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Dole, Philbin to receive degrees

ND will confer 10 honorary degrees at graduation

Special to The Observer

Nine distinguished figures in the Church, education, law, business and broadcasting will join principal speaker Elizabeth Dole as honorary degree recipients at Notre Dame's 154th commencement exercises May 16.

Degrees will be conferred on some 1,800 undergraduate and 550 advanced degree candidates in ceremonies beginning at 3 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

Dole — formerly president of the American Red Cross and a Cabinet member in the Reagan and Bush administrations — will receive an honorary doctor of laws degree.

Other honorary degree recipients are:

Aaron Feuerstein (doctor of laws) — As the president and chief executive officer of Malden Mills Industries of Lawrence, Mass., Feuerstein received national acclaim in 1995 when he continued to pay his employees while rebuilding

the company after a fire destroyed three of the company's century-old buildings. Malden Mills, which produces Polartec fabrics, has annual sales of \$400 million.

Roberto Gutiérrez (doctor of laws) — The president and cofounder of the Hispanic Telecommunications Network (HTN), Gutiérrez has been involved in communications and religious programming for two decades. He is executive producer of the weekly television series "Nuestra Familia" and host of the Our Family television series seen weekly on the Odyssey Channel.

Patrick McCartan (doctor of laws) — A Notre Dame trustee since 1989, McCartan is managing partner of Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue, an international law firm with 20 offices located throughout the world. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University in 1956 and his LL.B. from the Notre Dame Law School in 1959.

Gabrielle Kirk McDonald (doctor of laws) — Judge McDonald is president of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. A native of St. Paul, Minn., she was graduated first in her class at the Howard University School of Law and was the first African-American woman to serve as a federal district court judge in Texas.

Regis Philbin (doctor of laws) — A 1953 graduate of Notre Dame, Philbin is a 35-year vet-

eran of the broadcasting industry and the popular cohort of the nationally syndicated television talk show, "Live! With Regis & Kathie Lee." His contributions to Notre Dame and South Bend include hosting an annual fund-raising broadcast on behalf of the Center for the Homeless.



Philbin

Cornelius Pings (doctor of engineering) — Pings is president emeritus of the Association of American Universities and an independent higher education director and consultant. He served on the faculties and administrations of the University of Southern California and the California Institute of Technology for 34 years and was elected in 1981 to the National Academy of Engineering.

Sister Kathleen Ross (doctor of laws) — As founding president of Heritage College in Toppenish, Wash., Sister Kathleen has led the liberal arts institution from an enrollment of 85 in 1982 to more than 1,100 today. She holds advanced degrees in non-Western history and cross-cultural studies and has served since 1975 as a consultant for

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Former Speaker coming to ND

By MAGGY TINUCCI
Assistant News Editor

Newt Gingrich, former Speaker of the House and former Republican representative from Georgia, will focus on the challenges and opportunities presented by the information age and the global world in his speech April 13 in Stepan Center.

"Gingrich is a fresh face out of politics and will have a lot to say about the House of Representatives and why he left," said Adam Rieck, commissioner of the ideas and issues committee for the Student Union Board (SUB).

SUB was able to schedule Gingrich through a booklet from agencies representing speakers the group typically uses.

"[The booklet] said Gingrich viewed himself as a failure for losing Republican seats during his term as speaker. That is part of why

he left," said Rieck.

Gingrich will discuss issues such as the natural world, the biological revolution's impact on health, American politics, the challenge of the military, terrorism and international crime threats.

Gingrich is best known as chief architect of the Republican "Contract with America" in 1994. He served as a congressman from

Georgia from 1978-99 and speaker of the house from 1995-99.

Gingrich attended Emory University and received master's and doctoral degrees from Tulane University. He is the author of five books, including the bestsellers "To Renew America," "Lesson Learned the Hard Way" and "Contract With America," which he co-authored with Dick Armey and the House Republican Conference.

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Two profs given Fulbright awards

Special to The Observer

Two University of Notre Dame faculty members have received grants from the Fulbright Scholar Program to lecture and study abroad this year.

David Lodge, associate professor of biological sciences, is in Kenya this semester studying the ecological impact of a nonindigenous crayfish on native Kenyan freshwater communities. His research is being conducted in association with the University of Nairobi and Kenya Medical Research Institute.

Barbara McCrea, a visiting scholar in Notre Dame's Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, received a grant to lecture through July on comparative politics at Tartu University in Estonia.

In addition, Fulbright Visiting Scholars grants have been awarded to two chemists to conduct research at Notre Dame during the current aca-

ademic year.

Marek Sikorski, a faculty member at the University of Adam Mickiewicz in Poznan, Poland, is studying the photo-physics and photochemistry on thioketones and alloxazines on solid support. He is working in conjunction with J. Kerry Thomas, Julius A. Nieuwland Professor of Science at Notre Dame.

Ezequiel Wolcan, assistant professor of chemistry at the University of La Plata in La Plata, Argentina, will conduct research at the Radiation Research Building at Notre Dame from April to July. He is working in association with Guillermo Ferraudi, a professional specialist in the lab.

Established in 1946, the Fulbright Scholar Program is sponsored and funded by the U.S. Information Agency, with additional funding provided by the participating governments and host institutions in the United States and abroad.

Dip, spread, close and slice



Pasquerilla East residents prepare a fresh batch of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches Thursday for the Center for The Homeless. Dozens of sandwiches were made in the effort.

The Observer/Kristen Corcoran

■ INSIDE COLUMN

Time for a change

Kent State has qualified for the men's basketball NCAA tournament.

Notre Dame's season is over.

Does anyone else see a problem with this?

Kent State's only claim to fame is that the National Guard

shot a bunch of people on their campus. Notre Dame is, according to Sports Illustrated, the second best jock school in the country and has the 16th best basketball program of all-time. Yet somehow the Irish will be watching the post-season on their television sets.

Some may argue Kent State only qualified for the NCAA tournament because they get the automatic bid from the Mid American Conference — a conference much easier than the Big East.

These people would be correct, except they overlook one thing. Kent State beat Miami of Ohio in the MAC Championship to earn its NCAA bid. The Irish, on the other hand, lost to Miami in the first home game of the season.

If the Irish had beaten Miami, their record would have been 15-15. With a .500 record, they would have qualified for the NIT. While the NIT is not nearly as prestigious as the NCAA tournament, it is a whole lot better than nothing.

So basically what it comes down to is this: if Notre Dame had a basketball program equal to Kent State, they would still be playing. Pretty sad, huh?

I don't place the blame for this season on the players. They played their hearts out and tried their best.

No, I place the blame for this season squarely on two men: athletic director Michael Wadsworth and head coach John MacLeod.

Irish fans have been forced to tolerate mediocre basketball for eight seasons. In MacLeod's eight seasons at the helm, Notre Dame has never qualified for the NCAA tournament, never won a Big East Tournament game and never been ranked in the top 25.

MacLeod's winning percentage under the Golden Dome is .457. We don't tolerate this kind of failure from a football coach, why do we tolerate it from a basketball coach?

Gerry Faust had a .535 winning percentage and was fired after five years as head football coach. MacLeod's .457 winning percentage has somehow kept him around for eight seasons.

Mr. Wadsworth, do you have no interest in the men's basketball program? Why are you so apathetic about its fate? Muffet McGraw has proven that successful basketball programs can exist under the Golden Dome. MacLeod hasn't accomplished what Notre Dame fans expect him to.

I have heard from many people that MacLeod is a good man and a good Catholic — so was Faust. It may be hard to let a good man like MacLeod go, but it must be done. Notre Dame deserves more than teams that almost make the NIT.

There are plenty of good young coaches out there who would love to coach in the Big East. MacLeod has had long enough to turn our program around. It's time for change.

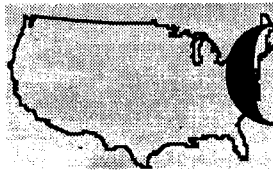
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Outside the Dome

Compiled from U-Wire reports

UMass students and faculty protest race admissions decision

AMHERST, Mass.

In the second protest of the semester, University of Massachusetts students came together with faculty, five College members and civil rights leader Anne Braden to make themselves heard Wednesday afternoon.

Protesting against the recent university decision not to prioritize race in admissions policy, the protest organized by the Black Student Union took place in its traditional starting point — on the steps of the Student Union.

An enthusiastic crowd of about 500 students was in attendance at the protest.

One of the most prominent speakers was Ann Braden, a 74-year-old civil rights activist. Braden is from the Louisville, Ky., chapter of the Southern Organizing Committee for Education and Social Justice.

"People are overwhelmed and do not know what to do," Braden suggests



that whites make themselves visible as an important first step. "The U.S. moves forward only when the young people move forward."

Braden also said "many whites don't want to think about race and want to sweep things under the rug." She attacked giving admissions on the basis of income saying it "will pit poor whites against blacks. [You] can't separate class and race, because they have been joined since the first slave ships arrived. When blacks get rights, so do poor whites." Braden cited Pell grants

and other programs, which African-Americans initiated, as evidence.

Braden predicts that if the University does not reverse its decision then "in a few years they [UMass administration] will be cutting out everyone but the elites."

John Bracey, professor of Afro-American studies, begged the administration for a moratorium on a decision he called "the most mean-spirited, backward thing they have ever done."

Bracey has been an active faculty member in reversing the University's decision and recently wrote a letter to Chancellor David Scott on the matter. Bracey's proposal for the chancellor is to call on individuals specialized on the matters to come up with other solutions.

Bracey urged students to use pressure to make themselves heard if necessary: "We'll tell them there's a hurricane out of Amherst!"

■ UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

President pledges homosexual support

TUCSON, Ariz.

President Peter Likins Wednesday pledged his support to homosexual university employees and promised to explore options for creating domestic partner benefits. Likins told about 75 members of the Outreach Program that he sympathized with the need for subsidized benefits, but political and financial constraints stand in the way. "I [understand] because I have six kids and one of them is gay," Likins said during the noontime forum in the Memorial Student Union Senior Ballroom. "[But] it's a political issue and a financial issue. Here we have conflict." Likins and the group agreed to form a research committee to examine the logistics of the benefits packages, including costs and ways to administer the benefits. "We are going to solicit them to create an ad hoc task force," said Sandy Fagan, assistant director of the University of Arizona's Affirmative Action office. "It's a viable concept."

■ UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-BERKELEY

Frat cycles for charity

BERKELEY, Calif.

Members of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity at UC Berkeley are taking the idea of going the extra mile to the extreme — they are going an extra 3,500 miles to raise money and awareness for people with disabilities. About 60 members of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity from universities across the country, including three from UC Berkeley, are joining together to ride 3,500 miles on their bicycles from San Francisco to Washington, D.C., on a 63-day "Journey of Hope." The UC Berkeley chapter of the fraternity has been very active in the ride and has sent two or three people on the ride annually for the past six years. Money for the event is provided by the participants, whom the foundation requires to raise at least \$4,000 in donations, in addition to providing their own bicycles. The money goes to the PUSH America foundation, which is the national service project created by the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. PUSH America is dedicated to improving the lives of people with disabilities.

■ PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Prof sues Smashing Pumpkins

PRINCETON, N.J.

Music professor Peter Jeffery is suing The Smashing Pumpkins, as well as a host of other organizations, for alleged damage inflicted on his hearing at a rock concert he attended two years ago. Because Jeffery prefers Gregorian chants and folk music, he had never attended a rock concert, his attorney Anthony Wallace said. As a result, he did not expect the decibel intensity he experienced when he took his 12-year-old son to a Smashing Pumpkins show Jan. 25, 1997. Jeffery alleges that his hearing was permanently damaged and that he now suffers from tinnitus, a condition resulting in a constant ringing in his left ear, Wallace said. Jeffery filed a lawsuit Tuesday against the Smashing Pumpkins, their label Virgin Records and the two opening bands, Fountains of Wayne and The Frogs. The lawsuit is also directed at the New Haven Coliseum, where the concert was held, the city of New Haven itself and the concert promoter.

■ UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Officials not held liable for stampede

MADISON, Wis.

The state Supreme Court voted Wednesday to assert that UW-Madison officials cannot be held liable for injuries resulting from a 1993 stampede at Camp Randall Stadium. The 3-3 decision affirmed a February appeals court ruling in which the court decided UW officials, as public officials, are immune from lawsuits stemming from the stampede. Eight students sued UW officials following the Oct. 30, 1993 stampede, in which 69 students were injured during a rush toward the field. The stampede occurred when fans from the student section surged onto the field following Wisconsin's 13-10 victory over Michigan. Some were trampled while other fans became trapped against a 4-foot-high chain link fence. Police reports issued after the rush describe human pileups five to six bodies deep, and indicate that overcrowding in the student section nearly cost 10 fans their lives. The eight plaintiffs sued a group of UW officials — including chancellor David Ward.

■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

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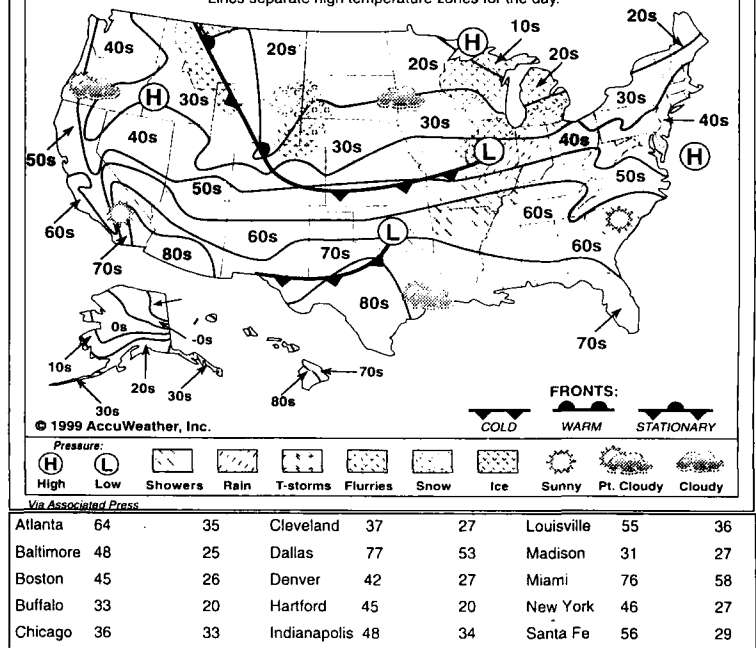
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■ ELECTION 2000

Dole forms committee to explore White House run

Associated Press

David Reddig.

Dole has visited Iowa and New Hampshire since announcing she was leaving as head of the American Red Cross, and she had hinted strongly she would form an exploratory committee, a typical first step toward getting in the race.

"Obviously an exploratory committee is when you really have the opportunity to do real

fund raising," she said during her most recent swing in the state.

Texas Gov. George Bush announced this week that he was forming such a committee.

Most polls have shown Bush and Mrs. Dole atop the field of GOP contenders, but rivals suggest that that is simply because they have familiar names.

"It officially adds another

establishment Republican to the field, further splintering that vote," said Greg Mueller, a consultant allied with publisher Steve Forbes, who is also likely to seek the nomination. "It makes it easier for a bona fide conservative who is well organized and with deep resources to get the Republican nomination."

However, Dole will be a serious contender. She got rave reviews

for her speech to the Republican National Convention in San Diego in 1996 and has more national political experience than many of those eyeing the nomination.

She is a familiar face in Iowa, where precinct caucuses launch the nominating season next February, and in New Hampshire, which holds the first primary election.

In addition, Dole likely can tap into a Republican fund-raising network.

Iowa GOP strategist Tom Cope called her a "unique and compelling" candidate, but warns she's never run for office before.



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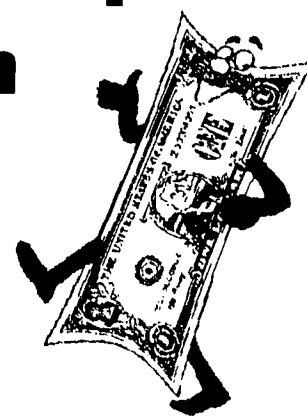
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Three dead in Toll Road collision

Officer, two others killed by out-of-control semi

By JR ROSS
Associated Press Writer

SOUTH BEND
A tractor-trailer slammed into a police cruiser and a sport utility vehicle pulled over for a routine traffic stop Thursday, killing an Indiana State trooper who had been on the job only three months and two motorists, State Police said.
State Police spokesman Dave Bursten said Richard Gaston, 29, of Valparaiso was in his cruiser with a supervisory officer when the semi plowed into them, slamming the car into an embankment on the Indiana Toll Road.
The second officer, senior trooper Brad Kaizer, suffered a concussion and lacerations. The 11-year State Police veteran was listed in fair condition Thursday night at Memorial Hospital in South Bend.
Also killed were Duane

Fites, 66, who Gaston had pulled over for a traffic violation, and his 11-year-old grandson, Charlie Fewell, Bursten said.
The Fites are Auburn residents; their grandchildren are from the Granger area.
Fites' wife, Nancy, 62, and their 9-year-old granddaughter, Kaitlyn Fewell, were also injured when the semi jackknifed and landed on top of their Ford Expedition. Both were cut out of the vehicle by rescue workers and taken to local hospitals.
Nancy Fites was treated at Memorial Hospital and released. Kaitlyn Fewell was listed in stable condition Thursday night after being brought to St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center.
Kaizer was overseeing Gaston, who graduated from the Indiana State Police Academy in December and was scheduled to begin patrolling on his own March 22, Bursten said.
Bursten said the troopers pulled over the SUV and were on the right side of the westbound lanes of the tollway just north of South Bend about 2:15 p.m. EST when a semi driven by Spencer Cornelius, 50, of Chicago slammed into

the cruiser for unknown reasons.
Cornelius was in fair condition at Memorial Hospital.
The accident closed westbound lanes of the toll road for a 5-mile stretch as officers tried to reroute traffic along local roads. Eastbound lanes were stop and go as police moved in equipment to clear up the accident scene and passing motorists slowed to stare at the accident.
The force of the collision demolished the trooper's cruiser, throwing it onto the side of the road. The jackknifed semi landed on top of the SUV, forcing both into the ditch, and the front of the truck's cab was embedded into the hillside.
It was the second time in eight months a trooper has been killed on the toll road, and the fourth trooper struck and killed by a tractor trailer since 1995, Bursten said. Master trooper David Anthony Deuter, 49, of Angola was killed in July 60 miles east of Thursday's accident when he was struck by a tractor trailer during a traffic stop.
Gaston, formerly of Indianapolis, is survived by his wife, Amy, and 10-month-old daughter, Jean.

DINING HALL INFO

North Dining Hall will close today after lunch.

South Dining Hall will close today after dinner.

Both will reopen for dinner on Sunday, March 14.

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the Yakama Indian Nation.
John Schiffer (doctor of science) — A senior physicist and the associate director of the physics division at Argonne National Laboratory, Schiffer holds a joint appointment as a professor of physics at the University of Chicago. One of the world's leading nuclear scientists, his work has included seminal studies on the structure and dynamics of the nuclear system to pioneering

searches for quarks.
Edmund Cardinal Szoka (doctor of laws) — Formerly the archbishop of Detroit, Cardinal Szoka was appointed in 1997 to a five-year term directing Church operations as president of the Pontifical Commission for Vatican City. After nine years as cardinal in Detroit, he supervised the Vatican's budget from 1990-97.




Szoka

Gingrich

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He was named Time magazine's "Man of the Year" in 1995.
Tickets for the lecture are \$10 for general admission and \$6 for students. They may be purchased at the LaFortune Student Center information desk.
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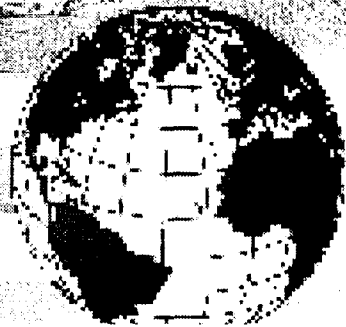
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■ WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Internet love leads to death

DETROIT

A French woman who was wooed on the Internet, then traveled to suburban Detroit to meet her cyber-suitor, was found dead in an apparent suicide after the man used her for sex and kicked her out, police said. Police in Farmington Hills found 28-year-old Julie Yasa dead after her lover called on Wednesday and reported a body lying in the woods across from his apartment complex. She was wearing a shirt and pants, but no coat, and had a sheet wrapped around her waist. The man, whose name was not released, was questioned by police and released, but police said he could still face charges. "It's an extremely sad story," Police Chief William Dwyer said. "This woman comes all the way from Paris, is unstable and suicidal, is used for sex and thrown out the following day and gets no help whatsoever."

Judge throws out abortion law

NEW ORLEANS

A federal judge on Thursday struck down a Louisiana law aimed at banning the late-term abortion procedure known as partial birth abortion. The law's supporters said it outlawed the procedure doctors call dilation and extraction, but U.S. District Judge Thomas Porteous sided with those who said the law could be interpreted more broadly. "This act's broad language seems to purposefully create confusion and ambiguity," Porteous wrote, saying he was unswayed by the state's claim that the law only applied to dilation and extraction. Opponents said the law would have outlawed all abortions because it forbade any abortion performed once any part of a fetus enters the birth canal.

Posh Spice gives birth to baby boy

LONDON

Posh Spice Victoria Adams gave birth Thursday in London to a 7-pound baby boy. "Victoria is very well," said the baby's father, soccer star David Beckham. "She is sitting up drinking champagne and has spoken to the other girls," referring to the other members of the Spice Girls pop group. "The birth was natural and there were no complications, nothing at all," he said. Adams, 24, is the second member of the all-girl group to give birth. "Scary Spice" Melanie G, who was known as Mel B before her marriage to dancer Jimmy Gulzar, gave birth to a daughter last month. They called the baby Phoenix Chi. She also gave birth at Portland Hospital for Women and Children in Central London, where Adams had her baby.

■ MEXICO



AFP Photo

Four gang members lined up yesterday for identification in the kidnapping of Alvaro Campos, the father of Mexico's soccer great Jorge Campos.

Mexican police catch kidnappers

ASSOCIATED PRESS

ACAPULCO

Four gang members have been arrested and face up to 40 years in prison each after confessing to kidnapping the father of star Mexican soccer goalie Jorge Campos, prosecutors announced Thursday.

The abduction of Alvaro Campos, 66, is the latest in a series of kidnappings that have angered Mexicans.

The sullen, T-shirt-clad suspects were paraded before television cameras in the coastal resort of Acapulco.

The four were carrying guns when they were arrested Wednesday. A search continues in

the Pacific coast state of Guerrero for 12 other suspects involved in the February 17 abduction.

Alvaro Campos was released six days later, after his family paid \$63,000 in ransom.

All four suspects were charged with kidnapping, which carries a maximum sentence of 40 years.

The suspects originally asked the Campos family for \$2 million in ransom but reduced those demands once they realized police were involved in the case, according to the Guerrero state Attorney General's Office.

Alvaro Campos was released Feb. 23 along a highway outside of Acapulco. He was in good health, apparently suffering only a sprained

ankle during his ordeal.

He had apparently been held in a rural encampment northwest of Acapulco, prosecutors said.

As many as eight heavily armed men seized Alvaro Campos at a sports field named for his son in a southern suburb of Acapulco.

Jorge Campos was the national team's main goalie during its World Cup performances in France last year and in 1994.

His U.S. Major League Soccer contract is now with the Chicago Fire, but the team let him return to Mexico for the season to play for a top division team. The Fire, which acquired him from the Los Angeles Galaxy a year ago, expects him back in the spring.

Marine officers acquit Ashby

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C.

Outraging Italian authorities, a military jury Thursday cleared a Marine pilot of charges he was flying recklessly when his jet sliced through a ski gondola cable in the Alps and sent 20 people plunging to their deaths.

A whoop went up in the tiny courtroom when the eight Marine officers found Capt. Richard Ashby innocent of 20 involuntary manslaughter charges and other counts. The jury deliberated for 7 1/2 hours.

"Basically, all I really want to say is this has been a tragedy for all involved," Ashby said. "My heart, my thoughts and prayers go out to the families of victims of this tragedy."

Prosecutors said Ashby was "flat-hatting" — recklessly flying too low and too fast — when his EA-6B Prowler hit the cable on Feb. 3, 1998. He could have gotten 206 years in prison if convicted of all charges.

Ashby argued that the cables weren't on his map, that the jet's altitude-gauging equipment malfunctioned and that an optical illusion made him think he was flying higher.

Ashby still faces another court-martial, on obstruction of justice charges for the disappearance of a videotape his navigator made during the fatal flight. He could get a year in prison if convicted.

And his navigator, Capt. Joseph Schweitzer, faces a manslaughter court-martial as well. It

was unclear whether prosecutors will proceed with that case now.

When the acquittal was announced, ending a trial that began Feb. 8, a prosecutor turned and said quietly, "I'm sorry" to some of the victims' relatives. Other relatives hugged and wept.

"I am really baffled by this ruling," Italian Premier Massimo D'Alema said during a visit to Boston. "With that kind of a massacre, with so many casualties, I think it is a duty to ensure that justice is done." He said Italy will "explore all the legal ways" to hold those responsible liable.

Achille Occhetto, president of the lower house of Parliament's foreign affairs committee, said, "In the face of many dead, and such clear

responsibility, this verdict is an act of arrogance and prevarication."

John Arthur Eaves, a lawyer who represents relatives of eight German victims, said some lamented that there is "no justice in the world."

"I was just shocked because I can't understand that the man who killed 20 people ... is not guilty," said Cindy Renkewitz of Germany, whose father and sister died in the accident. "I don't believe that he feels bad for us. He could've at least apologized to us, but he didn't do it."

The jurors and the prosecutors had no comment.

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said the matter could come up Friday during President Clinton's meeting with D'Alema.

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■ LULA'S JOURNAL

It's Time for Wine to Come out of the Closet

A subversive organization holds secret meetings on this hallowed campus, sneaking and slithering from room promoting behavior banned from our dorms and classrooms. Yes, it keeps a low profile.

Jeff Langan

Du Lac prohibits its activities. Student Activities refuses to recognize its existence as a student group. It can't get funding for on-campus events. It can't get funding for speakers. If it wants to have events or speakers on campus, it can't legally get a room. It can't put up posters to advertise. If posters are put up, they are ripped down. It can't get discount rates to advertise in The Observer.

No one would dare think of doing in public around students at Notre Dame what the members of this group only dare to do in private. Most guys and gals prefer pleasing themselves in other ways. At the same time, they admire the courage with which this group fights their cause. Most shocking of all, this group can't even get the help of the PSA, which claims to help anyone who is discriminated against.

This group is WINE-ND, a group of students dedicated to promoting the exclusive use of wine at Notre Dame. They also welcome the consumption of fine cheeses along with wine, but that is a secondary issue. Their mission is a bold one. They have a noble cause. In short, they think that promoting wine-drinking at Notre Dame will solve many of its social and intellectual problems.

Let's look at some of their specific proposals. First, they advocate banning beer on campus — not all beer, only cheap

beer like Budweiser, Miller, Miller Light, Goebels, Milwaukee's Beast, Old Swill, etc.

Second, they advocate replacing the soda machines in the dining halls with sags and bottles of decent table wine. To achieve these results, they promote activism and disruption.

This Saint Patrick's Day they will have a protest and rally at Stonehenge. Ted Kennedy will be speaking. They have also invited Ernest and Julio Gallo who will make brief appearances. After the event, Wine Awareness Week will begin. Activities include wine and cheese parties and a panel discussion on the oppression of cheap beer drinkers at Notre Dame. They will begin a one-week wine-and-cheese fast. No wine and cheese for a week, that'll show 'em.

This campus has a drinking problem. The problem is that students over-indulge in cheap beer. Why? Because they are cultural Puritans who have a poor notion of virtue. Their parents and educators have spent 18-29 years teaching them to repress their desires and passions as evil or at least repress them long enough to let you put in a good 60-80 hour work week. They grow up in an environment where real conversation and culture are stifled, work lasts all day, drinking lasts all night, and watching Monday Night Football, Sunday afternoon NFL, and Saturday afternoon NCAA on the tube takes precedence.

Now that they are free and away from authority, the only way they know how to express their freedom is to give free reign to the passions and desires. Let's get a keg! Down the hatch! It's easier to get drunk and make a fool of oneself than it is to use alcohol as a social, cultural and intellectual experience.

The two simple proposals of WINE-ND will change all that. Wine will help them begin engaging in real conversation and learn about real virtue. Look at the great philosophical dialogues that began with a bottle of wine.

But they believe wine has intellectual advantages as well. The greatest American philosopher, C.S. Peirce, recommends learning the art of wine tasting as a way of improving one's mind. The ability to use one's senses to distinguish between objects is of great importance in learning to distinguish between more abstract ideas and concepts. No wonder the French have one up on us in education.



Administrators and professors around here have long complained at the division between the intellectual life of the students and the social life of the students. Introducing wine to the dining halls will also help solve this problem. Once students get a taste for table wine, they will start moving up and develop a taste for finer wines. This will encourage them to learn the various skills that go into learning good wines such as geography, history and biology, to name a few. In addition, as we saw above, their logic will improve.

But there's more. An appreciation for wine will be a way of appreciating multi-

culturalism without giving in to relativism. Wine has universal appeal. At the same time, one is able to appreciate the diversity of wines while still recognizing a standard by which one can judge the value of all wines. There is a world of difference between Boone's Farm and a fine French wine that anyone who has tasted wine will recognize.

This campus also confronts issues of faith and reason. Having only wine and milk in the dining halls will be a physical sign that helps students understand problems associated with faith and reason as well. A great scholar once compared milk from the breast to faith and wine from the press to reason. The daily presence of these sensible signs will help students contemplate issues raised in many of their classes and seminars.

Most importantly, wine has health advantages. Since we are all overly absorbed in health, we should all know that daily wine-drinking reduces heart disease. For all you Christian Scientists and Fundamentalists, St. Paul says it's good for the stomach — science and Scripture embrace. Look at the French; they drink wine every day and live longer without developing as much heart disease. In addition, their rates of alcoholism are much lower.

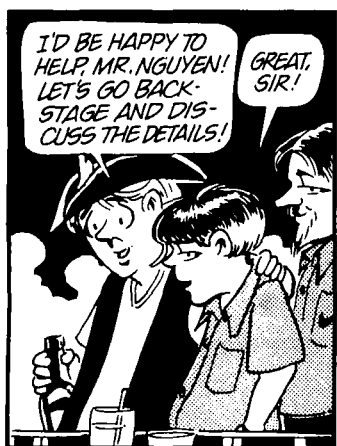
WINE-ND is looking for students who want to make a difference, especially those who want to make a difference with their palate. If you are interested, show up at the rally and give them your support. Now is the time for wine!

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■ DOONESBURY

GARRY TRUDEAU



■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

'Poets have been mysteriously silent on the subject of cheese.'

— G.K. Chesterton

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■ CAPITOL COMMENTS

Stanford Griffens are 'Real Studs'

When Stanford Hall residents recently voted to honor longtime hall resident Father Robert Griffin by changing their dorm mascot from "Studs" to "Griffins," they showed that they truly are the studs of the campus. Giving up such a macho and cool collegiate mascot name to honor a priest was an unselfish, relevant act. During my days on campus, Father Griffin embodied the qualities many Catholics desired but ignored.

Griffin was known as the priest who attracted "losers" and "misfits" to his room during the wee hours of the morning. Sitting in a large reclining chair just beyond his open door all night, he was the sponge who soaked up the heartbreak, frustration and uncertainty of Notre Dame teenagers

who were homesick or upperclassmen who were troubled. He always had a hug ready for his visitors, and his immense size earned him the name "El Gorgo," the large one.

In the 1970s when the Vietnam War raged and graduation from Notre Dame meant a tour in Southeast Asia, students had more intense pressures that literally equated into life and death situations. During that era when sexual ardor presented unexpected pregnancies to young Catholic couples who had fewer options than today, Griff was the confidant to whom explanations could be rehearsed. Many students, including myself, eventually gravitated to the priest who himself seemed a pathetically lonely soul.

Working the spiritual graveyard shift each evening, Griffin seldom rose before noon. However, whenever he strolled across campus during the afternoon, small armies of students "just happened to be going the same way." It was not until he adopted his cocker spaniel, Darby O'Gill, against University regulations, that some students saw him as cool. Students in those turbulent times identified with those who rebuked authority.

Eventually, Griffin's Stanford room became too small for his nightly gatherings so he managed to open the first 24-hour campus lounge in the basement of the LaFortune Student Center. It was appropriately named after his dog. Yet, Darby's Place was too big for some who sought more intimacy and privacy.

The Stanford Hall mass Griffin celebrated was always a "children's mass." Griff would gather all the small children from the congregation around the altar and gave mass a more personal and homey touch. The sign of peace always consisted of hugs, not handshakes — at the time, a radical departure from standard Church procedure. Students returning from home and their parish mass experiences often commented to Griffin how much more spiritual the children's mass seemed to them. Father Griffin could elicit a spiritual warmth lacking outside of the Notre Dame campus.

Griffin's hands-on approach of hugging could also turn off some as quickly as it soothed others. I once was visiting Griff during a football weekend when a somewhat nervous student entered the room. He stood frozen and erect when Griff hugged him. He fidgeted while us visitors remained in the room. Finally, Fr. Griffin asked us to leave and closed the door. Sometimes privacy was the only approach to a student's troubled soul. The following year, again during one of my football weekend visits, that very student

was in Griff's room hugging in a warm embrace.

During the summers, El Gorgo worked at a parish in Times Square. I visited him once and had to compete with a woman who claimed that Sammy Davis, Jr. had stolen her ovaries. That neighborhood was rough, and Griffin's summers were no vacations.

Father Griff was horrible at writing letters to anyone although he wrote "Letters to a

Lonely God" on a weekly basis for The Observer during the school year. I only know of one student who ever got a letter from Griff. When the student graduated from Notre Dame, he believed that he had accomplished the only goal he sought in life.

He finally drew the courage to send his first letter to Griff during the summer after his graduation. As the summer passed, his letters were easier to write and send because Griff did not respond.

My classmate often wrote to Father Griffin that as he crossed the Golden Gate Bridge daily, he felt like making a hard right turn and plunging into the bay. He suffered from a depression stemming from his final break with Notre Dame. His self-worth was zero. He had no outlook on life or future plans and dreaded the approaching autumn when reality would eventually totally consume him.

One day in early August, a small envelope from New York arrived in my classmate's mailbox. He was nervous and embarrassed to open it. When he eventually did, he found a two-page handwritten letter from Father Griff in which the priest assured the new graduate that he was a unique creation from

God, loved and very much wanted in this world. The fact that Griff took the time to write the letter made all the difference to my friend who went on to a successful career and happy family life.

Years later, life for Father Griffin changed when a doctor gave the priest two choices ... lose weight or die. So our large one lost an astonishing amount of weight and took control of his life. His longevity has been directly proportional to the myriad of souls he has touched and guided, both within the Notre Dame community and on the streets of New York City. His life has been strong because he has

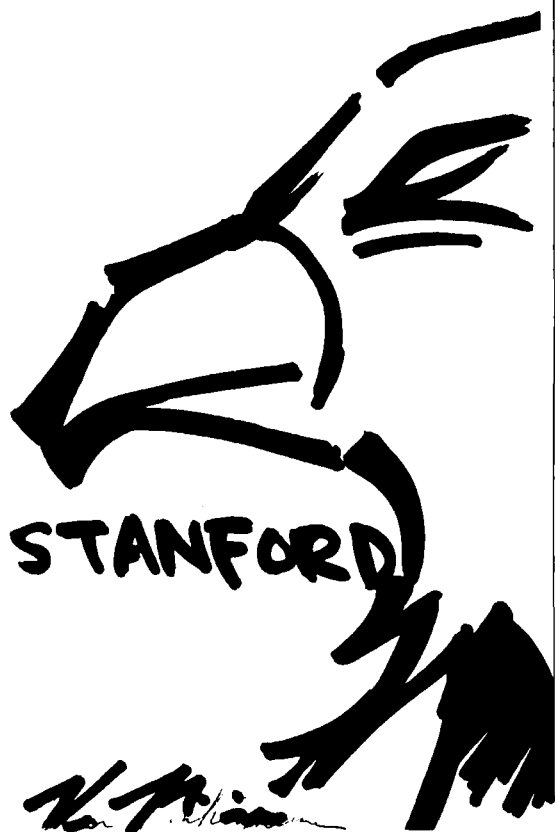
been the model of charity and compassion, qualities that make Notre Dame enigmatic.

The men of Stanford can be proud to be mighty Griffins. While their mascot may have been physically weak, the men of Stanford will embody strength through his character. Their future achievements will be extensions of his past successes. They will always be Studs in deed if not in name.

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Gary J. Caruso



■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Gay Pride Sidewalk Spraypaint is Juvenile Vandalism

On my way to class at DeBartolo Hall, I couldn't help but notice a message that read something to the effect of "Gay Pride at ND, We're still here!" Presented in bold black uppercase letters, this message had been spraypainted on the sidewalk, demanding attention and immortalizing these words for weeks to come. I am sure the party responsible for providing the greater student body with this message thought that they were doing their cause a great service, while at the same time proclaiming their resiliency in the face of adversity.

In the wake of several disappointing decisions made against the Spirit of Inclusion, I am sure the homosexual community and their supporters at Notre Dame are indeed feeling frustration and lamentation. However, the measure taken by this clandestine group managed to take another step backward for their cause. In choosing to spraypaint the sidewalk this group committed a criminal act of vandalism that will leave not only a black mark on the sidewalk, but one on their group's reputation as well. Supporters of such acts will argue that vandalism is commonplace at Notre Dame. One would only need to go to any Hesburgh Library study carrel to find the truth in their argument.

However, the messages presented in these study terminals are both juvenile and imbecilic at best. Do the supporters of gay and lesbian rights at Notre Dame truly want to be identified with the potty-mouthed propagandists that use these carrels as their forum? Furthermore, in committing this act supporters of the fight for homosexual rights add fuel to their opponents' fire by demonstrating a degree of immaturity and irresponsibility that cannot coexist with Notre Dame's environment, regardless of whether or not the powers that be ever initiate the Spirit of Inclusion.

Additionally, this act only affirms the very stereotypes that the supporters of gay and lesbian rights are hoping to dispel. Spraypainting a sidewalk and taking something away from the beauty of our own campus is a radical, criminal act outside of the moral code of not only this University but society as well. In acting radically, criminally and immorally, these people can only be expected to be classified as such. And from such classifications stereotypes and an aura of homophobia will continue to linger on this campus.

In the future I can only suggest that this enclave of sidewalk painters choose more traditional methods of diffusing their message. Other groups such as the PSA and OUTreachND use editorials, rallies, speeches and less damaging chalkings to push their agendas. Through a more conservative methodology these groups have found a voice for a liberal message. For the meantime, these vandal crusaders for homosexual rights can only be classified with the foul-mouthed deviants who disgrace study carrels and bathroom stalls with uninspired discourses; both of which are groups that I am sure the Board of Trustees and other University officials are not likely to negotiate with.

Brian J. Hobbins
Sophomore
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February 26, 1999

Got something to say?

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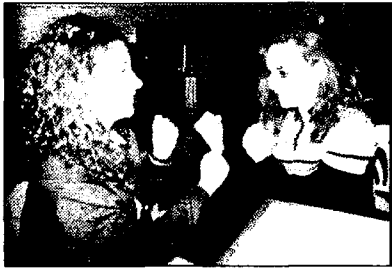
Submit two sample columns of 800~1000 words to Colleen in the basement of SDH.

■ Scene ASKS ...

What are you doing for Spring Break?

"Staying here to study for MCATS"

Monica Hlavac
Junior
Pasquerilla West



"I'm going to Montana."

Toby O'Rourke
Junior
Pasquerilla West

"Going to Italy to meet with relatives."

Kathy Lapenta
Senior
Off-Campus



"Going to London to visit friends and go clubbing."

Jodie Kranz
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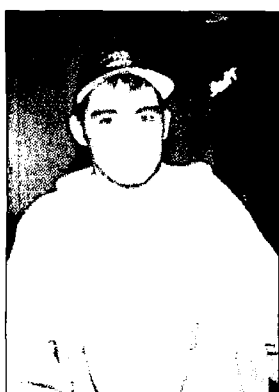
"Going on a scavenger hunt for midgets and hot girls."

Matt Reilly
Freshman
Seigfried



"Staying here to do sculpture."

Gino Reinhart
Senior
Dillon



If you're leaving town don't forget ...

Things you'll need in the car:

- Good music (tapes or cds)
- Extra money for gas and tolls
- Food
- Maps/Directions
- Numbers for emergency help
- Flashlight
- Spare tire, windshield washer fluid, spark plugs and a phone
- Phone number of hotel or destination
- Camera
- A good book or magazines to read
- Crossword puzzles
- Homework (for you nerds)



Things you'll need in warm weather:

- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Aloe gel (for when you get sunburned)
- Beach hat
- Beach shoes (watch your feet in that hot sun)
- Shorts and T-shirts
- Walkman
- Swimsuit

Things you'll need in the mountains:

- Ski glasses (sunglasses)
- Hat, gloves, scarves
- Warm winter coat and fleece
- Water-resistant pants
- Heavy wool socks
- Sunscreen
- Ski gear (if you have it)
- Pain reliever for muscle aches

Things you'll need in Europe:

- Backpack
- Day-pack that you can take on day excursions
- Travel books or language books
- Passport and copy of birth certificate
- Driver's license or I.D.
- Umbrella or waterproof coat
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Hiking boots
- Towel (some hostels don't provide them)
- ATM or credit card for emergency cash
- Name and location of U.S. embassies
- Return plane tickets

50 things to do over spring break (if you're stuck in South Bend)

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| 2 | Study | 27 | Visit your old professors |
| 3 | Read a smutty romance novel | 28 | Origami! |
| 4 | Walk around your room naked | 29 | Take a week-long nap |
| 5 | Go see a movie | 30 | Make some bread |
| 6 | Visit the Snite | 31 | Read the Bible |
| 7 | Start working out | 32 | Have a tea party |
| 8 | Take a walk around the lakes | 33 | Read "Domers" |
| 9 | Do some service work | 34 | Watch "Rudy" |
| 10 | Clean your room | 35 | Become a couch potato |
| 11 | Have a nice conversation with a stranger | 36 | Write the great American novel |
| 12 | Sleep in | 37 | Pig out |
| 13 | Spend some time on South Quad (if you live on North Quad) | 38 | Spend the night outside on the quad |
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| 20 | Rent your favorite movie | 45 | Catch up on forgotten class readings |
| 21 | Rent a really old movie | 46 | Forget about your midterms |
| 22 | Think about your uncertain future | 47 | Feel sorry for yourself |
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■ ON THE HOT CORNER

Time not right for change, give Mac 2 more years

By BRIAN CHURNEY
Sports Columnist

Dear Mr. Wadsworth,

Let me start by telling you how happy we all are that the Board of Trustees voted down the Big Ten issue. You must be pleased. Otherwise your less-than-stellar reputation may have been irreparable. If you thought the outcry when you fired — I mean, when Lou retired was bad ... well let's just say it's a good thing you'll never know what it would have been like.

You and I really haven't seen eye-to-eye on a lot of issues. I was definitely opposed to shunning a lesser bowl three years ago. I thought Lou meant much more to this University than just wins and losses. I thought even considering the Big Ten was a mistake.

I'm writing this letter to you though, to try and get past our differences and agree on one issue.

Why should you listen to me, you ask? Yeah, I know I don't give millions to the school like some of the alumni. I'll probably never be able to give enough money to have any kind of clout. No, don't stop reading now; I'm just trying to help you avoid making one of your un-thought-out decisions.

It's about our men's basketball coach, John MacLeod. The early-March end to another Irish basketball season once again brings out the whispers that MacLeod's job is less-than-stable. This instability is

fair considering that he hasn't led his team to the NCAA's for eight years nor won a Big East tournament game since we joined the conference.

However fair it is though, I'm asking you to please carefully consider any actions you take. Now, I'm far from being a MacLeod fan. I think his substitutions are sometimes questionable, his interviews bland and his offense seems to be a unique mixture of chaos and stagnation.

I've been critical of MacLeod in private conversations and even in this column. I know I'm not alone either. Much of the student body is dissatisfied with his success rate, as they rightfully should be.

That being said, I believe that letting MacLeod go at this time would be a grave mistake. We live in a time where it seems coaches are let go as easily as budding young stars from the Montreal Expos. It seems if a team is not performing well enough to satisfy the powers that be, the coach becomes the automatic scapegoat.

We saw Del Harris lose his job for improving the Lakers' record every year since he's been there. We've seen Ray Rhodes lose his job for not being able to win with a team that was the antithesis of talent. We've even seen Jimmy Johnson lose his job because he was apparently too successful. I urge you to consider these situations before you make a questionable decision.

It takes a while to get a program established. MacLeod's biggest difficulties have result-

ed from his lack of recruiting ability. In his eight seasons at Notre Dame, MacLeod has only been able to recruit roughly four top-50 recruits.

His success in the professional ranks and at Oklahoma in the '70s are a testament to his sheer coaching ability. Remember too, MacLeod was the Big East Coach of the Year just two years ago.

Furthermore, in his first season as coach, MacLeod took a team that was recruited by Digger Phelps and won 18 games playing the toughest schedule in the nation. But for some reason, he hasn't been able to achieve that success since. Recruiting has been the primary hang-up at Notre Dame for MacLeod.

Recruiting is a complicated process whereby a recruit must take into account several factors. Notre Dame basketball doesn't enjoy the luxury that Notre Dame football does in terms of national reputation.

Furthermore, recruiting becomes more difficult when you lack a winning program or quality players with potential. MacLeod has had to endure all of these difficulties, not to mention the rigorous academic standards and less-than-ideal location.

Let's face it, Northern Indiana isn't much of a selling point. Neither are "real" classes whereby an athlete actually HAS TO STUDY (rumor has it that at other Universities, athletes take classes like "basketball" and "fundamentals of basketball").

MacLeod's difficulty in recruiting, then, is under-

standable. Sure, he's had eight years to improve upon this difficulty. But until Notre Dame can field a high-quality, nationally-recognized team like we do in football, thus convincing recruits that Notre Dame does indeed have a basketball team, recruiting will continue to be a daunting task.

This year, however, something strange happened. MacLeod was able to recruit a nationally ranked class of freshmen. Fortunately for us, they have not disappointed. The trio of Troy Murphy, David Graves and Harold Swanagan have carried this team all season long. While occasionally showing signs of youth, the three freshmen have showed incredible leadership, hustle and production. They contributed almost 50 percent of the Irish's offensive production this season.

What's even further astonishing, MacLeod apparently has been able to recruit two more high-quality recruits: Matt Carroll (who, incidentally, is ranked No. 30 by All-Star Sports among high school senior recruits) and Mike Monserez. These two recruiting classes, along with sophomore Martin Inglesby, give the Irish a strong foundation and a bright future. MacLeod has finally gotten the recruiting ball rolling. Don't pull a Jerry West, Mr. Wadsworth, and purge him before he gets to enjoy the increase in talent.

An argument can be made that MacLeod's tendency to lose players after playing for him should lead to his departure.

However, a brief examination of the reasons players left dispels that idea. Three left because of disciplinary problems (Lalazarian, Bell and Gottlieb), one left because of homesickness (Rasmussen), one left because he thought he was NBA material despite only being able to shoot threes (Friel) and one left because his GPA was only slightly higher than his 0.0 scoring average (Okwalinga).

Other than Friel and Rasmussen (whom I will argue are inconsequential losses) MacLeod has had little control over the fates of these players. Don't we want a coach that's going to dismiss unruly players?

My point is this: it seems as though MacLeod has overcome his recruiting woes. He deserves to have a chance to coach these players he recruited. So I ask you, Mr. Wadsworth, before you make a hasty decision, please listen to this proposal. I suggest you give MacLeod two more years to prove his worth. By that time, Inglesby will be a senior, the "Fab Three" will be juniors and MacLeod will have had two more recruiting classes to prove his worth.

If in two years, we are not a legitimate tournament team, by all means, send MacLeod to the Faustian Hall of Notre Dame Coaching Blunders. But I have a hunch that he may surprise us. He's on the right track now.

Sincerely,

Brian Churney

■ NHL

Rangers use strong third period to beat Capitals

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The New York Rangers scored three times in less than two minutes late in the third period Thursday night and moved up in the standings with a 4-2 victory over the Washington Capitals.

Adam Graves scored his 31st goal of the season with 3:32 to play for the winner. Mike Knuble had tied it 57 seconds earlier and Niklas Sundstrom

clinched the win one minute after Graves' goal.

The Rangers erupted to win for the sixth time when trailing after two periods.

The victory moved the Rangers ahead of Montreal and within two points of eighth-place Boston in the Eastern Conference standings in the five-team race for the final playoff spot. Boston leads the Rangers, Florida, Montreal and defending conference champion Washington.

Knuble tied the game twice in the third period, first with 18:00 to play and again with 4:29 to go. Sundstrom added the insurance goal with 2:32 left.

In between Knuble's goals, Peter Bondra scored his 30th of the season on a power play with 10:57 remaining to put the Caps ahead 2-1.

After a first period with no goals and no penalties, Gonchar scored a power-play goal - his league-leading 12th among

NHL defensemen - at 15:39 of the second period.

Senators 5 Flyers 0

Alexei Yashin scored three goals and Damian Rhodes got his 10th career shutout Thursday night as Ottawa beat slumping Philadelphia 5-0 to set a club record for wins in one season.

Daniel Alfredsson and Shawn McEachern also scored for the Northeast Division-leading

Senators, who erupted for their final three goals in the last 2:55 to spoil the NHL debut of Philadelphia goaltender Jean-Marc Pelletier.

Ottawa recorded its 35th win to move past idle New Jersey into first place in the Eastern Conference by two points. The Senators, who won four of five games against the Flyers this year, had their previous season high with 34 wins last season. Ottawa is 7-3 in its last 10 games.

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■ WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish begin season vs. Eagles

By GENE BRTALIK
Sports Writer

Three years ago the Notre Dame women's lacrosse team played on the artificial turf of the Loftus Center.

At the end of the season, these original players stood on the field at Moose Krause Stadium with a record of 5-4 — pretty impressive for a first year team taking on established programs. Improving to 7-6 last year, the team is ready to inform the school and the country about Irish women's lacrosse when it takes on Boston College on Monday.

"We as a team are looking to become nationally ranked this season," co-captain Megan Schmitt said. "We want to pull off some upsets this year, and have a successful home season to draw fans to our games."

"Our team worked really hard in the off-season and we have the focus, commitment and desire to finish well above the .500 mark this year," co-captain Kerry Callahan said.

This year's squad has much in common with the first team. It is primarily composed of inexperienced sophomores and freshmen. Callahan and Schmitt don't seem to mind the inexperience.

"It has been really neat to watch the team grow and improve," Callahan said.

"It is great to play with the younger girls, they have great skills, and it has been fun to watch the maturing process of our sophomores," Schmitt added.

Although these women are

inexperienced, they bring a great deal of knowledge as many of them were All-Americans in high school.

This year's team returns six starters from a year ago, with all of the current sophomores starting several games last year.

On the attack, the team returns its five top scorers and several key freshmen.

Leading the attack will be Callahan, who led the team in scoring last year with 30 goals and 20 assists. Callahan brings a solid game to the field, possessing both passing skills and great stickwork.

"Kerry is a very good leader and has come a long way in the last two years. She will play a big role in our attack this season," head coach Tracy Coyne said.

Assisting Callahan will be sophomores Lael O'Shaughnessy, Courtney Calabrese, Maura Doyle and Kathryn Perrella. Both O'Shaughnessy and Calabrese recorded 41 points as freshmen and quickly became offensive focal points.

Calabrese was the leading goal scorer last year with 38 goals, including a seven goal performance against Gannon.

"Our attack unit is intact with our top scorers returning from a year ago, and this unit will be much stronger because they have all played together," Coyne said.

Freshman high school All-American Alissa Moser will add to the attacking unit by bringing her hard work and speed to the offense. The team will also look

for a spark off the bench from freshmen Natalie Loftus, Katherine Scarola, and Maureen Whitaker.

While Callahan provides the offensive leadership, Schmitt will be looked upon to lead the defensive effort.

Schmitt is joined on the defensive end by sophomore Sarah LaSueur. LaSueur was one of two freshmen who started every game last year. Joining them on defense will be a core of freshmen who excelled in high school.

Maureen Henwood and Kathryn Lam both garnered high school All-American honors, while Tina Fedarcyk, Kimberly Rubeis and Rachel Turk will look to contribute.

"We have a good mixture of experience and freshmen on defense," Coyne said. "Our returning starters will do a great job for us once again. Maureen Henwood earned a starting spot in the fall, and Tina Fedarcyk and Kathryn Lam have really impressed us."

Sophomore Carrie Marshall, who started every game last year, has made great strides with help from new assistant coach Kathleen Ostar.

"Carrie has improved tremendously," Coyne said. "Having Kathleen work with Carrie has really helped her and will bring out the best in her."

This week the Irish travel south to play their first two games of the season. The team will face Boston College in Fairfax, Va., on Monday and on Thursday, they travel to St. Petersburg to play the Richmond Spiders.

■ BASEBALL

Irish head south to win one at the Alamo

By ALLISON KRILLA
Associate Sports Editor

The forecast looks promising for the Notre Dame baseball team next week in San Antonio, Tex.

Not only are the weather reports calling for fair skies and temperatures in the mid 80s, but things will be heating up on the diamond in the annual Irish Baseball Classic.

After a strong showing against Southern Illinois in the final game of the University of New Orleans Classic, the Irish (3-4) have another chance to improve before the Big East conference season begins.

During the eight-game stint in Texas, Notre Dame will square off against some of the stiffest competition yet. The Irish open with two games against Penn State, followed by games with the Ivy League's Yale Bulldogs and the University of Dallas.

The Irish will then host the Nittany Lions, Creighton and St. Mary's (Tex.) in their annual spring break Baseball Classic.

But unfortunately for the Irish, they'll have to rely on someone other than senior catcher Jeff Wagner. The three-time all-Big East standout and Irish career home run leader may miss up to a month of the season with a broken foot. That leaves the bulk of catching duties to freshman Paul O'Toole.

While Wagner's power num-

bers and production will be sorely missed, offensive output may not be too much of a problem for the Irish.

In the team's recent 14-11 win over New Orleans, Notre Dame tied a school record with seven home runs, including two by designated hitter Matt Nussbaum. The last time the Irish hit seven homers was in a 16-6 win at Boston College on April 5, 1998.

The offensive output continued with 15 runs against SIU, as junior Jeff Perconte went 4-for-4 with four runs scored and two RBIs. Perconte, O'Toole and Brant Ust will be shouldering the majority of the scoring load for coach Paul Mainieri's team in the absence of Wagner.

Wagner's injury also puts an additional pressure on the pitching staff, which returns 11 of its top 12 pitchers from the 1998 staff that ranked 13th in the nation with a 4.02 ERA.

Chris McKeown (1-0) leads the staff with a 0.00 ERA in seven and two-thirds innings this season. Alex Shilliday has been the workhorse of the staff thus far, tossing a team-high nine and two-thirds innings while fanning 11.

But the multitude of freshmen on the roster makes the early-season games even more valuable to the Irish. When the Big East tournament rolls around in late May, the Irish Baseball Classic may be just a memory, but the experience sure won't be.

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■ MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

St. John's beats Rutgers, on to semis

Associated Press

NEW YORK

St. John's got the win it needed to get the game it wants.

The third-seeded and 10th-ranked Red Storm beat Rutgers 77-62 Thursday night in the quarterfinals of the Big East tournament, setting up a semifinal meeting with Miami, a team that beat them twice this season.

Ron Artest had 22 points and Erick Barkley added 21 for St. John's (24-7), which pulled away in the second half with a 12-0 run.

It will be the top four seeds in Friday night's semifinals with top-seeded and third-ranked Connecticut against fourth-seeded Syracuse and the Red Storm against the second-seeded and ninth-ranked Hurricanes, the only team to beat them twice this season.

Sixth-seeded Rutgers (18-12) was trying to reach the semifinals for the second year in a row but it couldn't stay with the hot-shooting Red Storm, who were 30-for-52 (58 percent), including 63 percent in the second half.

The Scarlet Knights, who have to hope their 18 victories are enough for an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament, hung with St. John's for 29 minutes despite not having starting freshman center Rashod Kent, who missed his second game after bruising his knee in practice on Tuesday.

Freshman Dahntay Jones led the Scarlet Knights with 18 points, while Jeff Greer and Geoff Billet had 11 each. Rutgers shot 37 percent (23-for-63).

Artest hit a three-pointer with 11:13 left to give St. John's the lead for good at 51-49. That started the run that saw the Red Storm score on five straight possessions before Billet made one free throw with 8:04 left. Ron Jessie followed that with a jumper and the Red Storm were up 62-50 with 7:47 left.

It will be St. John's 10th semifinal appearance in 20 Big East tournaments and its second straight, having lost to Syracuse last year. The win also gave St. John's a sweep of its three games against Rutgers this season.

■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Ivey to miss rest of postseason

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame junior guard Niele Ivey will miss the remainder of the 1999 postseason after suffering a torn anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) in her left knee.

Ivey sustained the injury during Notre Dame's 68-61 win over Rutgers in the semifinals of the 1999 Big East women's basketball championship in Picataway, N.J. on Monday.

Ivey, a third-team All-Big East selection this season, was averaging 13.2 points per game prior to the injury (fourth on the team) and led the Irish in assists (191) and steals (74).

A 1996 graduate of Cor Jesu, Ivey suffered a torn ACL in her right knee five games into the 1996-7 campaign, her freshman season.

Notre Dame, which finished third in the final Big East regular season standings, advanced to the championship game of the league tournament for the third time

in four seasons. The Irish are currently 25-4 overall and are eighth in the Associate Press and ninth in the USA Today/ESPN rankings. They have been ranked a school-record 14 consecutive weeks in the top 10.

In Ivey's absence, freshman Sharisha Hills will be relied

on to the point for the Irish as they enter the NCAA tournament. Hills scored four points in the loss to Connecticut in the finals of the Big East championship.

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■ SWIMMING

Irish look to be lucky leprechauns at Shamrock Classic

By WES RICHARDSON
Sports Writer

The men's and women's swim teams begin the two-day Shamrock Classic, the last meet of the season for most team members, today at Roll's Aquatic Center.

The focus of the unscored competition is on improving personal best times. The meet gives swimmers who did not go to their respective conference meets a chance to have a climactic end to the season.

For Irish swimmers who have already competed in last week's Big East championships, it is a chance for improvement in non-primary events. Most importantly, it is the last chance for swimmers to qualify for the NCAA championships.

"I plan on swimming even faster at Shamrock," said Ray Fitzpatrick, who in the final

event of the Big East championships, powered the 400 freestyle relay to a win, thus upsetting Syracuse by one point for a second-place team finish.

"The more chances you have to swim fast, the better," he continued. "I think the other guys have the same attitude."

Fitzpatrick edged his way under the NCAA championships consideration time at the Big East meet with a 1:39.12 in the 200-yard freestyle. He hopes to drop enough time in that event and the 100-yard freestyle to secure an invitation to the national meet.

The 23rd-ranked women's team, having defended its title in the Big East, has a number of swimmers who will look to improve upon their consideration times. These include Liz Barger and Allison Newell in the butterfly events, Kelly Hecking in the backstrokes and Tiffany O'Brien

in the 400 individual medley.

Kristen Van Saun, whose 500 freestyle time is likely to earn an invitation, will look to add the 200 freestyle.

Other hopefuls include Scott Zumbach in the 200 individual medley and Dan Szilier in the 200 breaststroke. Both placed second in their respective events at the Big East meet. Szilier's time of 2:00.09 may already be fast enough for the men's first-ever invitation.

Sophomore Carrie Nixon is the only Irish swimmer assured of a spot at the NCAA championships, arguably the nation's fastest meet outside of the Olympics. At 22.62 for the 50 freestyle and 49.89 in the 100 freestyle, Nixon broke all Big East and Notre Dame records and earned two NCAA automatic times during the Big East meet.

For those who did not compete last week, the Shamrock Classic

is their chance to end the season on a positive note.

"It's always an opportunity for guys who didn't make the Big East team to impress coaches and have some great swims," Fitzpatrick said.

Brian Skorney did just that at last year's meet by breaking the University record in the 100 backstroke.

Competition is expected to be thin, with only a handful of swimmers attending from West Virginia and possibly Minnesota, according to Fitzpatrick.

He attributed this to the timing of the meet: Since the Big East championships took place a week later than usual, most swimmers are already finished with their seasons.

To ensure a competitive environment, the Irish men's coaches have split up the team and created a North Quad vs. South Quad intra-squad meet, according to

Mike Doyle.

For the seniors, the weekend signals the last meet of year-round swimming careers that date back more than 10 years.

"We want to just go out on a good note," Mike Doyle said. "It's the last meet for every senior. We're going to end our careers and put out the best performance we can."

Doyle noted that for nine seniors, barring an invitation to the NCAA championships, spring break will mark the transition from 144 official training days per year to zero.

"You want it to end the right way. It'll be nice ending it at home here with all the guys together," he said. "The seniors are going to put our hearts into it. This is the last chance for us to compete at the collegiate level. I'm not going to do anything else in my life as competitive as collegiate swimming."

■ MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Bland leads Miami over Georgetown

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Mario Bland and Johnny Hemsley brought No. 9 Miami from behind in the last 9 1/2 minutes, leading the Hurricanes to a 65-54 victory over Georgetown in Thursday night's semifinals of the Big East tournament.

Miami (22-5) faces the winner of Thursday night's late game between No. 10 St. John's and Rutgers in the Big East semifinals Friday night.

After scoring the game's first

five points, Georgetown led throughout, pushing eight points in front and opening a 34-30 margin at the half.

Bland scored the first three Miami baskets of the second half and James got the next three as the Hurricanes caught the Hoyas just over five minutes into the second half, tying the game at 40.

Bland's basket at 11:53 gave Miami the lead for the first time and the Hurricanes pulled away gradually after that.

Bland finished with 19 points and nine rebounds while Hemsley had 18, including 4-for-7 on three-pointers and six rebounds. Tim James, co-Big East Player of the Year, had 12.

Jameel Watkins and Kevin Braswell led Georgetown (15-15) with 12 points each.



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made a late-season charge for the final playoff spot. Before last weekend in Ann Arbor, where Miami lost two games to Michigan, the Red Hawks had gone 6-2-1. Included in those six wins were two wins over sixth-place Ferris State and an overtime win against second-place Ohio State.

One of the young players who has led his team down the stretch has been sophomore forward Jason Deskins. Currently, Deskins leads the CCHA with 25 goals, and has scored a goal in each of his last eight games.

Miami and Notre Dame have only met once this season, in January at the Joyce Center. In that game, neither team managed to score through two periods of play thanks to the heroics of Red Hawk goaltender Andy Marsch, who made 23 saves in the first period alone. The Irish finally broke through with a third-period power-play goal from Brian Urick and a late goal from Ben Simon sealed the 2-0 win.

In recent weeks, however, the Irish have not been able to use the power play like they did earlier in the season to get the offense going to win tight games.

"The power play is the key to our game," said Irish captain Brian Urick. "Earlier in the year when the power play was clicking, we were scoring goals and winning games. That's the key to this weekend and the key to our team."

Despite a recent 0-for-33 slump, Notre Dame's power play is still the top unit in the CCHA, operating at a 20.3 percent clip for the season.

One aspect of Notre Dame's game that has been steady all year long has been its play in goal. Senior Karr has started every game for his team this season, and he is the only goaltender in the CCHA to have done so.

After 33 straight starts, one might think that a goaltender would wear down mentally if not physically.

"He's mentally ready every time," Urick said of Karr. "I haven't seen a goalie since I've been here play as many games as he has and it just shows how mentally strong he is and how physically in shape he is."

According to Karr, playing every game has not been a problem, but instead has helped him immensely.

"I feel fine physically, in fact it's a huge plus mentally," Karr said. "It makes it a lot easier to worry about the team and just winning, and it gives you a lot more confidence."

In 28 CCHA games this season, Karr is third in the league with a 2.26 goals-against-average and tied for third with 14 wins and two shutouts.

A three-point weekend will clinch Notre Dame's second home ice appearance ever in the CCHA playoffs, and the first since the 1981-82 campaign. With an impressive 11-1-3 record on Joyce Center ice this year, it is obvious what an advantage it would be for the Irish to be home for the first round of the CCHA playoffs.

"I want to wear those white jerseys again," Urick said. "I think it's a big advantage to play here. Travelling takes a toll on you towards the end of the year, and I'd rather not have to travel and play in our own backyard."

"That's what we've been shooting for all year," Karr said. "If you look back at the preseason coaches' polls, they picked us to finish around fourth in the league. We took that as a challenge upon ourselves. It would be a great thing for us, obviously with our home record. We just love the crowd this year and it's been fun to play here."

If the Irish do get home ice for the best-of-three first round series, they will have an inside track for qualifying for the semifinals, which are played at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit.

If Notre Dame is able to advance to the semifinals and perhaps to the CCHA final, that will increase Notre Dame's chances of qualifying for the 12-team NCAA tournament, something no Irish team has ever done.

Fencing

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Championships team, while Szele has won the Midwest Conference Individual title in addition to winning World Cup matches for his native Hungary. Senior Steve McQuade has also fenced well for the Irish all year.

But with NCAA rules prohibiting more than two fencers qualifying per team at each weapon, at least two of these sabremen will be fencing their last bouts of the 1999 season this weekend.

"I don't know what is going to happen [with sabre]," Auriol said. "We can take only two people. There are some tough fencers out there. But we should get four guys in the top five. McQuade will be up there. It's going to be close."

The men's epee team also will be interesting to watch. Until last weekend, it appeared that All-American C.J. Jackson and freshman Brian Casas would be representing the Irish in Waltham. But last weekend, the sudden emergence of James Gaither made the epee picture a lot cloudier.

Gaither defeated both Jackson and Casas to win the Midwest Conference Individual title. After not being on the team for the first semester and having a slow start to '99, going 19-17 in the regular season, Gaither's success has been a surprise.

"He came from nowhere," Auriol said. "He had a slow beginning to the season but he fenced great last weekend. It will be interesting. He has a shot at qualifying."

With all the talent of the senior class, ironically, the fate of a title could rest on the shoulders of a junior. Foilist Chaz Hayes has fenced well this season but he must fence even better this weekend. He will be seeded the lowest of all the men's fencers who are

expected to qualify. He must have a good weekend if the Irish are to qualify the maximum 10 fencers for nationals.

"Getting 10 fencers is the only chance we have to win it," Auriol said. "If you want to have a shot at nationals you have to have 10 fencers. If we get everyone, in then we can expect to do well at nationals. If we miss just one, the chance to do well will be lower."

"He needs to fence well," foil captain Stephane Auriol said. "I think it is good for this confidence. It is good for him to help out the rest of his teammates. If he fences well and beats the other guys, we are guaranteed to qualify all 10. So for his confidence it is important. He needs to fence well so he is confident for the NCAA's."

Auriol will also be looking to improve this weekend after losing in the semifinals of the Midwest Conference Individual Championships.

"I hope I can redeem myself after my loss," Stephane Auriol said. "He got into my head a little bit with his antics. So I just need to relax and not let him get to me. I just have to fence the way I know how."

On the women's side, the same familiar faces should qualify for nationals. The team has been led all year by senior All-Americans Myriah Brown, Nicole Mustilli and Walsh and junior All-American Magda Krol. All four should qualify for nationals without much problem.

Foilists Brown and Walsh are three-time All-Americans. Both came to Notre Dame from the Indiana Fencing Academy.

"When Myriah and Sara came, I knew they were going to be good," coach Auriol said. "I knew them from the club so I knew they would be great assets to the team."

Perhaps no one exemplifies the team-first attitude of the senior class better than Mustilli. She began her Notre Dame career as a foilist. Her 69 foil wins as a freshman

ranks 10th all-time for foil wins in a season. Following her freshman year, however, she made the transition to the epee in order to strengthen the team.

She enjoyed similar results as an epeeist, winning 84 bouts as a sophomore before becoming a first-team All-American as a junior.

"She is just amazing," coach Auriol said. "She can fence sabre too. She is great in all three weapons. When we asked her to switch to epee it was no problem. She made the adjustment. She is a great competitor."

While this weekend will be a celebration of the accomplishments of many seniors, it will also be a farewell to many others. Captains Tim Monahan and Nicole Paulina are both strong fencers who will most likely not qualify for the NCAA's.


Paulina is the foil team captain whose 216 career wins place her fifth all-time in foil wins at Notre Dame. Unfortunately, Walsh and Brown have always placed ahead of her at the qualifiers thus preventing her from fencing at the NCAA's.

Monahan is one of the most inspiring stories on this year's team. He began his career in the physical education program and moved up to become the captain of this year's foil team.

"Monahan is a special guy," coach Auriol said. "He came up from the PE classes. He has been an inspiration. His leadership is great. He is a super guy. I wish we had more guys like him."

This weekend will be an emotional time for the entire team.

"It is weird," Stephane Auriol said. "Especially for those that aren't going to qualify. It is going to be really weird fencing my last tournament in the Midwest. I think it's been a good four years and we are looking forward to ending it with a championship."


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- ACROSS**
- 1 Top stories
 - 7 Grafters' needs
 - 11 Tolkien cannibal
 - 14 Graft
 - 15 From square one
 - 16 Kind of patch
 - 17 "Dialogues of the Gods" satirist
 - 18 Least obscure
 - 20 Insurance play
 - 21 Pool tool
 - 22 Climate of an era
 - 24 Sing the blues
 - 27 White-tailed birds
 - 28 Surname separator
 - 29 Fly over the Equator
 - 31 Georg Büchner's "Leonce and _____"
 - 32 Cause of hereditary variation
 - 33 Dilbert is stuck on it
 - 38 Inexorable process
 - 39 Didn't stand pat
 - 40 Frazier's portrayer
 - 41 Didn't malfunction
 - 42 It may be lost or saved
 - 46 Antidiscrimination agcy.
 - 47 Swinger, perhaps
 - 49 Chump change in Chihuahua
 - 52 Longshoreman

- DOWN**
- 1 Like hell
 - 2 Band member, often
 - 3 Alarm bell
 - 4 Sherwood's "_____ Delight"
 - 5 Repeated word in "The Trolley Song"
 - 6 Cambodian coin
 - 7 Conversation steerers?
 - 8 Not 1-Down
 - 9 Judge
 - 10 Was dizzy
 - 11 Didn't malfunction
 - 12 Hi _____
 - 13 Russian blue, e.g.
 - 19 Join again, in a way
 - 21 St. Catherine's birthplace
 - 23 Physicist's study
 - 53 Homer's "Eight Bells," e.g.
 - 55 Disqualify, as a juror
 - 56 Muesli morsel
 - 57 Paul Bunyan, at times
 - 58 Passes
 - 59 Fitting
 - 60 Is a good Samaritan
 - 61 Bow ties and others

Puzzle by Ed Early

- 25 _____ au Haut, Me.
- 26 Goatish glance
- 29 Concern of some agencies
- 30 Popular picnic dish
- 31 Unattended
- 33 Decorator's base
- 34 S-curve
- 35 Move
- 36 Winter arrival
- 37 One of a mythological ennead
- 42 Row
- 43 Take away
- 44 Gentle slope with a sudden drop
- 45 Go out
- 47 Made fun of
- 48 "Mefistofele" role
- 50 Wildcats' org.
- 51 Picker-upper
- 53 Buster preceder
- 54 Fontaine filler
- 55 One of 435, for short

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| SOLO | ANITA | ATOE |
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| STEEPLE | DUSTUP | |
| BEER | KANE | |
| RUNDOWN | WALKUP | |
| WOODS | HOAR | APE |
| AMOS | MEATY | CROC |
| RNS | AUNT | CRANK |
| SITIN | STANDOUT | |
| STIR | IRAS | |
| EROTIC | GOCARTS | |
| COOLCAT | SHOTDOGS | |
| HAZE | LAPEL | EMIT |
| ODES | SPARS | REFS |

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Dean Stockwell, Andy Gibb, Samantha Eggar, Rex Harrison, Paul Sands, Marsha Warfield

Happy Birthday: You're up for a very exciting and prosperous year ahead if you are accepting and eager to move with the times and jump from one thing to another. This will be a fast-paced year that promises to bring a multitude of changes. So get ready to move into high gear and don't be afraid to take a leap of faith if unfamiliar territory beckons you. Your numbers: 10, 16, 23, 35, 38, 44

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Contracts and agreements formulated today will be a dead end. It is best to work on home-improvement projects or just make your domestic environment more family oriented. **000**

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't get angry if your mate doesn't understand your needs. You will have to spell them out a little clearer using passionate persuasion. The last thing you want to do is ruffle feathers. **000**

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may be working with some pretty untrustworthy characters today. Don't be too eager to reveal any personal information regarding yourself or others who work with you. **000000**

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You can make a real difference if you spend time finding out exactly what problems are facing the children in your neighborhood. You can pursue your creative ideas successfully if you get started. **00**

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Expect to get opposition from your family. They will not be happy with your lack of help or the amount of time that you spend elsewhere. You better be prepared with legitimate answers. **000**

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will be confused regarding appointments if you neglected to make a note of where you were supposed to be when. Take time to help a friend with problems. Be careful traveling. **000**

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take your responsibilities seriously. You mustn't rely on others to sort out your problems or to do your work. Getting some rest or going for a massage will do you a world of good. **000**

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will not be able to bully others into doing things your way. Spend some time improving your own image, not trying to change somebody else. You can make financial gains. **000**

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't be railroaded into spending money you don't have. It is best to do your own thing and not pay too much attention to the extravagant things that others are getting involved in. **0000**

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't let your change of position in an organization get you down. A change is as good as a rest, and you are ready for bigger and better things. Business opportunities look promising. **00**

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Avoid confrontations. Chances are you haven't been doing your share of the work. Your thoughts have been on hobbies and educational pursuits. It's time to roll up your sleeves. **00000**

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Pregnancy may be on your mind. Get involved in social events that will bring you in contact with people who can motivate you creatively. You will desire unusual interests. **000**

Of Interest

The Spelman College Jazz Ensemble will perform Monday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. Works by John Coltrane, Charlie Parker, Thelonious Monk, Dizzy Gillespie and Hoge Carmichael will be performed. The concert is free and open to the public. This event is co-sponsored by the Department of Music, the African-American Studies Program, the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, Campus Ministry and the Student Activities Office.

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Friday, March 5, 1999

■ HOCKEY

Icemen go Red Hawk hunting

By TED BASSANI
Sports Writer

With a win and a tie this weekend against the Red Hawks of Miami University, Notre Dame can achieve something few would have thought possible a year ago: home ice for the first round of the CCHA playoffs.

Entering this weekend's two-game series at Goggin Ice Arena, Notre Dame needs three points to assure itself of a fourth-place finish in the CCHA standings. Likewise, Miami is fighting for a playoff spot of its own as it sits one point ahead of Lake Superior State for the eighth and final playoff spot. For the Red Hawks, a win and a tie against the Irish would also accomplish its goal of qualifying for the playoffs.

According to Irish goaltender Forrest Karr, the playoff implications of the series should make it an exciting one.

"We're both in the same position," Karr said. "They want to make the playoffs and we want home ice, so there should be a lot of intensity in the games."

If the Red Hawks were a professional team, one might say that they are in a rebuilding year. Following last season's fifth-place finish, Miami lost 10 letter-winners to graduation, including first-team All-American defenseman Dan Boyle.

Despite being one of the youngest teams in the conference, the Red Hawks have



David Inman leads the hockey team as it takes on Miami tonight.

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■ TRACK AND FIELD

Brown, Grow lead tracksters at NCAAs

By KEVIN THOMPSON
Sports Writer

The collegiate track and field elite will descend on the RCA Dome Friday and Saturday for the 1999 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships in Indianapolis, Ind.

Notre Dame will send a six-man contingent to this year's competition.

The squad is split between first-time qualifiers and NCAA veterans. Mike Brown, Marshaun West, Antonio Arce and freshman Liz Grow will make their debuts at nationals. Juniors Jennifer Engelhardt and Joanna Deeter are making return engagements.

Brown, a senior and three-time Big East champion in the pole vault, came up big last week at the Alex Wilson Invitational to earn a spot in the NCAA field. In his final home indoor meet, Brown posted an astonishing 17-foot-6-inch vault to launch him into the finals.

The mark broke Brown's own school record and the Alex Wilson Invitational record. The vault put Brown in the top 10 in the nation going into this weekend. Brown's mark of 17-feet-3-inches is the Notre Dame outdoor record.

Star sprinter and long jumper West will head to the championships focused. West qualified in both the long jump and 200 meter events. After careful consideration, West has opted to concentrate on the long jump. His mark 25-feet-6-inches at the Red Simmons Invitational established a school record.

Senior Antonio Arce will make his debut at the indoor champi-

onships in the mile run. His time of 54:05 at the Alex Wilson Invitational launched him into the NCAA field. While this is Arce's first appearance at the track championships, he has competed three times at the NCAA cross-country championships.

Another cross-country star will compete at this weekend. A 1998 cross-country All-American, Deeter will compete in the 5,000 meters in Indianapolis. In her only indoor meet of the season, Deeter ran to a school record of 16-minutes, 22.64 seconds, placing her first at the Big East championships two weeks ago. This is Deeter's second-straight appearance at nationals. The junior finished 15th at last year's event.

From a highly-touted freshman class, Liz Grow will represent the Irish in the 400 meters. Grow ran a 54.05 seconds at the Alex Wilson invitational last week, the 12th-fastest time in the nation this year.

This marks the second time the freshman has broken the school record. She broke her own record of 54.89 seconds in January in a dual meet with Indiana.

Rounding out the Notre Dame squad will be Jennifer Engelhardt. The high jumper will be making her second trip to the competition. In 1997, Engelhardt became the first ever Notre Dame All-American in a field event with a ninth-place finish as a freshman. Now in her junior season, Engelhardt has already posted a 5-feet-10-inches mark and is one of many to watch this weekend.

■ FENCING

Irish hope for 10 qualifiers at Midwest Regionals

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

Four years of training, four years of sweat, four years of victories all come down to three final weeks.

The Class of 1999 has provided the Notre Dame fencing team with 204 wins, 12 All-American letters and one individual national title. One would think that this class could leave the University right now and have nothing more to prove; except for one thing.

"I am tired of being the bridesmaid," All-American Sara Walsh said.

The Class of 1999 has never won a national championship. In three trips to the NCAA championships, the Class of '99 has finished second all three times.

"We still haven't won the

nationals yet," said head coach Yves Auriol, who was honored at halftime of last weekend's men's basketball game for winning his 400th career victory. "We have to do it this year."

Heading into the NCAA Midwest Regional Qualifiers this weekend, all signs point to this being the year that the seniors finally win the title. Freshman and juniors have stepped up this year to complement the seniors at almost every weapon.

The men's sabre team, led by 1998 national champion Luke LaValle, has been dominant all year. Freshmen Gabor Szelle and Andre Crompton have brought World Cup experience to the team. Crompton is on track to make the U.S. World



Captain Tim Monahan (right) will lead the Irish for the last time on the strips at Cleveland State this weekend.

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