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Kaneb Center intern earns national award

By JASON McFARLEY
News Writer

Cecilia Lucero, an intern at the Notre Dame Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning, is one of seven graduate students nationwide to receive the K. Patricia Cross Future Leaders Award.

The award, given annually by the American Association of Higher Education (AAHE), recognizes potential leadership in the field of higher education. It is named for a professor emeritus at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Lucero, a doctoral candidate at the University of Michigan, was nominated by two Michigan faculty members last September.

"I'm surprised and excited. There's a lot of pressure involved in living up to the expectations of such an award," Lucero said.

Included in her award is an all-expense-paid trip to the AAHE national conference in Anaheim, Calif., in May. At the conference, Lucero will be formally recognized in a ceremony for the seven recipients and will receive official membership into the AAHE.

But the most attractive feature of the award will probably be the many new net-

working and mentorship opportunities, according to Lucero.

Lucero also hopes the award will lead to future research projects. At the Kaneb Center, she has undertaken many projects during the past three years. Her research ranges from topics such as faculty and technology to tracing the integration of new professors into the Notre Dame community.

"I couldn't have asked for a more wonderful intern and keen researcher," said Barbara Walvoord, Lucero's supervisor at the center.

Though Lucero's internship ends this spring, her plans for the immediate future are already set. She intends to further develop her doctoral proposal and to finish her dissertation in the months ahead. Eventually, she said she would like to hold an administrative position on a college campus.

"I'm also interested in writing books, maybe one about African-American women faculty in higher education. I've done research on that," Lucero said.

Lucero is a native of Pittsburgh, Penn., who completed her undergraduate work at Notre Dame, where she majored in American Studies.

AN 'ULTIMATE' DAY



MARY CALASH/The Observer

Students enjoy the unseasonably warm weather Tuesday, taking a break for a midwinter round of frisbee. Temperatures are expected to be in the 50s for the remainder of the week.

SMC constitution faces amendments, evaluation



KRISTINE KAHN/The Observer

BOG members Janet Horvath (left), Angie Little (center) and Molly Kahn discuss proposed constitutional amendments stemming from the chaotic student body elections.

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
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In response to the confusion with the 2000 student body presidential elections, Board of Governance approved several measures to amend and continually evaluate their constitution Tuesday.

Angie Little, student body vice president, and Michelle Nagle, student body vice president-elect, presented a proposal for a constitutional oversight committee that would be responsible for investigating the constitution in relation to the changing needs of the student body.

The committee, which is chaired by the vice president, should be convened at the discretion of the vice president and is responsible for discussing amendments to be presented to Board of Governance. It would be convened only

when needed in response to a complaint or other dispute that indicated need for evaluation, Little said.

"The only role this committee has is to recommend amendments. The committee has the responsibility of researching and investigating," Nagle said.

Little and Nagle said that members serving on the committee should be elected, although attendance at committee meetings is open to the public.

"We talked a lot about who should serve on the committee, and we felt that they should be women voted on by the student body," Little said. "Basically, this is a forum for research, and closing those meetings would be at the discretion of the vice president."

The proposal was passed with three members abstaining.

The board also discussed amendments to the constitution regarding election bylaws.

"These are all recommendations from me as interim elections commissioner regarding the bylaws," said Bridget Heffernan, who served as interim commissioner for the 2000 presidential election. "Most of these are clarifications of current bylaws, and none of them are changing what is in the constitution."

The drafted amendments clarify several ambiguous election situations. Amendments address appropriate action in the potential vacancy of an elections commissioner because of candidacy or other reasons, the jurisdiction limits of the Elections Committee, the function of the appeals board and confidentiality of members' names, endorsement of candidates by Elections Committee members and run-off procedures.

The amendment states that in

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INSIDE COLUMN

I be
thinkin'...

OK, so I went to Kroger's one time over the summer to buy something. So I grab the stuff, which is good, medium-sized stuff that doesn't have that oh-so-charming twang of rat urine that is found in cheaper stuff, and I walk up to the register.

So, I casually stroll up, and this snotty little 17-year-old is standing at the counter. How do I know she was 17, you ask? Well, have you ever worked in a grocery store? These cashiers believe they are the greatest gift to mankind since the invention of waxed fruit.

I like waxed fruit because you can leave it out and it makes your home festive and decorative anytime of the year. So I put the stuff up on the counter, and she says with a sneering little voice "Can you scan it?" And it wasn't a nice, polite, "Can you scan it." It was a very condescending, I-make-50-cents-more-than-minimum-wage-so-boo-ya "can you scan it." So you would think that I, being a relatively intelligent person, would simply say "Grand!" and pass it across the scanner. Well, this was not the case.

I ask her why I have to scan it. And she tells me "Well, since I'm only 17, I can't sell people stuff." At this, I snicker derisively and ask her, "Wait, if I'm scanning the stuff, and you're accepting the money, aren't you still selling the stuff to me, except that you think that you're too good to move the stuff two inches across a scanner before I pay?" Of course, she says, "Yes" and motions for the manager to come over.

Point of the story: Only give cashiers enough grief to be within two inches of calling the manager over. Otherwise you get in trouble, and they take the stuff away.

Then one time, I had this donut. Man, I tore that thing to shreds. It was a lemon bismark. Mmm. You ever see a movie where they have one of those guard dogs that snap and snarl and have the spittle flying off of their gaping jaws? It was kind of like that, but without the dog.

Have you ever heard about how the legend of Dracula started? I guess there was this guy in Romania who would capture all the armies moving through his territories back in the day when warring was popular, and the Turks were sacking most of Eastern Europe. His name was Vlad the Impaler. He had all these giant metal stakes, and when he ran out of metal, he began using wood from his forests to supply himself with wood to make stakes. I don't know where they got the whole vampire thing, but he would just impale whole armies on stakes as a warning to the invading Turks to stay out of his territories.

The point: You decimate belligerent armies in a gruesome and inhumane way and everyone starts calling you a vampire. Not to mention you end up getting some guy named Bram Stoker writing a huge hunk of poo that's supposed to be about you. That sure does make me mad. And when you're playing Risk, and the Turks attack out of southern Europe into Afghanistan ... that really ticks me off.

That, and when the man takes my stuff away.

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

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THIS WEEK IN MICHIANA

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
♦ Hobbies & Crafts: Collectibles Show: coins, baseball cards, toys, etc., Scottsdale Mall, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	♦ Music: Piano Performance: featuring Miko Kominami, IUSB, 8 p.m.	♦ Art: "Chasing the Ideal: Women and Eating Disorders," Moreau Galleries, Saint Mary's, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	♦ Film: "Fight Club," Cinema at the Snite, Snite Museum of Art, 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m.
♦ Festival: Andrews University Creative Arts Festival, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	♦ Art: "Journey Toward Enlightenment," an exhibit of prayer flags, Goshen College, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.	♦ Theater: "A Midsummer Night's Dream," Goshen Community Theater, 8 p.m.	♦ Poetry reading: Nappanee public library, Nappanee, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

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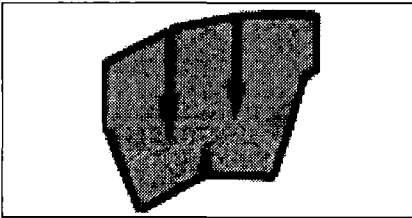
Wisconsin students continue protest of FLA

MADISON, Wis. Protesters gathered once again at Bascom Hall Monday to rally against the University of Wisconsin-Madison's affiliation with sweatshop manufacturers, and Chancellor David Ward's treatment of the issue.

After a four-day occupation of Ward's reception office that began during a rally on Feb. 16, 54 protesters were removed from Bascom Hall Sunday by police and arrested for unlawful assembly, disorderly conduct and other charges.

Students and community members gathered at the steps of Bascom Hall continuing their protest against sweatshops and Ward's action the previous day.

"We are not going to stop fighting, no matter what they do to us," said protester Ben Runkle, who was arrested Sunday morning. "The



other reason we are here is not what the police did to me but what Chancellor Ward told them to do whatever they needed to do. Chancellor Ward preferred to [have protesters arrested] than come and talk to us — this is unacceptable."

Many of the arrested protesters agreed that Ward's action was unnecessary.

"I can say that there was a lot of pain involved, that our rights were violated. We were never read our rights," said ASM representative and

arrested protester Julia Hundley.

Protesters are very upset with Ward's refusal to speak with them about their seven demands, which included withdrawing from the Fair Labor Association (FLA) and joining the Worker Rights Consortium (WRC). Ward conceded and withdrew from the FLA last Wednesday. He announced provisional membership with the WRC on Friday. Despite these actions, protesters continued to sit-in, saying they would like all of their demands met and also to meet with Ward.

Ward returned early from a trip Saturday to deliver a statement to protesters that he would not meet with them under these circumstances and told them to vacate the premises. Protesters refused to leave and were arrested at 4 a.m. the following morning.

Alcohol present at Texas A&M fire

COLLEGE STATION, Texas Some of the Texas A&M students in charge of building the annual bonfire were drinking alcohol the night the stack collapsed, several eyewitnesses told investigators. The statements of 157 student bonfire workers released Monday also reveal an incident two days before the accident that may have weakened the centerpole, as well as a number of symptoms indicating an unstable structure in the minutes before the stack fell the morning of Nov. 18. Derek Woodley, a freshman general studies major, said in his statement that he was working on a swing on third stack when he noticed a group of student builders drinking beer on top of the fourth stack. "They were talking and joking, and there was a little horseplay, but nothing dangerous," Woodley said. Jim Daniel, a freshman biomedical science major, said he saw an initiation ceremony in which a group of upperclassmen, including Jerry Self, one of the 12 victims, were drinking beer on the top of the fourth stack. Toxicology tests following the accident indicated that Self had a blood alcohol level of 0.161 percent. Another victim, Jeremy Frampton, had a blood alcohol level of 0.316 percent.

Missing student inspires legislation

RALEIGH, N.C. As the 1997 spring semester drew to a close, Kristen Modafferi left the North Carolina State campus for a summer abroad. She had just finished her freshman year, and had headed west to take a summer course at the University of California at Berkeley, when just three weeks after her 18th birthday, she vanished without a trace. Her disappearance has made national headlines again. Since Kristen was of legal adult age when her disappearance occurred, the Modafferi family was unable to receive much governmental aid in their search. On Feb. 10, Sen. John Edwards introduced legislation backed by the Fraternal Order of Police to help provide law enforcement additional resources to locate missing young people. "Although a person is a legal adult after they turn 18, most people would agree that college-aged kids are just that — kids," Sen. Edwards said in a press statement. The first bill, known as Kristen's Law, is modeled after a House bill that would authorize the attorney general to make grants to public agencies and non-profit private organizations that help find missing adults.

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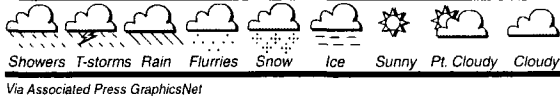
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Sunday	50	35
Monday	51	37

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Chicago	76	55
Houston	61	48
Las Vegas	61	48
Memphis	66	54
Milwaukee	53	41
New York	51	43
Philadelphia	54	37
Portland	54	37
Seattle	53	39
St. Louis	62	52
Tampa	76	57
Wash DC	58	34



Trial team competes for top rankings

By ELLEN FITZGERALD
News Writer

The Notre Dame Law School trial teams placed first and second seed, respectively, at the Midwest regional competition on Feb. 10, and will both advance to the national competition.

This marks the first time in the region's history that the two advancing teams stemmed from the same school, and the first time a Notre Dame team has advanced this far since 1993, when Notre Dame won nationals.

The competition, sponsored by the National Association of Trial Lawyers, a section of the American Bar Association, is held regionally in 12 different locations. The top two seeds from each regional competition advance to the nationals.

Notre Dame's team, The Barristers, was composed through a series of tryouts held in September. From of these tryouts, two separate teams were formed: the Blue team, comprised of Shazzie Naseem, president of the Student Bar Association, Tamara Walker, team captain, and president of the Black Law Student Association, Ryan Redmon, and Kelly Murphy and the Gold team, comprised of Stone Grissom, Scott Kellogg, Steven Pratico, and Matt Wolesski. They are coached by Wendell Walsh and Jeanne Jourdan.

The team received its fictitious case, Tracy vs. Toth, written by Judge Parker of Dallas, back in December. It began studying it over winter

break, and actually returned to school a week early in order to begin formulating their arguments. The teams prepare opening and closing statements and cross-examinations. The two coaches of the teams used this time to decide which members will be the prosecution, defense or both.

Once at the regional competition, each team has the chance to argue the case up to three times, once in the preliminaries, once in the semifinals and again in the finals.

The winners are chosen by three evaluators from the legal profession. One acts as a judge and two are set up as jurors. Teams can then win by a unanimous vote of all three, or a 2-1 split. Seeding for the national competition is determined both from these votes and by a point system.

"Both teams were declared the winner by unanimous decisions and both teams were undefeated for three days of competition," said Tamara Walker, team captain.

Competition at the meet was extremely heated, as Notre Dame competed against Kent State, John Marshall and Loyola, and reigning national champions Northwestern, on their way to the regional title.

The Barristers will next be representing the Notre Dame Law School at the national competition the last week in March.

"Our region is really strong, and the people that we beat are pretty solid. We are a very trial-based school, so I think that our odds are very good," said Walker.

Students to participate in testing

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
News Writer

Twenty-two students from Saint Mary's education department will participate in a nationwide trial run of a proposed national licensure test for teachers on March 1.

The testing will take place at The Inn at Saint Mary's and will last four to five hours. The test itself, called the Test for Teaching Knowledge (TKK), has been in the works for the last 18 months. It is the result of a collaborative effort between the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) and the Educational Testing Service (ETS).

The TKK was developed after the release of principles of good teaching developed by the Interstate New Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (INTASC) in 1994.

There are 10 principles to the program, the most basic requiring that teachers have a concrete knowledge of the subject matter. Other issues covered include the development of the learning processes of students, how well the teacher can support their intellectual, social and personal development, the diversity of student learning, encouraging the development of critical thinking, problem solving and performance skills in students and creating a safe and nourishing environment for education.

The principles also state that teachers must master effective verbal, nonverbal and media communication skills, develop lesson plans that deal not only with the subject matter but also with the students and local community, meet the curriculum goals and devise strategies in order to successfully teach

the lesson plans.

Continual self-evaluation and good relationships with colleagues, parents and agencies in an effort to support student learning were the final goals of the INTASC principles.

"The new TTK is intended to assess higher level performance skills instead of lower level knowledge-based skills," said Marie Doyle, chair of the Education Department at Saint Mary's.

Twenty-nine states, including Indiana, adopted the INTASC principles.

To comply with Indiana's adoption of the INTASC principles, colleges within the state must submit a complete performance-based teacher preparation curriculum to the Indiana Professional Standards Board by June 30, 2002. The TKK is one option being explored as a means to meet these new standards.

"The objective of this particular field test of the exam is to refine the questions and prepare a final test of states to consider adopting as part of the licensing requirements," said Doyle. "The results will not be used to assess our program or its participants. The objective is to 'test the test' and establish reliability and validity."

Saint Mary's, with the rest of the state of Indiana, has formally adopted the INTASC principles and seems eager to participate in the pilot test. The education department was notified by the AACTE of the option to participate in early December.

"The faculty at Saint Mary's saw participating in the field test as a way to provide input on the test," Doyle said. "The test supervisors will provide feedback to the test developers on the testing experience. It also gives us an idea of the kind of assessment our students will be facing in the future."

Unlike most standardized tests, which are multiple choice or fill-in-the-blank, the TTK consists of four parts which

must be answered in written form, Doyle said. Test takers will be given documentation on a particular child, instructional sequence, episode or unit. The teachers-to-be must read the documentation and answer several questions about each case study, using their knowledge of the INTASC principles to analyze the situation.

"The teacher preparation programs at Saint Mary's College are moving toward a performance-based structure," Doyle said. "In a performance-

based teacher preparation program, pre-service teachers need to be able to use their theoretical knowledge base to analyze problems they encounter in the classroom. Traditional tests do not

address these performance skills."

"Performance-based" means that the curriculum must not only impart knowledge but must also ensure that teacher education students can take that knowledge to the practical level by making their lesson plans stimulating, motivating, and effective. In short, prospective teachers must show that they have more than a good script; they must perform the lead role like a star.

"If we're going to require that students learn new methods, we must have a means of evaluating their mastery of those methods," Doyle said. "That's why we feel it's important to take part in this pilot test. It gives us a glimpse of the future today, and provides an opportunity for us to help shape the format of a test that could affect licensure of teachers across the country."

Most of the students who are participating in the trial test are juniors and seniors completing the education preparation program, but who have not necessarily finished student teaching. There are three versions of the test: elementary, middle school and high school. However, all questions are general education topics, not limited to any specialty.

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chair of education department

APC Date Week

Monday February 21st

Panghorn/Fisher Game Night 7pm-12am in Pang
Carroll/Badin Skating Fiesta at the JACC 11pm-1am

Tuesday February 22nd

Keough/Welsh \$1 movies at Movies 16 Chippawa
Cavanaugh/Keenan Karaoke on the Quad 3-5pm

Wednesday February 23rd

St.Ed's/Walsh Game Watch in Walsh Basement 7pm
Siegfried/PW Sexes Trivia in Siegfried
Morrissey/Howard/Lyons La Esperanza food
and Dance Lessons 7pm in Morrissey
PE Snow Party 3-5pm outside PE
Farley Celebration in Diversity, Hesb Auditorium 7pm

Thursday February 24th

O'Neill King of Mardi Gras Contest 7pm in O'Neill
Kuatt Hall Poker Night 9pm-12am
Dillon's own band "Sexual Chocolate" 9pm-11pm
Lewis Dinner and Philosopher on Love, Prof. O'Conner

Saturday February 26th

Zahn Winter Carnival all day on N. Quad
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a run-off situation where the run-off ends in a tie, "the total raw votes from the primary election and the run-off will be added." Furthermore, should another tie occur, appropriate action will be at the discretion of the Elections Committee.

Some members expressed concern that the drafted amendments did not address what students were discontent with in the 2000 election.

"It seemed what people were concerned about was that they didn't know who to go to if they had a concern," said Akmaral Omorova. "We need to make clear who people can go to if they have a concern [about the elections process]."

Off-campus commissioner Beth Beatty also called the board's attention to the fact that off-campus voting procedures needed to be specified.

"This year voting occurred in the dining hall and the off-campus lounge. If you want to say that off-campus voting should remain only in the lounge, that needs to be changed," Beatty said.

The amendments were passed with the stipulation that clarifications regarding direction of elections complaints from students and off-campus voting locations would be included in the final draft. Members also passed the amendments with the understanding that they will not be in effect for class elections, as originally expected.

"These candidates went into the election with an understanding of the bylaws they were given," student body president Nancy Midden said. "It wouldn't be fair to change them now."

Amendments will be effective for the Class of 2004 fall elections.

The board also decided to send two election issues to the newly established constitutional oversight committee, when questions regarding candidacy eligibility and campaign finance were addressed.

Omorova, a candidate for president of the diversity board, requested funding for her campaign. Traditionally, Board of Governance will assist in funding for candidates who cannot afford campaign costs to ensure that any student can run for office.

"How we vote on this sets a precedent, and we have to be sensitive to that," said mission commissioner Molly Kahn. "We have to consider how we deal with this looking like favoritism, or if we ask for a demonstration of need."

While the board approved Omorova's request, some concern was raised about the

amount of financial help that should be given. The board decided to send the issue to the constitutional oversight committee for discussion regarding developing standards for financial assistance.

Members also discussed candidacy requirements for elections. Currently, before elections begin, the elections commissioner must submit names of candidates to Academic Affairs and Residence Life to determine if candidates are in good academic and social standing. Candidates who are not in good standing in either category are disqualified.

"We need to clarify what we mean by academic and social standing," said Crissie Renner, elections commissioner and student body president-elect. Questions were raised about appropriate courses of action if a candidate were to fall out of good social or academic standing during an election.

"If a complaint was filed by a student concerning social standing, students may feel that person would not be a good president or vice president," Nagle added. "If they were elected, they would not be held accountable."

Some members expressed concern over the fact that if an officer fell into bad standing during office, she could be impeached.

"It's hard to draw the line here," Beatty said.

The board opted to send the issue to the oversight committee for further discussion.

In other BOG news

♦ The Winter Carnival will be held Friday through Sunday in conjunction with Little Sibs Weekend. Events include a student-run prayer service, a dinner for spring athletes, the College Bowl competition, a bonfire and a concert event in Dalloway's sponsored by Student Activities Board.

♦ Residence Hall Association elections will be Thursday in the dining hall. Voting times will be 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., noon to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Class elections will be today in the dining hall. Voting times are the same as RHA election times.

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McCain takes Arizona, Michigan

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DETROIT

Republican John McCain battled Tuesday in a tight race with George W. Bush in Michigan's presidential primary, generating a large turnout of independent and Democratic voters in a bid to recover from a staggering weekend defeat and seize momentum for a two-week blitz of primaries.



McCain

"If you're looking for a uniter and not a divider, there is a place for you in the Bush campaign," the Texas governor said during a stop in Missouri, one of 16 states conducting GOP contests in the next 14 days.

Republicans also voted Tuesday in McCain's home state of Arizona, but McCain was expected to breeze to victory. Thus, Michigan — the first general election bellwether state on the GOP primary calendar — was Tuesday's battleground.

With 6 percent of the precincts reporting in Michigan, McCain had 41,708 votes, or 47 percent, and Bush had 40,762 votes, or 46 percent. Alan Keyes had 4,436 votes, or 5 percent.

Interviews with voters as they left polling places showed that half of the Michigan voters were non-Republicans — independents and Democrats who voted in far larger numbers than in the 1996 open primary in Michigan. Two thirds of McCain's vote came from the

non-Republicans, and two-thirds of Bush's vote came from bedrock Republicans.

The interviews were conducted by Voter News Service, a consortium of The Associated Press and television networks.

The race came down to a test of two disparate political coalitions.

Gov. John Engler, who promised to deliver his state to Bush, took the blame for not seeing the wave of Democrats and independents coming.

"I may have to take a lot of the blame because I didn't feel that even though they were targeting Democrats that we ought to engage in that war," he said.

Heading into a high-stakes spring of GOP races, Bush and McCain agreed that Michigan's election was pivotal.

"We're going to win both primaries," McCain told reporters, conceding the negative impact if he didn't. "Every day is do or die. We're a high wire act and an insurgency campaign," he said, adding that he'd "had a great ride."

Former ambassador Alan Keyes was the only other major GOP candidate, and he lagged far behind in polls.

In a whirlwind 48 hours after the South Carolina primary, Bush and McCain traded accusations of negative campaigning in Michigan. Each complained that the other was using automated phone calls to voters to make inflammatory religious attacks. Each denied any responsibility.

The negative talk didn't turn off voters, who showed up in far higher numbers than in 1992 and 1996.

Bush drew fewer number of bedrock Republicans than in South Carolina. McCain's mixed

breed of voters — blue-collar economic conservatives, union members and Baby Boomers — voted in far larger numbers. His coalition was reminiscent of the voters who put Ronald Reagan into the White House then became a battleground for Democrats and Republicans in subsequent presidential elections.

McCain did better among veterans than in South Carolina, and appeared to have greater success convincing voters that he was the race's true reformer and straight talker. In addition to his success among Democrats and independents, McCain earned the support of an overwhelming percentage of new voters, two-thirds of the people who had never before participated in a GOP primary.

In the Michigan battleground, McCain supporters said they liked him because he stood up for his beliefs. In exit polling, they split their top issue between Social Security and moral values.

Bush voters were younger, more affluent, anti-abortion and strongly conservative. They cited his conservative values as their top reason for voting for him. Religious right voters also preferred Bush.

Four in 10 voters said both candidates attacked unfairly, though the bickering by both candidates seemed to leave voters with a more negative impression of Bush than McCain. That is a reverse of polling from South Carolina.

Bush campaigned side-by-side with Michigan Gov. John Engler, who appeared to draw some backlash from voters — of those who said Engler's support affected their vote a great deal, two-thirds actually voted for McCain.



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U.N. claims success in East Timor

DILI, East Timor

After five months of restoring calm to an East Timor devastated by rampaging militias, an Australian-led force will leave the recovering territory Wednesday to the U.N. administrators who will guide it toward full independence. When the 19-nation force was deployed in September, East Timor was in chaos, with buildings on fire and gunshots from anti-independence militias and maverick Indonesian troops echoing across the capital, Dili. Now, hundreds of thousands of East Timorese who were forced to flee the bloody mayhem are trying to rebuild their shattered lives and hope their homeland will be independent within a few years.

Russia struggles to pay back debts

MOSCOW

Few countries would be better candidates than Russia for Debtors Anonymous. The Russian government owes billions of dollars, refuses to pay back billions of dollars and wants to borrow billions of dollars more. Its reputation has yet to recover from its disastrous 1998 default on about two-thirds of the \$150 billion debt it owes foreign lenders. Yet Russia desperately needs help from just those lenders: It still has massive debts and argues it doesn't have enough money to pay them. Over the last several months, the government has tried to persuade lenders to write off its old debts. At the same time, it wants to restore the credibility it needs to regain access to foreign capital markets — and get more loans. So far, Russia's formula seems to be working.

Election violence kills 13 in India

PATNA, India

Violent clashes and paramilitary raids left 13 people dead Tuesday during a crucial state parliamentary election in Bihar, widely regarded as the most lawless place in India. Three other states held legislative elections Tuesday, including Orissa, Haryana and Manipur. Tuesday's violence in the final phase of voting in Bihar, though, brought the state's death toll for the elections to 45. In two earlier rounds this month, 32 people were killed and 50 were wounded. Federal Rapid Action Force paramilitary commandoes gunned down seven men who were trying to steal and illegally mark ballot papers in Bihar's northern Beethia election district, local election officer Sudhir Prasad said. Six others were killed in clashes in Bihar's northern districts that border Nepal. Bihar police had been ordered to shoot people trying to stuff ballot boxes or indulging in violence during the election, which is widely expected to be won by members of Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's coalition, which governs nationally.

RUSSIA



Residents of Grozny make their way along the damaged streets. Four months of Russian shelling and fierce fighting in the streets has left much of the Chechen capital in ruins.

Russia: 'No way out' for Chechens

Associated Press

GROZNY

Thousands of rebels in Chechnya's mountains have "no way out" as Russian forces backed by artillery and air attacks close in on them, Russia's defense minister said Tuesday.

About 20,000 Russian troops nearly completed a blockade of the Argun Gorge, a key passage into the rugged slopes of Chechnya's mountains, the military said Tuesday. Russian warplanes and helicopter gunships flew more than 150 combat missions over the area in 24 hours, it said.

The Interfax news agency, citing sources at a Russian base in Khankala, said a Russian helicopter was lost Tuesday in the Argun Gorge. The Defense Ministry made no immediate com-

ment on the report.

Russian strategists remained concerned about a rebel resurgence, and have warned repeatedly over the past weeks that rebels are planning substantial attacks for Wednesday. The day is both a Russian holiday honoring the military and a traditional Chechen commemoration of the beginning of their mass deportation to Central Asia in 1944 under Soviet dictator Josef Stalin.

Apparently in response to those concerns, Russia closed all its border crossings into Chechnya on Tuesday. Russia previously has shut border crossings for periods ranging up to several days at a time.

In southern Chechnya, the rebels maintained their tight grip on the village of Duba-Yurt at the entrance to the Argun Gorge, according to the news agency Interfax.

But Defense Minister Igor Sergeyev said the fighters "have no way out anymore," Interfax reported.

But the rebels, skilled in guerrilla techniques, have repeatedly shown during the 5-month-old war that they are able to slip through Russian lines. They have mounted surprise attacks on Russian-held towns, and many fighters broke out of the capital, Grozny, this month, even though the city was encircled.

In the ruins of Grozny, troops appeared tense on Tuesday, generally sticking close to their checkpoints and bunkers. Soldiers were overheard discussing rumors that the Chechen warlord Khattab was leading a band of 700 fighters to attack Gudermes, Chechnya's second-largest city.

Human Rights Watch said Tuesday it had documented

accounts of a massacre of Chechen civilians that could be the worst atrocity of the war.

The group said at least 62 people died in Aldi, on the outskirts of Grozny, in a two-day rampage that began Feb. 5. It said about 100 soldiers systematically robbed and shot civilians. The troops also committed several rapes and hurled grenades into basements where residents were hiding, the group said, citing survivors' accounts.

Russia has repeatedly denied reports that its troops have taken part in atrocities.

While Russian aircraft slammed the mountains with bombs and rockets, troops moving toward the rebels' mountain stronghold of Shatoi seized heights near the villages of Makhkety and Selmentazhen, the military said.

Senate hopes to monitor Iran arms deals

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Brushing aside opposition from the administration, the Senate is moving to compel the president to be more aggressive in tracking Russia and other countries that supply weapons materiel to Iran.

The bill, taken up by the Senate Tuesday, also could restrict payments to Russia in connection with the International Space Station. The bill is expected to win the Senate's overwhelming approval when it votes Thursday, much as similar legislation sailed through the House last September, 419-0.

The bill came up as Iran counted votes in an election expected to put pro-reform politicians in power.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said he hoped the legislation would help the reformers against those bent on harming the United States.

"The danger is still there, and those who are in charge of nuclear proliferation in Iran have a very strong grip on what's being done," Lott said.

Under the legislation, the president would be required to submit reports to Congress every six months to identify countries providing Iran with materiel to promote its missile and weapons systems.

The president would have the option of cutting off arms sales or economic aid to nations helping Iran's weapons programs. He could

waive sanctions for national security reasons.

The bill also says the United States could make payments to the Russian space agency for helping build the International Space Station only after the president determines that Russia is actively opposing proliferation in Iran.

The bill "sends a message to our friends in Russia about the intensity of our concern about their part in helping Iran develop weapons of mass destruction," said Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn. He said it also reminds the administration of "the broad bipartisan concern here in Congress in support of tougher action against any nation, including Russia," that boosts Iran's weapons program.

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Judge rules against Giuliani's proposal

Associated Press

NEW YORK

A judge ruled Tuesday that New York City may not force homeless adults to accept workfare jobs in exchange for city shelter, a decision that was immediately blasted by Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.



Giuliani

Justice Stanley Sklar said the law city officials cite in support of the requirement may be constitutional, but it violates a consent decree that requires the city to give shelter for every needy adult who seeks it.

Giuliani, who has pushed to put the workfare rules into effect, denounced Tuesday's decision, saying, "I expect the Court of Appeals to reverse it pretty quickly."

"Justice Sklar is clinging to his desire for a city of dependents," the mayor said.

Mary Brosnahan, executive director of the Coalition for the Homeless, called the ruling a "legal slam-dunk" and said Sklar "recog-

nized that the consent decree's fundamental purpose was to save human life."

Under the city program known as workfare, welfare recipients are put to work by city departments.

The law requiring the homeless to work stems from a 1995 regulation issued by the state Department of Social Services at the city's request. It requires anyone seeking shelter in New York — even for one night — to comply with welfare eligibility rules.

But in 1981 and 1983, the city signed consent decrees in which it agreed to provide shelter to every needy, single adult who asked for it.

Sklar ruled that the consent decrees hold. Because the agreements only cover single people, lawyers for the homeless could ask the courts to extend the ruling to homeless families with children.

The city did win a workfare ruling in the state's highest court Tuesday. The Court of Appeals upheld a ruling allowing the city to pay people on workfare minimum wage rather than the higher wages regular workers generally get for the same jobs.

Riley: School should be year-round

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C.

U.S. Education Secretary Richard Riley said Tuesday that teachers must be better paid and work year-round if American schools are to shed outdated ways and improve.

"We have an old agrarian schedule, an outdated factory model and an antiquated wage system," Riley said during his annual address on the state of American education.

The address, Riley's seventh and final, was made before students, elected officials and educators at Durham's Southern High School, a previously low-performing public school that turned itself around.

"For the last 100 years, American education has been defined by certain assumptions," Riley said.

"One assumption was that the job of a teacher lasted nine months. The second assumption was that we would always have a ready supply of dedicated teachers, mostly women, who for relatively low wages

would teach our children their lessons."

Riley said he wasn't proposing year-round schools for all children. He said school schedules were better left to local school boards.

But he said: "I believe that making teaching a year-round profession is the future of American education."

Kathleen Lyons, spokeswoman for the 2.5 million member National Education Association teachers' union, said Riley's proposal is welcome.

"They are being compensated for much less than what they are actually working. The year-round plan and increased pay would move us toward treating teachers as professionals and compensating them as they deserve," she said.

She said a teacher's work year could be up to 10 months. The average salary for a public school teacher was \$40,582 during the 1998-99 school year.

Riley said teachers' pay is not catching up with the demands made on them. Recent studies

show that the annual income gap between experienced teachers with masters' degrees and people in other fields with the same level of education is at least \$32,000.

"In this time of economic prosperity, with state coffers expanding, there can be no excuse for shortchanging our students and their teachers," Riley said.

Riley released a 29-point report card on education showing improvements in reading, math and science scores, technology and opportunities for disabled students. But the report card also showed a worsening of student college debt, the gap in Internet access between poor and wealthy schools and drug use.

In the Republicans' official response to Riley's speech, Rep. Heather Graham, R-N.M., said Congress over five years has spent \$1 billion more than the Clinton administration has requested.

Graham said education decisions must be made locally "by somebody that knows your child's name."

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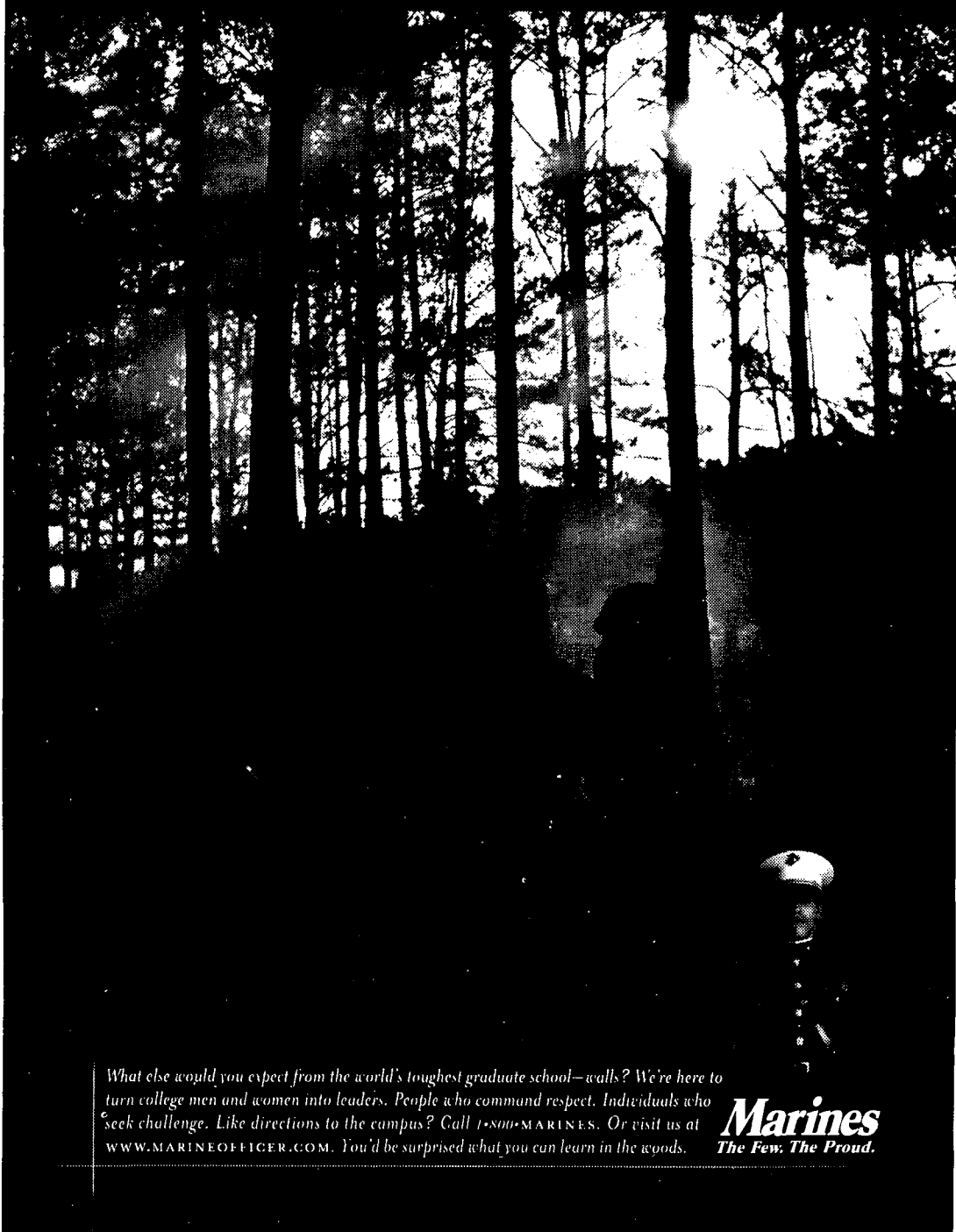
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RUSSIA

Troops blamed for massacre

Associated Press

MOSCOW
Russian troops rampaged through a suburb of the Chechen capital, killing at least 62 civilians in what could be the worst such massacre in the Chechen war, an international human rights group said Tuesday.

Interviews with survivors revealed that about 100 soldiers systematically robbed and killed civilians in the Grozny suburb of Aldi on Feb. 5-6, according to Human Rights Watch, a New York-based organization.

Russian officials have vehemently denied that federal troops took part in any atrocities against civilians.

But the group cited survivors as saying the Russian troops also committed several rapes and hurled grenades into basements where residents were trying to hide.

The reported rampage came a few days after most rebels fled the city, and Russian troops were moving to flush out the holdouts.

"We are absolutely shocked by this evidence," said Malcolm Hawkes, a Human Rights Watch spokesman. "It's the worst case documented so far."

Hawkes said Human Rights

Watch had "convincing evidence" of 82 deliberate murders in Aldi, of which 62 have been documented. He said the group would release the list of victims and full details later this week after it checks the remaining 20 cases.

Vladimir Kalamonov, appointed last week by acting President Vladimir Putin as human rights commissioner for Chechnya, promised Tuesday to check all allegations that civilians were being murdered, but he refrained from discussing specific cases before making a trip to the region.

"If the authorities abused their position, they must be punished," he said.

At the same time, he said he would also see that the soldiers' rights weren't violated.

"It's important to protect civilians, but we must also protect the rights of soldiers and officials," Kalamonov said. "I can't refuse my protection to the representatives of the federal authorities."

The reported massacre in Aldi was the third mass killing of civilians that Human Rights

Watch claims to have documented.

The previous killings were an alleged massacre of some 40 civilians in the village of Alkhan-Yurt in early December and an ensuing rampage in Grozny's Staropromyslovsky region in which 41 people died.

The report of the latter violence came in early February, and the government hotly denied it.

"While they were busy denying reports about killings in Staropromyslovsky, an even worse massacre was occurring," Hawkes said.

Following the rampage in Aldi, the Russian soldiers threatened revenge against survivors who talked about it, Hawkes said.

Reports of atrocities by Russian troops, coming on top of the indiscriminate shelling of cities and villages, have drawn strong international protests.

The military has continued to claim that heavy bombings and shellings have spared civilians, despite abundant evidence to the contrary.

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human rights commissioner

NORTHERN IRELAND

IRA refuses to disarm, demands own terms

Associated Press

BELFAST

The Irish Republican Army said Tuesday it was unwilling to start disarming as part of a package of conciliatory steps involving the British military in Northern Ireland.

An IRA spokesman, briefing journalists in Belfast, dismissed suggestions that the British army could take part in a proposed "day of reconciliation," during which the outlawed IRA would be expected to begin scrapping its weapons in support of Northern Ireland's 1998 peace accord.

The governments of Britain and Ireland — which in March 1999 proposed creating a reconciliation-themed holiday as a way to encourage disarmament — have resurrected the idea at a moment when political progress appears to hinge on persuading the IRA to drop its blanket refusal to disarm.

"The decommissioning of weaponry must be a voluntary act," the IRA spokesman said on condition of anonymity. "It will not be influenced or linked in any way with moves by the British crown forces, who are obliged to demilitarize in any event."

The IRA's unwillingness to move on the issue compelled Britain earlier this month to withdraw powers from the province's power-sharing Cabinet, a four-party coalition formed in December under terms of the accord.

The coalition took shape after the major Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, agreed to work alongside the IRA-linked Sinn Fein party in expectation that IRA disarmament would begin in response.

The IRA spokesman ruled out the possibility of the outlawed group offering a disarmament "gesture" before the Cabinet's reinstatement.

Britain is supposed to publish a plan for withdrawing

troops and closing army bases under terms of the peace accord in response to the cease-fires being observed by the IRA and outlawed pro-British groups. But Britain has yet to do so, although it has already withdrawn about 3,000 troops and closed several major bases.

A spokesman for Prime Minister Tony Blair, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Tuesday that the government was considering "a day when all involved in the conflict would be able to mark, in their own way, the end of the conflict."

This might mean the IRA and outlawed pro-British groups would each identify a hidden cache of weapons to the province's disarmament commission, while the British army would begin demolition of another base or withdraw another unit.

The authorities' efforts to impound IRA weaponry continued Tuesday.

During raids on homes in a Catholic section of Dungannon, 40 miles west of Belfast, police seized plastic explosive, detonators, two assault rifles, four handguns, ammunition and telescopic sights. One man was arrested.

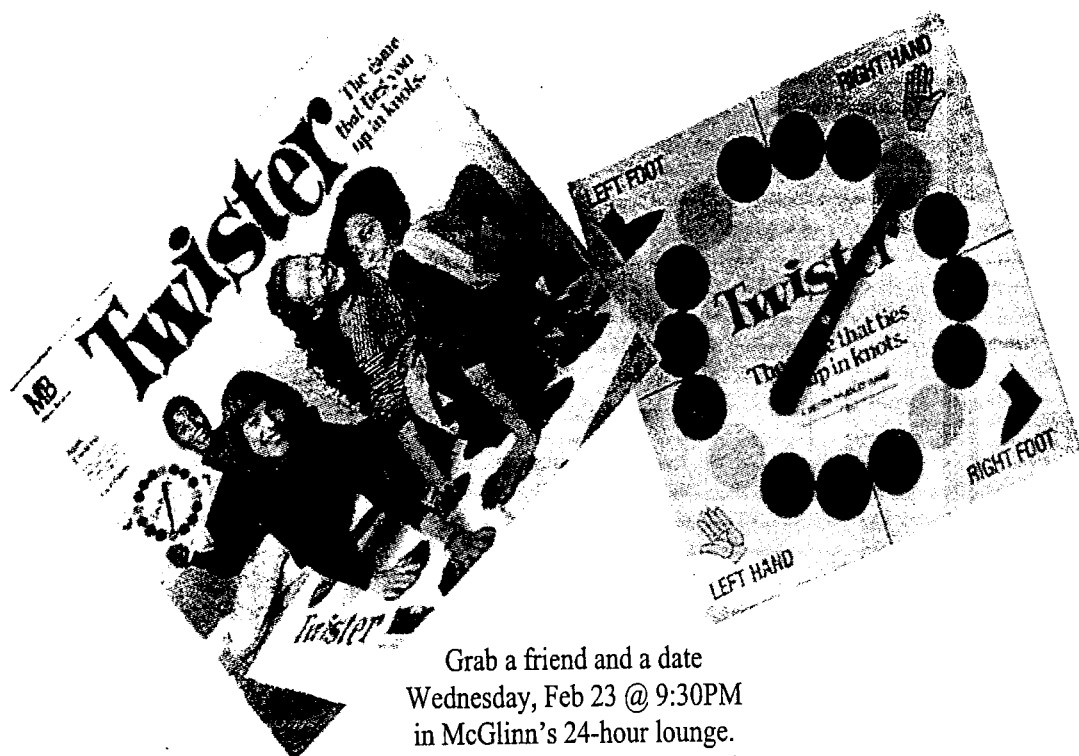
Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams invited several other Northern Ireland parties to a Belfast meeting to discuss the urgency of re-establishing the Cabinet — but only two people showed up. Neither was a Cabinet member.

Adams' party deputy, Martin McGuinness, departed for the United States, where other key players in the peace process have begun lobbying the White House and Irish-American leaders for support.

Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble, leader of the suspended Cabinet, visited the White House on Monday. Britain's Northern Ireland Secretary Peter Mandelson, who stripped the Cabinet of power, is expected there later this week.

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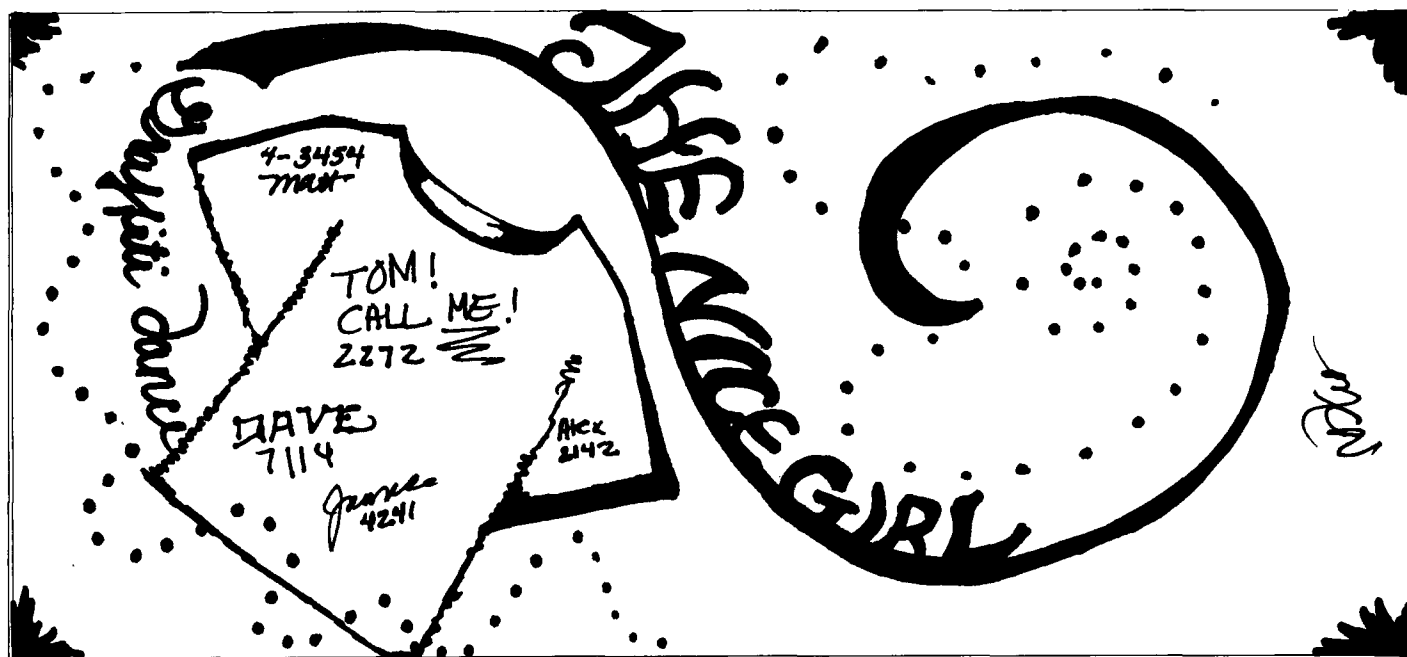
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Dating standards can never be too high

"You are not the kind of girl guys want to date. You are the kind they want to marry."

I am convinced that when I attended the graffiti dance almost four years ago, I must have had a sign on my forehead that said in big letters, "I'm a nice girl, and nice girls have to be respected, treated like ladies at all times. And if you do those things, it doesn't mean you are going to get any."

A close guy friend of mine told me that most men have radar. They can tell who and what they can get out of a young woman within the first few minutes of meeting her. This amazed me. I did not think I sent any signals of any sort, but my list of guy "friends" was steadily getting longer. Anything more was pretty much non-existent.

I grew frustrated. I was tired of all of my friends telling me that when "it" happened, "it" would be real. Well, what was this "it" they knew so much about? Then I was told my expectations were too high. That I should lower my standards a little. That I was "high-maintenance." Is that what asking for respect and honesty is? "High maintenance?"

On top of these comments, I would see and hear stories about men saying they wanted a "nice girl." The problem is, many of these same men want a different girl every night who they can call, see and deal with when they feel like it.

I used to ignore the fact that the guys who treated me with respect and asked how I was doing also asked someone else — rumored to have a negative reputation — what she was doing later that night. I developed this theory that

all men had a split personality. They treated "nice girls" like nice girls but went home with the other kind.

At some point in all of my frustration, I accepted the fact that my split personality theory was wrong. This allows for excuses. That is not how it should be. It is not acceptable to be with someone for the sake of getting something from them. Even if you heard they were giving it out for free, this does not make it right. What does this say about the character of a man who is a gentleman only half of the time.

Women. You say you want a "nice guy." You say you want a guy who treats you like a queen, takes you out on dates and opens every door for you. Do you actually think you will meet this Prince Charming while you are dancing in a cage at Heartland?

We are so quick to say "men suck" when we have an experience with a jerk. We are so quick to blame men for our frustrations when what we should do is look to ourselves and ask, "What type of man do I want?" and, "What type of man am I attracting?" A former Domer said this: "Men take a lot of crap, but it's not all their fault because if women wouldn't put up with all of the junk they do, then men would be forced to change."

There are a lot of nice guys out there who are waiting for their princesses. Imagine how they feel when a girl says to them, "You are such a nice guy. I wish I could find someone like you." Then she runs off to call her pseudo-boyfriend for the fifth time in one day hoping that this time he'll pick up the phone instead of screening her call on caller ID. Maybe this time it'll be different.

Women see men as potential. We often see how a man may be in the future. We often think that "he's not ready now, but maybe in a few weeks ..." We tend to think that he may change if we look a little prettier, if we don't go out as much, if we call him more or less. The list goes on.

We tend to think that we can mold

them. This is our biggest mistake. Men see a woman and pay close attention to how she carries herself at that very moment. They see her first impression as the most important impression.

If we are going to engage in healthy relationships, we must realize that it is possible to have fun, experience different people on various social levels and remain true to ourselves. It is when we do not actively try to change the pattern of negative dating that we become bitter.

It saddens me when I see women close to me engage in relationships that are dangerous to their minds and bodies. They keep going back to the jerks when there are many "nice" guys waiting to treat them with respect. It hurts when guys who you think are nice participate in activities that disgust and bewilder the many "nice" girls out there.

A wise professor once told me to make a list of all of the things I wanted in a mate. His list went up to 100. His wife met 99. My list had 49 items on it. They ranged from "someone who looks at me in my eyes when I talk" to "someone who knows to leave me alone on a bad day, but assures me that he is there when I need him." My nice guy met 48 items.

There is no such thing as having standards that are too high. There is no such thing as being "too high maintenance." There is someone out there for everyone. Do not compromise your beliefs. Do not change your soul to accommodate another. Do not be so quick to say that "there are no nice men left."

By all means, do not give up. Whether you are a "nice girl" or a "nice guy," eventually, you'll meet each other when it is meant to happen. Believe me.

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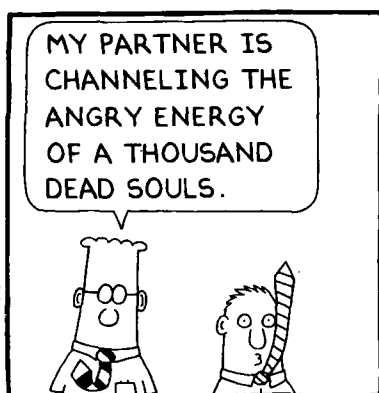
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*Reflections of
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Between men and women, there is no friendship possible. There is passion, enmity, worship, love, but no friendship."

Oscar Wilde
British author

We are called to reconciliation

It strikes me every Sunday at Mass how radical indeed the Jubilee Year 2000 can be.

As Catholics may know, Pope John Paul II has designated the year 2000

as a Jubilee Year.

Because the year 2000 marks the beginning of a new millennium, it is a unique opportunity to celebrate 2000 years of Christ's presence and transforming effect in human history. It is a challenge to Christians to a renewed effort to proclaim and live out the Gospel in a way that transforms modern society and culture.

Historically, there is evidence in the Hebrew scriptures of a practice of taking "the 50th year" as a jubilee year. In the words of scriptures, it was a time of "letting the land lie fallow" and leaving the fruits of the land to the poor. It was a time of "releasing prisoners." It was a time to "forgive debts owed." It was a time of reconciliation with the land and with neighbors.

In this Jubilee Year 2000, we also are being called to honor this Jubilee practice. Here at Notre Dame, efforts to celebrate and educate about Jubilee Year 2000 will place emphasis on the theme of reconciliation and renewal.

We will be challenged to practice reconciliation personally and collectively as a society. Do your new millennial resolutions include how you are going to practice jubilee justice and reconciliation in this Great Jubilee Year?

Personally, maybe practicing reconciliation means reconciling longtime conflicts with a family member. Maybe it means reconciling within yourself about your drug or alcohol habit and finally seeking the proper help. Maybe it means forgiving a debt owed to you.

In considering what we need to reconcile as a society, maybe it means working towards the abolishment of capital punishment. Maybe it means working to end sweatshop labor and to pressure our institutions to be more accountable. Maybe it means learning more about international debt and the burden it leaves on poor countries.

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Over the next few months, the three campuses — Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross — will launch the Campaign for International Debt Relief. You will have the opportunity to learn about the effects of debt on heavily indebted countries and to hear directly from people in those countries. The campaign will consist of a variety of speakers, articles and educational efforts in residence halls.

The campaign will culminate in an event and call to action on April 1. The pope, interdenominational groups and President Clinton have called on the U.S. and the international community to forgive the debts owed by the poorest countries. President Clinton has taken a leadership role to advance the alleviation of some of the international debt owed to the U.S., but we, as U.S. citizens, have a lot more to do to insure the necessary appropriations for proper debt relief.

As many take the opportunity of the Jubilee Year to reflect and act upon 2000 years of Christ's presence in our world, will you also answer the call to Jubilee reconciliation — to "open the doors wide" — to be a "real presence" in our world that hungers for reconciliation and healing?

We are being called to act as communities of faith for reconciliation with justice. It is a call to change economic and political structures that continue to oppress the poor and the needy in our world. It is a radical call with radical consequences, but it only takes a conversion of the heart and simple acts of service. Look for events with the Jubilee logo. Contact the Center for Social Concerns and Campus Ministry for more information on the Jubilee. Come out on April 1 to voice your support for international debt relief.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Community thanks students

I want to thank all of the students who signed Jeff Goett's "Get Well" banner on Feb. 1 and 2. I talked to Jeff on the phone this weekend and he was extremely grateful.

For those of you who don't know, Jeff Goett is a freshman in Fisher Hall who is missing the entire second semester because of testicular cancer.

I met Jeff in my calculus class and he quickly became one of my best friends here. He is incredibly friendly and fun to be around, and he remains positive and upbeat in his battle against cancer. Those who want to wish Jeff well can e-mail him at jsgoett@aol.com.

He said that having to stay in the hospital while he undergoes chemotherapy is not only difficult but also boring, so I know that he would appreciate some e-mail.

Nicholas Sweedo
Freshman
Keough Hall
February 20, 2000



On Saturday, Feb. 12, Barnes & Noble Booksellers on Grape Road hosted a Book Fair in conjunction with Liberty Elementary School in Mishawaka. Many volunteers from the school and community helped to make it a great success.

Three Notre Dame football players donated a part of their Saturday to read and speak to the kids on the importance of reading. Grant Irons, Gerald Morgan and Jabari Holloway encouraged a crowd of kids and stayed for pictures and autographs.

Too often we hear only the negative of today's student-athletes. However, these young men represented their university well with their politeness, enthusiasm and humor. Their willingness to participate was a positive example and we truly appreciate them.

Liberty Elementary School PTA
Mishawaka, Ind.
February 15, 2000

More federal funding needed

Professor Rice's Feb. 22 Viewpoint column on the skyrocketing tuition at Notre Dame and the rapid expansion of the size of the campus raises many valid points, and I must admit that I agree with most of them.

Pricing a Notre Dame tuition out of the reach of most potential students seems elitist and un-Christian to me.

However, I feel more compelled to respond to his statement claiming the "primary form of financial aid remains the student loan."

Professor Rice should realize that successive Republican administrations in Washington — administrations that he has long demonstrated support for — have been hacking away at

financial aid programs for American students for more than 30 years. Not only are tuitions at Notre Dame and other private colleges prohibitively expensive, but federal financial aid has just about withered away to a few loans that burden students with debt years after graduation.

Then again, most Republicans have never had to worry about the high cost of college tuition.

Jeff Jotz, '92
Jersey City, N.J.
February 22, 2000

Crowd mentality is pathetic

I just got back from Acoustic Café and witnessed one of the saddest attempts at a song I have ever seen.

As three guys made a mockery of the Holy Bible, a friend of mine had the guts to stand up for something she deemed intolerable. After taking the Bible from the performer's hand, she simply stated in front of the crowd something to the effect of, "This is a Catholic university ... This is the Holy Bible." Then she left Acoustic Café. Of course, the rendition of Bible verses did not end there. These guys then proceeded to sing a very distasteful song about her.

As I sat there in my seat and watched this unfold, I witnessed two things: a crowd laughing and a woman standing before those laughing and not afraid to announce her

feelings. I, on the other hand, sat there expressionless with a feeling of disgust in the pit of my stomach. Was there a difference

between those laughing and myself, who did nothing? It is pathetic what people can tolerate and that they go along with anything that a crowd denotes as OK.

I write this just at the moment that the singer is apologizing to my friend, and it gives me some hope, but during that moment as she stood before that crowd, there was little hope. It is too bad that people can bond together in such a situation and leave all values and respect behind.

Amanda Sula
Freshman
Holy Cross Hall
February 18, 2000



keep 'em coming.

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I'm not a racist

All Irish-Americans are alcoholics.
All African-Americans are intellectually inferior.
All Asian-Americans are poor drivers.
All Italian-Americans are associated with the mafia.
All Mexican-Americans are lazy.
All Polish-Americans are dumb.
All European-Americans are rhythmically challenged.

As you look at the above statements, you are probably saying to yourself, "Of course I don't believe that those statements are true. I would never think that about any group of people. Anyone who believes those statements is clearly a racist and I'm certainly not a racist." Now pause and take a few minutes to search within yourself. Really look deep inside and try to find those well-guarded places that might not make you particularly proud. It's OK to acknowledge them. No one has to know. After searching inside yourself, were you able to acknowledge that at some point in your life you probably believed a version of at least one of the above statements? If you answered yes, then that acknowledgement is a good thing. Recognizing your racial stereotypes is the first step to overcoming them.

What are racial stereotypes and how do people develop them? Racial stereotypes are automatic and exaggerated mental pictures that are held about all members of a particular racial group. When people are stereotyped based on race, individual differences aren't taken into account. Because racial stereotypes are so rigid, people tend to ignore or discard any information that is not consistent with the stereotype that has been developed about the racial group.

Racial stereotypes develop in a variety of ways. On a very simplistic level, it's human nature to categorize people. It's one way of making a complex world simpler. From an early age, one learns to place people and objects into categories. However, when very young, people tend to put less of an emphasis on attributing values to these categories. As one grows older and is influenced by parents, peers and the media, the tendency to label different racial groups as superior/good or inferior/bad increases significantly. Additionally, the less contact people have with a particular racial group, the more likely they will have negative feelings about the group. Also, any negative experiences that a person has with a member of a particular group will strengthen their racial stereotypes and create fears about particular races. Based on these fears, an us-versus-them mentality then develops and tends to be self-protective in nature. As a result, people miss opportunities to learn and thrive from these differences.

Some people might say, "There's no harm in having racial stereotypes or making racial/ethnic jokes based on stereotypes. People these days are so politically correct and should just loosen up. Anyway, there's always a kernel of truth in every stereotype." In some instances, all of the above might be true. However, in most cases, racial stereotypes are harmful because they ignore the full humanity and uniqueness of all people. When perceptions of different races are distorted and stereotypical, it's demeaning, devaluing, limiting and hurtful to others. In some cases, those who are repeatedly labeled in negative ways will begin to develop feelings of inferiority. Sometimes, these feelings of inferiority can lead to self-fulfilling prophecies that perpetuate the stereotype. Racial stereotypes can also foster feelings of hate and aggression that might lead to a false sense of entitlement and superiority. For those individuals who have power, this can lead to their engaging in discriminatory and racist practices.

Because of their harmful effects, a real commitment should be made to try to overcome racial stereotypes. This can be achieved by first acknowledging that everyone is human and that people do harbor racial stereotypes. Next, everyone should work to become more aware of their inner thoughts and feelings and how they affect their beliefs and actions. When a person has a stereotypical thought about a racial group, one should follow it up with an alternative thought based on factual information that discounts the stereotype. This factual information can be obtained by leaving their comfort zones and exposing themselves to people of different races. Also, people should be willing to engage in honest dialogue with others about race that at times might be difficult, risky and uncomfortable.

Media portrayals of different races that are realistic and positive should be sought out. Attending churches, plays, concerts and movies that celebrate diversity will also broaden people's world-views. By gaining more awareness and knowledge about racial groups, not only will racial stereotypes lessen, but everyone will also become better equipped to educate

and challenge others about their racial stereotypes. As people change themselves, they can elicit changes in others through their examples and the quality of their conversations. In doing this, everyone works to create a society in which all races are valued, appreciated and embraced.

The intent of this series of articles is not to provide counseling but to provide information about a variety of mental health topics. To seek help with your individual concerns, please contact the University Counseling Center at 631-7336 to schedule an appointment.

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Sounds of Ancient India come to ND

Special to The Observer

The Asian Indian Classical Music Society of Michiana, the India Association of Notre Dame and the Notre Dame Office of International Student Affairs are sponsoring a concert of Indian classical music featuring Nancy Lesh, an award-winning Cellist who plays Dhrupad, an ancient tradition of Indian classical music. The concert will be held at the Auditorium of the Hesburgh Center for International Peace Studies Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Dhrupad is the most ancient style of Hindustani classical music which has survived until today in its original form. It traces its origin to the ancient text of Sam Veda and takes very sophisticated musical and poetical forms. A favorite of the Great Moghuls, the rulers of India during the medieval period, this music became popular all over North India during their reign. It is both an instrumental and vocal genre.

Nancy Lesh is an award-winning cellist who has devoted the last 20 years to the performance of Dhrupad music on the cello. She studied for six years in India with ustad Zia Mohiuddin Dagar, the world-renowned Dhrupad maestro, and his prominent disciple, Ritwik Sanyal. She has given scores of Dhrupad recitals all over the world and has received rave reviews in numerous publications. She is noted for her "animist tone" and "fluidity of expression."

Prior to her intensive study of Dhrupad Music, Nancy Lesh was a well-regarded concert cellist. She has been the co-principal cellist of the Rome Festival Orchestra and member of the Orchestra del Maggio Musicale di Florence and the Civic Orchestra of Chicago.

Tickets will be available at the door. General admission is \$7; \$5 for AICMS members and Notre Dame and Saint Mary's faculty; and, free for all students.

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Letterman's back, and his heart seems into it

By DAVID BAUDER
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK

Heart surgery didn't exactly turn David Letterman into a softy.

On his first "Late Show" since his surgery, Letterman was predictably full of jokes about it — even saying he had a quintuple, rather than a double, bypass because the hospital had a special on it.

But after inviting his six doctors and two nurses from New York-Presbyterian Hospital on stage, Letterman



Letterman

briefly fought back tears.

"It was five weeks ago today that the men and women right here saved my life," he said.

That didn't mean the doctors were immune from a few jabs.

"I couldn't have been more proud when these guys carved their initials in me," the 52-year-old comic said, referring to a New York obstetrician who recently etched his initials into a woman's abdomen after delivering her baby by Caesarean section.

The show, shown Monday night, was taped last Friday.

Looking thinner but otherwise healthy, Letterman reached down twice and touched his toes before his monologue. He promised to show his scar but didn't.

"After what I've been

through," he said, "I'm just happy to be wearing clothes that open in the front."

Letterman said one of his doctors had been given a hard time when the comedian joked that his cholesterol was 680 before the surgery. In reality, his cholesterol was 170 — but his father's death from a heart attack also made him a risk for heart disease, he said.

Just before his surgery, Letterman said: "My career flashed before my eyes. I'm telling you something. It was mostly awkward silences."

He described a heart bypass as a procedure that involves

surgically creating new paths for blood to flow to his heart.

"A bypass is what happened to me when I didn't get the 'Tonight Show,'" he said, a reference to NBC's decision seven years ago to pick Jay

"After what I've been through, I'm just happy to be wearing clothes that open in the front."

David Letterman
talk show host

Leno over him to replace Johnny Carson.

Jerry Seinfeld walked onstage during Letterman's monologue.

"What are you doing here?" Seinfeld asked. "I thought you were dead."

"I'm on CBS," Letterman replied. "I ain't dead. Why don't you go on home to your wife?"

Robin Williams, who appeared in surgical scrubs, and "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" host Regis Philbin were Letterman's first guests. Letterman first revealed on the air that he needed heart tests during a chat with Philbin.

One concession to his health: it was Letterman's first show in which he wasn't sipping regular coffee.

"Oh, God, I hate decaffeinated coffee ... It's like low-alcohol gin. What's the point?" he said.

Letterman still needs to take things slow as he recovers. Bill Cosby fills in as "Late Show" guest host tonight, with Letterman returning to work Wednesday. Kathie Lee Gifford, Philbin's talk show partner, is Thursday's substitute. Letterman expects to work on Friday.

O'Neill Hall is ready to 'Let the Good Times Roll'

By EMMETT MALLOY
Assistant Scene Editor

Ask any former resident of Grace Hall to sum up his experience in that dorm and usually the word "chaos" is used.

With more than 500 students spanning 11 floors, Grace Hall was legendary for its wild parties and loose enforcement of the rules. However, the ideals and traditions still live on through O'Neill Hall, one of two male dorms on West Quads with roots in Grace. Opening in fall of 1996, O'Neill has already established itself as a prominent dorm on campus.

Initially, many former residents of Grace believed that O'Neill would never live up to the Grace's legacy, but many now agree with the move. Kyle Shaw, an O'Neill RA who lived in the other twin tower, Flanner, felt that the move was good for Grace because "it moved students back to the center of campus, and plus the design of Grace was more for administrative purposes than for student living."

Although the residents of O'Neill are very proud of its Grace heritage, the dorm has also opted to create a tradition of its own. Arguably the biggest dance on campus, Mardi Gras has become something of a legend entering into its fourth year. The dance was originally conceived by former hall president Brian Gaffney, who based his idea on the one in New Orleans.

"Basically he wanted to find a niche, something to carry on for 30 years or

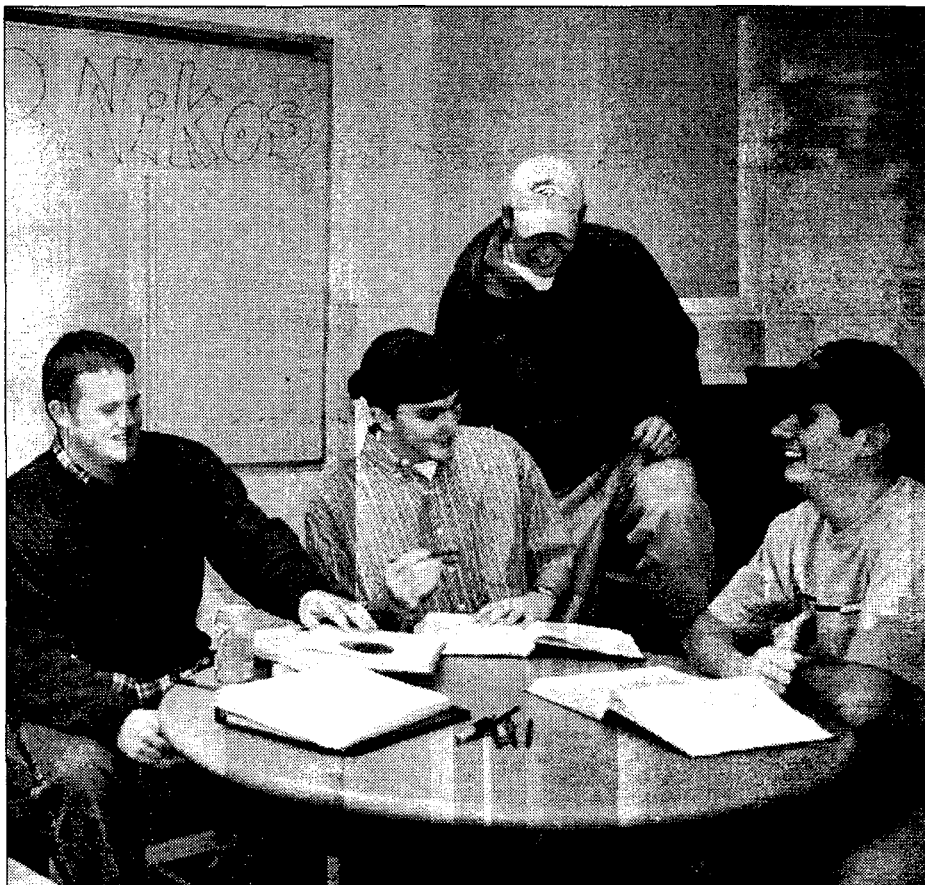
so," explained Tim Casale, a fourth year resident of O'Neill, and an RA.

The dance begins this Thursday night with the King Contest, which features seven contestants from every section competing for the right to be the King of the weekend festivities. With the past kings and the presidents of McGlinn as the judges, the contestants contend for the title in a series of games ranging from karaoke to impersonation to best pickup line. This year features a new category: the Wheel O' Shame. The contestants must spin the wheel and then doing whatever the marker selects.

The dance officially begins with a parade, complete with floats, around campus with the first stop at Grace to pay homage. After that, the parade goes to Mod Quad, then North, onto South and finally back to West Quad. During the parade, participants stop at the dorm of their dates to pick them up. The return of the parade to O'Neill marks the start of the biggest dorm event on campus. The dorm spends most of its yearly budget on the event, even foregoing Christmas decorations. Furthermore, each O'Neill resident is allowed to bring two dates, making Mardi Gras a heavily attended event.

In less than four years, O'Neill has made a name for itself in athletics. O'Neill has won intramural championships in soccer, hockey, softball and cross-country. Perhaps the most recognized face was Gaffney, who was the three-time Bengal Bouts champion until he lost in the title fight last year.

In addition, the dorm is very committed to social causes. A new pro-



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The men from O'Neill take a break from their studying to share a few laughs. O'Neill will celebrate Mardi Gras this weekend.

gram initiated this year involves sending a different section in the dorm to the Boys and Girls Club. Although the dorm does not have the tradition of older dorms on campus, dorm presi-

dent Matt Alles welcomes the challenge. "As tough as it is to start new things, it gives us the opportunity to begin a tradition that will be going on for years to come," Alles remarked.

Spirited McGlinn: Livin' on the edge — of campus

By LAURA KELLY
Scene Writer

Where Notre Dame's golfers once shot the back nine holes now sits McGlinn Hall, one of the newest additions to Notre Dame's residential halls.

One of four West Quad dorms, McGlinn opened in the fall of 1997, a gift from Notre Dame alumnus and trustee Terrence McGlinn and his wife, Barbara. McGlinn's first residents moved from Knott Hall and were joined by their rector Sister Kathy Haas.

"It was a big change for all of us to relocate from the north side of campus to the south," said Haas. "But with the renovation of the dining hall and the building of the new bookstore, the location has become ideal."

Although some may still find their home on the westernmost edge of West Quad a bit out of the way, sophomore Stephanie Hoover pointed out that McGlinn is "right by Recker's and South [Dining Hall]," making it a short walk for food or a place to relax.

McGlinn is one of the larger dorms on campus, housing 270 women in two wings branching out from a central lobby. Despite its size, the hall maintains the feeling of a small community. According to freshman Priscilla Ro, McGlinn is a close-knit dorm. "Our section spirit is really strong. We do a lot of activities together, like movie nights and attending the pep rallies."

Spirit runs strong in this dorm. Beginning with the Dillon Pep Rally, where many McGlinn girls could be seen decked out in togas, the Shamrocks are a visible group at all the football rallies. True to their mascot's name, Ro said her fellow dorm-



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A couple of McGlinn women diligently study the night away. Though McGlinn is one of the newer dorms on campus, old study habits prevail.

mates are easy to spot in a crowd — "We wear a lot of green!"

While Sister Kathy describes her women as "a spirited bunch," the

Shamrocks also come together each Sunday night on a quieter note. True to Notre Dame traditions, McGlinn Masses have their own unique flavor.

A resident of McGlinn himself, Father Don McNeill often presides, coloring the service with stories of his work in Chile and as the director of the CSC here on campus. On other weekends, McGlinn residents offer their own reflections on the Gospel, making Mass even more personal.

Living in a new dorm like McGlinn has many benefits: large rooms, air-conditioning and more social space. Ro described her excitement at learning she had been placed in one of the new dorms: "When I talked with my roommate for the first time, I couldn't believe we had gotten in McGlinn — I figured the newer, nicer dorms would only be for upperclassmen."

Although new dorms like McGlinn lack the history of their older counterparts, the Shamrocks are determined to establish their own traditions. One McGlinn tradition is the West Quad formal, held each year with Keough, O'Neill and Welsh Family. Another annual event quickly becoming a favorite is Casino Night, a fundraiser for the Catholic Worker House in South Bend. In this spring event, gaming and karaoke are held throughout the night as guests compete for prizes donated from area and campus businesses. Each McGlinn woman can invite a certain number of guests, who make a charitable donation for their part in the night's festivities.

"Everybody loves Casino Night because you can bring three dates!" said Hoover.

Events like these, which not only entertain but also benefit a worthy cause, give McGlinn its character as an energetic, upbeat dorm. Echoing the sentiments of her rector and fellow Shamrocks, Ro said, "I love McGlinn. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else."

MEN'S NCAA BASKETBALL

Crimson Tide upsets archrival, 11th-ranked Tigers

Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala.

Terrance Meade made two free throws with 3.8 seconds to play Tuesday night, helping Alabama seal a 68-64 upset over No. 11 Auburn and snapping the Crimson Tide's four-game losing streak to the Tigers.

Alabama's crowd — its first sellout of the season — stormed the court and Tide coach Mark Gottfried grabbed a microphone and thanked the fans for coming.

Scott Pohlman gave Auburn (21-5, 9-4 Southeastern Conference) a 64-63 lead with a driving layup with 1:09 to play.

Alabama (12-13, 5-8) regained the lead on Rod Grizzard's 3-pointer — his fifth of the night — that put the Tide up 66-64 with 55 seconds to go.

Pohlman and Doc Robinson both missed 3-point attempts at the other end — Robinson's was partially blocked by Grizzard — and the ball went out of bounds. Meade was fouled on the inbounds pass and made both his shots.

Robinson and Pohlman both missed 3s again at the other end and Alabama got the rebound off Pohlman's miss.

Grizzard, a freshman forward, led Alabama with 25 points and successfully battled Auburn's Chris Porter all night. Porter, a senior, led Auburn with 21 points and 12 rebounds.

The loss was costly for Auburn, which saw 7-foot senior center Mamadou N'diaye go down with a knee injury midway through the first half. N'diaye was caught in a collision under the basket on Schea Cotton's driving layup and an initial diagnosis revealed a sprained knee.

It also opened the door for No. 15 LSU to move into a tie with Auburn for the SEC West lead with a win Wednesday at South Carolina.

With N'diaye out, the Tide first tried to move inside and attack the glass. When that didn't

work, Alabama pushed its game outside in the second half and found success with a succession of 3-pointers and 15-foot jumpers to build a 52-46 lead — its largest of the game — with 8:45 to play.

It then turned into the Porter vs. Grizzard show. For every layup Porter muscled in, Grizzard answered with a long jumper or a 3.

After Porter's spinning jumper with 3:50 to play cut Alabama's lead to 58-57, Grizzard hit a 3 to make it 61-57. Porter then scored on a layup and Robinson hit a jumper and made a free throw to give Auburn a 62-61 lead with 2:20 to go. Alabama's Erwin Dudley put the Tide back up 63-62, Alabama's last basket until Grizzard's 3-pointer.

No. 19 Maryland 76, Clemson 63

Lonny Baxter scored 25 points, leading No. 19 Maryland to a victory over Clemson.

Baxter's fast break dunk with 3:43 left gave Maryland (20-7, 9-4 Atlantic Coast Conference) its biggest lead at 74-52.

Clemson's Will Solomon won the battle of the ACC's top scorers, finishing with 12 points. Solomon and Maryland's Juan Dixon both came in averaging 21.6 points in league play. Dixon scored 11 points.

The win extended Maryland's ACC win streak to seven games and was the Terrapins' fifth straight over the Tigers (9-17, 3-10).

The second half was a veritable foulfest, with Maryland committing 12 fouls in the second half and Clemson committing 11. Both teams combined for seven fouls in one 1:26 stretch.

Maryland reached the bonus with 13:31 left, and Clemson was in the bonus 17 seconds later.

Baxter scored 16 points before halftime, single-handedly staving off a Clemson rally midway through the first half.

The Tigers used an 8-0 run to pull within 22-16 with 10:01 left. But Maryland answered with a 10-0 run of its own, the first five points coming from Baxter, to go up 32-16.

Steven Blake scored 14 points for Maryland.

Clemson was paced by Adam Allenspach's 20 points and 10 rebounds.

No. 2 Duke 96, Wake Forest 78

No. 2 Duke won its fourth straight ACC regular-season title outright, getting a career-high 34 points from Shane Battier in a victory over Wake Forest.

The Blue Devils (22-3) became only the second team to win four such titles outright, matching Duke's run from 1963 through 1966.

Duke's last two Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season championships have been achieved without much drama, going a record 16-0 last year and 13-1 so far this season with two games left.

Coach Mike Krzyzewski hugged Battier and senior Chris Carrawell as they left the Cameron Indoor Stadium court with seconds left. Earlier, the Cameron Crazies chanted "Four more years" as Duke led by 20 late.

Battier was 11-of-16 while Carrawell added 19 points as Duke beat Wake Forest for the seventh straight time. Battier's previous high was 31 points earlier this season against Davidson.

Wake Forest (14-13, 5-9) also lost for the first time in 11 games when scoring 70 or more points. Darius Songaila led the Demon Deacons, who have dropped nine of 12, with a career-high 25 points.

Duke met its first bit of adversity since losing its opening two games of the season head on. Mike Dunleavy, the team's top reserve who was averaging 9.5 points and 4.2 rebounds per

game, is out indefinitely after being diagnosed with mononucleosis this week.

Battier, Carrawell and Jason Williams each played the first 39 minutes, while Dunleavy's main sub, Nick Horvath, scored 13 points. He made three 3-pointers in the second half.

Duke was leading 66-58 with 11:48 left as the Demon Deacons were playing their best offensive game in months. But Battier banked in an off-balance 3-pointer with the shot clock running down and was fouled.

The junior completed the four-point play as Duke went on a 21-7 run to seal its championship.

Duke received another scare early in this one when center Carlos Boozer twisted his right ankle and had to leave the game. He returned less than three minutes later.

The Blue Devils, with their two stars hot, scored on 14 of the first 17 possessions, including nine straight, to grab a 15-point lead. Battier and Carrawell combined to score 35 of Duke's first 46 points.

Despite the scoring barrage early by Battier and Carrawell, the Demon Deacons closed to 36-31 before Duke stretched the halftime lead to 10.

No. 17 Iowa 89,

No. 14. Texas 77

Marcus Fizer scored a career-high 35 points and made one huge play after another as No. 17 Iowa State recovered from a slow start to beat No. 17 Texas.

Iowa State (23-4, 11-2 Big 12) broke down a Texas team that had allowed an average of just 55 points in its five previous games and pulled into a tie with Oklahoma State for first place in the league with three games to play. Texas (19-7, 10-3) dropped one game back.

Michael Nurse added 20 points for Iowa State, which trailed 8-0 and was down 14 before taking a 38-37 halftime

lead on Jamaal Tinsley's 3-pointer at the buzzer and leading the rest of the way.

Tinsley and Stevie Johnson each scored 12 points, with Johnson getting all of his in the second half on 5-for-5 shooting.

This night belonged to Fizer, who scored on drives, dunks and turnarounds and even made two 3-pointers. He also grabbed nine rebounds, handed out a career-high five assists, blocked two shots and made two steals.

The previous high for the 6-foot-8 junior, who missed his first four shots, had been 32 against Oklahoma State last season.

Iowa State played the last half without its tallest player, 6-9 Paul Shirley, who broke his foot late in the first half.

Chris Mihm and Ivan Wagner led Texas with 17 points each and Darren Kelly scored 15.

Iowa State opened the second half with a 7-0 run — five points by Johnson and a basket by Fizer on a drive against the 7-foot Mihm — to go up 45-37. The taller Longhorns got no closer than five points after that.

Two straight 3-pointers by Nurse stretched the lead to 52-41 and Iowa State maintained a comfortable cushion until Texas drew to 66-61 on Mihm's reverse layup with 6:36 to play.

But Iowa State answered. The 6-4 Johnson slipped inside for a basket and Fizer beat Mihm off the dribble for another bucket to make it 70-61. The Cyclones then went into a four-corner setup with Tinsley running things to preserve the lead.

It grew to 79-65 when Fizer got the ball in the right corner, drove the baseline and dunked with 2:08 left. The Cyclones wrapped it up by making eight straight free throws.

As Fizer was at the line with 39.9 seconds left, the crowd chanted "One more year. One more year," a plea for him to return for his senior season instead of entering the NBA draft.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Strawberry tests positive, again

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla.

New York Yankees outfielder Darryl Strawberry tested positive for cocaine on Jan. 19 and might once again be suspended from baseball.

A high-ranking baseball official, speaking on the condition he not be identified, said



Strawberry

Tuesday the commissioner's office is investigating and a disciplinary action likely would be made by Thursday at the latest.

Strawberry is tested two or three times a week as part of his no-contest plea on May 26, 1999, to charges of cocaine possession and soliciting a prostitute. He was sentenced to 18 months of probation and 100 hours of community service.

The official did not say what disciplinary action the sport was likely to take against Strawberry. But given his past penalties, a suspension that would last most if not all of this season appears likely. Rich Levin, the spokesman for commissioner Bud Selig, declined comment.

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner and general manager Brian Cashman also

declined comment on the news, first reported by WTVT in Tampa and WLWT in Cincinnati. WLWT obtained the three-page report on the probation violation from the Florida Department of Corrections and made it available to The Associated Press.

The eight-time All-Star, who came back from colon cancer surgery in October 1998, was counted on the Yankees to be their primary designated hitter this season following the retirement of Chili Davis.

On Tuesday, Yankees manager Joe Torre gave a hint that something may have been up.

"I have a sense something will happen here that will stir the pot," Torre said.

Strawberry, who has been working out at the Yankees complex, could not be contacted after positive test became known. He lives a gated community, Cheval, just north of Tampa in the suburb of Lutz.

He already has served two drug-related suspensions.

The first, for 60 days, was in 1995 after he tested positive for cocaine. The second, from April 24 to Aug. 4 last season, came after he was arrested in Tampa last April 4 for possessing 0.3 grams of cocaine.

Strawberry, who turns 38 next month, didn't rejoin the Yankees until Sept. 1, but hit .327 with three homers and six RBIs. In the postseason, he batted .333 (5-for-15) with two homers and four RBIs.

The report by correction probation specialist Shelley J.

Tomlinson, which was approved by deputy regional director Nancy Ham, said Strawberry did not make a statement about the violation on the advice of his lawyer.

The report recommended Strawberry "remain under supervision with enhanced treatment sanctions and continued urine monitoring 2-to-3 times per week."

In addition, the report said Strawberry should receive "updated substance-abuse evaluation" and have weekly counseling and continue to attend Alcoholics Anonymous/Narcotics Anonymous meetings.

Dr. Joel Solomon, the medical adviser to the players' association, recommended "an enhancement of his aftercare program consisting of regular individual therapy sessions while in Tampa and also once he moves to New York," according to the report.

Strawberry, the 1983 National League Rookie of the Year, has a .259 career average with 335 homers and 1,000 RBIs.

His relapse with drugs last spring came while he was undergoing chemotherapy, which he claimed led to depression.

He had surgery on Oct. 3, 1998, to remove a 16-inch portion of his large intestine to rid him of a cancerous colon tumor almost 2 1/2 inches long. At the time, doctors said the cancer did not appear to have spread.

NHL

League suspends McSorley indefinitely

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The NHL indefinitely suspended Marty McSorley on Tuesday for knocking out Donald Brashear with a stick-swinging hit so savage that police are investigating.

The Boston defenseman, known more for his fists than his finesse, struck Brashear, another renowned tough guy, across the right temple and he crumpled to the ice.

Brashear's head struck the ice as his helmet came off, his body twitching and blood oozing from his nose. He sustained a concussion and will be out for at least two to three weeks, the Canucks said Tuesday after he was evaluated overnight at a Vancouver hospital.

Brashear was released from the hospital and came to GM Place to meet with team trainers Tuesday, but did not comment.

The NHL will convene a hearing Wednesday to determine how long the suspension will last and any further punishment.



McSorley

ishment.

With only 2.7 seconds remaining Monday night, and the Canucks holding a 5-2 lead, McSorley skated up — out of Brashear's view — and swung his stick with both hands against Brashear's head.

"I apologize to Donald Brashear and all the fans who had to watch that," McSorley said Monday. "I embarrassed my hockey team. ... I got way too carried away. It was a real dumb play."

"I'm still in shock at what I did," he said. "I have to come to terms with what I did. There's no excuse. It was so stupid, I can't believe I did it."

Police, deluged with calls from angry fans, are investigating and said they will consult with the NHL.

"We have a situation here where it would appear, or that it's been alleged, that there was a fairly vicious attack by one person on another," said constable Anne Drennan, a spokeswoman for the Vancouver police.

She said police have not yet interviewed Brashear or McSorley and she doesn't know how long the investigation will take. The findings will be sent to a prosecutor, who will decide whether to file charges.

Canucks general manager Brian Burke, once the NHL's chief disciplinarian, said the police should stay out.

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point second-half lead slipped away and then responded with sophomore David Graves' put back with just 0.3 seconds left in regulation — a shot that gave the Irish a 76-74 victory.

"That score looked strikingly similar to the overtime result of the women's game earlier in the day, a final of Irish 78, Rutgers 74.

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"Sophomore Troy Murphy, subconsciously feeling the standard set by the freshman, erupted for 35 points, matching his career high.

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Well, that's just about enough from you.

"Update: With those wins, the women won their 18th game in a row, the longest streak in the country and school history, and the men beat their second ranked opponent in a week and their fifth of the season. Two grossly unrelated facts, but almost mysteriously intriguing in their lack of relation. Perhaps..."

All right, Mr. Stack, thanks for your help, but I think your time is up.

"It's odd that you should mention time. Just minutes before these games, both teams engaged in the pre-game shoot-around. This unorthodox means of preparation could have been the defining moment in these two separate yet inexplicably intertwined victories."

Every basketball team always does a pre-game shoot-around. That's pretty standard stuff. You don't know what you're talking about, do you?

"Uhhhh ... no."

Well, don't worry about it. People ask me that a lot, too.

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LIZ LANG/The Observer
Jimmy Dillon cuts to the basket in Notre Dame's recent win against Connecticut.

M. B-ball

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The Friars are led by Erron Maxey and Florida State transfer Karim Shabazz. Maxey averages 15.3 points per game and 7.8 rebounds per contest, while the 7-foot-3 Shabazz averages 11.6 and 8.4.

On defense, the Irish will look to pack in their zone to stop Maxey and Shabazz on the inside. The Friars haven't been very successful from the perimeter.

"We know they are going to try to look inside," Carroll said. "Shabazz is listed at 7-foot-3 so they're big. We going to try to pack it on to stop them."

The Irish will try to counter with Murphy who leads the conference in scoring and rebounding. Murphy is coming off a 35-point, 8-rebound performance against Seton Hall. He averages 23.5 points per game (fourth in the nation) and 10.7 rebounds (seventh in the country).

David Graves (13 points per game) and Carroll (9.9 points per game) have also been key contributors for the Irish this season. Graves has broken out of his shooting slump and responded with a 15-point (6-for-9 from the field) effort against the Pirates.

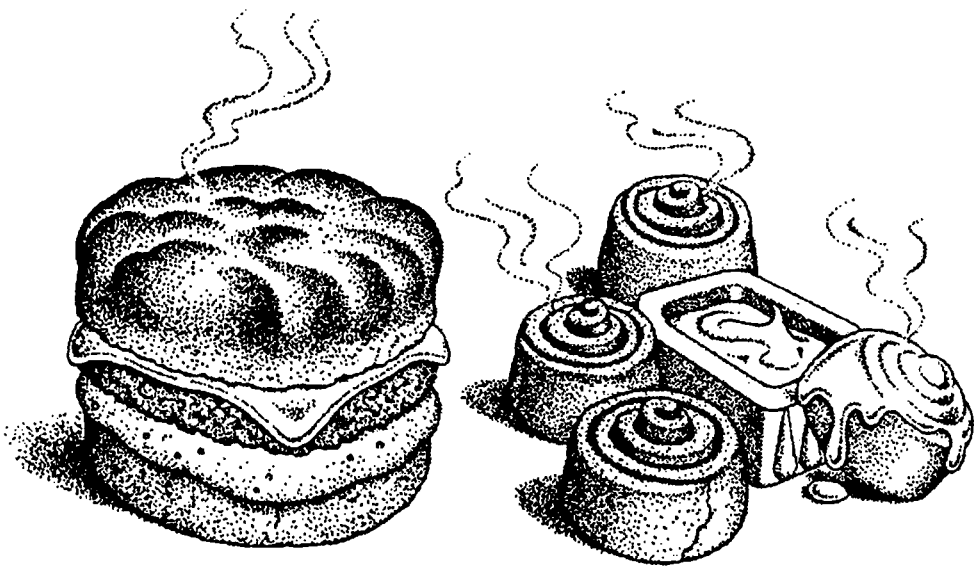
"We need to focus on coming out mentally prepared to play," Carroll said. "We need to play with intensity and emotion and just lay it all on the line."

The Irish have played well at home all season, posting a 13-2 record at the Joyce Center. After tonight's showdown with Providence, however, Notre Dame has three difficult games remaining — including two on the road — which could make or break the season.

"The fans and students help us a ton," Carroll said. "They have been unbelievable and motivate us to be at our best at home. They give us incentive to play our hardest."

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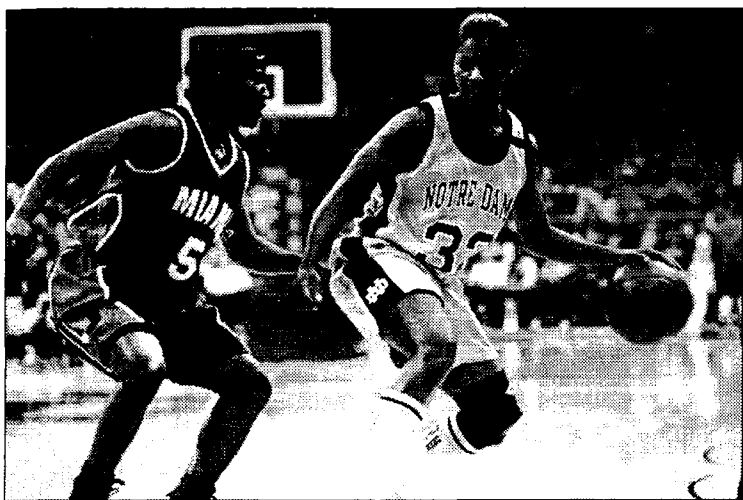
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



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Niele Ivey shields the ball from Hurricane guard Sheila James. Ivey dished six assists in the victory.

Irish can't afford any more off-games

Take a look at the box score of the Notre Dame-Miami game Tuesday and it looks like the Irish came out on top with another impressive win.

Ruth Riley scored 36 to lead the Irish to their 20th straight victory, 83-68.

Another team, another easy win, right? Not quite.

Take a look at the game tape and it looks like an instant replay of the Notre Dame-Pittsburgh matchup earlier this month. There, the Irish survived a scare only because they buckled down as the final minutes ticked off the clock.

The set-up for both games was the same. The Irish stepped on the court with things other than the current game on their mind.

Against Pittsburgh, the Irish were looking ahead to a big week against dangerous teams like St. John's and Villanova, instead of focusing on the team on the floor, a team dwindling at the bottom of the Big East rankings.

Against Miami, a team that should have posed little threat to the No. 5 Irish, Muffet McGraw's squad was looking back upon its biggest win of the season — a victory at No. 8 Rutgers Saturday. And it showed.

"We got off to a slow start," McGraw said. "Mentally we just weren't focused."

In the first half of play against Miami, the Irish didn't look like a team that deserved a place in the Associated Press top 25, never mind the top 5.

They racked up four quick fouls in less than four minutes. Riley was on the bench less than two minutes in. And the Irish couldn't put any distance on the scoreboard between themselves and the Hurricanes. They made too many mental mistakes and gave the ball away too many times. Niele Ivey and Riley collided at center court 10 minutes into the first half, highlighting the team's mental error-ridden play.

"I think [the first-half letdown] was to be expected," McGraw said. "We came off a high with a big win against Rutgers and

we've got UConn down the road and it was very difficult to focus. It was a real challenge for us."

The expected letdown isn't a good excuse for poor play and won't get the Irish very far in their biggest game of the season against No. 1 Connecticut Saturday or in the conference tournament in March.

What is going to happen when the Irish make a run for the title at the Big East tournament and face a slew of teams — some bad, some impressive and some just mediocre? Notre Dame can't afford to play to the level of its competition. It must step on the court mentally focused for the task at hand.

No doubt when the Irish step on the court ready for their opponent, they are at times unstoppable. They have the talent and the drive to capture the Big East crown and make a legitimate run for the NCAA title.

But when they ride a roller coaster of mental toughness and weakness, games like those against Connecticut at the Hartford Civic Center and ones against other teams waiting to bring down the frontrunner at the Big East tournament become risky outings.

The Irish are at a point in the season where even a slight mental lapse could bring them down.

Against the likes of Pittsburgh and Miami, the Irish could afford to wait until the second half to turn up the intensity and secure a win. But Connecticut won't let the Irish back in the game with 10 minutes left to go and neither will any team come tournament time.

McGraw's squad is at a pivotal point in the season. Twenty-point wins over unranked teams are no longer good enough. The Irish need to dominate the ball from the outset.

Against the Panthers and Hurricanes, Riley was the one who stepped up and rescued the faltering Irish. If she gets into foul trouble as she has in the past — something the Huskies will be looking to bring about — the Irish will be hard pressed to pull off another close win.

Saturday's game in Hartford will set the tone for the rest of the Irish season. The team's hearts will be in the game, but if their heads aren't there as well, the season will be shorter than Irish fans would like.

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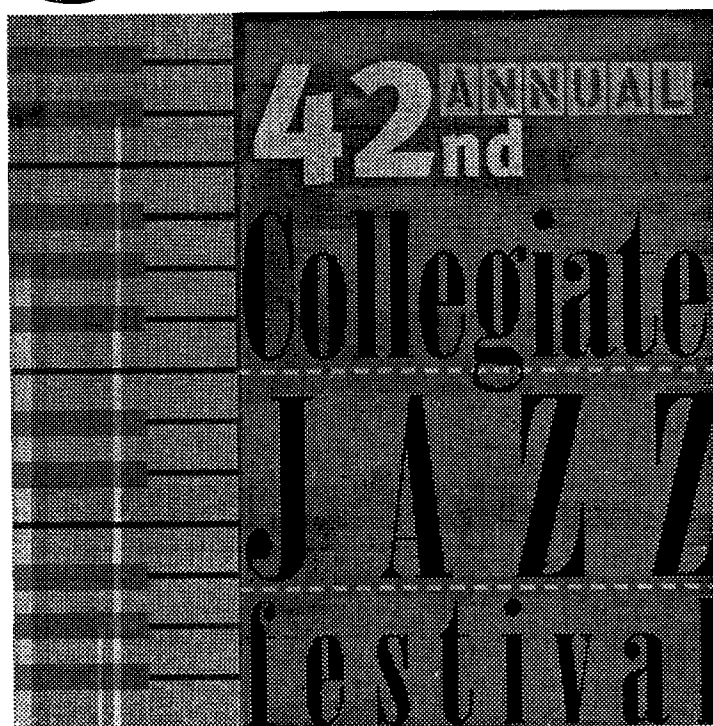


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Alicia Ratay drives in Tuesday's Irish victory. The freshman guard scored five points in limited action. JOB TURNER/The Observer

W. B-ball

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the other end. But I didn't really think about the fouls too much."

Miami thought about Riley all night, though especially in the second half. They witnessed the tallest player on the floor out run the defense for easy baskets. Twenty-four of her game-high 36 points came after intermission.

"She runs the floor very well," Miami coach Ferne Labati said of Riley.

"She put herself in position that she got there [to the ball] first. She didn't really have to make an offensive move to score her points. But that's her working off the basketball."

When they weren't getting outhustled by Riley, the Hurricanes were fouling the junior center. The Miami front court was getting thin, as two players (Alicia Hartlaub and Christal White) had five fouls apiece and two others (Bodley and Dalia Clarke) committed four each. In the meantime, Riley responded by connecting on 18-for-23 from the line, both school records.

"Every year, [the foul shooting] gets better," said Riley, who shoots more than 80 percent from the line. "I know now that I'm going to get a double team and expect that contact. I'm not going to make every shot but I'm going to get fouled a lot more than I was freshman year or last year. I've been working on that a lot."

After posting a 78-74 overtime victory against Rutgers on Saturday, the Irish started slowly in the first half. Notre Dame shot just 41.4 percent

from the field in the half and turned the ball over nine times.

"We were very drained after that game," McGraw said referring to the Rutgers win. "It was a very emotional game. I don't think [the slow start] was looking past Miami to Connecticut [on Saturday]. I just think we were still thinking about Rutgers."

Behind Riley and their transition game, the Irish expanded the margin to as many as 21 points on three occasions in the second half.

Ericka Haney had 15 points for the Irish, more than twice her average of 7-for-10 shooting from the field. Julie Henderson and Danielle Green were the other Notre Dame players in double figures, with 10 points apiece.

Miami, who shot 34.7 percent from the field for the game, was led by Bodley's 16 points. Clarke added 15 points and seven rebounds while Hartlaub, a freshman, had 11 points.

The Irish look to extend their nation's longest winning streak when they travel to Connecticut on Saturday. A victory over Connecticut would be Notre Dame's first in 10 contests between the two teams since the Irish joined the Big East conference. It would also give the Irish their first Big East regular season title and undefeated conference record.

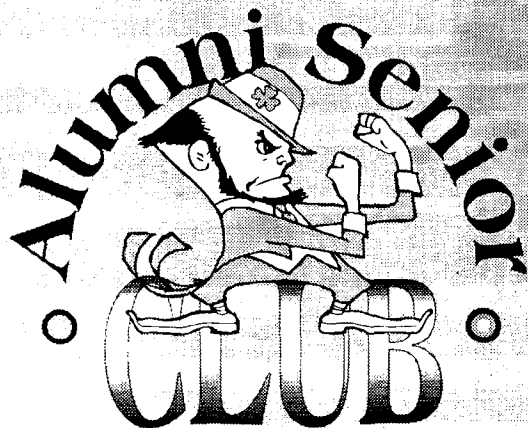
In order to prepare for the Huskies, McGraw has an idea.

"I'm planning on talking to Coach [Matt] Doherty because he owns Connecticut," McGraw said of the men's coach who was in attendance at Tuesday's game. "I know he's got the secret for us to beat them. I'll be talking to him a lot this week."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Belles fall to Dutch in MIAA tourney

By KATIE MCVOY
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's spirit couldn't pull the Belles to a victory over top-ranked Hope College in the first round of the MIAA basketball tournament.

Hope College 75

Saint Mary's 44

The Belles fell to the Flying Dutch 75-44.

Hope, 21-4, posed a significant threat to the 3-22 Saint Mary's squad. The Flying Dutch outscored their opponents by an average of 16 points and had outscored the Belles by at least 25 in the teams' two meetings this year.

The Belles kept pace with the Flying Dutch early in the game and the score was tied five minutes into the first half. After that, Hope took control and went on a 21-2 scoring run.

Saint Mary's missed nine shots in that period and the score was 27-8 with nine minutes left in the half.

After taking a timeout, the Belles came back hard. Hope only outscored Saint Mary's by two points in the final nine

minutes of the first half.

Unfortunately, the damage was already done and the Belles trailed 40 - 17 at the end of the half.

Saint Mary's found some energy over half time and came back ready to play.

Kelly Jones started off the half with a jumper and the Belles kept pace with the Flying Dutch. During the second half, the Belles were only outscored by eight points — a big improvement from the first half.

Although the Belles were out-rebounded, the real determining factor of the game was shooting.

The Belles shot only 17.9 percent from the field during the first half, and 26.2 percent for the game. Hope shot 52.5 percent from the field, accounting for the difference in the score.

The Belles were led offensively by junior guard Julie Norman with 12 points and two assists and defensively by sophomore Kelly Jones who had seven rebounds.

Jones aided on offense with eight points along with freshman center Kristen Matha, who scored nine points for the team.

NHL

Penguins place Jagr on injured reserve

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla.

Pittsburgh Penguins star Jaromir Jagr, the NHL's leading scorer, injured his right hamstring Monday night against Tampa Bay and was placed on injured reserve.



Jagr

He is out of action indefinitely and returned Tuesday to Pittsburgh, where he will be examined by doctors to determine the full extent of the injury.

Jagr, held scoreless for a season-high third consecutive game, heard his hamstring "crack" as he became tangled with the Lightning's Todd Warriner near the offensive blue line with 12 seconds left in the second period.

Jagr would not estimate how long he might be out, but was told the injury can sideline a player for as long as a month. Such a layoff could seriously jeopardize Jagr's chances of winning a fourth NHL scoring title.

"How severe, I don't know," Pittsburgh coach Herb Brooks said. "But it doesn't look too good."

Jagr was held without a shot in 14 shifts, totaling 16 minutes, in the 2-1 loss to Tampa Bay. It wasn't exactly the kind

of game he wanted to play in former Czech Olympic coach Ivan Hlinka's debut behind the Penguins bench.

"They played very well against Jagr," said Hlinka, who is the associate coach for now but will soon take over the Penguins.

Jagr seemed especially down after the game, answering questions with one or two word answers before leaving hurriedly to catch the team bus.

Jagr, whose speed and size usually enable him to deal with teams that try to muscle him, absorbed two unusually hard hits in the first period, one each from Pavel Kubina and Gordie Dwyer, before getting injured in the second period.

"I think we shocked the Jagr line. Petr [Svoboda] and I know him very well and know what we have to do against him," Kubina said.

"He took a bunch of hits, took no shots and after the second period was done."

Like Jagr, Svoboda and Kubina are from the Czech Republic.

Jagr leads the NHL with 85 points and is second to Florida's Pavel Bure with 37 goals despite his recent slump. Before his scoreless streak, he had a goal and two assists in three games.

Jagr managed to hold onto his league scoring lead despite missing five games earlier in the season, one for a thigh muscle injury and four with an injured stomach muscle from Jan. 19-25.

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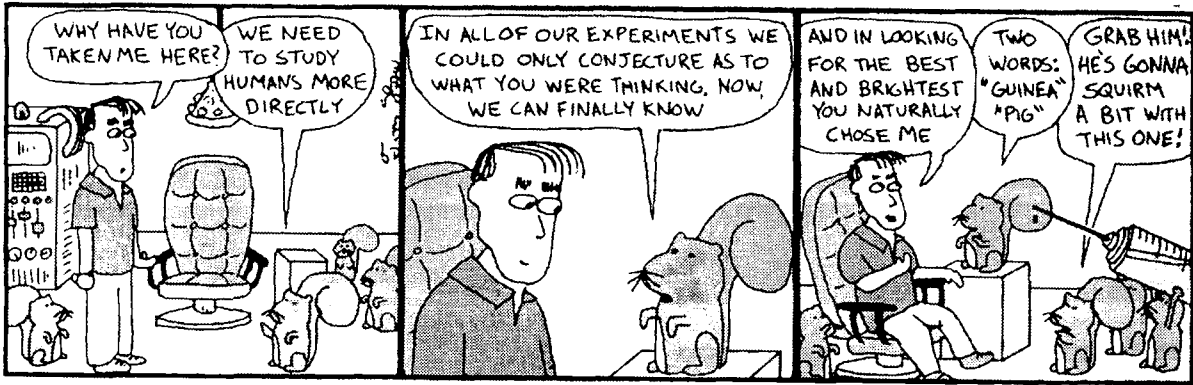
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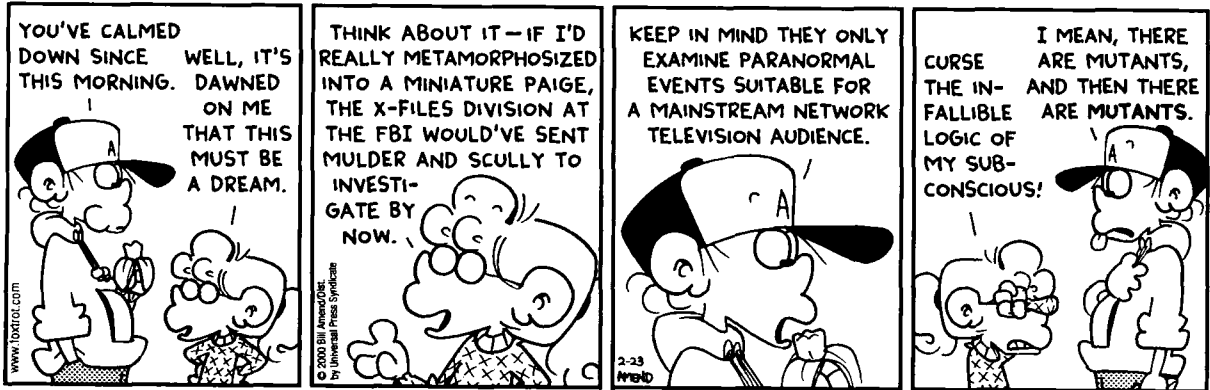
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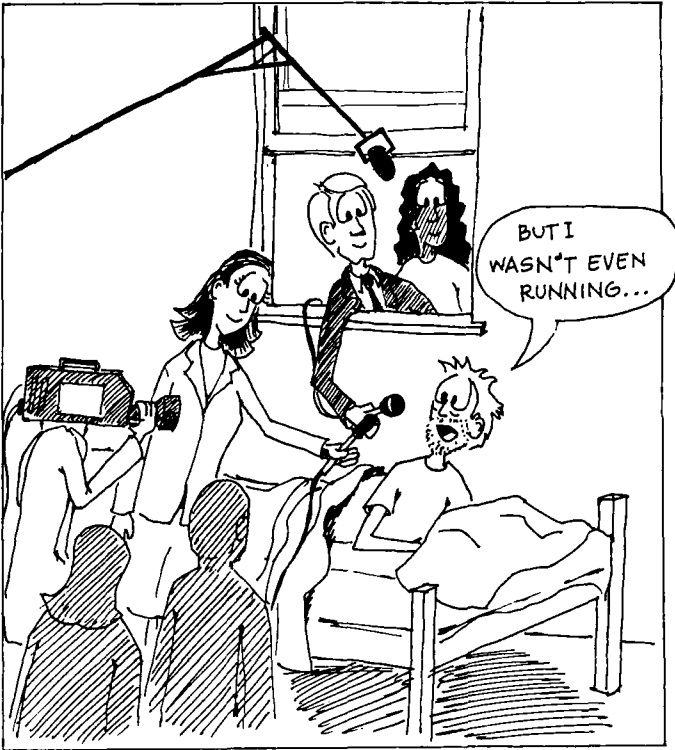
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37 In general

41 Baseball bat material

42 Gambling game

44 Sink

45 Signal interference

47 Recreation for Gregorian monks?

51 Like a beautiful night sky

54 Kick back

55 Response to a knock, maybe

56 Tough

57 Montgomery sch.
- 60 Nile slitherer

61 Pennies made in the 1990's?

64 Start of a Brewers line score

65 Tale of the Trojan War

66 Bud Grace comic strip

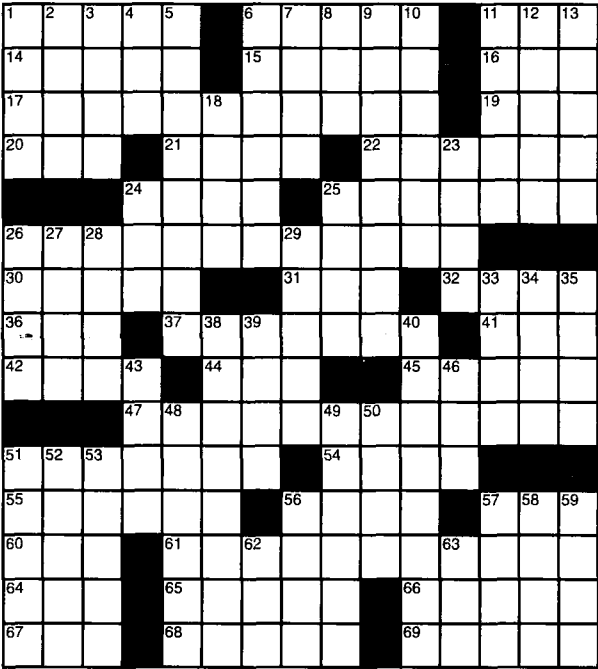
67 Season opener?

68 How long it takes mountains to form

69 Loved ones

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Puzzle by Greg Staples

- 29 Powerful engine

33 Reason for postponement

34 Mgr.'s aide

35 Tom Jones's "a Lady"

38 Florida State athlete

39 Aid's partner

40 Like some digital pictures

43 Fiend

46 Klutz

48 Actress Silverstone
- 49 Annual Nile events

50 Woodland critter

51 Rogue

52 "With Love"

53 Good-sized

56 Pulp novel hero
- 57 "The King and I" role

58 Flap

59 "Has 1,001"

62 "O Sole"

63 Earlier than

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-900-420-5656 (95¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-888-7-ACROSS.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2000

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Peter Fonda, Diane Varsi, Helena Sukova, Marc Price, Johnny Winter, Sylvia Chase

Happy Birthday: Nothing will stand in your way this year. You will set your goals and work relentlessly to achieve them. You will be creative, unique and certainly willing to go the extra mile to do and be the best possible. You will delve into different philosophies and lifestyles that will result in a complete change this year. Your numbers: 22, 28, 33, 38, 46, 48

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Think before you speak. You may find that you are your own worst enemy today. Your emotional attitude will fluctuate when you're dealing with females. ☹☹☹

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Difficulties with co-workers may cause setbacks or confrontations. Try not to get involved in their personal affairs. Arguments involving workloads are likely. ☹☹☹

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Emotional arguments will evolve in your home environment. Try not to jump to conclusions regarding children or loved ones. Your attitude may not be pleasant. ☹☹☹☹☹

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Problems with secret information may lead to embarrassment. Be careful when talking to those who are not looking out for your best interests. ☹☹

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Disagreements with peers will cause anger. Do not try to reform others, or alienation is likely. You may find that

your best efforts will come through hard work. ☹☹☹☹

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will be less than pleased with someone you care about. Think carefully before you make any rash statements or decisions. ☹☹☹

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Arguments with co-workers or secret lovers will set you off. Do not push your luck, or minor illness or injury will take place. ☹☹☹

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't neglect legal matters that could cost you dearly at a later date. You may be involved with someone who is not financially trustworthy. ☹☹☹

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Romantic relationships will be under stress today if you or your partner have not been completely honest about your likes and dislikes. ☹☹☹

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Travel may not be your safest bet today. Minor accidents due to carelessness must be avoided. Do not jump to conclusions regarding colleagues. ☹☹



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Do not get involved in get-rich-quick schemes. Children may cost you more than you expected today. Be sure not to underestimate the extent of a job. ☹☹☹☹☹

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Arguments with family members are evident. Try not to show impatience with children or lovers. Concentrate on home-improvement projects. ☹☹☹

Birthday Baby: You are an energetic, outgoing individual who will offer a great deal to others. You have pizzazz as well as compassion. This combination will bring you popularity and interesting offers throughout your life. (Need advice? Check out Eugenia's Web sites at astroadvice.com, eugenialast.com, astromate.com.)

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MEN'S BASKETBALL




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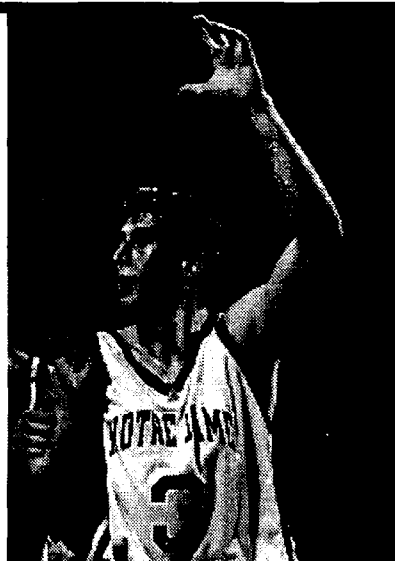
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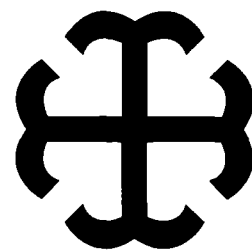
GATE 11 OPENS AT 6:00PM

ONE LUCKY FAN WILL WIN A WATCH COURTESY OF THE NOTRE DAME ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

TONIGHT!







WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Riley blows Hurricanes back to Miami

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

Muffet McGraw paced in front of her bench Tuesday at a quicker pace than usual.

Her team was struggling against Miami, ahead by only five points, at 43-38 with 17:15 remaining.

**Notre Dame 83
Miami 68**

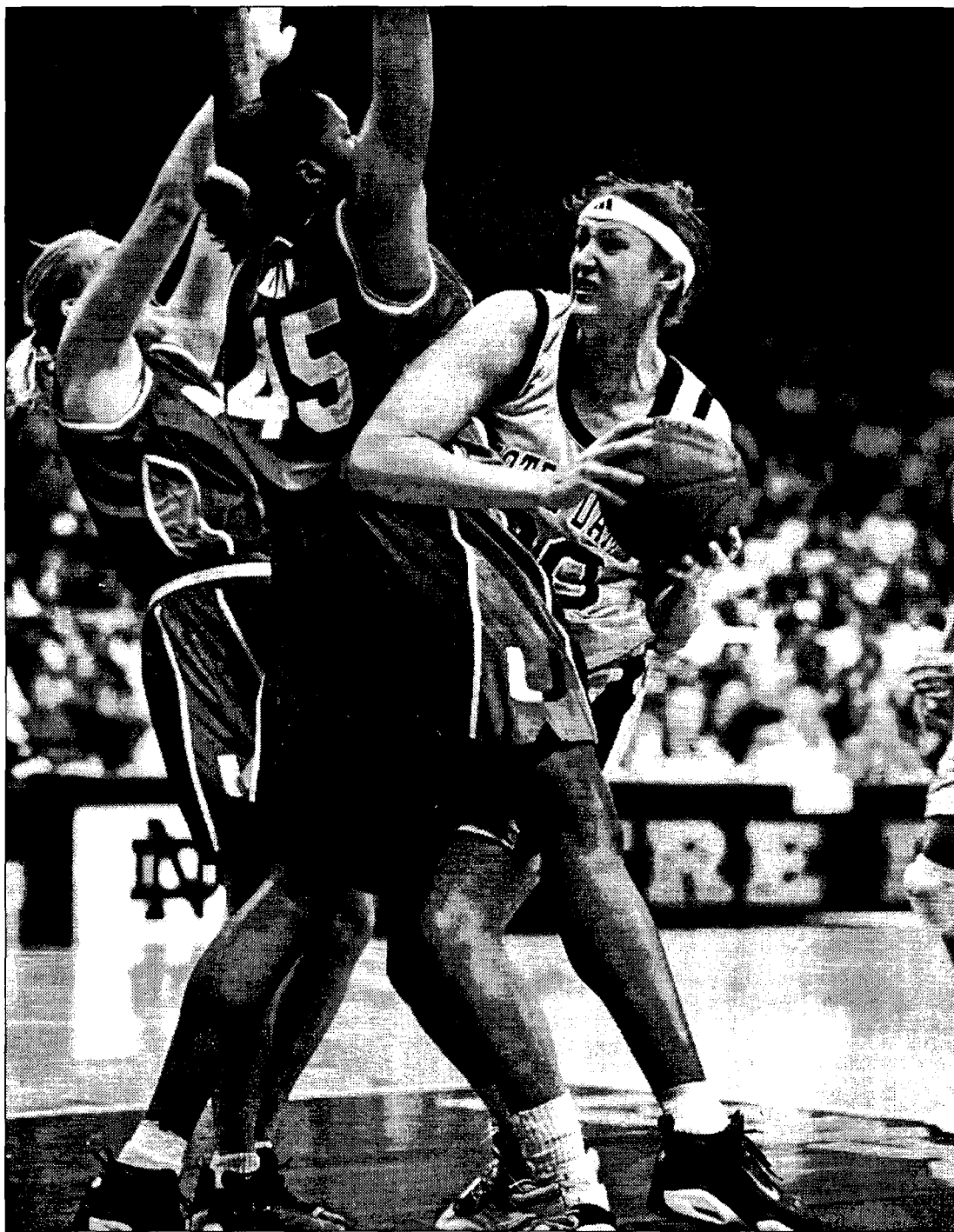
Then the whistle blew. Ruth Riley had just been called for her third foul after making contact with the Hurricane's Martha Bodley. What was she to do with Riley, the 6-foot-5 All-American, who had scored seven points less than three minutes in the half?

"I was deliberating on the sideline for quite a while [about taking Riley out of the game]," McGraw said. "And I continued to think about it. I just thought her presence on offense was too important to us at that point in the game. We were having trouble scoring everywhere else."

Good decision.

After picking up her third foul, Riley continued to dominate, scoring 13 points in a row during a 3:28 stretch to expand the Irish lead to 62-50 with 9:40 left. That was as close as Miami (11-14, 5-9 Big East) would get the rest of the way as Notre Dame (24-2, 15-0) cruised to an 83-68 victory, its 20th in a row.

"Unfortunately, I have some experience in that area," Riley said referring to the foul trouble. "I knew I needed to be smart. I had to not go for the block if necessary, but maybe just contest the shot and play good defense. I was trying not to get another offensive foul on



JOB TURNER/The Observer

Irish center Ruth Riley muscled her way past Hurricane forward Martha Bodley in Tuesday's Irish victory. Riley scored 36 points, helping the Irish to their 20th consecutive win.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame looks to extend winning streak

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

Two weeks ago, first-year head coach Matt Doherty presented his players with a challenge. They could either give up or make one last run.

The Irish basketball team has chosen the latter.

"After coach said that, I think the whole team realized we needed to make a move," fresh-

man shooting guard Matt Carroll said. "If we didn't, our goal of making the NCAA Tournament would be shattered. We've gone out and won a couple of games and hopefully we can win a few more."

Since Doherty's challenge, Notre Dame (16-10, 7-5) hasn't flinched while knocking off nationally ranked opponents Connecticut and Seton Hall.

Notre Dame will look to make it three in a row when it hosts

Providence tonight at the Joyce Center. Last year, the Irish beat the Friars twice during the regular season.

Riding the back of All-American Troy Murphy, Notre Dame emerged as a contender in the Big East and put itself in position for its first NCAA Tournament berth since the 1990-91 season.

Providence's season has been just the opposite. The Friars are 9-16 on the season and in the

basement of the conference standings with a 2-10 mark. Providence had lost 10 straight games, but managed to upset third-place Miami on the road last week.

"They are an athletic team and play aggressive man-to-man defense," Carroll said. "They beat Miami so we know it will be a tough challenge and we can't take them lightly."

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Unsolved basketball mysteries

Truth is stranger than fiction. I couldn't help but think that after Saturday's Notre Dame basketball games concluded.

To help me present my eerie realizations, Robert Stack, the host of TV's "Unsolved Mysteries," has agreed to make a cameo, complete with the show's awesome background music.



Ted Fox

*Fox Sports ...
Almost*

(OK, I haven't actually contacted Robert Stack; none of my realizations are really that "eerie," let alone "unsolved" or even "mysteries." Still, this is a lot more fun if you pretend he's telling you this stuff with the creepy music in full effect.)

So, Mr. Stack, why don't you go ahead and hit it.

"Saturday, Feb. 19, 2000. Piscataway, N.J., and home court of the Rutgers University Scarlet Knights. A small traveling band of females, known only as the No. 5 Notre Dame women's basketball team, showed up on eighth-ranked Rutgers' doorstep looking to play a game. There were doubts as to whether the Irish could beat a particularly strong opponent away from their home — the Joyce Center.

"In a twist of scheduling fate, another small group — the Notre Dame men's basketball team — from the very same Indiana campus, made a similar trek to the state of New Jersey. Ending up in East Rutherford for a 9 p.m. tip-off with the 25th-ranked Seton Hall Pirates, many wondered if these Irish could win a big game away from that very same Joyce Center.

"But the story doesn't stop here. The women's team, after leading by as many as 19 points and 10 at the half, trailed by six with only 17 seconds to go. Enter freshman Alicia Ratay, who canned two threes, the second shortly before the final horn, to send the game to overtime.

"Some nine hours later, perhaps sensing its sister team's flair for the heroic, the men's team first watched as an 11-

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**SPORTS
AT A
GLANCE**



vs. Providence
Today, 7:30 p.m.



Baseball
vs. Air Force
at Millington, Tenn.
Thursday, 4 p.m.



Softball
at Arkansas Tournament
Friday-Sunday



at Loyola Tournament
Saturday, 8 a.m.



at North Carolina
Saturday, noon



vs. Purdue
Saturday, noon