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Authorities investigate cause of power plant fire



A fire which began at 12:58 a.m. Thursday morning is still under investigation, according to University officials. The fire, which injured two University employees, was contained by 2:25 a.m.

By MIKE ROMANCHEK

News Writer

Authorities are still investigating the cause of a fire and explosion that caused an estimated \$1 to 2 million in damages to the Notre Dame power plant early Thursday morn-

Original reports that an overheated electrical transformer caused the explosion were determined false after investigators found the suspected transformers intact, said Michael Garvey, assistant director of Public Relations.

The power plant's cooling tower, which assists in campus air conditioning, was severely damaged in

Jim Lyphout, assistant vice president for Business Operations, expects that campus air conditioning will be out of service until the summer of 2000.

This type of equipment is not something you buy off the shelf," he said. The University is looking into temporary air conditioning options for this summer.

Security officer Jami Thibodeaux, one of two University employees injured in the explosion, remains at St. Joseph's Medical Center with a broken right clavicle, cuts and abrasions.

"I don't know in medical terms what [his] condition is," said Dennis Moore, director of Public Relations and Information. "We heard this afternoon that he had been upgraded to fair condition.'

Thibodeaux could be released today, Moore said.

Chief electrical engineer Paul Kempf returned home Thursday following surgery on his broken wrist. Kempf also suffered a broken leg and injured his back in the incident.

These two people are so lucky that they weren't hurt worse, Garvey said.

Both employees are expected to make a full recovery, he said.

University fire officials contained the blaze, which began at 12:58 a.m., by 2:25 a.m., almost an hour after the explosion. A small building next to the power plant that housed switching equipment was also damaged in the fire.

Fire damage did not interrupt the plant's power-producing capabili-

Officials said they hope the investigation will only take a few days but said it may take as long as a few

SMC applications climb 14 percent

By NOREEN GILLESPIE

Assistant News Editor

A substantial increase in applications to Saint Mary's will increase the number of students entering the class of 2003 this fall, according to Mary Pat Nolan, director of Admissions.

"This class will be larger than that of 2002," said Nolan, who expects the increased application trend to continue in the academic years of 2000 and beyond.

The class of 2003 sent in 127 more applications than the class of 2002, an increase of 14 percent for a total of 1,019 applications. The jump is 31 percent larger than the class of 2001, and is the largest increase in applications since 1990.

"This is encouraging because it tells us that an increasing number of women are interested in a Catholic women's college," said Nolan. "We turned a major corner last year. We can always be better in terms of numbers, and the outlook is positive.'

The jump in applications is primarily due to an increased prospect base and an aggressive effort towards a direct mail campaign, according to Nolan.

The use of services such as the College Board, the National Research Center for College and University Admissions, and the ACT recruiting programs were able to expand the base of students that the College considered prospects, said Nolan.

Once a student indicates to one of these services that they are interested in a Catholic or women's college, Saint Mary's is contacted. When the student responds to information sent to them by the College, they become a prospect.

"We were able to reach new markets by reaching out to different populations using these services," said

The prospect base increased from 15,000 prospects to 22,000 in 1999, surpassing the College's expectations by several thousand, Nolan said. The prospect base for the class of 2004 currently stands at 28,000.

BUILDING A NEW HOME

Renovations are near completion on Holy Cross retirement home

By ERIN PIROUTEK News Writer

Father Charles Carey, who spent 75 years on campus dedicating to die at Notre Dame, said Father Mark Thesing.

The Holy Cross House strives to provides a safe place at Notre Dame for elderly and ill members of the Holy Cross order, like Carey, to live and also to die. Currently the Holy Cross House is undergoing a necessary renovation.

*"[Holy Cross House] needed renovation because it was antiquated in ways that it could not serve the ill or sick people in their needs," said Holy Cross House resident Brother Paul Loos.

Wheelchair accessibility, bathing facilities and the heating and air conditioning systems were dilapidated and needed renovations, according to Loos.

Residents of the facility have health needs that require assisted living. Most are in their eighties and nineties and have spent decades in ministry. The priests tend to work as long as physically possible, requiring the facility to

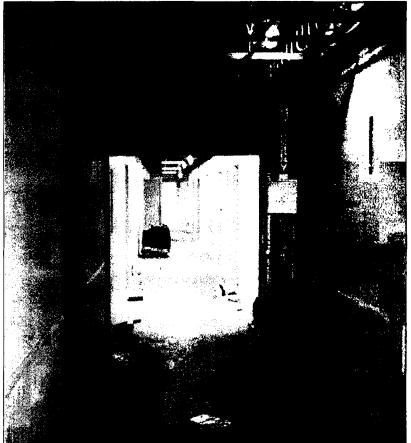


Photo curtesy of Father Mark Thesing

Renovations to the Holy Cross House will fix antiquated weelchair access, bathing facilities, and heating and air conditioning systems.

provide increasingly specialized medical care.

Father Casey Grabarz, Holy Cross House resident who served years in South Bend parishes, eagerly anticipates moving into the new build-

"I'm very much excited. Everybody's so nice about it," he said, noting that he requested and will occupy a room with a view of the St. Joseph's Lake and the

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

Art for better or worse

To write, to draw, to play music, to dance, to act, to paint, to sculpt ... to make something from your own good brain with your own good hands; to have an idea, to see it

to an end, to see it from nothing all the way to something you can hold or see or share ... oh boy! ART! Who cares?

It's self absorbed. It's self obsessed. It's entirely selfless. I'm not sure which, actually.

Art does not make a better person or a cleaner soul. Nobody is

getting into heaven because of a neat Tshirt that he made or because of a great nude movie that she shot that challenged our concept of the miniskirt. Creating art can make you down right mean and nasty sometimes, I swear.

Matt Cureri

Ad Designer

And nobody should care about art. There is no "I should go see their rock and roll show," "I should go see their art exhibit," "I should go see your play," when I would rather be with my friends, in my bed or eating ice cream.

Art is arguably the most important aspect of society. Art is arguably the least important aspect of society.

Is there something GOOD about being surrounded by art? Is there some better part of life awaiting the sorrowful neglecters of campus art? I guess I might think yes.

As a community, it has been said, Notre Dame does not like art. I guess that I often

My point is that there is no "ART IS GOOD, NEGLECTING ART IS BAD", despite the fact that I actually think that art is good and that neglecting it is bad.

I'm leaving in a month or so, and I would love to thank every person who has come to see me perform or who has seen my band, The Florida Evans Showband and Revue. And in some way, I'd like to thank everyone who didn't come out and who ate ice cream instead because they felt more like eating ice cream.

Notre Dame's Battle of the Bands is tonight at Senior Bar. Should you go see it? YES! or, NO! or, I REALLY WANT YOU TO WANT TO.

That's the conclusion. That's it. I wish that every student at Notre Dame would take the time to be interested in a branch of art and learn about it and DO it and watch it and be a part of it.

And every artist should complain less and act more, should MAKE an event that will interest people if they don't see it happening. There is a community and an interest to be tapped, but it takes work. Work that isn't always fun, and doesn't always get

Finally, I would like to wish a sincere good luck to artists of next year and the next and the next ... you have a good struggle ahead.

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Student to seek \$1 million after alleged police racial attack

TUCSON, Ariz.

A Nigerian University of Arizona graduate student Wednesday said he will seek \$1 million in damages after an alleged racially-motivated incident in January involving four university police officers.

Nurdeen Lawal, an electrical and computer engineering teaching assistant, filed a complaint alleging he was "treated in a physically rough manner" by University of Arizona police officers.

He is seeking monetary damages from the Arizona Board of Regents, the University of Arizona, UAPD and the four officers on the grounds that his civil and constitutional rights were violated. UAPD spokesman sgt. Mike Smith declined comment yes-

The claim states that UAPD officers wrongfully identified Lawal as a suspect in a campus robbery and



detained him at a local Taco Bell restaurant for more than two hours while questioning him and searching his car.

Officer Floyd Mallory allegedly used the full force of his body" to throw Lawal "face-first" into the wall and pulled him up with his arms while handcuffing him, the claim states.

The complaint also states that Lawal "heard a loud 'pop' from his shoulder area" as Mallory allegedly pulled him to his feet.

"They could see in my face -'please stop humiliating me,'" Lawal said in an interview yesterday.

According to the complaint, police failed to read Lawal his Miranda Rights before questioning him. Lawal sought legal assistance from attorney Paul Gattone.

"I was outraged when he told me the facts," said Gattone, an attorney at the Southern Arizona People's Law Center. "He didn't even look like the alleged suspect. The only thing that was the same was the color of his skin.'

UA attorney Michael Proctor and Howard Boice, public relations for Bureau of Risk Management, both said they have not yet received copies of the claim.

The Jan. 14 incident began when police received a call that a theft suspect was spotted in the UA Architecture Building.

■ RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

Parents sue over admissions process

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J.

A class action suit, alleging the University treated students applying to the School of Business-New Brunswick unfairly, is currently underway. "The facts will show how [the University] is patently doing an illegal thing by having different GPA [requirements] in Newark and New Brunswick," Donald Phillips, whose daughter was denied admission to the Rutgers-New Brunswick School of Business, said. The minimum grade point average required for the Newark school is 2.5, Phillips, who is planning to file a suit within the next month, said. The minimum requirement for New Brunswick is 3.1 recently changed from 3.0, he said. Donald Phillips, David Rough, whose son was denied admission to the New Brunswick school, and Frederick Stein, whose son applied to New Brunswick, all wrote letters in March to president Francis Lawrence concerning the discrepancies.

■ University of California-Berkeley Activists test police in standoff

BERKELEY, Calif. A 10-hour standoff over the "whittling down" of UC Berkeley's ethnic studies department ended late last night when UC police officers arrested more than 40 students who had stormed and locked down a building on campus. The protest ended violently between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m., when police stepped in to break up the protest, pulling resisting demonstrators by the ears and using choke-holds. The students locked themselves down in the home of the ethnic studies department after a noontime protest over what they call the "starvation" of the first-of-its-kind program. Protesters threw food, cursed and screamed in anguish as UC police officers forcibly pulled and dragged away the noncompliant protesters. Students locked arms and legs, while police tried to untangle them. In addition to the 43 students, several dozen chanted "Inside, Outside, We're All on the Same Side.'

■ UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

Tax day complicates campus life

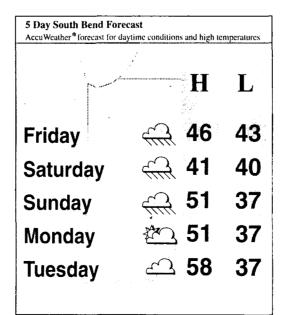
Some campus students will be up late Thursday studying economics, but not for a class. Instead, they will be putting the finishing touches on their 1998 state and federal taxes, which must be postmarked by midnight. Those who are not brave enough to fill out their 1040s by themselves can consult a tax preparer. Barbara Redfield, the receptionist at an H&R Block office, said students have been coming into the office throughout the year. "They've been coming in since about February because of the new Hope credit," Redfield said, referring to the federal tax credit that gives up to \$1,000 for the first year of college and up to \$500 for the second year. Redfield said the price for H&R Block's services is \$58 and up. "That includes Maryland and federal taxes," she said. "The extra fees would be for different forms, like capital gains tax and child care credit.

■ UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA Amphetamine pentalties may increase

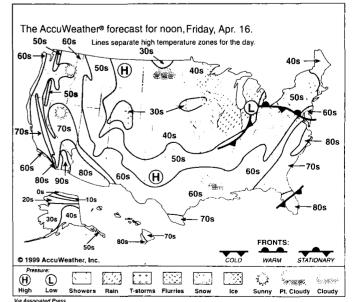
LINCOLN, Neb.

The high from the drug can last up to 16 hours, it's cheaper than cocaine and it is increasingly being made in makeshift labs across Nebraska. Sen. Chris Peterson calls meth the "Midwest Nightmare." Lawmakers advanced a bill 26-0 on Wednesday that would increase sentences for methamphetamine dealers, making the penalties comparable to dealing crack. "It is less expensive, more readily available than cocaine and it has a longer-lasting high, said Peterson, who is sponsoring the bill. Currently, people who deal 7 ounces or more of meth receive a flat sentence of one to 50 years in prison. With no mandatory minimum, a person could be eligible for release after serving the minimum of one year. A person caught dealing 7 to 16 ounces of meth would spend at least three years in prison — which is the mandatory minimum — with a maximum of 50 years.

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Nolan: Brazilian human rights struggle continues

By COLLEEN McCARTHY Saint Mary's Editor

The plight of the powerless and the struggle to improve human rights continues today in Brazil, said Sister Michael Mary Nolan, lawyer and advocate for marginalized people in Brazil and a Saint Mary's alumna in a Thursday lecture.

Working in Sao Paulo, Brazil for 30 years, Nolan was in the country when the Archdiocese of Sao Paulo declared human rights a priority to take action on in 1976.

"Most of the countries in South America and Latin America were under military dictatorships at that time," said Nolan. "This meant that people were dying and disappearing as a result. The Church was the only organization that had the possibility to organize people and fight against the dictators.

"During the '70s, our work was mostly looking for political prisoners and those who had disappeared."

Finding those who had disappeared was more complicated in the 1970s due to the lack of technology.

In one case where three Uruguayan children had disappeared, Nolan and her colleagues were able to find the missing children after publishing their pictures and where they were last seen in a

hullotin

The children were located after a social worker in Venezuela saw the bulletin and then contacted Nolan and her colleagues through others. The children were found a few days before they were to be adopted, said Nolan.

In the 1980s, the transition for Brazil from a dictatorship to a democracy shifted the focus of human rights advocates.

"During the 1980s, a great deal of our law work was to represent families of victims

TWE DON'T CHOOSE WHO WE ships at that time," said Nolan. "This meant that people were dying and disappearing as a result.

COMMON PRISONER HAS RIGHTS.'

SISTER MICHAEL MARY NOLAN oners can have intimate LAWYER AND HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATE visitation rights but

whose human rights had been violated. Also during this time, priests were charged with being subversive," said Nolan.

Notan and her colleagues helped whoever they could, regardless of their place in society.

"We don't choose who we defend; we look to see whose rights are being violated," she said. "Even the common prisoner has rights." During the transition to a democratic system, Nolan also taught people how to vote and how to evaluate candidates.

In the 1990s, there are three main areas human rights workers are focusing on in Brazil. One area is economics and employment as Brazilians struggle with a growing number of unemployed people.

Human rights workers are also examining prison conditions for women, said Nolan. Since the prison system is structured from a male perspective, often women's

needs are overlooked.

Nolan shared two examples.

"Prisons in Brazil give prisoners two rolls of toilet paper a month. Think how much more toilet paper women use," said Nolan. "Also, male prisoners can have intimate visitation rights but female prisoners cannot because they might get pregnant. But we don't talk about how many women

prison guards."

Another area Nolan is working in involves helping individuals file lawsuits against a factory that once operated in Brazil.

prisoners get pregnant from

"Of the 156 people who worked at this factory, 148 are chemically contaminated," said Nolan. "There are no class action suits in Brazil so



The Observer / Manuela Hernandez

Sister Michael Mary Nolan explained that the transition from dictatorship to democracy in Brazil changed the human rights emphasis.

we are working with individ- action against the company ual workers to seek legal for their contamination."

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S.A.A.W. Sexual Assaulí Awareness Week

Monday, April 12th Candle Light Vigil at the Grotto 8:30 p.m. Ribbons will be handed out at South Dining Hall

Tuesday. April 13th

CARE Skit "When a Kiss is Not Just a Kiss"

Hesburgh Library Auditorium 8:00 p.m.

Food will be served

Ribbons will be handed out at North Dining Hall

Wednesday, April 14th
Panel Discussion Sorin Room LaFortune 8:00 p.m.
W reps from SOS (Sex Offense Services),
Campus Security, Resident Life, St. Joseph Medical
Center, and South Bend Police
Food will be served

Thursday, April 15th
Panel of Survivors
Foster Room LaFortune 8:00 p.m.
Food Will be Served

Friday. April 16th Wear jeans in protest of Italian court finding that women wearing jeans cannot be raped.

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Dome.

One of the great aspects about this facility is that there are many Holy Cross priests that have dedicated their lives to service. The residents can continue to

feel a part of h University community that they've served," said Thesing. who oversees the financial aspects of the renovation.

The current build-

ing, located on the north shore of St. Joseph's Lake, is being renovated. It is technically a new building, however, said Léveillé, noting that most of the interior walls were demolished and new foundations were dug.

The building will house 65 men with state-of-the-art private rooms for all residents, said Léveillé.

'The biggest change will be that the individual rooms will be a bit bigger so that they can bring some of their things with them," he said.

The chapel will have two large skylights, brightening the atmosphere as well as providing extra light for those who have poor eyesight. Those unable to attend Mass due to sickness will have the opportunity to experience Mass with the community through video technology.

In addition, there will be a large wooden crucifix lit by a powerful spotlight.

"When people are sick or ready to meet the Lord, they like to sit and look at the cross,' said Léveillé.

The physical therapy room has an entire wall of glass, with a view of St. Joseph's Lake and the Dome.

"As they see kids jogging around the lake, they have a chance to exercise themselves,' said Léveillé. A wide sidewalk will circle the building, providing a safe place for outdoor exercise.

The building also will boast multiple technological improvements such as thermal glass which blocks dangerous UV rays, while admitting healthy rays that provide necessary vitamins, said Léveillé.

Several priests have used their expertise to assist the project. Thesing, a business Ph.D.; Father Richard Bullene, Notre Dame architecture professor; Father Jim Flanigan, Notre Dame art professor; and Father lames Foster M.D. have donated their talents.

The Holy Cross House has roots extending to Father Sorin, who initiated the original construction in 1861.

"He wanted to build a home for elderly priests and brothers," said Léveillé. In the last part of the nineteenth century, however, fire destroyed the building. The structure was rebuilt to house the novitiate in 1915, which was used until 1935 when a home for senior priests was built. That building remained in use until 1960 when the current building was constructed.

During the renovation, residents of the Holy Cross House were relocated to a remodeled hotel next to the Madison Center and Hospital in South Bend.

"It took a long time to find the right place." said Reverend André Léveillé, religious supervisor at Holy Cross House. "I didn't want to break up this group - we're like a family. Nursing homes were not interested in taking 47 residents for a couple of months.'

Loos anxiously awaits the completion of the construction, however, so the Holy Cross House residents can return to campus.

"I love Notre Dame. It will be good going back home," said Loos.

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CATED THEIR LIVES TO SERVICE.

The project is NE OF THE GREAT ASPECTS entirely independent of the University, funded by both the Holy Cross Order and FATHER MARK THESING an ongoing

fundraising campaign. "People

"To be eligible for \$400 cash bonus, you m

who have benefited from the care of the Holy Cross priests want to do something in return for them,' said Léveillé

Construction is currently on schedule with an expected June 15 completion date. Léveillé said he hopes that the building will be occupied by early July.



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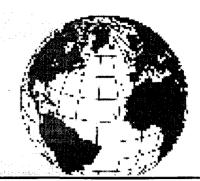
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Renovations to the Holy Cross House should be complete by this July. The new facility allows residents to stay connected with the Notre Dame community, according to Father Mark Thesing.



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Eighty-nine-year-old sells crack, gets caught

KINGSTON, N.Y.

Brose Gearhart was due to spend his 90th birthday Friday behind bars for selling crack cocaine. Gearhart was sentenced to 1/1/3 to four years in state prison on Monday for felony crack possession with intent to sell. Police said he ran a \$1,000-a-week crack sales operation from his Saugerties home and routinely traded drugs for sex with prostitutes. "Notwithstanding his age, we have to send a message," Ulster County senior assistant district attorney Michael Miranda said Thursday. The sentence stems from a police raid on Gearhart's Saugerties home in March 1998 that netted about an ounce of crack worth an estimated \$2,000 to \$2,500. He made the \$3,000 bail on that charge but was arrested months later when police found crack cocaine in his apartment. "I got nothing to say, I guess," Gearhart told the judge at his sentencing.

Owner of book finds Rembrandt sketches

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands A secondhand book bought at a flea market turned out to be more than a worthwhile purchase when the owner found two sketches by Rembrandt between its pages. Local media reported Thursday that after returning from the market, the buyer — whose name was not given — paged through her new \$1 book and found three drawings valued at more than \$50,000 total. Two of the sketches, which were not described, were original Rembrandts and a third was drawn by one of his students. An art expert authenticated them.

Long-hair fetish gets man arrested

TAYLOR, Mich.

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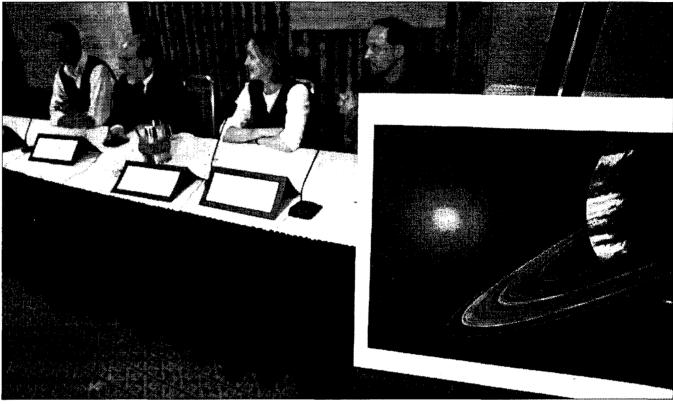
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A man with an apparent hair fetish was accused of stalking a long-haired 7-year-old girl and trying to break into her family's home in an attempt to cut off her locks. Mark Philip Thackery, 46, was in jail on \$100,000 bond, charged with stalking a minor and attempted home invasion. The suspect approached the girl's mother at a garage sale at the family's home last July and offered her \$100 for the girl's ponytail, Sgt. Jeff Turner said. "She, of course, freaked out and shooed him away," Turner said. After that, the family — whose name was withheld to protect the child — reported seeing the man parked near their home at least seven times.

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Astronomers respond to questions of their discovery of the first sun-like star system with multiple planets yesterday in San Francisco. An artist rendition is displayed for the media.

Evidence proves existence of solar sytem

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO For the first time, there is clear evidence that a solar system other

than our own exists, researchers said Thursday.

Three huge planets are spinning around the star Upsilon Andromedae 44 light years from Earth in our Milky Way galaxy, San Francisco State University researchers said at a news—conference.

Their presence indicates that many of the Milky Way's 200 billion stars are likely to have planetary systems.

"It implies that planets can form more easily than we ever imagined, and that our Milky Way is teeming with planetary systems," said Debra Fischer, one of the researchers.

The researchers began their search for planets 12 years ago. They and their colleagues are responsible for finding 14 of the 20 planets known to exist outside the

Earth's solar system.

However, those planets were single bodies surrounding a star. This is the first time multiple planets around a star have been found.

The innermost of the three planets, spotted in 1996, has at least 75 percent of the mass of Jupiter and is very close to its sun, orbiting once every 4.6 days. Jupiter is the largest planet in the solar system, 318 times the size of Earth.

The middle planet is twice Jupiter's mass and orbits the star every 242 days from a location about as far as Venus from the sun. The outer planet has the mass of four Jupiters and orbits it's star every 3 1/2 to 4 years. It is more than twice as far from its star as Earth is from the sun

Earthlike planets are unlikely to be found in such systems, the scientists said, because the forces generated by huge Jupiterlike planets moving in elliptical rather than circular orbits would kick smaller planets out

ito oblivion.

"Now we have a multiple system, maybe a Rosetta stone to help us understand a lot of these weird planets we're finding," said R. Paul Butler by telephone from the Anglo-Australian Observatory in Epping, Australia.

The Rosetta stone is an ancient inscription in three languages that allowed scientists to decipher Egyptian hieroglyphics.

Upsilon Andromedae is easily visible with the naked eye, although it is currently behind the sun and will not be seen until June.

The planets were discovered using a method that measures their gravitational pull on their star, not by direct observation. Planets' gravity tugs on their stars, causing them to wobble slightly. By examining the star's ultraviolet light transmissions, astronomers can calculate back-and-forth shifts in the ultraviolet wavelengths. A larger wobble indicates the orbiting planet is large.

■ COLOMBIA

Deadly mudslide kills several

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mudslides killed at least 26 people in western Colombia on Thursday, many of them rescuers swept away while digging for victims, authorities said.

At least a dozen more people were missing and feared dead, said Monica Yamhure, the federal director for disaster response.

After weeks of torrential rains, the mudslides

plowed under several blocks of the town of Argelia, 150 miles west of Bogota. The first slide occurred before dawn, the second after rescue workers had arrived.

Among the dead and missing were firefighters, police officers and civil defense workers who were sent out in response to a first, pre-dawn mudslide, said Alfonso Vargas, the Colombian Red Cross director in Cali, the provincial capital

"We don't have too much hope of finding anyone alive," John Jairo Castillo, the Argelia disaster relief director, told The Associated Press by telephone.

Rescue operations involving 200 people were suspended late Thursday night due to the risk of another mudslide, Yamhure said.

Even before halting the rescue work, officials feared they would find only bad news under the mountains of earth.

At least six people were injured, most with broken bones, said Yadira Borrero, the director of Argelia's hospital.

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Argelia, a city of 8,000, is in the same coffee-growing region that was struck by a devastating earthquake Jan. 25 that killed at least 1,170 people. Unusually heavy rains over the past few weeks haveforced rivers over their banks and produced a series of smaller landslides in this Andean nation.

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response from prospects by more than 10 percent. 'We sent a very well-crafted

letter, not a brochure," Nolan "We said. also changed our publications. We saw a **6** WE TURNED A BIG CORNER LAST major difference in the number of students who ended up YEAR. WE CAN ALWAYS BE applying.

Alumni support in BETTER IN TERMS OF NUMapplication process was also a major influence for POSITIVE.' the class of 2003.

Each fall, admissions sends alumni an application to pass along to a high school

senior. The program, which began three years ago, recruited one-third of the applicants in this year's applicant pool.

"It is very powerful for an alumna to say, 'This was my gift from the College, this is

my gift to you,' to an applicant," said Nolan. "It allows the alumni to have an active role in the recruiting process."

But while applications are projected to increase over the next several years, this may necessarily not mean increased competition for

applicants, Nolan said.

We are v e r v honest about what type of student that we are look-

MARY PAT NOLAN ing for DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS whenev-

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speak with prospects," Nolan said. "Because of that, when a student visits the campus, they often self-select themselves to apply. A majority of our applicants qualify for admission, Nolan said.

The quality of the incoming

classes has remained consistent as applications have increased, with SAT and ACT scores, class rank, extracirricular involvement and GPA remaining the Scholarship awards have also remained steady over the past three years.

Nolan is currently investigating expanding international recruiting efforts to aid the increase in applications.

"We are looking into where there are most likely markets," Nolan said. "For the past 2-3 years, we have focused on the continental United States. Now we are looking at re-establishing our international connections.

Nolan visited Rome and Geneva over spring break to evaluate the interest level of young women toward a Catholic women's college.

"I believe that there is room for growth," Nolan said. "There is a very definite level of interest.

Yet whatever new initiatives are started to spurn further applications increases, the key

to maintaining an upward curve is evaluation, Nolan

"We have to constantly eval-

uate our current programs before adding new ones,' Nolan said. "We have to be responsive to our markets.

The Observer/Joe Mueller

Tax service benefits community

By CHRISTINE KRALY Assistant News Editor

Tax time can wreak havoc on many taxpayers, but for nearly 28 years the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's Tax Assistance Program has been helping assuage some of the burden.

The program, established in 1972, offers free assistance in preparing federal and Indiana state tax returns for area residents earning \$30,000 or less a year.

Participants normally prepare between 1,500 to 2,000 returns a year, according to professor Ken Milani, the program's director, who said he expects similar results this

Among the benefits of the program, clients can save the cost of seeking professional assistance while participating students gain "hands-on experience, according to Milani.

"[The program is] the business version of the Urban Plunge," he said.

Students preparing the tax returns have already taken the accounting course in tax, said Milani, and receive eight to 12 hours of additional training in tax preparation. Students also make trips to clients' homes who cannot otherwise make the trip to campus for assistance.

"[Students deal with] real dollars, real people [going] into real neighborhoods,' Milani said.

"[The program] is a way to give back to the community," said Rob Holcomb. the program's public relations director.

"Taxes can be a stressful thing," said senior Ray Ballotta, chairperson of the program, who said he joined because "it was a good opportunity to help people in the community.

"You get to see how for-tunate you are," he said.

Reckers to house "cyber area"

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A new "cyber area" will be installed in Recker's this weekend and is scheduled to be up and running on

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This is part of a student government initiative over the past year to increase entertainment value at Recker's.

"The Office of the President is thrilled to be able to execute something started by the previous administration and

hopes that the student body will respond well to the improvements," said chief of staff Matt Mamak. "We hope to make other improvements around campus whose focus is to make life more pleasant for everyone.

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Police arrest man for Internet hoax

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES A technology company employee was arrested Thursday on charges he fabricated an Internet news report that drove up the company's stock.

The April 7 hoax involving telecommunications manufacturer PairGain Technologies is believed to be the first stock manipulation scheme using a fraudulent Internet site. U.S. Attorney Alejandro Mayorkas said.

Gary Dale Hoke, 25, a lowlevel PairGain engineer, was arrested at his Raleigh, N.C., home after an FBI trace of Internet addresses led to him, according to the U.S. attorney's office in Los Angeles.

"We're disappointed and upset that the trail seemed to lead to one of our employees," said Charles McBrayer, PairGain's senior vice president.

Hoke was arraigned on securities fraud charges and released on \$50,000 bail. The crime is punishable by up to 10 years in federal prison and a \$1 million fine.

Hoke is an engineer at PairGain's Raleigh facility.

Sam Currin, Hoke's attorney, said he will be discussing the case with the U.S. Attorney's office in Los Angeles to set a time for

Hoke to travel to California and enter a plea. The News Observer of Raleigh reported Friday.

The newspaper said Hoke did not return phone calls and no one answered the door at his home.

The hoax included a phony story about a corporate takeover made up to look like it was posted on a Bloomberg News Service Web site.

It caused a 31 percent increase in the stock value of PairGain, a Tustin, Calif., maker of telecommunications equipment.

The company's stock dropped after the report was debunked later in the day.

Prosecutors say Hoke also allegedly posted a bogus email message about PairGain under the subject line "Buyout News" on a financial news message board operated by Yahoo Inc. The message contained a link to the bogus Bloomberg site.

Hoke has a history of online securities trading and had owned stock in the company as recently as January, according to a federal affidavit filed Thursday.

But the complaint does not allege Hoke was holding PairGain stock during the

PairGain executives were not involved in the scheme and are cooperating with investigators, assistant U.S. attorney Christopher Painter

Feds arrest officer in drug ring

CHICAGO

A police officer charged with running a drug ring was accused Thursday by a drug dealer of giving guns and bags of ammunition to one gang so they could wage war on anoth-

The accusation was in a plea agreement between federal prosecutors and Joseph DeLeon, 32, one of three men who pleaded guilty Thursday to being part of a large drug ring.
It is believed that the ring put

more than 220 pounds of crack cocaine on the streets of Chicago.

The accused officer, gangcrimes investigator Joseph Miedzianowski, has been indicted on charges of conspiracy to possess and distribute cocaine.

He has not been charged with weapons violations.

His attorney denied the charges.

"These are people who are narcotics peddlers, dope dealers, and they know that their

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> Phillip Turner ATTORNEY FOR JOE MIEDZIANOWSKI

only way out so they can see the light of day again is to make stories about Joe Miedzianowski," Phillip Turner

Federal prosecutors have charged that Miedzianowski, 46, took part in the drug trade he was hired to fight, distributing cocaine, supplying guns, taking protection money and identifying undercover officers to gang members.

They also claim he supplied guns in late 1997 and early 1998 for DeLeon's Imperial Gangsters, who were engaged in gang warfare with their rivals the Spanish Cobras.

The guns allegedly were stolen from the Cook County sheriff's shooting range

DeLeon and the three others who pleaded guilty — Francisco Figueroa, 29, and David Ruiz, 28, and Yolanda Navarro, 26 are expected to be government witnesses.

The three were among a dozen individuals indicted in the case on April 9, including Miedzianowski, who has been suspended.

The police department has started gathering evidence to

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DETROIT

General Motors Corp.'s earnings climbed 31 percent in the first quarter, exceeding Wall Street expectations on continued strong profits in North America.

GM reported today it earned a record \$2.1 billion, or \$3.04 a share, in the first three months of the year compared with \$1.6 billion, or \$2.27 a share, during the same period of 1998. A recent survey of analysts by First

Call Corp. estimated GM would earn

"It looks like very solid, good results, with a stronger-than-expected performance in most business units," said analyst David Bradley of J.P. Morgan Securities Inc.

But GM stock was down \$1 at \$88.75 a share in early trading today on the New York Stock Exchange.

Sales at the world's largest automaker totaled \$44.05 billion, up 6 percent from \$41.6 billion a year ago. Excluding sales of Delphi Automotive America," said analyst John Casesa of Systems, the big parts unit that GM is in the process of spinning off, GM earned \$42.4 billion, compared with \$40 billion a year ago.

earnings GM's including Delphi were a company record for any quarter, narrowly surpassing the \$2.09 billion it earned in the second quarter of

"We're particularly pleased with the strong performance of GM North America and

General Motors Acceptance Corp. in the first quarter," GM chairman Jack Smith said.

The automaker's North American operations earned \$1.4 billion, up 67 percent from the \$841 million it earned in the first three months of

"The company benefitted from extremely strong demand in North Schroder & Co. "It's the market."

Profits of GM's European operations increased 76 percent to \$174 million, compared with \$99 million a year ago.

Those performances offset losses of \$60 million in Asia-Pacific and \$25 million in Latin American operations. In the first quarter of 1997, GM earned \$6 million in Asia-Pacific and \$53 million in Latin America. Automakers

have been struggling with the depressed economies in both regions during the past year.

Bradley said GM's \$25 million loss in Brazil was far less than expected. He had estimated a loss of \$130 million.

GMAC, the company's financial subsidiary, earned \$392 million, up 13 percent from \$349 million in the comparable quarter of 1998. It was the best quarter for GMAC since 1991.

"The financial results reflect our continued efforts to improve product quality and increase manufacturing efficiency," GM president Richard Wagoner Jr. said. "Combined with our unrelenting cost-reduction activities, these factors allowed us to meet the intense competitive price pressure."

The quarter marked the first time GM had back-to-back quarterly earnings increases since the first two quarters of 1997.

GM's total automotive-related income, excluding Delphi, was \$1.5 billion, compared with \$1 billion a year ago.

Wagoner said GM's automotive operations benefitted from several new, highly profitable models in the North American market, led by the redesigned Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra, twin full-size pickups. The big truck is GM's most popular model.

Although GM's U.S. vehicle sales were up 6 percent in the quarter, its market share declined to 28.8 percent from 30.2 percent in the first quarter.

Push from the business community wins Clinton over

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON It took a five-day roadtrip through America

by a stalwart of the Chinese Communist Party, prime minis-Zhu

Rongji, and the anger of a lot of American capitalists to force President Clinton, once again, to reverse his

Clinton

tactics in dealing with China.

By Tuesday afternoon, a president who only a few days before had sounded in no particular rush to conclude a huge trade deal with China was suddenly in a big hurry.

Clinton tracked Zhu to a suite at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in Manhattan, where the prime warning minister was American executives that many of the concessions China had made to try to get into the World Trade Organization would unravel if the deal was not finalized, according to some executives who met with Zhu. Taking his case to American business interests, Zhu insisted that compromises allowing American telecommunications firms, farm products, banks and insurance companies into the Chinese market could all perish.

The president and Zhu talked for 20 minutes, during which Clinton offered to issue the third "joint statement" in five days, administration officials said, struggling to explain why

one summit meeting needed three successive announcements.

Clinton promised Zhu that the statement would reiterate that the United States was committed to getting China into the WTO this year, and said the negotiations could be resumed as soon as a team of American negotiators could travel to Beijing, officials said. When Zhu resumed his Waldorf meetings with New York investors business executives Tuesday night, he confidently relayed that the deal was "99 percent done," the executives

White House officials conceded on Wednesday that the turnabout occurred because they had misjudged the dynamics of the China summit. In the end, they had not only angered

those in Congress who oppose any deal with China, but those who think one is essential.

Clinton, they said, focused on the issues far too late, and then was stunned by the news reports emphasizing the "failure" to reach a trade agreement rather than the concessions that the administration had wrung out of Beijing on issues that had dogged American trade relations with China for decades. But what really stung the White House was harsh criticism from the business community.

Clinton had earlier complained privately that business lobbyists had not worked hard to persuade Congress to get the deal done, officials said. But as news of the partial agreements was released last week, with details of the concessions by

China disclosed, business executives concluded that the president should just take what he had in hand and close the deal. They began a campaign of emails and phone calls to try to bring Clinton quickly back to the table to finish the accord.

Friday, ()n Maurice Greenberg, the chairman of the American International Group, a pathbreaker in selling insurance to the Chinese, complained to Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin that the administration "had missed the train." And when the White House hastily that day set up a Monday briefing about the trade deal, the administration encountered what one participant called "a firestorm."

invitees The were Washington representatives of major U.S. companies.

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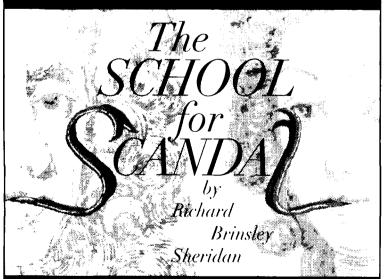
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iMac sales spur **Macintosh profits**

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. Apple Computer Inc. rode the strong sales of its colorful iMac personal computer to its sixth-straight quarterly profit while surpassing Wall Street expectations.

Apple Computer, which had suffered nearly two years of red ink before its current profit streak, reported late Wednesday it earned \$135 million, or 84 cents a share in its fiscal second quarter, which ended March 27. That was more than double the \$55 million, or 38 cents a share, earned in the same quarter a year ago.

Excluding one-time gains, Apple would have earned 60 cents a share, beating the 57 cents a share predicted by analysts surveyed by First

Sales of the hugely popular iMac computers for home users, as well as the speedy G3 business computers, gave Apple \$1.53 billion in revenue in the January-March quarter, typically a slow one for computer companies. That was up 9 percent from the same period in 1998 when revenues reached \$1.41 bil-

Analysts said the positive report marks the end of Apple's recovery after losing nearly \$2 billion between 1995 and 1997.

"Apple is clearly back on

track," said analyst Tim Bajarin, president of Creative Strategies in Campbell, Calif. "I don't see any reason they won't be able to keep this momentum going, at least through the end of this year."

The company pioneered the commercial personal computer in the 1970s, and made it easy to use in the 1980s with the Macintosh. But it fell on hard times in the 1990s as machines rival using Microsoft Corp. software largely erased the Mac's easeof-use advantage.

Shrinking sales and market share led to management shakeups. The company began to regain market share after Jobs replaced ousted chief executive Gil Amelio in

Since then, Apple introduced the iMac desktop personal computer for home users, and the speedy G3 Macintosh computers aimed at businesses. Apple is also building computers to order over the Internet, and has stopping making its Newton hand-held devices. Later this year, Apple is planning to release a new laptop.

While all the new products have been successful, it's the iMac that took the market by surprise, rapidly becoming a favorite with individual computer buyers.

The iMac was the top-selling personal computer in retail stores.

■ JAPAN

Court system may delay Y2K

Associated Press

TOKY0

Japan's slow-moving court system, red tape-bound industries, stodgy corporate culture and reluctance to embrace the personal computer at home and work may be a blessing in disguise.

That's the conclusion of a senior analyst who said Thursday that fears of Japan triggering a worldwide crisis Jan. 1 with its inability to cope with the are overblown.

The very structural woes that have kept the world's the doldrums will help mitigate the impact of the switch to 2000, said Makoto Nomura, chief economist at Sumitomo-Life Research Institute Inc.

"The Year 2000 problem is a real problem, but the impact from any computer system breakdowns will be limited," Nomura said.

Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi has ordered all government agencies to test major systems by late June — a date private firms also have been encouraged to meet. Banks are required to submit quarterly detailing their reports progress.

But questions remain about whether Japan will be ready.

Computers that refer to only the last two digits of a year may be unable to distinguish between 2000 and 1900, which could trigger system crashes or create erroneous data.

Nomura, a former top official

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> in the Economic Planning Agency, told reporters that Japan has been stepping up efforts to deal with the Y2K bug and increase public awareness.

While disruptions may occur, he dismissed concerns that computer failures will cause major dislocations in the Japanese business world or society at large.

For one thing, dependence on computers is much lower here than in the United States. Use of PCs in Japan is only half as widespread as in the United States, he said.

Also, Japanese companies have only recently begun to go digital, so the computer equipment they do have tends to be newer and more compliant with 2000-numbered years, Nomura said.

Typically heavy-handed corporate decision making means most departments in a company or industrial conglomerate use the same computers - often installed with inhouse software, all of which makes across-theboard upgrades easier, he said.

government's The strong influence on basic industries has helped prod compliance as well, which may reduce the chance of service outages by electrical and water utilities.

"It doesn't say a lot for structural reform efforts, but government regulation of utilities remains strong," Nomura

Japan also has a wealth of experience dealing with big date changes and big disas-

The Sumitomo-Life expert noted that Jan. 1, 1989 — the outset of the current emperor's reign, known as Heisei. caused few disruptions.

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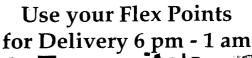
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Airline union pays \$45 million

Associated Press

DALLAS federal judge Thursday fined the American Airlines' pilots union more than \$45 million - nearly all of its assets — for an illegal sickout that led to the cancellation of more than 6,700

flights. The 10-day sickout this February stranded hundreds of thousands of passengers.

U.S. District Court Judge Joe Kendall had previously held the union in contempt after it initially refused his back-to-work order.

A total of about 2,500 pilots called in sick during the job action.

Pilots were angered over the way American was integrating its purchase of Reno Air, a small western carrier, which resulted in disparities

Hearings were held this week to determine compensatory damages for the sickout, during which American Airlines claimed it lost \$50 million

The union had disputed the claim, saying the job action cost the air carrier less than \$5 million

Kendall sided American, however, fining the union \$45.51 million. The fine will be paid directly to AMR Group, the parent of American Airlines.

Kendall's ruling could devastate the Allied Pilots Association, which has about \$48 million in the bank.

APA president Rich Lavoy hinted at an appeal would be made. "We think we're a long way from this being fully adjudicated," he said.

"We're very disappointed the judge would come up

with this number. If we're going to go forward, this is not the way to resolve the problems. It is a shame that we've come to this."

American Airlines said it took no "particular pleasure" in the verdict.

"They're victims of this as are we," airline spokeswoman Andrea Rader. "We went to court to get the sickout to stop. We want to close this chapter and get on with labor peace."

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> Joe Kendall U.S. District Court Judge

Kendall said both the union and its top two officials -Lavoy and vice president Brian Mayhew — were liable for the fine.

He scheduled a hearing Monday to discuss what percentage of the fine the two officials would have to pay.

The union had previously placed \$10 million, or onequarter of its assets, with the court in preparation for paying a fine. LaVoy placed \$10,000 with the court and vice president Brian Mayhew remitted \$5,000 for their roles in the job action.

Kendall expressed sympathy for the three-quarters of the American pilots who didn't call in sick, saying that imposing the fine makes "me

sick to my stomach, because I know what's going to happen is some very fine men and women pilots are going to be hurt badly.

He criticized the Allied Pilots Association, however, for its tactics.

"The flying public in this instance had zero notice and that's why it wreaked such havoc.

American Airlines, which originally claimed it had lost \$58.7 million due to the sickout, reduced the estimate to \$50 million on Thursday.

Kendall said he reduced the amount further in case of error and on the likelihood that passengers were booking flights on other airlines because of the conflict.

Experts for the pilots' union had testified that the losses they had calculated range between \$1.4 million and about \$4.5 million, depending on the time period consid-

At least one union member said the ruling was justified. "I think the judge was right," said Captain Carmen Villani, who flies out of Washington, D.C. "I personally was very embarrassed what I experienced in the courtroom over the last two days.

An executive for American testified during a hearing before Kendall Thursday that the airline could have resumed normal operations more quickly and would not have canceled 2,279 more flights had pilots returned to the cockpits soon after a judge ordered them back to

"We would have recovered the airline two days earlier,' said Tim Ahern, a vice president in scheduling at

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\$1.74 trillion budget passes with tax cuts

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

With unusual speed, Congress approved a final \$1.74 trillion budget for fiscal 2000 today that Republicans hope will sharpen their image as tax cutters and as a party that has moved beyond President Clinton's impeachment.

The Senate approved the GOP-written plan today by a 54-44 vote that was along party lines.

The House passed the package yesterday by 220-208 in another sharply partisan vote. The two senators who didn't vote were Tim Hutchinson, R-Ark., and Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y.

The measure maps a 10year tax cut of at least \$778 billion and underlines other issues the GOP will emphasize during this year's run-up to the 2000 elections: using Social Security's enormous surpluses to reduce the national debt and spending more for defense and schools.

Budget passage today marks only the second time Congress has completed the measure on time since setting the April 15 deadline in 1987. Eager to counter Democratic charges

Congress has done little beyond impeachment of the president in recent months, GOP leaders want to cast themselves as efficiently performing the public's work.

The plan, which does not require Clinton's signature, sets overall tax and spending targets for later legislation that will fill in the details. Clashes with Clinton over those bills seem certain.

'There is a dramatic difference between the two parties," said the Senate Budget Committee chairman, Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., referring to Democratic opposition to using expected federal surpluses for broad tax cuts. "Republicans say, 'Don't grow government, give it back to the taxpayers.

Though Republicans have made no final decisions about whose taxes would be reduced, Democrats say they know what the GOP will do.

"A massive tax-cut scheme for the wealthiest among us. because that's what's really afoot here," said Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D.

The budget's passage on April 15 — the day income tax returns are due - was also timed to spotlight GOP taxcutting plans that are one of the budget's banner promises. Democrats say that money, which comes from anticipated federal surpluses, should be used mostly to strengthen Medicare and other social pro-

"It's a good blueprint for America's future," House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said after the House approved the measure. "We're also pleased this Congress can get its work done."

Last year, internal GOP bickering over tax cuts resulted in no congressional budget for the first time since the current system began in 1975.

Clinton said the GOP plan would do nothing to extend the fiscal solvency of Social Security and Medicare, which face pressures in coming years from the retirement of baby boomers.

"The budget ... falls short of what the American people need for meeting the challenges of the 21st century," he said in a written statement.

"This is not a budget that is going to survive," said Sen. Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey, ranking Democrat on the Senate budget panel.

Clinton wants smaller tax cuts. In addition, Republicans say they will pay for their defense and domestic spending increases by cutting other programs, which Democrats and even some Republicans say will never survive votes in









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Dow average boasts fourth record high close

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Stock prices closed mostly higher Thursday in a turbulent session that saw the Dow Jones industrial average change direction several times but still make its fourth-straight record high close.

The Dow ended up 51.06 at 10,462.72, topping Wednesday's record of 10,411.66.

Trading was very active, with 1.3 billion shares changing hands in consolidated trading, a record so far this year.

Broader market measures were mixed. The Standard & Poor's 500 index ended 5.59 lower at 1,322.85, after paring its losses. But the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index rose 14.49 to 2,521.77, making back nearly 20 percent of the ground it

ost on Wednesday

High-profile tech stocks, which investors had sold aggressively since Tuesday afternoon, rallied gamely in the final 30 minutes of trading, pushing the Nasdaq index into positive territory for the first time in the sesson

"It was a wild day, with the hot technology stocks opening down big and doing their best to try to come back toward the end of the day," said Scott Bleier, chief investment strategist at Prime Charter.

But in the end, cyclical stocks, which move up and down with the economy and which had trailed the market until recently, "stole the show," he said.

"There's been a real leadership shift in the market," said Larry Wachtel, market strategist at Prudential Securities. "The most unloved stocks — the dogs of the Dow

- are winning today."

Stocks stumbled in the afternoon as investors keyed into a rise in bond yields. Interest rates were rising on heavy new supply in the bond market and a report that manufacturing in the Philadelphia area strengthened considerably this

The Philadelphia report renewed concerns that the growing economy could reignite inflation, said Jack Shaughnessy, market strategist at Advest Corp.

The stock market "has been driven (higher) in the last three years by rapidly expanding money supply and falling interest rates," Shaughnessy noted. Now, "the market is becoming apprehensive that the Federal Reserve could raise interest rates because of concerns about inflation."

The bond market pared its

losses by late afternoon, helping the recovery in stocks. The yield on the 30-year Treasury bond stood at 5.52 percent, up only slightly from from 5.51 percent late Wednesday.

Oil stocks led the Dow industrials higher amid a continued rise in oil prices. Chevron advanced 4 5/8 to 95 3/4. They were also led by such recently out-of-favor manufacturers as Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing, up 4 to 79 1/4. Aircraft maker Boeing, also a Dow component, added 3 11/16 to 41 11/16 on a strong earnings

The shares of consumer products makers fell sharply. Dow member Johnson & Johnson declined 2 1/2 to 92 3/8. Drugmaker Pfizer tumbled 14 5/8 to 130 on a disappointing earnings report.

The fresh blow to technology stocks early Thursday was

a warning from Storage Technology, a maker of computer storage equipment, that it wouldn't meet analysts' first-quarter earnings expectations. Storage Tech shares retreated 7 1/16 to 19.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by a narrow 11-to-8 margin on the New York Stock Exchange.

The NYSE composite index fell 2.78 to 622.89, but the American Stock Exchange composite index rose 1.81 to 737.93.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies rose 0.35 to 417.74.

In overseas markets, the Nikkei 225 index in Tokyo edged lower by 0.22 percent. In Europe, the FT-SE 100 index in London shed 0.42 percent, the DAX index in Frankfurt added 0.06 percent, and the CAC index in Paris ended 0.89 percent lower

■ ČHINA

Plane crash ignites explosion, kills five

Associated Press

SHANGHA

A cargo plane crashed minutes after takeoff Thursday, killing at least five people as it exploded in a migrant worker community.

The Korean Air plane, a 7-year-old McDonnell Douglas MD-11, crashed into an industrial development six miles southwest of Hongqiao airport, Korean Air and Chinese officials said.

The Seoul-bound plane, carrying 68 tons of cargo, then plowed into housing for migrant workers, said employees with Shanghai's Minhang district fire department who saw the crash.

Korean Air said there was "a

high possibility" explosives destroyed the plane.

All three members of the flight crew and four others on the ground were killed, said Moon Chang-boo, the South Korean consul in Shanghai.

However, at a news conference in the South Korean capital of Seoul, Korean Air said five people died and the fate of the three crew members was unknown.

Moon said 25 people were injured, some seriously. A doctor with Minhang Central Hospital who refused to give his name described 37 people as critically injured. Korean Air said the plane reached an altitude of 15,000 feet before crashing at 4:10 p.m., six minutes after takeoff.

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THE NETHERLANDS

Airline slaughters illegal squirrels

Associated Press

AMSTERDAM

Stung by public outrage, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines apologized Thursday for using a shredding machine to kill 440 Chinese squirrels shipped illegally to the Netherlands.

KLM called Monday's slaughter an unethical mistake, but said it had little choice after failing to find a new home for the Turry rodents, which arrived from China last week without proper documentation en route to a collector in Athens, Greece.

In a statement, the airline said it "made a grave mistake on ethical grounds" when it killed the squirrels, and said it deserved criticism from the public and animal rights groups.

It said it "offers its most sincere apologies to animal lovers and all those offended by the events."

The employee responsible for the slaughter has been ordered to stay home pending an investigation. KLM said it would no longer accept shipments of animals from China and was considering stopping all transports of exotic animals.

However, KLM argued that it followed health regulations covering the importation of live animals. The airline blamed the Dutch Ministry of Nature Management for ordering the

squirrels to be destroyed because they arrived without proper documentation.

Officials have said such rules are intended to minimize the risk of accidentally introducing animals and diseases not native to the country.

KLM spokesman Joessef Eddici said the squirrels were killed instantly by being dropped — while apparently still alive — into a shredder used in the commercial poultry industry and recommended by the government for animal disposal.

"It may sound strange, but it's the most humane way to destroy animals," he told The Associated Press.

"We absolutely don't find this normal." countered Mieke Holtslag of the De Meern Foundation for Squirrel Refuge.

"It's simply absurd," she said. "Just the fact that they killed them makes me nausoous, let alone how they did

Despite repeated requests from KLM, the Beijing exporter who shipped the squirrels refused last weekend to take them back, the airline said. It said it couldn't find anyone else to take them.

Holtslag's husband, Jaap, said the couple's shelter—which caters specifically to squirrels—was never asked to bolo

■ GERMANY

Capital begins move to Berlin

Associated Press

BERL

The German government's return to Berlin kicked into gear Thursday when the first train packed with furniture, files and other supplies arrived from the longtime postwar capital of Bonn.

Shipments are expected to last throughout the year as Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, parliament and one ministry after another complete the 370-mile move back to the historic capital.

The first nine freight containers with 100 tons of supplies arrived just before lawmakers inaugurate the renovated Reichstag building in central Berlin as the new seat of parliament on Monday. Regular sessions are only starting in the fall, though.

Thursday's shipment went by truck to the mod-

ern new Interior Ministry on the Spree River, the only one fully constructed so far, and the still unfinished Economics Ministry near a former Berlin Wall crossing point.

Parliament narrowly approved the \$11 billion move in 1991 after the fall of the Berlin Wall and German unification.

While the government's main trek is just starting, German President Roman Herzog, whose post is largely ceremonial, moved his office from the Rhine to the Spree already last November.

Schroeder plans to move to temporary offices in Berlin this summer. His new \$222 million chancellery won't be finished for two years.

Moving the 669 parliament members and their staff of 3,300 involves transporting 24 miles of files, 28,000 cartons of books, 3,400 art works, 1,184 televisions, 1,300 computers and 837 refrigerators.

■ PAKISTAN

Bhutto sentenced to prison

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD

A Pakistani court today found former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto guilty of corruption and sentenced her to five years in jail, the state-run news agency reported.

Bhutto was also fined \$8.6 million and disqualified from politics, The Associated Press of Pakistan said.

Both Bhutto and her imprisoned husband, Asif Ali Zardari, were convicted of taking kickbacks on government contracts. Asif also received a five-year jail sentence.

"What [the judge] has done against me is a crime," Bhutto said in an interview with the BBC in Britain.

Saying she believed the government would arrest her upon her return to Pakistan within the next week, Bhutto said it would only strengthen her Pakistan People's Party.

"They want to eliminate me from politics ... (but it will) make the Pakistan People's Party workers even more determined to overcome the odds and succeed," she said in the BBC television interview.

Bhutto is expected to appeal her conviction by the Rawalpindi branch of the Lahore High Court.

At home in Pakistan, her supporters were outraged by the conviction and sentence.

"It is totally unfair and the murder of a trial," said Naced Khan, Bhutto's close personal friend and party worker.

Bhutto was abruptly dismissed from power in 1996 on charges of rampant corruption, economic incompetence and sanctioning police hit squads in her home town of Karachi in southern Sindh province.

In recent weeks, Bhutto has held several news conferences to complain she was not receiving a fair trial. She accused the judge of being biased against her and denying her lawyers an opportunity to present her defense.

She took her complaint to the Supreme Court, which ordered the lower court to hear Bhutto's defense. Bhutto also complained that she and her lawyers have been harassed by police and intelligence agents and that her car was routinely searched.



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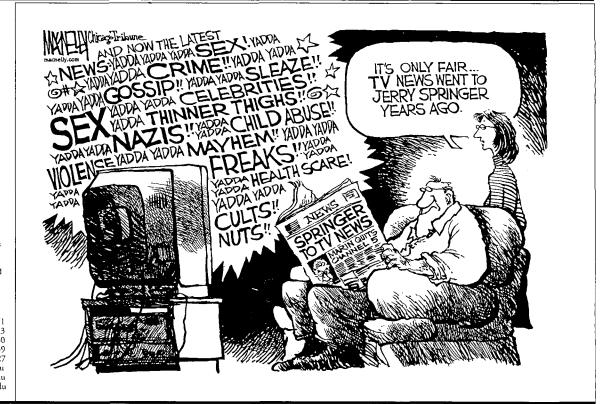
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Another World Less Than Two Hours Away

A few days ago, a friend and I traveled to Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, Mich., the Mecca of Conservative Liberal Arts Colleges. My friend wanted to see if he should encourage his brother to apply. I'm always up for a new experience. Hillsdale makes Notre Dame look like a radical liberal East Coast Ivy League institution. See, it's not that hard to give Notre Dame Ivy League status, it all depends on one's standard of compari-

Jeff Langan

I think, however, others on this campus will benefit from a pilgrimage to Hillsdale. For example, Right Reason should require all of its staff writers to make a pilgrimage to Hillsdale before writing their first article. It will give them a standard from which to criticize. The Progressive Student Alliance could send its members there after a long failure-filled year. It will give them a reason to give thanks to Gaya for how good they have it here after all. Communitarians and States' Righters will see what it takes to buck the federal government, a stubborn will and a lot of

Hillsdale, in case you don't know, is a small liberal arts college in Southern Michigan. It was founded in 1844 by the Free Will Baptists (What is a Free Will Baptist?), though it currently maintains an independent status. From the beginning, it accepted women and men regardless of race, creed or class. Many of its students fought for the North in the Civil War. In fact, they sent more students into battle than any other pri-

vate school.

It is unique among colleges in that it accepts no federal aid. This way, it doesn't have to comply with federal programs. In fact, its students can't even get federal loans. The Supreme Court decided that if its students accept federal loans, then the college has to abide by federal education standards. For example, federal law would require Hillsdale to publish its enrollment statistics, but Hillsdale refuses to publish statistics about the racial make-up of its student body. It thinks it is able to do a fine job encouraging racial harmony without the help of the federal government, thank you. The

college opted for its freedom. course, Hilldale is not for everybody. We met young lady named Jeannie with orange-dyed hair. She was leaving Hillsdale because it lacked a good science no publishing racial statistics program. I have a feeling it really lacked another student with orange-dyed hair. Jeannie found Hillsdale stiffling, but many of the other students we met found it liberating. Freedom is a big theme on campus. We counted over 10 statues of eagles. Each statue had a quote by a famous individualist conservative like John Stuart Mill, Thomas Paine or Ralph Waldo Emerson. I wonder why they didn't have any quotes from any economic anarchists as well?

On a campus where freedom and individualism are on such public display, I was surprised to find a decidedly conservative student body. I was also surprised to find a decidedly conservative religious bent. Specifically, a bent that would not want the ideas of freedom and religion as articulated by the likes of Mill, Paine and Emerson applied to them. This seems to be a strange ten-

American con-

servative groups.

ordered religion. Have the wolf and the sheep embraced too quickly? We asked two track stars the moral/political/social makeup of the campus. Without missing a beat, they responded, almost in unison, 'Conservative. Definitely conservative. Probably 99 percent conservative." They

went on to tell us that they came to

Hillsdale as the result of their

cacy of all-embracing hierarchic and

contact with a conservative Christian Evangelical group. Many of the Catholics on campus, they told us, were conservative. Even the atheists, if there were any, were conservative. They sus-

pected one or two professors had liberal leanings. One professor even had a class outside. We asked a third fellow what his major was. He told

us philosophy and classics, and there were several people in his major. Except for Jeannie with the bright orange hair, the students said they loved experience Hillsdale, even though the college and city are separate, even though there are no college

bars and coffee houses, even though there are few signs of student activism, and even though there are few signs of student activities as we understand them at Notre Dame.

Jeff Langan is a graduate student in the government department. His column runs every other Friday

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GARRY TRUDEAU ■ DOONESBURY









On the one hand, there is an advocacy

of radical individualistic economic,

social and military policy. Policy created

on this principle seems at times to be

destructive of traditional religious and

social practices. There is also an advo-

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Tery little is known of [Canada] since it is rarely visited by anyone but the Queen and illiterate sport fishermen.'

- P.J. O' Rourke

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■ CAPITOL COMMENTS

Right-wing Politicians Show Hypocrisy During the War

Gary J.

Caruso

U.S. Representative Bob Barr (R-Ga.), one of the most outspoken House inquisitors who attempted to convict President Clinton of alleged impeachable offenses, has himself gone over the edge this week. Barr, the so-called "pro-life" politician who was recently outted by "Hustler" publisher Larry Flint for driving a girlfriend to a clinic for an abortion, showed his true goose-stepping nature by intro-

ducing legislation that would lift the United States ban on assassinations. Since the early 1970s, the Federal government has been prohibited from attempting assassinations abroad, but Barr would end that practice.

Barr's public motive for introducing the legislation was "financial." Citing costs of \$4 billion thus far for the U.S. operations in Kosovo, Barr reasoned that the military should have the option to eliminate

Yugoslavian leader Milosevec. further believes the assassination to be an expedient way of ending the conflict and "ultimately withdrawing American troops from the NATO coalition.

Behind his public relations spin, Barr however. manifests modern-day classic conservative movement's rhetorical technique of creating a focal point to oppose ... usually a class of people, but in this case a single personae. The great personalities of the conservative movement have for the several decades success--become absurd, e.g., the notion that **President Clinton** killed former White House counsel Vince Foster

and others. Senator Joseph McCarthy (R-Wis.) began the modern era technique in the late 1940s and early 1950s with his witch hunt against Communists. In 1950, Richard Nixon campaigned for the Senate seat in California against Helen Douglas whom he called the "Pink Lady." Ronald Reagan followed suit against the Communist Soviet Union, what he characterized as the "Evil Empire," Other crusading zealots ranging from Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson to Pat Buchanan and Pete Wilson have targeted the United Nations, gays, immigrants, pro-choice advocates, a declining U.S. defense and welfare recipients. The right wing of politics is most effective when it has an ideology to condemn.

Throughout President Clinton's tenure in office, conservatives have hung onto attacks of the president like Pit Bulls, beginning with the first days of his administration when he addressed the discrimination of gays in the military. At that time, the Rush Limbaughs of the world became household words with their relentless attacks of the president. However, their effectiveness waned once their own novelty faded while Clinton coopted them by embracing several of their formerly "exclusively conservative" issues

🛓 like a balanced budget, strong police efforts and a strong defense.

While Clinton personally embodies the worst of everything rightwingers oppose, opponents are relatively ineffective because the more reasonable of the American public recog-

nize that the president is a man, not an ideology. The public approves of Clinton's administrative performance as president. Clinton speaks on various issues to different constituencies and appeals to a broad spectrum of the American public. His suc-

cess, and ultimately the Democratic Party's success in keeping the White House, stems from his stand in the middle of the political spectrum.

It is ironic that conservatives who just 30 years ago rallied President against Johnson and his policy of engaging ground troops in Vietnam are now rallying against President Clinton and his policy of keeping ground troops out of Kosovo. Is it ideology and the notion of being a loyal opposition or is it a disdain for Clinton personally? Republicans began walking off a cliff like robots during the impeachment proceedings. Today, many of them continue their zombie-like walk over the edge based not on policy issues but on the principle that Clinton is wrong about every-

President Clinton, like every Republican and Democratic president before and after him, cannot be wrong about everything. Republican Congress is not correct about everything either, although they do represent some very worthy causes. Representatives like Bob Barr need to pull

their heads slightly out of the sands of ideology ... maybe just enough to have one eye above ground ... and end their opposition which is merely for the sake of opposing the president. Barr and others like him also need to reexamine some of their own positions, assassinations for one, and get back to being somewhat reasonable in the political arena. To continue on the course they have set is just a step from the edge of the cliff.

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■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Operation Allied Force No Vietnam, But No Desert Storm, Either

Daniel Leger makes an interesting case both for and against the U.S. moral stance in the Kosovo crisis, but he rests his case on an ambivalent note, saying that it is appropriate to question the moral basis for the bombing. (The Observer, April 12). But is it? The crisis, like any other, involves both moral and political dilemmas, that makes judging the crisis as difficult as the intervention itself. His concluding point is that it is okay to stand back and take no forceful action if it produces more evil. Now this is not easy; one can only picture two different scenes — displaced men, women and children looking for food and shelter, or punitive bombing seeking to prevent this human misery.

Doing nothing and watching a crisis blow out of proportion was the European policy; this was a replay of the crisis in Bosnia in the early '90s. European dithering brought things to a breaking point there; U.S. action pulled things together, ushering peace. The Europeans looked on as this crisis unfolded, like the crisis in Bosnia. This crisis has been in the making for sometime, but with little serious effort on the part of the Europeans to stem its tide. Once again, the U.S. watched and waited, and jumped in before it got too late in some ways it was — first with a diplomatic initiative, and when it failed, with air-strikes, after many warnings went unheeded by the Serbs.

It is somewhat disconcerting that while the Europeans move toward an integrated community, and with the coming of the Euro are a step closer to it, they still lack an effective mechanism for dispute resolution and conflict prevention. The Balkans fall outside the EU framework, but within their backyard, affecting the security of some of the NATO and EU members. They were unable to prevent this in Bosnia, and they have been unable to do this in Kosovo, while thousands have been mercilessly displaced by Serb warlords. As in the case of Bosnia, this may be due to political differences within the Union.

While the U.S. role has been mostly welcomed and supported, many of its aspects are problematic and alarming, having serious implications for the future. The U.S. role signifies a new departure in the role of the United Nations in applying international law, and in the moral use of force. This offers the U.S. license to act unilaterally in any conflict of its choice, on its terms. While some Europeans did not seem very keen, and Russia opposed this, none had a viable alternative plan to avoid either the conflict or U.S. airstrikes, apart from some face-saving diplomatic moves.

It is the events in the Gulf and the Balkans in the '90s that have emboldened Washington to choose its battles, and strike with impunity, bypassing the U.N. The capture of three American soldiers and the plight of the refugees add another layer of humanitarian concern as the Americans watch the evening news, the human tragedy justifying the military action in the public eye; the moral high ground was there to claim!

The U.S. continues to resist pressure to introduce ground troops, but soon, it may not be easy or feasible. A good catch phrase used by the administration is 'permissive environment," which seems to be taking shape. A ground war does not make the task easy with many pitfalls along the way. How many troops, and for how long? It is often ignored that it's not an easy decision for the U.S. to put its men and women in harm's way. Of course, this may not be another Vietnam. Times are different, the context is different; there may not be another Vietnam.

Despite denials from the start, the military must be preparing for a ground assault — which seems imminent — as it awaits a "permissive environment." The military cannot be expected to embark on an offensive air campaign without preparing for a battle plan on the ground; of course, "Top Secret" at this time. Clinton's latest request for funding hints at an expanded U.S. role. While the deployment of ground troops promises to end the conflict, it's no quick fix, and the U.S. could still be bogged down in a war of attrition.

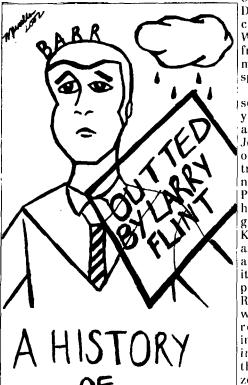
A final settlement would involve the return of the refugees, and safe havens, a la Iraq, to be patrolled by U.S. or NATO troops. The U.S. seems to have miscalculated its ability to achieve a quick victory, expecting a few days of pounding to break Milosevic's resolve. Unfortunately, the ground war promises no

swift victory as well. Hopefully, this is not the only option.

Noman Sattar Graduate Student April 14, 1999

A wise person once said, "Wasted space is space wasted."

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decades successfully vilified others in an effort to arouse support for their causes. Many have gone to such lengths to expose far-reaching positions that they have become

His column appears every other Friday.

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Whether you're young or old, male or female, there's at least one baseball movie for everyone. With baseball season in full swing, Scene examines some of the better baseball movies of



Majoring in

By BILL FUSZ

Scene Movie Critic

A relatively transparent plot, cardboard characters, a couple jerks, some misfits, a token love story and an ending one can see a mile away.

Ah, who the hell cares?

It's about baseball, it's funny and it's fun. And sometimes, that's all a movie really needs. That's what "Major League" delivers, too. It's not high drama, but fun and spirit is what baseball is all about and few movies can top it without becoming either too silly or too

The story is of a new owner, Rachel Phelps (Margaret Whitton) who takes over the Cleveland Indians from her deceased husband and comes up with a greedy little plan: Put together the worst club she possibly can under a noname manager from a minor league team. if she can get the team to bring in less than the average attendance

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Dogs and balls

By JENELLE WILLIAMS

Scene Movie Critic

Dumb kids' movie? Definitely not.

Sure, "The Sandlot" has its share of immature jokes and childish themes, but this story of life in simpler days possesses timeless truths, giving it the ability to span

It is summer. The decade is the '60s. A kid about 10 years old has just moved into a neighborhood where he knows no one except his mother and his recently acquired stepfather. While most guys his age are out hitting baseballs and getting into trouble, this kid is indoors playing with his erector set. He sees the other to be friendly. He relates that these kids go to the same lot, hence the title, and pick up the same game they had left yesterday.

They never pick sides, he says; they never have teams, they never keep score and they never finish a game. He describes it as some ideal game of baseball that nearly has magical qualities. But this kid cannot just jump right in and start playing. For he cannot play baseball — he does not even know how to throw a ball. So, when he attempts to hang out with the gang, he not only does not fit in, but he is chastised.

That is until one member of the team befriends the newcomer and forces the others to accept him into the group. Benny, the best player on the team who breathes, sleeps and dreams baseball, teaches "Smalls" how to throw and how to catch. Before long, it seems as if he was always a part of the group.

The big conflict comes when Smalls hits his first home

run — right over the fence.

Unfortunately, the ball was autographed by Babe Ruth himself. Unfortunately, the ball belongs to Smalls' less than friendly stepfather. Unfortunately, the other side of the fence is the back yard to a home which houses a 'killer beast" of a dog. So, lost to the beast, the ball is gone forever. Unless they can devise a plan.

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1989, the movie also showcases a number ars-to-be before they really hit their prime Russo, Charlie Sheen and Wesley Snipes all comedic performances, though certainly not ches for any of them. But the character that e for this viewer and many others was the Pedro Cerrano, the Joe-Bu worshipping by the forgettable Dennis Haysbert, who ific actor, has not created many characters to mind so easily. (Though he will be in ig pictures this year including the new son Ford flick.) But his lines in "Major ue" still ring true 10 years later; lines such as, "Hats for bats. Keep bats warm." It's

too bad this lost its freshness after "Major League III: Back to the Minors."

But the real thing to take out of "Major League" is not that greed never pays, nor that Caribbean voodooism does, nor even that a baseball player who reads "Moby Dick" will always win the heart of a librarian. Instead, it's the age that no matter how bad a team looks or adly it starts out the season, there's always hee if it and its fans hang in there and have th. For Cubs and Red Sox fans, that's a essage that bears repeating each and every

Hot sex or Baseball?

By CHRISTIAN A. PIERCE Scene Movie Critic

'Tis the season — baseball season that is. That's right. There's no more talking spring training or grapefruit leagues; it's time for the regular season. Time to start the annual rituals of America's national pastime: trips to the stadiums, the smell of hot-dogs, the roar of the crowd and the crack of the bat.

As a national pastime, baseball has come to represent America as much as apple pie and the Statue of Liberty. As such an essential part of America, stories of baseball have thus flourished in popular fiction, most notably in Ron Shelton's film "Bull Durham." Produced in 1988, the film stars a rather noteworthy cast, all at the beginning of stellar careers

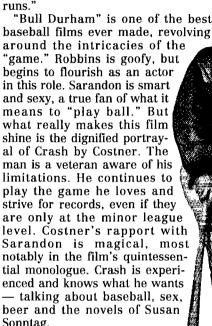
"Bull Durham" centers around the character of Crash Davis, played by Kevin Costner (noted for his roles in baseball films). The character of Crash is an aging catcher who has played a lifetime in the minors. Nearing the end of his career, Crash finds himself in the middle of numerous trades to smaller and smaller minor league teams. Finally, Crash ends up as a member of the Durham Bulls, a minuscule franchise with an up-and-coming pitcher. Management does this because of Crash's legendary chemistry with pitchers, able to fine-tune their game in preparation for the majors.

In other words, Crash is left to babysit a young pitcher who is a wild man on and off the field. The pitcher is none other than Eddy Calvin "Nuke" LaLoosh (a young Tim Robbins), whose stellar fast ball hits more fans than strike zones. Crash takes the job so he can continue to play the game he loves, but never realizes what a life-changing job this will become.

Nuke is a young athlete with more on his mind than baseball. Like most young men, Nuke finds his mind wandering to thoughts of the opposite sex. As the rising star Nuke is the hottest guy on the market, many of the women in Durham hope to spend a little quality time with him before his stardom, most importantly Annie Savoy (Susan Sarandon). But Nuke is a rookie and doesn't understand the intricacies of women.

Only true knowledge of "the game," like that possessed by a veteran will truly earn a woman's love. Annie finds herself drawn to Crash, but he is unwilling to play her games. This rather sexual woman adopts one player for the season and enjoys showing him how to "round the bases." Crash enjoys the company of this woman, but for more reasons than her body. He is a complex man, the type of player that Annie has never met — a man, not a boy.

As both Crash and Annie work with Nuke, they find themselves irresistibly attracted to one another. Nuke's fast ball gets hotter, as the relationship between Annie and Crash begins to heat up. Eventually, all the work pays off and the film concludes with major "home



Its witty lines and incredible acting make "Bull Durham" a must see. This is no bull; Shelton's film is a classic.



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erything seems magnified. Little things are s, and the simplest of things can be blown ion. Yet usually the majority of the issue is gs are not always as they seem, and big not as bad as they initially appear. If only could remember this as they move from adulthood.

s the theme that ties it all together. This s how friends are essential. It shows how s the best bonds can be formed. For, even nothing to say, and people have no way to, they can always play a game together. he power to bring people together. And as poys come to be the best of friends while ca's favorite sport, it becomes evident just friends really are.

Moment" and "Tequila" are only two of in the film's classic soundtrack. The songs a colorful element to the movie, but they is plot and give the setting a realistic quali-

et" is by no means a movie to be ignored the it focuses on a group of young boys. It is the d with great music, deep themes and tons

Girls can play too

By JULIE HAMILTON

Assistant Scene Editor

The All American Girls' Professional Baseball League was developed during World War II for the entertainment of the American baseball fans whose men were off fighting in the war. "A League of Their Own" is a realistic portrayal of the real life events of the groups of women who came together to play ball.

The film focuses primarily on the trials and tribulations of two sisters, Dottie and Kit (Geena Davis and Lori Petty). Dottie is chosen by a recruiter to play baseball for the league, mostly because of her looks. Little does he know what a killer catcher and overall ball player she is. She agrees to join the league on one condition: Her kid

sister Kit can try out as well. Kit loves baseball and Dottie knows she would make a great addition to the league.

The other women, who were recommended by various scouts, eventually gather at a general tryout session where those who are qualified — and look pretty in a baseball skirt are placed on teams. During the tryouts, we are introduced to Doris (Rosie O'Donnell) and Mae (Madonna). Thev seem like bullies at first, but deep down they're just as scared as the rest of the 'girls" who are trying out. All of the women involved in the league eventually form a bond that the audience discovers has lasted through a lifetime.

When the rosters came out, Dottie and Kit were both assigned to the Rockford Peaches, coached by legendary baseball star Jimmy Dugan (Tom Hanks). Hanks' portrayal of Dugan is hilarious; whether he's stumbling around drunk in the locker room or yelling at Alice for crying, "Are you crying? Are you crying? There's no crying in baseball." Hanks definitely delivers many laughs.

The film also shows the interaction between members of the Peaches as well as all of the league's teams.

When Kit is accused by one of her own teammates of not being able to hold her own, a fight erupts and she is traded to the Racine Belles.

After Kit leaves the Peaches, it is only a matter of time before an expected showdown occurs between the rival teams; and between the sisters. They get that chance at the World Series, where the Belles face the Peaches.

The sisters face each other head-to-head in the game where loyalty prevails. After the game, Kit and Dottie say their farewells; Dottie leaves for Oregon with her husband Bob, who just returned from the war. Kit tells Dottie, "Thanks for getting me on the league." And the respectable Dottie denies responsibility for Kit's success: "I didn't you on the league, you got yourself on it. I just got you on the train."

When the A.A.G.P.B.L. was formed, many fans and even team organizers viewed it as a temporary activity that would continue only until the men's baseball teams regrouped following the war.

On the contrary, the A.A.G.P.B.L. developed into a truly competitive contest and draws as many fans as the men's teams. The women become impressive baseball players, physically and strategically. They leave the field knowing that they changed history and left their mark on the game of baseball. Although there isn't a league today, the success it had was significant enough to tell the story.

"A League of Their Own" is not a film simply about baseball, as many "baseball movies" are not either, but rather it is a look at what was happening on the homefront to the women who were left behind during World



Crossing the 'Angel Street'

Saint Mary's presents a psychotic tale of paranoia, trust and insanity

By MIKE VANEGAS

Scene Editor

Meeting with the cast of this weekend's "Angel Street," prior to any background concerning the nature of the play, one would guess that they were about to put on a vast comedy, ripe with a harsh sarcastic tone and tender comic interplays.

Yet when the lights dim the Little Theater at the Moreau Center for the Arts at Saint Mary's, and the stage lights brighten, one realizes immediately that the performers truly are performing, having transformed into the seriously mad characters who walk along "Angel Street."

Written by Patrick Hamilton in 1938, "Angel Street" follows Mrs. Manningham (Theresa Carder) as she battles her great fears of insanity, which happened to her mother to the point of death.

Thrown into the mix is her husband Mr. Manningham, whose intentional lack of trust concerning his wife only worsens Mrs. Manningham's state of mind. Switching rambunctiously from a loving husband into a secretly cunning madman, Mr. Manningham (David Scott Carroll) becomes the subject of a murder mystery that serves to fling Mrs. Manningham into a deeper paranoia in which she is forced to choose between insanity or self-assuredness.

The man who presents this murderous scandal to Mrs. Manningham is Inspector Rough (Ted Billy), whose trust both Mrs. Manningham and the audience must doubt upon his first appearance. Sporting a laugh that can be taken as either devious or jolly, Rough creates the extreme for Mrs. Manningham — that she completely mistrust her husband, who allegedly murdered a woman 15 years prior to the time of the play, and is planning to murder her, all in search of some hidden rubies.

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Ultimately, "Angel Street" gives a glimpse of how

the modern thriller has come into existence. Director

Mike Morris describes the play as "the granddaddy'

of today's horror films, such as "Scream." But he also

noted that its age might be a problem for today's

some cases be terrified," Morris said. "I have exploit-

ed the dramatic tension as much as possible, and kind

of made things a little bit more risky and violent than the original because of the tastes of modern audi-

ences. I've taken every opportunity to imply a little

Morris assures that any violence is only implied vio-

lence, but that the show is not for children, nor for

more ... violence than is there.

persons with childlike sensibilities.

"It is pretty intense. I expect the audience will in

"Angel Street" still touches on some universal conflicts that may emerge in anyone's life. Morris described the main theme of the play.

Presented by Saint Mary's College

"In this case, [the conflict is] how advisable it is for a woman to put all of her self-esteem into the opinions of her husband and other people," he said. "She has to struggle with believing her own intuitions and her perceptions of things ... what she actually believes to be the truth.

"In the end, she has to make that decision whether or not to believe what she thinks, or what everybody else tells her [to think]."

As for the cast, the chemistry is no doubt its strongest attribute. Standing in a large circle 20 minutes prior to Wednesday evening's dress rehearsal, the seven actors were pleasantly upbeat and calm, considering that the rehearsal was their last chance to fine-tune before opening night.

But really, it seemed that there wasn't much to finetune when the rehearsal actually began. Aside from a few jumbled lines, the actors' calmness was well-supported by an impressive focus that began forming well before they went on stage.

The fact that "Angel Street" is a thriller makes this focus that much more important.

"This is such a specific genre, where everything is so timed, that it's been a definitely different experience, to work with such important timing," said Margaret Schugt, who plays the servant Elizabeth.

One misstep on stage, therefore, could ruin an entire scene, or even an entire act. The cast is lucky to have such chemistry and such an intense collective focus. This same chemistry allows for some playful interaction, bordering on a joking bitterness.

When Billy tried to put the play into a historical perspective, stating that "Angel Street" is "a feminist psychodrama written by an Englishman in the 1930s," the three actresses immediately questioned his juxtaposition of the words 'feminism' and 'psychodrama.' An argument ensued in which all the actors gave their opinions concerning the possible feminist implications of the play, at the same time.

The actors also gracefully discussed the fact that "The School for Scandal" is playing at Notre Dame this weekend as well. Initially joking that they hadn't heard about the play, or even Notre Dame, the cast eventually admitted that it was just a case of poor timing. They also expressed their desire to be able to support the players in "The School for Scandal" by going to watch the play, and to have those actors visit the Little Theater to check out "Angel Street." This was clearly compounded by the fact that "Angel Street" costume designer Greta Zandstra is acting in the Notre Dame production.

But still, the show must go on, and clearly this cast of seven surely will remember "Angel Street" not only as the thriller it excitedly is, but for the friendship and family they all have gained by working on the play. Carroll summed it up in another witty comment.

"We just bought a house together," he said.

Though the theater is not a house, throughout this weekend, it is a home for this tight-knit group of actors. And it surely is a sweet home.



audiences.

The Observer/Kevin Dalum

David Scott Carroll and Theresa Carder perform at Wednesday night's dress rehearsal of "Angel Street." The cast includes students and faculty from Saint Mary's, Notre Dame and members of the South Bend community.

Great One ready to bid adieu to the hockey world

Associated Press

KANATA, Ontario Wayne Gretzky said Thursday night it would take "a miracle" to change his mind about retiring.

"I told Gordie Howe his records were safe unless a miracle happens in the morning and I'll probably make it official," Gretzky said following the New York Rangers' 2-2 tie with the Ottawa Senators.

Asked whether Thursday night's game was his last in Canada, Gretzky said: "All indications are obviously pointing in that direction."

After what might be the last pro game he plays in his Canadian homeland, Gretzky said he would meet Friday morning with Charles Dolan, chairman of Cablevision, the group that owns Madison Square Garden, as well as the New York Rangers and New York Knicks.

"I promised the Dolan family to meet one more time with them, "Gretzky said. "I really feel right about which way I'm leaning. I will talk with Mr. Dolan. I have had extensive meetings with [Rangers coach] John [Muckler] and [general manager| Neil |Smith|, and have not been swayed a lot, to be honest with you.

Gretzky still did not use the magic "R" word, but everything Thursday night pointed to the Great One leaving the game at the end of the regular season.

Rangers broadcaster Sam Rosen said during the telecast the team "tentatively"scheduled an announcement in New York regarding Gretzky on Friday.

In New York, Rangers

spokesman Jeff Schwartzenberg said that "nothing had been set stone"regarding announcement.

'Once he gives us the 'go' sign, we'll be ready," Schwartzenberg said.

It was some farewell party. If Thursday night's game was Gretzky's final game in Canada, 18,499 Ottawa fans made sure it was memorable. Many fans wore No. 99 jerseys from the four NHL teams - Edmonton, Los Angeles, St. Louis and New York — that Gretzky played for.

With 4:43 left in the third period and the scored tied 2-2 the fans began to chant "One more year" as the teams headed to their benches for a TV timeout.

Then the place went bonkers as the screen on the four-sided scoreboard hanging over center ice began replaying Gretzky highlights, listing all his championships and many of his offensive records — all to the music of Carly Simon's "Nobody Does it Better.'

The camera in the stadium also picked up one banner that read: "Thanks, Mr. Gretzky."

Gretzky raised his stick and waved at the crowd.

"I thought about this for a long time." Gretzky said after the game, "I didn't want to disrupt the team during the playoff drive. I was so close to telling people in Edmonton in February .. I did everything but say it, because I thought it was better for the hockey club to keep my mouth shut."

Gretzky's wife, Janet, was crying in the stands as her husband was accorded a rousing ovation as he was announced as the game's only star. The players of both teams remained standing

around, many of them slapping their sticks on the ice.

The Senators players came over to Gretzky near the Rangers bench and shook his hand. Senators defenseman Igor Kravchuk had already taken Gretzky's stick as a souvenir.

"Obviously it's an experience I will never forget tonight,' Gretzky said. "I really feel right about which way I'm leaning.

6 T REALLY FEEL RIGHT ABOUT THE WAY I'M

> WAYNE GRETZKY N.Y. RANGERS CAPTAIN

The volume started building during warmups before the between Gretzky's Rangers and the Ottawa at the Corel Centre.

Then, the crowd roared when his name was announced in the starting lineup moments before the Canadian national anthem.

Gretzky has said he'll decide by Sunday final Rangers game at Madison Square Garden whether he will retire. If he is indeed hanging up his skates, then Thursday night's Rangers-Senators game was the last in his native land.

The Senators took a 1-0 lead on Nelson Emerson's goal with 55 seconds left in the first period, but even that didn't produce the buzz the Great One did every time he stepped on the

There was a great roar of

anticipation at 7:36 of the third period when Gretzky fed a beautiful lead pass to John MacLean streaking in on Ottawa goaltender Damian Rhodes. But the roar turned to an even louder moan when MacLean failed to pull the trigger before the puck jumped over his stick and the chance for a Gretzky point had vanished.

They could afford to be generous — the Senators have a playoff spot locked up while the Rangers are hopelessly out of contention.

With his parents and his wife and children looking on, Gretzky skated as he always does. He was giving no hint the end might be near. His skating, as always, was fluid and strong, the trademark wispy smile playing across his face during each shift.

Brian Leetch brought the Rangers back with a goal 43 seconds into the second period. Adam Graves' shorthanded goal gave New York a 2-1 lead 14 seconds into the third.

Marian Hossa tied it with 6:48 left in the third.

Gretzky, 38, has promised be won't keep everyone hanging. He said at a news conference

Wednesday he'll decide by Sunday — but "not today or tomorrow" — whether to end his 20-year National Hockey League career.

"I love this game," Gretzky said then. "The practice, sitting in the back of the bus with the pizza and the guys ... the camaraderie and what goes on between the guys ... coming in the next morning after a big win. I mean I love everything about it. ... No matter what happens, I'm going to miss it more than anybody.

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Senators was broadcast nationally in Canada and as many as 260 credentials reportedly were issued to journalists.

In 1,483 games, Gretzky has scored 894 goals and has 1,961 assists. He was named the league's most valuable player nine times and led the league in scoring 10 times.

Gretzky has said he's confident he can still play well, though he has complained of a neck injury that cost him 12 games this season.

Gretzky expressed disappointment about the Rangers' missing the playoffs and said, "Everybody wants to go out like Michael Jordan did, but it's not a perfect world. ... It's not going to happen that way, not this year, but it is nice to be able to say people do want me to play

The Rangers opted not to have a game-day skate, keeping Gretzky well clear of the scores of reporters tracking his every move. Instead, they invaded the usually tranquil Senators' dressing room.

There, they found consensus on one issue — if Gretzky opts to retire after 20 record-setting seasons, it won't be because he no longer contributes on the ice.

Whatever Gretzky's reasons are for pondering retirement a sore back, a losing team in New York, reaching all the milestones - it's not that he can no longer help his team win.

Although Gretzky went into the Ottawa game with only nine goals — well below his 1981-82 record of 92 - he had 52 assists, better than all but an elite handful in the 27-team league.

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Mark, I can finally buy you dinner.

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■ NFL

Colts trade Faulk to St. Louis

Associated Press



ST. LOUIS The St. Louis Rams got threetime All-Pro running back Marshall Faulk cheap Thursday, because the Indianapolis Colts

wanted to clear the decks for R i c k y Williams.

Faulk, 26, the best allpurpose back in the league, rushed for



Faulk

1,319 yards, caught 86 passes and scored 10 touchdowns last year. He was expendable in part because he wanted to renegotiate his contract and cost the Rams only two draft picks, a second- and fifth-round choice.

"I think it's an outstanding move for our organization," coach Dick Vermeil said." Players like this make offensive coordinators and head coaches a lot smarter."

The Colts are expected to take Williams, the Heisman Trophy winner, with the fourth selection, or trade up to make certain they get him. Many pre-draft observers expect quarterbacks Tim Couch, Donovan McNabb and Akili Smith to be the be the first three picks.

"Knowing Bill Polian and Jim Mora, they have a pretty good feel for what's going to go on before then," Vermeil said.
"There's only a few people
ahead of them, and I think
they've probably got a good
pulse on it."

Colts owner Jim Irsay issued a statement that read, in part, "Marshall was a very productive player for the Colts as evidenced by his three Pro Bowl nominations.

"At this point, the Colts have decided to take a different direction as preparations continue for the 1999 season. We wish Marshall continued success in his career."

St. Louis had two second-round picks, including one acquired from New Orleans in an offseason deal for disappointing wide receiver Eddie Kennison, to use as bait. They used their own pick, the 36th overall, instead of the Kennison pick, which is No. 41.

The deal fills the Rams' biggest pre-draft need. Their top rusher last year, June Henley, had 313 yards. Greg Hill had 240 yards and averaged 6 yards in two early starts, but missed most of the season with an ankle injury. The Rams are worried about his durability.

Faulk was the second overall pick on the 1994 draft, and Hill was the second back taken that year, by the Kansas Čity Chiefs late in the first round. Hill isn't conceding anything.

"I'm one of the guys you want

to have on your team when you want to go and win a Super Bowl," Hill said. "Unfortunately, if you look at my stats vs. his stats, of course they look a little bit better."

Hill has 2,676 career rushing yards in his career, and has started 21 games. Faulk has four 1,000-yard seasons and has 5,320 yards rushing and 2,804 receiving.

The Rams took a running back in the second round last year, and Robert Holcombe was a disappointment with a 2.3-yard average and only 230 yards.

"Last year didn't go as well as I would have liked, and I know it's not as well as they would have liked," Holcombe said. "But I don't think there's a loss of confidence."

Faulk, 26, has two years to go on the original seven-year contract he signed with the Colts at the second overall pick of the 1994 draft. He wants to renegotiate a deal that will pay him \$2.2 million in base salary this year, and Vermeil said the Rams wouldn't be opposed to that.

Faulk is coming off his best year. His 2,227 total yards from scrimmage was the sixth-highest total in NFL history. He was second to Terrell Davis in rushing yards. He was third in the NFL in receptions. He led all NFL running backs in both receptions and reception yards.

Draft

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sure exactly what kind of player they will be investing millions of dollars and hours of training.

awating this weekend's NFL draft.

"If was definitely a test," Smith said. "They keep you up late. They interview you. They talk to you. They put you through tests and seven physicals. Then after all that, you have to display your athletic ability."

In a ESPN.com's "mock draft" not a single Irish player was selected in the first round. If this prediction holds true, 1999 will be the second year in a row and the fourth time in the last five years that Notre Dame has failed to produce a first round draft pick.

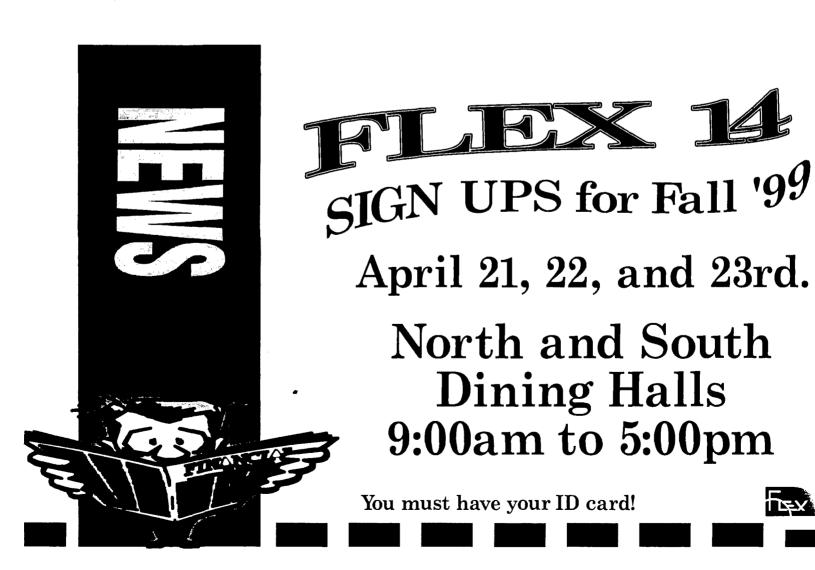
Senior reciever Malcolm Johnson is one of many Irish seniors eagerly

The last Irish first-rounder was Renaldo Wynn in 1997 when the Jacksonville Jaguars selected the defensive end with the 21st pick.

Offensive tackle Petitgout will most likely be the first Irish player chosen in the draft. The Carolina Panthers may select the two-year starter with one of their two early second round picks.

Petitgout has been rated the seventh best tackle in the draft by PFW and eighth best by Mel Kiper.

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predicted to become.

In 1998, he showed flashes of dominance but must become more consistent this year to strengthen the Irish.

"I think he has shown the potential to be a good solid football player," Davie said. "He has played a lot of football for us. Last year he became a more productive football player. He has to be productive this year because it's his last year but I have seen steady improvement with Brad Williams."

Legree started nine games last year and made 33 tackles for the Irish. At 296 pounds, he is the largest defensive lineman and will be a powerful run-stopper.

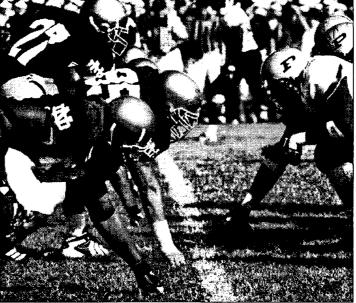
Bryant moves back to the defensive line after splitting time at defensive end and linebacker last year. He began his career as the starting outside linebacker in 1997 before switching to defensive line in 1998.

Following Irons' injury, however, he switch back to outside linebacker for the final seven games last season. This year, the Irish will look for him to be the leader of the improved pass rush.

Irons and seniors Antwon Jones and Jason Ching provided experience and depth at the defensive line that will allow Davie and Mattison to rotate the defensive linemen to keep them fresh.

Further adding to the depth and talent in the spring will be incoming freshman Cedric Hilliard. When he arrives this summer, Hilliard, a first team USA Today All-American, will give the Irish even more size at defensive line. The Arlington, Tex. native is listed at 295 pounds.

"Everyone that comes in has the opportunity,



The Observer/Liz Lang

Following the graduation of standouts Bobby Howard and Kory Minor, the Irish will adopt a four-man front defense.

whether he is a senior or a freshman," Mattison said. "It just depends on how good he is."

With perhaps the best Irish defensive line since 1993 taking the field this fall, Davie has reason to be excited

"We have some quickness up front," he said. "Our front seven is athletic and it's quick. We are starting to become a physical defense and a defense that runs well. I do see the light at the end of the tunnel. It's been a labor of love and we have taken a lot of time developing and building this. I think we are finally coming to a point where I am really excited. Our defense right now is fun to watch."

■ NBA

L.A. sends Worm back to Las Vegas

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

The Los Angeles Lakers finally had enough of Dennis Rodman and his bizarre behavior, waiving him Thursday night.

Rodman showed up late again for the team's morning practice and was slow getting ready because he couldn't find his socks and shoes.

Lakers coach Kurt Rambis told him to go home and said the team was through with its special treatment of the eccentric forward.

"At this time we feel it's in the best interests of the Lakers to end the relationship," Lakers vice president Jerry West said in a statement. "This obviously didn't work out like we had hoped, but we would like to thank Dennis for the contributions he did make to the team and wish him the best of luck in the future."

The Lakers let Rodman go after a seven-week experiment that seemed to hurt the team much more than help it.

Rodman's tardiness to Thursday's practice at Los Angeles Southwest College was the latest in a long string of incidents in which he has either not shown up or has been late.

He also missed four games earlier this season because of "personal problems" stemming from his November marriage to actress Carmen Electra. The couple announced earlier this month they had filed for divorce.

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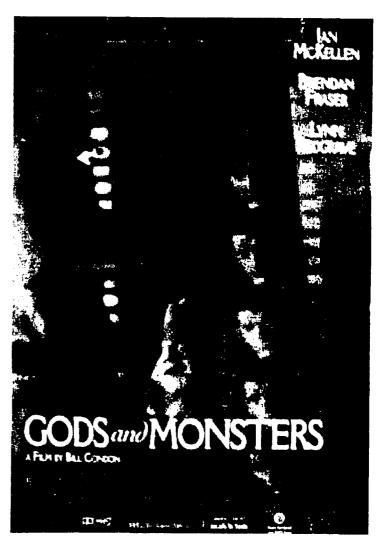


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■ Major League Baseball

The troubled life of Darryl Strawberry continues

Yankees express shock following latest incident

Associated Press

David Cone was so upset at the news of Darryl Strawberry's arrest that he didn't sleep all night.

"I'm just devastated," the pitcher said seconds after walking into the New York Yankees clubhouse Thursday. "It's just awful news for him and his family. I just hope it's not as bad as it seems."

The Yankees didn't want make any rush to judgment about the 37-year-old outfielder, whose 19 years as a pro baseball star have been marked by tremendous ups and downs.

"We're in a waiting situation. I just want to wait until all the facts come in," said general manager Brian Cashman, who said the team had "reached out" to Strawberry but did not go into details.

Manager Joe Torre, working out in Yankee Stadium before the game, declined to talk about the situation surrounding Strawberry's arrest Wednesday night in Tampa, Fla., on charges of cocaine possession and soliciting a prostitute.

Interim manager Don Zimmer said any decisions will be made by owner George Steinbrenner, who made the decision to sign Strawberry in June 1995.

"I hope it's a mistake," Zimmer said. "This guy has done some great things for this club in 2 1/2 years."

Yankees players look up to Strawberry, who has battled drug and alcohol problems along with financial and health difficulties.

"Strawberry is like a big brother to me." Derek Jeter said.

Cone, Strawberry's teammate on the New York Mets a decade ago, is his closest friend on the team.

"I'm the least objective person about Darryl," Cone said.
"I love the guy. It's just an awful situation."

Cone called the Major League Baseball Players Association several times Thursday to discuss Strawberry's situation. Because Strawberry isn't on the 40-man roster, it's unclear whether commissioner Bud Selig has jurisdiction over him or any discipline would come from the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, the governing body of the minors.

Because he's on a minor league contract, he may not have the grievance rights given to major leaguers under their collective bargaining agreement. His situation, however, may come under major league baseball because he is in its aftercare program.

As part of his comeback from a 60-day suspension in 1995 that followed a positive drug test, Strawberry was tested twice a week. Cashman said all tests have been negative, including the most recent one Tuesday.

Strawberry was at the Yankees extended spring training program as he rehabilitates from colon cancer surgery. Cashman said the team told Strawberry not to work out the next few days and to attend to this situation.

"One of his goals was to make the team coming out of spring training," Cone said, "and he was very depressed when that didn't happen. ... He's come so far. He had to be right on the edge."

Cone speculated that maybe Strawberry might have been better off with his teammates than being along in Tampa.

"If he was around us, maybe some friends could have helped him if he felt a relapse coming on," Cone said.

Steinbrenner, who was in Cleveland attending the funeral of a Yankees limited partner, has repeatedly reached out to troubled athletes, signing Steve Howe and Strawberry after they were let go by others.

"I don't care if a guy is a three-, four-, five-time loser," Zimmer said, adding he thought Strawberry had been a model citizen with the Yankees. "To have this happen, it hurts." Police find star with small stash of cocaine

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla.
Darryl Strawberry's turbulent
baseball career has taken
another off-field jolt: He has
been charged with possession
of cocaine with a street value of
about \$20 and soliciting a prostitute.

The New York Yankees' outfielder offered a female undercover officer \$50 for sex, Tampa police said, then acknowledged that the arrest could jeopardize his future in baseball.

"During this interview, Strawberry continually apologized and was very remorseful for what he had done," police Sgt. Marc Hamlin wrote in an investigative report. "He asked several times, if there was anything that we could do to change this situation, because this was going to ruin his career."

A search Wednesday night turned up 0.3 grams — about 100th of an ounce — of powder cocaine wrapped in a \$20 bill inside Strawberry's wallet, police said. He was booked and released on \$6,000 bond early today.

"It appeared for personal use," police spokesman Joe Durkin said. "One hit size."

The 37-year-old outfielder told police that the cocaine did not belong to him and that he never intended to have sex with the undercover officer.

According to the police report, Strawberry said his wife's uncle, Rodney Simon, used the vehicle the previous night and that it was possible he might have left the folded \$20 bill in the glove compartment where Strawberry found it Wednesday

it Wednesday.

The eight-time All-Star said he was joking around with the undercover officer about sex and drove off with no intention of meeting her at a nearby motel room.

The police report said Strawberry was carrying about \$1,159.10 in cash at the time he was arrested.

Strawberry has been in Tampa to work himself back into shape following colon cancer surgery last Oct. 3.

Cocaine possession is a thirddegree felony with a maximum penalty of five years in prison, Assistant State Attorney Pam Bondi said. The maximum penalty for solicitation, a misdemeanor, is 60 days in the county jail for a first offense. After that, the maximum penalty is a year in the county jail, she said.

However, those are general guidelines, Bondi said, indicating that charges for Strawberry had yet to reach the prosecutor's office.

Lonn Trost, the Yankees' general counsel, declined to comment, saying the team would allow the legal process to run its course before speaking out.

After the Yankees won the World Series without him, New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani praised Strawberry "for the comeback he's made as a baseball player and the comeback he's making in life."

He was in New York last weekend to receive his World Series ring, but was not expected to join the Yankees until he completed chemotherapy and a stint with Triple-A Columbus.

Strawberry's list of substance abuse problems is lengthy.

Major league baseball sus-

pended him for 60 days in 1995 after he tested positive for cocaine. The previous year, he entered the Betty Ford Center in Rancho Mirage, Calif., and spent four weeks undergoing treatment for a substance abuse problem.

In 1990, while with the New York Mets, he entered the Smithers Center in New York for alcohol rehabilitation.

In addition to substance abuse, Strawberry also ran afoul of tax laws. In 1995, a federal court ordered him to repay \$350,000 in back taxes and sentenced him to six months of home confinement, except for games.

Strawberry, the National League Rookie of the Year in 1983 and a World Series champion with the Mets in 1986, also was accused of failing to make timely payments to an ex-wife.

He rebounded after signing with the Yankees in June 1995 and had remained drug free, with regular testing by major league baseball. Strawberry had his best season in seven years in 1998.

Strawberry has a .250 career average with 332 homers and 994 RBIs in 16 major league seasons with the Mets, Los Angeles Dodgers, San Francisco Giants and Yankees. He led the NL with 39 homers in 1988 and topped 100 RBIs three times with the Mets from 1987-90.

The Yankees, because of complicated rules involving baseball's luxury tax, shifted him to a minor league roster during the offseason, fearing he would not be healthy enough to play by opening day.

Strawberry, the No. 1 pick in baseball's June 1980 amateur draft, joined with Dwight Gooden to help lead the Mets to the 1986 World Series title.



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■ NFL

DeBartolo heads back to court

Associated Press

BURLINGAME, Calif.
In the latest twist to an escalating family feud, San Francisco 49ers co-owner Edward DeBartolo Jr. filed a \$150 million countersuit Thursday against his sister, claiming breach of contract.

At stake is control of the family's billion dollar-plus financial empire, whose single most valuable asset is the football

The suit was filed in U.S. District Court in Ohio in response to last week's suit against DeBartolo by his sister, Denise DeBartolo York and the corporation, demanding her brother repay \$94 million to the company and attempting to oust him from any team management role.

"Today is one of the lowest moments of my life, but my sister has left me with no option but to file this lawsuit," DeBartolo said, at a news conference.

"The [corporation's] lawsuit ... was necessary to maintain the stability of the company my father created and I am not surprised by my brother's response," responded Mrs. York in a written statement. "I'm glad that Eddie has now stated he would like to pursue talks to settle these issues out of the public eye and it's unfortunate that the Corporation had to file a lawsuit against Eddie to prompt any meaning-ful discussions."

Among those in attendance were former 49ers quarter-back Joe Montana, who led the team to four Super Bowl victories, former running back Roger Craig and wide-receiver Jerry Rice — all there to show support for the beleaguered owner.

DeBartolo's suit claims Mrs. York wrongfully repudiated an August 1998 written agreement with her brother that would have divided the assets of their jointly owned business, with DeBartolo regaining control of the team. The suit also seeks to enforce agreements which DeBartolo claims would allow him to resume control of the team after his NFL suspension is lifted next February.

In the suit, DeBartolo claims

they had agreed to a gross team value of the San Francisco 49ers of \$350 million, while the value of other pro football franchises skyrocketed. The Cleveland Browns sold for \$530 million and the Washington Redskin were to sell for \$800 million, but that deal has since fallen through.

"I would have preferred any other course of action and I am still hopeful that my family can find some way to settle its differences outside a court room. If not, however, I will continue to pursue my rights vigorously," DeBartolo said.

DeBartolo, on advice of attorneys, would not take any questions, except when asked at the news conference about the nature of his relationship with his sister.

"We're brother and sister. Genes did that, I didn't," he said.

DeBartolo family advisor Mark Vorsatz answered questions on DeBartolo's behalf.

"We would be hopeful we could continue dialogue that could lead to a constructive resolution," Vorsatz said. They wouldn't go into specifics, but Vorsatz said they would examine all options.

Vorsatz said DeBartolo made a \$25 million payment in April of 1998 to satisfy an obligation he had with the corporation.

DeBartolo voluntarily withdrew from an active ownership role and also resigned his board position with the Edward J. DeBartolo Corp. in December 1997 when he became entangled in a Louisiana gambling fraud case.

Last October, DeBartolo pleaded guilty to an extortion related charge stemming from a \$400,000 payment he made to former Louisiana governor Edwin Edwards as part of an effort to secure a riverboat gambling license.

He was placed on probation, fined \$2 million and agreed to testify against Edwards and others charged in the case. Last month, NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue extended DeBartolo's suspension through the 1999 season, but said he could be reinstated if he lived up to the terms of the league-imposed sanction.

■ NCAA FOOTBALL

Florida investigates sports agent Black

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. University of Florida police are investigating a sports agent who represents three high-profile Gators in this year's NFL draft, a sports publication said.

Street and Smith's Sports Business Journal reported that campus police have included William "Tank" Black in their investigation of agent activity.

Black represents linebackers Jevon Kearse and Mike Peterson and defensive lineman Reggie McGrew.

The publication said campus police are investigating whether Black violated Florida's strict agent laws in recruiting and signing several players over the past two years.

In March, university police charged Michael Joseph McDonald with one count of unlicensed athletic agent activity. They accused him of funneling money to former Florida players Tim Beauchamp and Dock Pollard. Both players were dismissed from the team.

Police spokeswoman Stacy Badics said Thursday the investigation was ongoing and the department would not release names of anyone involved.

The Sports Business Journal, in its April 12 issue, reported that investigator Darren Baxley confirmed Black was part of the investigation. The publication said police have interviewed students, other agents and school officials concerning Black.

■ NCAA FOOTBALL

Vanderbilt, DiNardo settle suit

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. Both Vanderbilt and Gerry DiNardo claimed victory Thursday in their long-running dispute over whether the former football coach broke his contract and owes the university \$281,886.

The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati sided with Vanderbilt on Wednesday in finding DiNardo broke terms of a five-year contract in 1994 when he took the coaching job at LSU.

But the court sent the case back to U.S. District Court in Nashville to determine whether he also violated the terms of a two-year contract extension he signed that year.

"We won 75 percent of the case, and it was a draw on 25 percent," Vanderbilt lawyer John Callison said. " ... From our perspective, it's a great victory. It's not just about money, it's a matter of principle. We honor our contracts with the coaches; the coaches should honor their obligation to us."

DiNardo said in a statement from Baton Rouge, La., he was "very pleased" with the appellate court decision.

U.S. District Judge Robert Echols ruled in 1997 that DiNardo owed Vanderbilt \$281,886 for the final year of the original five-year contract and the two-year extension. The figure came from the base salary of \$91,781 per year for the three years, plus \$6,541 for the time between DiNardo's Dec. 12, 1994, resignation and the Jan. 5 expiration date on his contract.

Callison said because the appeals court ruled DiNardo broke his original contract, he owes the school a minimum of one year's salary plus interest.

DiNardo said he will pay one year's salary if Vanderbilt drops the case.



"I want to restate that I remain prepared to satisfy my obligations under my original employment agreement. In fact, I have filed papers with the federal district court in Nashville stating that I would fulfill that obligation," he said.

Callison says Vanderbilt isn't willing to settle for that.

"We have said all along that we are entitled not only to the last year, but to the two-year extension. We entered into them in good faith. We expect coach DiNardo to honor them in good faith," Callison said.

The key questions are whether DiNardo's brother and lawyer, Larry DiNardo,

had to approve the extension before it became enforceable and whether Larry DiNardo's failure to object to the terms amounted to approval.

On Aug. 17, 1994, Gerry DiNardo signed the extension but told then-Vanderbilt athletic director Paul Hoolahan, "Larry needs to see a copy before this thing is finalized," according to court documents.

The Tennessean reported on Aug. 20, 1994, that DiNardo's contract had been extended and the coach stated publicly that he was "excited" about it.

Four days later, Callison faxed an unsigned copy of the draft to Larry DiNardo, writing on it to "let me know if you have any questions."

On Sept. 27, Callison faxed Larry DiNardo about his brother's television and radio contract, adding that: "I would like your comments on the contract extension."

Larry DiNardo testified that he neither participated in the drafting nor suggested changes to the contract.

"It is not unreasonable to infer that the parties had not completely negotiated the details of the contract extension; the original contract did not expire for another year," Appeals Court Judge John Gibson wrote.

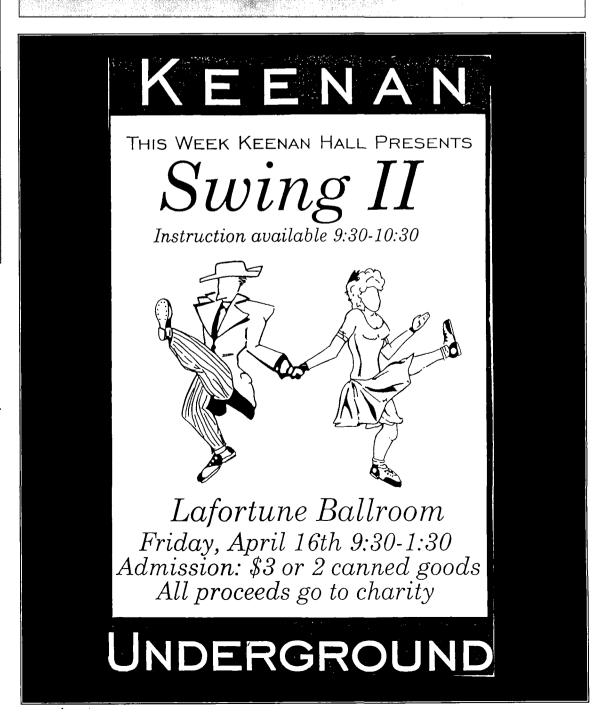
"We cannot say that Larry DiNardo's failure to object by Dec. 12, 1994, constitutes an acceptance of the addendum."

■ Sports Briefs

Casting and Angling — Clinic will be offered on Tuesday from 6-7:15 p.m. in the Joyce Center and Campus Lakes. There is an \$8 class fee. Register in advance at RecSports. Join Dan Bucha, certified American Casting Association instructor, for three evenings of bait casting, fly-casting, spinning and fishing. Equipment will

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Golf Scramble — Stanford Hall will be hosting its second annual Golf Scramble on April 25. The cost will be \$40 per team. If you have any questions please call Gene at 634-2047 for more information.



■ Women's Lacrosse

Blue Devils, Bulldogs to invade Krause stadium

By GENE BRTALIK Sports Writer

After having their five-game win streak snapped on Tuesday against Vanderbilt, the 8-3 Notre Dame women's lacrosse team will look to start a new winning streak this weekend against ranked opponents Duke and Yale at home.

"Coming off the Vanderbilt game we are looking to change our intensity going into the first half," captain Kerry Callahan said. "We want to be the aggressors and keep the pressure on them [Duke and Yale] for 60 minutes."

The No. 3 ranked Blue Devils will take on the Irish tomorrow at 4 p.m. in a game that marks the second of three consecutive games against ranked teams. Duke will be the highest ranked opponent that the Irish have played in its history since they lost to the fifth-ranked Blue Devils last year by a score of 19-5.

With 26 goals and 18 assists junior Tricia Martin leads Duke's attack, while freshman Kelly Dirks has already tallied 22 goals.

Blue Devil goalie Shannon Chaney will have the task of trying to stop one of the nation's highest scoring offenses, but on the season she has only surrendered eight goals a game, boasting a save percentage of 55

"The way we see it, they have the pressure coming in as the No. 3 seed," Callahan said, "We have nothing to lose from the games, we just want to battle them from the first whistle to the last. If we do this we know we gave them a real battle and maybe a loss."

On Sunday at 1 p.m., the 16th-ranked Yale Bulldogs will take on the Irish in their last home game of the year.

Yale enters the game with a 9-2 record after an impressive 14-3 win over Columbia on Wednesday. While Duke's offense scores a relatively calm 11 goals a game, Yale has been averaging nearly 13 goals a game.

Two reasons for Yale's success on the offense end are junior Heather Bently and freshman Amanda Walton. The two of them have combined for more than 60 goals on the season and among the top 20 scorers in the country.

On defense, Yale is led by senior Alison Cole, who is third in the country with .680 save percentage and fourth in goals against average with 6.22.

While the team suffered a loss on Tuesday, they did see the reemergence of Lael O'Shaughnessy, who had five goals and two assists in the loss.

The five goals marks the seventh time this year that O'Shaughnessy has scored five or more goals and is ranked among the top 10 in points and goals per game.

The Irish also saw Callahan extend her goal scoring streak to 25 games with a pair goals against the Commodores. Callahan leads the nation in assists with 2.80 a game and is second in points per game with 5.50.

"We are excited about our last four games," Callahan said. "They give us four opportunities to play teams that are a bit tougher, but it also gives us the opportunity to pull off a win that would shock some teams but we know we can do."



The Observer/Liz Lang

Sophomore Maura Doyle, right, and freshman Kathryn Lam provide tough defense in a recent game. The ladies host Duke today at 4 p.m.

THE HOT GORNER

Any average Joe could do Mel Kiper's job

By BRIAN CHURNEY Sports Writer

Does everyone know what this weekend is? If you don't, you should.

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If you haven't realized it yet, I'm talking about the NFL draft. What? What's that you say? You say that I've exaggerated the draft's importance. You disagree with the emphasis I've placed upon the draft? Blasphemer! Liar! How dare vou!

If, in the last two weeks, one were to only take a peek at the sport sections of various national newspapers, the cover stories of sport magazines or the homepages of sports' Web sites, without any prior knowledge of sports or concept of the magnitude of sporting events, one might be inclined to believe the description of the draft I have included.

The draft has been dominating the front pages and homepages of most sports sources for a solid week and a half now.

This kind of coverage is usually only reserved for the Super Bowl and the media blitz that accompanies it. Let's sit for a minute and ponder this: the excitement of the draft versus the excitement of the Super Royal

Watching three stuffed suits ponder whether a 300-pound man who can run a 4.9 is a better pick than a 250-pound man who can run a 4.5 versus watching the Buffalo Bills lose again. O.K. bad example, but you get my point.

The draft is usually exciting for about as long as the World Series of billiards. How necessary is it to show every single pick in the draft?

We could instead be showing a baseball game or even co-ed hurling. I understand the excitement of watching the first round. I understand watching the second round.

But even the commissioner cannot put up with all eight rounds. His life is supposed to be dedicated to football and he doesn't find the sixth, seventh and eighth rounds exciting. Does it really observe the intense coverage and speculation that the media gives it? I think not.

Speaking of speculation, I have a problem with Mel Kiper Jr. I mean really, who is this guy? He has one weekend worth of work the entire year.

Yeah, yeah he has to do research the players, the teams and their needs. And I understand that he occasionally does college football commentary, but ESPN keeps him to analyze the draft. Is this really a job?

I can only imagine the job description. Wanted: Person to predict football draft on one weekend of the year. Need little in terms of broadcasting skills. Must have the perfect face for radio. Must be able to sound like vou're an expert even if you have little idea of what you're talking about. Good predictions are not necessary. Only need about a 25 percent success rate after the first round. More importantly, must be able to gloat when you get a pick right and act shocked when prediction is wrong.

In return, you'll get an all expense paid trip to New York, a spot on national television, your own Web site, an honorary title of "draft expert," and salary that those people who must have better success rate in guessing accurately, like doctors, can only hope to see someday. Predicting the draft is your only responsibility.

Do you realize that aside from the first round, Kiper guesses wrong more than he does right? Sometimes, he doesn't even do well in the first round. Of the top 10 picks last year, Kiper got exactly four right. I don't think many stock analysts could stay in business with that kind of a record. Could you imagine the turmoil if the leading seismologist could only predict earthquakes accurately if they were above an 8. Or how about if airlines could only predict your destination within a few miles?

The point is that Kiper's success is no better than any average Joe could do with a little bit of research. Consider that last year Kiper had Ryan Leaf and Kevin Dyson ahead of Randy Moss, Fred Taylor, Robert Edwards and Vonnie Holliday.

In fact, Kiper had Moss, arguably the best rookie to enter the NFL in a long time, 20th on his top 60 prospects. Close Mel, close.

To enjoy this kind of success and have this be your primary occupation is absurd. If another one of these jobs open up with the same expectations let me know. I'm game.

With all of this hubbub over the draft I remind you of a few things

First of all, on a personal note, Notre Dame has had only one first round pick (Renaldo Wynn) since 1994, when it had three first rounders.

The draft can make or break a team, but no one knows which teams will be made and which team will be broken until long after the draft is over.

Furthermore, despite what the "experts" will say, nothing is certain in the draft. Not even the first pick is a certain success. In the last 11 years, six of the number one picks could be classified as busts (if you're willing to classify Jeff George as a bust like I am).

That's only one less than the "Heisman busts" in the same period of time. And the predictability of the draft doesn't get any better after that. There are no sureties, not even if Mel Kiper Jr. says so.

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■ NFL

Rocket finally signs with Dallas

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas

After a month of reported signings, the Cowboys made a real deal with the Rocket on Thursday.

Dallas signed free agent wide receiver Raghib "Rocket" Ismail to a seven-year, \$21.5 million deal that includes a \$5 million signing bonus.

Rumors of a deal had been rampant since March, and Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said the signing makes the Cowboys a little faster.

"He's got the speed, the run after the catch, he really knows how to make something happen after he catches the ball," Jones said. "We've been criticized internally, as well as externally, about our speed situation, and he addresses that."

For the past three seasons, Ismail has played for Carolina, and he has been working out at the Panthers' facility this offseason. He recently acquired a new home in Charlotte, N.C.

Jones said Ismail will help take pressure off receiver Michael Irvin.

"They won't be able to double- or triple-team Michael like they did at the end of last season,"Jones said at a news conference Thursday, which Ismail did not attend.

On Tuesday, the Cowboys reworked Troy Aikman's contract. Aikman's new deal will pay him \$85.5 million through 2007, making him the highest paid player in the NFL — again.

The Aikman deal, which included a \$20 million signing bonus, freed up room under the Cowboys' salary cap, which reportedly had a mere \$400,000 to spare beforehand. That gave Jones the money to strike deals with three players on his wish list.

In signing Ismail, Jones got

his second wish.

Also Tuesday, the Cowboys signed center Mark Stepnoski to a five-year, \$10.5 million contract, plus a \$3.5 million signing bonus. Stepnoski spent six years with the Cowboys until signing with Houston after the 1994 season.

Jones said Thursday that the Cowboys were in negotiations with linebacker Quentin Coryatt and hoped to have a deal done by Friday. Coryatt played in 78 games for the Indianapolis Colts over six seasons before he was released after last season to make room under the salary cap.

The Cowboys reportedly have had verbal agreements with Stepnoski, Ismail and Coryatt for several weeks but couldn't finalize the deals until they had the salary cap room to sign them. The NFL is investigating whether that happened and if the team violated league rules.

■ TRACK AND FIELD

Belles win first ever conference meet

By MOLLY MCVOY Assistant Sports Editor

The Saint Mary's track team made history on Tuesday, winning its first ever MIAA conference meet.

The Belles beat Olivet 90-40 at a meet at Albion College. Against Albion, they came up just short, losing 86-58.

"It was a wonderful day for us," said sophomore Genevieve Yavello. "We had beautiful weather, we looked good and performed with confidence and we won our first conference meet."

Yavello had a very strong meet, placing first in the 1,500 meter and second in both the 800 meter and the 400 meter.

The Belles strength on the day lay not only in their distance runners but also in their sprinters.

Senior captain Stacy Davis, who is a consistent leader for the Belles, won the 100 meter dash with a time of 12.71 seconds. Freshman Erica Burkett competed in five events and placed in four of them. She won the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 16.4 and placed second in the high jump, long jump and triple jump.

Junior Sharis Long and senior Sarah Gallagher had a good day at the hurdles as well. They placed second in the 400 meter hurdles and the 100, respectively.

The Saint Mary's field team

has been consistent all season, and Tuesday was no exception.

In the javelin, Alyson Treloar came into the meet undefeated in the league. The junior continued her streak, winning the meet with a throw of 114 feet 8 inches.

Ashley Dickerson placed third in both the shot put and discus for Saint Mary's, as well

Coach Larry Szczechowski was very excited about the meet, and pleased with the team's enthusiasm and improvement this season.

"Our athletes were just super yesterday," said Szczechowski. "We got points in places we didn't expect them and got them where we were expecting them."

The Belles' attitude all season has been one of teamwork and support. This approach appears to be paying off.

They have a record number of runners this year and the runners' times continue to improve as the season progresses.

"We compete as a team," said Szczechowski. "Even though track is an individual sport, we support each other and Tuesday was a great team effort."

Saint Mary's travels to Defiance on Saturday where they hope to win their second conference meet of the season

■ Major League Baseball

Nomo speaks out from minors

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa Nomomania may have subsided, but only a little.

Nearly 30 reporters and photographers, including a dozen from his native Japan, gathered Thursday night to hear Hideo Nomo talk about his hopes of getting back to the major leagues.

Nomo is pitching for the Chicago Cubs' Triple-A team in Des Moines, the Iowa Cubs. He won his first start at Salt Lake City last Sunday and is scheduled to pitch again Friday night in the team's home opener against Las Vegas.

"So far it's been a real comfortable environment," Nomo said through an interpreter. "The coaches, managers and players have all been great. It makes my job a lot easier."

Nomo became a national sensation in Japan when he reached the major leagues with the Los Angeles Dodgers and was the National League's rookie of the year in 1995.

Dozens of reporters from Japan chronicled his every move and the games he pitched were televised back in his homeland. Thursday, on a cold, rainy night, he continued to draw attention, though not to the extent to which he had become accustomed.

"It's settled down a bit," Nomo said. "It's not like it was back there."

Nomo was traded last June to the New York Mets, who released him after he went 0-2 with a 7.62 ERA in four appearances this spring. The Cubs snapped him up and will evaluate him after three minor league starts.

Asked if he thought this was his last chance to return to the major leagues Nomo replied, "That I don't know. It's hard to say"

In his first start, Nomo gave up three earned runs and six hits in five innings. After a rocky start, he retired nine of his last 10 batters, striking out three.

Whether he can continue where he left off in that game remains to be seen, Nomo said.

"All I can say right now is physically I'm well prepared for the game," he said. "If I make good pitches and they hit them, there's nothing I can do about it. All I can say is I will be prepared."

Nomo's scheduled appearance has been a money-maker for the Iowa Cubs, who have sold more than 9,000 tickets for the game.

But the weather might not cooperate. As much as 2 inches of snow is forecast for Friday and light snow and temperatures in the low 30s are predicted for Friday night.

Nomo said lousy weather won't bother him.

"I've pitched in cold weather before in the major leagues so I'm not worried about it," he said.

Nomo would not speculate on his chances of getting to Chicago or whether he would need more than three starts to prove himself. Please recycle The Observer.

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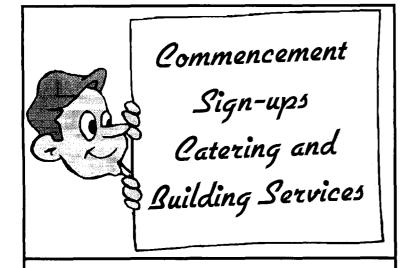
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■ BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXVIII

Coach Doherty to take court in 'Round of 256'

By KERRY SMITH Sports Writer

Notre Dame's new men's basketball head coach, Matt Doherty, has his hands full settling into his new position, recruiting players and planning for the upcoming season, but today he's just going to be one of

Doherty is teaming up with five Notre Dame seniors in round two of the Bookstore Basketball tournament and will hit the court in his first game at 3 p.m. this afternoon on the Stepan courts. Along with Doherty, team captain Jed D'Ercole, Rich Stasica, Ted Romaine, Jesse Boulder and Tom Kilroy make Lebo's Legends: Six Disqualifications Away From A

"It was my idea to see if he would play with us," said D'Ercole, "Rich and I wrote him a letter the day he was hired. We heard back from him two days after we sent the letter and he said that he was proud to be Notre Dame's new head coach and that he really wanted the support of the fans and the students. He'd heard of Bookstore Basketball and said he would be excited to play with us.

D'Ercole, from North Carolina. has followed Doherty's career for several years.

"I'm a Chapel Hill native, so I've always been a big fan of coach Doherty's — from when he played for North Carolina to when he coached at Kansas." he

The team was impressed with Doherty's eagerness to be a part of the tournament and the coach's willingness to play on

"Coach Doherty has been very active in making this happen,' said D'Ercole, "He said he's been going for runs to get in shape for

our games.

Although he had already agreed to play on Lebo's Legends: Six Disqualifications Away From a Chip before the tournament began, Doherty was out of town during the team's first round game. That gave the rest of the team a big incentive to come up with a first-round

"Coach couldn't make the first game and so there was a little pressure to get past the opening round," said D'Ercole. "We were really worried that we were going to lose and not get the chance to play with him.'

As for today's game, the team has a simple strategy, "We're just going to dump it to the big man," said D'Ercole. "He's a great ball player. He's played with the likes of Michael Jordan and James Worthy. Now he's lacing up with us. It's going to be

legends: Disqualifications Away From A Chip will take on Ducks II: The Next Generation with team members J.P. Cooney, Kevin Leonard, Bear Simms, Billy Irvine and Clam Wetzel.

Ducks II: The Next Generation is not intimidated by Doherty being on the opposing team but welcomes the opportunity.

'We're not intimidated by him at all," said Cooney. "We're going out there to win.

The team is looking forward to meeting the new head coach on the court and check out his ballplaying ability.

"I'm excited to see what he's like," said Leonard. "It'll be interesting to see how serious he's going to take Bookstore and to see if he still has some of that All-American talent on the

The Ducks II: The Next

Generation plans on putting some extra pressure on Doherty in the paint to cut down on his potential offensive dominance.

"We plan on doubling him up to negate his height advantage and making them put the ball in the hands of their other players." said Cooney.

Other then that, The Ducks II: The Next Generation will rely on the skills that earned the team a spot in the second round. Quick scrappy play coupled with ontarget shooting is the team's greatest asset.

"We're not too tall so we rely on athletic ability," said Leonard. Our outside shooting is our biggest offensive weapon.'

In Bookstore action Thursday, the Stepan courts were flooded with water and basketball players as the tournament continued in its second day of second round action.

The rain caused teams some problems — players had to dodge puddles and defenders while trying not to lose the basketball in pools of water that drained into the courts.

No Skills and Trouser Patrol came up with some unusual strategies of play to combat the weather and try for a win as they squared off against each other in a fun and entertaining match-up.

Instead of traditional basketball uniforms, the team members of No Skills dressed as a fencer, an Irish man, a Russian, a masked man with a Hawaiianprint shirt and matching purple tights and a towel-caped crusad-

No Skills had some crazy plays to go along with its crazy outfits. In the first of many bizarre tactics, the team surrounded the point guard as he dribbled down the court, protecting him from the defense.

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Team 57 def. 4 Jocks & a Pollock (21-10)

Stop Your Happy Grand Pappy def. Losey with Hooch (21-18)

Deuteronomy 23:1 def. Options Without a Future (21-15)

Freelance Gynecologists def. Taste (21-8)

Team 15 def. Frank & Beans (21-12)

Loosey Guse def. Soup Nazis (21-15)

Trouser Patrol def. No Skills (21-10)

Ride the Donkey def. Stroke Your Booty... (23-21)

Slim Shady def. Junior Varsity Pump This (21-19)

Nipple def. Free Ballin' It (21-9)

Punching Clown def. Coalition (21-3)

Ball'z Up def. Regulator Size, Small Wank x 5 (21-5)

F.A.R.T. def. Kamikaze Squirrels (21-12)

Rainbowan def. Seven Minute Abs (21-13)

Cheerious Trouble def. Texas High School... (21-14)

Chastity Belt def. Somebody's Mom (21-3)

The Observer/Joe Mueller

Trouser Patrol, with team members Ben Stauffer, Wayne Gunn, Eric Robben, Andy Ankowski and Aaron Osland responded, joining hands and attacking the five players, but No Skills managed to get a shot off

"We were pretty confused at first with some of their plays," said Stauffer. "But we had some plays of our own and I think we defended them pretty well."

In another offensive move, four No Skills team members sat down while one brought the ball down the court. This proved effective as the point guard scored with ease.

On the other end, No Skills employed its defensive play "one" in which the five players played defense standing on only one foot. Again, the ridiculous play worked and No Skills came up with the steal.

Late in the second half, both teams became bored with the basketball and decided to play volleyball instead. Serving and setting the ball up and down the court, the two teams tried to volley the ball into the hoop. When that didn't work, the teams switched to soccer, kicking the ball between players.

"We had a good time out there," said Stauffer. "It was a lot of fun — that's what Bookstore is all about."

In the end, Trouser Patrol came up with a 21-10 win. No Skills showed great sportsmanship in the final seconds of the game, helping Trouser Patrol advance to the third round by scoring the team's winning









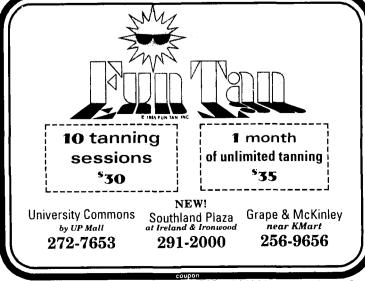
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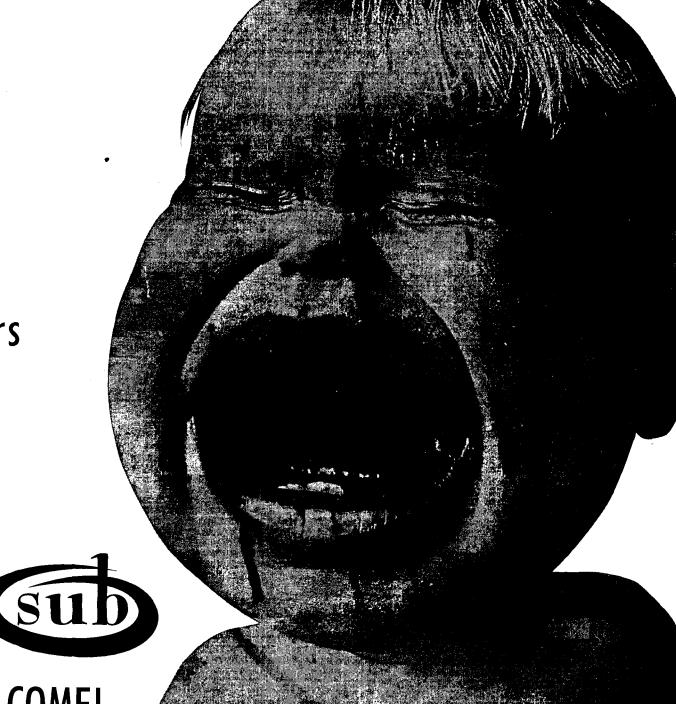
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■ MEN'S LACROSSE

Cadets bring big guns to Krause

By MIKE CONNOLLY Associate Sports Editor

After falling victim to a fourgoal rally by the Buckeyes last Tuesday, the men's lacrosse team will attempt to end its three game losing-skid and return to the win column with a victory over Army this Saturday at home.

With the NCAA tournament fast approaching and the Irish battling for the western bid, Notre Dame can ill afford a slipup against the Cadets.

There is no room for error," head coach Kevin Corrigan said. "We have to win our last three games if we want to go to the tournament.

If the 14th-ranked Irish hope to send the 19th-ranked Cadets back to West Point with a loss, did against Ohio State, according to Corrigan.

"It's important for our team to come out and play the way we know we can," he said. "[The OSU game] was a very disappointing game. More disappointing, not from the point of just losing but from the way we played and the way we came into that game."

A positive in the Ohio State game was the play of Stedman Oakey. The junior midfielder had three goals against the Buckeyes and showed signs that he has recovered from early season injuries.

"He pulled a hamstring in the pre-season and he didn't get to practice much and it really threw him off," Corrigan said. "He couldn't do much at all in the first few games but lately we they must play better than they have been slowly working him

into the line-up."

Oakey gives the already strong Irish offense one more weapon against the Cadets.

Senior Chris Dusseau has combined his skills with talented sophomores Tom Glatzel and David Ulrich to form a solid attack.

The attack will be well tested by a pressuring Army defense. The Irish must handle the pressure better if they are going to be successful, Corrigan said.

"We haven't handled pressure well this year," he said. "We're going to have to be at the top of our game to be able to handle their defense.

The Cadet offense features a pair of siblings as its big guns. Charlie and Tim Pearson lead an attack that can score in bunches and will challenge the Irish defense all afternoon.

■ SOFTBALL



Freshman Danielle Klayman guns down a runner at first during a recent game against Bowling Green

Irish to play two doubleheaders

By MATT OLIVA

Sports Writer

The Notre Dame softball team will host a pair of doubleheaders this weekend at Ivy Field, taking on Boston College and DePaul.

On Saturday, conference rival Boston College will challenge the Irish (28-16, 6-0).

The Eagles were picked by the Big East coaches as the top team in the conference in the 1999 softball preseason poll with five first place votes. The Irish were picked to finished second with three first place votes.

The other doubleheader will be against DePaul on Sunday.

The Irish will look to keep their perfect conference record in tact, in what could be a preview for the Big East tournament finals.

Jennifer Sharron and Angela Bessolo are the expected starters for the Irish.

Sharron leads the team with a 1.58 ERA and 107 strikeouts. She is coming off a twohit shutout of Indiana and looking for her fifth confer-

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In the past week, Bessolo has earned three wins and a save and threw four hitless innings Wednesday in relief against the Hoosiers.

The Eagles also have quality pitching, mainly in Big East preseason Pitcher of the Year, Mary Dietz.

'She is a dominant pitcher," Irish coach Liz Miller said. "She struck out 17 batters the other day, so it should be a pitchers duel.

The Irish coach expects Dietz to start both games on the hill for Boston College.

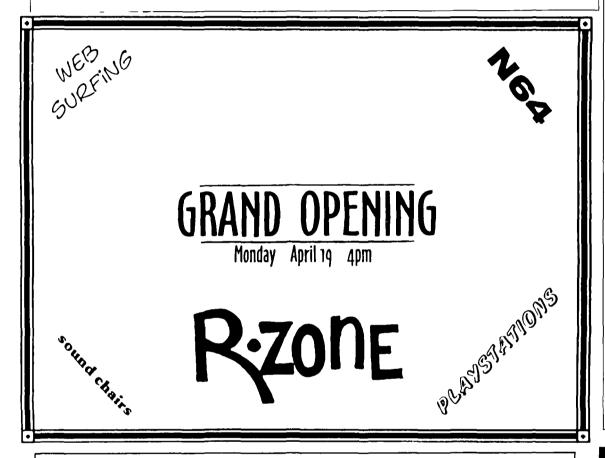
Notre Dame will be looking to wake up its offense, which went quiet against Indiana.

Freshman Jarrah Myers still leads the team with a .361 batting average and 27 RBIs. The Irish will also try to add to their school record total of 22 home runs this season.

Boston College should also swing the bat well against the Notre Dame this weekend.

"They are always a very good hitting team," said Miller. "They have four or five strong hitters in their lineup."

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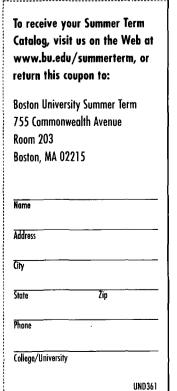
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■ TRACK AND FIELD

Runners travel to California

By BRIAN HOBBINS
Sports Writer

Several select members of the Notre Dame track teams will meet great challenges and competition as they travel to Mount Sac in Walnut, Calif., this weekend for one of the country's most prestigious meets.

This weekend's favorites on the women's side include All-Americans JoAnna Deeter, Allison Klemmer and Jennifer Englehardt as well as freshman sensations Liz Grow and Dore DeBartolo.

Klemmer has been looking forward to Mount Sac since she won the 5000 meter at Purdue last weekend.

"I am excited for the Mount Sac meet where there will be greater competition," Klemmer said.

Having blazed her way to a meet record last week, Klemmer hopes for greater competition.

Teammate Deeter will also grace the women's roster in pursuit of a personal record and a possible NCAA berth.

Englehardt has put everything together over the past two weeks to reach peak heights in the high jump. Planning to peak at Mount Sac, Englehardt is relying on the greater competition to push her to her limits and over the bar.

"I really want to do my best at Mount Sac and the Drake Relays, where the big competition is going to be," Englehardt said.

With a history of rising to the occasion, Englehardt said she'll work for an NCAA qualification this weekend.

Not to be outdone by their senior counterparts, freshmen DeBartolo and Grow look to cap what has been an awesome season by peaking at a meet in which few people their age make an appearance.

Grow is coming off a doublewin weekend at Purdue where she claimed victories in both the 200 meter and the 400 meter. DeBartolo, who has quickly emerged as a protégé in the throwing pits, is also looking to show the west coast what she has when things heat up in Walnut.

The men's side will also field a premier squad, featuring

Mike Brown and Marshaun West. Brown and West will try to tear it up in the sprints and vaults to gain recognition as the world's greatest.

Brown, the Irish record holder in the vault, is looking forward to returning to native soil. Having faced a fierce wind last weekend, Brown is convinced he can win. So are his team mates.

"It was good to see Brown in the pole vault clearing 17 feet, 5 inches on a really windy day with nasty conditions," distance runner Luke Watson said of last weekend's clutch performance.

It seems that clutch performances have defined the men's track team this year. During the past two weeks, sprinter West has won both the 100 and 200 meter races. This weekend West will go for a three-peat among some of the toughest competition in the nation.

While these select members are in California, the rest of both teams will be at Indiana State. Both teams plan to stay in action as the days dwindle before—the—Big—East Championships.

The Observer/Jeff Hsu Senior Brian Patterson rallied from a first-set loss to win his singles match in Notre Dame's 6-1 victory over Michigan.

Tennis

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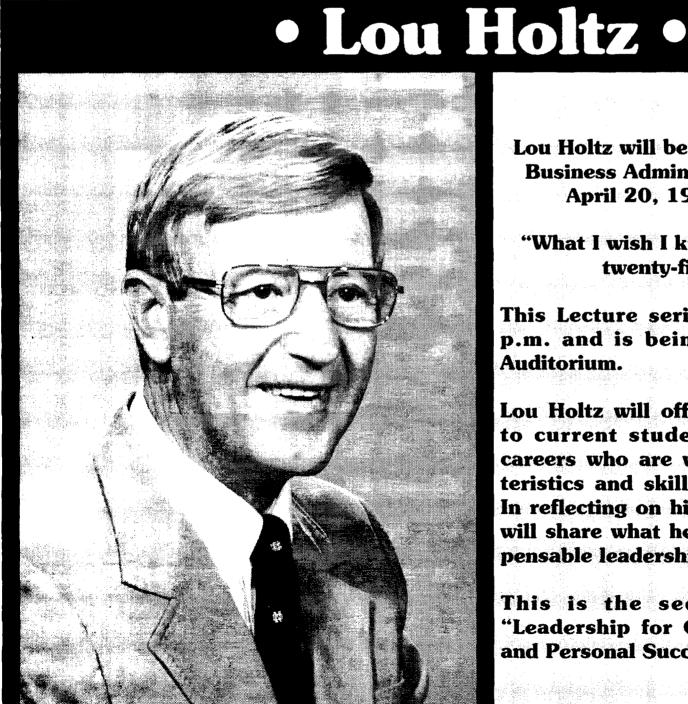
match at No. 3 singles to rally from a break of a serve down in the third set for a 7-5, 4-6, 6-3 win over Long. Freshman Smith was a 6-3, 2-6, 7-5 winner over Michigan's Henry Beam.

"Casey Smith is having a good year, but a very stressful one," said Bayliss. "He's lost a couple close matches so it was good to see him win that one."

The Wolverines picked up their only point with a victory at No. 6 singles. Irish senior Andy Warford dropped a straight-set decision to freshman Ben Cox.

Michigan was 16-1 prior to yesterday's loss to Notre Dame. The Irish improved to 14-7 and have now beaten the Wolverines in 10 out of the last 11 matches.

The win gives the Irish a big confidence boost heading into next week's Big East championships in Coral Gables, Fla. For the best coverage of your Irish track and field team, read The Observer each Tuesday.



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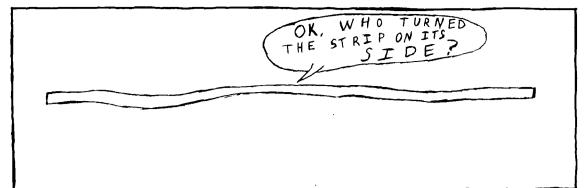
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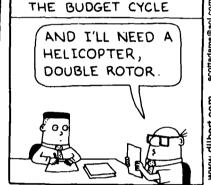


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up and down emotionally. Don't make promises to children if there is the slightest chance that you'll have to break them. You'll be the center of

attention at group functions. Occoo VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Get out and meet more people. Your interest in fashion will direct you to your local mall. You should take

along a friend who will be objective about your purchases. OOO LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Travel LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Iravel and social activity will be in your best interest. Disruptions are likely to occur at home if you sit around doing nothing. Your partner will be upset if you're lazy. OCO

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You

need to sort out your differences at home. You may find that you've changed, and so have the ones you love. Communicate and find ways to bring your family closer together.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Problems while traveling will put a real damper on your day. Don't leave any room for error or misinterpreta-tion. You'll have to be precise if you don't want to face setbacks. **OOOO**

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your creative talents will surface through your response to situations. A sensitive approach will enable you to appeal to those you love for help.

Pleasure trips will be favorable. OO AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your mate may try to bully you into doing things his or her way. Stand up for your rights, but don't get into a shouting match. Let him or her know how you feel and proceed with your plans. Oooo

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Romantic opportunities may not be as they appear. Build on friendship rather than intimacy. Don't reveal information that is personal and confidential OOO

■ OF INTEREST

Notre Dame Grad Studant Juan Li presents a solo recital Saturday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. in the Anneberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art. The preogram includes pieces by Bach, Chopin, Ravel and Schumann. The recital is free and open to the public. Please call 631-6201 for more information.

Notre Dame Grad Student Todd Becker presents a solo recital Saturday evening at 7 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium. The program includes pieces by Beethoven, Liszt and Schumann. The recital is free and open to the public. For more information, call 631-6201.

The Notre Dame Collegium Musicum, under the direction of Daniel Stowe, presents a concert today at 8 p.m. at the Church of Loretto, located on the Saint Mary's College campus. The concert is free and open to the public. Please call 631-6201 for more informa-

The Notre Dame Glee Club under the direction of Daniel Stowe, presents a concert Sunday evening at 8 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. The concert is free and open to the public. Please call 631-6201 for more infomation.

Oscar Arias, Noble laureat, will give a talk on Peace in the New Millennium today at 2:30 p.m. in the McKenna Hall Auditorium.

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■ FOOTBALL

Defensive line to take on a new look next season

By MIKE CONNOLLY

Associate Sports Editor

While much attention has been focused on new offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers and the Irish offense, the 1999

Irish defense is adopting a new look this spring.

Defensive coordinator Greg Mattison has instituted a new four-



man defensive line this offseason. The Irish have not lost a single letter-winner from last year's defensive line and have further bolstered the line by moving junior Grant Irons to the defensive line.

"I think the four-man front fits our personnel well," head coach Bob Davie said. "We have good depth along the defensive line.

"That's the biggest reason we have gone to four downlinemen; because we do have so much experience," Mattison

In his first two seasons as defensive coordinator. Mattison took advantage of the talented linebacker core by running a 3-4 defense. The

three defensive linemen and four linebackers allowed Mattison to use Kory Minor, Bobbie Howard and Jimmy Friday most effectively.

With the graduation of Minor, Howard and Friday, however, Mattison has been forced to adjust his philoso-

Remnants of the 3-4 defense will still remain in this year's four-man front defense. Rather than playing one middle and two outside linebackers. the defense will keep two inside backers and shift the outside linebacker to either side of the defense depending on the formation.

Junior Anthony Denman and senior Ronnie Nicks have emerged as the leading candidates for the two inside linebacker spots. Denman backedup Minor at outside linebacker the past two years and has successfully made the transition to inside linebacker.

Nicks played well last year as a back-up inside linebacker, but injuries have plagued him throughout his career.

Sophomores Tyreo Harrison and Carlos Pierre-Antoine also have impressed Mattison this

"Anthony Denman hasn't played all that much — but in my mind he has played," Davie said. From that point, it turns into young players who haven't played a lot, like Harrison and Pierre-Antoine and even Ronnie Nicks, who just needs to stay healthy."

At outside linebacker. Rockv Boiman has emerged on the scene as the starter. The sophomore has impressed the coaching staff with his work ethic and intensity.

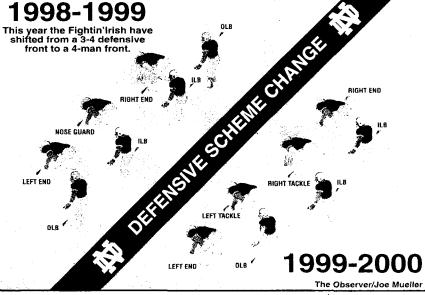
Without a single returning starter and early season games against Big Ten pow-

ers Purdue and Michigan, the linebackers must continue to improve. But at this point of the spring, Mattison has been impressed by the improvement of the linebackers.

"I think our kids are working very hard to improve and right now I am happy with their progress," he said.

On the defensive line, Weaver, Brad Anthony Williams, Lance Legree and Lamont Bryant have emerged as starters.

Mattison hopes that the four-



man front will give the Irish a better pass-rush. The Irish only got eight sacks from their defensive linemen in 1998.

"We have to get better on the pass rush," Mattison said. 'That has been a big negative of ours so we need to get better on the pass rush.'

Weaver, who was named to the 1998 All-Freshman first team by Football News, started every game last year at defensive end. He finished second on the team in tackles for losses and will be expected to

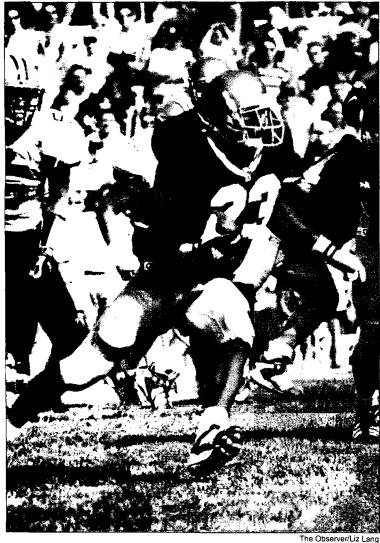
play even stronger this year.

He also has worked hard in the off-season, putting on over 20 pounds of muscle.

In his senior season, Williams will be looked upon to fulfill the promise he showed coming out of high school. Coming into the Notre Dame as a freshman he was named a Parade and USA Today first team All-American, yet he has not become the dominating player that he was

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Seniors prepare to feel a draft



This weekend will be one of the most important in senior running back Autry Denson's life as he learns his NFL future.

By MIKE CONNOLLY Associate Sports Editor

The question 'What are you going to do after graduation?' looms large for every senior as commencement grows closer, and for 10 Irish football players, that question may be answered this weekend at the 1999 NFL draft.

Running backs Autry Denson and Jamie Spencer, wide receiver Malcolm Johnson, offensive linemen Luke Petitgout, Mike Rosenthal and Jerry Wisne, linebackers Kory Minor and Bobbie Howard, safety Benny Guilbeaux and punter Hunter Smith have all been identified by Pro Football Weekly as prospects for an NFL roster next season.

Every college senior and any underclassmen who declared themselves eligible for the draft were meticulously evaluated and ranked based on performance both in college and at the NFL combine held in Indianapolis, Ind., in February.

Scouts for every NFL team put players through a rigorous workout and evaluation at the combine. Every part of a potential draftee is evaluated.

In addition to tests of physical prowess, mental aptitude and personality tests are administered. Each team wants to be

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish come back to tame Wolverines

By BRIAN KESSLER

Sports Editor

In his final home match Wednesday, senior captain Brian Patterson rallied from a first-set loss to win his singles match, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 and lead 33rd-ranked Notre Dame to a 6-1 victory over 43rd-ranked Michigan.

Patterson's win at No. 2 singles clinched the match and upped his record to 12-0 against Region IV opponents.

Brian's been unbelievable all year," said head coach Bob Bayliss. "He's probably the best No. 2 player in the coun-พกก 12 matches and beaten some high-ranked players along the way. Today he didn't have his A-game, but he was able to pull out the victory and that's a real tribute to him.'

Patterson and Ryan Sachire were also victorious in their No. 1 doubles match, defeating Danny McCain and Matt Wright, 8-3.

"Those two have really carried us this year," said Bayliss. 'They're both great players, but today we also saw some of the younger players play well and step up and that paints a

bright picture for Notre Dame tennis. It was a total team

The Irish swept the doubles matches with No. 3 Casey Smith and Aaron Talarico, clinching the point with a win over John Long and Jake Raiton, 8-4. The Irish duo of Trent Miller and Javier Taborga dropped nine set points, but eventually defeated Will Farah and Brad McFarlane, 8-6 at No. 3 dou-

"I was really pleased with our doubles play; it was a good win," said Bayliss. "Michigan had only lost three doubles 17 matches won all three matches pretty decisively.

After taking a 1-0 lead, the Irish went on to sweep the top five singles matches and earned a decisive 6-1 victory.

All-American Sachire made quick work of Wright at No. 1 singles, winning in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2. Andrew Laflin was also a straight set winner, defeating his opponent at No. 4 singles, 6-3, 6-3.

Sophomore Matt Daly won the final four games of the his

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SPORTS GLANCE



Baseball vs. Boston College, Saturday (DH), Sunday, Noon

> Track at Mt. Sac Invite, Saturday-Sunday



vs. Army, Saturday, 1 p.m.



Softball vs. Boston College, Saturday, 12 p.m.





