



BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIP

■ Senior Sheila McMillen will lead the Irish to the Big East tournament this weekend in New Jersey.

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Death Sentence

■ A jury sent white supremacist John William King to death row Thursday.

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If I had a million dollars

Yearly operating budget exceeds \$1 million a day

By CHRISTINE KRALY
Assistant News Editor

What could someone do with a million dollars a day? Most people would consider this scenario a dream, a fantasy only to toy with in one's mind.

The University, however, has to essentially answer this same Publisher's Clearing House-type question every year when deciding on the annual budget. It currently boasts a yearly operating budget in excess of \$400 million. To those with jaw-dropping gapes, John Sejdinaj, director of Finance and Budgeting, says this exorbitant amount is normal.

"[The budget is] always gonna go up because of normal growth [and because] the campus is expanding," Sejdinaj said.

If money grows on trees ...

If money did grow on trees, Notre Dame would be a veritable forest with branches

reaching from alumni donations to tuition increases. It is probably no surprise to Notre Dame parents that the bulk of the budget comes from tuition.

According to the University's annual budget report, revenue from the \$19,800 undergraduate tuition provided 51.2 percent of the total educational and general expenses of the University.

Although tuition has increased from the 1994 rate of \$15,810 by nearly \$4,000,



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With funding needs such as faculty salaries, department expenses and scholarship funds, the University operates with a budget exceeding \$400 million a year.

the rate of increase is actually decreasing. This year's hike decreased to 5.3 percent from 5.5 percent from the year before.

the dining halls perform services that are "not cost-effective," such as running Reckers 24 hours a day.

"[Our] goal [for this year]

Approximately 33.2 percent of the University's educational and general expenses comes from revenue sources such as the dining halls, the Copy Shop and the bookstore. David Prentkowski, director of Food Services, says the dining halls are "ran somewhat like independent businesses."

Prentkowski even worries sometimes that the revenues won't provide enough funding for the year, especially when

was to break even," said Prentkowski. He indicated that Food Services will most likely reach this goal.

The final portion of the budget consists of various gifts and revenues from the University endowment. Last year marked a record high in annual gifts the University received, adding to the \$1.8 billion endowment.

Revenues generated from the endowment come from University investments in enterprises such as real estate, U.S. bonds and global equity.

The endowment, which actually consists of more than 2,000 individual endowments, is especially important to Notre Dame because as a private school, it does not receive public funding from the state of Indiana.

Where has all the money gone?

Some students may be won-

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STUDENT UNION

Student leaders emerge from election

By TIM LOGAN
Associate News Editor

Students elected a new round of campus leaders Thursday in class and off-campus president primary elections that featured six freshman class tickets, two races so close the votes had to be recounted and results that forced a rematch in election for off-campus senator.

Final winners emerged from two of the five elections held Thursday — Class of 2001 officers and off-campus presidents. A run-off Monday between the top two tickets will decide the remaining three races. Candidates must receive more than half the votes cast in order to win outright.

John Micek topped the ticket that received 57.9 percent of the vote in the Class of 2001 race. In the two-ticket race, he defeated the group led by Todd Callais. Going into the night, Micek was unsure of how the results would wind up.

"Nobody had any idea how it was going to turn out in the end," said president-elect John Micek. "We were biting our nails."

Micek and his running mates — vice-president Suzanne Lohmeyer, secretary Rachel Gerner and treasurer Ed Ryan — plan to focus on improving career and placement services and internship opportunities for juniors.

In the other race decided



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Suzanne Lohmeyer, Ed Ryan, John Micek and Rachel Gerner will lead next year's junior class. They secured 57.9 percent of the vote in their two-ticket race.

Thursday, Dave Leeney and Rick Saxon defeated Vinod and Biju Kurian for off-campus co-president. The Leeney/Saxon ticket received 53.2 percent of the vote, while Kurian/Kurian gained 40.3 percent. There were only 231 votes cast in the election.

Teresa Hoover and Alicia Coronas led their tickets to Monday's run-off in a closely contested election for the Class of 2000 officers. Hoover and her running mates — Carrie Hedin, Kelly Starman and Brian

Borger — received 39.9 percent of the votes cast, while Coronas' ticket — herself, Walker Candelario, Richard Deferia and Nina Stephan — garnered 37.4 percent. Coronas said she was glad to be moving on and would not let up on the campaign trail.

"We're excited to be going into the run-off," she said. "We'll be working hard this weekend."

Peter Rossman and his ticket will advance to the run-off for the Class

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Stanford Hall selects new dorm mascot

By FINN PRESSLY
News Writer



Griffin

The residents of Stanford Hall voted to end their days as the Studs by officially renaming themselves the Stanford Griffins, in honor of campus legend Father Robert Griffin.

"He worked at the University for over 35 years and was associated with the hall for a long time," said Father Tom Gaughan, rector of Stanford

Hall.

Griffin was also a nationally syndicated writer, whose column "Letters to a Lonely God" was published in several Catholic publications, in addition to its weekly spot in The Observer.

Griffin was frequently accompanied around campus by his cocker spaniel, Darby O'Gill, whose name was leant to a popular campus hang-out.

"Darby O'Gill's was in the basement of LaFortune in the 60's and 70's back when there was no 24-hour space on campus," said Gaughan. "He opened it from midnight to 5 on weeknights for folks to drop in and take a break or study."

The new mascot was officially announced on Sunday night at a special mass, celebrated by University president Father Edward Malloy. The mass kicked off Stanford Sprit Week, which culmi-

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

What have you done for me lately?

I'd like to address the University in the words of Janet Jackson: "What have you done for me lately?"

I love this school — its reputation, its spirit and its mission in making me a better person. What I do not love, however, is the school's need to pat the backs of visitors, while the students' backs are left untouched.

Christine Kraly
Assistant News Editor

There is no denying the beauty of the new Eck Center, and especially, the new Hammes bookstore. The brilliant brass fixtures and shiny wooden bookshelves give the store a touch of elegance.

As you pass by the glass case full of Irish knickknacks, you walk into the apparel section, where the sweatshirts and hats are arranged with such fantastic pizzazz, you feel you're in Bloomingdale's instead of a college bookstore.

It's Barnes and Noble meets Foot Locker, with a touch of sophistication.

I heard on a radio announcement that the new bookstore holds more than 75,000 general title books. While this is great for the campus tourist looking for a bestseller to read on the plane ride home, what does this do for the students?

How many of us have the time to read all of our required materials, let alone one of the thousands of extra books the bookstore now has the space to sell? Where are OUR books? You guessed it — upstairs, out of the way for the more important customers — the football fans eager to find the perfect sweatshirt for game day.

What have you done for me lately?

I live on South Quad and loved that the bookstore was near to me. It was never a hassle to buy books, Christmas gifts, or even visit my friend Gina who works in the class ring department.

Going to the bookstore is now more of a hassle than anything. Should I walk 10 minutes for the one-minute job of dropping off film?

And what about poor north quad residents?

What have you done for them lately?

The University has stripped us of the convenience of the bookstore. It has pulled a rug out from under us, and we are left with nothing to do but literally, "go the extra mile" for books, cards and the occasional new T-shirt.

I agree that the bookstore needed some sprucing up. It was in desperate need of a facelift. What it was not in need of was a location change.

The bookstore served the students well when it was on South Quad. Though it was still a trek for students on North Quad, it was much closer then than it is now.

The new bookstore is not designed to serve the students. It caters to one group, and one group only: those who do not live on campus.

On football weekends the crowds spilled onto the quad and the line for the bookstore seemed never-ending. Now what will happen when football frenzy begins and the crowds spill out onto the nearby street? How safe will that be?

I love the beauty of the bookstore, but I hate the pretension under which the beauty was built.

Fans and alum may "ooh" and "aah" over the place, spending a half hour looking for the new perfect Fighting Irish shirt and never have to give the store another thought.

I can only ask, as my back goes un-patted: *What have you done for me lately?*

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Outside the Dome

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Affirmative action picketers seek 'complete equality'

ANN ARBOR, Mich.

"We won't take resegregation, we want quality education!"

Dozens of students chanted this slogan as they marched across the Diag as part of yesterday's Student and Youth National Day of Action in defense of affirmative action rally.

"This is a real movement," said Rackham student Jessica Curtin, a member of the Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action By Any Means Necessary.

The rally was a way to support "complete equality and complete integration of society," said Curtin, a Michigan Student Assembly representative.

She added that Day of Action participants fought for equality in areas including K-12 education, employment and housing.

"That is our goal in defending affirmative action," she said.

Curtin said about 20 other colleges and universities nationwide also participated in yesterday's Day of Action, including the University of California at Berkeley



and the University of Virginia.

Many student group leaders on campus used the Day of Action as an opportunity to speak about other ongoing University and international issues, including the Graduate Employees Organization negotiations, sweatshop labor and the U.S. Government sanctions on Iraq.

GEO member Cedric DeLeon said one issue currently being debated in GEO contract negotiations is the hiring of

"women and people of color" for at least two terms of teaching and improving training conditions for international graduate student instructors.

"Don't believe for a second that this University is 100 percent pro-affirmative action," he said, urging participants to support a possible GEO strike. "Honoring our picket lines means honoring women and people of color at the University ... defending our picket lines means defending affirmative action."

Speakers at the rally included Detroit Cass Technical High School senior Agnes Aleobua, who plans on attending the University in the fall.

■ UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Board to work on grades for athletes

AUSTIN, Texas

A Texas legislator is pushing for the creation of a statewide minimum academic standard for student athletes to improve graduation rates. "We've got to do something to make sure these athletes have a fighting chance to graduate," said Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston. Wilson filed a bill that calls for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to create the academic standards, which could include a minimum grade-point average. The board could also track the graduation rates of student athletes and use the information to assess the performance of each university. If the coordinating board finds a university is non-compliant with the standards, that school would be barred from using state funds or student fees to support athletic events until a compliance agreement can be reached with the board. If the university doesn't fix the problem within a year, it would be barred from participating in intercollegiate athletics for two years.

■ BROWN UNIVERSITY

Female rabbi credits Brown for career

PROVIDENCE, R.I.

When alumna Laura Geller was growing up in Brookline, Mass., she had no idea that she would make history as the first female rabbi selected to lead a major metropolitan synagogue. In fact, until 1972, there were no female rabbis at all. Since Geller became the fourth female rabbi in 1976, over 250 women have been ordained in the reform, reconstructionist, and conservative movements of Judaism. Geller's experience as a religious studies concentrator at Brown led her to begin her current career path. "I credit Brown with setting me on the path that led to my eventually choosing to go into the rabbinate," she said. In her freshman year, Geller took a class on Christian Ethics. "It was an incredible class, and I loved it, and I loved [the teacher], and I took every class that he taught. Before I knew it, I was majoring in Christian Ethics, which is not exactly what I intended to major in when I came to college, but he and other professors opened me up to thinking about religion in ways that I never had before."

■ UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY

Suit claims inadequate help for deaf

BERKELEY, Calif.

UC Berkeley — the first campus in the nation to offer services to disabled students — discriminates against students who are hearing-impaired, according to students who yesterday filed a federal discrimination lawsuit against the University. Citing inadequate services for students with hearing disabilities, the Employment Law Center and Legal Aid Society of San Francisco along with a San Francisco law firm filed the class action lawsuit against the University on behalf of the three UC Berkeley students. The suit, which alleges UC Berkeley's failure to comply with regulations of the Americans with Disabilities Act, was presented at a San Francisco press conference yesterday. As the institution whose initiative to create a disabled service program in the 1960s led universities across the nation to do the same, UC Berkeley has failed to provide sufficient interpreter services for hearing-impaired students, the plaintiffs alleged.

■ UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Depressed man sues for discrimination

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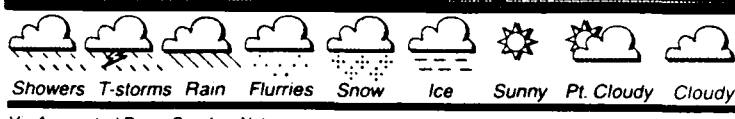
Attorneys on both sides of what is believed to be Minnesota's first depression-related discrimination case brought forth arguments in the Minnesota State Court of Appeals Wednesday. In 1995, former University employee Robert Shaw sued the University for discrimination after being fired from his job as a Facilities Management project manager. He claimed he was discriminated against because of job-related depression; a jury awarded him more than \$500,000 in compensatory damages in January 1998. But Hennepin County District Court judge Franklin Knoll overturned the case in the early summer of 1998, on the grounds that Shaw did not have the right to sue. During Wednesday morning's hearing, Judy Schermer, Shaw's attorney, appealed Knoll's assertion that because Shaw did not exhaust the proper internal grievance channels, he was never entitled to make the claim in court.

■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

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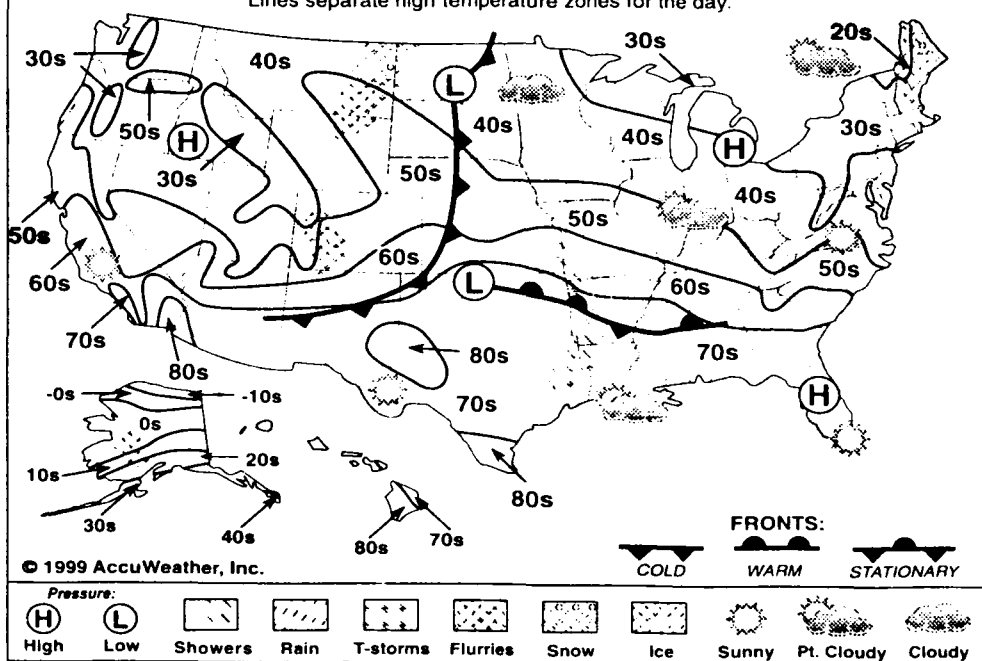
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■ NATIONAL WEATHER

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Cincinnati	45	25	Louisville	51	33	Seattle	52	40
Detroit	39	24	Milwaukee	42	26	Washington	46	29

Nussbaum explores need for universal list of human rights

By DEREK BETCHER
Assistant News Editor

Accelerating sex equality through the implementation of a universal list of essential human rights formed the centerpiece of a lecture about women and development given by Martha Nussbaum, a University of Chicago professor of law and ethics.

Nussbaum's examination of women's issues



"All workers are badly paid but women face special disadvantages," said Martha Nussbaum, University of Chicago professor of law and ethics.

focused on developing nations, especially India. Women across the world desire economic self-sufficiency, Nussbaum noted, but her talk largely addressed reform efforts in India because she recently participated in a U.N. research project there.

The challenges Indian women face resemble those of women elsewhere.

"The body that labors is in essence the same body around the world," she noted. "All workers are badly paid but women face special disadvantages."

By working to improve education, employment opportunities, land rights and nutrition, governments and volunteer organizations can make great progress towards ensuring progress on sex equality, Nussbaum said.

"We need to be highly alert to the variations of need," she added.

While exact circumstances vary, the issue does not, Nussbaum said. She emphasized the universality of feminist issues and explained that because of these universal characteristics, disciplines such as philosophy and political theory can supply common solutions to aid sex equality around the globe. They can also help dispel persistent criticisms against the international feminist movement, Nussbaum explained.

International feminists still encounter charges of westernizing when they try to export their ideas to the developing world. These charges are "not fair at all," Nussbaum told her audience. Arguments raising questions of culture, diversity and paternalism all fail to counter the need for greater sex equality in the developing world, Nussbaum emphasized.

Thursday's lecture was the fifth annual Theodore M. Hesburgh lecture on ethics and public policy. Nussbaum will present a second lecture today at 3 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center on the topics of religion and sex equality.

Nussbaum is a professor of law and ethics at the University of Chicago. She holds appointments in the school's law, philosophy, divinity and classics departments. She has authored several books on feminist issues.

Méndez takes over law school center

Special to The Observer

Juan Méndez, executive director of the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights in San Jose, Costa Rica, has been appointed director of Notre Dame Law School's Center for Civil and Human Rights.

Méndez, a native of Lomas de Zamora, Argentina, received his law degree from Stella Maris University in Mar del Plata in 1970 and for five years practiced labor law and defended political prisoners.

During Argentina's military dictatorship, from 1976-83, he was twice imprisoned for his political and professional activities. He was adopted by Amnesty International as a "Prisoner of Conscience" in 1976.

After his release, Méndez moved to the United States and soon acquired a reputation as a leading international human rights lawyer. From 1982-88, he directed the Washington, D.C., office of Americas Watch, a human rights organization principally concerned with Latin America nations.

He was executive director of Americas Watch from 1989-94, leaving that position to become general counsel for Human Rights Watch in New York from 1994-96. He has directed the Inter American Institute of Human Rights

since then.

Méndez has taught and lectured at the Aspen Institute, Georgetown University, Johns Hopkins University and Oxford. He also was a fellow of Notre Dame's Kellogg Institute for International Studies during the 1996 fall semester.

He has written numerous articles on international human rights law for a wide variety of scholarly journals and several opinion pieces in the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times and the Miami Herald.

The Notre Dame Law School's Center for Civil and Human Rights was founded in 1973. At first, the center's efforts concerned civil rights in the United States, largely because of the work of Father Theodore Hesburgh, then-president of Notre Dame and a member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

In recent years, largely due to the efforts of Father William Lewers, its director from 1988 until his death in 1997, the center has become increasingly concerned with international human rights, undertaking such projects as study of the draft and military justice systems during the Vietnam period; and developing a computerized database of human rights violations by the former military regime in Chile.

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Budget

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dering how much of this money they actually see. According to Sejdinaj, they can see a lot of it. He pointed to services people may overlook, such as the fire department and Notre Dame Security/Police.

Much of the budget, not surprisingly, goes to faculty salaries. The 1997 average salary for a full professor was \$90,300 a year.

Financial aid, a godsend to those parents shelling out the tuition payments, receives a major portion of the budget as well. Notre Dame donated \$43.6 million in scholarships and fellowships in 1998.

Another large portion of the budget is distributed among University departments, such as the various academic colleges and Facilities Operations.

Whether it's invested in supplies for the College of Engineering, or mulch for a new patch of grass outside the library, all the money goes to

facilitate the school.

"I think that does surprise people," said Sejdinaj.

Those amazed at the staggering numbers might ask, Who runs the show? Who is the man behind the curtain controlling the funding for the city we call Notre Dame? According to Sejdinaj, there is no one man, but many people pulling the strings of the money marionette.

The officers of the University decide every year what the budget should be used for and approximately how much it will cost. They send their proposal to the Board of Trustees who either approves it or denies it. The funding is then allocated to each of the individual departments.

The departments, however, do not always receive all the money they originally request.

"The budget's always too small," said Mary Ellen Koepfle, director of Restricted Funds. Regarding the College of Arts and Letters, Koepfle says that this year's allocation is similar to last year's.

Koepfle, though, knows that Arts and Letters suffers cut-backs, "especially in the areas of travel," when it does not receive all its money. The administration takes measures such as creating its own set of stationary so they do not have to spend any unnecessary money.

The University, when denying the departments their requested budgets, usually responds "just that funding's not available," she

said. Koepfle is quick to point out that preparing a budget is "very labor-intensive" and that there are other facilities that need funding, too.

"You just have to be patient and wait for it," she said.

It is unusual, according to Sejdinaj, that the University would witness any monetary surplus at the end of the year. In the rare occasion that it does happen, though, the leftover money is added to a financial aid endowment that has been receiving funds since 1990.

According to Sejdinaj, Notre Dame students can witness the influence of the University's budget whether listening to a lecture in class, or sitting on freshly-cut lawn in the middle of the quad.

"It's really like a little city," said Sejdinaj.

Elections

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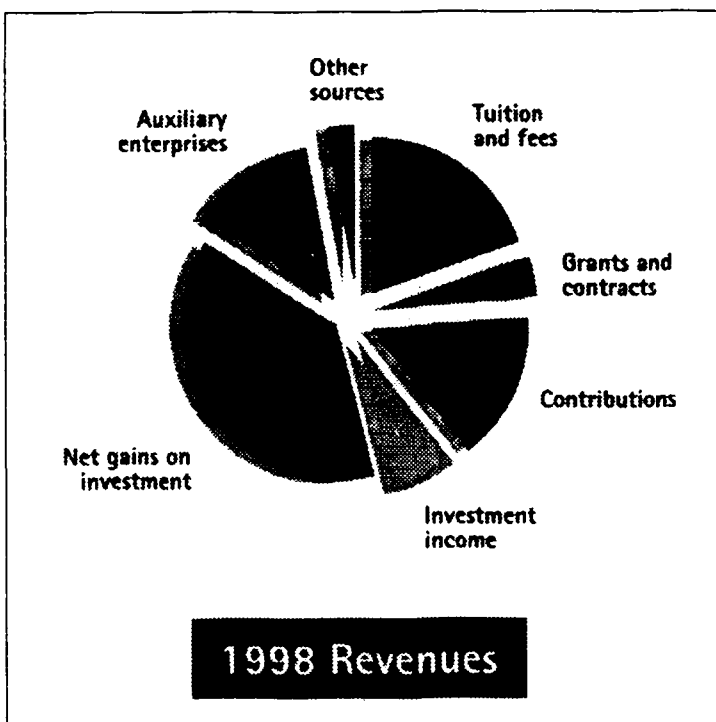
of 2002 offices against Tim Lyden and his running mates. Rossman's ticket received 31.2 percent of the vote, while Lyden's garnered 21.7 percent. Lyden and his running mates made it into the run-off by the narrow margin of six votes over the ticket headed by Tim Jarotkiewicz. There were six groups of candidates vying to lead this year's freshman class, doubling the number of candidates in any other class.

"A lot more freshmen tend to run," said Nicole Borda, Judicial Council vice president for elections. "It seems to be a good thing for them to get involved in student govern-

ment."

Rhea Gertken and Pat Foy will continue their campaigns for off-campus senator over the weekend, as neither was able to garner the required majority of votes Thursday. Foy and Gertken, who are both members of the current Student Senate, were the only two candidates entered in the race. While Gertken edged Foy 96 to 93 in the vote totals, there were 31 registered votes to abstain. As a result, neither candidate received a majority, and a run-off will be held to determine a winner.

Run-offs will be held Monday, with voting in residence halls from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Off-campus students can vote from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. in LaFortune Student Center.



ANNOUNCING THE 1999 ANNUAL AWARDS OF ALBERT RAVARINO ITALIAN STUDIES TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP

Thanks to a generous gift from the Albert Ravarino family, the Italian Studies Program is pleased to announce the 1999 annual competition for travel in support of summer research and foreign study in Italy.

Grants will be made in amounts not to exceed \$3,500, and will not normally cover all expenses.

Notre Dame graduate and undergraduate students who are planning to pursue research or a formal program of summer study in Italy are invited to apply. Students must have completed at least one year of Italian language. The course work will normally be in Italian; will involve the study of Italian language, literature, and culture; and must be applicable to a student's degree program at the University of Notre Dame.

Recommended programs for foreign study include, but are not limited to: Loyola University in Rome, Boston University in Padua, UCLA in Pisa, Miami University in Urbino, Columbia University in Scandiano. Interested students are encouraged to consult the materials on Italian foreign study in the Department of Romance Languages, 343 O'Shaughnessy Hall.

Students are invited to submit a letter which should include:

1. an explanation of how the proposed research or foreign study will enhance their degree program at Notre Dame
2. a personal statement indicating their background, interests, and long term goals
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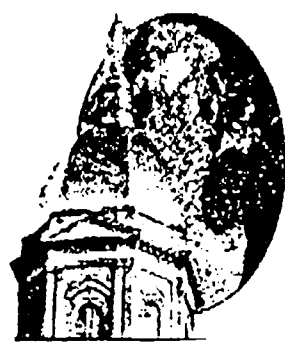
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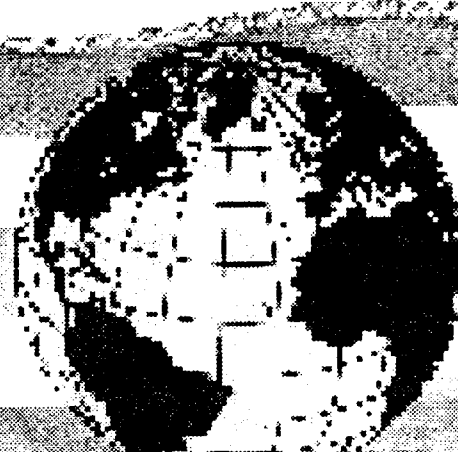
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Feminist professor causes trouble for men

BOSTON

A radical feminist professor at Boston College has been given an ultimatum from the school: admit men to her classes or stop teaching. Theologian Mary Daly lets only women take her courses. Daly, whose seven major books, including "Outercourse," have made her a pioneer in feminist circles, has said she won't back down. Opening her classes to men would compromise her belief that women tend to defer to a man whenever one is in the room, she said. Daly took a leave of absence from the Jesuit college this semester rather than bow to demands that she admit senior Duane Naquin into her class in feminist ethics. Naquin, who claimed discrimination, has the backing of the Center for Individual Rights, a conservative law firm in Washington whose lawsuit ended affirmative action at the University of Texas.

HIV infects 3 million in 1998

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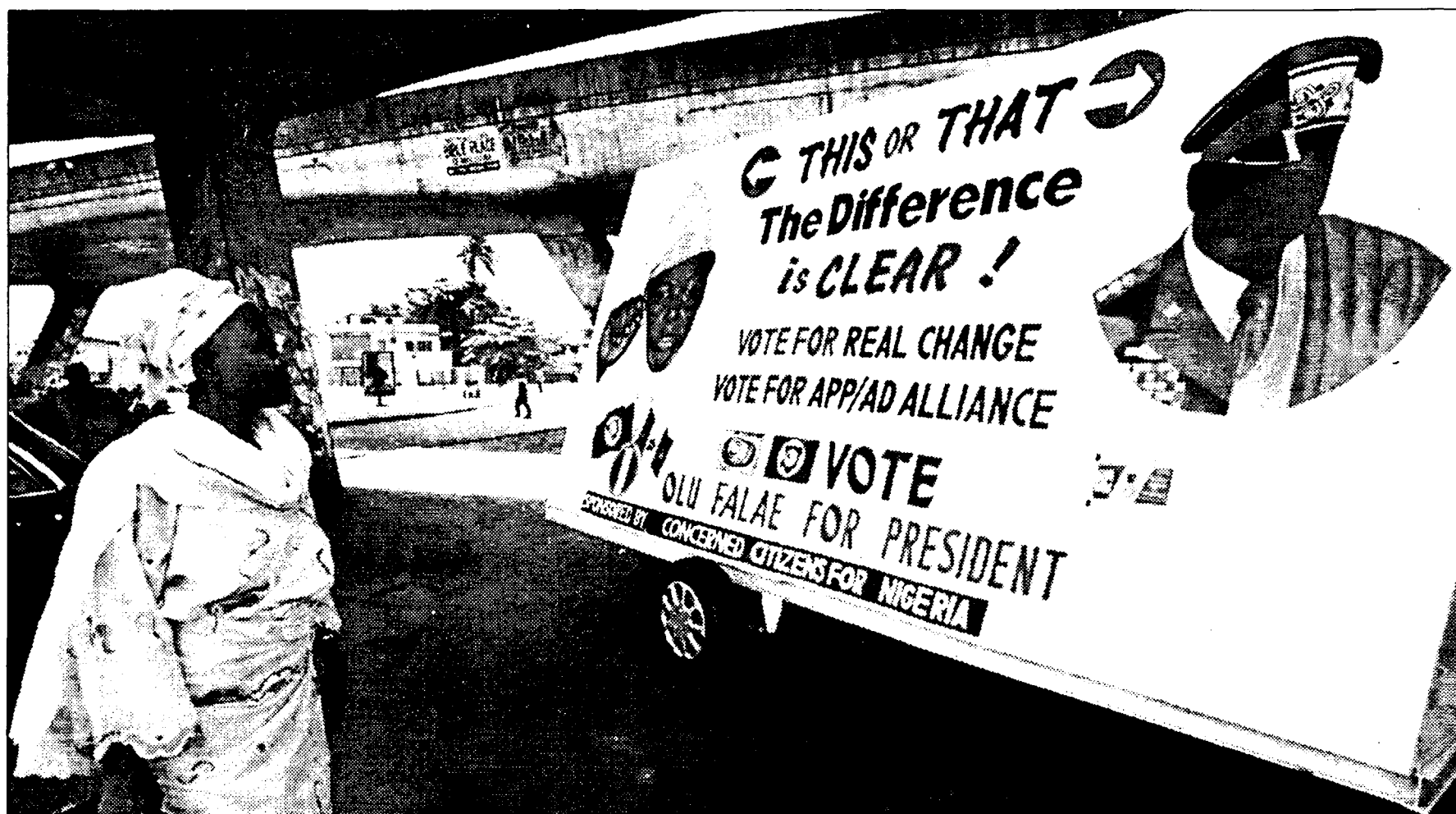
Six young people are infected with the AIDS virus every minute, the United Nations said Thursday as it launched a new campaign to slow the spread of the epidemic among youth. Nearly 600,000 children under 15 and 2.5 million people aged 15-24 caught the Human Immunodeficiency Virus last year, it said. "Too many children are still being deprived of AIDS information and skills because of fears by adults — including government authorities — that education will increase sexual activity when evidence shows the opposite is true," said Peter Piot, head of UNAIDS. The UNAIDS campaign, called "Listen, Learn, Live," is aimed at increasing dialogue with the young about the risks of catching the disease.

Man sues over misspelled tattoo

ROSEVILLE, Mich.

A man who used guesswork instead of a dictionary when getting a tattoo is now suing the tattoo parlor over the mistaken spelling of "villain." Lee Williams was left with "villian" on his right forearm, but he didn't notice until a friend made fun of him, according to the Circuit Court lawsuit filed Wednesday. Williams, 23, is seeking \$25,000 in damages against Eternal Tattoos. To cover up the mistake he had plastic surgery, which cost him \$1,900 and left a "scar as long as his forearm," said his lawyer, Paul Clark. Williams, a student at Wayne State University and a former Marine, got the tattoo in 1996. Before the procedure, workers at the parlor debated how to spell the word, Clark said. Williams wasn't sure, either.

NIGERIA



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A woman looks Thursday at a campaign advertisement in Lagos for presidential candidate Olu Falae, showing the candidate on one end and a faceless general on the other. The elections will take place Saturday.

Old rifts return to Nigerian politics

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ENUGU

Nigerian politics are split by hard ethnic differences and held together by fragile alliances, short on ideology and long on ambition. Days before Nigerians vote on Saturday to elect the man who will preside over the country's first civilian government in 16 years, deals are being cut. Maybe in no place is the maneuvering going on more furiously than here in southeastern Nigeria, which has become the battleground for the presidency.

Consider the suddenly shifting fortunes of the Alliance for Democracy, one of the three parties in Nigeria, Africa's most populous country.

A big loser in earlier elections in the last two months, the party won most of Enugu State in legislative races last Saturday. The rival, dominant party's choice of a presidential candidate from outside the region reopened an old wound in the country's complex history of ethnic rival-

ries.

It was a wound that politicians for the Alliance for Democracy were toiling to deepen before the presidential election. Feeding on the region's longtime sense of ethnically motivated exclusion was their best, and maybe only, chance to claim the nation's highest political office.

Ensnared in a throne-like chair at the Alliance for Democracy's headquarters here, Arthur Nwankwo, the head of the party in the southeastern states, received a stream of reports that made him ebullient on Sunday, including one from a party agent from a neighboring state.

"The mood of the people is outrage, outright anger," the agent said.

"So you are exploiting that one?" Nwankwo said. "Very much."

What Nwankwo and fellow members of the Ibo ethnic group here exploited was anger that one of their own, Alex Ekwueme, a former vice

president, had been rejected by the leading People's Democratic Party.

Instead, the party chose General Olusegun Obasanjo, 61, a Yoruba from the southwest who is popular with Nigeria's third main ethnic group, the Hausa-Fulani in the north. Twenty years ago he became the country's first military leader to give up power voluntarily, winning respect here and abroad.

The Alliance for Democracy and another group, the All People's Party, have joined forces by presenting a common presidential candidate, Olu Falae, 60, a former finance minister and a Yoruba from the southwest. It is a union of two parties that share almost nothing except a desire to win the presidency — what Nwankwo described as "an unholy alliance."

"It's a pragmatic alliance, not an unholy alliance," corrected an official who said he was not Nwankwo's political consultant but cheerfully kept giving him advice.

Man gets death in dragging case

ASSOCIATED PRESS

JASPER, Texas

Smirking and cursing his victim's family as he was led away, white supremacist John William King went to death row Thursday for chaining a black man to a pickup truck and dragging him to pieces.

Eleven white jurors and their elected black foreman took less than three hours to sentence King to lethal injection rather than life in prison, taking about the same amount of time they needed to convict him Tuesday of murdering James Byrd.

The savage killing — one of the grisliest racial

crimes since the civil rights era — shocked the nation and horrified residents of Jasper, a timber town of 8,000 people about 100 miles northeast of Houston.

King becomes the first white sent to death row in Texas for killing a black person since capital punishment resumed in the 1970s. Texas has executed only one white person for killing a black — in 1854.

Byrd's relatives wiped their eyes after hearing the death sentence but declined judge Joe Bob Golden's offer to say something to King. Byrd's nephew Darrell Verrett held up his fin-

gers in a V sign and said, "Everything's OK."

On the courthouse lawn, women high-fived each other and exclaimed, "Justice is served!"

"For once, I'm proud to be from Jasper. For once, justice has been served in Jasper," said Ethel Parks, a black woman wearing a T-shirt with a picture of Byrd beneath the words, "Love, Peace and Harmony."

Spectators taunted King, yelling "Bye! Bye, King!" as he was led from the courthouse.

When asked if he had anything to say to Byrd's family, King said "Yeah" and muttered an obsceni-

ty.

"I wouldn't expect for him to say 'God bless the Byrd family,'" said Byrd's sister Mary Verrett. "It just sums up the total personality of this young man. He has no remorse, even in the face of death."

Through his attorney, King released a statement saying: "Though I remain adamant about my innocence, it's been obvious from the beginning that this community would get what they desire; so I'll close with the words of Francis Yockey. 'The promise of success is with the man who is determined to die proudly when it is no longer possible to live proudly.'"

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Dancing gets underway at 9 p.m. tonight in the Stepan Center with live bands playing until 1 a.m., followed by a disc jockey until 7 a.m.

The death penalty: faith and human rights



The Observer/Manuela Hernandez
A panel including representatives from the Indiana State Public Defender's Office, the Notre Dame Law School and Saint Mary's College gathered Thursday in the Stapleton Lounge to discuss how the death penalty concerns persons with faith.

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GOP leaders seek budget unity

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A year after Republican divisions led to an embarrassing stalemate, House and Senate GOP leaders told their budget committee chairmen Thursday to work together and quickly produce a fiscal 2000 spending plan.

House speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and Senate majority leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., made the comments in a closed-door meeting as Republicans from the two chambers began designing a budget they hope to push through Congress by April. The remarks were described by officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

House Budget Committee chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, told reporters afterward there was a consensus to produce 10-year tax cuts totaling \$800 billion to \$900 billion, far more

than President Clinton wants. Participants said the numbers mean any tax cut would be phased in gradually, rather than beginning next year in full force, but they have not yet agreed when the tax cuts would begin.

Kasich also said there was general agreement to set aside about \$1.5 trillion for Social Security, roughly what Clinton wants to use to buttress the program for the baby boomers' retirements, which begin in a decade.

But Senate Budget Committee chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., wants to set aside more than that, and that issue is unresolved, said one official.

Participants also said the leaders have made no decisions on which taxes will be cut and whether spending limits enacted in the 1997 budget-balancing deal with Clinton will be honored.

The group plans to meet

again next Tuesday.

Republican leaders are intent on producing a budget to show the public that the GOP has moved past Clinton's impeachment trial, and to avoid giving Democrats fodder for their familiar accusation that the GOP is running a "do-nothing Congress."

The budget is also important because it will be a road map for several high-profile measures Republicans want to produce this year. These include tax cuts, spending increases for defense and education, and possible overhauls of Social Security and Medicare.

Last year, arguments between Republicans over tax cuts prevented Congress from producing a budget for the first time since the current budget process began in 1975.

Also attending the session Thursday were House majority leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, and Domenici.

Feds defend light truck crash test

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Last year when the federal government was looking for ways to make light trucks less dangerous to cars in crashes, automakers said officials should eliminate or alter a government crash test that was blocking design changes.

On Thursday, the government fought back, releasing a study that

said the 35 mile-per-hour crash test has helped to make sport utility vehicles, pickup trucks and other light trucks less deadly to cars on the road.

Officials at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration have been concerned at the growing number of car-passenger deaths in crashes between light trucks and cars. Eighty percent of the deaths are the occupants in the cars. And light trucks hold an increasing market share, now accounting for nearly half the new vehicles sold in the United States every year.

Light trucks are more aggressive in crashes because they weigh more, ride higher and have stiffer frames that transfer more of the crash energy to the other vehicle.

The NHTSA study said light trucks are less aggressive in crashes with cars today because the stiffness of their front ends has decreased over the two decades the test has been in place.

The crash test "may have influenced manufacturers to design less aggressive, and therefore, more compatible" light trucks, the study said.

The government test, known as the New Car Assessment Program, crashes cars into a wall at 35 mph to rate the safety of vehicles for consumers.

The test also has helped

push automakers into designing cars that have reduced the probability of serious head injury in a 35 mph crash from 40 percent to 10 percent, the study says.

The paper will be delivered by government researchers at a conference in Detroit on Monday.

Last year at a vehicle compatibility summit between government officials and the

auto industry, domestic automakers said they were interested in looking at how to make their light trucks less stiff. A major problem, they said, was that the 35 mph

crash test the government uses is so severe it requires light trucks to have stiffer structures in order to do well.

The test is meant to provide information to consumers and automakers are not required to pass it as they are less severe tests. But it is like the government's seal of approval and automakers fear if they abandoned it unilaterally, sales would suffer.

Ford Motor Co. spokeswoman Jennifer Flake said the automaker studied the same data as the safety agency and reached the opposite conclusion.

"Stiffness has not decreased over the last 15 years," Flake said.

Terrence Connolly, director of General Motors' Safety Center, said automakers were now researching the issue of compatibility and wanted to work with the government in sharing data and ideas.

"There's a lot more to be learned on the science of compatibility," Connolly said.

However, engineers with the domestic automakers said they still believe the crash test needs to be altered or eliminated to allow enough flexibility for automakers to make design changes.

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Panel supports missile defense

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A House committee overwhelmingly approved legislation Thursday that declared a national goal to deploy a countrywide defense system against ballistic missiles but did not set a timetable to do it.

The House Armed Services Committee approved the measure, introduced by Reps. Curt Weldon, R-Pa., and John Spratt, D-S.C., by a 50-3 margin.

President Clinton has included money in his fiscal 1999 budget for beginning construction on such a system but has delayed until June 2000 a decision on whether to go ahead.

"I am encouraged by the administration's announcement that an additional \$6.6 billion

has been identified for a national missile defense that might be deployed. But I am concerned that the administration has not committed to deploying this system," Weldon said.

Such a system, to protect against incoming nuclear missiles, has long been a favored project of congressional Republicans since then-President Reagan proposed a space-based shield against incoming missiles in the early 1980s.

Last year's firing of a ballistic missile by North Korea, and reports of weapons programs in Iran and Iraq, has drawn Democratic support to the program as well.

The committee vote "represents an important step in the debate over defending the American people against the

threat of ballistic missile attack," said the committee chairman, Floyd Spence, R-S.C.

Spence said the vote's margin "reflects the committee's strong bipartisan belief that all Americans deserve to be protected against the growing threat of ballistic missile attack."

Voting against the measure were committee Democrats Wayne Evans of Illinois, Cynthia McKinney of Georgia and Tom Allen of Maine.

The measure does not attempt to set a timetable or mandate the kind of missile defense system that should be built.

The measure, which has 30 Republican and 28 Democratic sponsors, states simply "that it is the policy of the United States to deploy a national missile defense."



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Nixon tape tells of 1972 burglary at Chilean embassy

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

In the spring of 1972, a month before the Watergate break-in, the Chilean Embassy in Washington was surreptitiously entered. A newly released White House tape carries a tantalizing snippet — President Nixon talking about the break-in and telling his lawyer, "That thing was part of the burglars' plan, as a cover."



Nixon

The comment was included in 54 minutes of taped conversation from Nixon's secret taping system that were released on Thursday at the National Archives. The conversations — ranging from just a few seconds to several minutes long — had been withheld from earlier releases for national security reasons.

The conversation occurred on May 16, 1973, the eve of Senate hearings on the Watergate affair. White House counsel John Dean was going to be a witness at the hearings and the president and his lawyer, J. Fred Buzhardt, were in the Oval Office discussing what Dean might disclose.

Nixon spoke of the break-in that had occurred at the Chilean Embassy one year earlier. On May 13, 1972, persons entered the embassy, rifled files and stole official documents, books and radios.

"But when we get down, for example, to the break-in, the Chilean embassy — that thing was part of the burglars' plan, as a cover. Those (expletive) are trying to have a cover — or a CIA cover. I think Dean concocted that," Nixon said.

Buzhardt agreed. "I think Dean concocted it."

On Thursday, in a telephone interview, Dean disputed Nixon's supposition.

"I didn't," Dean said. "They're full of baloney. But at that point they had me concocting everything back to original sin."

Dean, who pleaded guilty in October 1973 to one count of conspiring to obstruct justice in the Watergate scandal and

served three months in jail, said he has never heard that the White House was behind the break-in at the embassy.

Dean said he believes Nixon's talk of a "cover" is a reference to an attempt by lawyers for James McCord, one of the burglars arrested at the Watergate, to get his case dropped on grounds further investigation would reveal national security secrets.

McCord, a former CIA agent and security chief for the Committee to Re-Elect the President, was trying to get the government to stop investigating the Watergate break-in by saying the probe would lead to the revelation that there "had been some sort of surveillance of the Chilean embassy," Dean said.

The embassy break-in occurred one day after Chile's socialist president, Salvador Allende, asked his country's legislature to nationalize the Chilean Telephone Co., which was largely owned by International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. ITT had opposed Allende's election in 1970.

In other conversations:

•Nixon talks in the Oval Office on July 2, 1971 with his assistant, Peter Flanigan, about giving ambassadorships to large contributors. They discuss making one GOP donor ambassador to Belgium. "Understand, that's only if he gives a quarter-million," Nixon says.

•Nixon talks in the Oval Office on July 1, 1971 with domestic adviser John Ehrlichman, aide Charles Colson and chief of staff H.R. Haldeman about the "Pentagon Papers" — a classified study of U.S. involvement in Vietnam prepared by the Defense Department and leaked to the press — and what they contained about the 1963 assassination of South Vietnam's President Ngo Dinh Diem.

Nixon blamed President Kennedy for Diem's death.

"Kennedy decided to go forward and got us involved and it shows that Kennedy was the one who got us in the damn war," Nixon said. "We got the Kennedys in this thing now."

As the tapes were opened to the public, the Nixon Library in Linda, Calif., provided — for the first time — released tran-

scripts of the conversations on the Internet.

John Taylor, executive director, said the library provided the transcripts and commentary so the public could read them and compare them with

the released audio tapes.

Except under court order, the archives never makes transcripts because there is no way to ensure the accuracy of the interpretation, says Karl Weissenbach, director of the

Nixon project at the archives.

Transcripts are hard to prepare because of background noise, people talking at once, the difficulty of identifying voices and the quality of the recordings, he said.

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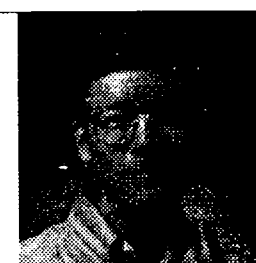
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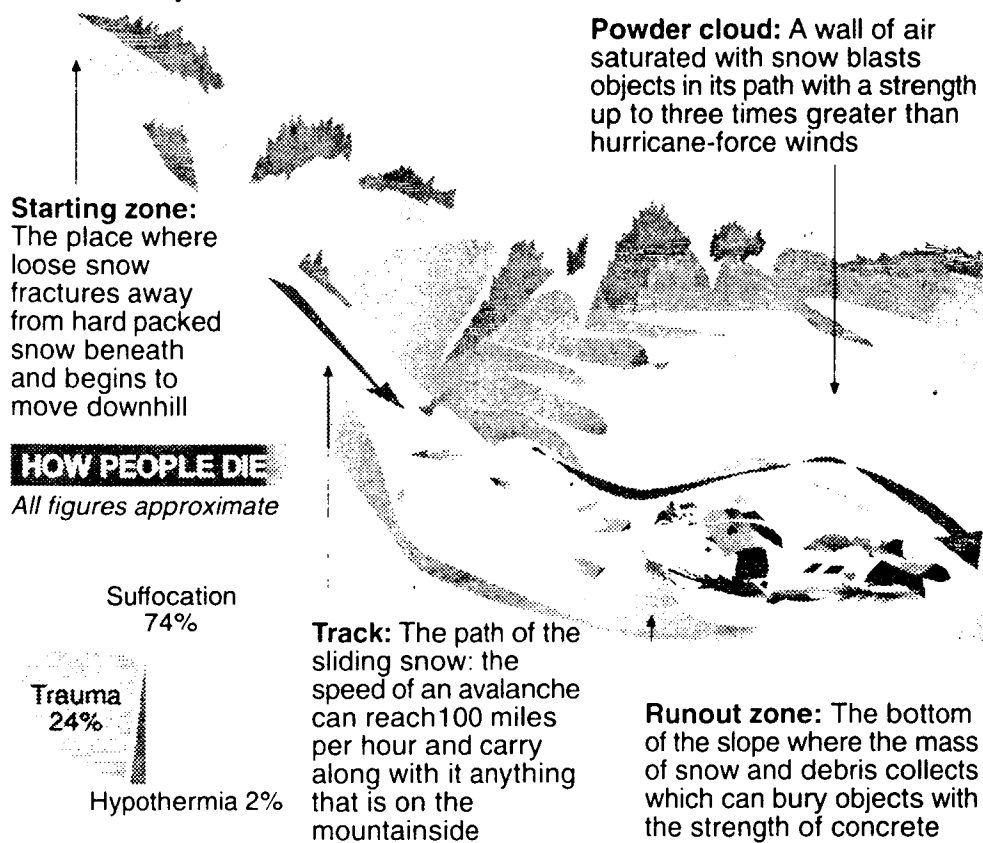
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■ AUSTRIA

Avalanche death toll rises to 33; 'miracle' child found

How an avalanche kills

Fatal avalanches have plagued parts of Europe in recent weeks as the region endures its snowiest winter in a half-century. A look at why slides are so deadly:



Associated Press

LANDECK

The smile of a resuscitated four-year-old boy — given up for dead when rescuers found him under a massive snowslide — brought hope and joy to this snow-deluged valley Thursday, even as the death toll from two avalanches rose to 33.

In the western Austrian village of Galtuer, where at least 28 people were killed, scores of rescuers used long metal probes to search for at least three people still believed buried beneath tons of snow.

Videotapes brought back by rescue teams showed cars crushed by walls of snow or hurled like toys by the force of Tuesday's avalanche. The top floor of one house was missing, as if sliced off by a giant razor blade.

Roads into the mountainous area remained blocked Thursday, but maintenance crews worked steadily, hoping

to clear them by Friday afternoon.

Dozens of helicopters ferried food and supplies into the stricken area, and brought out tourists. Choppers from the German army and police, Switzerland and U.S. army bases in Germany reinforced pilots from the Austrian army.

The U.S. Blackhawks and other helicopters shuttling survivors out to Landeck landed in a swirl of snow on a blocked-off autobahn outside of town. A string of buses there took vacationers to an army camp where psychological counseling was available. From there, the travelers boarded trains for the final leg of the journey home.

The four-year-old Austrian boy, whose name was not released, was dubbed "the miracle of Valzur" for surviving 100 minutes under the snow in the second of two deadly avalanches that killed dozens in western Austria.

When rescuers found him late

Wednesday, he was frozen and had no circulation. He was rushed to nearby Galtuer, where doctors saved his life by slowly "warming him up" before sending him to a hospital in the town of Zams.

"When he arrived at the hospital he had a pacifier in his mouth, and he even smiled a little," Dr. Alois Schranz told the Austria Press Agency.

"The boy is well. He eats normally, he talks and plays," pediatrician Irene Walch told The Associated Press. She said he would remain under observation.

Meanwhile, authorities warned that the risk of more avalanches remained extremely high due to rising temperatures and fresh snow. Another slide hit Neustift in the Stubai Valley south of Innsbruck late Thursday, but initial reports said no one was missing.

Another avalanche in Switzerland, set off artificially Thursday with explosives, injured at least one person.

Among the 28 people confirmed dead in the Galtuer snowslide were five Dutch — two fathers and their children. Twenty-three people, eight of them injured, had been rescued from the village. The search continued Thursday, concentrating on two ruined houses where 10 bodies, including several children, were pulled out of the deep snow, the Austria Press Agency reported.

The other five confirmed dead were from the neighboring village of Valzur. Three more bodies were uncovered there Thursday and at least two others were missing.

Suffocation is the most likely cause of death in an avalanche, followed by being crushed by the weight of the snow.

About 2,500 tourists were helicoptered out of Galtuer on Thursday and hundreds of others were flown from nearby villages and hamlets. But about 1,000 remained in Galtuer, refusing to end their holidays.

Weary survivors arriving in Munich, Germany, said they were glad to be back.

Hans Weimann, 77, said the avalanche started with an incredible noise that "got louder and louder," before everything went white.

The Galtuer avalanche is the worst to hit central Europe this winter, as the region endures its heaviest snowfall in 50 years. More than 70 people across Europe have died in avalanches this year.

In Switzerland, the man-made avalanche that hit the southern ski resort of Luekerbad on Thursday sent one person to the hospital with a suspected heart attack. Several others were treated for shock.

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■ RIGHT OR WRONG?

The Death Penalty is All Wrong for the U.S.

Darryl Mease, a triple murderer, had been scheduled for execution by the state of Missouri on Jan. 27, the day Pope John Paul II celebrated Mass in the Trans World Dome before 104,000

Charles Rice



persons. Mease's execution was postponed because of the Pope's visit. After the Mass, the Pope walked over to Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan and said, "Have mercy on Mr. Mease." The Governor commuted Mease's sentence to life without parole.

"I continue to support capital punishment," said Carnahan, "but after ... consideration of his direct and personal appeal and because of a deep ... respect for the Pontiff and all he represents, I decided ... to grant his request." While the Governor, a Baptist, responded to the Pope's appeal, polls show that Catholics and others in the United States reject, 2 to 1, the Pope's position on the death penalty. So is John Paul out of touch? Or is he on to something? Let's review some basics.

The death penalty, legal in 38 states, is in trouble. One problem is numerical. 3,549 inmates were on death row in the United States at the start of 1999, including 17 condemned under federal law. About 300 more are sentenced to death every year. In 1998, 68 persons were executed. To eliminate the backlog could require the execution of one person every day for about 60 years.

A perennial problem, of possibly executing the innocent, was brought to the fore by the release this February of Anthony Porter from Illinois' death row.

Porter, who had come within two days of execution, was released when a Northwestern University journalism class investigated his case and obtained from another man a confession which exonerated Porter.

A third problem is expense. The death penalty is three times more expensive than life imprisonment without parole. In North Carolina, each execution costs \$2.16 million more; in Florida, \$3.2 million more; in Texas, \$2.3 million more. "Life without parole could save millions of dollars," wrote former Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox. "It's cheaper to lock'em up and throw away the key ... As violent crime continues to escalate, it's something to consider."

While opinion polls generally show support for the death penalty, that support has dropped to about 50 percent in some polls where the alternative presented was guaranteed life without parole. Presumably that support would drop even lower if the alternative were, as some have proposed, "hard time" imprisonment for life under conditions more onerous than those imposed on other prisoners.

The popularity of the death penalty reflects the cultural acceptance of the intentional infliction of death as a problem-solving technique. Capital punishment is one manifestation of the "culture of death," as are abortion and euthanasia. The victim in abortion and euthanasia, unlike the convicted criminal, is innocent. But in all three cases, the ending of the life of a human being is the result of an essentially utilitarian calculation.

At the Trans World Dome, however, John Paul said: "A sign of hope is the increasing recognition that the dignity of human life must never be taken away, even in the case of someone who has done great evil. Modern society has the means of protecting itself, without definitively denying criminals the chance to reform. I renew the appeal I made most recently at Christmas for a

consensus to end the death penalty which is both cruel and unnecessary."

In *Evangelium Vitae* (EV), John Paul affirmed that the State, which derives its authority from God, has the right to impose the death penalty. But he restricted the permissible use of that penalty to "cases of absolute necessity ... when it would not be possible otherwise to defend society." This refers not to some generalized defense of society by imposing retribution or by deterring potential offenders. Rather it refers only to the protection of society from this convicted criminal.

The final text of the Catechism makes it explicit that a Catholic can no longer argue for the death penalty from an undifferentiated need "to protect": [T]he traditional teaching of the church does not exclude recourse to the death penalty, if this is the only possible way of effectively defending human lives against the unjust aggressor. If, however, nonlethal means are sufficient to defend and protect people's safety from the aggressor, authority will limit itself to such means ... Today ... as a consequence of the possibilities which the state has for effectively preventing crime, by rendering one who has committed an offense incapable of doing harm ... the cases in which the execution of the offender is an absolute necessity are very rare, if not practically nonexistent." (No. 2267, Emphasis added.)

A Catholic could still argue for the death penalty in exceptional cases, such as where a prisoner murders a guard. Should you give him another life sentence? Or would it be consistent with his dignity to wall him up in a cell, with food and wastes passed through a slot and with no direct contact ever with any other human being? Other cases could be argued, such as a rebellion or other disturbance in which the authorities would lack the ability to keep a murderer securely imprisoned. Although the death penalty could be argued to be

absolutely necessary in such cases, even there it is debatable. But the criterion is protection of society from this criminal.

Before EV, I and others supported the death penalty as a necessary way to restore the balance of justice and to promote respect for innocent life by inflicting a punishment for murder which was qualitatively different from the punishment for other crimes. But the Vicar of Christ has made these arguments obsolete, raising the discussion to a new level. He authoritatively challenges the claim of the state to assume the jurisdiction of God over life and death. After discussing the death penalty, EV states, "If such great care must be taken to respect every life, even that of criminals and unjust aggressors, the commandment, 'You shall not kill' has absolute value when it refers to the innocent person." (No. 57.) If we owe such respect to the life of the guilty, so much more, and absolutely so, with respect to the innocent. But this works the other way, too. If we could maintain the absolute inviolability of innocent life, we must begin by safeguarding even the life of the guilty from termination except according to the very restrictive law of God.

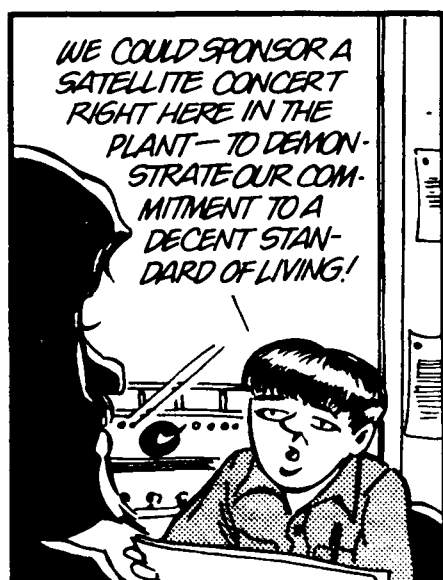
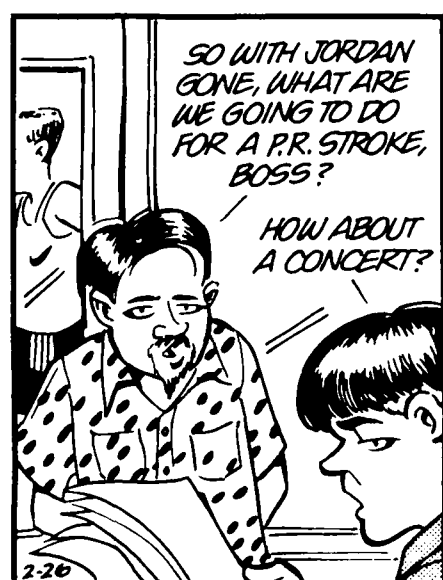
"God did not make death, and he does not delight in the death of the living." After Cain murdered Able, God "put a mark on Cain ... not to condemn him to the hatred of others, but to protect and defend him from those wishing to kill him ... Not even a murderer loses his personal dignity, and God himself pledges to guarantee this ... God, who preferred the correction rather than the death of a sinner, did not desire that a homicide be punished by the exaction of another act of homicide." (I:V No. 9)

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■ DOONESBURY

GARRY TRUDEAU



■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

'Nietzsche is pietzsche.'

— Club 23 men's bathroom wall

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I am not saying boxing is the best thing anyone can do at Notre Dame or in life, but boxing has to be put in its proper perspective. It is not so big a part of my life, regardless of how many people watch me win in the finals, regardless of the letter jacket I can show off next year, or the overwhelming mass of girls who will swoon over me after I win. Boxing will consist of only 18 weeks of my entire life: only 1/1000th of my life already and much less of my whole life. But maybe boxing helped me by getting me in shape, stopping me from drinking during the time I was training, teaching me discipline and control, and most importantly, even if I wasn't conscious of it, my boxing was used as a means to help those in

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FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME

HEAD COACH MUFFET MCGRAW

By JOEY CAVATO
Associate Sports Editor

It all began as a way to simply stay around something she loves.

When she looks back at what she's built, Muffet McGraw sees one of the best college basketball programs in the country.

After graduation from Saint Joseph's University with a degree in sociology and leading the basketball team to a 59-12 mark over four years, the options were limited for a young female athlete with a passion for basketball.

After a brief and successful stint as head coach at Archbishop Carroll High in Philadelphia, an opportunity appeared for Muffet McGraw.

McGraw played point guard for the California Dreams, a team in the folded women's professional league.

The league did not last long but her next step would lead to continued greatness.

She became an assistant at her alma mater, then earned her first collegiate head coaching assignment at Lehigh University before another opportunity arose. This one was a golden opportunity for both McGraw and the University of Notre Dame.

May 18, 1987 was one of the most significant days in Notre Dame women's basketball history: It was the day then-athletic director Gene Corrigan hired McGraw.

"If we searched for an entire year, I don't think we would find anyone better suited for our program," Corrigan said.

Twelve years and 258 wins later Corrigan's words still ring true.

"I was drawn to Notre Dame by prestige, tradition, the reputation of the school," McGraw said. "It has everything that I wanted in a job. It's a great school with a pretty small campus in a nice area and I thought it would be easy to recruit."

McGraw's list of accomplishments as head coach are long and distinguished. She has helped to decorate the Joyce Center with NCAA tournament banners, the most notable signifying the 1997 Final Four.

Notre Dame's Cinderella run behind 2,000 point scorers Beth Morgan and Katryna Gaither shocked the women's college basketball world.

"It gave us instant credibility," McGraw said. "It's kind of a milestone in a coach's life. It gave our whole program a stamp of respectability and credibility. It also gave all of our players that knowledge

that yes, we can do it here."

Perhaps more remarkable than the Final Four run was the program's ability to sustain its success in a trip to the Sweet 16 with a very young, but very talented, squad.

"I thought it was a greater accomplishment than going to the Final Four," McGraw said. "I think that when we went to the Final Four, people thought we were just Katryna Gaither and Beth Morgan and once they were gone we were done. It gave the whole program the sense that we're for real and we're going to be in the top 10 or certainly expect to be in the top 20 every year."

"That reflects on what a great coach she is," senior captain Sheila McMillen said about last year's run in the NCAA Tournament. "Last year was supposed to be a down year because we were losing two great players. She can tell the personality of the team and how to handle it and how to get the most out of it."

"I couldn't believe how much that team grew some that year and how far we went," point guard Niele Ivey said. "She had a lot to do with that. Coach McGraw helped us realize the confidence that we needed for us to do what we had to do. I think we went so far because of the confidence she instilled in us."

McGraw's success has come from more than just her skills with a clipboard. Her passion for the game and developing the coach-player relationship help to make her program what it is.

"You can tell that she loves coaching by how she is on the sidelines," McMillen said. "She carries over to the players on the floor."

"I wanted to go to a program that reminded me of home and my family," Ivey said. "When I meet her, I felt like I was going to develop that kind of close relationship with her that I had with my previous coaches and my mom. She's a real personable coach; a very understanding and caring coach. Regardless of athletics, it seems that she really cared about my success here as a person besides an athlete and that's what convinced me to come here."

With success comes greater opportunity.

After Notre Dame's Final Four run in McGraw's 10th season she heard the opportunity knocking.

South Carolina expressed interest in McGraw and she briefly entertained the idea with an interview.

"I think after 10 years I kind of thought maybe I should go somewhere else, maybe it was time for a change, "

McGraw said. "It was a great year and it was a good time to move on because a lot of people were graduating. I had things going on and I wanted to test the market and see what was out there."

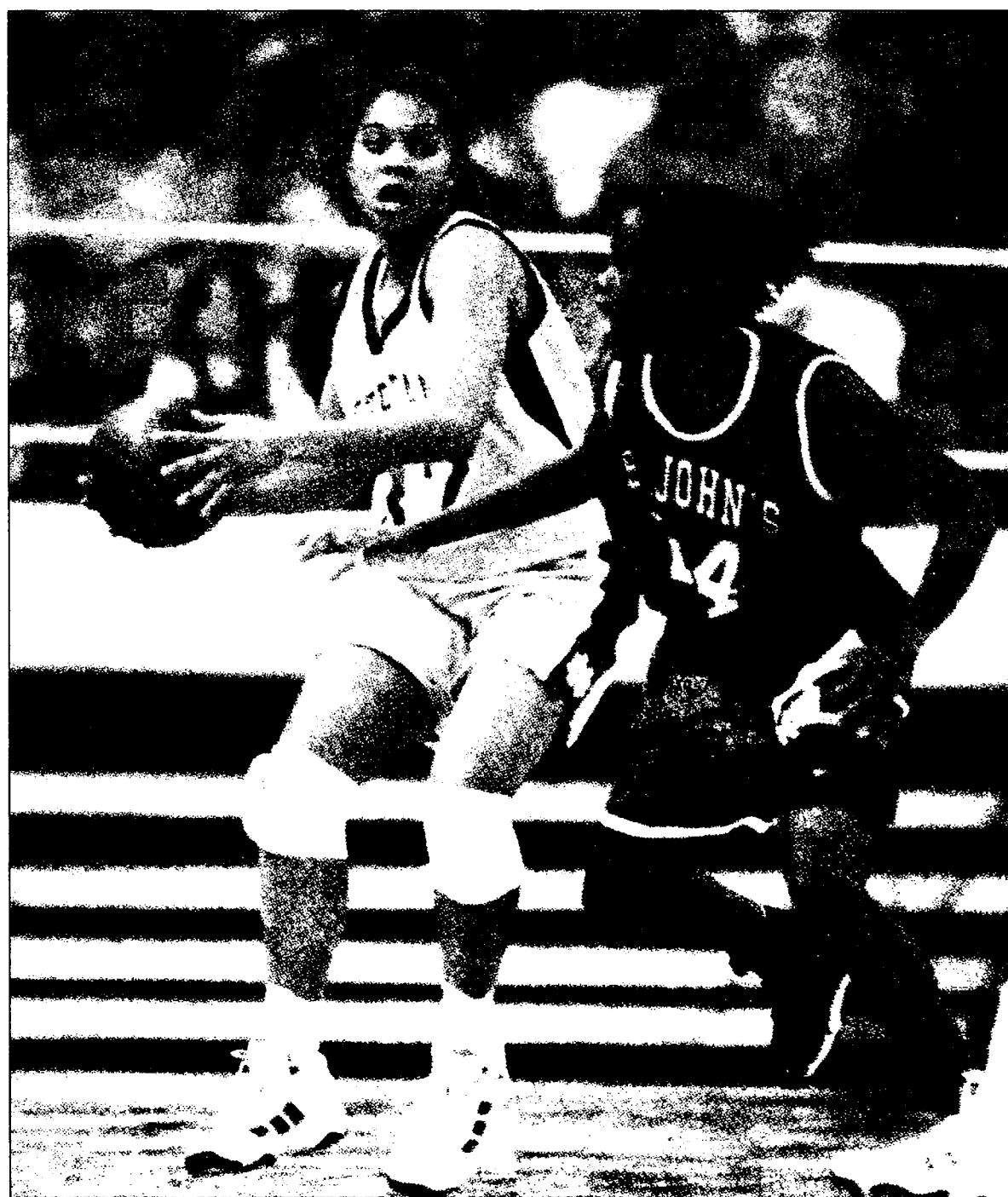
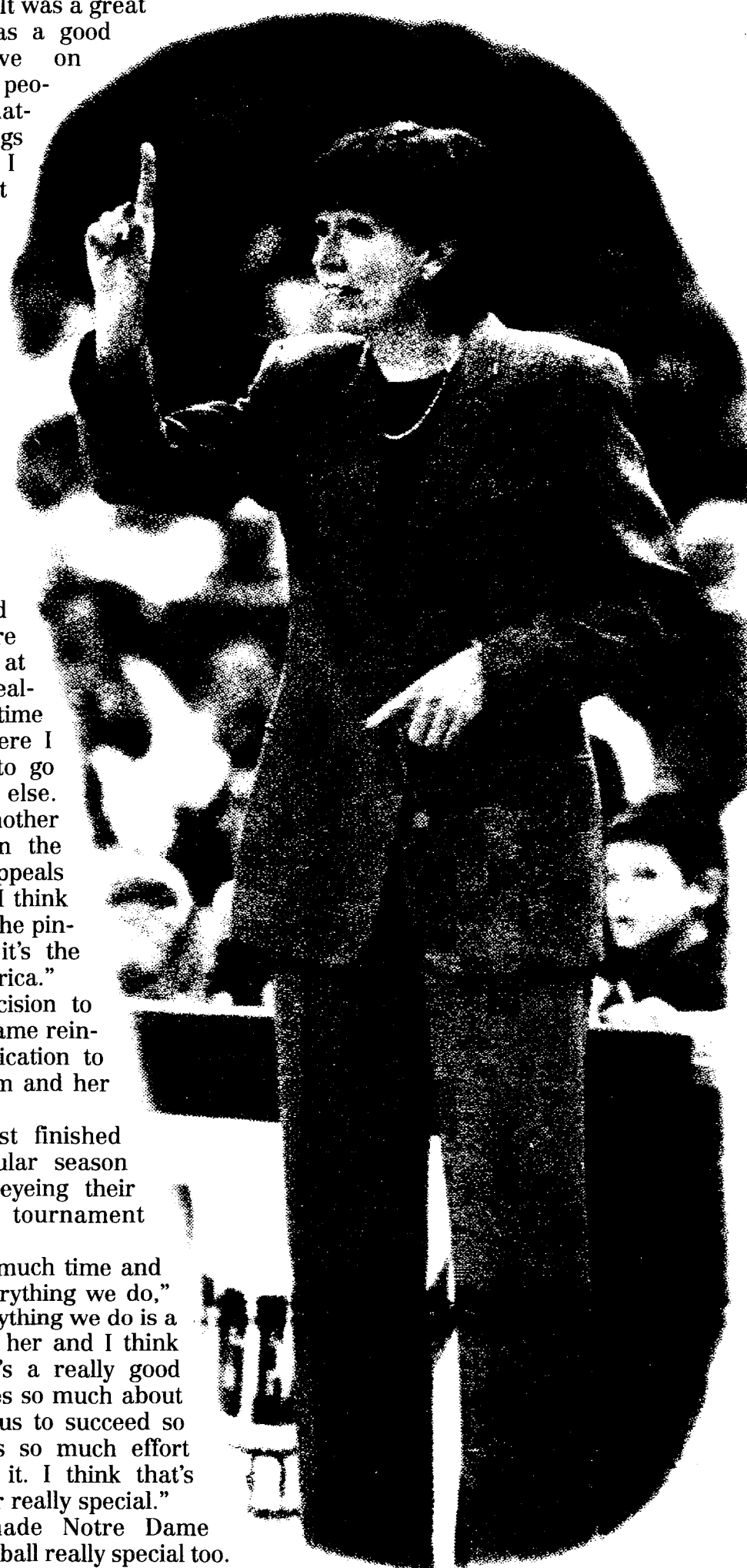
"I don't think I had any intention of taking it as far as it went," she continued. "I don't really know why I went on the interview. I just went to see what they had and to compare to what we had at Notre Dame. I realized the whole time while I was there I never wanted to go anywhere else. There's not another college town in the country that appeals to me because I think Notre Dame is the pinnacle. I think it's the best job in America."

McGraw's decision to stay at Notre Dame reinforced her dedication to her program and her players.

The Irish just finished their best regular season ever and are eyeing their first Big East tournament championship.

"She puts so much time and energy into everything we do," Ivey said. "Everything we do is a reflection upon her and I think that's why she's a really good coach. She cares so much about us. She wants us to succeed so much and puts so much effort and energy to it. I think that's what makes her really special."

That has made Notre Dame women's basketball really special too.



Junior center Julie Henderson will see quality minutes off the bench for Muffet McGraw's squad.

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NOVEMBER

WED. 4	VISBY-SWEDEN	W, 111-82
WED. 11	ESTONIA	W, 88-37
SAT. 14	UCLA	W, 99-82
WED. 18	AT BUTLER	W, 71-60
SAT. 21	DUKE	W, 84-57
TUES. 24	ILLINOIS	W, 102-92
SAT. 28	AT SAN FRANCISCO	W, 74-43

DECEMBER

WED. 2	TOLEDO	W, 82-64
TUES. 8	CONNECTICUT	L, 106-81
SAT. 12	VILLANOVA	W, 63-62
SAT. 19	AT SOUTH FLORIDA	W, 83-63
MON. 21	AT MICHIGAN STATE	W, 75-64
WED. 30	AT BOSTON COLLEGE	L, 78-65

JANUARY

SAT. 2	AT GEORGETOWN	W, 93-61
THUR. 7	WEST VIRGINIA	W, 111-90
SUN. 10	PROVIDENCE	W, 79-56
SAT. 16	AT PITTSBURGH	W, 81-72
WED. 20	AT SETON HALL	W, 87-47
SAT. 23	ST. JOHN'S	W, 99-60
TUES. 26	AT SYRACUSE	W, 94-61
SAT. 30	AT PROVIDENCE	W, 97-56

FEBRUARY

WED. 3	BOSTON COLLEGE	W, 74-59
SAT. 6	SETON HALL	W, 77-49
WED. 10	AT VILLANOVA	W, 74-52
SAT. 13	AT RUTGERS	L, 77-57
WED. 17	SYRACUSE	W, 82-60
SAT. 20	AT WEST VIRGINIA	W, 89-54
TUES. 23	MIAMI	W, 89-62

■ IRISH INSIGHT

Irish search for first-ever Big East title

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Assistant Sports Editor

The shot is open for the Irish to take, and landing it means more than winning another game.

Actually, Notre Dame will need to win its next three games before it can score the biggest victory of the season. With coach Muffet McGraw at the helm, the Irish have been able to tear their way through the NCAA championships, including a run to the Final Four. But the team has yet to pick up a Big East tournament title.

That third win has eluded the Irish in the past three seasons. And every time, the blow has come from Connecticut.

In fact, the Irish have never defeated Connecticut, losing all nine meetings. On paper, McGraw's task this season seems all the more improbable with No. 7 Rutgers in the mix of teams with shots at the title.

But basketball is played on the hardwood, and the Irish know that now's their chance to steal a piece of the show.

The Big East has never been as open for any team to take as it is now. Connecticut's perch above the conference has eroded while a handful of teams have quickly built high-level programs.

The Huskies 17-1 record this season was only good enough to tie them for first place as they shared the regu-

lar-season conference crown, the only time they have had to share the title since it began the streak in the 1993-94 season.

That loss for the Huskies didn't come against No. 10 Notre Dame or Rutgers, but against Boston College. The Eagles (20-6, 12-6) have also done their best to make the top half of the conference a scramble for first.

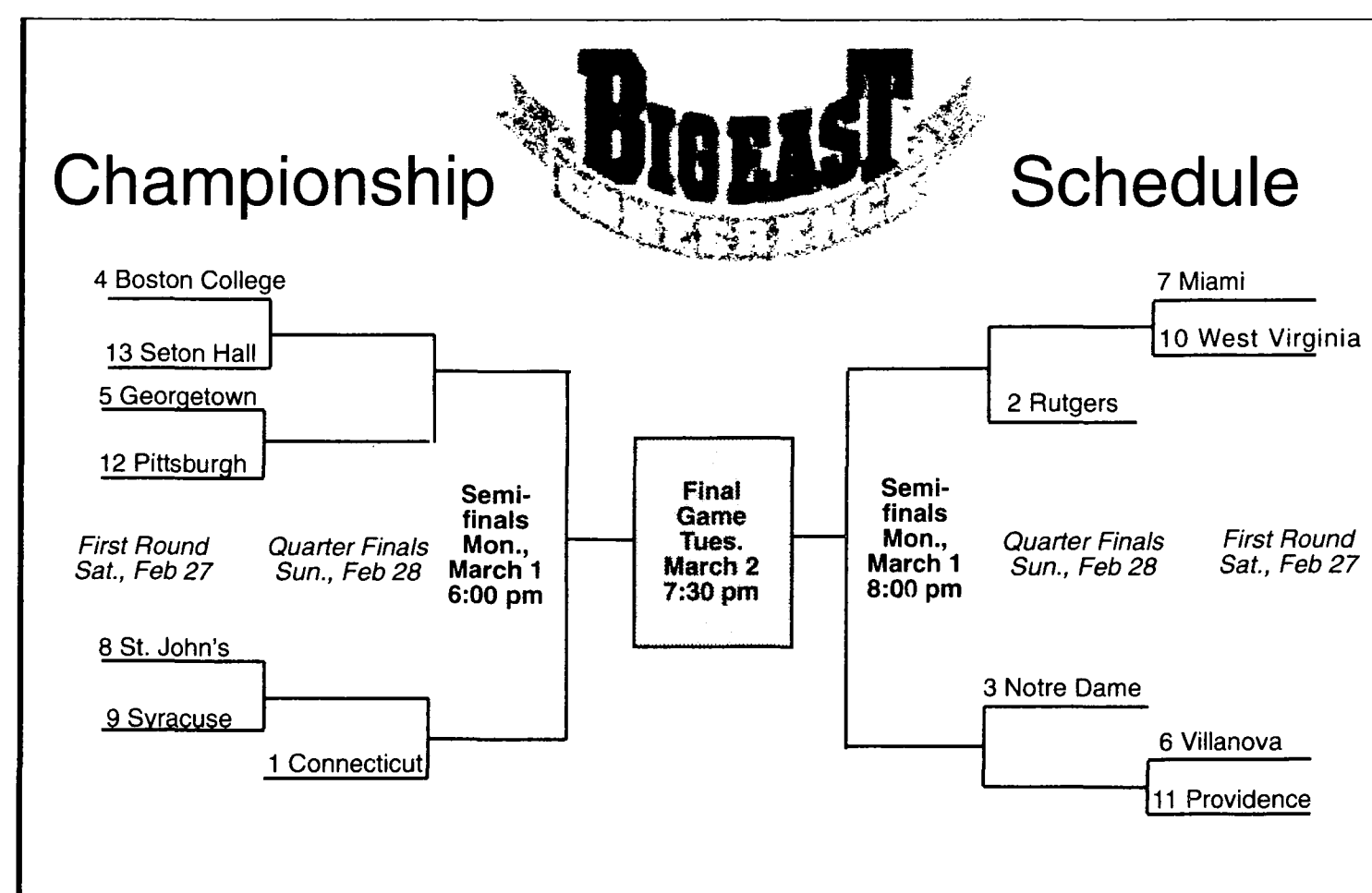
With such a talented pool at the top to assure Connecticut won't be able to cruise to another title, the Irish have their best-ever shot to play spoiler.

"I think the Big East tournament is really up for grabs," said Miami coach Ferne Labati after her team finished the regular season at Notre Dame Tuesday. "It's going to be a wild tournament."

Wild is exactly the setting the Irish need to pull off a magical run to the top. When even the seventh-seeded Hurricanes have hopes of making an effort for the championship, then a team like Notre Dame should be able to play like champions too.

And they have, by rebounding after losses and persevering for conference contention. The key now is to rebound from the losses in head-to-head matchups with Connecticut and Rutgers.

"So far I think we are living up to the expectations we had," said team captain Sheila McMillen. "Early on in the



season, we beat the teams we wanted to beat, but we've also lost a couple of games that we probably shouldn't have. I think the key hasn't from that is that we rebounded after those losses. Now it's time to turn our focus onto the tournament. This is like a second season for us."

The Irish beat themselves in both of those losses by allowing the opposition to dictate the game's momentum.

"Run and gun" might be Connecticut's style and a stifling slow-paced game

might be in Rutgers game plan, but neither can overpower McGraw's team when it sticks to its game.

Though they continue to concentrate on the defense, the Irish have grabbed much attention for their attack.

When on its game, it is basically unstoppable.

The threat can come from McMillen downtown as likely as 6-foot-4 center Ruth Riley from under the rim and everything in between. This team's depth is so great, that McGraw is certain a Big East

run is only the beginning and likens it to the 1997 Final Four team:

"I think they are two different teams," she said. "The Final Four team, I think you could shut us down by shutting down a couple of players, but this team you can't key on just one or two players, because the other three will step up. That's what makes us real tough to stop."

When the shot is open for the taking, it's difficult to stop the scoreboard from lighting up.

TOP CONTENDERS

No. 1 Connecticut

Starting the season on top of the polls and virtually untouched in the Big East, the Huskies had a rough second half for a team that only lost one game all last season. After losses to Tennessee and Louisiana Tech., Boston College proved that it is not invincible in the Big East. With five players earning double-digit points-per-game averages in the conference, and Paige Sauer, Svetlana Abrosimova, and Shea Ralph all earning conference player-of-the-week honors, Connecticut has the muscle to blast through the tournament.

No. 2 Rutgers

Tying Connecticut for the conference regular-season crown, Rutgers' 17-1 mark not only landed it a No. 2 seed heading into the tournament, but also a ranking of seventh in the nation. The Scarlet Knights pose one of the strongest defenses in the nation. Leading the way will be Tammy Sutton-Brown in the paint and Shawnetta Stewart in the backcourt. Their defense can give them the springboard to bounce to the title.

No. 3 Notre Dame

Wielding one of the most varied offenses in the conference, the Irish have counted on a number of scorers to drop the ball this season. The biggest problem is the defense has failed in the three conference losses. Notre Dame will need to focus on the defense in order to handle teams like Connecticut, Rutgers and Boston College and have a shot at the championship.

No. 4 Boston College

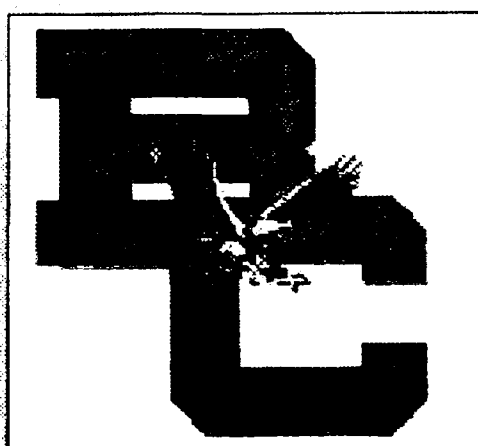
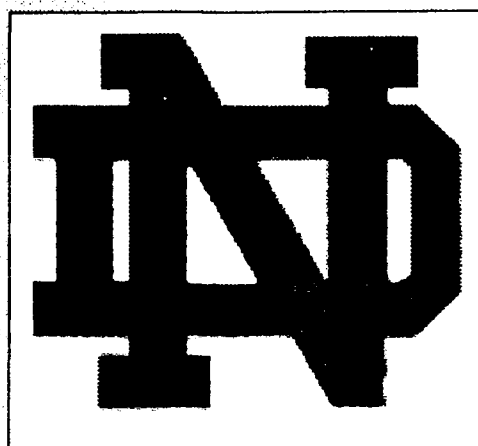
The first team without a first round bye, the Eagles have recorded their first-ever 20-win season. Alissa Murphy has been the team's most consistent, with 15.8 points per game. With two wins against lower-ranked opponents in the first and quarterfinals, Boston College could find itself in the semis against Connecticut.



Notre Dame v. Rutgers, Feb. 13, 1999



Notre Dame v. Boston College, Feb. 3, 1999



McMillen leads Irish into conference tourney

CAPTAIN SHEILA McMILLEN ENJOYS A SENSATIONAL SENIOR SEASON

By BRIAN KESSLER
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Growing up on a farm in Rochester, Ind., few would have thought that Sheila McMillen would make her living downtown.

The senior captain, however, has done just that.

McMillen already holds the single-season Irish record for three-pointers made (84) and has entered her name into the Notre Dame record books for a second time this season. Most recently, she eclipsed another of Beth Morgan's

records and became the school's all-time leader for three-pointers made (235).

"It's quite an honor to be mentioned with Morgan," said McMillen. "I played under her for two years and she's a great player, so it's definitely an honor."

"Those records are something I'll be able to enjoy when the season and my career are over," McMillen continued. "Right now, I'm just focusing on our team's success."

McMillen has been an integral part of the team suc-

cess. The lone Irish captain is enjoying an outstanding senior season and has provided invaluable leadership for the young squad.

"Sheila has had a tremendous season," head coach Muffet McGraw said. "I think the biggest thing she's done for us this year is her leadership and poise. She always brings her game and comes out ready to play. We can count on her and we know exactly what we are going to get out of her every single night."

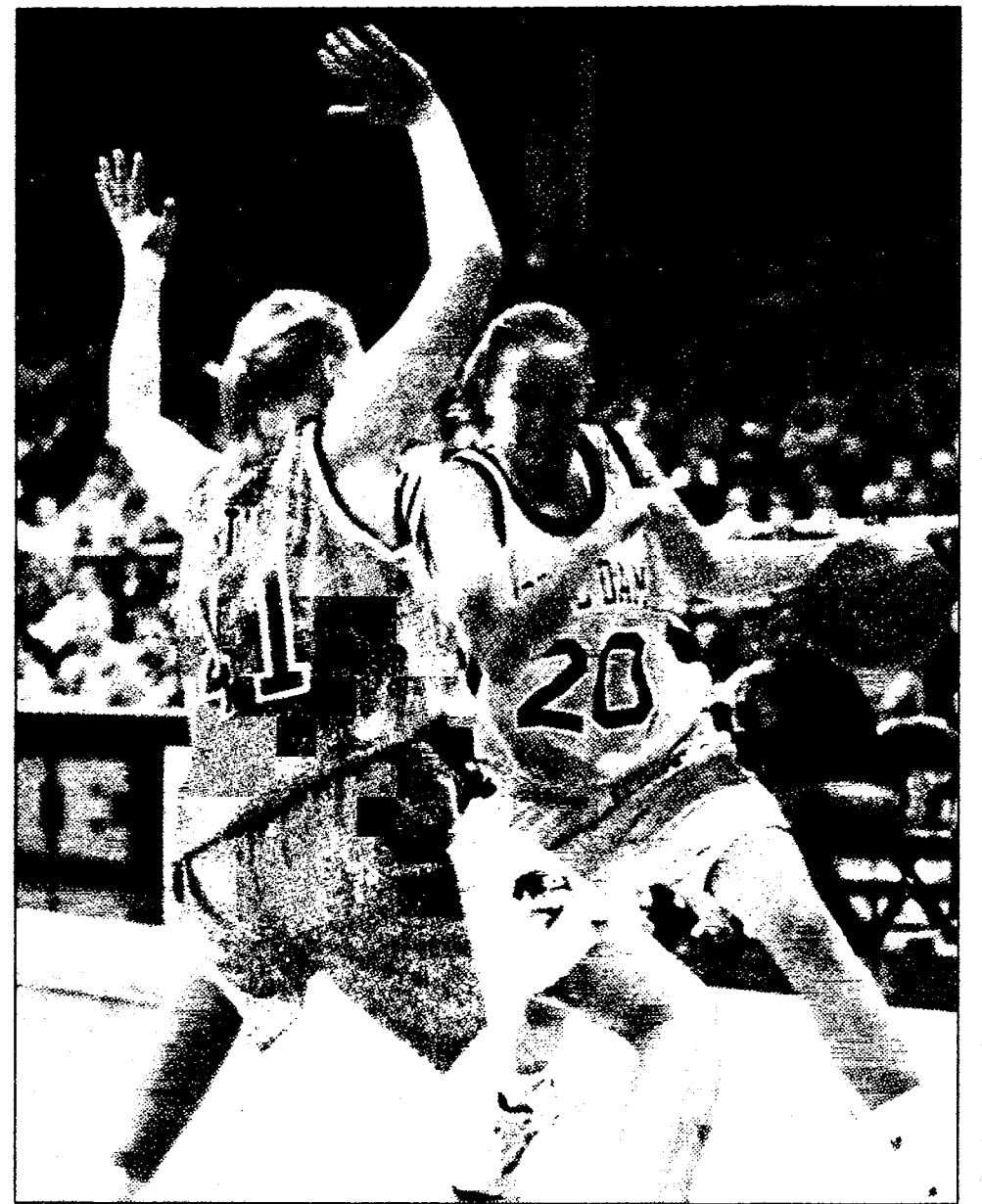
In her senior campaign, McMillen is averaging 15.8 points per game, ranking her eighth in conference scoring. She has turned in a team-high 10 20-point performances and pulled down a career-high eight rebounds on three separate occasions. She is also third in the nation in three-point field goals per game, averaging 3.1 per contest.

"I think she's improved a lot," said McGraw. "She's come up big in every game for us and she's played so well for us all season long. She's probably been the mainstay on our team and definitely the person we can count on the most during the year."

McGraw is not the only coach to praise McMillen. Following the Irish's victory over the Hurricanes on Tuesday night, Miami head coach Ferne Labati lauded the three-point specialist.

"I think McMillen is a great player," Labati said. "She has a really quick release, but the greatest thing of all is that she shoots so well off that pass and has a really pretty shot. She's improved a lot and worked awfully hard. She was a great player coming out of high school, but I think she's worked hard to improve the quickness of her shot and the confidence of her shot."

McMillen's distinct no-rotation shot has given opposing coaches fits and even broken



The Observer/Jeff Hsu

Senior captain Sheila McMillen is averaging 15.8 points per game and has gone over 20 points 10 times this season.

down the conference's best zone defenses.

"People say I have a knuckle ball rotation, but I just focus on the quick release and getting the shot off," McMillen said.

She made that shot famous in the first round of last year's Big East championship when she lit up St. John's for a tournament and school-record eight three-pointers at the Louis Brown Athletic Center.

"I'm looking forward to playing there," said McMillen. "Shooters have their favorite gyms and I'm not sure what it is about it, but I feel really comfortable there."

McMillen also felt comfortable in an Irish uniform.

"Being so close, I grew up with Notre Dame," said McMillen, who was named to the Successful Farming All-American basketball team

earlier this season. "I went to basketball camp here and I fell in love with the place."

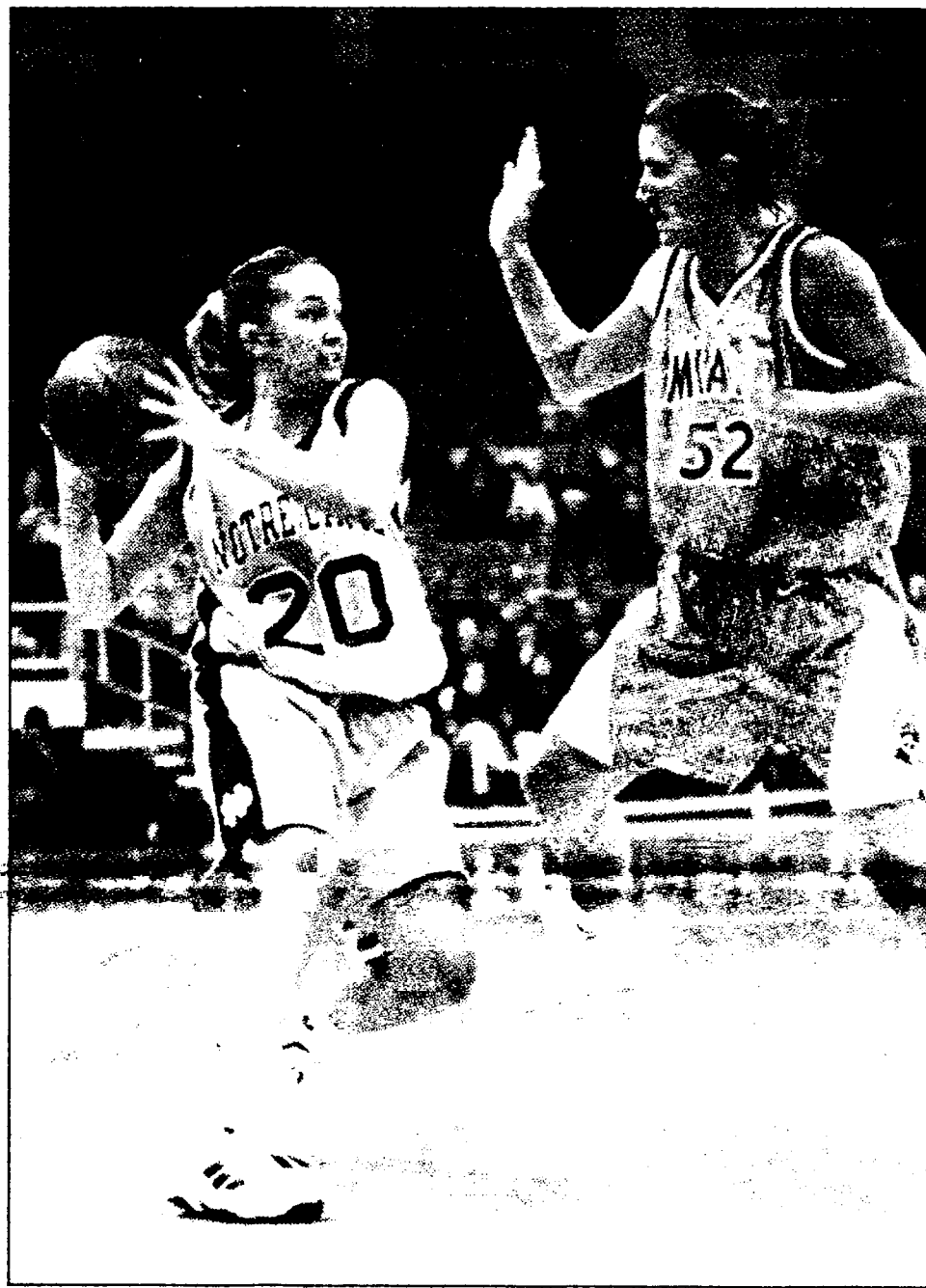
Irish fans have also fallen in love with her and her presence on the court will surely be missed next season.

As for now, the senior is looking forward to a successful postseason.

"I think I'm pretty loose going in," McMillen said. "I'm having a lot of fun and that's the key I think now, especially going into the NCAA tournament, knowing that any game could be my last. I'm going to enjoy tournament time."

Notre Dame's first-ever Big East championship would make tournament time that much more enjoyable for McMillen, who was a member of the 1997 Final Four team.

The Irish will be tough to stop if McMillen gets it going from downtown.



The Observer/Kevin Dalum

Guard Sheila McMillen has surpassed Beth Morgan and now holds the Irish records for most single-season and career three-pointers.



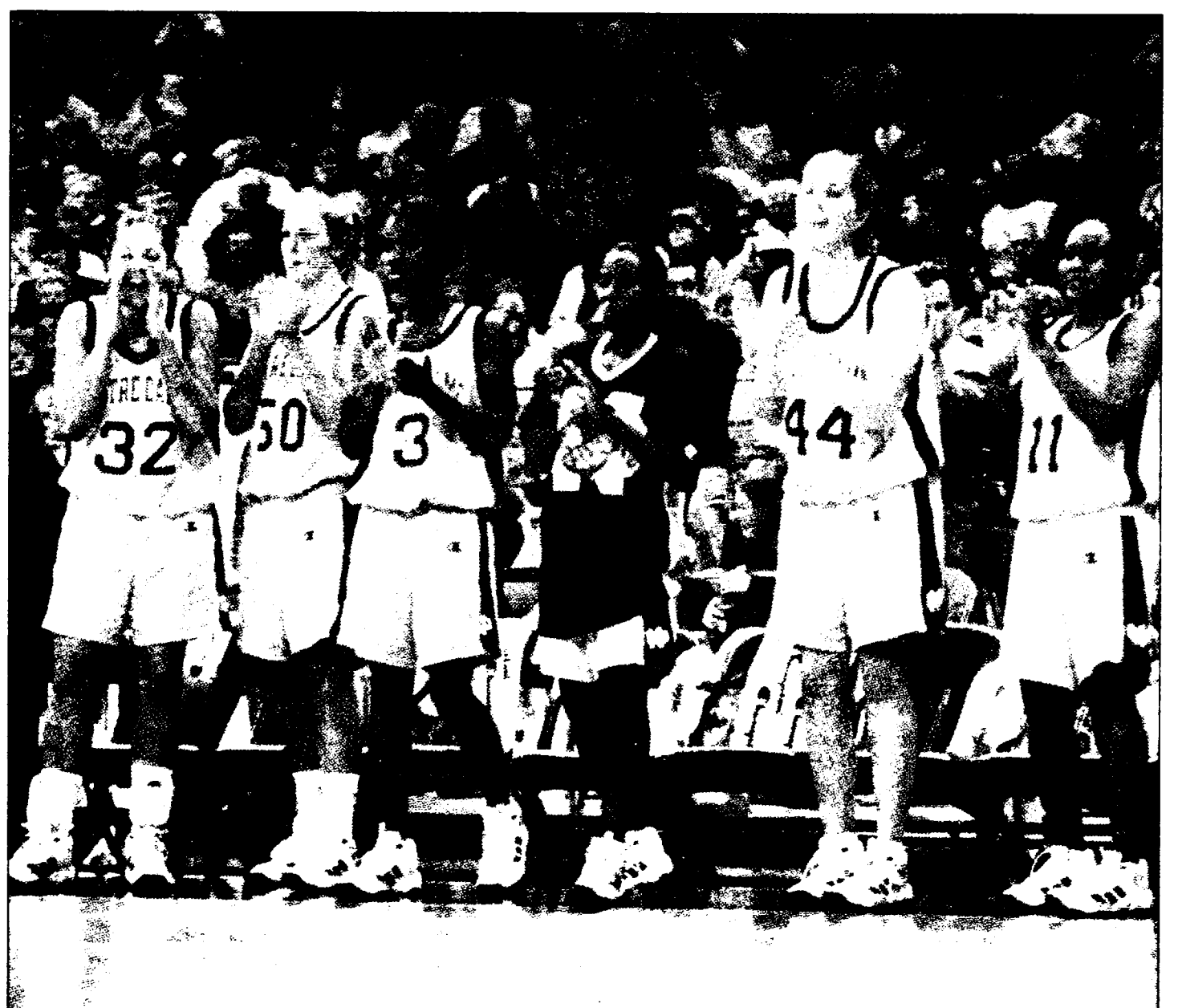
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The Observer/Kevin Dalum

The Irish bench will play a key role in the fate of the women in this year's Big East Tournament. Notre Dame's balanced attack and depth will give them an advantage heading into the postseason.

Versatile comic looks to make his mark on the entertainment world

Special to The Observer

A.J. Jamal is perhaps one of comedy's hardest working comedians, having conquered internationally the territories of television, film, concerts, colleges and comedy clubs with his captivating style. With credits that include "Vibe-TV," "Keenan," and "The Tonight Show," the comedian also served as host of his own show, the ACE nominated, "Comic Justice" which still airs on the Comedy Central network. Many remember Jamal from his early days, as part of the comedic core of "In Living Single."

He has worked in venues from Radio City Music Hall to Caesar's Palace, and performed in concert with a bevy of top recording artists, including Diana Ross, Aretha Franklin, Cher and Kenny Loggins. His enchanting G-rated persona has been captured on the screens of "The Arsenio Hall Show," "Comic Strip Live," A&E's "An Evening at the Improv," and "Def Comedy Jam." He has also served as the host of "Comedy in the Caribbean," for the Arts & Entertainment Network.

The Cheapest Movie Ever Made, however, is Jamal's greatest venture to date. Adding filmmaker to his list of accomplishments, A.J. recently wrapped up production on the movie, a vehicle which he directs, produces and stars in. A labor of love, laughs and not dollars, *The Cheapest Movie Ever Made* is a madcap whirlwind adventure. It stars film veteran Art Evans (*Die Hard*), Garrett Morris ("Saturday Night Live"), and Tiny "Zeus" Lester (*Fifth Element*).

A former IBM computer engineer, Jamal's analytical approach and perceptive range is brilliantly parlayed into a comic vision that evokes laughter the moment he touches the stage. He possesses a theatrical gift and versatility that is evidenced in his every move, whether he is impersonating a wide range of characters or simply recalling some hilarious facet of human nature.

Jamal has consistently demonstrated that he is more than simply a funnyman of comedy. As the host of "Comic Justice," Jamal broke comedic ground, presenting us with images that ran the gamut of entertainment to information. A fun paced, urban showcase, "Comic Justice" spotlighted ethnic humor while incorporating stand-up and sketch comedy, as well as celebrity interviews. Arsenio Hall, Reverend Jesse Jackson and Sinbad are only a sample of the personalities who have been interviewed by Jamal for the show.

With *The Cheapest Movie Ever Made*, Jamal once again presents us the opportunity to glimpse his comedic genius at its best. The movie details the trials of a young filmmaker, Sherlock (Jamal), and how he is involved the help of his homies to produce his screenplay, entitled, "The Final Exit — 008," the story of the first black James Bond. The lively spoof incorporates action, thrills and suspense.

Jamal is on a career path that is continually expanding. And as long as comedy continues to be one of America's favorite pasttimes, A.J. Jamal will remain in the forefront. A prolific talent, he is fast on his way to becoming a comedy legend.

After
Bengal Bouts
**Catch A.J.
Jamal**
performing live
at Recker's
Tonight at
midnight



Tonight Recker's will play host to comedian A.J. Jamal, who has appeared on The Tonight Show, The Arsenio Hall Show, Def Comedy Jam and has hosted his own program. Jamal is now wrapping up production of *The Cheapest Movie Ever Made*. Catch his act after the Bengal Bouts Finals.

The Observer/Michelle Keefe

■ NHL

Straka Czechs Avalanche

Associated Press

DENVER

Martin Straka redeemed himself after missing a wide-open net less than two minutes earlier, scoring the go-ahead goal with just 2:56 remaining as the Pittsburgh Penguins rallied for a 3-2 victory over the Colorado Avalanche.

Straka tallied his 12th goal in the third period this season when he took a pass in the slot from Alexei Kovalev and one-timed the puck past goaltender Craig Billington.

Straka had a chance to give the Penguins the lead with 4 1/2 minutes remaining, but deflected the puck wide after receiving a perfect feed from Kovalev in front.

The loss extended Colorado's winless streak to seven games (0-3-4) and snapped a string in which the Avalanche had played a franchise-record four straight ties. Jaromir Jagr, the NHL's leading scorer, snapped out of a mini-slump, scoring his 28th goal just 62 seconds into the third period to pull the Penguins into a 2-2 tie.

Jagr, who has 88 points, had not scored in his previous four games, managing just one assist with a plus-minus rating of minus-3 in the last three contests.

No. 1 goalie Patrick Roy missed his second straight game with a groin injury for Colorado, which missed a chance to tie Detroit for the No. 2 seed in the Western Conference.

The Avalanche grabbed a 2-1 lead on second-period goals by Joe Sakic and Milan Hejduk. Alexei Morozov tallied in the first stanza for the Penguins.

Boston 3, New Jersey 3

Cameron Mann again showed his flair for the dramatic Thursday night as his third-period goal lifted the Boston Bruins to a 3-3 tie with the New Jersey Devils.

All of Mann's four goals, scored in the last three games, have been instrumental in Bruins wins or ties. Thursday

he found the net on a shot from the point with 1:41 to go.

Jason Arnott got two goals in the third period for the Devils. His first came at 2:15 when he poked in a loose puck that was lying in the crease. It gave the Devils a 2-1 lead.

Arnott followed that with his 15th goal of the season after taking a pass across the crease from Petr Sykora. The goal put the Devils on top 3-2.

Ray Bourque had tied the game 2-2 with his sixth goal of the season and second in the last three games. Bourque's shot from right of the net deflected off the skate of Ken Daneyko into the goal.

Byron Dafoe (18-19-8) stopped 36 shots, but Boston is winless (0-7-3) in the last 10 matches against New Jersey.

The Devils lead the NHL with 19 wins on the road. They are 6-1-1 in their last eight road games.

Brian Rolston's 18th goal, on a shot from the point, gave the Devils a 1-0 lead in the first period.

Jason Allison tied it with his 17th goal midway in the second period.

Toronto 4, New York Islanders 1

Glenn Healy turned aside 27 shots and four players scored as the Toronto Maple Leafs beat the New York Islanders 4-1 on Thursday night.

Mats Sundin, Sergei Berezin, Tomas Kaberle and Tie Domi scored for Toronto, which surpassed last year's overall point total. The Leafs have 71 points after 58 games; they managed only 69 points last season.

New York's only goal was by Ted Donato. Tommy Salo stopped 18 shots in New York's second straight loss after a four-game unbeaten streak (2-0-2).

The matchup marked the return of former Islanders defenseman Bryan Berard in his first game against his ex-teams since being traded for goalie Felix Potvin on Jan. 9. Potvin reinjured his groin dur-

ing practice on Wednesday and is out 4-6 weeks. Berard was held scoreless.

Toronto scored twice in the last half-minute of the opening period.

Sundin finished off a rush with Steve Sullivan by tapping Sullivan's cross-ice pass past Salo with 26.4 seconds left in the period. Salo then misplayed Berezin's left side slap shot as it squirted between his pads with 8.9 seconds remaining.

New York got on the board with just its fourth power-play goal in the last 51 attempts. Donato sent a slap shot from the point through a bunch of bodies and past Healy at 5:29.

The Maple Leafs got that right back when Kaberle picked up the puck after his initial shot was blocked and sent a screened shot between Salo's pads. Domi scored at 15:28 when he came out of the penalty box and got a breakaway pass from Mike Johnson. Domi's in-close backhand rolled over Salo's pad and in.

Healy, a former Islander, was sharp when he had to be, particularly against star forward Zigmund Palffy. Healy turned aside at least four good scoring chances by Palffy.

Ottawa 3, Canadiens 1

Andreas Johansson scored twice as the Ottawa Senators moved to the top of the Eastern Conference with a 3-1 win over the Montreal Canadiens on Thursday night.

Johansson broke a 13-game scoring slump with his 18th and 19th goals as Ottawa (33-17-8) moved one point ahead of the idle Philadelphia Flyers for top spot in the East and second place overall in the NHL.

But Johansson hobbled off the ice with an apparent left knee injury with less than 30 seconds to play in the game.

Alexei Yashin added a goal in the third period.

Ottawa set a franchise record with its 19th home victory of the season, surpassing the 18 of last season. The Senators are unbeaten in five games.

■ NHL

Hasek eager to dominate again

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y.

Even machines break down, and Buffalo Sabres goalie Dominik Hasek proved it when he injured his groin in a loss to Toronto last week.

"I always want to be on the ice, but I cannot be on the ice if I am not healthy or my groin is not good enough," said Hasek, who could be back practicing with the team today after missing three games. "I have to be careful."

Hasek has been so good for so long the Sabres sometimes take the two-time NHL Most Valuable Player for granted.

"Sometimes we get used to him making great saves," defenseman Darryl Shannon said. "But we don't have it in our heads that we don't have to play well because he's not back there."

With just a few exceptions this season, Hasek has been his usual dependable self. That means he also occasionally has been brilliant.

"He usually doesn't give up more than two goals," Sabres coach Lindy Ruff said. "In the beginning of the season when we really didn't play well as a team, he filled the holes in a couple of games where we gave up 20 to 30 scoring chances."

Ruff said Hasek might play at Edmonton on Friday. At that point, the goalie could be suffering more from boredom than anything.

"I don't think he ever admits he needs a rest," Ruff said. "That's the kind of thing where I have to start stepping in and just give him a rest even when he doesn't want it." Which is never.

"He likes to play, he likes to work," Ruff said. "With today's schedule, it's the mental part of the game that wears a player down most."

Until sidelined by injury, Hasek had started all but three of the Sabres' 55 games and faced 1,553 shots, second most in the league.

Dwayne Roloson had made only three starts when Hasek was injured. He stopped 30 shots in a 4-2 victory over San Jose and made 34 saves in a 4-4 tie with defending league champion Detroit on Sunday.

Hasek, who led the league in save percentage each of the past five seasons and won the Hart Trophy the past two seasons as the NHL's most valuable player, has raised a lofty standard.

"He's the best goalie in the world right now and I'll just learn whatever I can from him and hope that things work out," Roloson said.

Roloson knows he's no Hasek. But at times this season, even Hasek hasn't been himself.

Hasek was starting to show signs of wear after playing his sharpest hockey at the beginning of the season. The NHL named him its player of the month for December, when he had a 1.45 goals-against average and four shutouts.

But New Jersey chased Hasek early in the second period of a 7-4 victory on Dec. 28. The Devils scored goals on their first three shots and four goals on six shots.

After losing an overtime game to Anaheim two nights later, Hasek gave up seven goals on 31 shots in a 7-2 loss to Anaheim on New Year's Day. Roloson got his first two starts soon after.

As Buffalo struggled earlier this month, Hasek criticized the team for what he identified as a lack of effort. He didn't name any names, but his teammates got the point.

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■ MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Lewis leads Gophers to victory

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Minnesota continued its Jekyll-and-Hyde season Thursday night, rebounding from Tuesday's poor performance at Purdue for a crucial 62-48 victory over the Boilermakers (No. 22 ESPN/USA Today, No. 23 AP).

Big Ten scoring leader Quincy Lewis had 27 points to lead the Golden Gophers (No. 25 ESPN/USA Today, Unranked AP), who badly needed the victory to keep their NCAA tournament hopes alive after dropping four of their previous five games.

That included Tuesday's 54-42 loss at Purdue in a makeup of a game postponed by bad weather last month. The Gophers (16-9, 7-8 Big Ten) committed a season-high 25 turnovers in that loss, and also set season lows for points and field goals.

Lewis also had a season-low 13 points in that game, but he matched that by halftime Thursday. After shooting 5-for-12 at Purdue, Lewis was 10-for-19 and added 10 rebounds in the last home Big Ten game of his career.

Kevin Clark, another of Minnesota's four seniors, scored 16 points.

The Gophers finished 6-2 at home in the conference, but they are just 1-6 on the road with Saturday's regular-season finale at Northwestern coming up.

Purdue (19-10, 7-8) trailed only 31-29 at the half, but shot 5-for-20 in the second half. The Boilermakers also committed 10 of their 18 turnovers in the second half while the Gophers turned the ball over just four times after the break and 10 times for the night.

Jaraan Cornell led the Boilermakers with 16 points and Brian Cardinal added 10. Purdue finishes the regular season at home Sunday against conference champion Michigan State.

It was just the third win for Minnesota in the last 13 games against Purdue. Gophers coach Clem Haskins improved to 7-20 against Purdue's Gene Keady, his former mentor at Western Kentucky.

The game was tied 39-39 when Cardinal scored on a tip-in with 12:28 left, but the Boilermakers missed five of their next 12 shots as Minnesota used an 16-5 run to open a 55-44 lead with 4:41 left.

Two freshmen, Joel Przybilla and walk-on Dusty Rychart, sparked the Gophers' run.

Przybilla started the run with a jumper, and he later scored on an alley-oop pass from Rychart and fed Lewis for a 3-pointer. Rychart capped the run with a steal and a baseline jumper to make it 50-42.

Greg McQuay scored for Purdue to make it 50-44, but Lewis answered with a 3-pointer and a jumper. The 3-pointer came after Rychart knocked a rebound out to Lewis, and the jumper came off a pass from Przybilla to give the Gophers their biggest lead of the night to that point.

■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Recovering Strawberry may extend spring stay

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla.

Darryl Strawberry's comeback from cancer may take a little bit longer.

"It would not surprise me at all that by the time we're ready to leave, he would not be physically ready," New York Yankees manager Joe Torre said Thursday. "I could be wrong, but again, if he needs another week or whatever it is, that's the most important thing to make sure he gets ready."

Strawberry, one of four left-field candidates, underwent colon cancer surgery last October. He had a second procedure in January to remove scar tissue and will undergo chemotherapy once a week through at least April.

Also of concern is Strawberry's previously injured left knee, which has slowed him the past several years.

The two recent surgeries prevented Strawberry from his offseason running program, affecting his overall conditioning program.

"I want to be ready by opening day. We'll see how things work out," Strawberry said. "If they work out fine, if they don't, fine. That's the way I look at it."

Both Torre and Strawberry agree that the most important thing is avoiding any setbacks.

"I'm getting there. That's the key — I'm not going backwards," Strawberry said. "I think that's the whole key Joe's looking for."

Strawberry, who plans on beginning a light running program next week, will not play

in the early exhibition games. Torre also indicated Strawberry may not make an outfield appearance until late in spring training.

"I'm not concerned about his playing the outfield until he's ready to physically. It may turn out to be the last two or three games of spring training, if then," Torre said. "He feels better today than he has the last couple days in the fatigue area."

The Yankees went through a

**'I'M GETTING THERE.
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DARRYL STRAWBERRY
YANKEES OUTFIELDER

second day of live batting practice Thursday.

Among pitchers throwing were Mariano Rivera, Jeff Nelson, Darren Holmes and Mike Stanton. None reported any problems after their 10-minute sessions.

Andy Pettitte will likely throw batting practice on Saturday. The left-hander experienced throwing elbow tenderness following a bullpen session Monday.

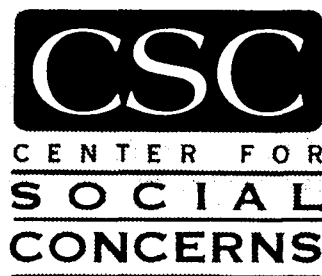
"I hadn't thrown off the mound. My elbow was just a little tender [afterwards] and I just wanted to make sure," Pettitte said. "Everything is all right."

After not working out Wednesday, Pettitte took part in long toss drills Thursday.

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Fencing

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42. Jackson's 173 career epee wins place him second in career epee wins in Notre Dame history.

The men's sabre and foil team should have no trouble with any of the competition this weekend.

Charles Hayes rejoins the foil team this weekend after missing last week's competition while attending Junior Parents' Weekend. Freshman Steven Mautone who leads the team in victories after picking up 16 wins last weekend and captain Stephane Auriol who won the 1998 Midwest foil title will combine to form a lethal combination.

The sabre team will be without the services of freshman Andre Crompton again this weekend. Crompton will be competing at a Junior World Cup circuit in Montreal. He has a chance to make the World Championship team and needs to do well at this meet to pick up points.

While Crompton is an extremely talented fencer, the tremendous talent and depth of the sabre squad should be able to overcome his absence. All-American captain Luke LaValle, senior Stephen McQuade and freshman Gabor Szelle are all capable of defeating anyone in the Midwest.

"On the men's side I don't see anyone who can challenge Notre Dame," Auriol said.

Both the men's and women's team will be looking to pick up their eighth-straight Midwest team championship.

The consistent success of the Irish fencing program in the Midwest might lead to complacency on the part of Notre Dame. The chance for revenge, however, will keep the Irish focused.

"I think it is lucky that we did lose those two meets," Mustilli said. "Now we are out for revenge. It has been easy in the past to just sit back, but I think that this year we will definitely step it up because of the revenge factor."

The team competitions will be held on Saturday. The drama, however, does not end on Saturday. The individual competition on Sunday includes not only more revenge match-ups, but also the added excitement of teammates facing teammates.

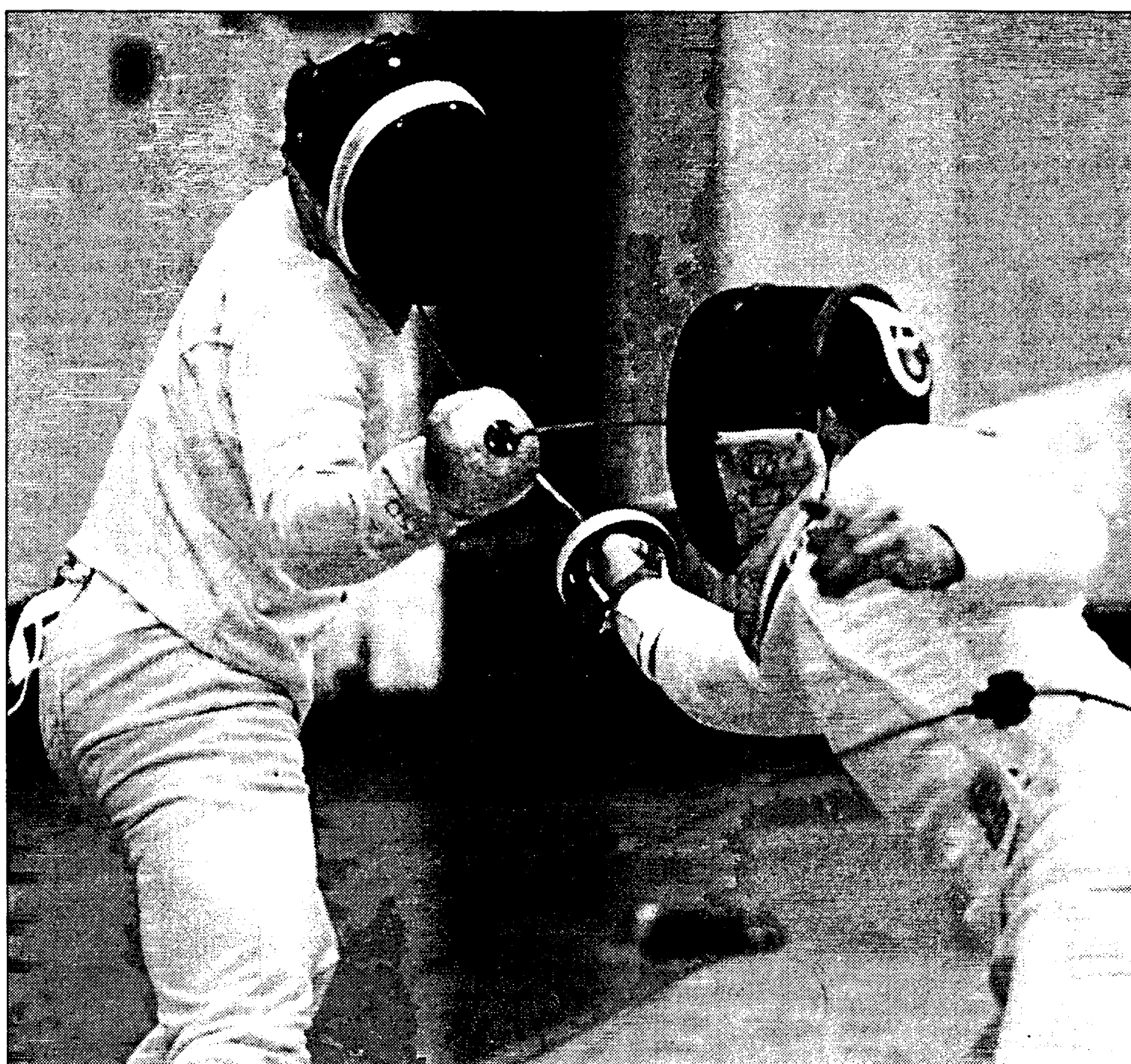
The women's foil competition should provide some of the most excitement of the weekend. Walsh will compete with two-time Ohio State All-American Yelena Kalkina for the Midwest foil title. The two have met twice this season with Walsh winning the first meeting and Kalkina taking the second.

Walsh will also receive stiff competition from her teammates, Paulina and Brown.

Another battle of teammates to watch on the women's side is the clash between all-American epeeists Mustilli and Krol.

"It is a pretty neat opportunity because Magda and I don't get to fence each other a lot," Mustilli said. "The individuals give me an opportunity to face Magda and other top fencers."

Auriol will also be facing tough competition from his



Junior Dominic Guarnaschelli (right) and the epee squad will seek revenge against Lawrence University at the Midwest Championships this weekend at the Joyce Center.

teammates, as he looks to defend his 1998 Midwest foil title. Hayes and Mautone will both provide stiff competition

for the senior captain.

The epee and sabre competitions will both feature battles between seasoned veterans

and talented new comers. Casas should provide a tough match for Jackson and Szelle will push LaValle to the limit.

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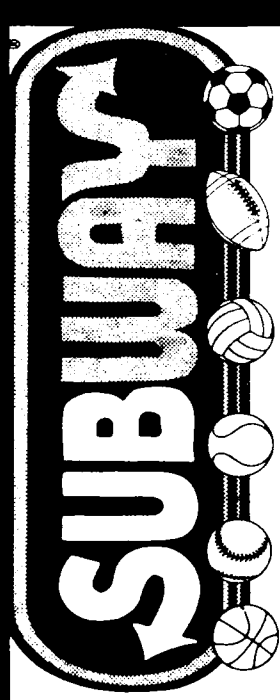
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Men

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on getting their point guard Martin Ingelsby healthy and on the Eagles who knocked off

Notre Dame, 78-67, in Chestnut Hill, Mass.

"We want to get out revenge against Boston College," Murphy said.

Ingelsby sat out the first game of his career Wednesday night due to a sprained ankle.

He is listed as questionable for Sunday's game.

In his place Jimmy Dillon and Rainey will try to fill the void of Notre Dame's most solid ball handler, as the Irish gear up for the Big East Tournament.

"We're using it as prepara-

tion for the tournament," Murphy said. "I don't think we've won a game in the Big East Tournament so far, but I think we're right on the verge of breaking in and making a run."

If the Irish hope to make the NIT they'll have to beat Boston College and win at least two games in the tournament which would include knocking off either Connecticut or Miami. The Irish beat Miami in Miami earlier this season, but the Hurricanes have been on a tear recently and the Huskies are still in the top five.

"We were looking forward to getting into a post-season tournament," Murphy said. "We had some troubles with injuries and we didn't play as well as we would have liked down the stretch, but we still have a chance going into the Big East Tournament if we win

a couple games there and beat Boston College we should be on the verge of getting into the NIT."

Even if the Irish do not get a NIT bid they will look back on this season as one of growth, instead of one of disappointment.

"We are a real young team and there are going to be ups and downs because we are so young," Murphy said. "We will win some big games like we have and we'll lose some games that we should win, but we're learning and we'll use this as a springboard for next year."

"It's been a learning process," he continued. "It's the first time we've been on these road trips and play in these different arenas. Now that we've got a full year under our belts we'll be that much more ready to play next year."



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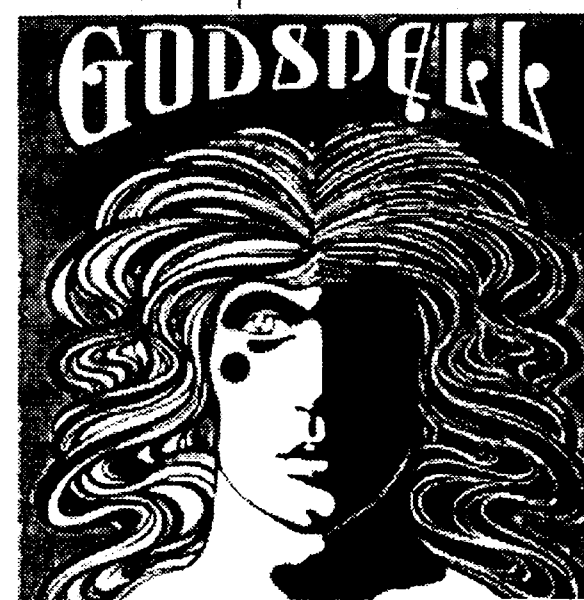
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■ TRACK AND FIELD

Tracksters close home indoor season this weekend

By MATT OLIVA
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame track and field team will look to add to its NCAA Indoor Track Championship qualifiers this weekend, as they host the Alex Wilson Invitational at the Loftus Center.

The invitational is the last meet for the Irish before next weekend's NCAA's at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis.

The men's team qualified three members last weekend at the Big East Indoor Championships. The team placed second in the conference.

All-Big East junior Marshaun West qualified in the 200 meters and the long jump. His time of 21.42 in the 200 meters took first place, four-tenths of a second ahead of his nearest competitor.

Senior Mike Brown qualified in the pole vault by placing first in the event with a mark of 16-2. His victory tied a team record of three consecutive Big East individual indoor championships in a single event. Former Irish All-American Jason Rexing accomplished the same feat in the 5,000 meters from 1996-98.

Sophomore Ryan Shay also qualified with a second place time of 14:18.70 in the 5,000 meters.

The Alex Wilson Invitational, named for the former Notre Dame coach, will give Brown

and Shay an opportunity to improve on their marks. Brown, who won his event at last year's invitational, looks to repeat as champion. Sophomore Terry Wray also will attempt to repeat his first place finish in the 500 meters.

The invite is crucial for other team members looking to secure a bid in the championships. Antonio Arce might have the best chance in doing so. The senior could lock up a spot with a fast time in the mile.

The women's team placed third at the Big East Championships, a tremendous improvement over last year's 10th-place finish.

"Track is arguably the Big East's best sport," head coach Joe Plane said. "Last year two out of the top three women's teams in the nation were from the Big East. To make that kind of improvement is quite an accomplishment."

Helping the Irish to this accomplishment were all-American JoAnna Deeter and junior Jennifer Engelhardt.

Deeter placed first in the 5,000 meters with a time of 16:22.64. She just missed another victory, taking second in the 3,000 meters at 9:32.48, 17 hundredths of a second behind Providence's Sarah Dupree. She has qualified for the NCAA's in both events.

Engelhardt placed second in the high jump for the third-straight year. Her jump of 5-10 tied her career best for

indoor competition, and qualified her to compete next weekend in Indianapolis.

Senior Nadia Schmiedt will be defending her first-place

finish in the 400 meters from last year's Alex Wilson Invitational. All three of the women look to have a big weekend, as the indoor season

concludes.

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Gonzaga, as evidenced by its success, is one of the most feared places to play in all of college basketball. You haven't heard of them because of this fear. They are so feared that most large conference teams won't play them at home. They simply refuse to.

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tradition brings to light important lessons that most Notre Dame students should learn. Your team doesn't always win, you can still root for a losing team and sometimes, just sometimes, the level of crowd noise can affect the outcome of a game.

Perhaps one of the reasons that we cannot elevate our men's basketball program to the level of other national Universities is our own fault, rather than the guys who don the uniforms or coach

MacLeod's.

What's home court advantage if the opposing fans are as loud as the home fans? The lack of noise affects recruiting as well. Why would a recruit that comes to visit Notre Dame for a basketball game want to play here, in front of 20 screaming fans and 8,000 silent film stars? It certainly doesn't inspire me.

Perhaps if we showed up for a losing team, we could turn it into a winning team. People would come to see a winning team, more people translates into more wins and the circle goes round again.

Despite the fact that most of the season is finished, I tell you don't despair Domers. There is hope. There's a chance to redeem yourselves. Notre Dame men's basketball completes its season on Sunday at noon.

Many of the aforementioned 20 fans of Notre Dame basketball are seniors, not all, but many. After this season then, the group will become even smaller. The game this Sunday then offers the perfect opportunity for the rest of the student body to accept the torch that these fans pass on.

Rather than sleep until noon and study the rest of the day, come out to the Joyce Center and if nothing else, show these fans that you appreciate them. Give them the gratitude that they were previously lacking. They're supporting your school and they deserve it. Let them have their front row seats again, but let them know that you're right behind them.

Maybe if we're lucky, the 20 will turn to 40, to 80, even to 100. This Sunday offers the perfect opportunity to begin a tradition at Notre Dame, or rather, resurrect a tradition.

We too, can be like Gonzaga. We can dominate at home just as we did in the past. Who knows, maybe with a little bit of noise, the team may just win and you may have some fun.

■ MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish open season at Nittany Lions

By BRIAN KESSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

After a disappointing 5-7 record last year, the 22nd-ranked Notre Dame men's lacrosse team will look to kick off the 1999 campaign on a positive note when they face-off against 16th-ranked Penn State on Sunday at State College.

"Last year was definitely disappointing for us," said goalie Kirk Howell. "I think we had high expectations going in and took for granted that we were going to be good. This year we've had a great preseason and everyone's working hard, so it's totally different from last year. We're ready to go."

The Irish have played the Nittany Lions in three of their last four season openers. Notre Dame is 13-5 in openers and 3-2 all-time against Penn State.

Last year, Notre Dame failed to make the NCAA tournament for the first time in seven seasons. In addition, the Irish lose three key players from last year's squad. Three-time honorable mention all-American Jimmy Keenan, three-time all-American and 1998 Great Western Lacrosse League player of the year Todd Rassas and four-year starter Alex Cade were all lost to graduation.

"It's going to be tough without them; they were all great players," Howell said. "Rassas was one of the best defenders in the country and Keenan was someone we counted on for offense, so now we're concentrating on team defense and have changed our offense a little."

The Irish do, however, return six starters. Preseason all-American candidate Chris

Dusseau heads a solid attack unit. The senior co-captain has been the leading goal scorer for the Irish each of the past three seasons, and stands seventh in career goals scored (82) at Notre Dame.

Sophomore Dave Ulrich will also supply some firepower for the attack unit.

As a freshman, he was second on the team in scoring. He netted 16 goals and dished off 18 assists.

Senior Ned Webster also returns at attack, after missing the 1998 season with a knee injury. Webster had 13 goals and 18 assists in 1997.

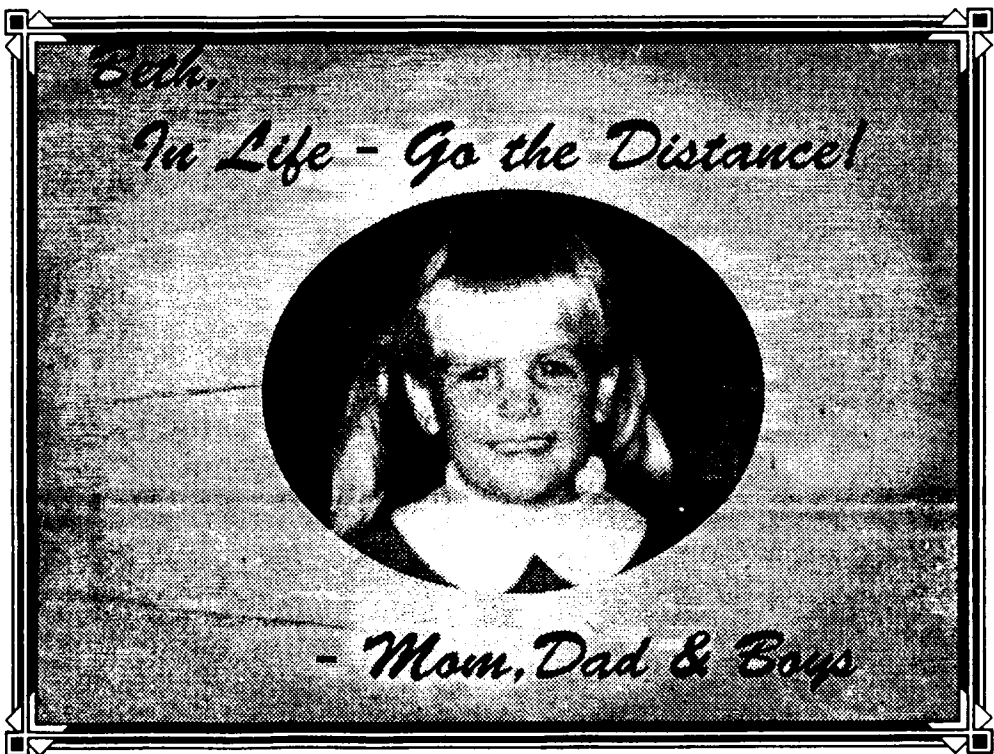
The midfield unit lost two starters, but two seniors are returning on defense. Co-captain David Biddison started 12 games for the Irish, while Laurence Galli made nine starts.

Howell will get the nod in goal for Notre Dame. Neither he nor backup Pat Darcy have seen extended playing time in their first two seasons.

"I'm really excited after sitting on the bench for two years," said Howell. "Cade was a great goalie and I learned a lot from him, but I'm ready to play."

Penn State finished 6-6 last season, but are led by a talented group of seniors. Captain John Chescavage led the Nittany Lions with 80 points last season, as he scored 29 goals and recorded 10 assists. Chris Killoren, PSU's second-leading scorer last season, was lost to graduation, but has joined the Nittany Lions coaching staff.

Senior midfielders Todd Kaiser and Chris Schiller will fill the void left by Killoren and pick up where they left off last season. Kaiser had 12 goals and a team-high 17 assists, while Schiller added 14 goals and 10 assists.



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■ HOCKEY

Irish prepare for weekend of Wildcat hunting

By TED BASSANI
Sports Writer

Now that it's the penultimate weekend of the regular season, we can officially label this weekend's games as crunch time.

With just four games to go before the CCHA playoffs start, Notre Dame is in fifth place in the CCHA. They trail fourth-place Northern Michigan by just one point for the final home ice spot. The two games this weekend feature battles between the Irish and the Wildcats.

It is quite likely, given how each team currently sits in the

standings, that the winner of this weekend's series will go on to host a first-round series. Assuming these two teams finish fourth and fifth, this weekend's series will determine which team will have to make an extra nine-hour bus trip to begin the CCHA playoffs.

Irish head coach Dave Poulin said it is not a stretch to call Friday night the most important game of the year.

"Especially winding down the stretch with a chance to go up on a team that we're competing against specifically for home ice, there's no question [it's the biggest game of the year]," he said.

The only prior meeting this season between Northern and Notre Dame took place in Marquette, Mich., five weeks ago. After taking a 3-1 lead midway through the third period, Notre Dame squandered the lead with less than five minutes to play. Team captain Lee Ruff and Fred Mattersdorfer each scored within a span of 37 seconds to force the 3-3 tie.

Every team that plays Northern Michigan has the same game plan coming in — stop the Wildcats' top scoring line of J.P. Vigier, Buddy Smith and Roger Trudeau. Although head coach Rick Comely has mixed and matched his lines at

times this season, this precise unit has combined to form arguably the league's biggest offensive threat.

Smith, Vigier and Trudeau are the top three scorers on the NMU squad, with a total of 40 goals and 56 assists between them. Smith alone has contributed 29 assists to lead the conference.

More importantly for the Irish, who have struggled of late killing penalties, the line forms a lethal power play combination as well. Vigier is tied for second in the CCHA with 10 power play goals on the year.

In their current four-game slide, Notre Dame has only managed two goals, and has gone scoreless in its last 25 power play opportunities. Earlier in the year, the Irish power play enjoyed much success. Lately, however, opposing teams seem to know what to expect from the power play unit and have shut it down.

"As you go on in the year, you have to learn to adjust," Poulin said. "Early on, the power play was clicking along at 25 percent. But it has snagged, so we've changed it up, changed the formation a little bit, changed up the personnel a bit."

In the last four games, the team's top scorers simply have not been scoring. The top five scorers on the team have all gone scoreless over the last two weeks. In addition, the team's second line, which consists of Dan Carlson, David Inman and Joe Dusbabek, has also gone through a recent dry spell. Over

the last nine games, the second line has combined to score only two goals and seven points.

With so much pressure being put on the team's top scorers, the third line of Chad Chipchase, Brett Henning and Ryan Dolder may need to fill the void. Over the last four games, this unit has created the most chances, but has not been able to cash in on them. But, says sophomore Chad Chipchase, perhaps they will be the ones to pull the team out of its slump.

"If we score, that will allow the first two lines to relax a little, knowing that the third and fourth lines can contribute," Chipchase said.

Whenever a team goes into a slump, a major problem becomes losing confidence. As recently as two weeks ago, the Irish were the top scoring team in the CCHA, but perhaps that swagger has left them of late.

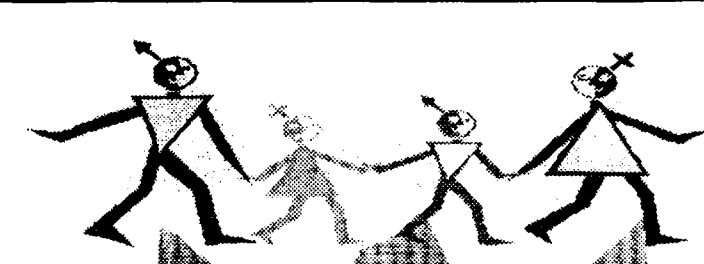
"Goal scoring is a confidence thing," Poulin said. "Score goals and it's contagious; it rubs off. Somebody has to put one in early."

In order to beat the Wildcats this weekend, the Irish will need to get back to the basics that made them a top-10 team for 17-straight weeks this season. These include scoring on the power play, killing penalties, gaining speed wide through center ice and even more subtle things like making better line changes, which has hurt them on recent occasions.

"The main thing," as Chipchase put it, "will be to get back to what we do well, what our strengths are."



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Irish left wing Aniket Dhadphale skates past a Michigan State defender in last Friday's game at the Joyce Center. Dhadphale and his teammates face two crucial contests versus Northern Michigan this weekend.

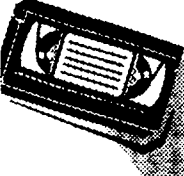







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■ SWIMMING

Women take early lead, men still afloat at Big East

By WES RICHARDSON
Sports Writer

UNIONDALE, N.Y.

The Notre Dame women's swim team took an early lead, while the men are currently in third place after the first of three days at the Big East swimming championships.

With 148 points, the men are just nine points shy of second place Syracuse and 24 points ahead of Rutgers. Pittsburgh is in command with 244 points.

Even though the exact womens' team scores were not available because of a dispute about a diving score, it is clear that the Irish are well on their way to winning the meet for the third consecutive year.

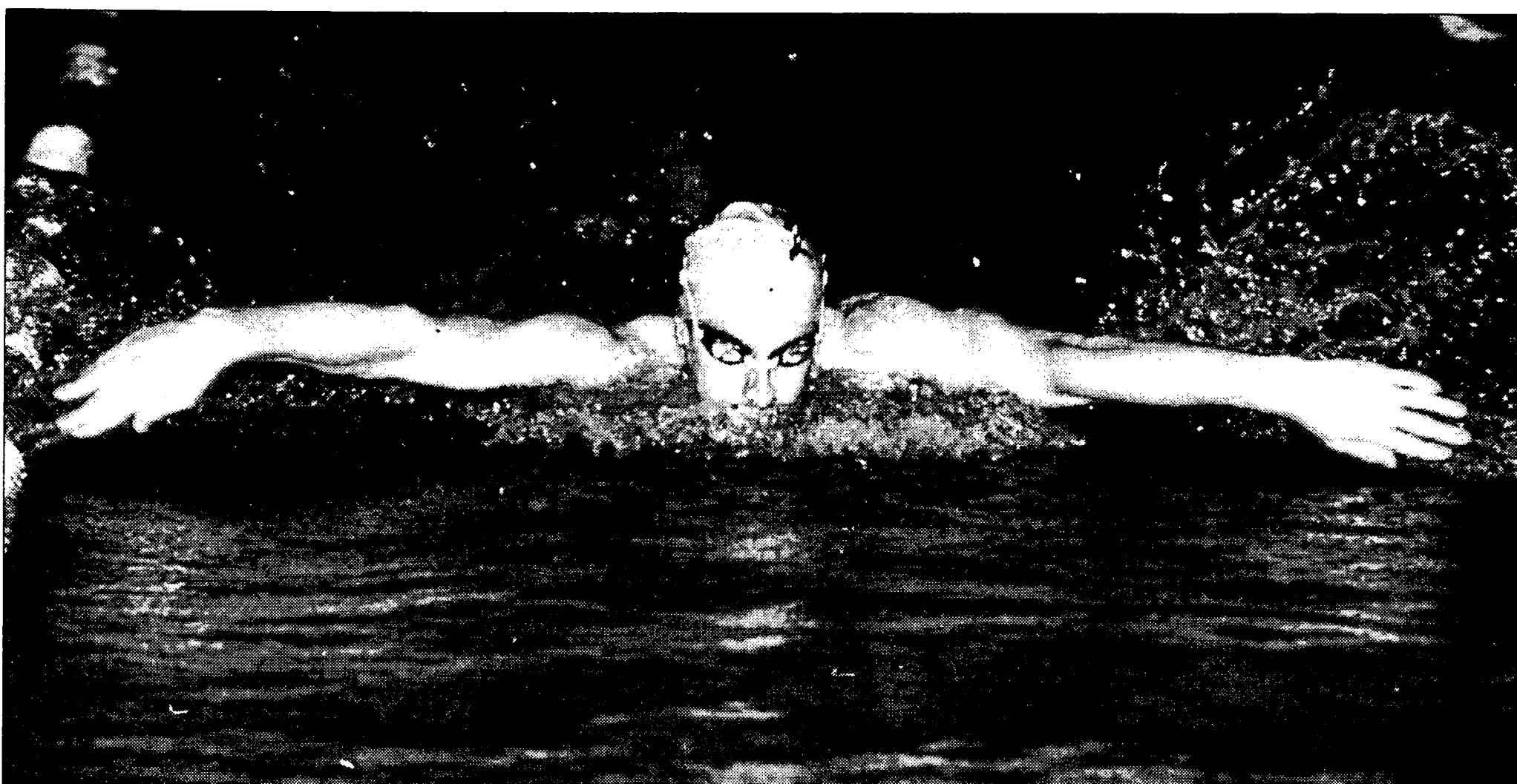
The highlight of the night was provided by sophomore Carrie Nixon. Her 22.77 in the preliminaries of the 50-yard freestyle earned a school and Big East record, as well as an automatic NCAA Championship bid. She proceeded to drop that time to 22.62, en route to a victory in the finals.

"It was a pretty incredible swim," women's head coach Bailey Weathers said, "I knew she could go that fast, and to have her do it here is pretty critical to us."

Nixon was followed by teammates Brooke Davey in fifth place, Laura Sheppard in seventh and Maureen Hillenmeyer in 14th.

The women also won both the 200 freestyle and 400 medley relays. Both relays broke Big East and school records with times of 1:32.96 and 3:43.17, respectively.

The Irish dominated the final of



The Observer/Jeff Hsu

After one day of competition at the Big East swimming championships, the Irish men's and women's teams stand in third and first place, respectively. Competition continues today and throughout the weekend.

the 200 individual medley. Liz Barger, Shannon Suddarth, Allison Lloyd and Tiffany O'Brien combined to score 54 points in the championship final heat. Suddarth and O'Brien tied for third place at 2:05.61.

Kristen Van Saun and Tara Riggs qualified second and third during the preliminaries of the 500 freestyle, then held their spots during the finals. Both earned NCAA Championship consideration times.

Scott Zumbach contributed 17 points by scoring second in the 200 individual medley. His 1:50.68 beat an eight-year-old school record set by Ed Broderick.

The men have struggled through the sprints all season, but were very competitive in the 50 freestyle last night. Ray Fitzpatrick finished second at 20.73, followed by Vince Kuna's seventh place time of 21.13. Fitzpatrick's time broke another

old school record, set by Jim Birmingham in 1990.

"This is the fastest first day since we've been coming to the Big East Championships," men's coach Tim Welsh said. "We were pretty confident that we would sprint better here than we had been doing all year, but we would not have predicted this."

The men's team score was hurt by the lack of a diver, but helped by tying Pittsburgh for second place in the 400 medley relay.

Although the women appear to be dominating the meet, they know that the meet is not over yet, and are not assuming that they will win.

"It's not in the bag yet. Villanova has their best team ever, so it's not going to be a walk in the park to beat them. We have to stay competitive with them," Weathers said, noting the Irish score is behind where it was after the first day of competition at last year's championships.

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■ BASEBALL

Sluggers take field in New Orleans

By BILL HART
Assistant Sports Editor

With snow still covering the campus, it's hard for someone to even think about playing baseball.

This weekend, however, the Notre Dame baseball squad will return to the diamond when they head southward to the 1999 New Orleans Classic. The Irish return to action after opening the year with a four-game series in Miami last weekend.

"As far as competition goes, they're going to be tough," sophomore pitcher Aaron Heilman said about the upcoming opponents. "We're going to treat them with the respect they deserve though, and go out there to win."

On Friday evening, the Irish will open the tournament when they face the Missouri Tigers. The Tigers finished last season with an 36-18 overall record and an 12-2 mark in the Big 12, good enough for fifth place in the conference.

Mizzou has gotten off to a slow start this season. Having been swept by conference rival Texas in three games, two of which were called off early by the 12-run rule, the Tigers will be looking to get back on track this weekend.

The only bright spot in the Tiger lineup was infielder Jon Williams, who went 5-for-10 on the week with three doubles, three runs and two RBI.

On Saturday afternoon, Notre Dame will play tournament host New Orleans. The Privateers were picked to finish fourth in the Sun Belt this year, and currently they hold a 3-3 record in non-conference play. The team will look to maintain the same pace they had last season, when they finished fifth in the conference with a 29-29 record. The Irish hope to continue past success against the Privateers. Two years ago, they completed a three-game sweep of the Privateers.

Notre Dame will finish the weekend's action on Sunday

with a matinee against Southern Illinois. The Salukis enter the weekend with a 2-1 record. After losing their home opener to Stetson, 8-7, the Salukis rallied with 10-7 and 14-6 wins to claim the series.

"The competition in New Orleans will be challenging," SIUC head coach Dan Callahan said about the upcoming weekend. "We know UNO always has a fine program, and Missouri and Notre Dame are loaded. Missouri is 0-3, but the Tigers are coming off action at the University of Texas — perhaps the top team in the country right now. Missouri won 36 games last season, and Notre Dame nabbed 41, so we know the competition will be tremendous."

The Irish struggled offensively last weekend. They opened with an 8-4 victory over James Madison, before losing three straight.

All three defeats last weekend came at the hands of Florida International, who extended their record to 12-0, the best start in the team's history. After the game, Irish head coach Paul Mainieri had high praise for the FIU squad.

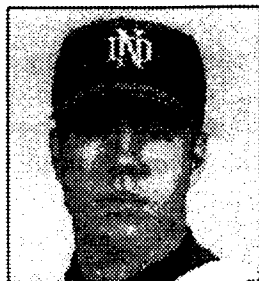
"We ran into a buzz-saw there," he said. "This is probably FIU's most outstanding team in its history. They have a very solid team and their starting rotation completely handcuffed our hitters."

In the final game of the series, the home team retired the first 11 Irish batters, before senior catcher Jeff Wagner reached on an infield single. Wagner stole second and took third on a throwing error, but the next batter bounced out to the pitcher to close out the inning.

As it turned out, it would be as close as the visitors would get to scoring a run. They had just four hits and five walks over the course of the game.

Despite falling to 1-3 on the season and losing their opening momentum, the team still feels confident about their chances this weekend.

"Last week was pretty unfortunate," Heilman said. "We had some things go wrong, but we've come out with a positive attitude. We've practiced all week long, and have pretty much put it all behind us."



Wagner

■ MEN'S TENNIS

Broncos visit the Eck Pavilion

By NATHANIEL DeNICOLA
Sports Writer

This Friday, the Notre Dame men's tennis team hosts the Boise State Broncos at the Eck Tennis Pavilion at 3 p.m.

The match is the last of three this week for the 24th-ranked Irish. Notre Dame lost to Iowa on Wednesday and plays Ohio State on Saturday. By shutting down the Hawkeyes, 7-0, the Irish compiled their second shutout of the season and pushed their season mark to 5-4.

Last Saturday, the team enjoyed their first shutout, as they blanked 37th-ranked Northwestern, 7-0. They then fell to 23rd-ranked Minnesota on Sunday. Several notable changes occurred in the lineup in the victory over Iowa. Andrew Laflin moved up the singles ladder

from No. 6 to No. 4. Laflin, who boasts an undefeated record at No. 6 singles, continued his impressive freshman season by downing Petar Mandic in straight sets, 6-4, 6-2.

Senior captain Andy Warford assumed the No. 6 slot, where he got the best of Jason Dunn in a seesaw match, 6-0, 4-6, 6-1. The doubles lineup also experienced some reshuffling at Nos. 2 and 3 due to a relapse of Matt Horsely's wrist injury.

Warford joined Trent Miller to fill the vacancy at No. 2, while the freshman tandem of Javier Taborga and Aaron Talarico excelled in their dual-match debut, beating Ben Bamsey/J.R. Chidley 8-3 at No. 3 doubles.

The Irish will take their new and improved lineup against a 3-5 Boise State team. Last year, the Broncos defeated Notre

Dame two times in as many weeks. Historically, the Irish hold a 2-2 record versus the Broncos.

Despite losing to Clemson, SMU and Minnesota, Boise State has yet to lose a doubles point, an ominous stat considering that this elusive point has been the deciding factor in several of the Irish's 4-3 losses.

In the latest ITA rankings on Feb. 16, all-American Ryan Sachire improved from the No. 3 spot to No. 2, marking the highest ranking held by an Irish singles player since 1992 when David DiLucia finished the season at No. 1. The rise from No. 3 to No. 2 derives from his success at the Rolex National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships singles consolation and his 9-2 dual-match record.

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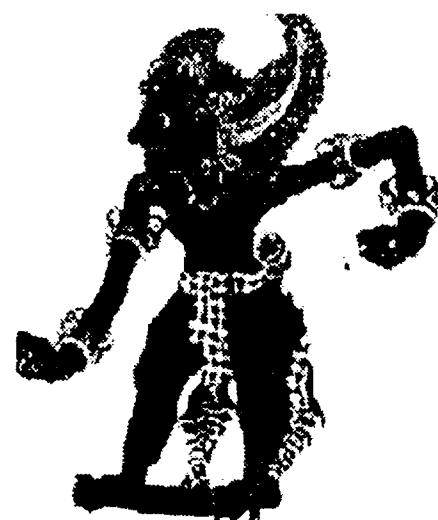
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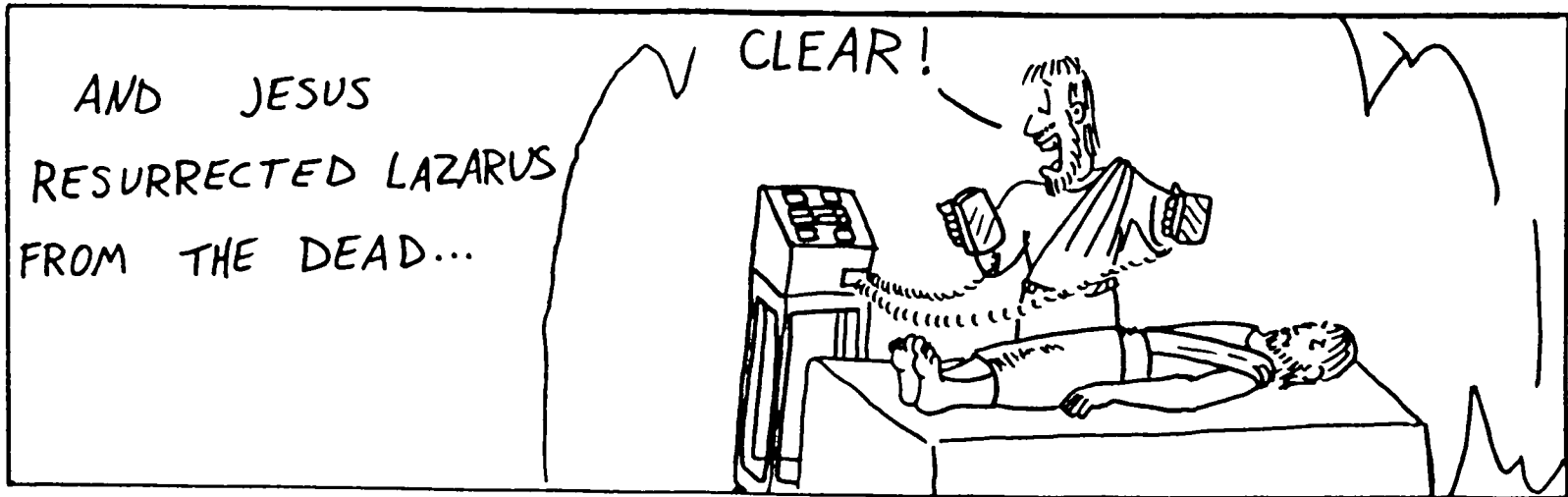
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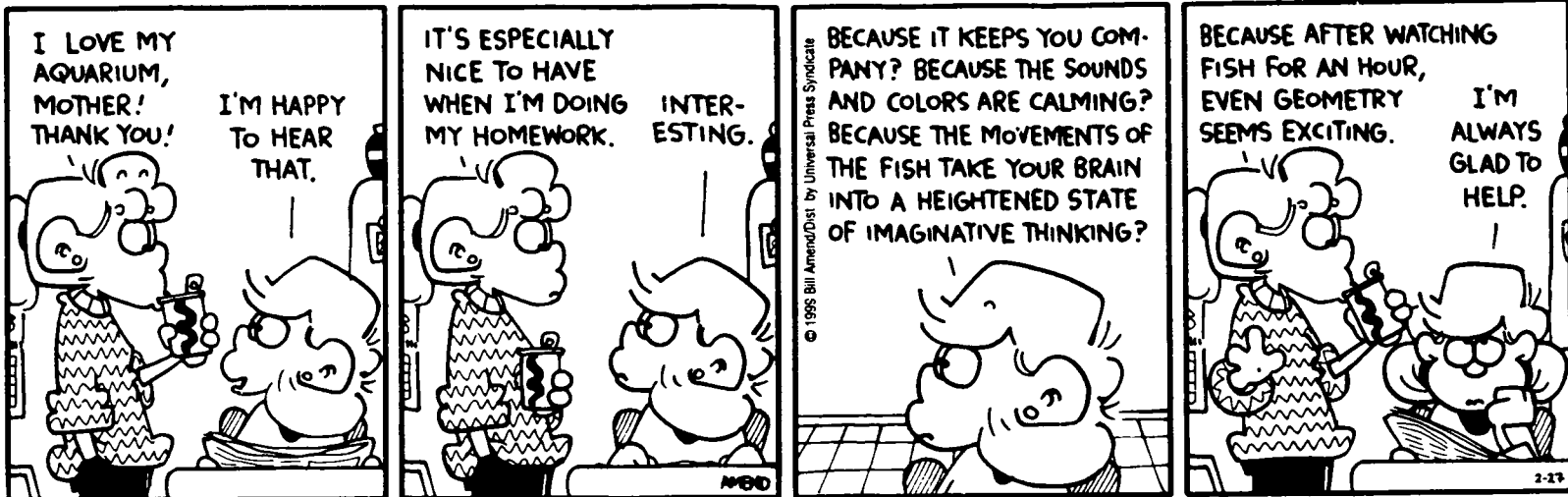
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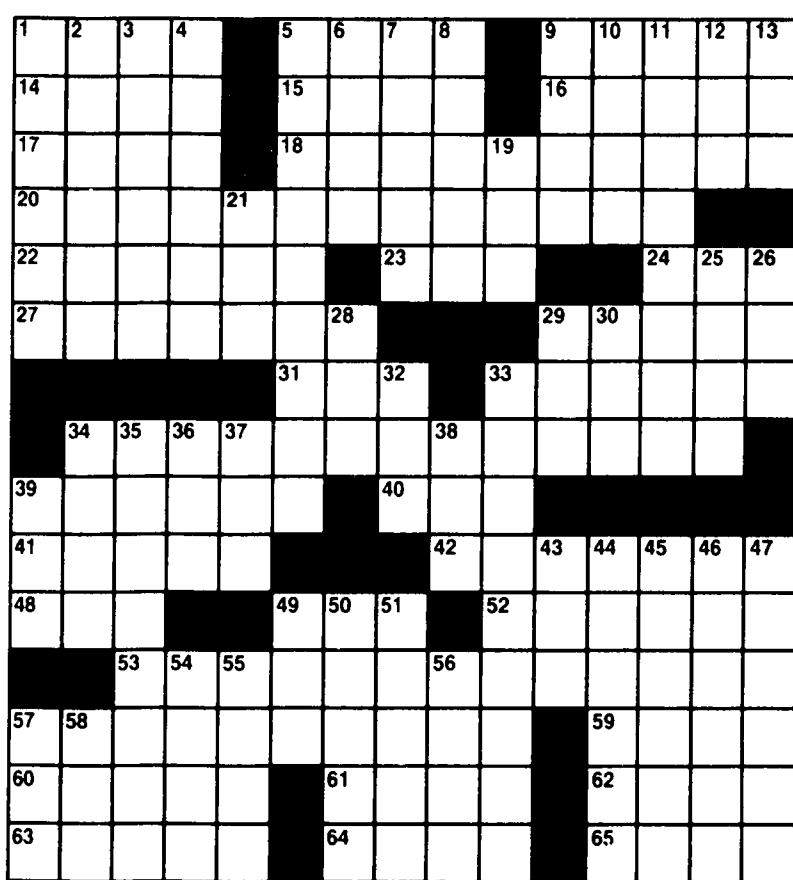
- 1 Some caste members
- 5 Take down
- 9 Art drawing
- 14 Reason for an NC-17 rating
- 15 It may be braided
- 16 "Mourning Becomes Electra" brother and namesakes
- 17 Movie princess
- 18 Peter, but not the saint
- 20 Francis, but not the saint
- 22 Floor-making factory
- 23 "I'll second that"
- 24 "Gunsmoke" shower

- 27 Unproductive
- 29 Big bill
- 31 Loose
- 33 Garth Brooks, notably
- 34 Christopher, but not the saint
- 39 1925 trial name
- 40 Low grade
- 41 Take out for the shelves, say
- 42 One way to stop
- 48 Smallest Can. province
- 49 Unfortunate
- 52 Bryan, for one
- 53 Stephen, but not the saint
- 57 John, but not the saint
- 59 Vivacity
- 60 How doughnuts are prepared

- 61 Provide for free, informally
- 62 Baseball's Brogna
- 63 Not say directly
- 64 Cap site
- 65 Vessel with a load

DOWN

- 1 Metal tips
- 2 Sartre classic
- 3 Not quite a run
- 4 Attesting official
- 5 Popular houseplant
- 6 Clip
- 7 Admittance
- 8 Glittery stone
- 9 Chesterfield, for one
- 10 The Phantom of the Opera
- 11 Wreath feature
- 12 Like Bach's Sonata No. 3 for violin
- 13 Pale blond
- 19 Some Monopoly purchases: Abbr.
- 21 "... shall die" (1967 lyric)
- 25 Bingo call
- 26 Sunday spiel: Abbr.
- 28 Put away
- 29 Unnerve
- 30 And never
- 32 Marked, as a ballot



Puzzle by David J. Kahn

- 33 Device for recording speech
- 34 Bad marks
- 35 "Lost in Space" family name
- 36 U.S.N. rank
- 37 Witch's work
- 38 Bill Gates, e.g.: Abbr.
- 39 Banquet
- 43 Curved figure
- 44 Stuntmen
- 45 Emphatic, in a way
- 46 Rainier locale
- 47 Up to this time, once
- 49 Twinkling of an eye
- 50 Smart one
- 51 Popular mustard
- 54 Ear-related
- 55 Repellent
- 56 "— here"
- 57 Conrad title character
- 58 Prefix with vocal

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Michael Bolton, Tony Randall, Johnny Cash, Victor Hugo, Fats Domino, Jackie Gleason, Godfrey Cambridge, Mitch Ryder

Happy Birthday: Uncertainties will surround you if you aren't precise in your communications. Tell it like it is this year. You need to get straight answers, and you must get promises in writing. Don't be led astray by silver-tongued talkers. It is up to you to make your own decisions and to follow your own dreams. If you are too willing to give of yourself to others, you will fall short of your own expectations. Your numbers: 3, 11, 17, 25, 31, 39

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get your domestic chores out of the way. You will not be in the mood to deal with the emotional drama that your mate intends to dump on you. Try to stay calm and refuse to be provoked. 00

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You can have a great time and meet romantic individuals if you get together with friends. You have been depressed, and it is time to turn things around. Put on your favorite outfit and get out. 0000

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may be too emotional about occurrences at work. Try to keep your nose out of other people's business. Your own job will be questionable if you don't focus on doing the best you can. 000

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You will be hard to get along with today. Your mood swings will drive everyone crazy. Try to keep your thoughts to yourself and refrain from telling everyone else how to run their life. 000

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Double-check those bills that have been sitting on your desk. You may be in trouble if you haven't kept them up to

date. Make arrangements to make payments that won't break your budget. 000

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You should get out and do things that will bring you satisfaction and enhance your reputation. Problems involving children may throw you for a loop. Try to deal with these dilemmas calmly. 0000

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You won't have much patience with others. Your inability to live with disharmony may be the reason for your decision to move on or make the changes necessary in your life. 00

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You have an excellent memory when it comes to dealing with those who are being evasive. You can back opponents into a corner, but expect opposition and be prepared to debate. 0000

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Sudden reversals of fortune will occur if you have been delving into risky financial ventures. You may want to leave your credit cards at home and leave your cash in the bank. 000

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Expect to have disagreements with your partner if financial abuse has left you in a tight spot. You may have to put limitations on others' spending habits, which won't sit well with them. 000

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Colleagues may cause a problem for you at work. Be careful not to let them be privy to your personal involvement or your thoughts about co-workers. Gossip will backfire. 000

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Children will need your help today. Don't hesitate to offer assistance at the school if your children are involved in an important project. You can get into shape if you work out regularly. 00000

■ OF INTEREST

ND senior tenor Jeffrey Cloninger will present a voice recital tomorrow afternoon at 4 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium. Works by Purcell, Mozart, Debussy, Duparc, Satie, Schubert, Richard Hundley and Stephen Sondheim will be performed. Alumna Sheree Wesenberg will accompany.

ND soprano graduate student Stephanie Mann will present a voice recital tomorrow evening at 7 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium. Works by JS Bach, Henri DuParc, Antonín Dvorák, Hugo Wolf, and Lee Hioby will be performed. Graduate student Todd Becker will accompany.

A Chamber Music Concert with faculty members Carolyn Plummer (violin) and Karen Buranskas (cello) and guest artists John Bruce Yeh (clarinet) and Andrea Swan (piano) will be held Sunday, Feb. 28, at 2 p.m. in the Annenberg Auditorium. The program includes Messiaen's "Quartet for the End of Time" and Brahms' Clarinet Trio in A Minor, Op. 114. Tickets for the concert are available at the LaFortune Box Office and are \$3 for students, \$6 for senior citizens, \$8 for ND/SMC employees with ID, and \$10 general admission.

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■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

Cagers look to finish strong

By J W CAVATO
Associate Sports Editor

Although chances for the post-season appear slim, the Notre Dame men's basketball team will look to send its seniors off on a high note this Sunday when the Boston College Eagles come to town.

Antoni Wyche, Phil Hickey, Paul Rainey and Dennis Carroll will make their final appearances this weekend as the 14-16 Irish look to rebound from a 20-point loss to St. John's and prepare for the Big East Tournament.

"We're looking to finish up our season strong at home," freshman Troy Murphy said. "It's senior day so it will be an emotional game for Tone and Phil and all the seniors."

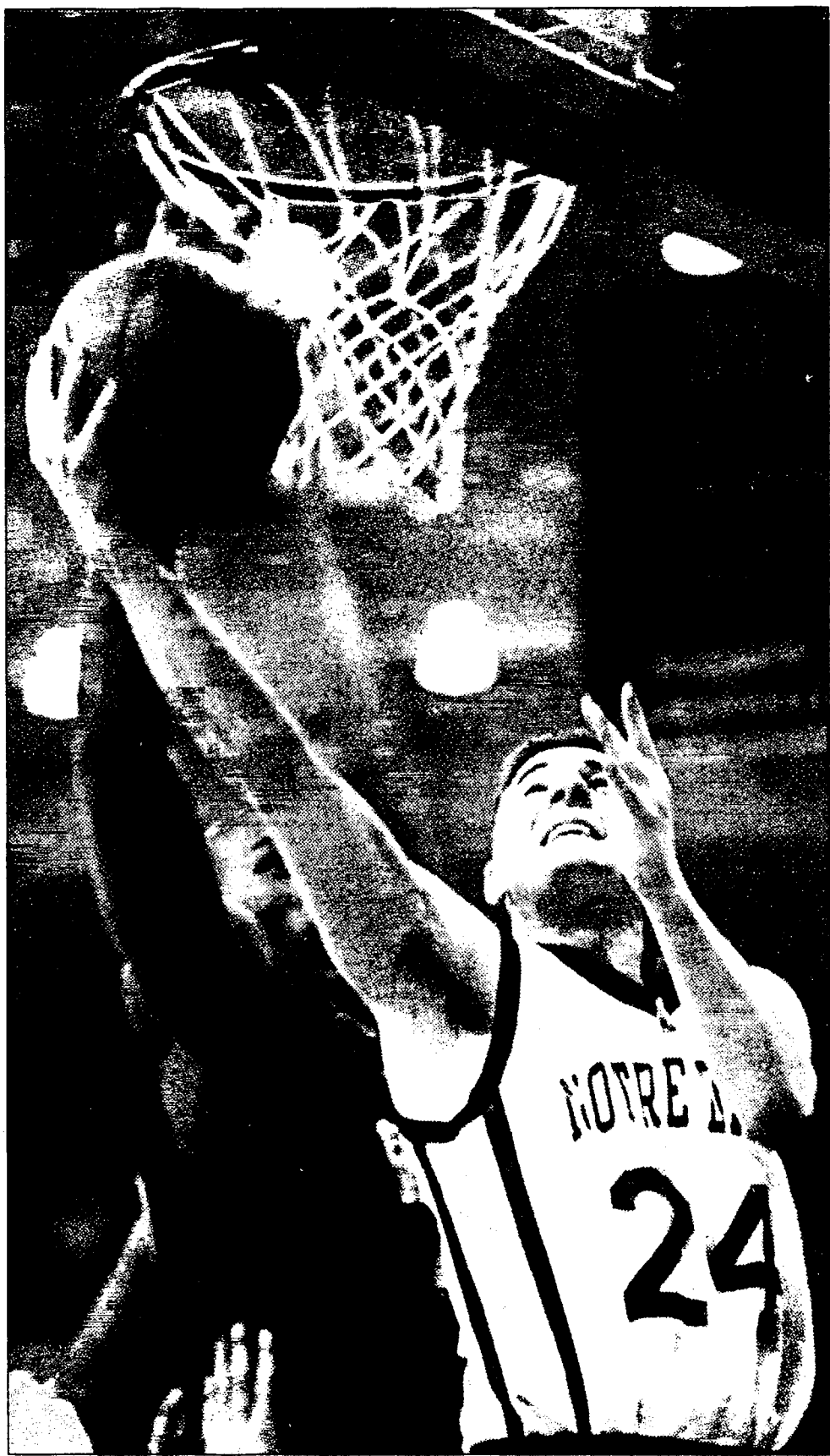
Aside from all the emotion of senior day, the Irish are still playing for positioning in the Big East Tournament.

The Irish could finish anywhere from seven to 10 in the seedings for the tournament. They are in a traffic jam in the middle of the pack with Providence, Seton Hall and Georgetown. The seven and 10 seeds will play each other next Wednesday, with the winner playing the second seed the next day.

The eighth and ninth seeds will also play each other Wednesday at Madison Square Garden and the winner of that game will take on the top seed.

The top two seeds will be Connecticut and Miami, but the order may be reversed.

The Irish are concentrated



The Observer/Jeff Hsu
Irish point guard Martin Ingelsby goes for a layup versus Georgetown. The team wraps up its season against Boston College on Sunday.

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■ FENCING

Irish host Midwest Championships

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

In the words of all-American epeeist C.J. Jackson, "It's pay-back time."

Notre Dame hosts the Midwest Championships this weekend and the Irish are looking to redeem themselves for past defeats at the hands of Midwest foes.

The women take on Midwest opponents Northwestern and Ohio State, both of whom defeated the Irish earlier this season. The return of all-Americans Magda Krol and Sara Walsh and junior Aimee Kalogera should propel the Irish to victories over both the Buckeyes and the Wildcats.

"I think that we took those two losses to Ohio State and Northwestern that we didn't expect to take," all-American

epee captain Nicole Mustilli said. "I think that this is a chance to prove that our full team, with Magda back, that we can take Northwestern, no problem. And Ohio State, we beat them at home last time so we are going to do it again this time."

While the women's foil team managed to go undefeated in the Midwest on the season, they too have revenge on their minds this weekend.

"The women's foil lost [the Midwest title] last year to Ohio State," captain Nicole Paulina said. "It is kind of revenge time for us. We want it back this year."

Walsh returns to the foil squad after missing last weekend due to illness. She will combine with three-time all-American Myriah Brown and Paulina to form one of the

toughest trios of foil fencers in the Midwest.

"Ohio State and Northwestern have decent teams," head coach Yves Auriol said. "But this coming weekend we will have a full team so we should be ok."

The men's epee team will also be looking to avenge a past defeat when they match up with Lawrence University. Last weekend when the two squads clashed, Lawrence emerged with a 5-4 victory.

"We found out that Lawrence has a very good epee squad," Auriol said.

Jackson and freshman stand-out Brian Casas will look to lead the Irish to victory this weekend. Casas leads the squad in victories with 44, while Jackson is second with

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Darryl Strawberry may
not return as soon as
expected from colon
cancer.

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teams are competing
this weekend at the Big
East Championships.

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■ ON THE HOT CORNER

Dedicated fans bask in basketball glory

By BRIAN CHURNEY
Sports Columnist

What were you doing on Sunday when Paul Rainey made his third and fourth points of the season? How about on Wednesday, Feb. 10 when Georgetown broke a Big East record for steals in a game?

And where were you when the Irish men's basketball team played what could have been their best basketball game of the season, blowing out a Providence College team that has beaten Purdue, Syracuse and Villanova (all probable tournament teams)?

The answer to these questions for approximately 20 dedicated Notre Dame basketball fans (yes, there is such a thing) is that they were in the front row of the Joyce Center watching the games, where they've been for every game and scrimmage for the past two years.

What makes them unique though, is where they were before the game. Ever since Notre Dame basketball switched from assigned seating to "first come, first serve," these fans have located themselves in the front row of each and every basketball game. To get these coveted seats, the "left" and the "right," as they have named themselves, have sat outside the opening gates for as much as an hour and a half in advance.

Their names will not be seen in the program this year, but they are as important as any other part of the team. They are the true fans — fanatics, if you will — unfazed by mediocre records or sloppy play. Their loyalty is neither based on the final score nor the magnitude of the game. There are no small games for fanatics.

Moreover, every part of the game is important, from the opening tip to the final buzzer. If they let down their guard for a second, they risk losing the mental edge that they strive for. This job is hard work. They are rewarded with few wins, little gratitude and, with the exception of a rare television appearance, little tangible rewards.

And yet, they sit and wait hours before a game for these precious seats. Despite what appears to be another losing season, they sit and wait.

While the actions of these 20 fans are admirable — questionably sane, but nonetheless admirable — Notre Dame basketball isn't blessed with many other fanatics.

A few crazy fans is not quite enough to strike fear in the

eyes of opposing teams. We, as Notre Dame students, often complain or make jest at our less-than-powerful men's basketball team.

Why can't they win? Wouldn't it be fun if we did win?

Believe it or not, there was a time in Notre Dame basketball when we did win. There was a time when the Joyce Center was thought of as a place where opponents did not want to play. There was a time when the students came. There was a time when the students cheered.

Why should I cheer for a team that turns the ball over at record-breaking rates, doesn't have a flashy all-American that plays above the rim, and sometimes appears to give games away?

Well, let me tell you a little story about a school in the Pacific Northwest, and then ask me again. Located in Spokane, Wash., Gonzaga University is a Division I school with an enrollment of about 5,000. It competes in the less-than-nationally renowned West Coast Conference.

Without the name recognition of a Notre Dame, the weather of UCLA, the basketball tradition of North Carolina or the academic reputation of Duke, Gonzaga has little to offer premium basketball recruits. In fact, other than John Stockton (class of 84), who grew up in Spokane, Gonzaga hasn't been able to recruit professional level talent.

Since 1988, Notre Dame has sent four players to the NBA (David Rivers, Monty Williams, LaPhonso Ellis and Pat Garrity), while Gonzaga hasn't sent a player. Logic dictates then, that Gonzaga should not be able to compete at the national level.

They recruit decent players, not top-10 classes, but not incredibly weak classes. They are your typical small conference college basketball team — "an automatic bid" team, if you will.

Followers of college basketball though, know that Gonzaga is more than just another small conference basketball team. At one point this year, Gonzaga broke into the rankings for the first time in its basketball history.

While for a small conference team a ranking is its most significant basketball accomplishment, Gonzaga boasts another. One of the most significant reasons Gonzaga is able and has been able to achieve success against bigger, better teams is its near

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AT A
GLANCE



at Big East Basketball
Championships
Sunday



vs. Boston College
Sunday, 12 p.m.



vs. Boise State,
Today, 3 p.m.



Softball
at Tennessee Tournament,
Today-Sunday



Men's and Women's
Swimming
at Big East Championships,
Today - Saturday



vs. Northern Michigan,
Today, 7 p.m.

BENGAL BOUBOTS

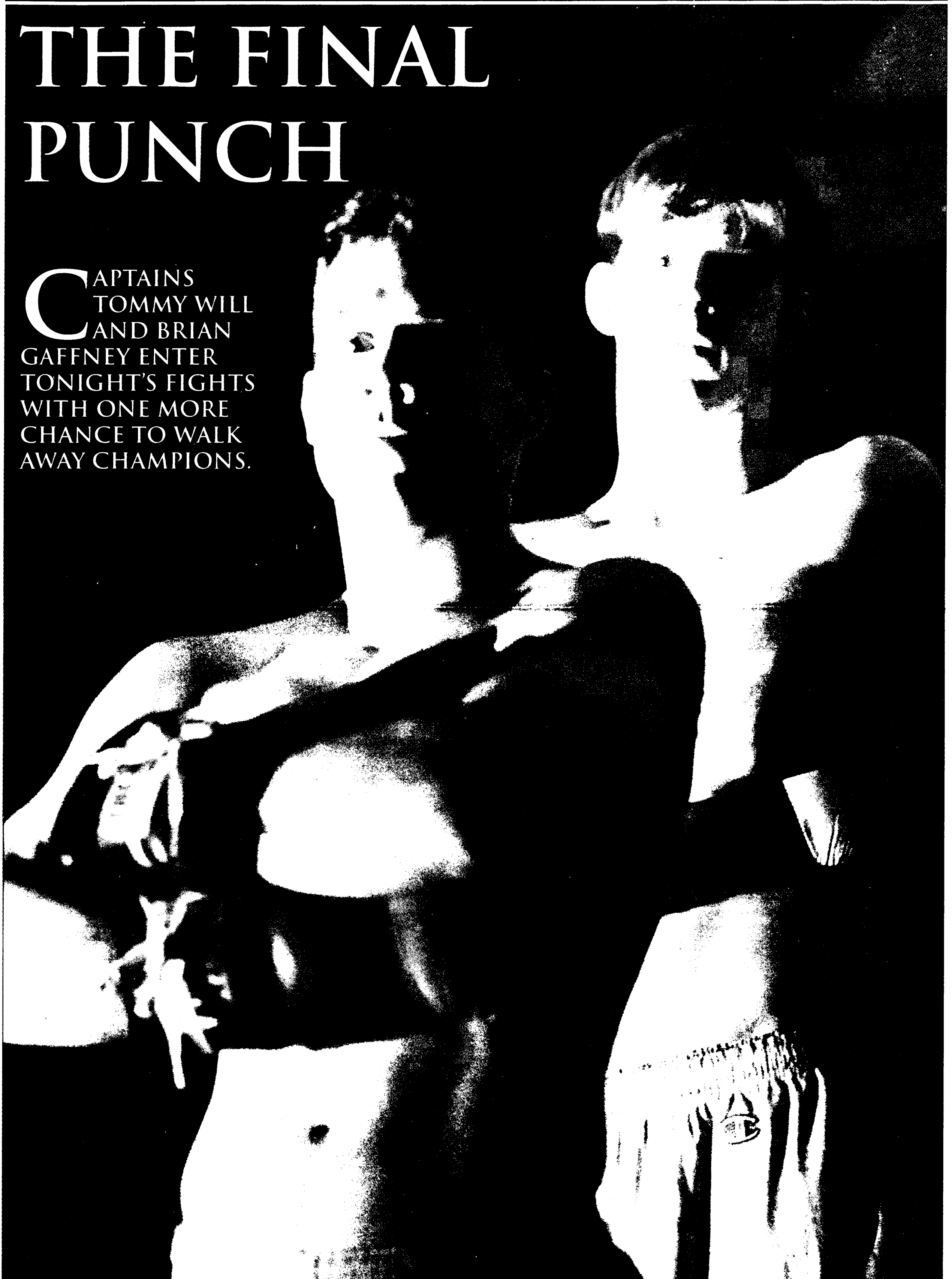
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THE FINAL PUNCH

CAPTAINS
TOMMY WILL
AND BRIAN
GAFFNEY ENTER
TONIGHT'S FIGHTS
WITH ONE MORE
CHANCE TO WALK
AWAY CHAMPIONS.

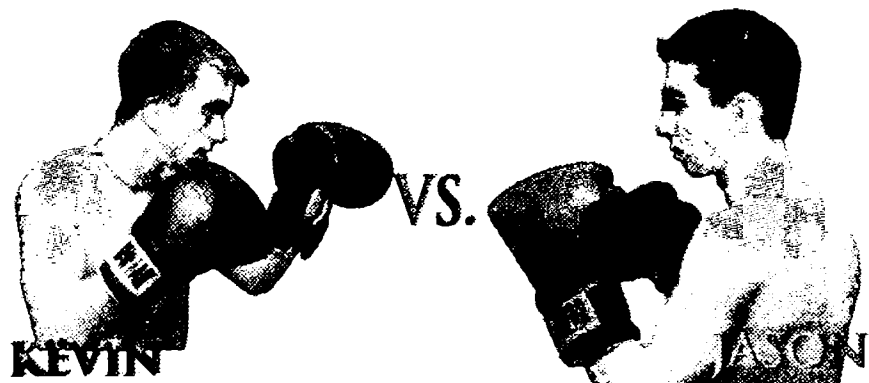


"STRONG BODIES FIGHT, THAT WEAK BODIES MAY BE NOURISHED."

— Dominic J. "Nappy" Napolitano

1999 BENGAL BOUT

125 LB.



KEVIN OVERBECK VS. JASON MACMAHON

PICKS
KATHLEEN LOPEZ

ALLISON KRILLA

KERRY SMITH

KEVIN THOMPSON

OVERBECK OUT FOR THE FINALS

While each of the boxers fought just once after advancing with first round byes, Overbeck will not be available for tonight's finals. A previously scheduled medical school interview in Kansas City will keep the Keenan Hall senior from a match up with the Morrissey freshman.

135 LB.



CHARLES MADDEN VS. DAVE SEERVELD

PICKS
KATHLEEN LOPEZ

Seerveld
ALLISON KRILLA
Seerveld
KERRY SMITH
Seerveld
KEVIN THOMPSON
Madden

Seerveld, a runner-up to Jeremy Leatherby in the 130-pound division last year, is hungry for a title in his final Bengal Bouts.

The top-seeded Seerveld also holds a distinct height and reach advantage over Madden.

But don't underestimate the underdog who has burned several worthy opponents in the first two rounds. Look for a dog fight between two seniors with nothing to lose.

Each of these are guys is hungry for bragging rights and the championship title and tonight is their last chance.

-Allison Krilla

145 LB.



MIKE MAGUIRE VS.

PICKS
KATHLEEN LOPEZ

Will
ALLISON KRILLA
Will
KERRY SMITH
Will
KEVIN THOMPSON
Will

This is just matchups. The friends will more. No. 1-seed the title that lost an epic battle. This time, finds himself. Will brings a while Maguire approach. Both boxers similar body type to a test of endurance.

160 LB.



JOHN KIRLEY VS. MIKE LADUKE

PICKS
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LaDuke
ALLISON KRILLA
LaDuke
KERRY SMITH
LaDuke
KEVIN THOMPSON
LaDuke

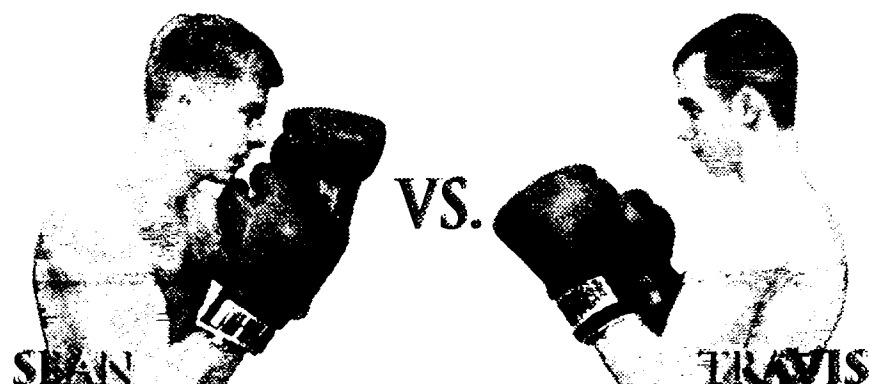
Last year, Mike "Lockdown" LaDuke surprised his critics when he dominated his finals match. He got in a full fight in the opening round but did not see any action in the semifinals.

Kirley enters the finals after two intense brawls. He will have to dominate early in order to stay in the match. Don't underestimate the power of determination. Kirley is a first-time finalist as a senior, so this is the time for him to rally.

LaDuke is out to prove that he is no fluke. The senior looks stronger than ever and will be tough to dethrone.

-Kathleen Lopez

163 LB.



SEAN NOWAK VS. TRAVIS ALEXANDER

PICKS
KATHLEEN LOPEZ

Nowak
ALLISON KRILLA
Alexander
KERRY SMITH
Alexander
KEVIN THOMPSON
Nowak

Sean "The Erie Kid" Nowak has proven that he can brawl if he has to or if he can be more controlled. He can blow-for-blow with anyone. He packs a powerful punch and will be a formidable opponent for the second-seeded Travis Alexander.

Watch for Alexander to rely on his right which has got him this far. This fight could come down to endurance as both of these fighters endured some tough fights.

This one should go three rounds with both exchanging serious combinations. This is the first finals' appearance for both so watch for an intense battle.

-Kathleen Lopez

165 LB.



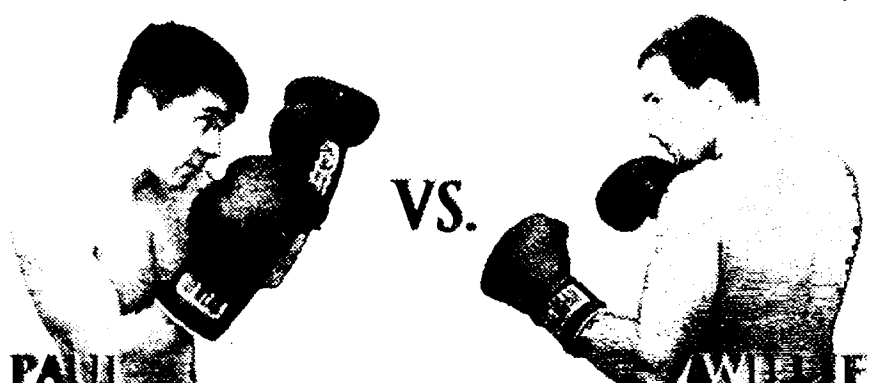
TOM BIOLCHINI VS.

PICKS
KATHLEEN LOPEZ

Biolchini
ALLISON KRILLA
Biolchini
KERRY SMITH
Biolchini
KEVIN THOMPSON
Penn

The fight between "Prissy Pants" Destroyer" Penn and Top-seeded Biolchini is a technical decision win. Penn, the N punch. He too to the semifinals. Look for this the night. Biol experience an essay for a win.

180 LB.



PAUL CHEN VS. WILLIE KENT

PICKS
KATHLEEN LOPEZ

Chen
ALLISON KRILLA
Kent
KERRY SMITH
Chen
KEVIN THOMPSON
Chen

Second-seeded Paul "You Better Recognize, Chump!" Chen will be a formidable stop on senior underdog Willie Kent's quest for the title.

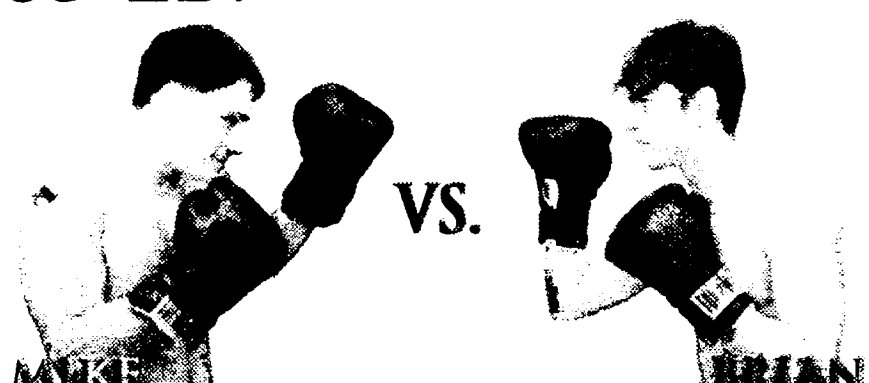
Although he does not have a powerful punch, Chen's controlled and patient attack assures that his punches hit the mark.

Kent's similar build and fighting style may make for an interesting fight, but might not be enough for Kent to pull off his third upset.

If Chen can control the center of the ring as he has in his last two fights, he will be almost impossible to stop.

-Kerry Smith

185 LB.



MIKE ROMANCHEK VS. BRIAN GAFFNEY

PICKS
KATHLEEN LOPEZ

Gaffney
ALLISON KRILLA
Romanchek
KERRY SMITH
Gaffney
KEVIN THOMPSON
Romanchek

A Classic, a duel between a rugged brawler and a master executer.

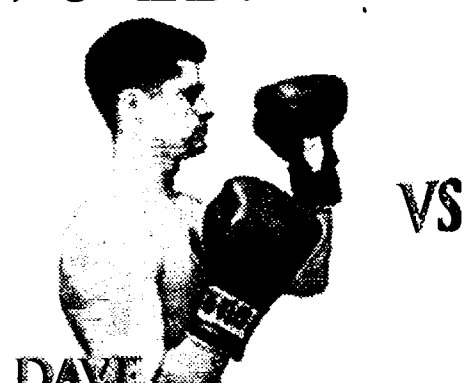
Two good friends and Bengal Bout captains, Brian "The Nutty Irishman" Gaffney and Mike "El Pescador" Romanchek have not met in the ring for two years. Gaffney got the best of Romanchek back then. Romanchek has not lost in over two years but Gaffney has never tasted defeat.

The patient Romanchek must avoid turning this fight into a slugfest and playing right into Gaffney's hands.

Gaffney is shooting for a perfect Bengal career and his fourth straight title

-Kevin Thompson

190 LB.



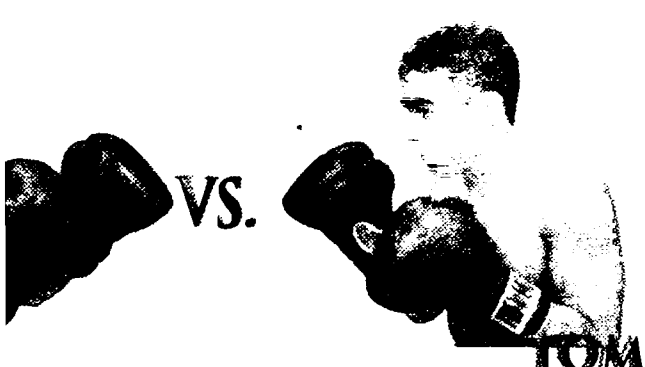
DAVE BUTZ VS.

PICKS
KATHLEEN LOPEZ

Butz
ALLISON KRILLA
Butz
KERRY SMITH
Butz
KEVIN THOMPSON
Velten

Both fighters Wednesday night. Dave "Bell-stand in there wallow as well. Mike "It hurt Velten, in his bruiser. He is relentless on his power and Both have Velten to wear him down for the quick victory.

JTS THE FINALS



TOM WILL

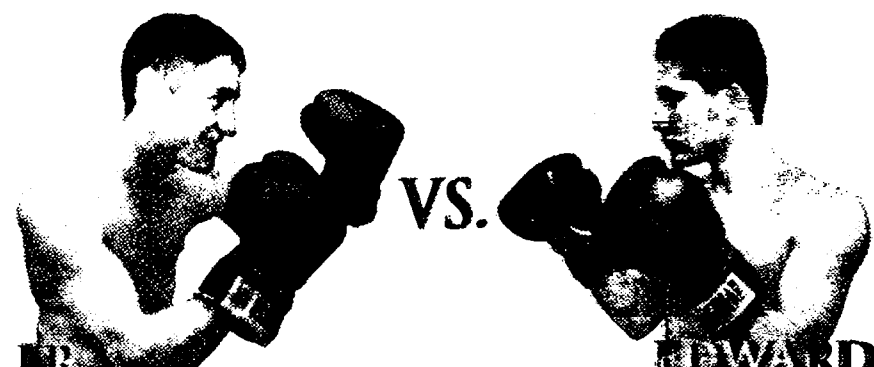
This is just one of the premiere captains' matchups. The battle between captains and friends will come down to who wants it more. No. 1-seeded Will is primed to capture the title that eluded him last year when he lost an epic battle to senior Lucas Molina.

This time, the second-seeded Maguire finds himself fighting the friend he respects. Will brings a controlled, technical approach while Maguire takes a more aggressive approach.

Both boxers display solid techniques and similar body types. This one will come down to a test of emotions.

-Allison Krilla

150 LB.



J.R. MELLIN VS EDWARD HERNANDEZ

PICKS

KATHLEEN LOPEZ

Hernandez

ALLISON KRILLA

Hernandez

KERRY SMITH

Mellin

KEVIN THOMPSON

Hernandez

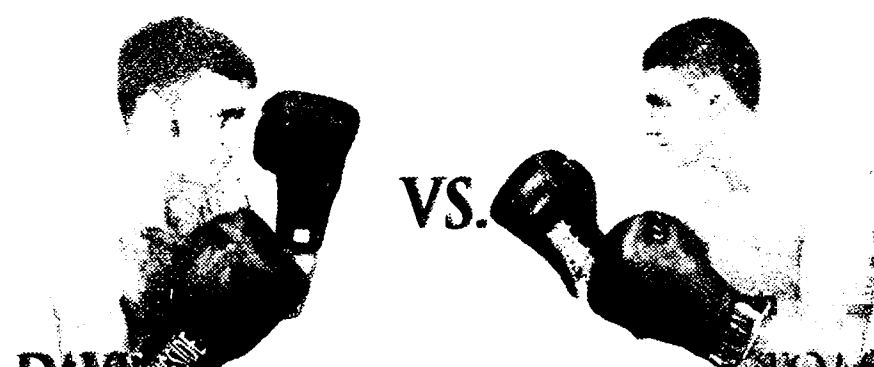
Who could ask for a more even fight than this one? Junior captain J.R. Mellin has the experience but so does freshman Edward Hernandez. The freshman sensation packs a powerful punch which often times leaves his opponents stunned.

Mellin can boast nothing less as both his quarterfinal and semifinal matches have been called early. Each have the footwork and the skills, so this could be one of the best fights of the night.

Hernandez gets a slight advantage with his ability to box both ways, leaving many questioning how to prepare.

-Kathleen Lopez

155 LB.



DAVE MURPHY VS TOM CRONLEY

PICKS

KATHLEEN LOPEZ

Murphy

ALLISON KRILLA

Murphy

KERRY SMITH

Murphy

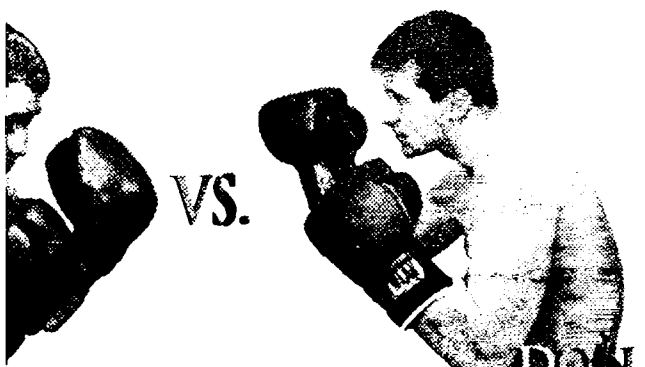
KEVIN THOMPSON

Cronley

Dave "The Rock" Murphy is definitely rested but the question might be is he too rested. He saw a quick minute of action in the quarterfinals and has been quiet ever since. Tom "Boos" Cronley could enter the finals somewhat tired after a split decision in the semifinals.

It could come down to determination because both are seniors with this being each of their last chance to win the big one. Cronley has the height and reach advantage but Murphy packs a powerful punch. This bout should be a duel to the end with the most determined being victorious.

-Kathleen Lopez



DON PENN VS MIKE BIOCCHINI

The fight between juniors Tom "Polly Prissy Pants" Biolchini and Don "Juan The Destroyer" Penn should be an even bout.

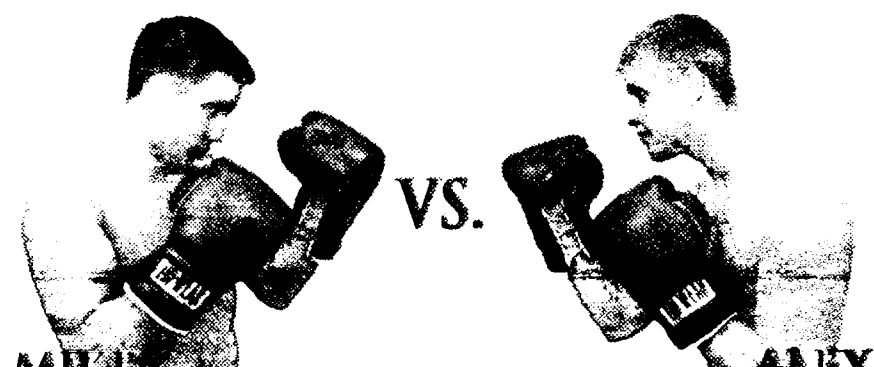
Top-seeded Biolchini has shown good control and technique in his two unanimous-decision wins. His quick in-and-out routine will keep Penn on his toes.

Penn, the No. 2 seed, packs a powerful punch. He took only 48 seconds to advance to the semifinals with a knock-out victory.

Look for this fight to be one of the best of the night. Biolchini and Penn both have the experience and determination that are necessary for a win.

-Kerry Smith

170 LB.



MIKE HAMMES VS ALEX KERRIGAN

PICKS

KATHLEEN LOPEZ

Kerrigan

ALLISON KRILLA

Kerrigan

KERRY SMITH

Kerrigan

KEVIN THOMPSON

Kerrigan

Junior Mike "Honey" Hammes could have his hands full with senior favorite Alex "The Corn Cob Kid" Kerrigan.

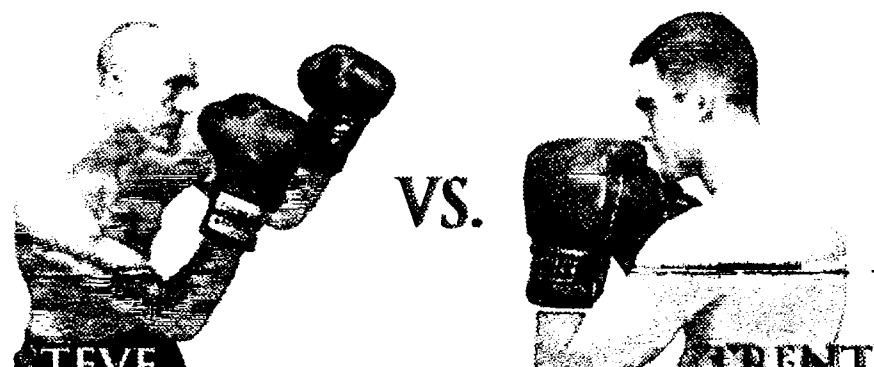
Hammes earned an impressive unanimous upset in the quarterfinals but has not seen any ring action since.

Kerrigan, with a big height and reach advantage, has put on two solid performances and is riding on two unanimous decisions. He will be tough to beat in the finals.

Hammes will have to be aggressive from the start if he wants to upset Kerrigan for the title.

-Kerry Smith

175 LB.



STEVE PFEIFFER VS TRENT SANDIFUR

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Sandifur

ALLISON KRILLA

Pfeiffer

KERRY SMITH

Sandifur

KEVIN THOMPSON

Sandifur

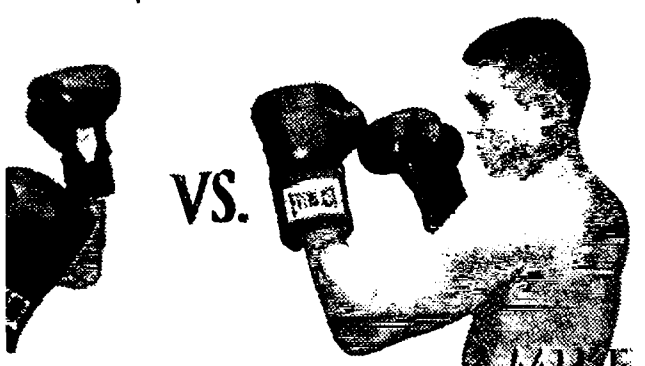
Sophomore Steve "The Angry Pirate" Sandifur will be a tough challenge for Trent "Kid Kokomo" Sandifur.

Pfeiffer, with a height and reach advantage in his corner, has two unanimous victories behind him and has showed impressive control along with a powerful punch.

Sandifur could spell trouble for the second-seeded Pfeiffer if he remains aggressive.

Attacking early, Sandifur handily disposed of the No. 1 seed in a well-fought semifinal outing and could provide a third upset in the finals.

-Kerry Smith



MIKE VELTEN VS DAVE BUTZ

Both fighters proved themselves Wednesday night.

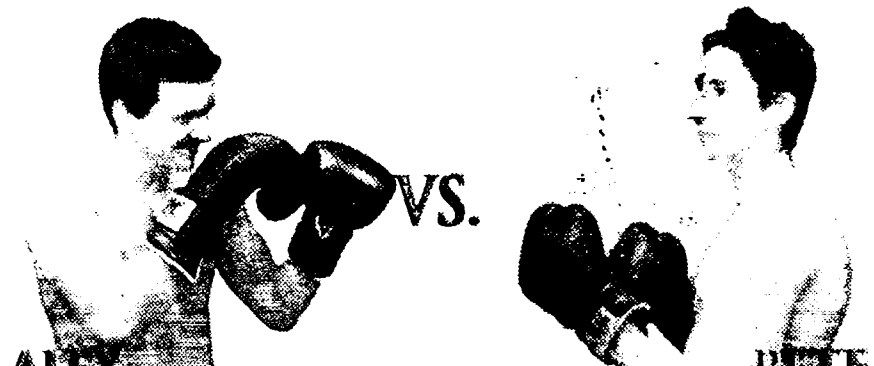
Dave "Bell-Vegas" Butz showed he can stand in there, take his hits and dish out a wallop as well.

Mike "It hurts more than it feels good" Velten, in his 1999 debut, showed he is a bruiser. He throws hard combinations and is relentless on the attack. Velten must use his power and speed to wear down Butz.

Both have proven stamina, but expect Velten to come out swinging early, looking for the quick victory. If not, Butz will try to wear him down in a three-round slugfest.

-Kevin Thompson

195 LB.



ALEX KENT VS PETE RYAN

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KATHLEEN LOPEZ

Ryan

ALLISON KRILLA

Ryan

KERRY SMITH

Kent

KEVIN THOMPSON

Ryan

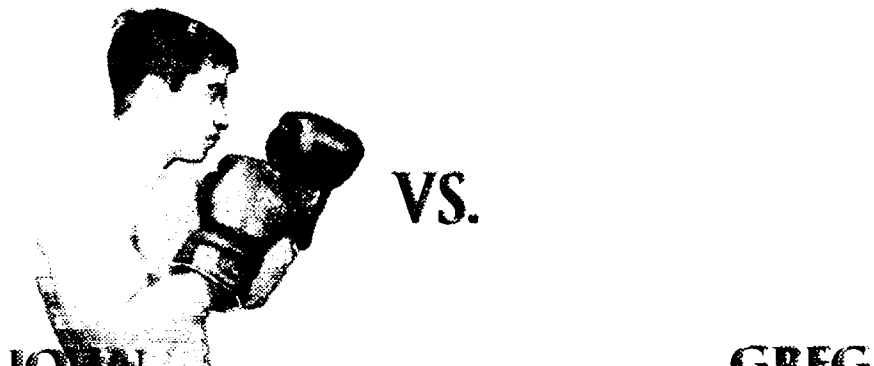
Alex Kent can knock you out early but still have enough left in the tank to do the same in the third. Endurance has been key to his success thus far.

Pete "Beat the Rap" Ryan, with only one Bengal appearance under his belt, is still relatively unknown, which could work to his advantage. He possesses quick legs which he must utilize to avoid a brawl with powerful Kent.

Ryan must endure an early barrage from Kent and pace himself. If he follows these rules, expect this one to go down to the wire.

-Kevin Thompson

HEAVY WEIGHT



JOHN SALVINO VS GREG YATAROLA

PICKS

KATHLEEN LOPEZ

Salvino

ALLISON KRILLA

Salvino

KERRY SMITH

Salvino

KEVIN THOMPSON

Salvino

David v. Goliath. Balboa v. Creed.

John "The Pitbull" Salvino bulldozed through the competition in his first two contests and many pick him to cruise to his first Bengal Bouts title.

But not so fast. As Salvino dominated his competitors this week, Greg "Rain Man" Yatarola proved he is a legitimate contender. His short, compact stance has confused taller opponents, but this time he faces a fighter who can match his size and speed.

If Yatarola avoids a brawl, he can make it three rounds with a chance to win.

-Kevin Thompson

DETERMINATION



Gaffney may enter record books with fourth straight title

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

Entering into the final match of his Bengal Bouts career, senior captain Brian "The Nutty Irishmen" Gaffney has proven that he is no fluke.

With his unanimous decision victory Wednesday over Ben "Buster" Johnson in front of a large crowd at the Joyce Athletic Convocation Center, the Oakton, Va., native now has a chance to achieve what only a handful of fighters has: four straight titles.

You could say that Gaffney burst onto the Bengal Bouts scene, surprising many his freshman year.

In his first match, the referee stopped the contest, not because of a daze in Gaffney's eyes but because he drilled Mike Shinnars. The fight was called 1:26 minutes into the second round.

After his semifinal match, people truly began to take notice.

Gaffney registered one of the largest upsets of that year's tournament, stunning both the crowd and captain Mike DeBiasi.

His controversial split-decision victory over the 6-foot-2 DeBiasi began the legend of this aggressive three-time champion.

Gaffney went on to record another split-decision victory over Dan Cunningham to capture his first Bengal Bout crown in the 185-pound division.

Gaffney returned his sophomore year to defend his title, but this time in the 180-pound category.

In the finals, he met DeBiasi, a familiar face, who was now a senior captain looking for revenge. Gaffney was not to be denied, however, recording a dominating performance.

The defending champion floored DeBiasi, knocking him down four times before ending the fight 35 seconds into the second round.

Gaffney aided DeBiasi exiting the ring, showing indeed he was a true champion.

The two-time champ's hard work and dedication paid off last year when he was one of six fighters named captain.

Along with the title and his rising

reputation came enormous pressure to succeed. Gaffney was not shaken.

In the 175-pound finals, Gaffney once again proved his grit and determination, defeating Chris Dobranski in three rounds to capture a third straight title.

While he did earn his third title, Gaffney endured one of the closest fights of his career.

In Wednesday's fight, Gaffney again felt the pressure of keeping his unbeaten streak alive.

"There was tremendous pressure," Gaffney said. "Every fight, there's more pressure. It's good though; you feel alive. You're doing something special."

Gaffney's opponent in the final fight of his career will be close friend and returning champion in the 180-pound division, junior Mike "Guns Don't Kill People, I Kill People" Romanchek.

Romanchek, renamed "El Pescador," won a controversial split decision victory over Dan Prince in last year's final and recorded a unanimous decision Wednesday over Corey "I'll Make Your Face Look Like Mine" Clay.

Gaffney has great respect for his opponent.

"Mike and I are not only training partners but we are extremely close friends," said Gaffney. "It'll be a competitive battle."

The friends are no strangers in the ring either.

In 1997's 180-pound semifinals, Gaffney defeated the freshman Romanchek, his last loss in Bengal Bouts competition. Since then, the competitors have trained together extensively, but have not sparred.

Romanchek is excited for the final and sees this fight as the culmination of a great rivalry.

"It's going to be a lot of fun. It's something we've both been looking forward to for a long time," said the junior captain and Colorado native. "We have a golden bond out there. It really pulls us together. I think it's the best possible thing that could have happened."

Perhaps the best thing that could happen to this dedicated captain is a fourth straight championship and a place in the record books.

Will seeks a third and final championship to dispell doubt

By BRIAN REINTHALER
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Seven fights into his Notre Dame boxing career, junior captain Tommy Will was perfect.

In retrospect, he was too perfect.

After winning Bengal Bouts championships in his freshman and sophomore years, Will advanced to the finals in 1998 for a shot at a third consecutive title. It wasn't meant to be.

"The big difference between [the first two years] and going into last year was [that] your expectations of how good you should be have raised so much," Will said of his streak-breaking loss to Lucas Molina, who Will had defeated in the 1997 finals, in last year's 135-pound championship. "It's just because of the fact that I had won twice and you feel like maybe you have to win again."

Will may indeed win again. The senior captain and president of the boxing club is the favorite in this year's 145-pound division.

He has advanced as expected through the quarter- and semifinal rounds. After disposing of Zach Fulton Monday, Will went to work on Jim Shacklett on Wednesday. Will used his strong hooks to overpower both, winning unanimous decisions. He is set to face Mike Maguire in the highly anticipated finals match.

Will knew he had found his niche the first day he spent at the boxing room in the bowels of the Joyce Center. "My R.A. in my section convinced me to do it," Will recalled. "And so I went, and after the first day, I loved it."

In 1996, Will stormed onto the Bengal Bouts scene with impressive victories in his first round and semifinal matches.

As he faced off in the finals with fellow freshman Michael McCurdy, there was already a buzz about the winner going undefeated for four years. The pressure was on, but that did not concern Will.

"You've got like no expectations of yourself," Will said of his first-year title run. "Every fight you win, you're like, 'I didn't know I could do that, wow!' So you can't go wrong. If you lost you probably would have been like, 'O'Well, I guess I lost. Maybe I wasn't better than that guy.' It's a win-win situation."

On a night he said he will never for-

get, Will won a unanimous decision over McCurdy.

Will's pride and dedication proved valuable during the following year's Bouts. After a tough first-round match, Will defeated junior Sean Sharpe in a high-tempo, pressure-packed battle.

"That was the only time I walked down the stairs after the fight and my legs were like wobbling," Will said. "I really spent myself."

Will went on to claim his second straight Bengal Bouts title, improving his overall record to 6-0 by defeating Lucas Molina in a thrilling, but controversial finals match. Molina, a flamboyant fighter in the ring, disagreed with the judges' decision.

"[Will's] eyes were swollen, and just looking at him, I knew I had won the fight," Molina insisted after the match.

It was more than Will's impressive stiff jab that earned him the split-decision victory. Molina's flashy in-the-ring routine intimidated most opponents, but Will was unfazed.

"He's sayin' a prayer in his corner, then he gets all hyped up, doin' all this crazy stuff," Will said of Molina's fancy footwork and showmanship. "I'm like, 'that doesn't mean a thing when it comes down to boxing.'"

Will studied in London the following fall and missed the novice workouts for the 1998 season. Will knew Molina would seek redemption and he found himself, for once, at a psychological disadvantage.

"You hate it so much right when it happens," said Will of his loss to Molina, "but then you look back on it and you realize that sometimes that's the best thing that could have happened to you at that point in your life. I think it helps you grow and makes you realize your weaknesses."

With his final fight on Friday, Will intends to keep the 1999 Bengal Bouts championship in perspective.

"It's my last chance to do this ever in my life," Will said. "So I just want to make every second of it awesome. You just want to leave knowing that no matter what, you gave it 110 percent. You didn't leave anything in the ring. And then if [another championship] comes along with that, that makes it maybe complete, or perfect."