading, the pound cost \$1.5888, down from \$1.6010.

The pound's weakness resulted partly from Prime Minister John Major's declaration of a May 1 national election, which he is widely expected to lose and end nearly two decades of Conservative Party government.

Although Major had been required to call an election, traders who had built up positions in pounds used the announcement as an excuse to sell the currency.

"We knew it was going to happen because they had to do it some time, but it adds a little more uncertainty to the pound," said Roger Chapin, foreign-exchange manager at Bank One in Columbus, Ohio. "We know we've got an election coming

and clearly it looks like the Tories are going out the door."

Traders said the demand for marks intensified as word spread of an interview with Waigel published Monday in Germany's Bild Zeitung newspaper, which quoted him as saying strict adherence to the EMU criteria is more important than a punctual start-up of the euro.

The impact of Waigel's interview was reinforced by Edgar Meister and Franz-Christoph Zeitler, who are both members of the Bundesbank's policymaking council. In separate appearances in Europe, they said it was premature to say whether Germany would qualify for EMU participation.

In addition another senior Bundesbank council member, Hans-Juergen Koebnick, said in an interview with German financial news agency VWD that adherence to the criteria is more important than the timetable.

Earlier in Asian dealings, the dollar edged higher against the yen despite a Japanese government report showing Japan's trade surplus with the United States expanded in February for the fifth straight month, due largely to the yen's weakness. U.S. manufacturers have increasingly complained that the dollar's strength is hurting their competitiveness.

Other late dollar rates in New York compared with late Friday: 1.4585 Swiss francs, up from 1.4570; 5.6995 French francs, down from 5.7130; 1,693.00 Italian lire, up from 1,688.50; 1.3708 Canadian dollars, up from 1.3628.

By ROB WELLS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

The Clinton administration, seeking tighter control over the troubled IRS, unveiled a plan Monday to strengthen oversight and management of the tax collection agency.

The move comes as a congressional panel prepares its own recommendations to overhaul the Internal Revenue Service, which has come under unprecedented criticism for a botched computer upgrade and poor service.

"The IRS needs to be more responsive to taxpayers, to use technology more effectively and to be more efficient," Deputy Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers said in a speech to the Tax Executives Institute.

Later, to reporters, Summers observed, "Money has been wasted that should not have been wasted and customer service should have been better."

Leading House Republicans said the proposals, while well intentioned, aren't new and don't go far enough.

"We have as an objective ending the Internal Revenue Service as we know it," House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., said in a House floor speech

outlining the GOP's upcoming plans in Congress.

Gingrich, citing the IRS' troubled \$3.3 billion computer modernization program, said the Clinton administration should pursue major tax reform and shouldn't try to design a computer system to

interpret an enormously complex and technical tax code.

While urging a reduction in capital gains and estate taxes, Gingrich said

Newt Gingrich

he wants to improve the IRS service so taxpayers will get accurate answers to tax questions and eliminate filing for as many as 40 million taxpayers with simple tax returns.

Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., chairman of a House Appropriations subcommittee that oversees the IRS budget, said the Clinton administration plan "is not what I would call a bold reconfiguration of the IRS."

Kolbe wanted greater specifics for improving agency operations.

The IRS is under fire after it admitted to essentially misusing or wasting \$400 million out of \$3.3 billion it spent on computer modernization since 1987, while failing to replace aging paper tax return processing or integrating nine databases used to research taxpayer complaints.

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Market struggles with Fed's inflation fears

By BRUCE MEYERSON
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK

A late rebound helped blue-chip shares erase steep losses, but technology and smaller-company shares slid Monday in nervous trading as long-term interest rates crept toward 7 percent in the bond market.

The Dow Jones industrial average recovered from an 81-point deficit to finish with a gain of 20.02 at 6,955.48. Broader measures also rebounded from the day's lows, but only those dominated by blue-chip and other large companies pulled into positive territory.

With no major economic reports to reinforce the enthusiasm over Friday's tame reading on wholesale prices, investors found few distractions from worries the Federal Reserve is

poised to raise interest rates as protection against inflation.

"There was nothing to steer (the market). With all the darkness and wind rattling the bushes, maybe there's monster behind it. You just don't know," said Robert Streed, senior investment adviser at Northern Trust in Chicago. Among the factors influencing the market this week include Friday's expiration of options contracts and end-of-quarter window dressing by portfolio managers, he noted.

The early uncertainty pressured bond prices, boosting the yield on the 30-year Treasury bond — a key determinant of corporate and consumer borrowing costs — as high as 6.99 percent from late Friday's 6.94 percent. The long-bond yield, which hasn't been above 7 percent since September, settled at about 6.95 percent.

Fort Wayne strike hits day four

Associated Press

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — The four-day strike at GM's pickup truck plant here began affecting other companies Monday, as a supplier halted production and laid off about 150 workers.

The Johnson Controls Inc. plant in Ossian makes seats on a just-in-time basis for General Motors Corp. Workers were able to put in two, four-hour shifts on Friday, but there has been no production since, said Jeff Steiner, a Johnson Controls spokesman.

"We mirror the same schedule as Fort Wayne, so when Fort Wayne went on strike, our plant basically shut down at the same time," he said.

"There is no inventory at the Fort Wayne plant, and there is no inventory at this plant. On the flip side, as soon as General Motors resumes production, we will also resume production."

But that might not be for awhile, said Joe Burkhamer, president of United Auto Workers Local 2209. Talks are continuing between GM and the assembly workers, but Burkhamer said the strike could drag on for weeks unless GM makes some concessions.

The 2,700 workers at the assembly plant southwest of Fort Wayne, which produces full-size regular cab and GMC Sierra pickup trucks, have been without a local contract for eight months. The two

sides negotiated all weekend, but Burkhamer said manpower issues are still at the heart of the dispute.

Workers complain that the factory is understaffed and GM forces them to work too much overtime.

"I would say they're pretty slow, for the most part," Burkhamer said of the talks. "(The aim) is to give our people what is already negotiated for them, what they already had coming to them."

GM spokesman Dan Flores refused to comment, except to say talks were continuing.

"We're hopeful we can get this resolved as soon as we can," Flores said. "We'll continue to bargain in good faith for an agreement."

Soybeans reach eight-year high

By HILLARY CHURA
Associated Press Writer

Soybeans futures prices dropped on the Chicago Board of Trade on speculation that domestic prices have gotten so high that it is cheaper to import crops from South America.

Brazilian prices are expected to remain competitive, especially with Brazil's announcement late Friday that it would not impose a 3-percent tax on exports. A tariff would have made Brazilian beans about as expensive as U.S. crops.

"There is no need for such a tax now, at a time when Brazil is doing everything it can to stimulate exports," Agriculture Ministry spokesman Benedito Rosa said.

Brazilian crushers wanted a tax to help discourage exports. They argued that a big boost in exports is depleting raw material to make soybean meal and soybean oil.

The threat of a Brazilian tax sent soybeans for May delivery rocketing to 8 1/2-year highs on

Friday. The \$8.49 1/2 close made U.S. soybeans about 15 cents a bushel more expensive than Brazilian crops. Brazil is the second top soybean producer after the United States.

"When beans get back up into \$8.50, it works to bring beans in from South America," said Marty Colgan, a trader at LFG, a Chicago commodity brokerage.

Also late Friday, Cargill, one of the largest soybean crushers in the United States, said it would temporarily close three big plants — thereby curbing buying — because prices had gotten so high.

Soybeans for May delivery fell 24 1/2 cents to \$8.25 a bushel.

Coffee futures prices posted the largest drop in 2 1/2 years Monday as traders speculated that huge shipments to the United States soon will alleviate shortages that sent had prices soaring to two-year highs.

On other markets, soybeans futures prices retreated, while cocoa futures gained.

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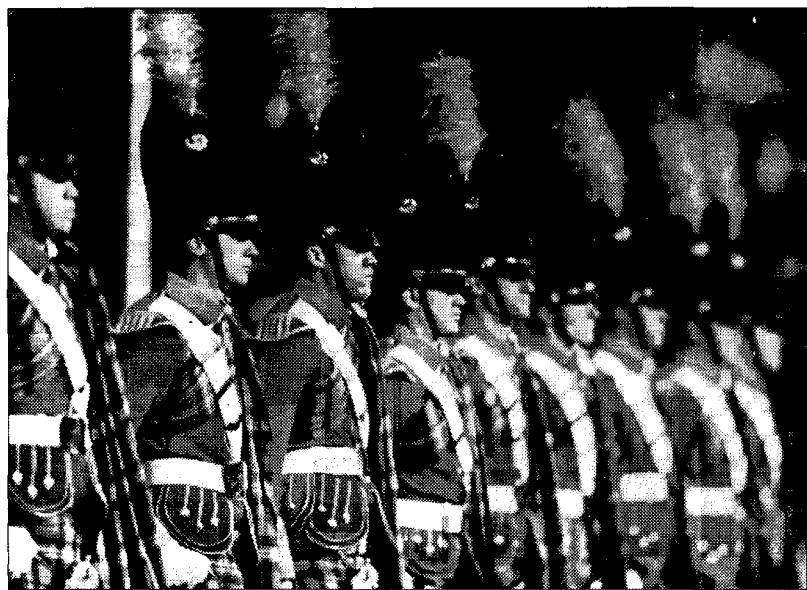
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Talks aim to reassure Russians

By BARRY SCHWEID
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

In strained pre-summit talks, President Clinton tried Monday to soften Russia's resistance to NATO expansion. Russian President Boris Yeltsin called in Moscow for further U.S. concessions and said, "I don't want a return to the Cold War."



Yeltsin

The points Clinton took up with Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov included assurances that an expanded NATO would pose no threat to Moscow and promises of a greater voice for Russia in the economic conference of the world's seven leading industrialized democracies.

While Russia cannot stop the alliance from inviting former Soviet allies this summer to join, both Yeltsin and Primakov signaled they remained opposed in principle.

"We can't move any further," Yeltsin said in Moscow.

And emerging from an hour-long session with Clinton, hobbled by a knee injury, in a White House sitting room, Primakov said: "Russia will not change its position on NATO."

The differences will carry over to Clinton's summit with Yeltsin in Helsinki, Finland, on Thursday and, White House press secretary Mike McCurry said, "There are likely to con-

tinue to be disagreements after the summit."

Primakov planned to fly home Monday night and to report to Yeltsin, who told American, Russian and Finnish television networks in Moscow:

"I don't want a return to the Cold War, and neither do our people, but to avoid that there must be equal conditions. I'm for a multi-polar world, not one in which the United States will command everyone else."

Urging Clinton to make concessions, Yeltsin said: "Our diplomats have made enough concessions to the United States. We can't move any further. Now it's the U.S. turn to move in order to preserve our partnership."

Despite the rhetoric, the two sides are working on a new relationship between Moscow and NATO, one that McCurry said would be made politically but not legally binding.

If a charter can be completed, that probably would be done at a gathering of Clinton and European leaders in Europe, probably in the Netherlands in late May.

Primakov said Russia would not drop its insistence that the charter have "a binding character," but that Russia understood NATO was a real force and would like to have a normal relationship with the alliance.

Primakov said it was "a great honor" to be received by Clinton during his convalescence from knee surgery and while he was not disposed to receive foreign visitors.

During their talks in the Yellow Room in the second-

floor residential quarters, Clinton and Primakov sat in armchairs. The president's knee was in a brace, the result of a wrenching accident and surgery last Friday. He moved his leg back and forth gingerly a few times.

Among the concessions on the agenda for Clinton's talk with Primakov were the charter to give Russia more participation in NATO proceedings, joint peacekeeping operations like the one in Bosnia and promises that NATO would not deploy Western troops in substantial numbers on the soil of new members for the foreseeable future.

Last week, Yeltsin said Clinton had told him on the telephone that "the U.S. is interested in compromise and so am I."

NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana, the chief negotiator for the West, is working on a text and has made several trips to Moscow for Kremlin conference.

Primakov, meanwhile, met with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright before the foreign minister called at the White House. He met with Defense Secretary William Cohen on Sunday.

State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns called the Albright-Primakov sessions "intensive, cooperative and, in some case, productive."

He acknowledged "we are working on some language" to formalize new Russian ties to NATO, although the administration has flatly rejected Russia's demand for a legally binding document.

Plans to influence Congress known to FBI

By MICHAEL SNIFFEN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

The FBI learned of possible Chinese plans to influence Congress in 1995, but did not tell the White House, Justice Department or congressional committees until May 1996, the Justice Department said Monday.

The FBI did not begin briefings about the Chinese plans until "it acquired additional information," the department said in a three-paragraph statement.

In 1995, it said, the FBI provided copies of an internal FBI cable on the matter to "staff-level offices at the CIA and the State Department."

"As is often the case with cables designated by the FBI for 'routine' transmission, the Justice Department was not sent a copy at that time. Nor is there evidence that the cable was provided to the White House, or the House and Senate Intelligence Committees."

The department appeared to attribute the limited distribution of the 1995 cable to the sketchy nature of its information.

"The 1995 cable did not mention any members of Congress by name, nor did it contain information regarding any plans to influence the executive branch," it said.

The department issued the statement to counter remarks

made Sunday by Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah.

"Since 1995, the FBI has told the State Department, the CIA, the Justice Department, both intelligence committees of the House and the Senate ... that the Chinese were trying to buy influence in this country ...," Hatch said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Attorney General Janet Reno has said she was briefed by the FBI in May 1996. Six members of Congress were briefed beginning that month.

President Clinton has denied knowing of the Chinese plan until press reports appeared earlier this year. Two National Security Council staffers were briefed by the FBI in June 1996, but they have said they did not pass the information up to Clinton and his top aides. Reno has said they had misunderstood the instructions they received from the FBI.

Hatch said, "They weren't told not to send this up; they just didn't send it up. And I think the reason they didn't is because (senior officials) already knew. ... The administration knew that these attempts were being made and that's what makes it mind-boggling."

"I suspect that this is another case of a senator hyperventilating on a Sunday talk show," White House press secretary Mike McCurry said.

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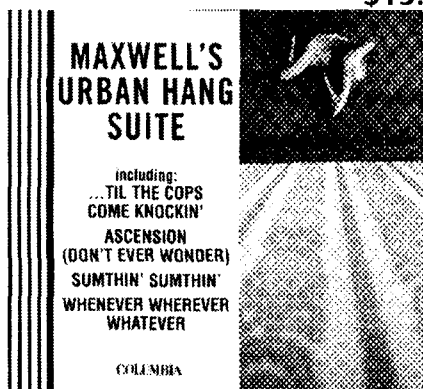
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House to vote on abortion procedure

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON
As the House prepares to vote to outlaw a specific method of abortion, the competing camps are already looking ahead to the Senate, where this latest test will be won or lost.



Gingrich

Abortion rights advocates won the fight last year when the Senate sustained President Clinton's veto of a similar bill. Abortion opponents fell eight votes short of the two-thirds

majority needed for an override.

The House voted to overturn the veto last year and is expected, by Thursday, to pass the bill again by a wide margin, putting pressure on the Senate to follow suit, both sides said. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said Monday the issue was likely to come up in April or May.

"The Senate is always harder," said Helen Alvare, spokeswoman for the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, which opposes abortion.

The bishops anticipate victory in the House, Ms. Alvare said, "but we don't know in the Senate."

House Speaker Newt

Gingrich criticized the abortion method Monday during a floor speech on the Republican agenda, calling it "very gruesome."

"We believe it's important, when the child is that close to being born, that they be protected and that this particular procedure ... be ended," said the Georgia Republican.

Abortion rights advocates also are uncertain about the Senate.

"It's a closer margin now (in the Senate), and if we lose any of our pro-choice friends it will be tough," said Kate Michelman, president of the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League. "It certainly looks like we can sustain the president's veto, but it is closer."

Report details reasons for Mexican support

By GEORGE GEDDA
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON
A White House document makes clear one reason why the administration resists labeling Mexico a narcotics pariah state:

"The political culture of Mexico is immature; any perceived slight by the 'giant to the north' could lead to an upsurge in nationalism."

Economics is another, adding to the administration's uneasiness about the ongoing congressional effort to overturn President Clinton's decision two weeks ago to certify Mexico.

Various proposals are under consideration by lawmakers, and a final decision is expected this week.

Mexico's counter-narcotics performance is by law the only criterion for deciding whether a country is fully cooperating in the drug war, but administration officials and other analysts say the drug issue should not be considered in isolation.

It's one thing to decertify Iran or Afghanistan, the officials say, but it's quite another to do the same to Mexico because the stakes are so high.

The White House document was included in a folder sent to members of Congress in defense of Clinton's decision to certify Mexico. To conceal its source, it is not attributed to the White House but instead is labeled a

"non-paper."

The State Department sought to quash the document on grounds of the "extreme" language it contains and its "somewhat exaggerated" sentiments, according to one official.

He and other officials were surprised when the document found its way into the folder earmarked for lawmakers.

Officials cite these 1996 statistics in making the point about the breadth of the U.S.-Mexican relationship: Two-way trade of \$130 billion, 250 million border crossings and almost 687,000 U.S. nonimmigrant visas issued. Also, at least a half-million Americans live in Mexico.

Officials worry that a decertification-induced hostility would force Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo to curb cooperation on narcotics and other issues. It also would cast a pall over Clinton's planned visit to Mexico next month.

But officials insist that the competing interests did not influence Clinton's decision to renew Mexico's certification.

"The statute is very clear in terms of the scope provided for the decision, and on that basis it was made on counter-narcotics criteria," says Robert Gelbard, the State Department's top anti-drug officer.

Beyond that, says Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., Mexico's record in countering drug smuggling is so bad, perhaps "we're going to have to cause a crisis down there." Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., a leader in the pro-decertification camp, says, "Things cannot continue as they are."



Clinton

Quality of life for elderly increasing

By PAUL RECER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON
America's elderly are not only living longer but more of them are staying healthy enough to enjoy it. A study shows a 14.5 percent decline in the rate of older people who are unable to care for themselves.

A national medical survey taken periodically since 1982 shows that the percentage of people over age 65 who are disabled has dropped from 24.9 percent to 21.3 percent, a difference of about 1.2 million people.

"There is total life expectancy and then there is active life expectancy," said Kenneth G. Manton of Duke University. "It looks like both are improving at the same time."

Manton is the lead author of a survey study to be published on Wednesday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

The National Long Term Care Surveys ana-

lyzed by the Manton team look at the rates of chronic disability among more than 20,000 people age 65 and older. Chronic disability is defined as either being in a nursing home or being unable to perform at least one of the activities of daily living, such as bathing or dressing oneself, or as being unable to perform at least one of the instrumental activities of daily living, such as washing clothes.

Manton said that people are living longer and remaining active because medical science is learning more about treating the elderly.

"We can deal with the elderly and the oldest old in new ways," said Manton. "There is better diagnosis and treatment of the specialized problems that you get in a very elderly population."

Also, older people are now better educated in the ways of health and long life, said Manton.

"They are more responsive and they are better medical consumers," said Manton. "They are more likely to preserve life style factors that improve health, such as physical activity."

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■ **BRITAIN**

Major calls for national election

By MAUREEN JOHNSON
Associated Press Writer

LONDON Prime Minister John Major has called national elections for May 1 that pundits, pollsters and, privately, even political allies say his party is sure to lose.

With so many expecting a loss, and the end of 18 years of Conservative government, the larger question was: Will Britain's left-of-center Labor Party achieve the biggest landslide since it ousted Winston Churchill in 1945?

The prime minister sounded optimistic when he announced the date Monday after informing Queen Elizabeth II, saying: "I think we'll win this election."

Few others did. Bookmakers offered odds of 4-1 against a Conservative victory.

A new Gallup poll, published in Tuesday's Daily Telegraph, put Labor 28 points ahead of the Conservatives. The poll of 1,045 voters, conducted after the election date was announced, had a margin of error of 3 percentage points.

The economy is doing well. But voters are bored and disgruntled with the Conservatives' long hold on power, while Labor has moved sharply to the center and no longer frightens the middle class.

The government has suffered from rancorous divisions over European policy, a ban on beef exports because of mad cow disease, and public concerns about crime, education and health care.

Opposition leader Tony Blair, 43, who will be prime minister if Labor wins, warned supporters not to be complacent. "Britain can be better than this," Blair said during a visit to a south London school.

Margaret Thatcher, who led

the Conservatives to power against the last Labor government in 1979, declared in a statement outside her London residence, "I hope you'll stick with us."

Even Lady Thatcher, whose right-wing policies wrought huge changes, did not deny a sneaking admiration for Blair.

Asked about reports that she recently described him in pri-

for Blair in Tuesday's editions, saying Britain needs "a leader with vision, purpose and courage."

The six-week campaign, long by British standards, is likely to include the first broadcast debates between leaders of the major parties.

Projecting from recent opinion polls, Labor could have an overall majority of more than 100 seats in the 659-member Commons — meaning the Conservatives would lose about one-third of the 323 seats they now hold.

Some believe it could be worse — conjuring memories of 1994 when Canada's Conservative Party imploded from a government with 155 seats to a fringe party with just two.

"We need a change," Fatima Jama, 42, waiting outside the Crampton Primary School that Blair visited. "The Conservatives have had their chance. Let Labor take its turn and we'll see the difference between them."



'This country is not going to change allegiance!'

John Major

vate as someone "who will not let Britain down," she replied: "Mr. Blair is different from Prime Minister Blair. I am fighting for Prime Minister Major."

Major, 54, who succeeded Thatcher in 1990, immediately hit the campaign trail.

In Luton, north of London, where two Conservative legislators look likely to be among the party's casualties, he stood on a soap box in the middle of a melee in the town center. The soap box was a prominent prop in Major's 1992 campaign, when the two parties were neck-and-neck in the polls.

His voice nearly drowned by hundreds of demonstrators yelling "Tories out" and supporters chanting, "Five more years," Major shouted, "This country is not going to change allegiance!"

But no party has ever come from so behind at the start of an election campaign to win.

Churchill, the Conservative who led Britain through World War II, was 13 points behind at the start of the campaign when Labor won in 1945 and introduced Britain's welfare state.

Blair got early backing from the Sun, Britain's biggest selling newspaper, which has traditionally supported the Tories.

The Sun declared it support

■ **MEXICO**

Six inmates killed in bloody prison riot

By ROSY RAMALES
Associated Press Writer

OAXACA CITY, Mexico Rival inmate gangs attacked each other with guns, knives and clubs at a prison in southern Mexico on Monday in a melee that left six inmates dead and 55 others injured.

Many of the prisoners, severely beaten and their clothes dripping blood, lay facedown for hours in the prison yard before they were taken to hospitals following the early morning spasm of violence.

Later Monday, an unknown number of inmates remained barricaded in one cellblock at Santa Maria Ixcotel state prison, 220 miles south of Mexico City, and were negotiating with authorities to end the upheaval, said Roberto Santiago, a Oaxaca state government spokesman.

Armed police ringed the penitentiary, and dozens of

inmates could be seen on a prison rooftop, some carrying homemade clubs and others trying to shout answers to questions by reporters.

But Santiago insisted that authorities were gradually regaining control.

"State officials managed to establish contact and obtain the release of the wounded," said Santiago, whose local government administers the prison, which is located on the outskirts of Oaxaca City.

He did not elaborate on the negotiations.

The two gangs of inmates that clashed apparently were vying for control of an elected prison council, authorities said. Among the injured, at least a dozen appeared to have been beaten unconscious, said Herberto Castillo, a public safety official.

Five prisoners who attempted to escape under cover of the riot have been recaptured, local reports said.

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■ SENEGAL

Clintons visit hub of slave trade

By SONYA ROSS
Associated Press Writer

GORÉE ISLAND, Senegal
They stood in the doorway together, mother and daughter, gazing out at the expanse of ocean — as scores of mothers and daughters did ages ago in fear, sorrow and chains.

However, Hillary and Chelsea Clinton turned around Monday at the Door of No Return, unworried about traders with muskets who would shoot them if they refused to board waiting slave ships or the sharks that would devour them if they jumped overboard to swim away.

Nor were they threatened by a horrible journey aboard a cramped, disease-ridden ship or by slavery that would force them apart, sending them to sugar plantations and cotton fields in North or South America.

"I cannot even imagine what that would be like," Mrs. Clinton said. She stood in the courtyard of a 221-year-old house where captured Africans were weighed, chained, separated according to their value and herded into

captivity. "That door represents nothing less than the depths of human depravity," Mrs. Clinton said. "It is a reminder, always, of what human beings can do to one another."

This house, called Maison des Escalaves (Slave House), was Mrs. Clinton's first stop on a six-nation tour of Africa. She said she wanted to see the heartbreak of Gorée, a hub of the slave trade for 300 years, because of its meaning to black Americans.

She ran her fingertips along a rusted ankle clamp held by Joseph Ndiaye, curator of Gorée, who explained that the shackle and a rusty 20-pound weight held down one of the estimated 15 million to 20 million people taken into slavery through the island.

"Millions of African Americans claim their roots in West Africa, through Gorée Island," she told students at a girls school. Her chief of staff, Maggie Williams, had visited Gorée Island before and called it a "profound" experience.

The first lady told students at the Martin Luther King School for Girls that their school was named for an American "who changed the course of America and world history."

Mrs. Clinton began her trip a day later than planned.



Clinton

■ JAPAN

Nuclear waste provokes debate

By SHIZUO KAMBAYASHI
Associated Press Writer

ROKKASHO, Japan

A shipload of high-level nuclear waste arrived in a northern Japanese port Monday, sparking more criticism of the country's energy program just a week after a nuclear accident.

The Pacific Teal, carrying 20 tons of waste reprocessed in France, docked in a fishing village 350 miles northeast of Tokyo early Tuesday, officials said.

It was the second time Japan has received reprocessed high-level radioactive waste; the first was in 1995. Japan has little capability to reprocess spent fuel, so it sends the waste to Britain and France.

The shipments, however, have been criticized at home and abroad as risky. Environmentalists worry that an accident could lead to a ocean spill, or that the cargo could be

pillaged or attacked by terrorists. Several nations along potential routes banned the Pacific Teal from their waters.

The first shipment followed a fire at a nuclear reprocessing plant northeast of Tokyo, which exposed 37 workers to low-level radiation.

The plant's operators have been accused of a slow and confused response that could have compounded the damage.

The newly arrived waste, stored in 40 containers, left the French port of Cherbourg on Jan. 14 and traveled around the Cape of Good Hope and through the Indian Ocean and South Pacific, said Yuji Tanagi, spokesman for the government-funded storage operator Japan Nuclear Fuel Ltd.

After an inspection by prefectural and town officials, the casks will be unloaded and taken to a facility outside Rokkasho, a fishing and farming town of 11,000 people, Tanagi said.

■ PERU

Tupac rebels insist on freedom

Peruvians demand end to hostage crisis

By JOSEPH FRAZIER
Associated Press Writer

LIMA, Peru

Peruvians sounded off with horns, sirens, whistles and church bells Monday, demanding an end to the hostage crisis that has trapped 72 men in the Japanese ambassador's residence for three months.

Negotiations have been sus-

pending for an indefinite "period of reflection," an effort by the mediators to find common ground between the rebels and government.

The Tupac Amaru rebels insist on freedom for hundreds of jailed comrades, something President Alberto Fujimori says is not negotiable.

The cacophony began at noon. Horns honked, fire sirens wailed and bells in many of the city's 300 Roman Catholic churches rang across the seaside capital. The outpouring came in response to an appeal by family members of the hostages held since Dec. 17.

The noisiest turnout seemed to be around the residence itself, where TV footage showed hostages in windows under a rebel banner reading "People of Peru remember, Fujimori does not govern for the poor, fight for your rights."

Radio reports said the clamor was substantial in the interior of the country as well.

"They should free the 500 (Tupac Amaru) prisoners because the lives of the 72 hostages are worth more than their lives," said Zarela Cornejo, who demonstrated near the residence.

On a fourth-floor balcony an elderly lady rang a small silver bell and shouted, "Curse you, let them go! Because of you my

heart is sick."

Raul Figari, who lives near the residence, said he was attending in "silent solidarity."

"Negotiation is the only way to solve this but the government jeopardized the negotiations by tunneling under the residence," he said.

On March 6, the rebels discontinued talks after accusing the government of digging a tunnel. While evidence is strong that it is true, Fujimori has refused to confirm or deny the charge.

Fujimori met Monday with mediators, who have been talking to each side separately in an effort to breathe new life into the talks.

Fernando Rospigliosi, a columnist and frequent critic of Fujimori, said the apparent discovery of a tunnel weakened Fujimori by indicating an inability to find a peaceful solution.

"He must make some concessions," Rospigliosi said, suggesting that some prisoners whose sentences are nearly complete might be freed.

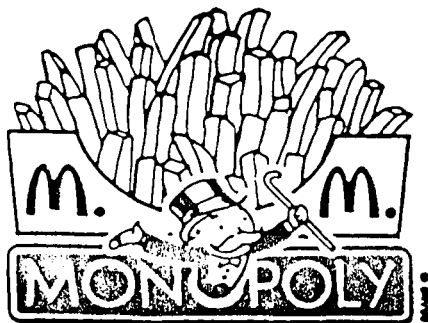
Meanwhile, a special envoy of Japan's prime minister is due to arrive Tuesday.

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FIRST PRINCIPLES

Bureaucracy threatens an already lacking intellectual life

After my last column's criticism of Right Reason, I doubt anyone would be inclined to accuse me of being partisan of that publication. With my anti-Right Reason credentials safely established, I now want to draw attention to the intellectual and moral stature of some of its critics — if it's

With this ideal in mind, please ask yourself why it is that the Student Affairs Committee of the University of Notre Dame sounds like a committee of censors appointed by a ninth-rate Communist dictator. To put the point bluntly: Just who do these people think they are? More decorously: What sort of commitment to intellectual exchange and academic freedom does SAC have? What sort of intellectual and moral example is set by putative scholars who, when confronted with a publication they dislike, set out to dismantle it by means of bureaucratic edicts? Is this the mentality of fearless intellectuals engaged in robust intellectual inquiry — or the reign of commissars and party hacks?

I hate to burst any bubbles here, but of all the universities I have attended or visited in the last 10 years, I cannot think of one with an intellectual atmosphere quite as dull as Notre Dame's. On most campuses, you will find a gaggle of silly publications engaged in a variety of debates from a variety of viewpoints. One publication will advocate Marxist revolution; another will argue for Victorian morality; a third will offer cultural critiques from a Jungian perspective; a fourth will tell you that all the world's problems would be solved if we would only band together and save the spotted owl. For all of that stupidity, however, you will at least find some intellectual life buried between the lines of bad argument. People who care enough to spend their free time putting their ideas in print and putting together a publication may not be able to argue or write, but at least they care enough to do it. Not at Notre Dame. Here, a publication starts to offend people, and the Student Affairs Committee starts to look for ways to close it down. Heaven forbid that anyone should just deal with the existence of views that offend them by ignoring them or criticizing them.

One of the preconditions of a robust intellectual life is the freedom to write without some bureaucrat peering over your shoulder, holding out the sanction of closing you down or prohibiting your existence. This is precisely what we don't

have at Notre Dame, and it has to be part of the reason for why there is little genuine debate here about matters of intellectual concern. (On most campuses, students talk politics and have sex; at Notre Dame, they play football and talk about those who *have* sex.) Want to have a debate about abortion? Too bad; there's no pro-choice group on campus, and unsurprisingly, no pro-choice speakers with whom to debate. You don't like homosexuals? Don't let them meet on campus; they'll corrupt the morals of the straight people. You're afraid of right-wing newspapers and don't know how to argue against them? Steal hundreds of copies of the right-wing newspaper and throw them in the trash? Don't worry, you can do this with impunity. If a student confiscates such publications, it's not *really* theft, and it's not *really* vandalism; indeed, it's not really wrong at all. Who needs free speech when you can have free sanctimony? You don't want anyone recruiting students for religious vocations you don't like — even if they are devout Catholics? Ban them from recruiting on campus. You're a member of SAC with too much time on your hands, and you have a grudge against Right Reason? Don't argue with their views; just exercise your bureaucratic power and find a way of legislating them out of existence.

This is what passes for "intellectual life" at this University — and I could go on, if I had the space. Universities are supposed to be places where debate could be carried on in a spirit of free and unfettered inquiry. Notre Dame's intellectual leadership has found a way to cater to every prejudice, every whining complainer and every coward afraid of the challenges and responsibilities of that endeavor. Their guides consist of a Student Affairs Committee appointed by a Faculty Senate that makes such a big stink about "a bill of student rights" on the one hand — but

appoints a committee whose sole contribution to "student life" seems the ardent desire to stifle debate wherever it is to be found.

If people want to talk about "student rights," maybe they should talk about whether students ought to have the right to free inquiry and free debate at a university that so proudly proclaims its "autonomy" and "independence" from clerical authority, and its ambitions to become a "research institution" in "the Catholic tradition." Genuine research institutions do not appoint "student life committees" whose sole purpose consists in sniffing around for the expression of prohibited ideas and publications and looking for ways to undermine them. And genuine research institutions don't encourage — whether explicitly, by default, or by example — an attitude of intellectual servility and cowardice in their undergraduate population. A genuine research institution encourages unfettered debate and knows that unfettered reason will win the day. Are these expectations we can reasonably have of the Students Affairs Committee at Notre Dame?

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Irfan Khawaja



possible to draw attention to something as small as that.

The Feb. 7 issue of The Observer contained an interesting item about the happenings of a Faculty Senate meeting the night before. The writer, Laura Petelle, describes what happened as follows: "Faculty Senate member Robert Blakey's comments on the as-yet non-existent student bill of rights enlivened a meeting otherwise dominated by committee work and committee reports ... Blakey's comments came at the end of the meeting, after the senate heard a report from the Student Affairs Committee (SAC)." What did SAC's report say? "The committee reported that it spoke with William Kirk, vice president of Students Affairs, on two topics ... [T]he committee reported what Kirk said about the alleged use of Right Reason of a professor's office and student web pages. Kirk was reported as saying that while Right Reason was not a University sponsored organization, Notre Dame allows all publications that do not break the law to be distributed on campus in the interest of free speech..."

The Faculty Senate is supposed to be the model of intellectual and moral discourse for a university campus. It is supposed to embody the discursive ideal of scholars engaged in something resembling the quest for truth within the common good of a community of truth-directed inquirers.



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"To knock a thing down, especially if it is cocked at an arrogant angle, is a deep delight to the blood."

—George Santayana

Disability Awareness Week celebrates extraordinary people and exceptional volunteers

By MELANIE WATERS
Assistant Accent Editor

In an effort to educate Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students about the many programs available for disabled persons in the South Bend community, Logan Center and student volunteers will be celebrating Disabilities Awareness Week at Notre Dame through Friday.

The many events are co-sponsored by a variety of campus and community organizations, according to Notre Dame senior and Logan Center volunteer Kim Yonkof.

"Each of the organizations has volunteers that are helping" with the scheduled events, Yonkof said. She hopes that the week-long festivities will give some of the lesser-known groups wider campus recognition, such as Best Buddies and Super Sibs.

Yonkof explained that Best Buddies is a student volunteer group that matches undergrads with disabled members of the South Bend area to give these residents a companion for shopping, movies, dinner, or just "hanging out." Super Sibs is composed of students on the Notre Dame campus who have siblings of their own with developmental or physical disabilities.

Most of the events, though, are sponsored by Logan Center. Located on Edison Road just across from campus, Logan Center is a day-program where South Bend residents with mental or physical disabilities can participate in all levels of therapy and activities. The center features a Head Start program for children, as well as varying degrees of involvement for adults depending on the severity of their disability.

Yonkof said that another benefit of Logan Center is its therapeutic pool, specially designed for persons with physical disabilities in order to improve their mobility and manual skills.

Perhaps the most important program, however, is Logan Industries, which Yonkof said provides people

with disabilities with the chance to work on assembly and manufacturing jobs.

"Local companies will contract people from Logan Center for jobs," she said. "It's a great self-esteem builder, and it's also a great source of independent income."



Notre Dame students and the Logan Center choir performed a joint concert yesterday in LaFortune to kick off Disabilities Awareness Week.

Yonkof said that Logan Center also operates several group homes in the South Bend area, designed to house less severely disabled persons who are capable of living independently with minimal supervision.

To help raise money for Logan, student and community volunteers are currently selling accessories for the widely recognized "Logan Nose-On," which features green derby hats and foam green noses that are being bought by students for dorm competitions this week. The hats and noses are \$1 each, and are still available at the LaFortune Information desk.

Throughout the week, Logan Center and its campus sponsors will be hosting daily events for all students. Yesterday's event featured a joint choir concert by Notre Dame choir members and the Logan Center

Choir.

Today, there will be a panel discussion on disabilities at the Center for Social Concerns at 7:30 p.m. The discussion will feature Notre Dame faculty members as well as parents of children with disabilities.

On Wednesday, Notre Dame students with disabilities will share their experiences with other students at the Disability Information Fair from 12 - 2 p.m. in the Library Concourse. The fair will feature such technology as real-time close captioning and alternatives to Braille, as well as skits with student volunteers and students with disabilities.

Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m., Mary Jane Owen will be presenting a lecture entitled "Celebrating Life with Disabilities - Physician Assisted Suicide and People with Disabilities" in the Center for Continuing Education Auditorium. Owen is the executive director of the National Catholic Office for Persons with Disabilities and is a renowned philosopher of the disability rights movement in the United States.

Thursday features a Hospitality Luncheon benefitting Notre Dame student groups who serve people with disabilities from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Center for Social Concerns.

Finally, on Friday, the Logan Community Center will play host for the Disability Awareness Week Dance from 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. Transportation will be provided from campus to the event, which Yonkof describes as "really informal and really fun. It's a good time to interact with other students and center residents, and they really love to dance and have a good time."

Over 150 students at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's volunteer with disabled persons. The week's events are co-sponsored by Best Buddies, Campus Ministry, Center for Continuing Education, Center for Social Concerns, Notre Dame Law School, Logan Center, Office for Students with Disabilities, Notre Dame Right to Life, Saturday Recreation, Super Sibs, and the Notre Dame theology department.

Back on the Chain Gang

Read this, and then send it to 20 friends for good luck...

By JASON HUGGINS
World Wide Web Correspondent

For many Notre Dame students, e-mail chain letters are annoying, yet harmless. But did you know many chain letters are fraudulent hoaxes or schemes that tempt unsuspecting readers with good luck or riches? Did you also know they are highly illegal?

What are chain letters?

There are three main types of e-mail chain letters. The first form offers its readers phenomenal returns on little or no effort. In its simplest form, a chain letter of this type contains a list of x people. You are supposed to send one dollar to the top person on the list. Then you remove the top person on the list, sliding the second person into the top position, add yourself in the bottom position, make y copies of the letter, and mail them to your friends. The promise is that you will eventually receive x*y dollars in return.

The David Rhodes Letter

To see an example of this type of letter, read the "David Rhodes" chain letter available at www.cs.rutgers.edu/~watrous/chain-letters.html. The letter reveals an amazing testimonial promising easy riches with only minutes of work. For his conclusion, "Mr. Rhodes" tells his readers, "If you believe... simply follow the easy instructions below. Your dreams will come true..."

Donald Watrous, a systems programmer at Rutgers University, is the maintainer of the above web page dedicated to educating the public about the true nature of chain letters. On his extensive web site, Donald warns computer users to not believe letters like those from the David Rhodes' of the world. Watrous also disproves mathematically why the scheme will not work, and includes links examining legal issues concerning chain letters.

According to the U.S. Postal Service (www.usps.gov/websites/depart/inspect/chainlet.htm), "chain letters are a form of gambling, and sending them through the mail (or by computer) violates Title 18, United States Code, Section 1302, the Postal Lottery Statute."

If that is not bad enough, Notre Dame's Office of Information Technologies strictly prohibits the use of campus computer facilities for "any sort of solicitation." (www.nd.edu/~doc/General/G0001.HTML)

What's worse is that chain letters are simply bad investments. You certainly won't get rich. You will receive little or no money. And the few dollars you may get will probably not be as much as you spend making and mailing copies of the chain letter.

Chain letters don't work because the promise is impossible. Also, many people participate, but do not send money to the person at the top of the list. Some others create a chain letter that lists their name numerous times—in various forms with different addresses. So, in reality, all the money in a chain is going to one person.

A Child's Dying Wish

The second most common type of chain letter is a plea to help with a charitable cause. A recent example spreading across Notre Dame and Saint Mary's is a letter explaining how the American Cancer Society will donate three cents to cancer research for every forwarded e-mail copy. The text of the original reads as follows:

"Little Jessica Mydek is seven years old and is suffering from an acute and very rare case of cerebral carcinoma... The doctors have given her six months to live... As part of her dying wish, she wanted to start a chain letter to inform people of this condition and to send people the message to live life to the fullest... Furthermore, the American Cancer Society has agreed to donate three cents toward continuing cancer research for every new person that gets forwarded this message. Please give Jessica and all cancer victims a chance."

The American Cancer Society (ACM) is greatly disturbed by this letter, however. On its web site (www.cancer.org/chain.html), the ACM warns "no fundraising efforts are being made by the ACM in [Jessica's] name or by the use of chain letters. The ACM is troubled by this letter, which appears to have started on America Online, but has now spread throughout the world. Nevertheless, the ACM applauds the good inten-

tions of all who participated in the letter."

After receiving the Jessica Mydek e-mail, Notre Dame freshman Quincy Starnes was surprised. Starnes explains, "I thought the cancer chain letter was a good idea, but I was disappointed when I found out it was not true. I think [letters like this] should be banned from the Internet."

You Will Find True Love in Four Days

There is a brighter side to Internet chain letters, though. The third type of e-mail chain letter spreads well-wishes with mysterious warnings of bad luck if copies are not made. A typical letter reads: "This letter has been sent to you for good luck. The original has traveled the world 72 times. Since the letter must continue to travel the world you must make twenty copies and send them to others. Those who do send twenty copies out within 96 hours will find their love lives fulfilled beyond imagination." (If you think you need a couple of these letters, check out <http://bears.ece.ucsb.edu/personnel/astornet/humor/humor71.html>)

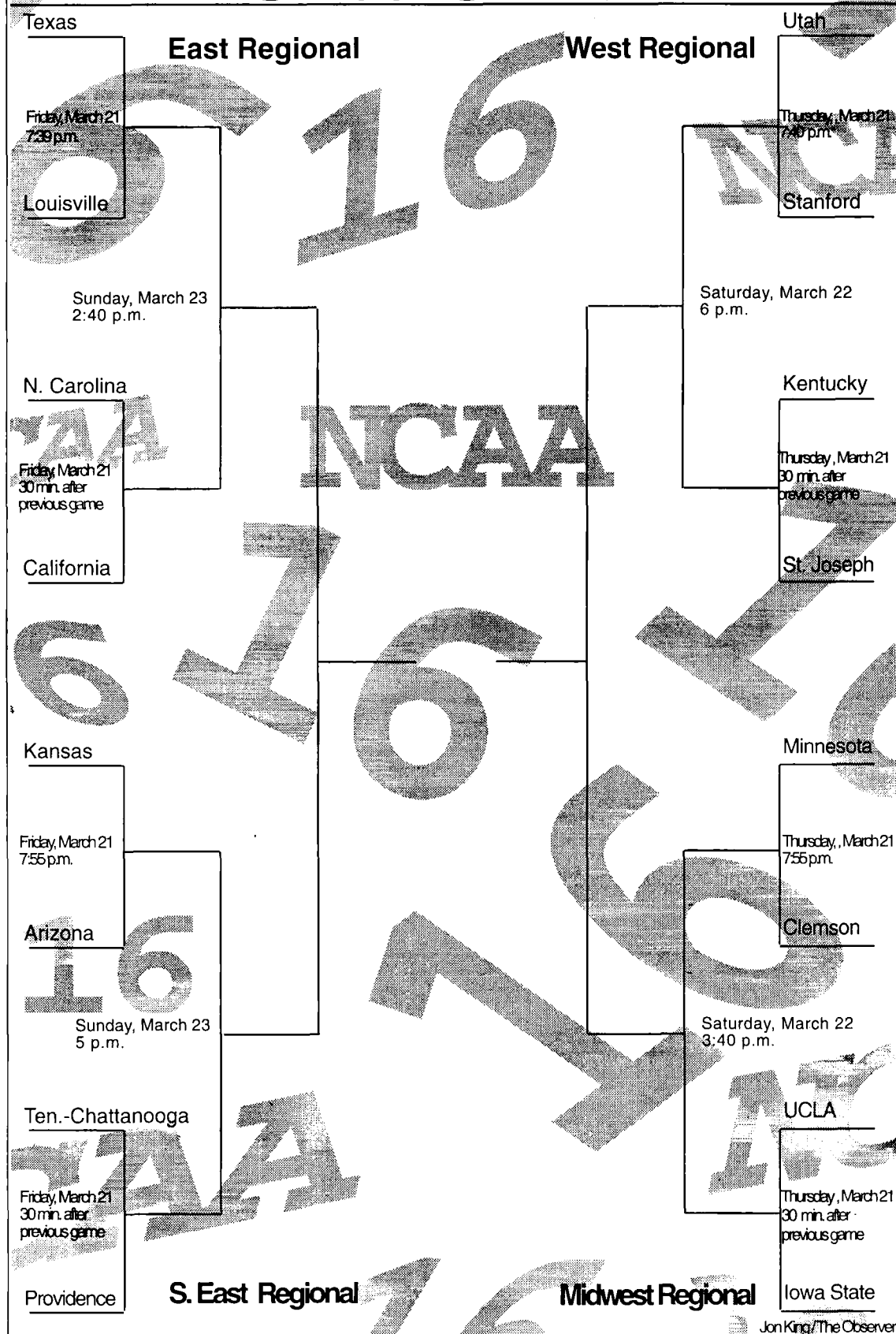
Letters of this type are harmless and mostly humorous. Yet many students send them to friends saying, "I hate chain letters, but a little luck can't hurt..." And they are probably right. But you should be aware of what you are getting into.

If you have been the recipient of e-mail chain letters and did not send the required twenty copies, do not fret. Your amnesty is available free at (kith.org/logos/things/chain.htm). In the above letter, "You are under no obligation to forward this letter. Nothing bad will happen to you because of failure to forward it. Furthermore, this letter absolves you of all bad luck you might otherwise have experienced through failure to forward other chain letters. You can do it too; disbelieve those letters and break the chain."

Good advice. Now go make twenty copies...

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NCAA Basketball Tournament Sweet Sixteen



COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Gophers, Tigers to battle in third round

By DOUG TUCKER
Associated Press Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. Clem Haskins must have brought a groan from every English professor his school employs.

"There is no 'I' in Minnesota," the coach said. Huh?

Forget spelling. Haskins, whose Gophers made short work of Southwest Texas and Temple in the first two rounds of the Midwest Regional, was talking attitude.

The top-seeded Gophers are in the round of 16, coming off a 76-57 victory Sunday over ninth-seeded Temple. That was Haskins' 300th win, and the coach can't thank the Minnesota fans enough.

"The Minnesota fans are unbelievable," he said. "They have played a big part in my winning 20-plus games this year. They support us here and on the road. The parents also support us. They understand that I play nine guys, and they support that. ... We play as a team, and our fans like that."

They certainly loved the way the Gophers shredded Temple's heralded matchup zone, which had held most opponents below their scoring average all season.

Sam Jacobson hit four of the Gophers' 10 zone-busting 3-pointers while Minnesota center John Thomas held Temple center Marc Jackson to six points, 10 below his average.

"I tried to play the best defense I could and tried to help my teammates out, and my teammates gave me a lot of support," Thomas said. "It wasn't just me. It was a team effort."

In the Midwest semifinals in San Antonio on Thursday, the Gophers will meet Clemson (23-9), a team they beat 75-65 in a tournament in Puerto Rico on Dec. 1.

"It was a tough game, a physical game," Minnesota guard Bobby Jackson said. "We know they have matured as a team, but so have we."

Clemson reached the round of 16 earlier Sunday by beating Tulsa 65-59 with one of the best defensive efforts so far in the NCAA tournament. Shea Seals, who averaged more than 20 points this year and on Friday became Tulsa's career scoring champion, managed just five points.

"They put a lot of pressure on me when I had the ball," Seals said. "They played hard defensively and did a great job."

Seals also was hampered by early foul problems, but he declined to criticize the officials.

"A foul is a foul," he said. "It did take me out of the game. I'm the captain and the senior and I should have stayed in the game but I let it affect me."

If Seals had been able to make just a couple more shots, the Gophers would be getting ready to play Tulsa. Clemson shot just 32 percent and hit only 1-of-11 3-pointers. But the Golden Hurricane were only 4-for-22 from the line.

Clemson guard Merl Code, who had 15 points against Tulsa, had said he wanted another shot at the Gophers. He thinks playing them once before should work to the Tigers' advantage.

"I also think they haven't seen us at our best," Code said. "We're both physical teams, so you can expect a war."

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■ NIT

FSU too much for Spartans as NIT field thins

By BRENT KALLESTAD
Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Randell Jackson had 16 points and 11 rebounds Monday night to lead Florida State to a 68-63 victory over Michigan State in the second round of the NIT.

Jackson, a 6-foot-11 sophomore, grabbed his final two rebounds and sank two free throws in the final 11 seconds to seal the victory for Florida State.

He had 20 points and 11 rebounds in Florida State's 82-67 victory at Syracuse in the opening round of the tournament.

Michigan State scored eight straight points to pull within 60-59 with 1:42 left on a 3-pointer by Ray Weathers, but LaMarr Greer countered with a 3-point shot as the 35-second clock ran out to give Florida State a 63-59 lead with 1:04 left.

Michigan State pulled within 65-63 with 33.4 seconds left on Mateen Cleaves' layup, but Jackson's two free throws iced the game for Florida State.

Greer and Kirk Luchman added 11 points apiece for the Seminoles (18-11), who will play West Virginia in the quarterfinals.

Ray Weathers scored 15 points for the Spartans, who

led 39-38 at the half but shot just 28 percent in the second half.

Cleaves, a freshman who was heavily recruited last year by Florida State, added 14 points and Thomas Kelley 12 for Michigan State (17-12).

The Spartans took their first lead at 26-24 with 5:13 left in the half on Antonio Smith's layup, his only basket in the first half.

Michigan State grabbed a 39-38 halftime lead on Kelley's 3-pointer with just three seconds left in the half.

Michigan State trailed 20-6 before going on a 14-0 run to tie the game. Jon Garavaglia scored seven points during the spurt.

**West Virginia 76,
NC State 73**

RALEIGH, N.C. — Offensive-minded West Virginia turned to its defense in the second round of the NIT, confusing North Carolina State with a variety of zones and then getting some key foul shooting down the stretch to pull out a 76-73 victory Monday night.

The Mountaineers (21-9) have now won their most games since the 1986-87 team won 26. The Wolfpack closed its season at 17-15.

West Virginia was led by Seldon Jefferson's 19 points and a 13-for-15 team perfor-

mance from the foul line in the final 1:33 to hold on at hostile Reynolds Coliseum.

C.C. Harrison led the Wolfpack with 23 points.

N.C. State had a chance to tie it at the buzzer, but Ishua Benjamin's 3-point attempt was short.

N.C. State, No. 2 in the nation in scoring defense, had allowed only four opponents all season to score 70 or more points — and none in its last 11 games. But the Big East's highest scoring team was able to set the pace for much of the second half and control the boards against the smaller Wolfpack.

N.C. State led 38-34 with 17:12 left when West Virginia decided to go to a zone defense for the second time in the game.

In the first half, it had forced the N.C. State into an 0-for-8 shooting stretch — and it worked wonders again.

With the Wolfpack offense bogging down and confused, the Mountaineers began to force their tempo, going on a 20-5 run for a 54-43 lead. The run was keyed by three fast-break baskets off Wolfpack turnovers and West Virginia's superiority on the boards.

N.C. State closed to 61-60 with 2:58 left, but Jeremy Hyatt lost the ball to Jarrod West in the lane and an intentional foul against Justin

Gainey gave the Mountaineers a pair of free throws and the ball.

Damian Owens made a layup and West added two more free throws to give West Virginia a 67-60 lead with one minute left and set up the final hectic moments, when the Wolfpack was forced to foul on defense and gun away from 3-point range on offense.

**Arkansas 76,
Pittsburgh 71**

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Arkansas' smallest player made the biggest plays in the Razorbacks' 76-71 victory over Pittsburgh in the second round of the NIT.

Kareem Reid made several clutch plays in the final 2:11, including a steal and pass to set up Pat Bradley's go-ahead 3-pointer.

The 5-foot-10 Reid also fired a pass to Ali Thompson for a basket that made it 71-67, stole a pass and flipped it behind his back as he was going out of bounds, and got the ball to Derek Hood for a basket that made it 73-67.

Reid finished with 10 assists and 15 points, including a 3-pointer that gave the Razorbacks a 61-58 lead.

"That is a great game for him," said Arkansas coach Nolan Richardson, whose 17-12 team will play the Hawaii-

UNLV winner in the quarterfinals.

Pitt coach Ralph Willard said Reid's play down the stretch made the difference.

"Those plays were probably the most critical," Willard said.

Reid sneaked around 6-foot-11 Gerald Jordan, swiped the ball and got it to Bradley for a 3-pointer that put Arkansas ahead for good, 64-62, with 4:53 left.

The game was played before a raucous Arkansas crowd of 17,068 that included many fans who couldn't get tickets to regular-season games.

"I never dared to think we would have a crowd like we had," Richardson said. "They are the reason our players played their hearts out."

Jason Maile, who led Pitt with 18 points, scored five straight points to tie it at 55. Tarik Wallace then hit a 3-pointer for Arkansas, but Chad Varga's three-point play for Pitt (18-15) tied it again.

The game was tied nine times. Arkansas' biggest lead was seven, and Pitt never led by more than two.

Arkansas hit five of its first seven shots for an 11-5 lead. Jordan's three-point play gave the Panthers their first lead, 13-11, and neither team led by more than two for the next 7 1/2 minutes.

Jordan's layup cut Arkansas' lead to 31-27 at halftime.

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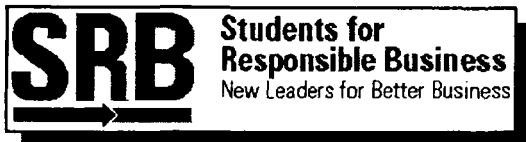
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■ NCAA TOURNAMENT

Friars, Mocs shock regional

By PAUL NEWBERRY
Associated Press Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C.

Providence? Must be a mistake.

Chattanooga? C'mon, get serious.

Those are the two teams that advanced from the Charlotte bracket of the NCAA Southeast Regional?

Indeed they are, after one of the most unlikely subregionals in the history of the tournament. On Sunday, either Providence or Chattanooga will be playing for a spot in the Final Four.

"Because we didn't play a lot of high-profile teams, nobody knew how good we really were," Chattanooga coach Mack McCarthy said. "We've beaten two really solid basketball teams. We are better than people anticipated when they see the 14 seed beside your name."

Second-seeded Duke, with all its Final-Four history, was sent home on Sunday by No. 10 Providence, which rolled to a 98-87 victory as Derrick Brown scored a career-high 33 points.

Third-seeded Georgia didn't even last that long in Charlotte, going out in the first round at the hands of Chattanooga.

The Mocs (24-10) then became only the second No. 14 seed in tournament history to reach the round of 16 with a 75-63 victory over sixth-seeded Illinois. It marked the first time that both the 10th- and 14th-seeded teams advanced to a regional semifinal.

Now, it's on to Birmingham, Ala., where the two longshot teams will meet Friday night for the chance to play Sunday against the winner of the other semifinal game between top-seeded Kansas and No. 4 Arizona.

"We're going to bring a ton of fans," said McCarthy, knowing his team will be the closest thing to a hometown favorite in Alabama.

Providence (23-11) has been a hot-and-cold team. When they're bad, they can be very bad, as shown in an early-season loss to Middle Tennessee.

But when the Friars are good, they can compete with just about anyone.

Austin Croshere is a big forward who can shoot from the outside. Brown is a grinder under the backboards, point guard God Shammgod opens gaping holes in the defense with his penetration, and Jamel Thomas is a shooting guard who's best attribute might be his passing.

In a first-round rout of Marquette, Providence shot 76 percent in the opening half against a team that had the best shooting defense in the country.

Against Duke, the Friars shot 56 percent and dominated the boards against the shorter Blue Devils, 43-24.

"We caught a team that was at its best," Duke guard Steve Wojciechowski said. "They were hitting the big shots. It had nothing to do with our defense."

Providence coach Pete Gillen told his players this was going

to be their moment in the spotlight, not Duke's. He convinced them to believe they could beat a program which has won two national championships and been to seven Final Fours since 1986.

"I remember when I was in high school and living in California, I had never ever heard of Providence College basketball," said Croshere, who is averaging 30 points per game in the tournament. "I was always watching Duke in the Final Four. Now, in my senior year, to beat a team like Duke in the NCAA tournament is just a huge accomplishment."

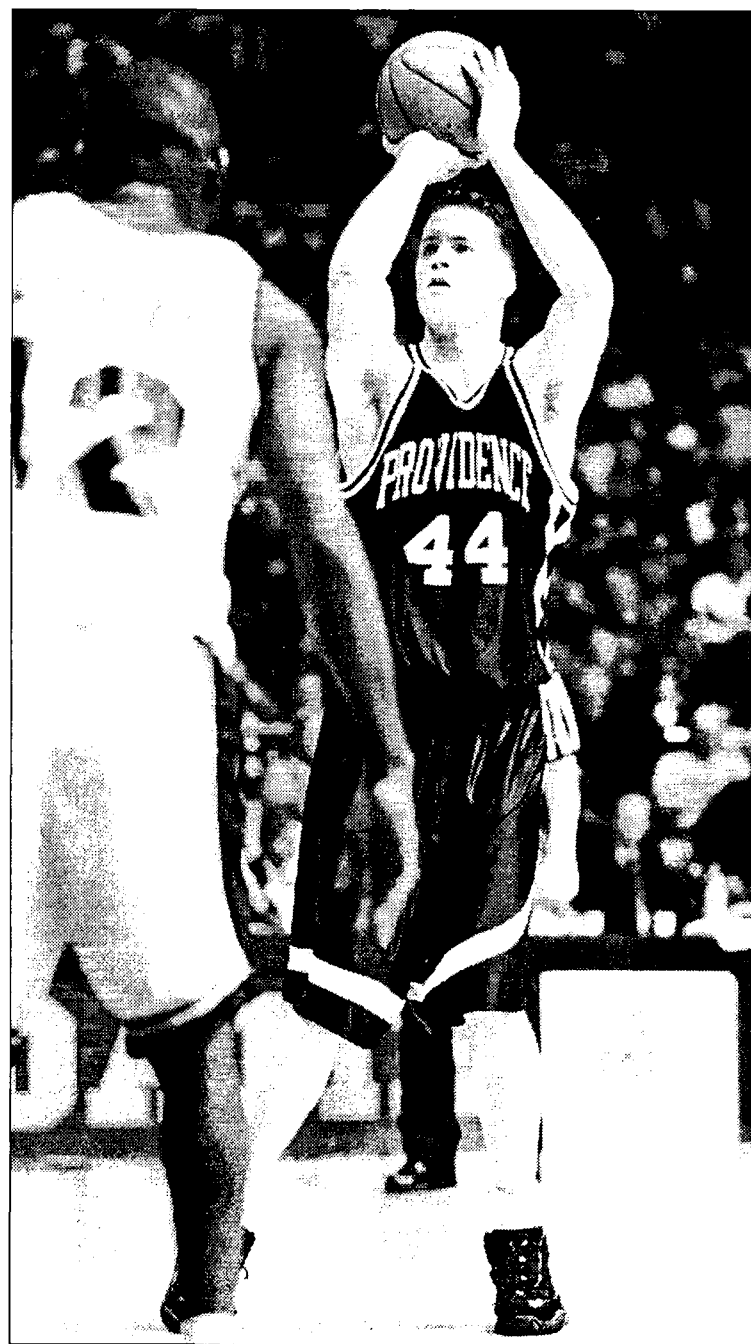
The Mocs are concerned about the way Providence dominated the Blue Devils on the inside.

"They're really big and strong," McCarthy said. "That is a problem for us."

Then again, Chattanooga is on a pretty good roll, too. The Mocs may be a member of the obscure Southern Conference, but they have at least two players who are capable of playing big-time basketball: guard Willie Young and forward Johnny Taylor.

Chattanooga has won seven in a row and 19 of 22 since beginning the season 5-7. Like Providence, this is a team peaking at just the right time and playing with a passion that's reserved for teams that feel like they've been overlooked.

"These guys have done two things no one expected them to do," McCarthy said. "Why not keep it going?"



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Providence senior Austin Croshere has averaged 30 points per game in the NCAA tournament to help the Friars pull off two significant upsets.

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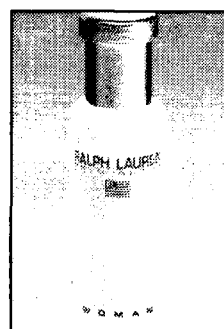


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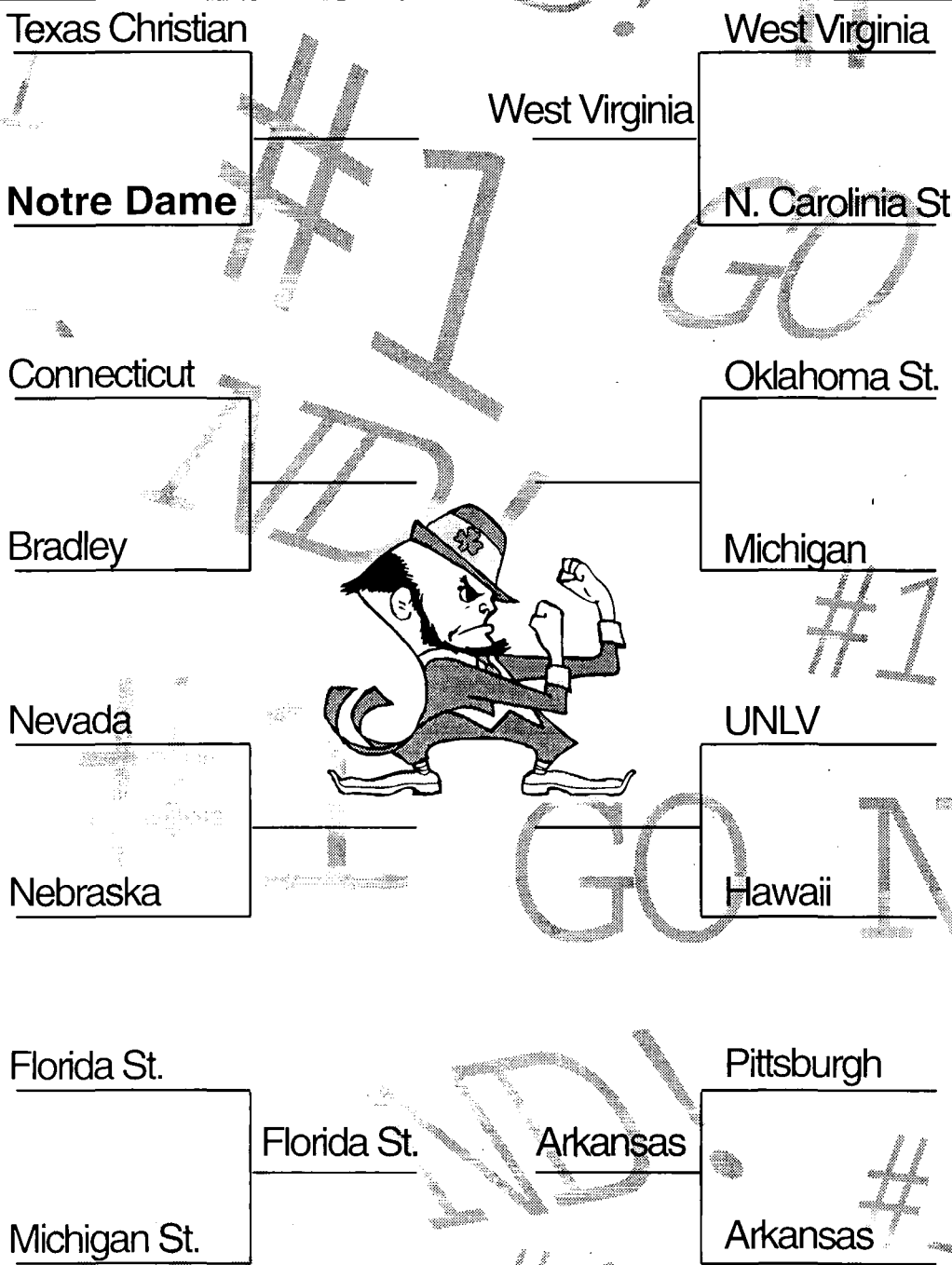
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Frogs

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hadn't heard about Windegger's words from his coach. So much for that idea.

But in fact, the only motivation Notre Dame may need for this game is that the only way to keep playing is to win. TCU should present a challenge standing in the way.

The athletic Horned Frogs advanced to the second round by whalloping Alabama-Birmingham 85-62 in Fort Worth.

They are a primarily a running team, led downcourt by guard Mike Jones and forward Malcolm Johnson, and they are expected to press the Irish as they bring the ball up-court.

Although the Irish plan on running the floor, they'll need to use their size advantage to control the boards and bang in for good position in the half-court offense. Phil Hickey, who started against Oral Roberts in the first round for the Irish, will again get the opening nod at center. Hickey's big body in the post should be a major asset for the squad.

"Phil will match-up with (Dennis Davis). Davis is big and strong, doesn't step out too much and shoot from outside, so I think we're going to be okay in that regard," MacLeod predicted.

Pat Garrity, who turned in 16 in the opening round win, will face up against TCU big man Damion Walker.

The Frogs' freshman is having an impressive inaugural campaign, but Garrity's height advantage and shooting ability could allow him to have his first big night of the post-season.

"Walker is a great player, putting up big numbers his freshman year," Garrity evaluated. "I've got a couple of inches on him and we both

like to get out and run, so I think it'll be a good match-up."

Point guard Admore White led the squad with 18 points against Oral Roberts, and as he goes, so go the Irish. White tallied nine assists in the game as well, accounting for the scoring balance that MacLeod has hoped for throughout the season.

"It's good to see (White) step up and do what he's been doing. It takes the pressure off of Pat for Admore to step up and be a player late in the game, to make his free throws, to make his jump shots, or drive to the basket like what he's been doing lately. So Pat may be the focal point, but Admore is sneaking in there and taking advantage of the opportunities that are available to him," MacLeod said.

Contributions from the Irish bench must come from Gotsch at center and Antoni Wyche at the two-guard. Gotsch, who tallied 15 last game in a reserve role on 7-of-9 shooting, will be an interesting ace-in-the-whole for MacLeod. Wyche will spell Pete Miller in guarding Jones, and freshman Keith Friel will also see playing time.

"Our crowd has really responded to this group," MacLeod said. "They've been supportive of this team, they've embraced the team. We didn't have a big crowd the other night (3,808), but there was a lot of volume for a small amount of people, believe me. It's great when you're at home where the fans are behind you and supportive; it really makes a difference. You still have to play the game; just because the fans are making noise doesn't mean you don't have to execute, but it does give you a lift."

"If there are people in the stands who are as excited about this as we are, then the crowd will be a factor," Garrity said. "People want to see us playing in March, and the place should be packed."

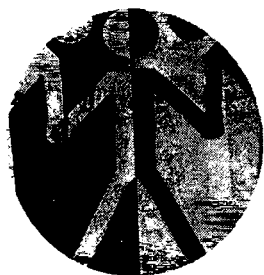
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■ FENCING

Fencers establish solid position for NCAA's

By DAVID FRICK
Sports Writer

When the fencing squad traveled to Wayne State to compete in the Midwest Regional qualifier March 1-2, its main goal was to place themselves in position to win a national championship. After successfully qualifying the maximum 10 fencers, the team may consider that goal accomplished.

As the meet neared its conclusion, the question was not whether or not 10 fencers would qualify, but which 10. Women's epee, as well as men's foil and sabre, saw Irish fencers battling each other to make it to next weekend's NCAA championships in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The women's epee event saw junior captain Anne Hoos and sophomore Nicole Mustelli battle for the right to travel next weekend. Hoos was forced to battle from a lower seed, but managed to finish third for the second consecutive year.

"I chose not to know my seed. I figured that if I knew I had a poor seed, I might fence to that lower level," said Hoos.

In the men's foil competition, sophomore Stephane Auriol came from a fifth seed to finish second to join his captain and three-time Midwestern Foil Champion senior Jeremy Siek. Auriol battled with tenacity in overcoming fellow foilist and third seeded freshman Chas Hayes, who finished fifth.

"I knew at the beginning of the day that I was going to do well. I stayed focused and

fenced well the entire day," said Auriol.

"Stephane performed well when he had to. I'm really proud for the way he came back from a lower seeding," said father and head coach Yves Auriol.

The men's sabre produced the greatest drama as three Irish fencers tied for first at the end of the day. Forced to a fence-off, sophomore Luke LaValle and senior captain Bill Lester overcame senior Jeff Wartgow. Though Wartgow was a lower seed, he battled with such effort as to draw praise.

"Jeff fenced absolutely awesome. I've never seen him do any better. It's too bad we couldn't send all three of us," said LaValle.

Wartgow would be competing in his final match in an Irish uniform. Though disappointed that his career was over, Wartgow could enjoy the manner in which he finished.

"This was the best I've fenced at college. The way I fenced makes me want to keep going, but it's nice to go out with a bang," said Wartgow.

Joining these team members in Colorado will be women's freshman epeeist Magda Krol, women's sophomore foilists Sara Walsh and Myriah Brown and men's junior epeeists C.J. Jackson and Brian Stone. These 10 fencers have the confidence and skill to bring a national title back to Notre Dame.

"We are going to whip some tail," said Jackson.



The Observer/Rob Finch
Notre Dame accomplished its goal at Wayne State in the Midwest Regional qualifiers. The Irish will send the maximum number of competitors (10) to the NCAA championships.

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■ MEN'S TENNIS

Netters cruise over break

By JIM ZALETA
Sports Writer

The men's tennis team racked up four wins over spring break to improve their record to 13-4. The now 20th-ranked Irish began with a big win over the University of Iowa on Friday.

The Irish won all six singles matches and all three doubles matches to defeat the Hawkeyes 7-0. The Hawkeyes fell to 6-3.

Notre Dame also won three matches and lost one in the semi-finals over the weekend at the Blue-Gray National Classic.

The Irish won their first round match against the University of Alabama-Birmingham 4-1, in a match suspended due to the weather. Freshman Ryan Sachire, who is ranked 50th in the country, easily defeated Martin Woitschlagler in two sets, 6-2, 6-4, in No. 1 singles.

That moved Sachire' record to 7-2 at the lead singles spot. It took junior Jakub Pietrowski two tie-breakers to beat Kolie Vanzyl. He won 7-6, 7-6 hanging on to his early lead at No. 2 singles.

Sophomore Brian Patterson continued his streak at number four, improving his record at that spot to 5-1, winning in two sets 6-2, 6-4.

Junior Danny Rothschild won at No. 5 with what would be his first in an undefeated weekend in both singles and doubles.

Senior Ryan Simme lost the only match for the Irish falling 6-2, 6-2 to Anthony Parun at the third singles spot. Junior Eric Enloe and Mark Vrzal were not able to finish their match.

The doubles matches were not played either.

Notre Dame faced No. 10-ranked Virginia Commonwealth in the second round. The Irish won the doubles point and three singles matches to give them the 4-3 win.

Virginia Commonwealth swept the first three singles matches, but the bottom half of the Irish line played strong to grab then the victory. Sachire won the first set, but then dropped two including a tie breaker to end the match to ranked opponent Oliver Tauma 3-6, 6-1, 7-6. Pietrowski fell to Daniel Anderson in two sets, 7-5, 7-5.

This was only the second time that the Irish have lost at both No. 1 and 2 singles this season. The previous time was in the 6-1 loss to 18th ranked Kentucky on Feb. 11. The Irish recorded their lone point by winning the doubles matches, as Kentucky swept all six singles matches.

Simme also had trouble with Virginia Commonwealth. He fell in two sets to Richard Wernerthelm 6-1, 6-1. Notre Dame has proved strong at the No. 4, 5, and 6 positions this season.

Friday afternoon, the three pulled through to capture the three points needed to win the match. Patterson easily defeated Manual Kropfreiter in sets. Kropfreiter only earned two points off of the sophomore in the two sets that he lost 6-1, 6-1.

Enloe improved his season record to 11-4 and his overall singles record to 23-7 with his defeat of Paschal Salasca in two sets. Enloe has been a hidden hero for the Irish as of late.

"Right now my confidence is high, I'm coming to play hard and doing well," Enloe said. "Everyone is working hard and we are all very focused in both

matches and practices."

Notre Dame won the No.2 and 3 doubles matches. Sachire and Freshman Trent Miller defeated Salasca and Laurent Guillem at the No. 2 spot. Rothschild and Simme won over Wernerthelm and Lundberg 8-4. The pair improved to 2-0 at the third doubles spot.

On Friday evening, the Irish faced regional foe Illinois. Earlier this season Notre Dame beat Illinois 5-2. Friday evening the Irish continued their hot streak, winning their fifth match in a row. The Irish defeated Illinois 4-1 in a shortened match.

Sachire continued his quest for the top with a victory over Gavin Sontag. Sontag grabbed the second set from Sachire, but he rebounded to win 6-4, 4-6, 6-3. He improves to 30-7 on the season.

Cary Franklin defeated Pietrowski at No. 2 singles in three sets. After falling 6-2 in the first set, Pietrowski came back and shut out Franklin in the second.

In a slug-fest in the deciding set, Franklin prevailed and defeated the Notre Dame junior.

Simme had a little difficulty with Jerry Turek in the first set, but sat him down in the second winning 7-6, 6-1. Patterson continued his flawless tournament with an easy victory over Oliver Frelove. Winning the first set 6-3, Patterson continued and shut out Frelove in the second. The other two singles matches were not played.

In their semi-final match on Sunday against South Alabama, the Irish were defeated 4-3.

As the Irish wrap up their season, they will face two of their hardest matches.

■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

No positive signs for Anaheim's Abbott

By RONALD BLUM
Associated Press Writer

The end of Jim Abbott's baseball career might be coming soon. One of baseball's nicest guys has some of the sport's worst stats.

After four spring training appearances, he's pitching even worse than last year, when he went 2-18 with a 7.48 ERA, leading the major leagues in losses.

"Today was Jim's worst outing," Angels manager Terry Collins said Sunday after Abbott was pounded for eight runs in 2 1-3 innings against the Oakland Athletics. "Hopefully, he can regroup. He threw the ball great in the first inning, but I don't know what happened after that."

Abbott probably will get just three more outings before the end of spring training. He's 1-1 with a 13.11 ERA, allowing 17 runs and 22 hits in 11 2-3 innings. Batters are 25-for-56 against him, a .393 average.

He knew coming in that he'd have to show Anaheim he had regained his command.

"I don't feel any carryover from last year when I'm on the mound. I know the results have to be there," Abbott said earlier this spring. "It has to happen quickly because of last year. Is it there or is it not?"

Many fans are pulling for the 29-year-old left-hander, yelling encouragement from the stands during spring games at Tempe Diablo Stadium in Arizona. He's always been charismatic, drawing attention since he first came up.

Succeeding despite not having a right hand has made him inspirational to many. He even pitched a no-hitter for the New York Yankees against Cleveland in 1993.

But his velocity disappeared last season. And the winter was filled with pressure. Abbott and his wife, Dana, had their first child, Madeleine Destiny, born early on Dec. 15. Would his birth defect be passed on?

"I was scared to death," he told the Los Angeles Times before spring training.

His worst fears were not realized.

"She's perfect. Just perfect," Abbott said, admitting to the Times that he counted all her fingers and toes as she was born.

Now, there's a different kind of pressure. It's only baseball, but it is his career.

"Coming off a season like last year, it's up to me to prove I can come back from that," he said. "The results have to be there for me. I have to understand that, keep that in my mind."

He worked all winter in the gym. He says he can feel a difference in his velocity.

"There were difficulties last spring," he said. "I didn't feel as good. To me, putting yourself in position to throw the ball with life is important, but aggressiveness in the strike zone is just as important. I do feel it's better than it was last year."

Abbott was sent down to Triple-A Vancouver for four games last season in an attempt to let him find his form. He had mixed results, going 0-2 with a 3.41 ERA.

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■ SOFTBALL

Sooner Classic leads to strong improvement

By ALLISON KRILLA
Sports Writer

After a rocky 2-7 start, the Notre Dame softball team rebounded with a successful spring break tour, capturing the Sooner Classic consolation Championship in Oklahoma City, Okla., and improving its overall record.

The Irish lost to No. 22 Baylor in the first game of the tournament, nearly pulling off the upset in the seventh inning, leaving the bases loaded after hits by Liz Perkins and Sarah Mathison and a two-out walk to Kelly Rowe. The 3-2 defeat handed Notre Dame their fifth one-run loss of the season.

A 7-5 defeat of Kansas snapped a five-game skid for the Irish. Sarah Mathison led the offensive explosion with a two-run homer in the second inning. Notre Dame pounded out eight hits, with Jenn Giampaolo and Perkins contributing two apiece. Kelly Nicols recorded her first win of the season for the Irish.

Another Mathison home run powered the Irish to the consolation finals of the Sooner Classic with wins over Stephen F. Austin and Northwestern. Joy Battersby picked up her first win of the season, allowing only three hits by Stephen F. Austin. The offense belted out 11 hits in support, led by Perkins, Mathison and Korrie Allen, who each had two hits.

Wins against Wichita State and Kansas gave the Irish the Sooner Classic consolation championship and a 5-2 record for the tournament. Captain Meghan Murray knocked in one run and scored two more to help the Irish top the Shockers, while Nicols picked up win number two, stranding 10 runners in the final six innings for the complete game victory. In the Kansas game, RBIs by Murray, Mathison and captain Katie Marten made the difference for Notre Dame in the 4-2 win. Angela Bessolo retired the final three batters in the seventh after allowing a leadoff single to seal her third win of the season.

Against 15th-ranked Missouri, the Irish rallied for five runs in the sixth inning, but fell to a strong Tiger team by a 6-5 score. Pinch-hitter Amy Laboe's two-run single keyed the Irish rally. Marten and Kara McMahon went 3-for-4 and Perkins and Mathison continued their hot hitting contributing two hits each in the losing cause.

At the National Invitational Tournament in San Jose, Calif., the Irish faced Loyola Marymount and Colorado State

in the opening rounds of pool play. The team secured two victories to improve its record to 9-10. Seventh inning heroics by Jenn Giampaolo in the form of a two-run double, which scored Murray and pinch-hitter Lisa Tully, pulled out the win for Notre Dame. Angela Bessolo improved her record to 4-5 with the win. The 7-4 defeat of Colorado State was powered by Marten and Murray's 2-for-3 performances at the plate. A 2-1 win over New Mexico completed the Friday sweep for the Irish.

Bessolo and Nichols combined for the 1-0 win over Evansville on Saturday, with Nichols picking up her 17th career save and the first of the 1997 season. She is just two saves shy of the NCAA record for career saves.

After three weeks of traveling, the Irish look forward to their home opener on Tues., March 25 against Indiana. The Irish and Hoosiers faced off earlier this season, resulting in a 10-1 victory for Indiana.

■ GOLF

Hardin leads Irish linksters

By GENE BRTALIK
Sports Writer

While many students were relaxing along the warm sunny shores of Florida, both the Notre Dame men's and woman's golf teams were playing 18 holes in the Sunshine State.

The men played in the Golden Ocala Intercollegiate from March 12-14.

The men were led by sophomore Brad Hardin in the first round, and he also carded the lowest score for the team with a 226.

"He is quickly developing into the best player on the team," remarked Coach George Thomas.

In the second round, the team was led by a trio of youngsters that put them into second place. Hardin shot a 77, and freshman Todd Vernon matched his opening round score with a 77. But the surprise of the day was freshman Jeff Connell, who shot a one over par 73 on a course whose holes resemble many of the famous courses

out there.

Connell has vastly improved over the past two weeks. He has learned to control his power game.

This plus the fact that he putted well enabled him to achieve that score, according to Thomas.

The third round saw the Irish remain in the same place in the standings, finishing with a score of 902. This put them one stroke behind Marquette for fifth place and four strokes ahead of seventh place finisher Jacksonville.

"The team played well in a tournament that was meant to be for spring training. I was especially pleased that the team as a whole had a stroke average of 75 over the three rounds," stated Thomas.

Next up for the Irish is the Butler University Invitational, March 30-31.

The women's team took part in two events over break. The first was the Peggy Kirk Bell Invitational which saw the Irish capture 12th place amongst a field laden with talent. The Irish were led by the

consistent play of Miss Michigan golf freshman Beth Cooper. Cooper shot a team low 255, four ahead of her closest teammate.

"I was impressed with the way the team as well as myself played, especially on this course. This course was one of the toughest any of us had ever played. It also didn't help that it was narrow and filled with many different hazards," stated Cooper.

Two days later, the team was back in action at the Snowbird Intercollegiate tournament. The women finished 10th this time and were led by their two captains Tracy Melby and Katie King. Both shot final round scores of 77, and finished within the top 30 golfers. Also impressive was the fact that four out of the six golfers improved on their first round score. This allowed them to jump four places to 10th.

Next for the woman's team is the Indiana University Spring Invitational to be played in Bloomington, Indiana on April 3-4.

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home court advantage, it was the day of the Irish. Notre Dame found themselves down by as many as seven in the first stanza and down by five with three minutes remaining in the contest.

With Notre Dame trailing 79-74 and all the momentum and the hometown crowd behind Texas, sophomore guard Sheila McMillen and Beth Morgan canned back-to-back treys to put the Irish on top for good.

On the next trip down the floor, Morgan looked to dial long distance again, but she was fouled as she attempted another three. Morgan hit two of three from the charity stripe to put the Irish up 82-79 with

1:23 remaining.

The biggest of all the Longhorns, Carla Littleton, answered with a layup. Littleton's size and strength wreaked havoc for the Irish as she went seven for eight from the field for 14 points. Head coach Muffet McGraw had her squad begin to eat some clock as time was on Notre Dame's side with the lead. After a miss by Gaither, Bohman snagged one of the biggest rebounds of her career as she gave her squad a fresh shot clock.

With just 37 ticks remaining, Morgan stepped to the line with a one and one opportunity. After Morgan's free throws Texas forward Vanessa Wallace quickly scored on a layup cutting the lead back to one.

After Wallace's deuce, the Longhorn's fouled Morgan who finished the game going 14 for

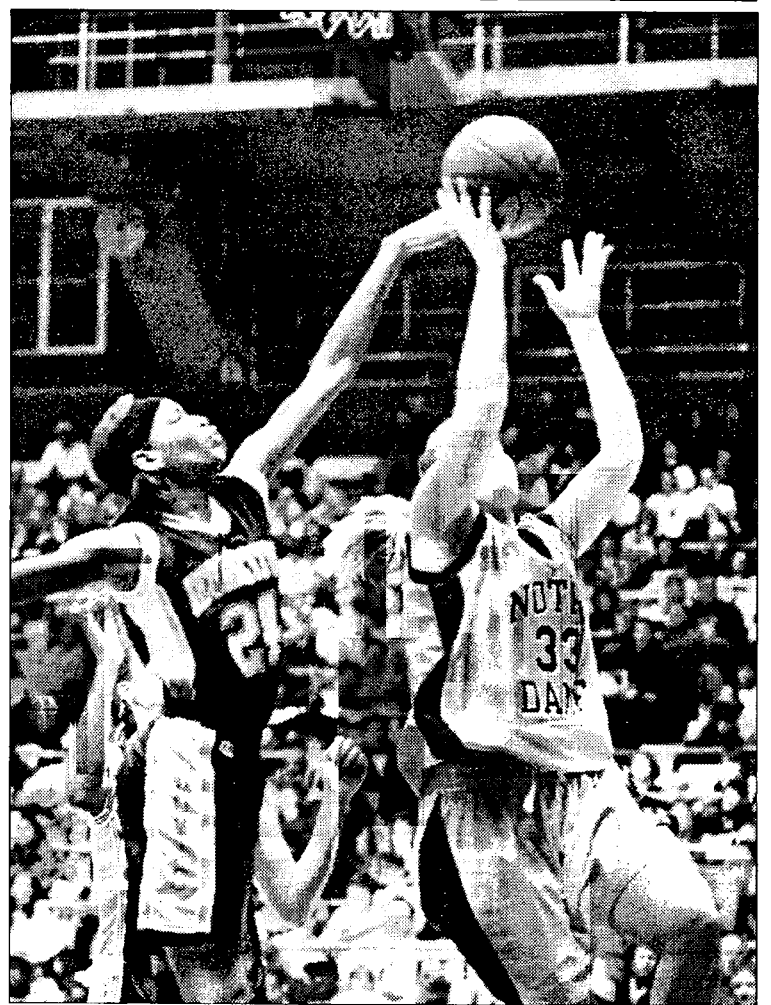
18 from the line. However, Morgan's first attempt was off the mark and Texas, trailing by one, had possession with 19 seconds left.

Coming out of the time-out, the Irish needed just one defensive stop to make the Sweet Sixteen. After a Texas miss, Morgan ripped the rebound and was fouled.

Morgan made good of this opportunity at the line as she knocked down both shots.

The final prayer by the hosts was blocked and the Irish erupted with excitement as they had just made history.

"We've gotten better each year," Augustin said. "This is definitely the best victory yet and we're still planning to go pretty far into the tournament. Our confidence is pretty high right now and we're looking forward to the next game."



The Observer/Mike Ruma
Senior forward Rosanne Bohman contributed 16 points and a number of key rebounds as the Irish advance to the Sweet Sixteen.

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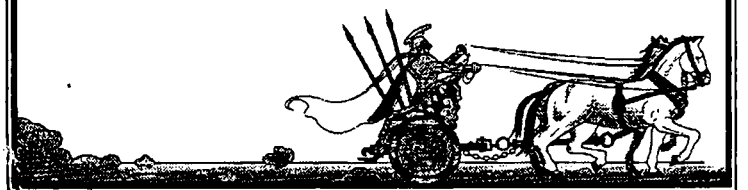
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■ MLB

Mesa accused of rape

By KEN BERGER
Associated Press Writer

DUNEDIN, Fla.

Jose Mesa has returned to Cleveland so he can attend Tuesday's preliminary hearing regarding rape and other charges.

Manager Mike Hargrove said Mesa left the team Sunday night and will return Tuesday after the hearing. The Indians don't know whether Mesa will be available for the start of the season April 2 at Oakland.

"I haven't heard anything," Hargrove said after Monday's 5-2 loss to Toronto.

Mesa, who has one save and a 1.04 ERA this spring, is scheduled for trial March 31. Mesa's lawyers have asked a judge to throw out the pitcher's arrest, alleging that police used a ruse to take Mesa into custody and did not advise him of his rights.

Mesa, 30, has pleaded innocent to one count of rape, two counts of gross sexual imposition, one count of felonious assault and one count of carrying a concealed weapon. He is free on \$10,000 bond.

The charges are related to a complaint by two women that Mesa and a friend improperly touched them Dec. 22 after meeting at a Cleveland nightclub.

Police in Lakewood, Ohio, where the complaint was filed, have said they acted properly when they made up a story to get the pitcher out of his home before arresting him Dec. 27. Capt. Alan Clark said they wanted to spare Mesa the embarrassment of being arrested in front of his wife and six children.

Defense lawyer Gerald Messerman said this made Mesa's arrest illegal.

Messerman also has filed a motion that would require prosecutors to be more specific about the charges against Mesa, who has converted 85 of 92 save opportunities the last two seasons.

Mesa's friend and co-defendant, David Blanco, 34, of Solon, also has pleaded innocent to charges of gross sexual imposition and a gun charge.

Fans

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March. No current students were around when the Irish went to the 1992 NIT final. Unless you felt a connection to a team in that other tournament on CBS, past Notre Dame squads left little hope of the student body being committed to the college basketball asylum. Well, every little thing is going to be all right.

After a solid victory against Oral Roberts last Wednesday, the chance now presents itself to taste a little bit of the insanity other schools gear their entire social calendar around.

For the victory, the Joyce Center was awarded another game despite 3808 people at the first round meeting. It holds almost 11,000.

The attendance figure of the first round created more slumber than bedlam. Now, with students back, ESPN has just as much right to televise a raucous crowd as NBC does.

You may accuse me of sneaking a reefer past customs, but this should be a big thing and there should only be one thing to say.

Go to the damn game.

If you want to see how the other half lives, buy your ticket at the dining hall. If you don't know where the Joyce Center is — and judging by this year's student section, a majority of you don't — another box office has opened for your convenience.

So before picking up the next chicken patty, pick up an NIT ticket for tonight.

Keep the stub. Show it to the grandkids. No telling when Notre Dame will be playing this late in March again.

Just to repeat, the Notre

Dame men's basketball team is still doing what they're supposed to be doing. It may not seem that astounding, but after Sunday, only 32 Division I teams have yet to clean out their lockers.

Sixteen in the NIT. Sixteen others in the Big Dance.

Yeah, Notre Dame got invited to the SYR instead of the formal, but as it has been well-documented, that's no reason to throw away the tap shoes.

No NCAA, no cry.

Others have been shedding tears, however. As opposed to the sweet 16, others seem to mandate the NIT version be the sour 16.

There were rumblings around Ann Arbor that Michigan would decline an NIT invitation because they were excluded from the NCAA tournament. Syracuse and Jim Boeheim also made similar noises as they failed to show up against Florida State in the first round and made an early NIT exit.

Well, Michigan "swallowed their pride" and might even face the Irish if both teams win their second round games.

That's enough to excite both North and South Dining Hall managers alike.

But for now, Texas Christian is the next obstacle on the road to Madison Square Garden.

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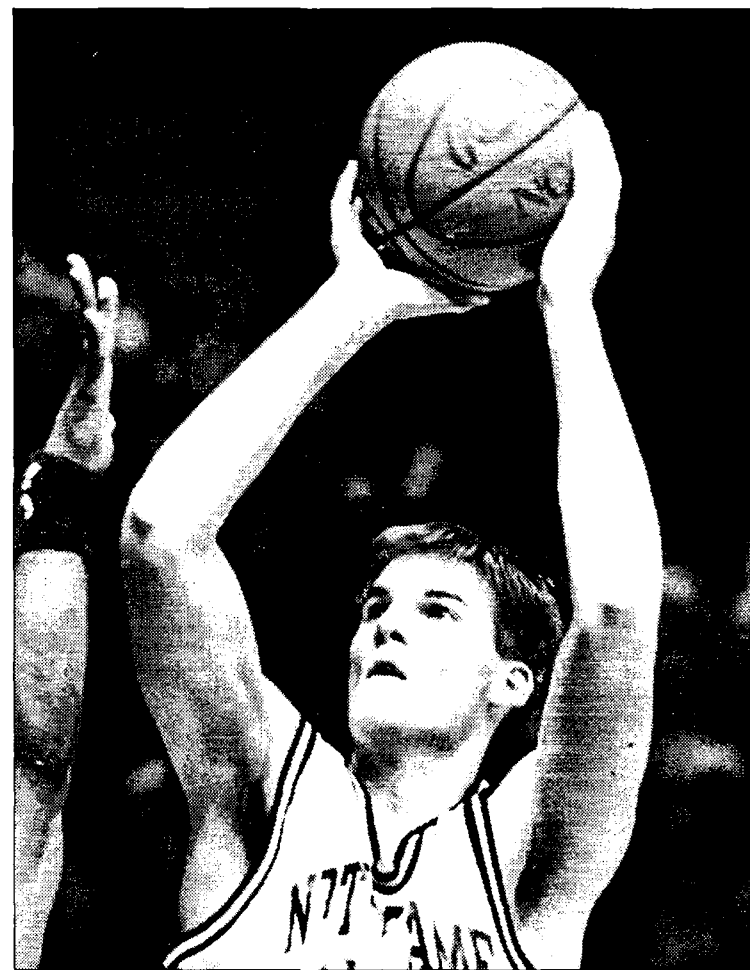
NIT Final Four.

It's a possibility. A good bet as long as the team doesn't leave South Bend.

Irish fans can only hope a return trip to the Big Apple is somewhat less painful.


Tonight, however, the Irish are at home where they tend to put on a good show, having won seven in a row at Joyce High.

So bring along your favorite football cheer and make the trek to the second round of the NIT.



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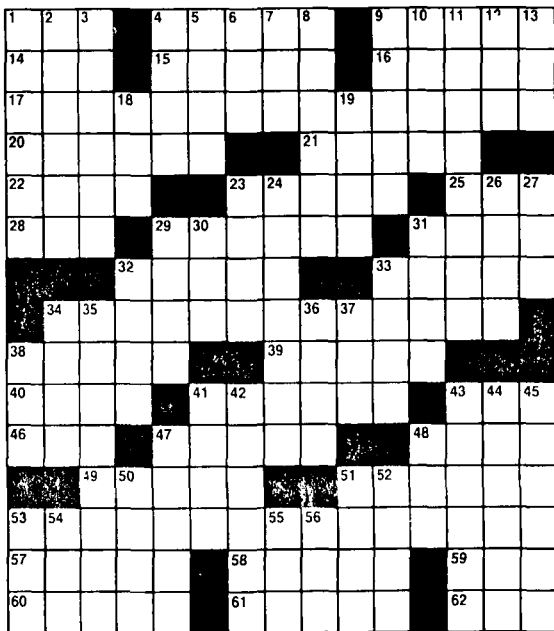
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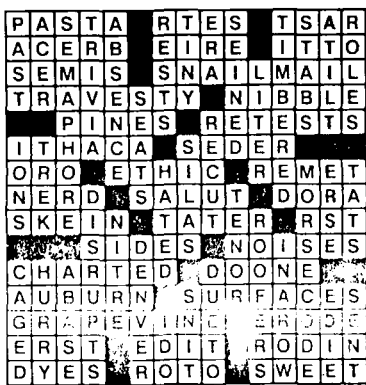


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The Job Search Orientation for Juniors, presented by Kitty Arnold, Director, Career and Placement Services, will take place today from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room of LaFortune. This presentation is designed to give juniors an overview of the 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 the process.

Graduate student Tatiana Mester will present a piano recital this afternoon at 2 p.m. in the Annenberg Auditorium at the Snite Museum of Art., featuring music by J.S. Bach, Mozart, Schubert, Chopin, Brahms and Rodion Shchedrin. The concert is free and open to the public.

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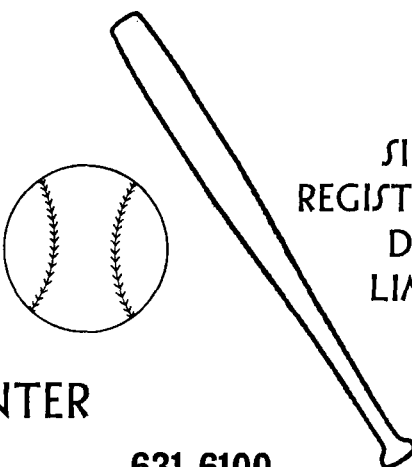
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■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

ND makes Texas see green

By JOE CAVATO
Assistant Sports Editor

When your squad is in the Big Dance, the time has come for your prime-time players to pave the way in the hectic traffic on the road to the Final Four.

That is exactly what happened last night in Austin, Texas as the Notre Dame women's basketball team upset the No. 3 seed and host

Longhorns in an 86-83 thriller. St. Patrick's Day is truly a day for the Irish. But for the Notre Dame women's basketball game, March 17, 1997 is now an historic day. Yesterday's win combined with their first round 93-62 drubbing of Memphis marks the farthest the women's team ever has gone in the NCAA Tournament. Just like they have done all season long, Irish seniors and the first two 2,000 point scor-

ers in school history, Beth Morgan and Katryna Gaither, led the way as they each poured in 29 points.

Also stepping up in the spotlight was senior forward Rosanne Bohman who was perfect from the field on her way to 16 points and five rebounds.

"It was awesome," senior point guard Jeannine Augustin said. "Beating Texas in front of their fans was great. We kept our composure. Katryna and Beth had great games."

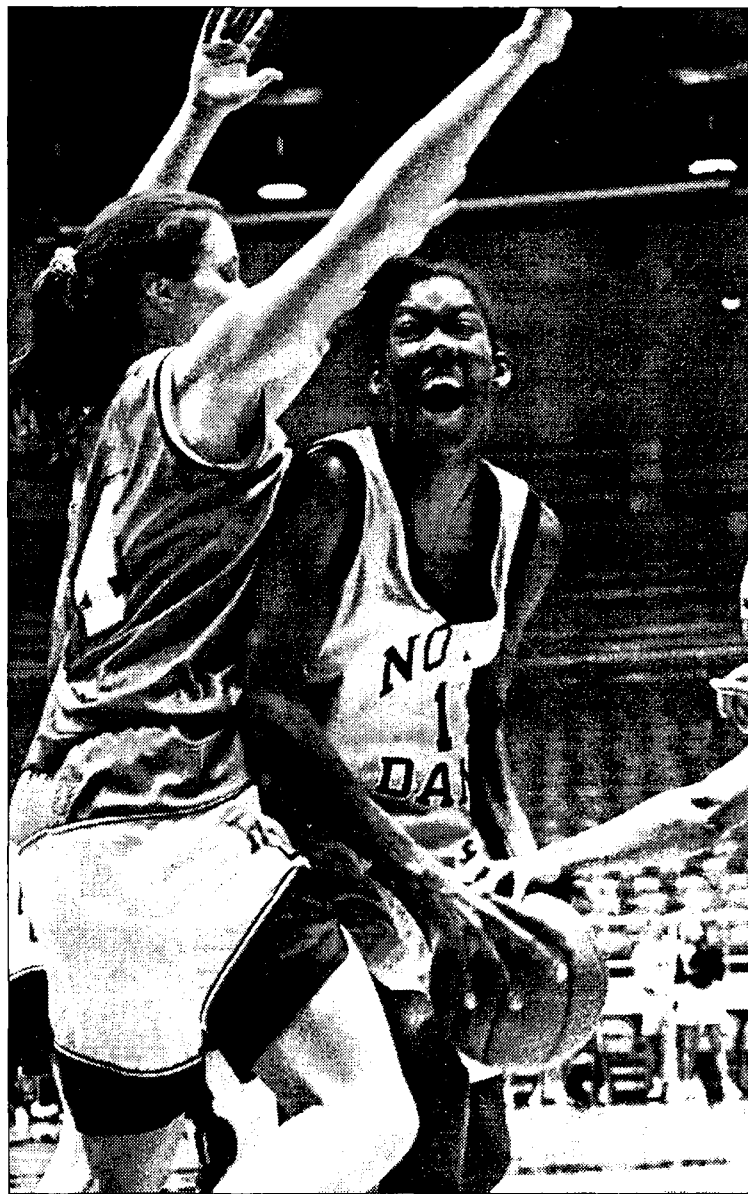
The Irish altered a trick out of Lou Holtz's big-game bag as they came out with green fingernail polish, hoping to snag some of that luck of the Irish. It paid off as the win pushes their mark to 29-6 on the year.

More importantly it extends their season and gives them a date with second-seeded and seventh-ranked Alabama in the East Regionals this Saturday.

Gaither scored 21 of her points in the first half as the hosts had no one who could stop her in the paint. The Irish went into the locker room with a 44-42 lead.

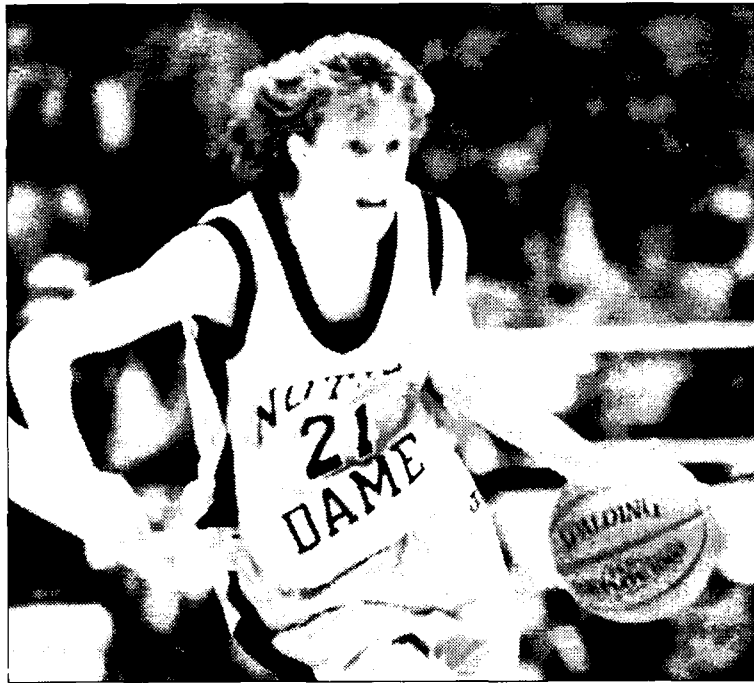
Longhorn Danielle Viglione countered Gaither's play with her outstanding shooting as she lead her team with 19 points on 6 of 13 shooting including 5 of 9 from behind the arc.

Despite the fact that Texas was the favorite and had the



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Notre Dame's 86-83 victory was made possible in part by Katryna Gaither's outstanding performance.



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Senior captain Beth Morgan was one of two Irish players to drop 29 points as Notre Dame eliminated No. 3 seed Texas.

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■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

Home court offers golden opportunity for Irish

Blue and Gold look to prove they're worthy of hosting second round

By DAVE TREACY
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Notre Dame's sojourn into the post-season continues tonight against the TCU Horned Frogs in the second round of the National Invitation Tournament. As unexpected as ND's success has been, the squad still has its detractors — presently in the form of TCU Athletic Director Frank Windegger.

Windegger, upon learning that his 22-12 squad would have to travel to South Bend for tonight's game, was quoted by Gil LeBreton of The Fort Worth Star Telegram as saying, "I guess we couldn't overcome Catholics, Madison Square Garden, and ESPN."

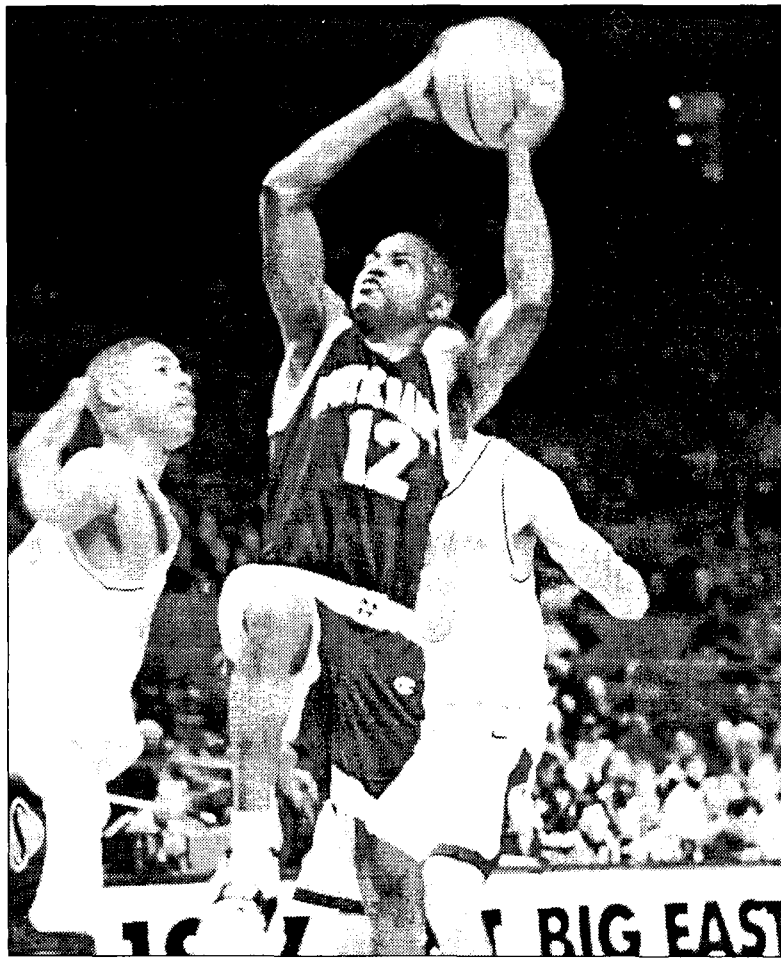
This seems rather bitter, doesn't it? Blaming a religion for the NIT's decision about where to host a basketball game?

Well, perhaps the statement will be a proper motivational tool for head coach John MacLeod to pin onto the bulletin board.

Yet it seems that MacLeod would rather let it slip by, and concentrate any feelings onto the game at hand.

"You know, it just sounded odd that it would be said," MacLeod offered. "Hopefully, we can do something about it on the court."

In fact, center Matt Gotsch admitted that he



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Point guard Admore White will be counted on to take the pressure off of Big East MVP Pat Garrity as Notre Dame faces TCU tonight.

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■ IRISH INSIGHT

Student loyalty to be tested against TCU

A funny thing happened on the way home from spring break.

Upon returning from the land of ganja (Jamaica as it is otherwise known), a first glance at the Joyce Center bulletin board on Juniper had me wondering if people were also tripping around South Bend.

Not because the designers must have been high when they decided to model the sign after the one adorning St. Joe's across the street.

But because of what the sign said.

Notre Dame vs. TCU in the second round of the NIT.

NOT.

NIT.

No way.

Way.

The real shock here may not be so much that the National Invitation Tournament mailed the Irish an invitation. It is the fact that Notre Dame is still basking in a post-season glow after students have returned to campus with their natural brown glow.

No undergraduate at this university has ever been offered the opportunity to be mad in



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