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Spring break stories

Scene examines the horrific, the bizarre, the funny and the strange in a compendium of spring break stories.

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Columnist Matt Loughran talks about life, goals and following your dreams.

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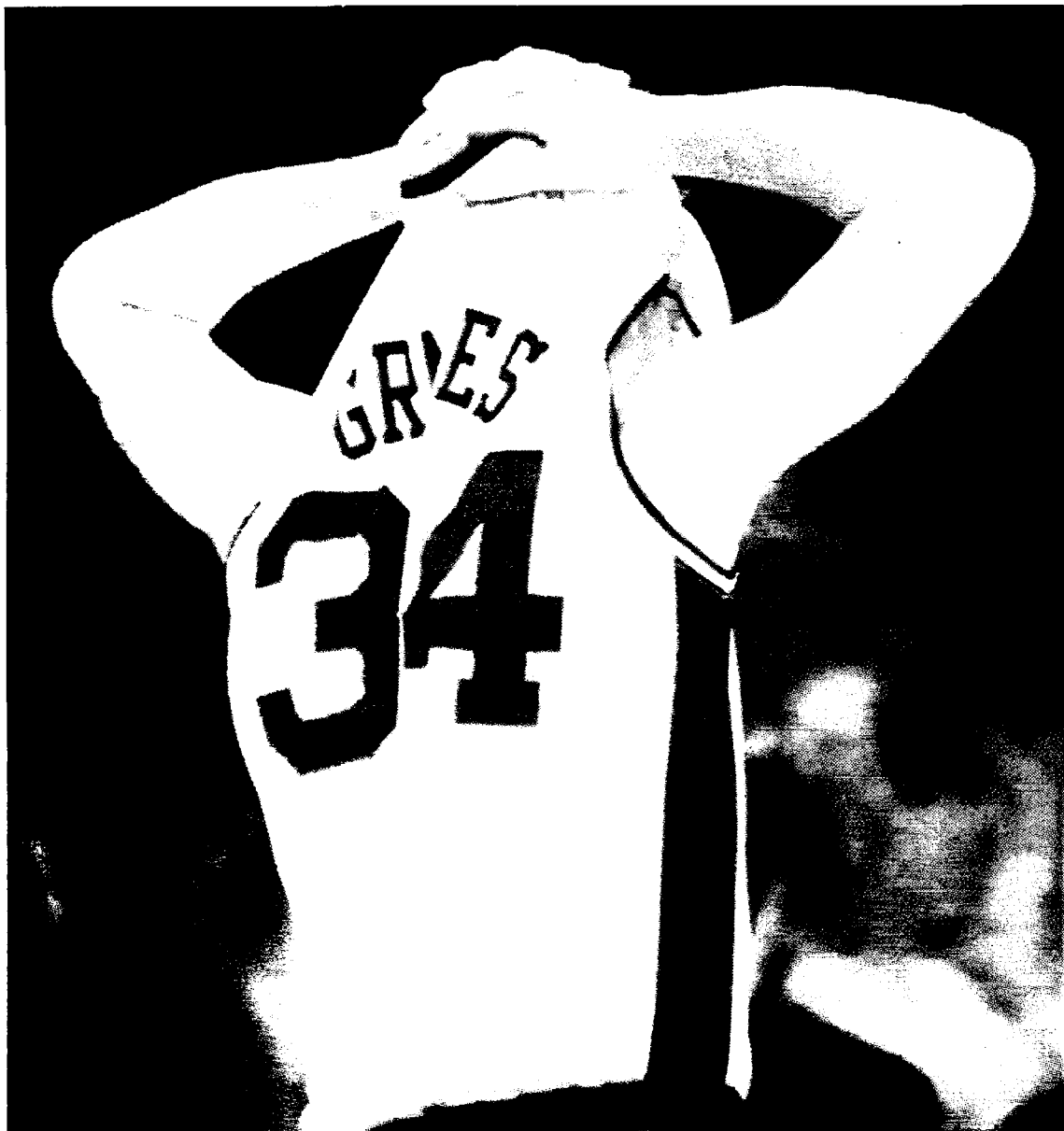
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A DREAM DEFERRED ...



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Sophomore David Graves can't watch as the Irish lose 71-61 in a heartbreaker to the Deamon Deacons of Wake Forest in Thursday's National Invitation Tournament championship game at Madison Square Garden. See the back page for complete coverage.

Eldred, SMC break ground on Dalloway's

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Saint Mary's News Editor

Saint Mary's took the first step toward the completion of its Master Plan with a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Welcome Center and Dalloway's Coffeehouse Thursday.



Eldred

Faculty, staff and students from Saint Mary's attended the ceremony, as did members of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, Saint Mary's Parents Council and the Notre Dame and South Bend communities.

College president Marilou Eldred led the proceedings, and the donors praised her and her efforts in developing the Master Plan.

"This facility would not be a reality today if it were not for Dr. Eldred and her staff," Jim Martell said. Martell and his wife, Bonnie, represented the Parents Council of Saint Mary's at the ceremony. Their group was responsible in large part for the fundraising efforts for the new Dalloway's.

"We truly are honored to be able to participate in this pro-

gram," Martell said.

The Parents Council is now working to fund the projects that comprise the remainder of the Master Plan, a 10-year project for major construction and renovations.

Student leaders also spoke at the ceremony.

"Today's groundbreaking not only signifies the birth of our new Clubhouse, but also marks the initiation of construction on the infamous Master Plan," said Nancy Midden, Saint Mary's student body president. "What a momentous occasion. To witness the first steps along the path that will most certainly lead to a brighter future for the students, faculty, staff and alumnae of Saint Mary's College is indeed significant. On behalf of the student body, a thousand thank yous to the community members who have worked tirelessly and dedicated so much of their energy to ensuring that student needs are met through the Master Plan projects."

The Welcome Center was made possible by a donation from Colleen and James Ryan, who are involved with the Parents Council. Mrs. Ryan is also a member of the Board of Trustees at the College.

The Ryans were unable to attend the ceremony, but were represented by their daughter Kate, a senior.

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U.S. News drops ND law to 26, MBA breaks top 50

By BRIGID SWEENEY
News Writer

U.S. News and World Report released its annual graduate school rankings Thursday. Notre Dame's law school, ranked 21st last year, dropped to 26th, while the previously unranked business school moved up to 48th.

In response to the law school's drop, director of public relations Dennis Moore said that the school is "very skeptical about the veracity of the rankings. There's no doubt we believe our law school is among the 25 best."

Moore likened the ranking process to a Rube Goldberg machine, in which "a candle is lit, which causes an egg to drop, which leads to some magical result."

"The premise that a school's quality can be expressed as a

statistic is questionable," he said. "The process is very arbitrary."

Specifically, Moore noted, the score for reputation among academics, which accounts for 40 percent of a school's overall score, is essentially a "beauty contest" decided by people who often know little about the program.

The law school received 3.3 out of a possible 5 in this category, while it earned a 3.6 in reputation among judges and lawyers.

"It's interesting to note that we score higher with people who actually hire our graduates," Moore said.

While he emphasized that school officials continue to question the rankings and their methodology, Moore also noted that ranking results are reported openly and accurately.

"The bottom line is that we don't think people should put a

lot of credence in the rankings, but we can't dismiss or ignore them because some people do pay attention," he said.

Law School dean Patricia O'Hara could not be reached for comment.

Regarding the business school, dean Carolyn Woo also downplayed the importance of the rankings.

"Overall, we use rankings as feedback as to where we need to improve and where we are on track," she said. "We do not see them as a definitive assessment of our school."

With respect to the individual categories, Woo was optimistic.

"Our placement number was low, but it refers to May 1999, and we had no placement director from February to April of last year," she said. "Since then, we've hired a new director and three new staff members, and are very excited about the future."

Top

Business

1. Harvard University
1. Stanford University
3. Univ. of Pennsylvania
4. MIT
5. Northwestern Univ.
48. Univ. of Notre Dame

Medical

1. Harvard University
2. Johns Hopkins Univ.
3. Univ. of Pennsylvania
4. Washington U. of St. Louis
5. Columbia University

Law

1. Yale University
2. Stanford University
3. Harvard University
4. New York University
5. Columbia University
26. Univ. of Notre Dame

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INSIDE COLUMN

New career paths

With every passing day, more and more internship rejection letters fill my mailbox. They all say nearly the same thing:

"Dear Mr. Connolly,

We have reviewed your application and although you are a highly qualified candidate, we will be unable to offer you an internship this summer. Due to the high number of applicants, we have turned away many highly qualified candidates. Yada Yada Yada

Sincerely,
Some company that you won't be working for this summer"

Every letter that arrives convinces me more and more that I will not be working in a newsroom this summer. While another summer in beautiful Sparta, N.J. isn't the worst thing that could happen to me, it does rank in the top five for least desirable ways to spend a summer. Although my last job at Sears Hardware selling lawn mowers was a blast, I think I will look for a little change in scenery this summer.

I have started looking around me and discovered many careers that might interest me, but I have no idea how to get involved. I am not really sure what experience and job skills are needed for me to find the following jobs. I have made it my goal, however, to find a job in one of the following careers this summer:

pro wrestling referee
How do I apply for this job? Where do I apply for this job? What skills are required to be a pro wrestling referee? I have done extensive research (i.e., watched Raw a few times) and I have determined that I possess the skills required for this occupation.

I am able to be hit in the head by chairs, flying sweaty men and silicon-injected women. After these blows to my head, I feel that I can lie on a mat "unconscious" for the most important part of the match, only to awaken when someone gets pinned.

I can also turn my back and pay attention to unimportant sideshows while wrestlers use wrenches and other illegal objects to hit each other.

baseball bench coach

He's not the manager. He's not the first base coach. He's not in charge of hitting or pitching. He's in charge of the bench. What does this guy do exactly? Does he show the second stringers the proper way to adjust themselves? Does he teach the secrets of spitting sunflower seeds? How much coaching does the bench need?

This is a career that I know I could thrive in. I just need to know how to get this job. Would I have to be a minor league bench coach before working my way up to the majors? Can I go to a bench coaches summer camp? Is there a hall of fame for bench coaches?

I tried going to the career center but they just laughed at me when I asked for any pro wrestling companies would be at the career fair. When I asked about coaching baseball, they told me that maybe I should to Paul Mainieri in the baseball office. So I guess these careers are harder to break into than I thought. Maybe I should just fill out more journalism applications.

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 NOTRE DAME/SAINT MARY'S HISTORY

Stanford-Dillon game turns bitter

March 26, 1976

Hanging a poster in front of Dillon, "Puck you Stanford," Dillon residents displayed their response to a Stanford student's letter in the Observer. That letter, written by Stanford interhall hockey team members, accused Dillon of bad conduct at a match between the two halls. "Dillon is loud and obnoxious ... and we wouldn't live anywhere else," Dillon residents said in a letter.

Priest resigns in protest of gay discrimination

March 25, 1998

Father David Garrick, a Notre Dame communications and theatre professor, spoke to a supportive crowd after he resigned. He said that he would be leaving the University because, as a celibate homosexual, he felt he was the object of discrimination by the administration. "Nobody has secure rights until everyone has equal rights," Garrick said.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

U. Texas students support interracial dating

AUSTIN, Texas
Phuong Lien, a speech pathology junior, remembers conducting a survey among her high school classmates on interracial dating. She said almost 80 percent said they didn't believe in it.

"Then I asked my friends, 'What about Lance and I?'" Lien said about her high school boyfriend. "Because I'm Asian and he's white, they didn't consider he and I an interracial couple. It was seen as mostly a black and white thing."

Despite some stereotypes, Lien and Lance Sander, who is still her boyfriend, are like many interracial couples at the university who occasionally experience racial and cultural tensions.

Nationally, interracial marriage is still seldom seen. According to

"Dating between races wasn't seen much then at UT; there's a lot more of it now"

Bob Fernea
professor of Middle Eastern studies

the U.S. Census Bureau in 1994, there were nearly 1.3 million married interracial couples. Although this number seems small, it is four times what the number was in 1970.

No specific studies have been performed at the university, but a 1997 USA Today/Gallup poll reported that 57 percent of a group of 602 teenagers had gone out with someone of another race. This was a 40 percent increase from 1980.

"Our university was always more liberal than many others and fought against prejudice UT students stood against it," said Bob Fernea, professor of Middle Eastern studies, who said he has seen interracial dating become more common at the University since the 1960s.

"Dating between races wasn't seen much then at UT; there's a lot more of it now."

According to a study by The Detroit News in 1997, the increase in interracial dating can be attributed to an increase in minority enrollment in public schools nationally. In 1999, 7,040 freshmen were admitted to the University.

Of these students, 286 were African American, a 43.7 percent increase from the year before.

East Carolina rape suspect arrested

GREENVILLE, N.C.

Wednesday, the suspect from last month's attempted rape was arrested by East Carolina University. The suspect, non-student Terrance Wooden, was charged with attempted second-degree rape. The arrest stemmed from a Feb. 11 rape case, which occurred in a student's fourth-floor room of Clement hall. The victim was taken to Pitt County Memorial Hospital (PCMH) where a rape kit was administered and the evidence was then sent to FBI agencies in Raleigh. According to Captain Frank Knight of the ECUPD, charges were based upon evidence found by FBI agents. Knight said the evidence concluded that a sexual assault did take place. Exact information discovered could not be released due to confidentiality issues. Knight said the victim was offered help through the dean of students and Student Health Services. "It is my understanding that the victim's parents have removed her from the university," Knight said. Laura Sweet, assistant dean of Student Life could not comment regarding the victim's removal from campus. Sweet said she acts as an advocate for female victims of sexual assault.

U. Wisconsin terminates contracts

MADISON, Wis.

University of Wisconsin announced Wednesday that the contracts of eight licensed manufacturers which produce university merchandise would be terminated because the companies did not disclose the locations of their factories. Since October of 1999, UW has sent three letters to its apparel manufacturers, asking for addresses of all factories that produce goods for the university. The final letters, mailed during the second week in March, gave the companies 15 days to respond, according to UW Trademark Licensing Director Cindy Van Matre. The university began requiring full public disclosure on Jan. 1 for the university's 445 licensed manufacturers. As of March 1, approximately 90 percent had complied, Van Matre said. "Full public disclosure is essential to ensuring that products and apparel bearing the university's trademarks are manufactured without the use of sweatshop labor," she said. "I am pleased that we have received high cooperation from our licensees, and that most of them disclosed as we requested."

LOCAL WEATHER

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AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures			
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NATIONAL WEATHER

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Chicago	62	43	New York	58	40	Tampa	84	62	
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THERE SHE IS ...



Kelly Lloyd, Miss Indiana 1999, speaks at Notre Dame Thursday to raise awareness about asthma. Lloyd is a graduate of Ball State University and intends to pursue a career in broadcast journalism.

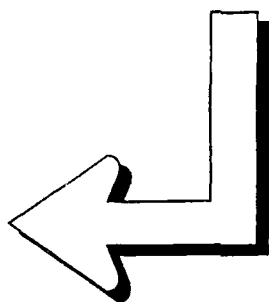
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Pollard honored for work in oncology

By HELENA RAYAM
News Writer

Morris Pollard, professor emeritus of biology, will receive the Hope Award for his prostate cancer research.

"Based on experiments, prostate cancer is preventable," Pollard said.

Trisha Taylor, member of the St. Joseph County Board of Directors for the American Cancer Society said Pollard's experiments have been very beneficial to oncology.

"It's people like Morris Pollard who are going to find the Holy Grail, which is the cure for all cancer," Taylor said.

Taylor is co-chairing the Night of the Stars Gala on April 15 with Kimberly Micciche. Pollard will receive his award at the event.

The Hope Award is given to those who do

outstanding work in the health care field. The American Cancer Society awards in three areas: patient care, patient services and research. Pollard will be honored for his research.

"Research is the number one way to find a cure for cancer," Taylor said.

Pollard's experiments with rats that spontaneously develop prostate cancer have helped him to come to the conclusion that prostate cancer is preventable.

"We found that [the rats] were highly dependent on testosterone and if we reduced testosterone, the disease did not develop," Pollard said.

Isoflavones, anti-cancer mechanisms found in soybeans, contain estrogen, Pollard discovered. This substance counteracts the testosterone levels. Thus, when rats consumed a soy protein isolate diet — one high in isoflavones — the number of prostate cancer cases decreased.

"The data shows that of the rats on a soy protein isolate diet, one out of 100 [rats in

the experiment] came down with prostate cancer," Pollard said.

Without the special diet 30 out of 100 developed prostate cancer.

"That is very unique," Pollard said. "It's the only model of spontaneous prostate cancer in the world."

For the last 25 years, Pollard has used the information he obtained from his research of rats and tried to apply it to humans. He said that epidemiological surveys came out with information showing that people who live in Eastern countries had a diet high in isoflavones, unlike in Western countries where cancer is more prevalent. Once

people of the Eastern countries moved west, the incidence of cancer in those groups has risen.

"We're looking forward to the time when people will have a soy protein iso-

late diet," Pollard said.

After 60 years of cancer research, Pollard's observations are gaining even more recognition.

"This experiment is attracting a lot of attention because the experiment takes two years," Pollard said.

Taylor, however, said that the significance of Pollard's experiments goes beyond the time he has given them.

"He received outstanding recommendations from his peers," said Taylor, but added that this was also not the only reason that he will receive the Hope Award.

"His academic background is remarkable," she said. "When we looked at his 60 years of research, we were just blown away."

Taylor said that both the professor's research and personality makes it an honor to give Pollard the award.

"He is incredibly humble and approachable," she said. "The work that he's doing is going to have a direct effect on cancer patients down the road."

"[Pollard's] academic background is remarkable. When we looked at his 60 years of research, we were just blown away."

Trish Taylor
member, American Cancer Society

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Noble laureate Rotblat to speak at conference

Special to The Observer

On a campus not known for its student activism, Joseph Rotblat stands out. Rotblat, the 1995 Nobel laureate, will give the keynote address at this weekend's 2000 Roads to Peace conference.

"We have selected this gentleman primarily because, while he has been a prominent figure in the nuclear weapons debate, he really earned his Nobel Peace Prize for encouraging student activism," said Nicholas Tyszka, Conference Chair.

This year's conference is the largest in University history to

be entirely student run. It is also the first student run conference to bring in a Nobel Prize winner.

"The presence of such a distinguished individual like Joseph Rotblat shows that this conference is an important venue in American higher education for discussing some very serious issues that affect us all," said Tyszka.

The conference will begin Friday night with Rotblat's address entitled "Averting Nuclear Anarchy: The Current Crisis in Arms Control," in the Jordan Auditorium at 7 p.m. and will continue on Saturday with a series of roundtable discussions from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Math prof named Sloan fellow

Special to The Observer

Xiaobo Liu, associate professor of mathematics at Notre Dame, has been awarded a two-year research fellowship from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. He joins Qing Han, Nancy Stanton, Bill Dwyer, Andrew Sommese and Timothy O'Meara as Sloan winners in the Department of Mathematics.

Sloan Research Fellowships are awarded to holders of a doctoral degree in physics, chemistry, mathematics, neuroscience, computer science or economics.

Strong evidence — in submitted publications and supporting letters — of a nomi-

nee's independent creativity is one of the most important considerations in the review process, and selection procedures are designed to identify those who show the most promise of making fundamental contributions to new knowledge.

Once chosen, Sloan research fellows are free to pursue whatever lines of inquiry most interest them.

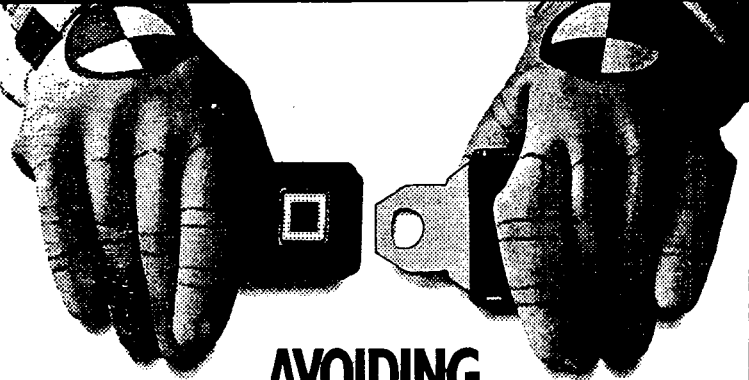
Liu, whose dissertation was titled "Volume Minimizing Cycles in compact Lie Groups," earned his bachelor's degree in applied mathematics in 1987 from Tsinghua University in China and his doctorate in mathematics from the University of

Pennsylvania in 1994.

Results of his research in differential geometry have been published in top journals, including the American Journal of Mathematics, Duke Mathematics Journal, the Journal of Differential Geometry and the Annals of Mathematics.

From 1995-1997, Liu served as a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Augsburg and as visiting scholar at the Max-Planck Institut für Mathematik in Bonn, Germany.

Upon returning to the United States, Liu taught pure mathematics at MIT before joining the Notre Dame faculty last August.



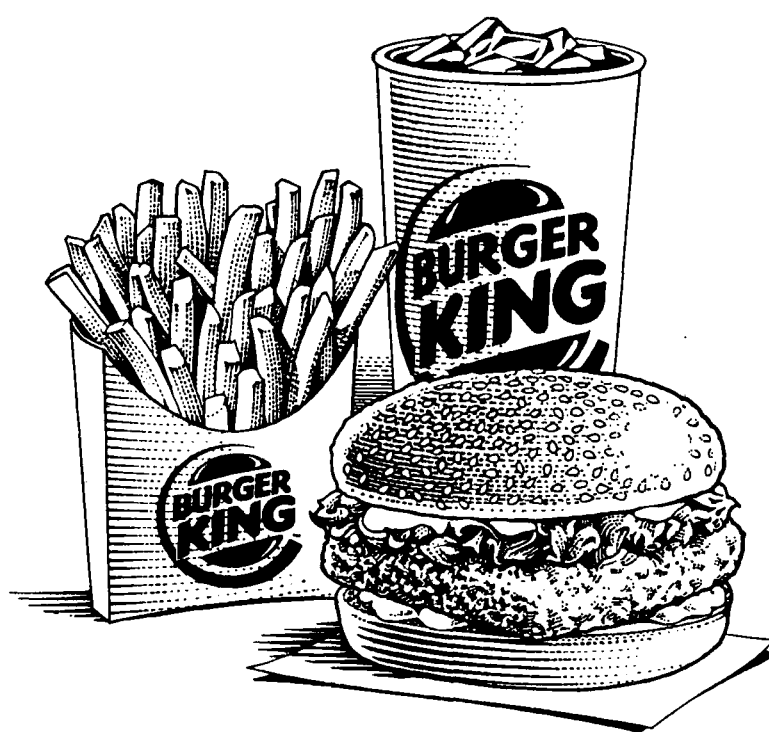
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Palestinian police nab alleged extremists

JERUSALEM

Palestinian police arrested seven suspected Hamas extremists Thursday in the West Bank and confiscated weapons and ammunition there, Palestinian security sources said. The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said one of the men arrested was Khaled Haddaj, 35, the Hamas spokesman in Jenin, a Palestinian city at the northern end of the West Bank. The sources said security forces confiscated three submachine guns and 6,000 rounds of ammunition from the house of another activist. The seven suspects were taken to a prison in Jenin for interrogation after they were detained by agents of Preventive Security, an arm of Yasser Arafat's self-rule Palestinian Authority in the West Bank and Gaza. Hamas, a violent Islamic group, opposes peace between Israel and the Palestinians.

USDA bans ozone-depleting pesticide

WASHINGTON

The worldwide phase-out of an ozone-depleting pesticide could cost U.S. consumers and producers \$400 million to \$450 million a year if alternatives aren't developed for farmers to use, the government said Thursday. The biggest loss from the phase-out of methyl bromide would be to growers of strawberries, tomatoes and other vegetables, according to a study released by the Agriculture Department's Economic Research Service. Methyl bromide, an odorless, colorless gas, is used to fumigate the soil, treat commodities while in storage and control pests during government-imposed quarantines. California and Florida account for 80 percent of its use as a soil fumigant.

Congo limits tribunal's power

KINSHASA

A military tribunal that has passed hundreds of death sentences will no longer have blanket authority to try civilians, Congo's president said following condemnations of the court by the United Nations and human rights groups. The government is also setting up a committee to review the court's convictions, according to a statement from President Laurent Kabila, read on state-run television Wednesday. The tribunal, known as the Military Court of Order, was set up by Kabila to handle discipline problems within the army after he seized power in 1997. But it has slowly extended its jurisdiction to non-army matters.

INDONESIA



An anti-riot policeman helps a bleeding comrade who was injured when student-protesters used wooden sticks and hurled stones at security forces stopping them from reaching former president Suharto's residence in Jakarta.

AFP Photo

Suharto defies second summons

Associated Press

JAKARTA

Police fired tear gas to disperse protesters near former president Suharto's residence after he failed to show up Thursday for questioning in connection with a corruption scandal.

Several students were injured and scores arrested after 200 demonstrators threw stones at riot police blocking off streets leading to Suharto's house in central Jakarta.

Chanting "Hang Suharto!" the students

demanding that the former dictator be immediately charged with corruption and tried.

Earlier today, 50 protesters broke into the grounds of the state prosecutor's office to demand that Suharto be tried. Police and guards stood by.

It was the second time this month that Suharto has defied a summons to face questioning.

President Abdurrahman Wahid reiterated on Thursday that he would pardon Suharto if necessary, saying Suharto "will be given clemency after he

is found guilty."

A spokesman for the attorney general said Suharto's lawyers sent a letter saying he would not attend the session because he was too ill.

"He could not come today because he is sick," said Suhandoyo, who like many Indonesians uses only one name.

Later Thursday, Chaerul Imam, the director for criminal offenses, said a new summons had been sent asking Suharto to appear on Monday. If he does not, prosecutors will question him at his home.

On Wednesday, a member of Suharto's legal team claimed his client had a speech problem, slight paralysis of his left hand and that his short- and long-term memory had been damaged by a stroke.

Suharto managed to attend the wedding on Tuesday of one of his granddaughters. He appeared healthy, walked unaided and was seen chatting with guests.

Suharto's lawyers and children have for months claimed the former autocrat was too ill to be questioned.

RUSSIA

Troops seek missing comrades after ambush

Associated Press

URUS-MARTAN

Russian soldiers searched a mountainous district of Chechnya on Thursday for 27 comrades who were missing after an ambush — an attack that again demonstrated the vulnerability of Russian forces in the rebellious republic.

The Red Cross, meanwhile, announced that Russian officials have given the organization access to camps in Chechnya where detainees allegedly have

been tortured.

A 49-man unit was attacked Wednesday near the southern village of Zhani-Vedeno, said a top Russian commander, Col. Gen. Alexander Baranov. Four men were killed and 18 wounded in the ambush, he said.

"The rebels were waiting for them," said Sergei Yastrzhembsky, the Kremlin's spokesman for Chechnya. Of the 107 troops in a second convoy that tried to help the first unit, 20 were hospitalized, and the others escaped

unharmed, the Interfax news agency reported.

Despite the latest losses, Interior Minister Vladimir Rushailo insisted Thursday that Russia was not losing control of the situation in Chechnya.

"The situation in the republic is not simple and requires constant attention and corrections in the federal forces' efforts," he told Interfax. "But it is being fully controlled, including in the southern districts, despite continuing sorties of the surviving rebel formations."

But other Russian commanders have said that the rebels could maintain a guerrilla war for some time to come. The seven-month-old war has subjected Russia to foreign criticism for alleged human rights violations.

Russia has rejected the allegations, but in an apparent bow to international pressure, President Vladimir Putin on Thursday agreed in principle to allow the International Committee of the Red Cross access to detention facilities.

Market Watch: 3/30

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Master Plan Groundbreaking Ceremony

*Above: Members of the
Saint Mary's community
don hardhats and take up
shovels for the
groundbreaking of the new
Welcome Center and
Dalloway's.*

*Right: Nancy Midden
addresses the crowd at the
groundbreaking ceremony.*

NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

Ground

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"I talked to them right [before the ceremony] and they were really sad that they couldn't be here," she said.

Ryan is the third of eight children. Two older sisters, Molly and Meggie, graduated from Saint Mary's. Her younger brother Tim is a sophomore at Notre Dame.

"I'm so excited about this project," Ryan said. "I really think that it is going to do a lot for Saint Mary's. My parents and I have actually had conversations about improvements and doing more for the College."

After the opening comments, dedication and speeches, Eldred, Ryan, Jim Martell, Midden and others donned white construction helmets. They broke the brittle ground behind Madaleva Hall with gold shovels, after which the crowd applauded and cheered.

"The groundbreaking for these two projects is the first of many projects to come in executing this 10-year Master Plan for Saint Mary's College," Eldred said. "We appreciate the support of our donors, particularly the Parents Council for all of the work they have done to provide the funding for these two projects."

Midden, who will graduate in May, was excited about the beginning of the two projects.

"I am excited next year to come back and see the changes and how the students are making use of it," Midden said.

"We were here for the beginning stages, but I would like to see the clubhouse in reality."

"This is a most exciting day for Saint Mary's College," Eldred said. "The future indeed looks bright."

Reflecting pool renovated to honor endowed chairs

By KRISTEN FITZPATRICK
News Writer

The area around the reflecting pool in front of the Hesburgh library is undergoing refurbishing to honor esteemed professors throughout Notre Dame's history.

The commemorative site will honor all endowed professorships and will feature a new granite-clad concrete seating wall, on which the names of endowed chairs will be etched.

"It is fitting to honor the professors in this way since they are the heart of academic life at this University," said Jim Lyphout, vice president of Business Operations and head of the project.

The project has been funded in part by an anonymous \$8 million gift to establish the Edward

Frederick Sorin Program for Academic Distinction, comprising new endowed professorships which are devoted to excellence in the six colleges and schools of the University. Along with additional funding by the University, the Sorin Program now totals \$15 million in support for these endowed chairs.

A University committee decided that this site should be built to honor all Notre Dame endowed chairs and the tradition of excellence in teaching and scholarship they represent. A local architect worked with the University to design the site to both beautify this area of campus and honor these esteemed professors.

Notre Dame currently has 125 endowed professorships and will add as many as 45 more through the "Generations" campaign.

Honor societies induct 8 juniors

By NELLIE WILLIAMS
News Writer

Thursday night eight Saint Mary's juniors were initiated into the Phi Alpha Honor Society for social work and the Lambda Alpha Honor Society for anthropology. The societies are based on outstanding scholarly achievement.

Inducted into the anthropology society were Melissa Corcoran and Melissa Sakaley. The Epsilon Chapter of Lambda Alpha was founded at Saint Mary's in 1995. The students in the society have the opportunity to submit papers to the Lambda Alpha Journal.

According to the society's national constitution, the purpose of the society is to "encourage and stimulate scholarship research in Anthropology by recognizing and honoring superior achievement in the discipline among students, faculty, and other persons engaged in the study of anthropology."

Laurie Berrett, Molly Buchanan, Marcie Livesay, Jenifer Macnak, Amy Mastagh and Jeanine Mauro received the award, the highest honor Saint Mary's bestows upon students for social work.

"You have demonstrated a commitment to the standards, ethics and goals of the social work profession," said professor Fran Kominkiewicz, during the initiating ceremony. "We are very fortunate to have students in a nationally accredited social work pro-



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer
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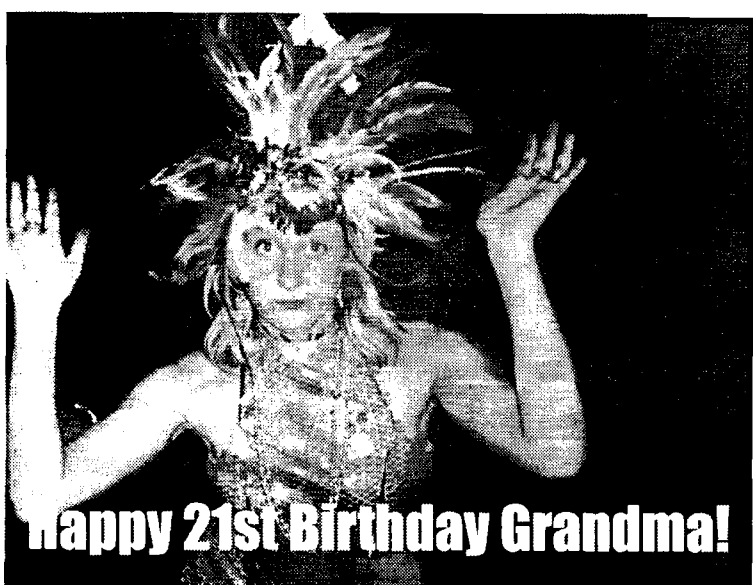
gram."

Towards the closing of the ceremony, Laurie Benett, the president of the social work club for the 2000-2001 year, presented each of the seniors a memory of Kristi Morris, a senior who died over spring break and who had been a social work major and the social work club's treasurer.

"This is the most touching

memorial we could do for [Kristi] right now," Kominkiewicz said.

The social work and anthropology departments will be having a car wash today from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Havican Hall parking lot at Saint Mary's. All the proceeds will be going to the Kristi A. Morris fund to help offset the cost of her funeral.



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Mr. James Wolfensohn, President
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1809 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20433

Dear Mr. Wolfensohn:

As Provincials Superior of the Priests and Brothers of the Congregation of Holy Cross - Indiana, and in the spirit of the Jubilee Year celebrated on each of our campuses, we are writing to request that you support an immediate suspension of the economic policies and practices that have caused poverty and suffering among the world's peoples, and damage to the environment. On the occasion of the first meetings of the governing bodies of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund in the 21st century, we further call on you to cancel the unpayable multilateral debt of the world's poorest countries and use the resources of the World Bank and IMF to finance this cancellation.

We make these requests based on the call of our faith for solidarity among the members of the human family, genuine debt relief in the spirit of Jubilee, poverty reduction, and global economic justice. Pope John Paul II has been eloquent and unrelenting in his call for debt relief. He has noted that the existence of debt is "suffocating" quite a few countries, and that "the Church in her pastoral concern cannot ignore this difficult situation..." I urge you, in your position as President of the World Bank, not to ignore this situation any longer but to propose and support immediate and significant action to cancel the debt which seriously threatens the lives of millions of people that our Congregation ministers to, throughout the world.

Archbishop Medardo Mazombwe of Zambia has written that "The debt problem is not simply an economic issue. It is fundamentally an ethical issue because it is a radically human problem, affecting the well-being of families, the survival of the poor, the bonds of community, and the security of the future." We join with the Archbishop and with the Bishops of the United States, and urge you to take the opportunity of the spring meetings to address the debt issue, making the year 2000 a true Jubilee year for the world's people who need it most.

We will experience a true Jubilee only when the well being of all, including the world's most vulnerable people and ecosystems, is given priority over macroeconomic adjustment and neoliberal economic policy. We urge you, in the spirit of Jubilee justice, to take courageous action now: abandon the failed policy of structural adjustment and cancel the debt of the world's most heavily indebted countries.

Sincerely,

(Rev) William Dorwart, CSC
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UGANDA

Sect leader's estranged wife: Husband didn't control cult

Associated Press

KABUMBA

Eight years after Joseph Kibwetere abandoned his family to help form a doomsday sect, his faded black-and-white photographs still adorn his wife's home, alongside pictures of Jesus, the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Pope.

They are reminders of happier times, says Therese Kibwetere — before self-described visionary Credonia Mwerinde moved into her home and took over her husband's life.

Joseph Kibwetere, a former school administrator who had a lifelong interest in Catholic visionaries, has been widely touted as the leader of the Movement for the Restoration of the Ten Commandments of God.

But his estranged wife said this week it was Mwerinde, not her husband, who controlled the sect, where she was known as "The Programmer."

"Whenever anything was to be done, it was Credonia," she said.

Who orchestrated one of the worst mass murders in recent history became even more pressing Thursday, as authorities unearthed 80 more bodies in a compound linked to the sect.

The discovery brought to 724 the number of dead found so far. A fifth property used by the cult has yet to be excavated.

Kibwetere, Mwerinde and other sect leaders had predicted

that the world would end Dec. 31.

When that didn't happen, authorities believe, members demanded the return of possessions they had surrendered to join the sect, rebelled and were slaughtered.

Ugandan authorities were planning this week to ask the international police coordination agency Interpol to issue arrest warrants for Kibwetere, Mwerinde and three others.

Kibwetere, 64, is believed to have perished in the March 17 inferno at the sect's compound in Kanungu, which killed at least 330 sect followers. Mwerinde's whereabouts at the time of the fire are unknown.

On Aug. 24, 1988, Mwerinde claimed to have had a vision of the Virgin Mary in a cave in the southwestern Ugandan village of Ngakishenyi, said her former common-law husband, Eric Mazima. A week later, she left him.

Mazima challenged her carefully cultivated image as a religious devotee, saying she claimed her visions and turned to religion only after the couple's joint business went bankrupt.

Until then, he said, she ran a shop in Kanungu that sold banana beer and a fiery local liquor, and had been regarded as notoriously promiscuous.

"She went to church only once a year," he said Thursday in an interview. "Sundays were days of making business. She was after money."

The leadership of the Ten

Commandments Movement was largely a family affair, Mazima said, with relatives of the 48-year-old Mwerinde serving as four of the sect's "12 Apostles."

Four months after leaving her husband, Mwerinde met Kibwetere in Nyamitanga, where he and his wife had gone to hear her testify about her visions.

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Mugambwa,

Kibwetere's

son, said

Mwerinde told

his father the

Virgin Mary

had directed

her to

Nyamitanga to

find a man

c a l l e d

"Kibwetere,"

who would

take them to

his home

where they

would spread

her message to the world.

That evening, Kibwetere

drove home to Kabumba with

his wife, Mwerinde, Mwerinde's

sister and two other friends.

Mugambwa described his

father as a perfect figurehead in

a country where male leader-

ship is deemed necessary for

any group's legitimacy.

"He had status, he had money

and he had a vehicle,"

Mugambwa said.

Within days of their arrival,

Joseph Kibwetere and his wife

had moved into a room with

Mwerinde and the three other

women. Therese Kibwetere said

she was denied any sexual contact with her husband.

Mugambwa believes his father and Mwerinde had a sexual relationship. "I suspected it," he said. "Someone who talks to God must be more righteous."

According to Mugambwa and his mother, Mwerinde soon revealed a penchant for cruelty,

exploding in

rages, beat-

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Kibwetere's

children and

demanding

total obedi-

ence to her

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sages — all

the while

saying she

spoke direct-

ly for the

Virgin Mary.

After a few

months, talk-

ing was

banned in favor of sign lan-

guage, Mugambwa said. Meals

were cut from three to two,

with two days of fasting each

week.

Finally, as the house swelled

with the movement's adherents,

mothers were separated from

their children.

Mwerinde enforced her rules

through visions, retiring alone

to a room to write and receive

"programs from the Virgin

Mary," Mugambwa says. She

would then emerge with the

declaration: "I've been receiving

messages from God that the

Virgin Mary is annoyed. People

*"I've been receiving
messages from God that
the Virgin Mary is
annoyed. People are
sinning too much and
God is going to end the
world because of the
sins."*

**Credonia Mwerinde
cult leader**

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Gephardt accuses Republicans of manipulating census

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt chided several congressional Republicans on Thursday for telling constituents to ignore what they consider intrusive Census questions, accusing them of opposing an accurate count for "their political purpose."

Gephardt said Democrats "haven't gotten criticism" about the form but Senate Minority Leader Thomas Daschle said his office has been getting questions about it.

But Gephardt, D-Mo., maintained, "the Republicans have been trying to frustrate this census from the beginning. They don't want more people counted because they think it serves their political purpose. That's a pretty shoddy reason to do what they're doing."

Responded John Czwartacki, spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott: "If he's not getting any calls, I think he's the only member of Congress who isn't."

Lott's office and at least two House Republicans said they had received a number of complaints in recent days about questions on census forms. Reps. Nick Smith, R-Mich. and Tom Coburn, R-Okla., were specifically critical of the long-form questionnaire, sent to one in six of the country's

115 million households.

Earlier Thursday, Czwartacki said that Lott has been heavily promoting the census in his state, but was also suggesting to callers concerned about privacy to leave unanswered those questions they felt were intrusive and mail it back to the Census Bureau.

Daschle, D-S.D., said, "It is of concern, I think, to people that the questions asked and the length of time required has made it somewhat problematic." Daschle said he has advised people not to skip questions. "I'm not sure that it is anything that we ought to address, at least at this point," he said.

During a campaign stop in Milwaukee, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the likely GOP presidential nominee, said he encouraged people "who are worried about some of the questions and about the government interfering in their personal lives to

think about it." He later added he was not telling people to ignore census forms because they're important "for a head count."

Democrats have long supported incorporating a statistical method known as sampling to raw census numbers. Sampling would adjust actual head counts to account for populations with traditionally low response rates, such as minority groups in cities. Republican lawmakers have

opposed sampling, fearing it could force a redrawing of boundary lines to their disadvantage.

Czwartacki said Lott has done television and radio ads encouraging census participation. But he added it was better to leave questions unanswered because "if the choice is between the trash can and partially filling it out, we're going to tell people to fill out as much as they can."

Census director Kenneth

Prewitt on Thursday called the long form an "essential tool" to help communities across the country.

Even questions that some Republicans labeled as intrusive, such as "how old is your home" and "are you a veteran?" are useful to determine how local services are provided, Prewitt said.

There are 53 questions on the long form this year, down from 57 in 1990.

Members of Congress received a detailed list of the questions two years ago from the Census Bureau and had a chance to weigh in, said Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., ranking member of the House Government Reform Committee's census panel.

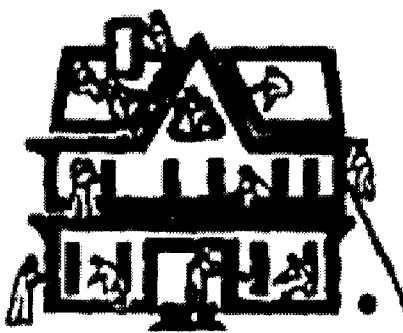
Maloney said that six months ago, Lott and Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., sought to require all recipients of the short form to state their marital status.

"The Republicans have been trying to frustrate this census from the beginning."

Richard Gephardt
House minority leader

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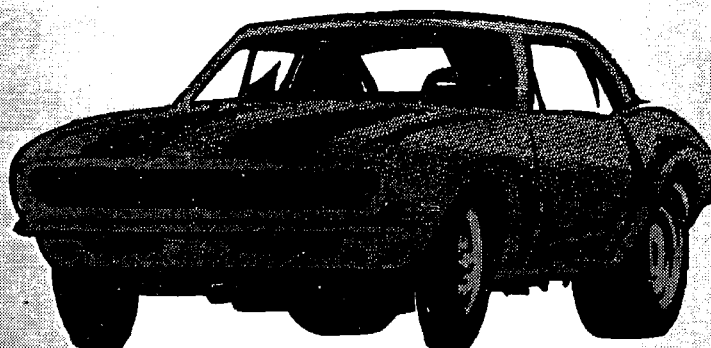
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Castro ready to send Elian's father to U.S.

Associated Press

MIAMI

Talks resumed today between the U.S. government and Elian Gonzalez' Miami relatives, while the 6-year-old boy's Cuban father apparently was ready to jump on a plane to retrieve him.

Late Wednesday, the Immigration and Naturalization Service delayed the revocation of Elian's temporary residency status 24 hours, until 9 a.m. Friday.

The two sides met for five hours late Wednesday, then resumed talking this morning. There was no comment from either side today.

The talks were extended at the relatives' request, a Justice Department official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Elian has been living with his great-uncle Lazaro Gonzalez, who has said he would be willing to release Elian to his father if Juan Miguel Gonzalez came to Florida from Cuba. He said he would not deliver the boy to the INS.

Apparently calling the great-uncle's bluff, Cuban President Fidel Castro said not only would the father go to the United States, he would stay for the entire court process as the Miami relatives appeal federal orders to surrender custody of the boy.

"The passports are ready," Castro said. "And of course the airplane is ready."

He said a lawyer was seeking U.S. visas for the father and a large entourage. The Cuban government today issued a list of 31 people who would accompany Juan Miguel Gonzalez, including his wife and their 6-month-old son —

Elian's half brother — as well as Elian's first-grade teacher and some classmates.

At her weekly briefing in Washington today, Attorney General Janet Reno said that if the boy's father comes to the United States, one option would be to move Elian to his custody in this country while the appeals court considers the case.

"This case has been heart-breaking for everybody involved," Reno said. "But we believe the law is clear: The father must speak for the boy because the sacred bond between parent and child must be recognized and Elian should be reunited with his father."

Reno said she believes most family disputes are best worked out between families, rather than by government officials.

Several thousand people rallied around the Gonzalez home in the Little Havana neighborhood late Wednesday. "We are not going to allow them to take the kid," said Oscar Pupo, 56, a Cuban-born U.S. citizen.

Elian has been living with Lazaro Gonzalez since he was found in November on an inner tube off the coast of Florida. The boy's mother and 10 others died when their boat sank as they tried to reach the United States.

The Miami relatives went to court to keep Elian, and their lawsuit is now before a federal appeals court in Atlanta, with arguments scheduled for the week of May 8.

INS spokeswoman Maria Cardona said the agency will tell Lazaro Gonzalez how and when he is to relinquish custody of Elian unless the two sides reach an agreement.

Idaho town fights bad publicity

Associated Press

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho — Embarrassed by the sight of neo-Nazis parading through town at the height of tourist season, city leaders have decided they, too, can use the First Amendment to their advantage.

They are hiring a human rights coordinator with public relations experience whose job will include publicizing all the good and decent things people are doing in Coeur d'Alene.

It's the latest tactic in a battle that has seen locals first try to ignore the white supremacist group Aryan Nations, and then stage counter-demonstrations. The end result was national media coverage showing pictures of swastika-wearing extremists marching down the main street.

"Good deeds and positive activities never garner as much attention as the remarks of a crazy who doesn't represent anybody," said Jonathan Coe of the Coeur d'Alene Area Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Steve Judy will choose the coordinator, who will work with the news media, advertising agencies and religious groups to develop programs that promote respect for others. The goal is to focus media attention on positive activities, rather than hate marches.

Among other things, the coordinator will set up a Web site, organize public meetings and answer queries from the media about hate groups.

Money for the full-time post of coordinator was donated by the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy at Harvard University. Founder Greg Carr is an Idaho native.

Richard Butler, leader of the Aryan Nations, ridiculed the notion of an Aryan-buster. "For white people to have to hire somebody like that because other people want to remain white is interesting," he said.

The Idaho Panhandle is a region of beautiful lakes and forested mountains that draws thousands of tourists and retirees. The elegant Coeur d'Alene Resort on the city's

lakefront has 18 floors of rooms to fill, at rates of up to \$2,500 a night.

In Kootenai County, tourism in 1999 accounted for 5,800 jobs paying \$66 million in wages. With the region's timber and mining industries suffering, tourism is a major reason the population of the county leaped from 69,000 in 1990 to 98,000 in 1997. Many of the newcomers are moving into \$500,000 homes springing up all over the area.

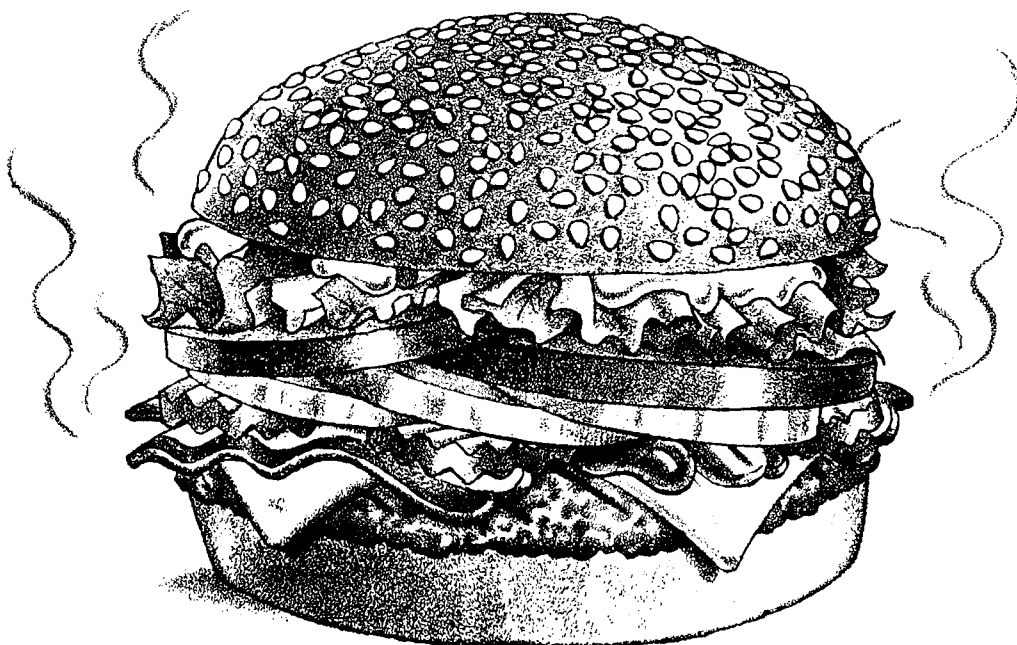
At the same time, Idaho has gained a reputation as a hate-group stronghold. A recent report by the Northwest Coalition for Human Dignity identified 11 white supremacist groups in Idaho, 10 of them in the Panhandle.

Among them is the Hitler-loving Aryan Nations, which moved to a ranch in the area in the 1970s and declared it was creating a white homeland. Civic leaders fear that marches by the Aryan Nations in 1998 and 1999 are scaring away tourists and business opportunities.

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Study: Awareness key to prevention

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

One-third of U.S. homes with children have at least one firearm and nearly half of them keep the weapons unsecured, a study found.

Forty-three percent of such homes kept one or more guns in an unlocked place and without trigger locks, and guns were kept loaded as well as unlocked in 9 percent, according to researchers at Rand Corp. and the University of California, Los Angeles.

The findings underscore the need to make adults more aware that firearms are accessible to many children and that they need to keep the weapons out of their hands, said Dr. Mark Schuster, a UCLA pediatrician and the study's lead author.

The study, released Thursday, was reported in the April issue of the American Journal of Public Health, a publication of the American Public Health Association.

The issue of children's access to guns has become a national focus as schools repeatedly become scenes of violence, ranging from the killings at Columbine High School in Colorado last year to a 6-year-old shooting a classmate in Michigan last month.

The study used information from interviews of 45,435 households for the 1994 National Health Interview Survey and additional questioning of 19,374 of those households in a supplement that included a section covering

firearms, Schuster said. The surveys were administered by the National Center for Health Statistics.

Firearms are present in 35 percent of U.S. homes with children — representing more than 11 million homes with more than 22 million children younger than age 18, according to the study.

The 9 percent of those homes that keep firearms unlocked and loaded would translate into homes with 1.7 million children, researchers found. Another 4 percent of the homes have guns that are unlocked and with ammunition stored nearby.

"Thus, a total of about 13 percent of homes — about 1.4 million homes with about 2.6 million children — had firearms stored in a manner most accessible to children," the report said.

Just 39 percent of homes with firearms had them locked, unloaded and stored separately from ammunition, it said.

Schuster said in an interview that while school shootings make clear the need to limit children's access to firearms, there are promising signs.

Smith & Wesson, the nation's largest gun manufacturer, has agreed to provide external safety locks on all its handguns within 60 days and internal locks within

two years.

"The fact that at least one major gun manufacturer is going to be building safer firearms is good news," Schuster said. "But it's still the responsibility of parents and other adults to keep firearms out of their children's hands."

National Rifle Association lobbyist James Baker said he was not surprised by the study and he cited National Safety Council data showing gun accidents at an all-time low.

"We think education and training is the key to reducing figures," Baker said. "We don't believe new laws will impact what goes on in homes."

Ultimately, families will decide what they feel is best for their particular circumstances."

Joe Waldron, executive director of the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms in Bellevue, Wash., said: "Considering the millions of homes that have firearms in them, the fact that firearms accidental injuries and deaths are at their lowest point in U.S. history indicates the problem is not as great as the study indicates."

Rand, the Santa Monica, Calif., think tank, does research on national security, public policy planning, education, health, science and technology.

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Mark Schuster
UCLA pediatrician and author

School bus-train collision claims 3 lives, injures 5

Associated Press

TENNGA, Ga.

A deadly train crash that ripped a school bus off its wheels claimed a third victim Wednesday.

Amber Pritchett, 9, one of seven students on board the bus when it was struck at an unprotected rural crossing early Tuesday, died Wednesday night a spokeswoman for T.C. Thompson Children's Hospital in Chattanooga, Tenn., said.

Kayla Silvers, 6, and Daniel Pack, 9, were killed when the CSX freight train smashed into their Murray County school bus at about 50 mph, ripped the bus from its chassis and dragged it 100 feet down the track.

Four other children and the driver were seriously injured. Two children remained in critical condition Wednesday.

Gov. Roy Barnes joined hundreds of people on the lawn at the Murray County courthouse Wednesday night in Chatsworth for a candlelight vigil.

"All I can say is to cherish them. You never know how much you'll miss them till they're gone," said David Silvers, Kayla's father.

Barnes said he planned to review Georgia laws governing stoplights and gates at railroad crossings.

School officials rerouted the buses Wednesday to avoid driving over the railroad crossing where the crash happened. At the site, eight yellow ribbons were tied to the railroad crossing signs.

The chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board urged schools around the nation to investigate whether their buses use railroad crossings that lack lights or signals.

"I am very concerned and personally do not believe that any grade crossing in the United States should be crossed with a school bus of our children when that crossing does not have lights or signals," NTSB chairman Jim Hall said.

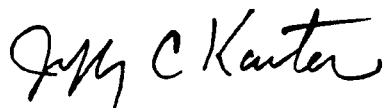
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At its meeting on Thursday, March 23, 2000, the University Committee on Computing and Information Services (UCCIS) met and discussed the impact that a program named "Napster" is having on University computing resources. As many of you are aware, "Napster" is a computer program that acts as an intermediary between computer users who wish to find and trade music files. Use of the program has raised serious concerns about network system security, security of personal computers systems, computer resource (bandwidth) management, intellectual property and copyright violations at college campuses across the country, causing nearly two hundred universities to prohibit use of the "Napster" program on their systems.


The UCCIS is concerned about these issues as well as the resultant cost to students, faculty and staff. Because conservative estimates suggest that between 25-40% of ResNet traffic is "Napster" use, the UCCIS has recommended that the Office of Information Technology immediately implement a moratorium on "Napster" and similar programs. Accordingly, and consistent with the policy on Responsible Use of Information Technologies at Notre Dame, we have directed OIT to immediately implement measures to prevent usage of this type of software.

The UCCIS believes that the moratorium is necessary so that core University academic and administrative computing needs can be met and so that an actual determination can be made of the impact of the use of "Napster" on campus. The UCCIS anticipates that the moratorium on the use of such programs could become permanent at a later date.

Please know of our appreciation for your understanding and recognition of the need to appropriately provide for and protect the University's academic and administrative computing needs.



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Goldin: NASA will not abandon 'faster, better, cheaper' approach

Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif.

NASA Administrator Dan Goldin is taking the blame for last year's botched Mars missions, saying he pushed too hard, cut too much and made it impossible for spacecraft managers to succeed.

But Goldin said he will not abandon the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's "faster, better, cheaper" approach. Mission managers will get enough money and people to do the job, but there won't be a return to the days of big, expensive spacecraft.

"We're going to make sure they have adequate resources, but we're not going to let the pendulum swing all the way back," he told employees of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, where Mars Polar Lander and Mars Climate Orbiter were managed.

Goldin visited the lab Wednesday, a day after two reports were released on the recent Mars fiasco. They found mismanagement, unrealistic expectations and anemic funding were to blame as much as the mistakes that actually doomed the missions.

"In my effort to empower people, I pushed too hard," Goldin said. "And in doing so, stretched the system too thin. It wasn't intentional, and it wasn't malicious. I believed in the vision, but it may have made some failure inevitable."

Richard Cook, project manager of the lander and orbiter at JPL, agreed with the reports but said no single person should be blamed.

"We're all part of this," he said. "The constraints were certainly part of it, but some of the ways we did business could stand to be improved."

Investigators found resources were spread too thin for success. Too many risks were taken by skipping critical tests or overlooking possible faults. And nobody noticed or mentioned the problems until it was too late.

The \$165 million Mars Polar Lander was most likely doomed by a sensor that mistook a spurious signal for landing when the legs deployed, causing the descent engines to cut off while it was still 130 feet above the planet's surface.

The problem could have been easily resolved by beaming new software to the lander during its 11-month cruise — if it had been noticed, said John Casani, a former JPL chief engineer who led one of the investigations. The lander was last heard from Dec. 3.

Mars Climate Orbiter was lost Sept. 23 when nobody realized that Lockheed Martin Astronautics delivered navigation data in English units rather than metrics. The \$125 million craft burned up in the Martian atmosphere.

Their combined cost was about the same as the last successful spacecraft to land on Mars — Pathfinder in 1997.

Since 1993, NASA's budget has decreased by 5 percent. During that period, 146 payloads valued at \$18 billion were launched. About \$500 million worth of that was lost, Goldin said.

Judge rules against Jackson, Hale

Associated Press

DECATUR, Ill.

A judge has approved a permanent injunction barring the Rev. Jesse Jackson, a white supremacist and numerous other protesters from demonstrating within 50 feet of any Decatur high school.

The ruling by Macon County Circuit Judge James Hendrian extends a temporary injunction he granted in December after Jackson came to Decatur to protest the expulsions of six black students for fighting in the stands at a football game.

Superintendent Kenneth

Arndt called the ruling barring Jackson and white supremacist Matt Hale "good news."

Lewis Myers Jr., lead counsel for Jackson's Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, said he plans to appeal.

"It's just more of that board building walls rather than bridges," Jackson said.

Over about 10 days in November, protesters were in Decatur almost daily, mostly on or near the grounds of Eisenhower High School.

At that school's football game Sept. 17, students got involved in a bleacher-clearing brawl that ended with six expelled for two years.

The Rainbow/PUSH Coalition fought to cut the expulsions to one year and has since rallied against the kind of zero tolerance discipline policy used in Decatur.

Hendrian said the controversy could be a detriment to Decatur education.

"There can be no doubt that if PUSH is allowed to continue its demonstrations, prayer vigils, rallies and press conferences in the same manner as it has done in the immediate past, there will be further continuing and irreparable disruptions to the educational process in the three Decatur high schools," the judge wrote.

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Rockford, IL	medical, (car going to be Jr of Sr., female)
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Date rape drug death puts four in jail

Associated Press

DETROIT

Three men were sentenced to up to 15 years in prison for manslaughter Thursday in one of the nation's first trials involving a death linked to a "date rape" drug.

A fourth man received a shorter term for his part in the death of 15-year-old Samantha Reid of Rockwood. All four were convicted March 14.

In January 1999, Samantha asked for a drink at a party and was given a soft drink spiked with the drug known as GHB. She became violently ill, lost consciousness and died the next day. A friend also ingested the drug and was briefly in a coma, but survived.

GHB has been linked to at least 58 deaths since 1990 and more than 5,700 recorded overdoses, according to the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Joshua Cole, 19, of Southgate; Daniel Brayman, 18, of Trenton; and Nicholas Holtschlag, 18, of Brownstown Township were sentenced to

terms of up to 15 years, the maximum for involuntary manslaughter.

Erick Limmer, 26, of Grosse Ile, was sentenced to up to five years for being an accessory to manslaughter.

Samantha's mother, Judi Clark, had urged the judge to sentence the men to the maximum.

"Since her death, people ask me how many children I have and I don't know how to answer," Clark told Wayne County Circuit Judge Maggie Drake. "I don't know. I'll have to deal with that forever."

A few drops of colorless, odorless GHB mixed into a drink can render a victim unconscious within 20 minutes.

Victims frequently have no memory of what happens while under the drug's influence, and it is difficult to trace, often leaving the body within 24 hours.

Its sale has been banned since 1990 by the federal Food and Drug Administration. Last month, President Clinton signed legislation toughening federal laws against possessing, making or distributing GHB.

"Since her death, people ask me how many children I have and I don't know how to answer."

**Judi Clark
mother**

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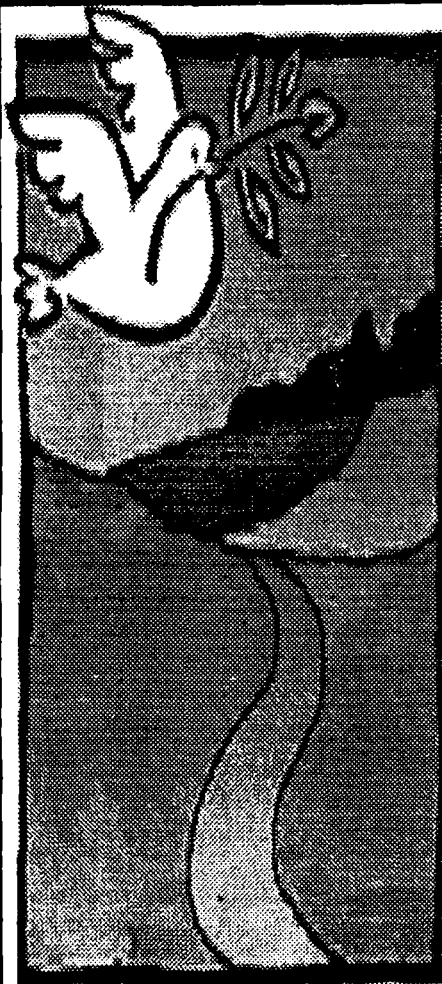
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Come alive, be your best and brightest

What is your goal in life?

That was a question that haunted me in my last years of Notre Dame and even for the last couple of years since I graduated. I never had an answer. I never had a goal.

I spoke with a friend of mine the other day who is absolutely killing herself to get all of her work done in the time that she has between Saturday sunsets. There are only 168 hours in a week. She must be awake and using nearly 147 of them for her activities. She is working what I know to be at least a 25-hour-a-week job, is a full-time student and is studying for placement exams into a professional school. Now, if this were anyone else that I know, I would have watched for the steam to begin pouring out of her ears and making that annoying whistling sound like in a cartoon.

But this person is usually such a workhorse that she would do all of that and still look for more things to fill up her time. Why? Because she has a goal. That is not to say that you have to plan out everything that you want to do with yourself for all of the rest of your life. Such a planned existence is a soulless existence that would never be conducive to creativity on any level. It also does not mean that whatever you set as your goal needs to remain your goal throughout

your life. When we are young we set our goals too high and are disappointed when we fall short. It is easier to set goals so lofty that they are unattainable or not to set goals at all when you are in college. You live a rather sheltered life that allows you to dream and to consider great things without applying it to your life.

After graduation I set myself the goal of visiting all 50 states in 12 months. I did it, but at the expense of some of the quality sights that I might have been able to better appreciate had I spent more time and only seen a portion of the country.

Then, I had nothing. I lived with my mother and drifted through life at a snail's pace. I was still immersed in that sheltered life that kept me from thinking of goals that I could actually apply. It wasn't until I shocked myself into the real world that I realized what I could do with a job and graduate school. I began to develop goals for my life.

As we age we amend those goals to ensure that we will meet them. A lawyer that I knew in Florida two years ago said to me, "As I get to the point in my life where my career winds down, I find comfort in the fact that I don't need to change the world in order to make my mark."

That is the realism of it all kicking in. Once you have come to grips with the fact that you will probably not be the one person who leads mankind to world peace, you will live a much happier existence. But that doesn't mean that you should eliminate those thoughts right now: far from it. The world thrives on people with big ideas.

One classmate of mine quit his job as a computer engineer to pursue liberal arts MA and a classicist's life. He likes to quote a leader of the civil rights movement when he says, he wants to do what makes him come alive because "The world needs people who have come alive."

Without some goal, some dream, nothing ever gets done. Sure, those of you who care more about going out to parties and arranging your social calendar will have a good time for the time being in college. But trust me, I was once in that mode, I once didn't care what I was going to do with myself.

It is hard to rebuild your dreams in the real world. Use the time that you have now and find out what makes you come alive. Then, strive to be the best and brightest at whatever it is.

Yes you will fail. No there are not enough hours in the day to do everything that will make you the best. But, if you don't have a goal and don't try, how do you know what you will accomplish. If you want something bad enough, you have to sacrifice for it. That will make the failure at least one that came about despite your entire effort. But it will also make the success that much sweeter.

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Matt Loughran

Random
Thoughts

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It's a short walk from hallelujah to the hoot."

Vladimir Nabokov
novelist

Aging population raises euthanasia concerns



You should tell your grandmother about PRPA. It may keep her from being killed someday. Let me explain.

The Controlled Substances Act (CSA) makes it a federal crime for "any person" to dispense a "controlled substance" without authorization. The CSA also provides for registration of physicians to authorize them to dispense controlled substances for medical purposes. The 1997 Oregon Death with Dignity Act allows a physician to prescribe drugs to enable a patient to end his own life. Such action by a physician could violate federal law. But Attorney General Janet Reno has ruled that the federal government will not take action against any Oregon physician who prescribes drugs for assisted suicide pursuant to that Act.



Charles Rice

Right or Wrong?

PRPA, the Pain Relief Promotion Act, passed by the House of Representatives and pending in the Senate, would overrule Reno. It would forbid "intentionally dispensing ... a controlled substance for the purpose of causing death or assisting another person in causing death." The American Medical Association and others object that PRPA will cause physicians to undertreat pain for fear of prosecution. PRPA's prohibition of intentional killing adds nothing beyond existing laws prohibiting homicide in general. But it might cause some physicians to be cautious in using sedation.

PRPA also affirms that "alleviating pain or discomfort ... is a legitimate medical purpose for ... dispensing ... a controlled substance ... even if [it] may increase the risk of death." This reflects the approach taken by the Supreme Court in 1997 in upholding state laws that prohibit assisted suicide. The Court, in *Vacco v. Quill*, said: "Just as a State may prohibit assisting suicide ... it may permit palliative care ... which may have the foreseen but unintended 'double effect' of hastening the patient's death." "[P]lainkilling drugs," said the Court, "may hasten a patient's death, but the physician's purpose and intent is, or may be, only to ease his patient's pain."

It can be very difficult, however, for the law to determine whether the sedating physician's intent was to relieve pain or to cause death, unless there is exceptional proof of intent to kill. Moreover, in the 1990 Cruzan case, the Court allowed the states, in effect, to permit intentional killing by physicians. In *Cruzan* the Court allowed Missouri to permit the removal of a feeding tube, pursuant to the patient's inferred desire, from an incompetent patient who was not dying, was not in significant distress and had a life expectancy of 30 years. The removal was intended to cause Nancy Cruzan's death to relieve her of a life considered burdensome or useless.

In *Cruzan* the Court invited the states to turn a blind eye toward intentional killing through withdrawal of food and water. It is fair to expect the law to be tolerant also of intentional killing by sedation and ultimately by lethal injection. Through legalized abortion, euthanasia and popular support for the death penalty, our culture accepts the intentional infliction of death as a problem-solving technique. Three of the 27 patients who died under Oregon's assisted suicide law in 1999 took over 11 hours to die from the orally ingested drugs and one took 26 hours. A lethal injection is more efficient. We use it on convicted murderers to spare them pain. Why not in these cases?

Cultural and demographic trends make the ultimate legalization of active and even nonvoluntary euthanasia predictable. Contraception and abortion have reduced the number of working people available to support the elderly and disabled. The fertility rate in the United States has been below the replacement level for more than two decades. In 1900, there were 10 times as many persons under 18 in the United States as there were persons over 65. By 2030, there will be more people over 65 than under 18. Between 2010 and 2030, the number of persons over 65 in the U.S. will rise from 40.4 million to 70.3 million, but the working-age population between 20 and 59 will remain stationary at 160 million. Who will pay the bills for all those old folks? The aging of the population will generate pressure on the old and infirm to recognize what former Colorado Governor Richard Lamm called their "duty to die and get out of the way." We are paying the price for being on the wrong side of what social historian Allan Carlson calls "the contest between a vital faith that welcomes children and a secular individualism that does not want them."

PRPA is a worthy effort to affirm that physicians should try to heal, and not intentionally kill, their patients. If PRPA causes a single physician to think twice about giving his patient — who could be your grandmother — a "mercy death," it will be worth the effort. The real solution, however, requires more than law. It requires the building of what John Paul II calls "a new culture of life," especially through prayer.

Professor Rice is on the Law School faculty. His column appears every other Tuesday.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Return eating concerns surveys

As of this week, 1,417 students have returned completed Eating Concerns Surveys out of the 7,500 surveys sent out. This is a 19 percent return rate. Even though it has been about a month since this survey was sent out, we urge those of you who have not filled the survey out to do so. This is a very important survey for the Notre Dame student body. If you have misplaced or thrown out the original survey, please call and request another from the University Counseling Center, 631-7336.

Rita Donley and Dominic Vachon
Staff Psychologists, University Counseling Center
March 30, 2000

Discovering there is a 'Notre Dame family'

There are a lot of reasons to complain about Notre Dame. We can start with the reigning queen of complaints, parietals, and throw in single sex dorms, lack of diversity, ultra conservatism, gender relations in general, an administration that treats us like children, poor dining hall food and a lack luster football season.

Complaints like these appear in the opinions section of the Observer on a daily basis. They are things that I gripe about, too. Things that need to be changed. Things that may change in time. But, I complain less these days.

Lately, I love Notre Dame. I always liked the school, from when I got here freshman year — the beautiful campus, nice people, fun, if not always successful, football season. But now I can say, with all honesty, that I love it.

Along with the torturous forced interaction of freshman orientation, new students are bombarded with somewhat cheesy talk about the "Notre Dame family" and the "spirit of Notre Dame." To me, (I am, perhaps, a bit on the cynical side), this talk seemed rather hollow. That's nice that the administration wants us to feel welcome, I thought, but it's just a school. I had not yet been enveloped in the "spirit", as it was called. I would not be for almost two years, until three weeks ago, when we learned that my good friend Conor Murphy (a Zahm Hall resident) has leukemia.

Although my realization of the Notre Dame family is just one of many latent effects of this horrible news, it is an important and a comforting one. At home in Cleveland over spring break, I was able to visit Conor in the hospital and witness first hand the strength he draws from his connection to Notre Dame.

Letters and cards, many of them from people somehow connected with Notre Dame, brighten the walls of Conor's room. There are the obvious ones from those who are close to Conor: roommates, friends, his rector. But the ones that make me smile the most are from people that hardly know him: a former TA, Coach Doherty, among many, many others. There is even one from the mother of another sophomore. She writes that her daughter (who, herself, barely knows Conor) called to tell her about the terrible news. She sent along an inspirational tape that helped her when she fought her own battle with cancer.

Father Scully talks to Conor on the phone on a regular basis, has been to visit him and will go again. During his last visit, he relayed information from the doctor that Notre Dame arranged to give a second opinion for Conor's situation. Father Jim Lies, rector of Zahm Hall, has also made the trip to Cleveland several times. He says mass for Conor's family in his hospital room. Other priests whom Conor barely knows, call and give him advice and spiritual guidance. Even the student body, with attendance at the 24-hour grotto vigil held before break, messages in journals and banners and prayers, give Conor extra strength and support.

A friend of mine and Conor's, who attends the University of Virginia, remarked over break that, at times, she regrets not attending a Catholic school. She said, through all of this, she realized that Notre Dame has such community, such a bond of faith and common purpose. Realistically, she is probably much happier at UVA than she would be as a Notre Dame student. There are other aspects to a school, other reasons to attend, some benefits from diversity rather than the homogeneity here at Notre Dame. But, this community, this "spirit", has become an aspect that I value highly. An aspect from which I, too, can draw strength in hard times.

I realize that some people see my thoughts as hollow or cheesy. Once I mentioned the Notre Dame family, many people probably zoned out, moved onto the horoscopes or the goofy cartoons that poke fun at our school. But, coming from a borderline cynic, someone who used to roll her eyes at phrases like "spirit of Notre Dame", there is a sense of community and family at our school that is hard to find elsewhere. I hope you don't have to go through hard times to appreciate it. Maybe you will never find it. But know it's out there ... if you ever need it.



Katie Sanders
Sophomore, Farley Hall
March 29, 2000

Spring break 2000: students sha

Students tell Scene about their spring break trips and the interesting p

It was a blustery South Bend morning as we prepared to embark on our first-ever college Spring Break. There were nine girls and five boys heading for our destination of Jacksonville, Fla. — 14 pale, overexerted freshmen, packed into three SUVs, and ready for an adventure in the Sunshine State. My car was one of the three in our caravan, and for the first hour of our trip down 31, all was well. I was jamming away to my new Backstreet Boys CD (and, consequently, annoying everyone else in the car) and watching cornfield after cornfield go by. We even had a frisky couple in the backseat of the car providing an extra-friendly atmosphere and, consequently, entertaining us all for the majority of the trip. Then the rain started.



Jacqueline Browder

Assistant Scene Editor

"No problem," I thought, as I turned on my windshield wipers. "This will pass. It's just a front." Then came the snow. "Just a little reminder of what we're leaving behind." I confidently told my car, as my knuckles were turning white from gripping the steering wheel a bit tighter. When, the sleet began to pound on my window and icicles were forming on my wipers, however, I began to get a little nervous. Contrary to what the commercials tell you, a 4x4 vehicle isn't stellar on icy roads.

Then, looking in my rearview mirror, I realized that the third car wasn't behind us anymore. We hadn't even reached Indianapolis yet, and we were already separated. (It wouldn't be until the Tennessee state line when they would catch up to us.) But, I was determined to brave the elements. Nothing was going to stop my car from getting to Florida. Not rain, sleet, hail, ice or an absent vehicle.

Never have I felt more like the post office. Once we left Indiana, the weather started to perk up, and the rest of our drive was rather uneventful. Well, except for the large Billy Blanks poster that I swiped from a Subway in Ohio. (It's quite a prize, really, and is hanging up outside of my dorm room if you'd like to see it.) To break up the trip, we stayed the night in my beautiful hometown of Knoxville, Tenn. My mother was certainly

ly thrilled with the 13 extra guests, but we didn't extend our welcome — we were up and out on the open road by 5 a.m.

Although we encountered a few flurries in the Carolina mountains, the weather was good for the rest of our trip down. I had a bit of trouble obeying the "stay off median" signs we passed along the way. There was one death-defying encounter with the grassy null separating the lanes while reaching back to open a diet coke. That aside, we breezed into Florida without any major setbacks.

We arrived in Jacksonville Beach earlier than expected, and once at our hotel, we immediately stripped down and headed to the beach. The weather was beautiful, and the beach had all the qualities of a scenic postcard, beseeching you to visit all the splendor of the white sand and blue water.

We spent our days at the beach, and our nights exploring the Jacksonville nightlife. Our stretch of beach was small and peaceful; a perfect place to relax, read, throw the Frisbee around, and forget about that biology test looming in the near future. We went out most nights and spent one very interesting evening at a techno club named H20. But, we decided we needed one absolutely wild night of untamed adventure, so one morning we packed our duffel bags, piled into two cars and headed to Daytona Beach.

Daytona, I've decided, was built for college students. Rows upon rows of hotels line the beaches, the alcohol flows freely and clothing is at a minimum. It's a co-ed's paradise. We all had a great day, tanning (and ultimately, burning),



acquiring a ton of free promotional stuff and, of course, checking out the locals. By the time dusk was settling over the horizon we were ready to see what the Daytona nightlife had to offer. Campus favorite Stroke 9 was performing at one of the nearby hotels, so we decided to go.

The concert was great fun; the audience was lively, the music was great and a good time was had by all. After the final encore, however, it was after midnight, and everyone in our group was tired, inebriated, sunburned and ready to get back to Jacksonville. While we were deciding who was going to ride in what car, however, we realized that we were a party of 11. Looking back, we realized that we hadn't seen those three since midway through the concert.

We couldn't leave three people in the wildest city south of the Mason-Dixon Line, so a compromise was reached. Two

people would stay and search for our missing friends, and everyone else would go back to Jacksonville. Just my luck, I was one of the chosen. After waving the rest of our friends off, we began our search. There we were, amid thousands of drunken teenagers, looking for three in particular.

We combed the beaches, searched the hotel, the pool, the shops, even the club down the street. They were nowhere to be found, and the clock was approaching 2 a.m. Finally, we spotted one of our friends wandering around on the street, presumably, looking for us. One down, two to go. We kept searching, but it was to no avail. As we were making one final check outside of the hotel, we walked directly into the beginning of a knife fight. As one of the nearby bouncers beat the tar out of the offenders, we decided that our time in Daytona was spent, so we got in the car and left.

Immediately, we decided that wherever our friends were, they could stay there until the morning, and we would deal with it then.

We were so tired and anxious to get back that we broke every major speeding law ever passed trying to make it before dawn. We must have cut the two-hour trip in half. We were less than two miles from our hotel when I looked in my rearview mirror and saw two flashing blue lights signaling me to pull over. As it turns out, I was hauling 75 mph in a 35 mph zone. As I pulled over, I almost broke down in tears in front of the officer. He asked me if there was any reason for my haste in returning home.

So, I told him the entire sweeping story of our Daytona experience and he let me off with a warning (most likely to shut me up, but, whatever it was, it worked). As it turns out, our missing friends had spent the night in a Daytona hotel room and caught a bus home the next afternoon. I spent the day recuperating on the beach and trying to find the humor in the previous night's activities, as everyone else seemed to be doing. Daytona is certainly a place I'll remember well.

The rest of our trip was uneventful, but I didn't mind. I had achieved all of my goals for the week; I got a tan, had some fun and came back with some good stories. Overall, it was a great way to spend a week away from school — with good friends and in a beautiful place. As we made our way back to South Bend, we were greeted by rainy, cold weather, but we were glad to be home. We were all happy, sunburned, exhausted and most importantly, all accounted for.

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ople and events they encountered on their jaunts across the continent

SCENE ASKS

Did anything bizarre happen to you over break?



"We got chased by four old, naked men who didn't speak English on the beach in Florida."

Vandy Hench and Jo Jameyson
juniors, Farley Hall and Walsh Hall



"My friend got propositioned by a high schooler."

Colleen O'Connor
freshman, Welsh Hall



"I caught my brother 'entertaining' his girlfriend."

Chas Grundy
freshman, Dillon Hall

"I saw a police officer stop chasing a suspect because the crook jumped a fence."

Holden Bonwit
freshman, Dillon Hall



"We got stuck in an elevator for three hours with a mother and her two screaming children — one of which had a dirty diaper."

Tiffany Fox and Kerry O'Reilly
freshmen, Holy Cross Hall



Something is bound to go wrong somewhere

We plan for it months in advance. We purchase new wardrobes, go tanning, diet and work-out like crazed kids to get our bodies in perfect shape.

Rumor has it that some people even let their liver take a break before being assaulted in the long-awaited week of debauchery. No, this isn't Antostal.

This is spring break — college style.

But, alas, we are mere college kids. Though we may feign responsibility in our little campus world, there are some things we just don't know how to deal with.

Senior Josh Bourgeois and his friends had just arrived in Ireland and rented a car when they were beset by an interesting dilemma. While driving along a narrow road to Ireland's highest pub, they accidentally hit a rock protruding from the mountain side, resulting in a flat tire. As they attempted to lift the car to replace the tire, the jack became stuck.



Amanda Greco

Scene editor

All four young, strapping men tried their best to lift the car and dislodge the jack — but the car wouldn't budge. They were approached by a "surly, old Irish guy," Josh said.

"He kept telling us things, but the only word we could understand was 'lift! lift!'"

It wasn't until they were joined by this mysterious rescuer that they were able to successfully lift the car, replace the tire and continue on their way.

Matt Orenchuk regales the incident that occurred during his visit in Vermont. Matt was staying at a friend's grandmother's house on a beautiful lake. The Wednesday of break, Matt felt nature calling, so he stepped into the upstairs bathroom.

After answering the call, Matt tried futilely to flush the toilet. It wouldn't go down. Due to the poor plumbing of the old house, the contents of the toilet backed up in the pipes and started to come up through the bathtub drain "There was this murky, brown sewage water filling the tub," Matt said.

Though the bathroom plumbing was inoperable, Matt and his friends thought they could at least use the kitchen sink to wash dishes. However, they soon discovered that the drain in the kitchen was also emptying into the tub,

carrying food particles and all.

"It was disgusting — it was my poop and it was coming up through the bathtub," Matt said. After confronting the tub with a wet-dry vac, Matt and his friends "got the hell out of Dodge a day early."

My spring break trip was an odd combination of "Road Rules" meets "The Real World" with a touch of "Home Alone."

All of my spring break plans fell through. There was the camping trip with my siblings: failed. The charter boat fishing trip with family friends: failed. The road trip to New York: failed; trip to Boston: failed; running away to Indonesia with a Zen-Buddhist: failed. But I was not to be deterred. One thing was certain — I was not going to spend a week at home.

When the opportunity arose for me to take a road trip to New Orleans, I jumped at it. So maybe I had only known one of the guys for a week. And maybe I didn't meet the other two travelers until the morning of our departure. But we all piled into my truck and headed southbound. All we needed was a video camera and some melodrama and we would have been set for MTV.

The situation became even more interesting in New Orleans, where all four of us — plus some — were crammed into a small

house. Was it a coincidence that in reality, MTV is filming "The Real World" up the street? We should have had a guest appearance. Though the others I was with were familiar with each other, I was a total outsider.

All in all, the week was an interesting experience in socialization. The highlight had to have been St. Patrick's Day when I was separated from the group — left to wander the dark streets and drunken masses of the Big Easy on my own. Though I had enjoyed the independence and unfamiliarity of my trip up until this point, I now found it unnerving and frightening. I felt like a small child looking for my mother in a large department store. As I wandered from the meeting place towards Bourbon Street, I noticed a suspicious character lurking in the shadows. I was definitely being followed by this tall, older man with long, dark hair and a long, gray beard — very odd looking. Earlier that day, I had purchased a bottle of Louisiana hot sauce for my father. I firmly grasped the bottle in my hand, ready to brandish the glass and hot sauce to fend off any attacker.

Luckily, I made it to the crowded strip unscathed.

I searched the whole town (well, maybe a few blocks) before giving up hope. I found the perfect street corner and was preparing to sit down and cry like a little orphaned child when I noticed someone was already occupying

that corner. There sat a young man singing and playing guitar. I befriended him instantly and spent St. Patty's Day with him, his mother and his friends. I never would have thought that I would spend an evening with what some might label a vagrant, but I don't regret for an instant. From start to finish, my trip was an introspective on random meetings with odd characters. I'm still waiting for MTV to offer a bid on my story.

No travel agent, website or upperclassman's recommendation can prepare us for these lessons in fun. But never underestimate the strength in old men, the value of solid plumbing or the kindness of strangers.

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NBA

Rogers, Marion lead as Suns shoot down Hawks

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Rodney Rogers scored 21 points and Shawn Marion added 18 as the Phoenix Suns dealt the Atlanta Hawks a record-tying 118-74 defeat Thursday night.

Penny Hardaway handed out 11 assists as Phoenix improved to 2-2 since league assists leader Jason Kidd went out with a broken ankle.

Phoenix outscored the Hawks 70-32 in the paint and got 14 points from Cliff Robinson and 13 off the bench from Don MacLean.

The 44-point margin of defeat at home tied a record set when the Hawks lost to the Los Angeles Lakers 134-90 in 1972. The franchise's worst loss ever is a 47-point defeat, 132-85 at Philadelphia in 1982.

Jason Terry and Jim Jackson led the Hawks with 11 points apiece.

The Suns trailed 18-10 before going on a 52-18 run that ended with a layup by Rogers 5.5 seconds before halftime.

Phoenix picked up its second-highest victory margin this season. It beat the Los Angeles Clippers 114-68 on Feb. 2.

Heat 105, Bulls 80

Tim Hardaway had 16 points and eight assists as the Miami Heat clinched a playoff berth for the fifth straight year with a victory over the Chicago Bulls.

Alonzo Mourning added 15 points in only 18 minutes of action, and Jamal Mashburn scored 12. Three Heat reserves — Clarence Weatherspoon, Otis Thorpe and Rodney Buford — each added 10 points.

The victory avenged two earlier embarrassing defeats to Chicago. It was Miami's second-largest margin of victory this season. The Heat beat the Celtics 115-89 on Jan. 25.

Miami, in first place in the Atlantic Division, led Chicago 53-39 at halftime. The Bulls pulled within 64-55 on a 14-foot jumper by rookie Elton Brand with 4:51 to play in the third quarter, but the Heat respond-

ed, pushing the lead back up to 17.

Brand was the only bright spot for Chicago, with 17 points. Fred Hoiberg had 15.

Miami jumped on the Bulls early. The Heat shot 62.2 percent from the field (23-of-37) in the first half and led by as many as 17. Mourning had 13 in the half on 6-of-8 shooting from the field.

After leading 9-7, the Bulls never were ahead again. Miami has won 15 of its last 16 at home, with the only loss coming last week to the Lakers.

The Bulls are 6-33 against teams at .500 or better, and now have a 13-game road losing streak.

Miami was coming off two poor outings. The Heat scored a record-low 19 points in the second half of its loss Sunday in Orlando and blew a 28-point lead at home against Phoenix on Tuesday before pulling out a win.

Nets 107, Raptors 103

A foolish technical foul and an unfortunate encounter with a rookie ruined Vince Carter's 39-point night, and the Toronto Raptors lost for the fifth time in six games, to the New Jersey Nets.

Carter picked up a technical foul for halfheartedly throwing the ball at Scott Burrell after a hard foul with 3:31 left, then had his shot blocked by rookie Evan Eschmeyer with 35 seconds left.

The two plays were keys for the Nets, who kept their slim playoff hopes alive as they pulled within 4 1/2 games of idle Orlando for the final playoff spot in the East.

Carter matched his third-highest scoring output of the season but got little help from his teammates. Starting point guard Doug Christie did not score, and shooting guard Tracy McGrady scored all 10 of his points in the second half.

The Raptors, currently fifth in the conference, had their lead over sixth-place Charlotte cut to just a half-game. The Raptors and Hornets play Friday night at

Charlotte.

Keith Van Horn had 32 points to lead the Nets, who got a big boost from Eschmeyer in his second straight start. Three of Eschmeyer's four blocks came against Carter, and the 6-foot-11 rookie from Northwestern also had eight points and eight rebounds.

Stephon Marbury added 17 points, Kerry Kittles had 16 and Elliot Perry 12 for New Jersey.

The Nets opened up a 21-point lead early in the third quarter on a jumper by Kittles that made it 60-39, before Carter started going to work to pull the Raptors back into it. Carter scored 17 points in the third quarter, which ended with the Raptors trailing 77-73.

Perry and Johnny Newman each had a jumper and a drive in an 8-0 run that put the Nets up 89-82 with 5:52 left, but Toronto had one comeback left.

The Raptors trailed only 93-89 when Carter picked up his technical, and Van Horn made the foul shot to make it a five-point game. Carter then went to the line and made just one of two, turning an opportunity to make it a two-point game into a wash.

The closest Toronto got after that was 96-95 on a three-point play by McGrady with 2:12 left, but Kittles and Van Horn followed with 3-pointers.

Timberwolves 122,

Rockets 90

Kevin Garnett scored 25 points and Terrell Brandon added 21 as the Minnesota Timberwolves beat the Houston Rockets.

Brandon and Garnett dominated offensively as Minnesota shot 60 percent from the field. Brandon had 13 assists and Garnett had nine rebounds for the Wolves, who have won seven of their last eight.

The Wolves remain 2 1/2 games behind the Phoenix Suns in the race for fourth place and homecourt advantage in the Western Conference. The Suns beat the Hawks 118-74 on Thursday.

It was the eighth straight road loss for Houston, which was led by Walt Williams' 18 points. Kenny Thomas and Steve Francis had 16 each for the Rockets.

The Timberwolves held the Rockets to 37 percent shooting. Anthony Peeler had 15 points for the Wolves and Joe Smith had 10 rebounds.

Twelve of the 13 players on Minnesota's roster scored at least two points. Dean Garrett was the only player who didn't score.

For the first nine minutes, Houston looked like it was going to force both teams to keep up with the Rockets' frantic pace in which Houston had scored over 120 points in back-to-back games earlier in the week.

But poor shooting, sloppy passing and a couple of embarrassing turnovers by Steve Francis doomed Houston.

The rookie let the ball slip out of his hand on an open layup attempt in the first half and had the ball snatched away by Garnett a few minutes later while driving.

The Wolves shot 71.4 percent in the first quarter and took a 65-49 halftime lead. Minnesota led by as many as 18 points in the second quarter and shot 66.7 percent in the first half.

The Timberwolves pulled away with a 9-2 run late in the first period and Houston never got closer to within seven points.

Spurs 102, Warriors 90

Tim Duncan had 19 points, 17 rebounds and six blocked shots and David Robinson scored 27 points as the San Antonio Spurs beat the Golden State Warriors for their fifth straight win.

The Spurs started slowly, trailing 19-7 midway through the first quarter, but finished strong in handing the Warriors their eighth straight defeat.

San Antonio (47-25) took control with a 23-8 run to open a 76-60 lead in the third quarter. Golden State got as close as eight several times in the final period, the last time with just

under a minute to go.

Mookie Blaylock had 19 points and Larry Hughes 17 for the Warriors.

Robinson had 13 points and nine rebounds in the first quarter as the Spurs trailed 31-26.

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich attempted to get his team untracked by calling two time outs in the first four minutes and three in the first quarter. The Spurs finally cut the lead to five by the end of the first quarter, but still trailed most of the first half.

Only a three-pointer by Jaren Jackson with 6.7 seconds left gave San Antonio a 53-52 edge, its biggest lead of the first half.

Trail Blazers 96,

Mavericks 85

Rasheed Wallace scored a season-high 34 points as the Portland Trail Blazers snapped a four-game home losing streak with a victory over the Dallas Mavericks. Wallace hit 16-of-22 shots from the field and Steve Smith added 22 points for the Blazers, who had lost six of their last eight games at home and had dropped eight of 14 overall.

Michael Finley scored 30 points to lead Dallas, which had won four straight on the road. Dallas' loss clinched a playoff spot for the idle Sacramento Kings.

Wallace's 34 was a season high for the Blazers, topping Damon Stoudamire's 30 on Feb. 24.

Portland led 77-69 at the end of three quarters, but Dallas pulled within four points down the stretch. Finley's jumper with six minutes left cut the Blazers' lead to 84-80, but after the teams traded turnovers, Scottie Pippen drove the baseline for a dunk to put Portland up 86-80.

Wallace then added a reverse layup, a hook shot and a mid-range jumper to seal the win.

The Blazers started the third quarter with an 8-0 run and led by 10 points most of the quarter as Wallace had eight points, including six in the first two minutes.

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Amanda, you're beautiful.

NIT

Crispin shines in Penn State's consolation win

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Joe Crispin made an uncontested layup with two seconds left and intercepted Damien Wilkins' inbound pass to lead Penn State to a 74-72 victory over North Carolina State in the consolation game of the National Invitation Tournament on Thursday night.

After N.C. State's Kenny Inge tied it 72-72 on a short jumper with 13.6 seconds left, Crispin calmly dribbled the ball up the court and drove in for the game-winning basket.

Crispin, who finished with 14 points, then intercepted Wilkins' long pass to seal the victory for the Nittany Lions (19-16). The game preceded the NIT final between Notre Dame and Wake Forest at Madison Square Garden.

Jarrett Stephens added 28 points on 11-of-18 shooting for Penn State, which beat N.C. State for just the third time in 17 meetings.

Wilkins' led N.C. State (20-14) with 21 points, and Inge added 18 points and nine rebounds.

N.C. State went on a 15-6 run early in the second half to lead 56-45 with 12:13 left, highlighted by Inge's dunk.

The Nittany Lions couldn't get the lead under nine until Crispin's 3-pointer with 8:31 left made it 62-56. Then the Nittany Lions, who lost to Notre Dame in the semifinals, slowly chipped at the lead.

N.C. State's biggest lead of the first half was 19-10 with 12:46 remaining on Clifford Crawford's layup. Penn State went on a 9-0 run, keyed by two baskets by Stephens to tie it at 19-19.

The Wolfpack took leads as large as five points, but the Nittany Lions came back to lead 29-27 on Crispin's 3-pointer with 3:57 left.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Woods decides to return for senior year at Arizona

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz.

Admitting that he was torn in both directions, Arizona's 7-foot-1 center Loren Woods announced Thursday that he would not leave school for the NBA and would return for his senior season.

"By me coming back, I'll definitely be a better player," Woods said, "but I think I'll also be a better person. By me growing up and maturing in a year, it will be a huge difference than if I would have gone to that level this year — emotionally, handling things on and off the court. I'll definitely be more mature after another year."

Woods' decision means that all seven players who played regularly for the Wildcats will return from a team that shared the Pac-10 championship and was the No. 1 seed in the West in the NCAA tournament.

"If we're not preseason No. 1, then there's something wrong with the polls," said Woods' teammate, Richard Jefferson, who briefly toyed with the idea of turning pro but decided to return next season.

In addition to the returning players from this season, Arizona will have the services of tough power forward Eugene Edgerson, who sat out a year to get his teaching degree, as well as whatever freshmen recruits coach Lute Olson can get.

Woods led the Wildcats in scoring at 15.6 points per game, and was one of the most prolific shot blockers in the country. He tied an NCAA record with 14 blocks against Oregon. But he missed the final seven games because of a compressed

disc in his lower back. The injury would have prevented him from participating in any full-scale tryouts for NBA teams.

He said he expects a complete recovery by next season.

Woods kept his decision a mystery throughout his long statement during a news conference at McKale Center, until the very end. When he announced it, several teammates and friends cheered and applauded.

Woods insisted he didn't make up his mind until about 40 minutes before the news conference, even though Olson said earlier this week that he thought the big center would be coming back.

Woods said people close to the Arizona program urged him to return because the team could have a shot at the NCAA championship, while others not close to the program said he should leave and go for the money.

"All the people who know me personally have been saying just to follow what you feel in your heart," Woods said. "Sometimes I feel like I should stay, sometimes I feel like I should go. So I don't know about taking that advice, because my heart has been torn in two different places — the love for the game playing against the best competition by going to the NBA or the love for the University of Arizona just for letting me be myself."

Woods said he talked with several NBA general managers and said all told him that while he would be one of the top picks, there were questions about his strength and he wouldn't be expected to make a big impact right away. Woods said strength will still be a problem after next season, but he plans to work on that as much as possible until then.

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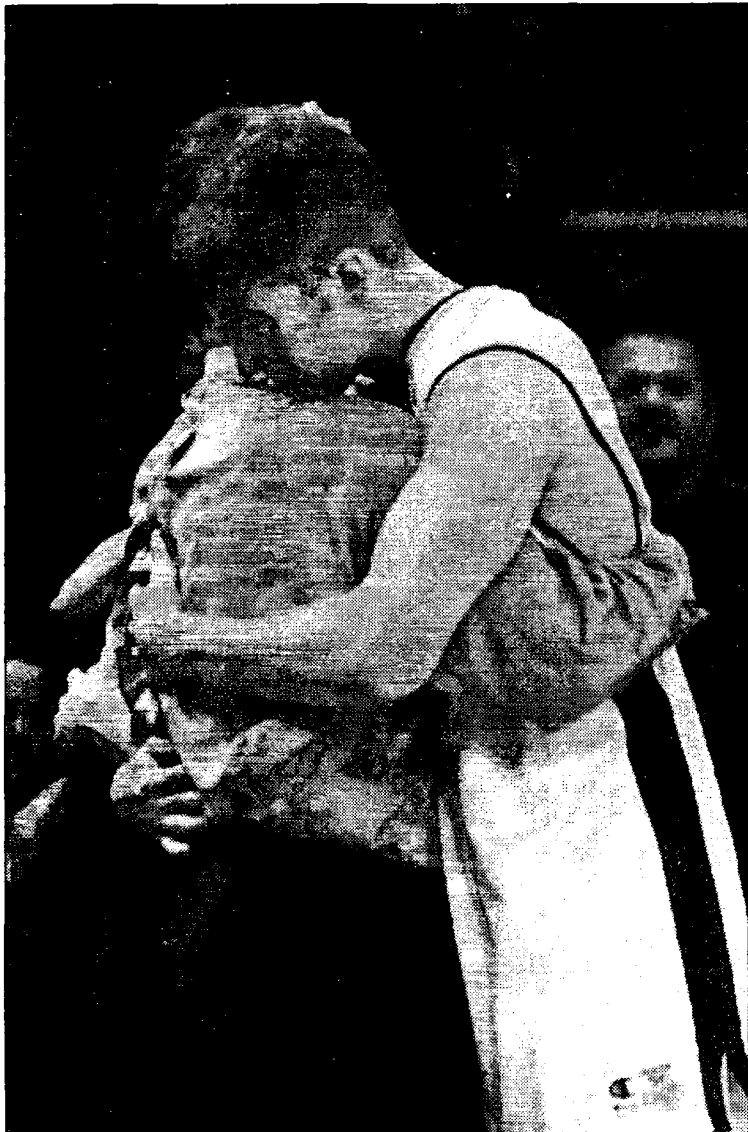
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Irish head coach Matt Doherty hugs sophomore Troy Murphy as he leaves the game late in the second half Thursday.

"The thing about this team is that we never quit," sophomore forward David Graves said. "We were down 16, 18 and we came back and brought it to five. A couple shots here and there it's a different ball game but, that's the way it goes. We are happy about this year."

This year's 22-15 season came on the heels of a losing record. A squad that gave away the close games with a reputation for being "soft" turned into a team that fought for every rebound, every loose ball, every basket.

"There were a lot of times last year when we really didn't play that tough and we got in close games and ended up losing," sophomore All-American Troy Murphy said. "We were soft. We didn't work hard. We dogged it. Coach Doherty really changed the way we play and that resulted in a successful year."

Much of the toughness came in

at Doherty's urging. When he first came to Notre Dame a season ago, he was disappointed by the team's effort level in workouts and he told them so.

"I said, that's why you guys haven't won," Doherty said. "You're soft. I've ripped them every time I've had the opportunity to when they played soft. Now I think when you watch this team, they play pretty hard, they're pretty physical, they go after loose balls and that's exciting."

Doherty ensured that the Irish were ready to play 100 percent every time tip-off rolled around.

"I think Coach Doherty brought us a lot of energy and a lot of intensity to the program and the players," freshman guard Matt Carroll said. "He's instilled in us a lot of confidence, and I think it carries over onto the court."

Aside from Doherty's influence, the team's determination to ink a

winning record permeated the atmosphere.

Senior point guard Jimmy Dillon provided perhaps the best example of that gritty tenacity. He played the entire year on bum ankles, and then contributed five assists in 31 minutes of play Thursday after spraining his ankle in the semifinals.

His fire gave the Irish a major spark, one that left Doherty near tears at the realization Dillon had played his last game.

"His toughness," Doherty said before pausing. "When I got the job I wasn't sure if he was going to be able to play. We had to really monitor him in practice because he would go and he wouldn't tell me he was hurting."

"Without Jimmy Dillon, we don't win 22 ball games. His toughness, his energy, his leadership, his daring, which at times could drive you crazy but at times it won basketball games. He harnessed that and turned out to be a pretty darn good college point guard. It's tough peeling that jersey off for the last time."

Dillon, emotional at donning a Notre Dame jersey for the last time, recognized the special quality of this team.

"I'm just proud to be around such a select group of guys," Dillon said. "Throughout the whole year, we knew we had something special. We knew we can compete with anybody."

This year's Irish wouldn't have gotten to 22 victories without the strong team chemistry they had.

"Those guys like each other," Doherty said. "They like basketball. We've had several optional shooting workouts over the last few weeks and everyone showed up."

While some college basketball teams today are better known for their off-court exploits from theft to assault to accepting money from NBA agents, Notre Dame was different.

The Irish are recognized as a friendly bunch of guys happy to sign a kid's T-shirt even after a tough loss.

Even opposing coaches noticed their character, particularly as they remained at courtside throughout Wake Forest's celebration ceremony.

"As a show of respect to our team, they watched our team get the trophies and the championships and cut the nets and all that kind of thing," Wake Forest coach Dave Odom said. "It did not go unnoticed by me, by my players and it did not go unnoticed by our university. It's what college basketball should be."

Back in October, nobody predicted the Irish as a group that would win 22 games.

"I couldn't have imagined this season in my wildest dreams," Murphy said.

It won't be so far-fetched to visualize Notre Dame as an NCAA-tournament bound team

come next season. The Irish lose Dillon and reserve seniors Todd Palmer and Skylard Owens. But with Doherty and the core of the squad returning, they will hope to maintain and perhaps even improve the tenacity and strong team chemistry. If they manage to attain those goals, Matt's Outrageous Bunch will be out in force at the JACC to support the Irish on the road to the top 25 for the first time in years.

"I think we have all the talent in the world," Graves said. "I think we have all the ability in the world, and with the addition of Ryan [Humphrey], we're only going to be better."

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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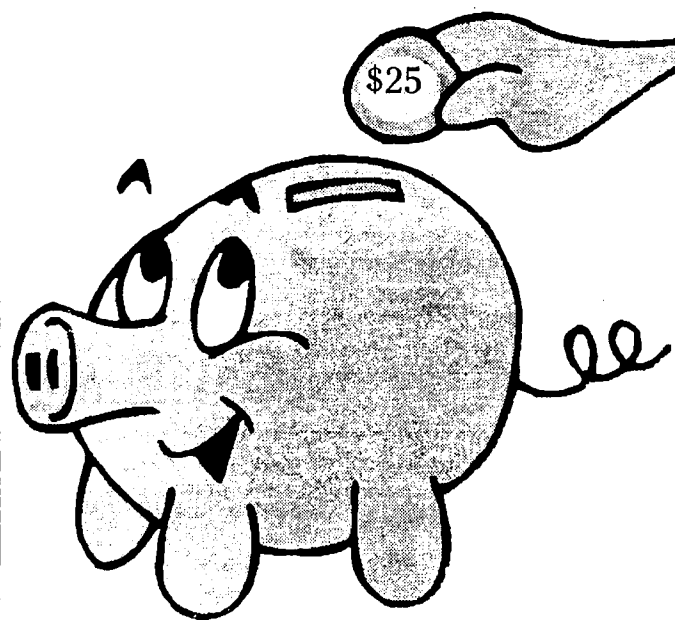
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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Selig envisions global league

Associated Press

TOKYO
An exhibition game in Havana last year, opening day in Japan this season. So what's next for major league baseball?

Maybe a regular-season series in Venezuela real soon. Possibly a return trip to Cuba.

Potentially games in places such as Australia and even Africa farther into the future.

And someday, perhaps a true World Series.

A lot of ideas are in the mix these days as baseball pushes its plan to go global. Certainly the success of the season-opening, two-game set between the Chicago Cubs and New York Mets this week will help.

"Win, lose or draw, I think it was something that baseball needed," Mets first

"The World Cup is something that has been under consideration. The World Series would be what the word connotes — the world series."

Bud Selig
baseball commissioner

baseman Todd Zeile said Thursday night.

After getting a good reception in Caracas, there's a slight chance regular-season games could be played in Venezuela next season.

Also, there's talk about another exhibition in Cuba, like the one Baltimore played last year.

The upcoming Sydney Olympics have spurred speculation about trying to send two teams to Australia

for an exhibition.

Far-fetched? Could be. But watching the Cubs and Mets play in Tokyo has made many believe that baseball is growing far beyond its North American borders.

"I never thought I would've seen this day, opening day in Japan," Hall of Famer manager Tommy Lasorda said.

And it could continue to spread internationally. Just don't ask Mark McGwire to make the trip — spurred by his opposition, the St. Louis Cardinals turned down the tour to Japan and the Cubs accepted.

Commissioner Bud Selig wants to someday see a baseball World Cup.

"The World Cup is something that has been under consideration," he said. "The World Series would be what the word connotes — the world series."

Daubach, Martinez give Red Sox edge over Twins

Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla.

Brian Daubach homered twice and Pedro Martinez won his final spring training start as the Boston Red Sox beat the Minnesota Twins 6-5 on Thursday.

Daubach's first home run gave Boston a 1-0 lead in the fourth inning. His second came in the fifth inning after Darren Lewis doubled, and put the Red Sox up 4-3.

The Red Sox added two runs in the sixth when Jeff Frye tripled and scored on Donnie Sadler's single and Jose Offerman knocked in Scott Hatteburg, who had walked.

Martinez pitched five innings, striking out six and allowing three runs, all in the fifth inning. Minnesota's Todd Walker hit his first home run of the spring after Marcus Jensen singled. Cristian Guzman followed with a triple and came home on a single by Midre Cummings.

Martinez finished the spring with a 4.59 ERA.

Twins starter Eric Milton pitched six innings, allowing four runs on six hits. Carl Everett went 0-for-4 with two foul outs to drop his average to .188.

Schmidt and Benson, Ashby feels he's ready for the season to start.

"I feel like if I throw the way I've thrown the last couple times, we should be in pretty good shape," he said.

Ashby didn't help his own cause when he fumbled a bunt by Benson in the third inning, leading to an unearned run.

Chad Hermanson was 2-for-4 with an RBI for the Pirates. Scott Sauerbeck pitched a scoreless ninth inning for his first spring save. Aramis Ramirez, Brian Giles, Jason Kendall and Mike Benjamin also drove in runs for Pittsburgh.

The Pirates finished with a 3-1 spring record against the Phillies, just as they did last year.

Pittsburgh plays two games in Jupiter against the Montreal Expos before starting the season at home against Houston on Monday.

The Phillies left immediately after the game to fly to Las Vegas, where they will play the Colorado Rockies Thursday and the Chicago White Sox on Saturday afternoon. They play a final exhibition in Seattle on Sunday before opening in Phoenix against the Arizona Diamondbacks on Tuesday.

Rangers 6, Tulsa 1

Texas catcher Ivan Rodriguez was hit by a pitch on the right elbow during the Rangers win over Double-A Tulsa.

Rodriguez, the 1999 American League MVP, was hit in the first inning by Chuck Smith. It was diagnosed as a bruise and he will be examined again by team doctors when the Rangers return home.

The injury isn't believed to be serious, but it gave a scare to manager Johnny Oates.

"I went upstairs to see him and when I came back I was still shaking," Oates said.

Rick Helling pitched six innings and combined with three relievers on a six-hitter.

"It's as well as he's thrown all spring," Oates said.

Helling will start the Rangers' second regular-season game against the Chicago White Sox.

"I'm reaching a peak right now and I'm ready for my start Tuesday," Helling said.

Pirates 5, Phillies 2

Kris Benson, slated to start Pittsburgh's second game of the season, pitched like an opening-day starter as the Pirates beat the Philadelphia Phillies.

Benson hurled six shutout innings, allowing three hits and striking out two. He ran his spring record to 3-0 and lowered his ERA to 2.16.

His final spring start followed Jason Schmidt's outing Wednesday that lowered his ERA to 1.16, best in the Grapefruit League.

Phillies starter Andy Ashby, who will pitch on opening day, will enter the regular season without having had a single outing like Benson or Schmidt. Ashby started for the Phillies on Thursday and allowed six hits and four runs, three earned, in six innings. His Florida ERA settled at 7.47.

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Agbayani slams Mets past Cubs

Associated Press

TOKYO

The New York Mets are sure glad they decided to take Benny Agbayani on this little detour.

Agbayani, ticketed for the minors in 10 days, lined a pinch-hit grand slam in the 11th inning and the Mets beat the Chicago Cubs 5-1 tonight for a split of their season-opening series in Japan.

"I'm glad he was here today, that's for sure," Mets manager Bobby Valentine said. "Benny's a big boy, and baseball's a game that's not always fair."

In a game featuring strange sights — Rey Ordonez making an error, and Cubs manager Don Baylor not shaking hands with Valentine — perhaps the most unexpected one at the Tokyo Dome was Agbayani hitting the first slam of the 21st century.

Agbayani recently was told he would be sent to Triple-A Norfolk on April 9, when Glendon Rusch is promoted to be the Mets' No. 5 starter. Agbayani did not take the demotion well, and asked for a trade.

But the Mets, having room for an extra player, instead took the Hawaiian-born Agbayani to Japan.

"I'm going to make them make a tough decision," Agbayani said.

Agbayani's two-out drive to dead center field made it a disappointing major league debut for loser Danny Young (0-1).

Young emerged from the bullpen — located underneath the stands, near the dugout — to pitch the 11th after nine years in the minors. He retired the first two batters, but Todd Zeile singled, and walks to Ordonez and Melvin Mora loaded the bases.

Agbayani batted for reliever Dennis Cook and connected for the Mets' first pinch-slam since Todd Hundley's on May 4, 1995. In Japan, hits that end the game in the bottom half of an inning are called "sayonara" hits. Agbayani's blow did not qualify for that title, not that it mattered to him or the Mets.

The Cubs stranded a pair of runners in the ninth and left the bases loaded in the 10th when Cook (1-0) struck out Henry Rodriguez.

Kyle Farnsworth threw the first pitch at 7:10 p.m. local time — making it 5:10 a.m. EST in New York and 4:10 a.m. CST in Chicago. While the Cubs and Mets were playing for real, a world away it was still spring training. Back in the United States, exhibitions were set for later in the day at places such as Vero Beach and Clearwater, Fla., and Tucson, Ariz.

Baylor said the Cubs enjoyed their weeklong stay, adding, "I think everyone in the locker room is ready to go home."

What should the Mets do about their outfield situation?

Keep Agbayani, lose Payton
Keep Payton, send Agbayani down

Trade Rickey Henderson
Both teams have three days

off before resuming the season Monday.

The crowd was announced as another sellout at 55,000, yet once again it was relatively quiet. Games in Japan usually feature frenzied fans carrying drums and horns — to the disappointment of the Cubs and Mets, they were discouraged from such behavior by local officials.

There was a dramatic improvement, though, in the dirt on the mound and batter's boxes. Players on both teams complained about the foreign soil after the Cubs' 5-3 win in Wednesday night's opener and, after a spirited effort by the grounds crew, the problems seemed solved.

Ordonez's streak of 101 straight games without an error, a major league record streak for shortstops, ended when he charged in and overran Damon Buford's roller in the first inning. It was his first error since last June 13 against Boston, a span in which he cleanly handled 418 chances.

The three-time Gold Glove showed no ill effects, however, later making a nifty play up the middle on Sammy Sosa's grounder and taking part in two double plays. The Mets turned six DPs in the series. But Zeile, the newcomer to New York's slick infield, made a wild throw to set up an unearned run in the fifth that made it 1-all.

A pair of walks and a sacrifice by pitcher Rick Reed led to Rickey Henderson's sacrifice fly in the fifth.

Newcomer unseats Gomez at shortstop

Associated Press

PEORIA, Ariz.

As the San Diego Padres broke camp Thursday, they did so with a new starting shortstop.

Manager Bruce Bochy settled a competition between Damian Jackson and incumbent Chris Gomez.

Gomez, picking Jackson as the starter.

"To be fair, D.J. had a better spring," Bochy said.

Jackson, 26, hit .308 (16-for-52), stole six bases and scored 18 runs. Gomez, coming off a season marred by knee problems, got off to a slow start as he tested his knees. But he made a good run at the job by batting .333 with solid defense.

"Obviously, I'm disappointed," Gomez said. "I don't know what I can do. I thought I played well. He played well, too. I'm not going to root against Damian or anything."

Gomez now becomes San Diego's lone backup middle infielder. He will spell Jackson and, less frequently, second baseman Bret Boone.

Gomez has played 78 games at second base in the major leagues, mostly with Detroit before he was traded

to the Padres in June 1996.

In his time in San Diego, Gomez was the starting shortstop on two first-place clubs — in 1996 and 1998.

Gomez actually started 11 fewer games at shortstop last year than Jackson. But that was only because he had cartilage problems in both

knees, which required arthroscopic surgery June 4.

He was on the disabled list June 4 through July 31 and never fully recovered.

In 76 games, Gomez batted .252 with only one home run and 15 RBIs.

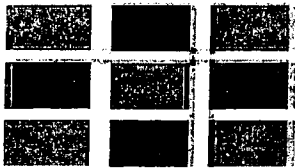
Jackson got the opportunity to play regularly in his first major league season, but he failed to secure the job with erratic performance.

Flashy in the field and with good range, he also made 25 errors at shortstop. And a threat on the basepaths (34 steals), he didn't get on base enough (.224 batting average, 105 strikeouts).

"My whole goal all winter and this spring has been to improve my focus," Jackson said. "I've been very focused, and I haven't taken any plays for granted. I'm excited to get the opportunity."

"I don't know what I can do. I thought I played well. He played well, too."

Chris Gomez
former Padres shortstop



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NCAA MEN’S FINAL FOUR

Officials clear Miller to play

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS

Florida officials cleared forward Mike Miller to play in the Final Four after determining he made no improper contact with an agent who called him 45 times since last September.

“This is not a major problem,” coach Billy Donovan said Thursday when the team arrived in Indianapolis. “There are no issues with Mike Miller, no issues eligibility-wise. He’s going to play. To harp on it would take away from what this team has accomplished and what it’s trying to do.”

In a story Thursday, The New York Times reported agent Andy Miller could have broken laws in Tennessee and Florida by calling Miller and Tennessee guard Tony Harris.

Mike Miller acknowledged that the agent called him at least 45 times since Sept. 1 and that they had spoken at least 20 times.

The agent, who is not related to the player, is not registered to practice as an agent in either state, which both have agent laws.

“At least theoretically, this is a violation of Florida law,” said Bill Cervone, assistant state attorney in Florida. “It’s something that has to be looked into. So far, nothing has been brought to our attention.”

University police said they had received information about the case from the Florida compliance office and had assigned an investigator.

Athletic director Jeremy Foley said the sophomore forward did nothing to compromise his eligibility.

“We’re here to win a national championship,” Foley said, “not talk about agents.”

Still, agents have been a frequently discussed topic in Gainesville over the past year.

University police have filed a sworn complaint against agent Tank Black in an unrelated case involving improper contact with former Gator football players. It was the aftermath of that case that led Florida to redouble its efforts in educating players about agents.

“I have not violated any NCAA rules and my total focus is on getting ready to play North Carolina in the Final Four,” Miller said.

The news broke soon after Donovan lectured his players of the distractions awaiting them at the Final Four.

Peterson peaks for Spartans in tourney

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS

By his own admission, Morris Peterson was an immature, out-of-shape freshman when he enrolled at Michigan State.

Five years later, he has helped lead the Spartans close to their first NCAA title since 1979.

Peterson, finally stepping out from behind Mateen Cleaves to become a possible NBA lottery pick, has scored in double figures in all four NCAA tournament victories. He’s averaging 16.6 points and 6.1 rebounds this season.

“Pete’s been a main contributor to this team all year long,” forward Andre Hutson said. “He’s done so much for us.”

He’ll try to do even more Saturday when the Spartans (30-7) play Wisconsin (22-13) in the national semifinals.

The 6-foot-7 forward used his great leaping ability to score 16 of his game-high 21 points in the second half of a comeback win over Syracuse in the Midwest regional semifinals.

Two nights later, he scored 18 points in another comeback, this time against Iowa State.

After the victory, the 22-year-old Peterson was told his grandmother had died earlier in the day. He attended her funeral Thursday in Mississippi.

“Everybody has really stuck with me,” Peterson said. “That really shows how close we are.”

The Spartans show it on the court, too.

On a play Peterson suggested during a timeout late in the Iowa State game, he scored on a soaring dunk off an alley-oop pass from Cleaves. The play made it clear Michigan State was going back to the Final Four.

“I think Mateen said it best: This is Pete’s team now,” coach Tom Izzo said. “He’s the one we look for to take the big shots and kind of carry this team.”

Things haven’t always been this way.

The Spartans had always

relied on Cleaves. But he was sidelined for the first two months of the season with a broken foot.

The team needed Peterson to take over. And he did.

He scored 31 points in an early game at North Carolina, 17 against Arizona, 18 against Kentucky and 16 in a win over Connecticut.

“People think Morris turned his game up because I was out,” Cleaves said. “But he was a great player before I was out.”

Many people helped Peterson turn his game around — including Peterson, himself.

“He’s the most fortunate player that I’ve ever been associated with, in how he came in and how he came out,” Izzo said. “I think he’s made great progress in all parts of his life.”

Peterson was a shooter — and little else — when he came out of Flint Northwestern High School. Spartans teammate A.J. Granger stuck him with the nickname “Shotgun” because all he did was fire away.

“A couple years later, when I broke my wrist, coach started calling me the ‘Club’ because the cast was so big,” said Peterson, who scored just two points before breaking his finger and becoming a medical redshirt his freshman year.

But wearing the cast finally forced Peterson to play a little defense.

He’s now one of the team’s best defenders.

“Coach used to ask me if there was anybody on campus I could defend,” Peterson recalled.

Still, the insults did little good. He continued to go his own way, and to skip classes.

Peterson got a strong message when Izzo took the team to Hawaii for a tournament but left him behind.

“I learned I wasn’t going to do anything in basketball until I was doing well off the court,” Peterson said.

There are still a few rough spots, of course. The difference is that these days Peterson is quick to correct them.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish prepare to avenge 1999 loss to Buckeyes

By STEVE KEPPEL
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's lacrosse team will finish off their three-game home stand this Saturday as it takes on Ohio State in a Great Western Lacrosse League contest.

The Irish lost a heartbreaker to the Buckeyes a year ago on a last second goal.

"This is a huge game," said captain Kevin Higgins. "Everyone remembers what it was like last year to lose and how bad it felt."

The Irish are coming off a tough one-point loss to Hofstra in which the play of both the offense and defense was sporadic and inconsistent.

Notre Dame gave up seven points in the first half but rebounded, let-

ting up only one in the second. The Irish have given up big second periods in their last two losses, and players hope to avoid any letdowns against Ohio State.

"I just think we have to keep our concentration," Higgins said. "We are playing good teams and we have to realize that good teams are going to make runs and we have to keep it just them making good plays and not us making mistakes. If we do this we will be fine."

With a win, the Irish would be in a good position to win the league championship and get an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

After coming out tentative in the last few games the Irish need to establish some of the offensive firepower that helped them knock off Penn State in the opener. Facing a possible three-game losing streak,

they have been working hard and preparing for Ohio State all week in practice.

"Basically we have been working on some fundamental things," Higgins said. "Everyone has been fired up all week to get another shot to get back at them. It was disappointing and embarrassing last year and everyone is so fired up to play this weekend."

Ohio State is heading into this game with a 3-3 record and they are fresh off a 7-4 victory over Vermont. The Buckeyes are lead by offensive leader Greg Zytowski and goalie Mike Abeles, both pre-season all-Americans. The Irish are going to need to come together as a team and play a full game to gain a well-needed victory on Saturday and put them closer to clinching a tournament birth.



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The Irish knocked off Penn State in their season opener. The squad takes on Ohio State Saturday.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Saint Mary's falls to Hope 8-1

Observer Staff Report

The Saint Mary's tennis team suffered an 8-1 loss to Hope College on Wednesday.

"We knew it was going to be a tough match to start with," said Coach Dee Stevenson. Hope has won eight consecutive Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association titles.

"It wasn't like they just

blew us off the courts," she said.

Most of the matches were extremely close, but senior Becky Kremer was the only Belle to pull out with a win. She took a 7-0 tiebreaker after a 7-6 first set. She won the second set 6-1.

"I think we played tough but we weren't as prepared as we should have been," Kremer said. "They were a lot better than we expected

them to be."

One thing Stevenson wants to work on with his team is its quickness in doubles play.

"We're not getting to the net in doubles," he said.

Stevenson is looking forward to facing Hope again in the conference tournament. The Belle's tennis team is on the road this weekend, at Spring Arbor College on Saturday and at Kalamazoo College on Sunday.

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BASEBALL

Irish split two, head to Connecticut for triple header

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Writer

Preparing for their second weekend of Big East play, the Irish baseball team played two home games this week, defeating Siena Heights University Thursday after falling to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on Wednesday.

Thursday's game was a success for the Irish both on the mound and at the plate. Four pitchers combined to allow only five hits.

Freshman Matt Laird started for the first time since losing a tough game against Villanova last weekend.

Laird allowed just one hit in three innings, facing the minimum of nine batters. Junior Mike Carlin followed Laird with three innings before yielding the mound to senior Tom O'Hagan, who pitched for the first time since 1998 after sitting out last season. Senior closer John Corbin pitched the ninth for the Irish.

"It was nice to see Matt Laird go out there and pitch well," said head coach Paul Mainieri. "This is the time of year that begins to test the depth of your pitching staff. Tom O'Hagan's going to get a lot of chances to pitch over the next few weeks."

Nine players combined for 14 hits to lead the Irish offense. Sophomore left fielder Matt Strickroth and senior first baseman Jeff Felker both knocked out two doubles. Freshman right fielder Brian Stavisky extended his hitting streak to 13 games with a leadoff single in the third inning.

"Today was certainly encouraging, but we haven't really been consistent with our offense like we need to be," said Mainieri. "We need to see everybody contributing with a couple of guys having a big day for us."

Thursday's successful victory followed a disappointing loss on Wednesday, as Wisconsin-Milwaukee toppled the Irish 14-3.

UWM senior right hander Chad Sadowski pitched five strong innings and his offense supported him with 20 hits.

Freshman right hander J.P. Gagne started for the Irish, giving up three runs on six hits over four innings, adding five strikeouts. Sophomore Matt Buchmeier followed Gagne, yielding four runs in 2 2/3 innings to take the loss.

"Gagne pitched out of some jams and showed a lot of poise out there," said Mainieri. "Buchmeier has been very consistent during his career for us."

Senior left fielder Matt Nussbaum was the only Irish player to register multiple hits in the game, as he recorded two hits in four at-bats.

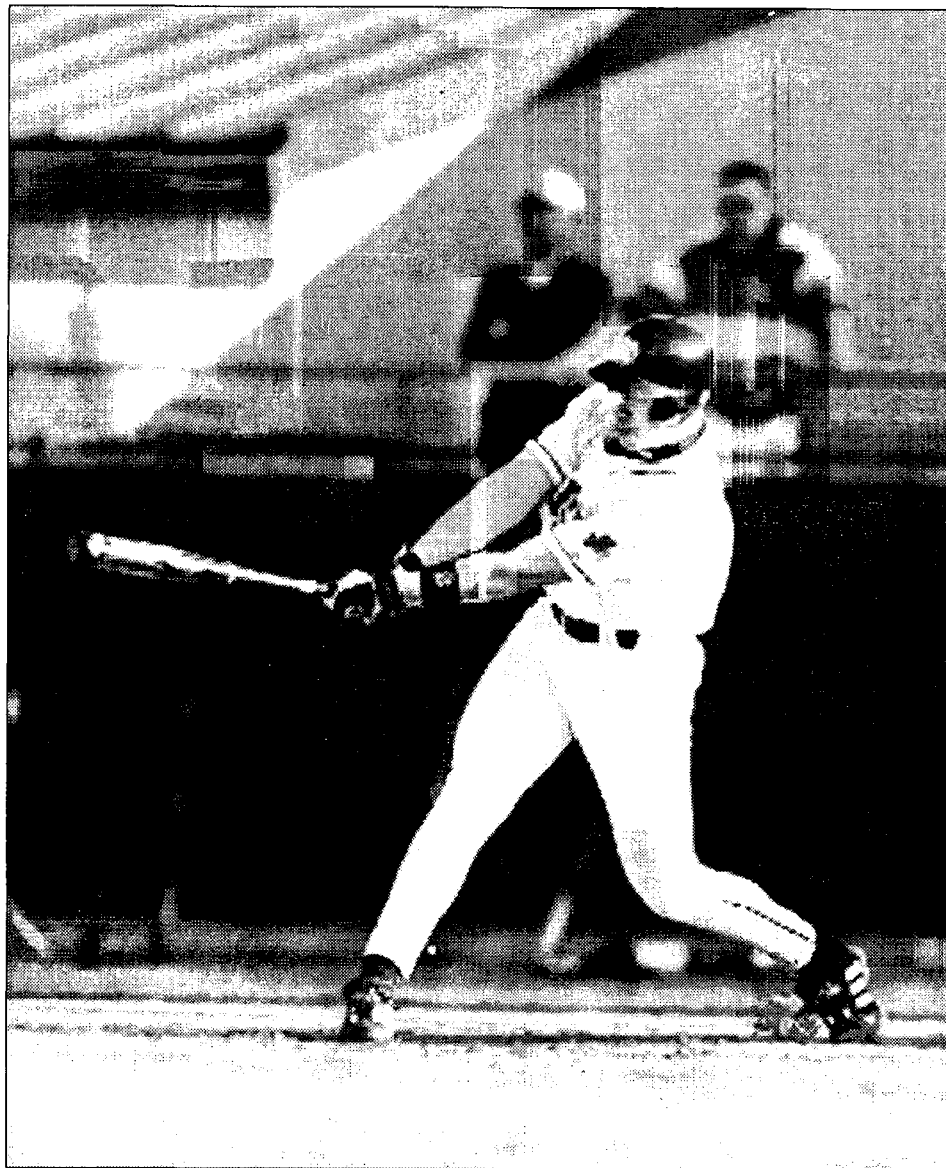
"You've got to tip your hat to Wisconsin-Milwaukee," said Mainieri. "They were an NCAA team last year, and actually beat the No. 1 team in the nation in their first game."

This weekend, the Irish head to Storrs, Conn., to take on the Huskies of Connecticut. The teams play a double-header on Saturday, followed by a third game on Sunday afternoon.

Junior Aaron Heilman and senior Scott Cavey start for the Irish on Saturday. The two right-handers are a combined 7-1 this season. Gagne will take the mound for the finale on Sunday.

"They have excellent athletes and a very good team," said Mainieri. "If we go out there and do the little things I feel confident that we'll go out there and have a very successful weekend."

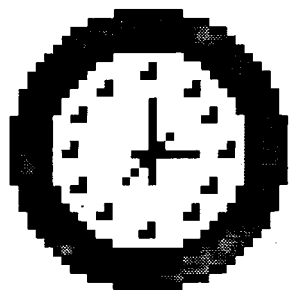
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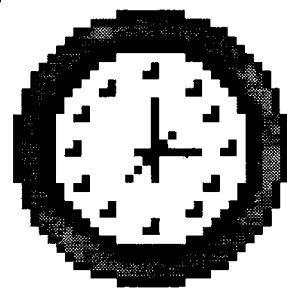
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An Irish hitter steps up at the plate against Siena Heights last week. The Irish head to Connecticut to take on the Huskies in Big East action this weekend.

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TRACK

Irish work toward NCAA championship with home meet

By BRIAN BURKE
Sports Writer

Last weekend the Irish men's and women's track teams enjoyed more than just the nice weather out West, earning seven NCAA qualifying standards, including one automatic, at the Arizona State and Standard Invitationals.

This Saturday, with the Notre Dame men and women back in northern Indiana to host Butler, Miami (OH) and Western Michigan for a scoring meet, the focus will be less on notching NCAA bids and more on preparation.

"We certainly want to win the meet," head coach Joe Piane said. "It's different things for different people. We're running a lot of guys at different events, for some it's a tune up, for some it's the last race for a few weeks."

A big difference between this week and last will be

the less than ideal conditions outdoors making it difficult for runners to run their fastest times.

"It probably won't happen," said Piane of Notre Dame's prospects for more NCAA qualifications this weekend.

Some of the top runners for the Irish will compete in events other than their usual events. Antonio Arce will compete in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. Marshaun West will race in the 400-meter run and Chris Cochran will run in the 100-meter dash.

"Most of us are running a lot of events, which is not conducive to top times. We're looking to work on our 4x100 (meter relay), especially the passes, maybe break the school record this weekend," Cochran said.

One potential NCAA qualifier this weekend could be Jennifer Engelhardt in the women's high jump, if the wind cooperates. Engel-

hardt won the high jump at Arizona State last weekend and is one of the top high jumpers in the country.

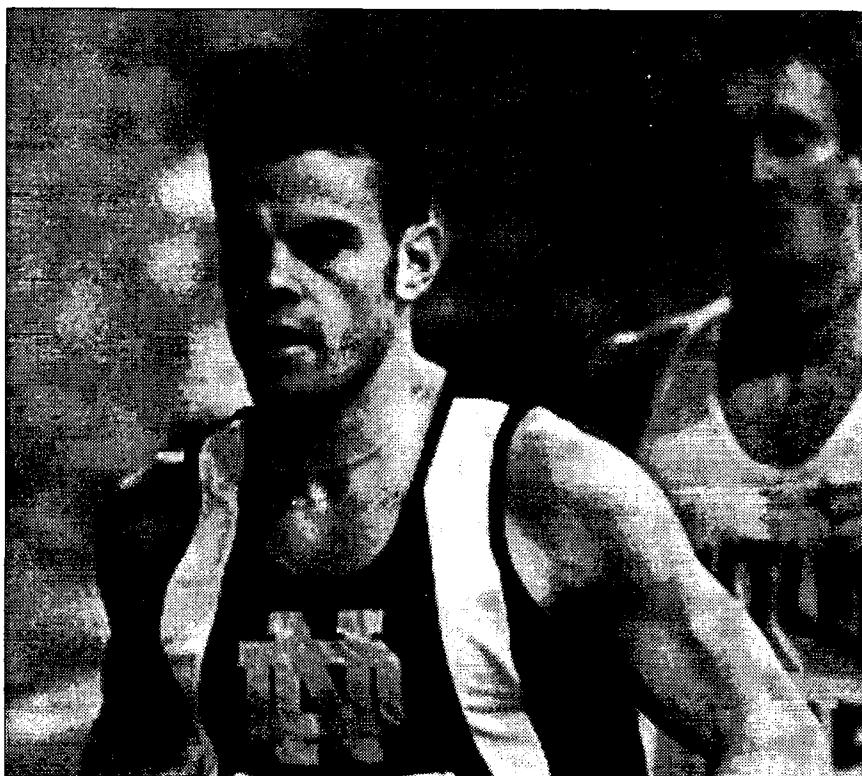
"I think it's really early, a transition from indoor," Engelhardt said. "It's definitely going to be cold ... that will take some getting used to, but everyone has to compete in it."

While it may appear that this weekend is almost a competitive practice, it is the only scoring meet before the Big East Championships (also a scoring meet).

The Irish home this meet will prepare them for that format.

"We want to prepare for the Big East where we run a lot of races over a few days," assistant coach John Millar said. "We want to have people run a race and come back and run another 45 minutes later."

Notre Dame, Butler, Miami (OH), and Western Michigan start it off Saturday at 10 a.m. at Moose Krause Stadium.



JOHN DAILY/The Observer
Ryan Shea and the Irish have their sights set on the NCAA championship. The Irish have already earned seven qualifying standards.

Nike ends contract with Brown

Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I.

Nike is terminating its contract to provide hockey equipment to Brown University, fearing the school might try to make it comply with guidelines of a group pushing for better working conditions in clothing factories.

Nike said it objects to being held to the code of conduct outlined by the Workers Rights Consortium, of which Brown was a founding member, because the company disagrees with the group's approach.

"The WRC is based on a 'gotcha' monitoring technique," Simon Pestrige, Nike's labor practices manager, said.

He said they go to factories and report on what they find, rather than work with factories to effect change.

He said the WRC's definition of a "living wage" is too vague.

"There is no way we can commit to a document that is not finished," Pestrige said.

Brown notified Nike in late January that it wanted to renegotiate its contract with the Beaverton, Ore., company, to require it to comply with Brown's code of conduct.

Brown's code is not unlike Nike's, Vada Manager, Nike's director of global issues management, said.

But because the school is a founding member of the WRC, Nike's lawyers said the school could try and impose the WRC's code on Nike, Manager said.

Brown was the first school involved with the WRC to ask for a renegotiation of its contract with Nike, Manager said.

Brown and Nike were in the middle of a three-year contract, in which Nike provided the men's and women's hockey

teams with skates, gloves, pads, and other goods under the Nike and Bauer labels. Nike has no other contracts with Brown, Manager said.

Brown spokesman Mark Nickel could not be reached for comment. Sports information director Christopher Humm declined comment.

"They market mainly to college-aged kids ... and if Nike pulled out from Brown they'd get a lot of criticism," Maria Roeper of the WRC said.

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SOFTBALL

Irish look to give Miller 300th win at Notre Dame



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The Irish, seen here during their split double-header with the Boilermakers of Purdue look to give head coach Liz Miller her 300th win today.

By RACHAEL PROTZMAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame softball looks to give head coach Liz Miller her 300th win with the Irish as they open conference play with a doubleheader against Connecticut today.

Miller, now in her eighth season at Notre Dame and currently 298-143 for the Irish, has led Notre Dame softball to a 23-8 record, the best in the program's 12-year history, with its next best year a 21-9 season in 1995.

"The three years I've played for her she's been very personable. She cares about stuff on and off the field," said junior Melanie Alkire. "She's a good motivator and she puts a lot of emotion into everything. She's good at making sure we're giving 110 percent all the time and doesn't accept anything less. She coaches every game for what it's worth."

The No. 21 Irish are coming off a 5-2 victory over Eastern Michigan on Wednesday.

Notre Dame's Jennifer Kriec tripled to right field before scoring on an infield single by Alkire to give the Irish

the lead in the third.

But the Eagles fought back in the fourth with two singles and a double to drive in two runs for the 2-1 lead.

Freshman Lisa Mattison kicked off the Irish half of the fourth with an RBI double while Alkire drove in two runs with a single. Sophomore Jarrah Myers singled to drive in the final Irish run. Pitcher Jennifer Sharron earned the win, upping upped her record to 12-3.

Notre Dame, chosen to finish first in the Big East preseason poll, hopes to grab its first two conference wins against Connecticut (15-9).

The Irish have a 10-5 all-time record against the Huskies, earning three wins last year, including a 4-1 victory in the conference tournament. But Connecticut's all-Big East first team shortstop Jessica Yanosy will look to put a stop to Notre Dame offense.

"She's not just out there for herself," Alkire said of Miller's possible 300th win. "She wants to win for us, because everyone else wants to win."

Notre Dame will begin doubleheader play at 4 p.m. today at Ivy Field against Connecticut.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Dasso ready to continue Irish winning streak

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

Michelle Dasso has never felt quite like this before.

For the first time in her prolific Notre Dame tennis career, this year's captain is confident that her squad is capable of battling the best and coming out on top.

"I'm really pretty excited

about this year," Dasso said. "I think we can match up with anyone in the country. It's definitely the best team I've been a part of."

Dasso's beliefs have only been verified in recent weeks as things keep going right for the Irish.

A recent streak of wins has catapulted Dasso's squad into the nation's elite, but she is confident the Irish can improve

upon their No. 14 ranking.

"We just need to take it one match at a time," she said. "With the way we're playing, I think we can really surprise some people."

The Irish added validity to their leader's beliefs in trouncing the University of Michigan Wolverines Wednesday.

Notre Dame won five of the six singles matches, led by Dasso's 6-1, 3-6, 6-2 triumph over

Michigan's Brooke Hart. Dasso, the No. 16 singles player in the country, could very well move up in the next rankings.

Kelly Zalinski, Nina Vaughan, Lindsey Green and Katie Cunha all scored impressive straight-sets victories, while sophomore Becky Varnum suffered the only defeat.

"Everyone contributed," Dasso said. "I think we all came out there with the right attitude and did a great job."

With the match already clinched heading into doubles play, the Irish continued to batter the already dazed Wolverines. Dasso and Varnum blasted Michigan's Szandra Fuzesi and Danielle Lund in No. 1 doubles, while the pairings of Green and Zalinski and Guy and Sarah Scaringe won at No. 2 and No. 3 doubles respectively.

"Kelly and Lindsey have been awesome," Dasso said. "They're just playing phenomenal tennis."

The doubles success was a welcome change for the Irish, who have struggled in pairs play recently.

Notre Dame will have little time to rest on its laurels, as it jumps right back into dual match play with a tough regional match against the Wisconsin Badgers.

The Badgers have struggled of late and are just 6-9 on the season. With the Top 20 Irish playing the No. 66 team in the country, one might anticipate a mismatch. But Dasso doesn't.

"We'll have to play our game," she said. "If we play the way we're capable of, we'll win, but we can't be overconfident."

The Badgers are not particularly strong in singles but do boast the potent doubles tandem of April Gabler and Lara Vaginov.

The Irish have won eight of the team's last 13 meetings, including the last three.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish face No. 10 Longhorn squad in tough road trip

By RACHEL BIBER
Sports Writer

Things just aren't getting easier for the Irish.

The 30th-ranked Notre Dame men's tennis team hits the road again this weekend to travel to Austin, Texas, to take on the 10th-ranked Texas Longhorns.

Last weekend, the Irish dropped two road matches, to 28th-ranked North Carolina and fifth-ranked Duke, and fell to 9-7 on the season.

"This will be the seventh straight Top-25 team we've played," Irish head coach Bob Bayliss said. "So certainly this is a stretch of matches that has challenged us, and we've been pretty close to a breakthrough ... so I think we're due to win one of these, and maybe this will be the one."

The match-up with the Longhorns marks the third time in the last five contests that the Irish have faced a Top-10 team. Texas has beaten Notre Dame in their last seven meetings, but its margin of victory has been slim. The Longhorns have won each of the last four games 4-3.

"In the last four years we have played Texas, we have lost 4-3 matches that have usually come right down to the wire," Bayliss said. "I am sure this year's match will be competitive. We're certainly ready to play another good team."

Texas heads into the weekend's competition on a recent tear highlighted by an eight match-winning streak and a perfect record in conference play.

With its recent 6-1 win over Oklahoma State, Texas picked up their 26th-straight win over a conference opponent, and improved to 14-2 in dual-match play.

"We are playing real well right now and need to continue to stay focused down the home stretch of our season," Texas head coach Dave Snyder said. "[The Oklahoma State win] was a good win for us and I'm very proud of our guys."

The Longhorns feature a squad with three of their players ranked in the Top 100 in the nation, producing a formidable singles lineup. Senior Michael Blue is ranked 25th, while senior Nick Crowell stands at 59th and sophomore Brandon Hawk is slated at 68th.

All-American and 13th-ranked Irish senior Ryan Sachire will continue his duties as usual at No. 1 singles against the Longhorns. Sachire leads the team in dual matches with an 11-4 record at No. 1 singles and has won 34 of his last 41 dual singles matches at the position.

Sachire improved to 24-9 on the year with his win at Duke, the only Irish victory of the contest. Along with amassing an impressive singles record, Sachire has demonstrated consistency in his aggressive style of play by posting a 7-0 record in three-set matches this year.

Sophomores Javier Taborga and Aaron Talarico continue their climb in the doubles rankings, rising to the No. 29 spot in the latest Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings. The duo stands at 15-6 on the year, while seven of their victories have come at the expense of ranked opponents.

Taborga and Talarico will most likely have Blue and Crowell who team together to give the Longhorns the nation's second-ranked doubles team.

Taborga and Talarico have suffered defeat to only one ranked opponent in the 2000 season, but their matchup against the second-ranked tandem in the country will give them a battle.

The Irish doubles team of Sachire and Trent Miller have also demonstrated solid doubles play in their recent matches, winning their last four matches at No. 2 doubles to improve their record to 11-8 overall and 10-5 in dual matches. The pair has reeled off nine wins in their last 12 matches and hope to support the Irish lineup with the same winning ways against Texas on Saturday.



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Senior Trent Miller and the No. 30 Irish dropped two matches last weekend on the road. The Irish are back in action Saturday when they travel to Texas to take on the No. 10 Longhorns.



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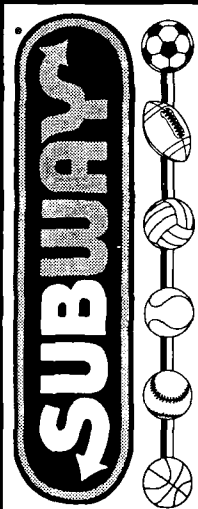
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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish plan to end three-game slide against Commodores

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's lacrosse team looks to avenge its third consecutive loss as it faces the Vanderbilt Commodores at home in Moose Krause Stadium Sunday.

The Irish are coming off a 9-7 defeat last weekend to the Johns Hopkins Blue Jays. The loss put Notre Dame at 3-3 on the season.

"The [loss] was disappointing because we played really well," midfielder Kelly McCardell said. "It was frustrating."

The Irish came out fast to build a 2-0 lead with McCardell scoring twice in the first seven minutes. Notre Dame held a 3-1 lead after freshman Danielle Shearer beat Blue Jays goalie Sara Love.

"I think to take control right from the start was cool," McCardell said. "It showed Hopkins that we were out there to win."

But the Blue Jays countered Notre Dame's strong offensive play with three straight goals of their own and took a 4-3 lead into halftime. But Notre Dame came back with two goals from co-captain Lael O'Shaughnessy, the second with 20 minutes to go. After two more tallies for Johns Hopkins brought the score to 7-5 in favor of the Blue Jays, O'Shaughnessy scored her third goal of the game.

"It was a close game that came down to a few shots," McCardell said. "We played a lot better than before. No one had a bad game."

As the game came down to the wire, the Irish again came within reach of tying the game when

sophomore midfielder Natalie Loftus converted a free position shot past Love, bringing the score to 8-7 with three minutes to go. But the Blue Jays finished the job when Erin Wellner scored on a rebound from Irish goalie Tara Durkin with 20 seconds to go.

"Against Ohio State it came down to a couple of seconds," McCardell said. "Against Johns Hopkins we had more time. It was tough. We played hard the whole game and tried to pull through but we didn't."

Durkin made 17 saves for the Irish. Johns Hopkins outshot Notre Dame 32-26. The Irish continued to lead their opponents in draw control, taking 13 of 18 faceoffs.

Notre Dame also turned over the ball 27 times, 11 more than Johns Hopkins. Irish co-captain Kathryn Perrella and sophomore defenseman Rachel Turk had assists against Johns Hopkins.

"Out on the field we work really well as a team," McCardell said.

The Irish laxers face No. 18 Vanderbilt on Sunday at home in Moose Krause Stadium. After losing their first three games, Vanderbilt now stands at 4-4 on the season.

The Irish have lost three straight to the Commodores, including a 18-9 defeat last year.

All four of Vanderbilt's losses this season have come on the road.

Team leader and tri-captain Sue Napolitano scored six goals in the Commodores' victory over Notre Dame in 1998. She has 24



LIZ LANG/The Observer

Midfielder Maura Doyle looks for an open teammate in Notre Dame's 18-6 win last season.

goals and six assists so far this season. Emily Lough, a junior and the returning starter in goal for the Commodores, has posted an 11.94 goals against average and a .461 save percentage, with six starts.

Shana Crabtree, Lough's back-up, started two games for Vanderbilt, compiling a 7.5 GAA and a .500 save percentage. Crabtree started for Vanderbilt in the 1998 game against Notre

Dame and played in goal against the Irish in 1999, splitting the duty for that game with Lough.

Cathy Swezey is in her third year as head coach for the Commodores. In 1999, the team finished seventh in the nation.

"We've been looking forward to this game because it is a home game and [Vanderbilt is] a ranked team," McCardell said. "This is a game we are really going to go after."

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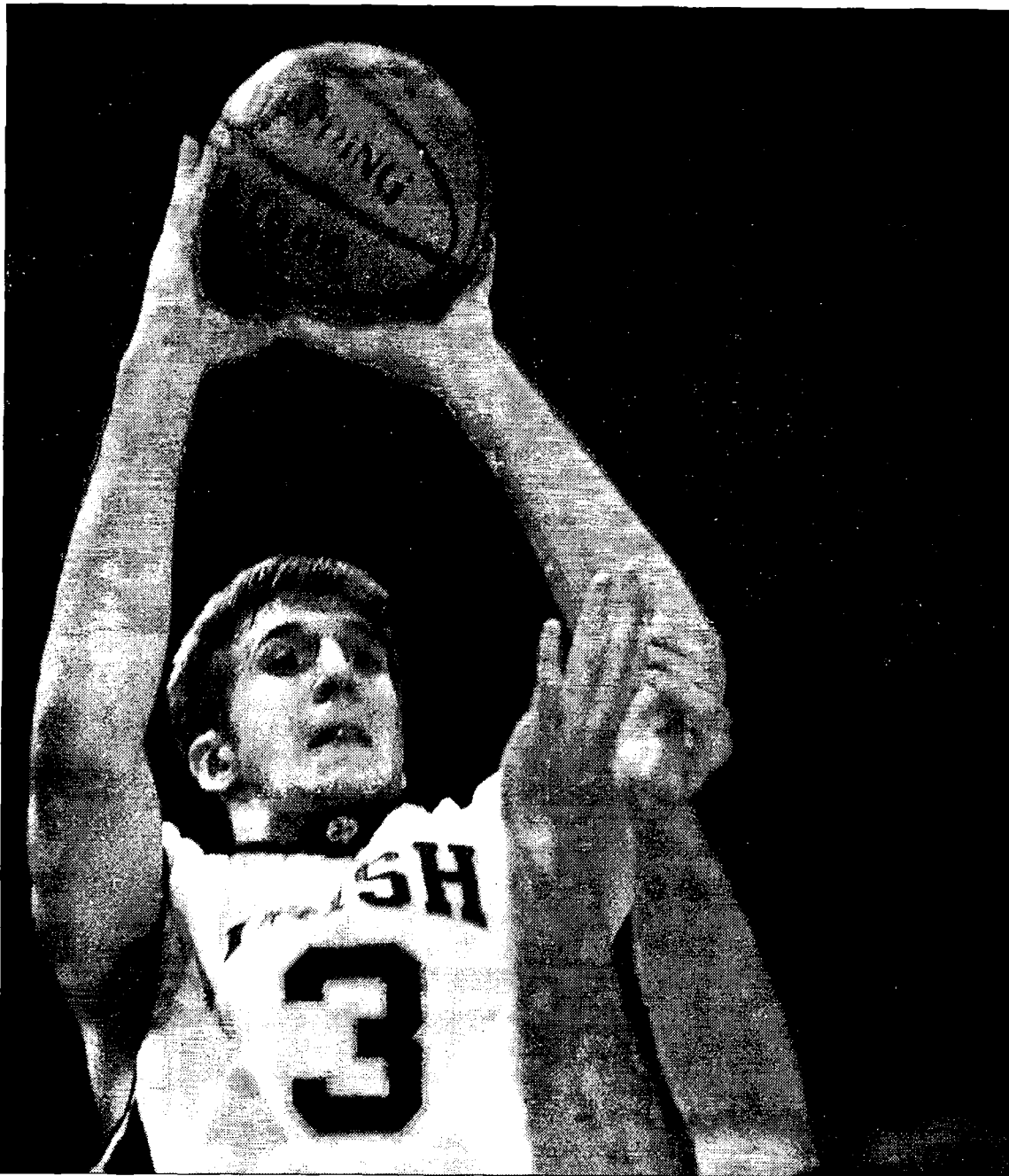
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All-American Troy Murphy shoots over a Wake Forest defender Thursday night at Madison Square Garden. Murphy and David Graves were named to the 2000 NIT All-Tournament team.

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half and stretched their lead to as many as 20 at the 12:35 mark.

Tournament MVP Robert O'Kelley caught fire and drained some clutch 3-pointers to give Wake Forest a comfortable lead.

"Credit O'Kelley. He's a competitive kid," Doherty said. "He's struggled shooting the ball and I was hoping he would struggle one more time, but obviously he did not. He really came alive in the second half and hit a couple shots that really hurt us."

Every time the Irish made a run, it seemed that the Deacons had an answer.

"It's pretty demoralizing when we played defense for 30 seconds and then they run off some dribble penetration and kick it out for a three; that's tough," Murphy said. "They hit some big threes. O'Kelley and [Craig] Dawson were feeling it. That's when it started to slip away for us."

The Irish, however, wouldn't go down without a fight, as they cut the lead to single digits with 2:49 to go. Notre Dame got within five with 27

seconds left, but poor execution down the stretch sealed its fate.

"It's tough to have turnovers down the stretch," Doherty said. "When you run some set plays and get a player open, you've got to deliver. You can't afford to make mistakes down the stretch and we made some crucial turnovers."

The Irish shot just 37 percent from the field and 28 per-

"You have to take your hat off to them. They played well defensively and shut down our offense, but we never quit. A couple shots here and there and it's a different ball game. But that's the way it goes."

David Graves
Irish guard

cent from beyond the arc. Murphy led the way with 20 points and six rebounds. Graves added 17 points and six boards.

Four Deacon players scored in double figures. O'Kelley who finished with a team-high 19 points

and Dawson came off the bench to contribute 13 points.

Notes:

♦ Sophomores Graves and Murphy were named to the 2000 NIT All-Tournament team.

♦ With five assists in the NIT championship game, senior point guard Jimmy Dillon tied the team's single season assists record. He now shares the record with Jack Meehan who dished out 214 in the 1970-71 season.

♦ The Irish are now 0-3 in the NIT title game.

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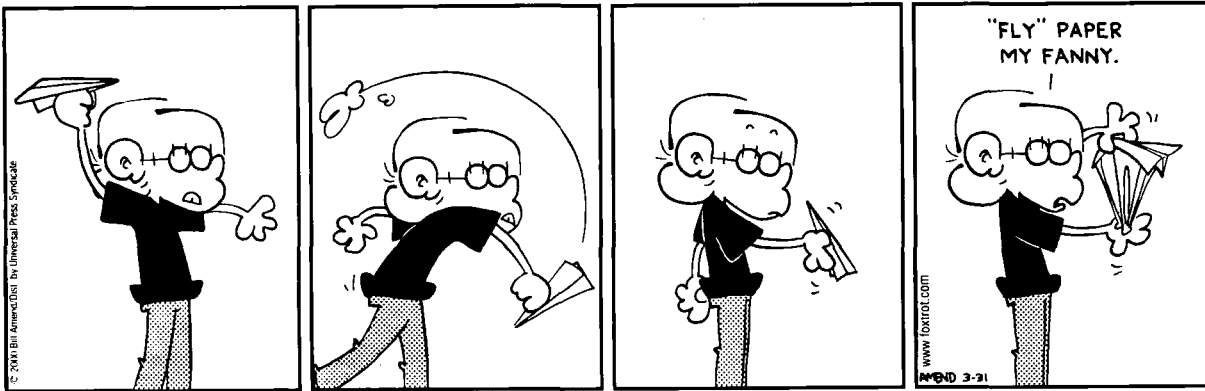
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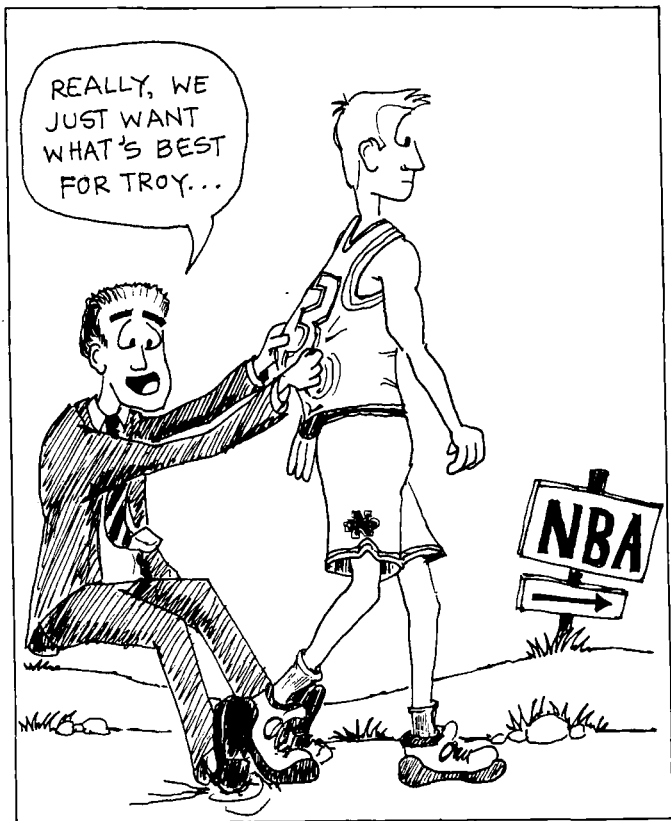
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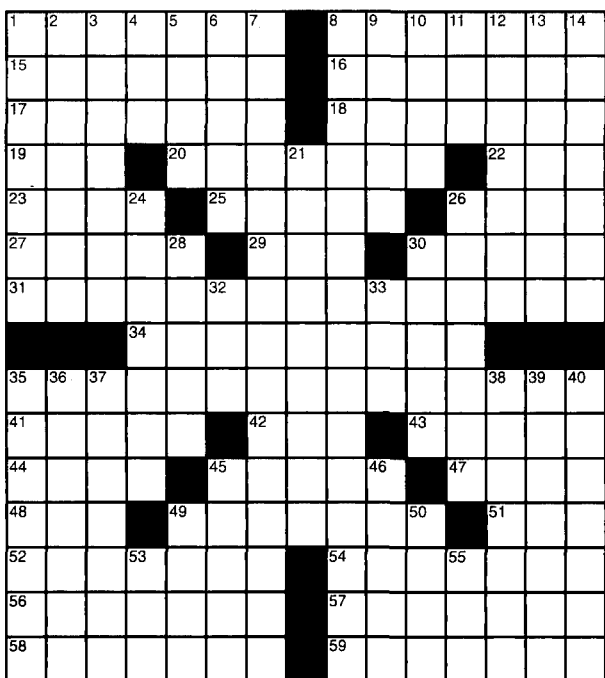
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CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 This is a recording
- 8 High degree
- 15 Nearing-completion comment
- 16 Loose nut?
- 17 16th-century Vatican frescoist
- 18 Cocked
- 19 "___ 'nuff!"
- 20 Tramp
- 22 Brits' expressions of gratitude
- 23 Air carrier
- 25 Discontinue, as a project
- 26 Monster's home
- 27 War story
- 29 Velvet finish?
- 30 Similar: Prefix
- 31 Arizona attraction
- 34 Switch
- 35 Convenes
- 41 German pronoun
- 42 Crock
- 43 One way to deal with sin
- 44 Hockey's Mikita
- 45 It might pass une loi
- 47 Lawyers: Abbr.
- 48 Old what's-___ name
- 49 Like some gems
- 51 Be flat?
- 52 Bleep
- DOWN**
- 1 Address for a British magistrate, with "Your"
- 2 Behind the eight ball
- 3 Store, as for safekeeping
- 4 Biblical verb ender
- 5 Hopper
- 6 Gray hair makers
- 7 Mystery figure
- 8 Basic
- 9 "It's ___ in the right direction"
- 10 Slash mark?
- 11 Exchange for 53-Down
- 12 Apotheosis
- 13 Ties the knot again?
- 14 Basket made with both hands
- 21 Like some peaches and plums
- 54 Hole in the head
- 56 Encounter
- 57 Regally attired
- 58 Make a mess in the kitchen
- 59 Prophetic figure

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- 24 With feet of clay?
- 26 Musical Lynn
- 28 Of greater concern
- 30 8th-century B.C. prophet
- 32 ___ East
- 33 Aviation concern
- 35 Wildcatter's dream
- 36 Chipped in
- 37 Bygone queen
- 38 Aid in a crisis
- 39 Leads on
- 40 Tries to improve, as a lawn
- 45 Brown
- 46 ___-verte (grayish green)
- 49 Rite receptacle
- 50 Kind of store
- 53 See 11-Down
- 55 Cone bearer

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Work diligently at making changes that will ensure a more harmonious environment for you. Don't vacillate when it comes to taking care of matters concerning government agencies. ○○○○

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Get out and mingle even if you don't feel that sociable. You can learn an amazing amount if you listen to those with experience. Valuable friendships will make it worthwhile. ○○

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Draw the line if your partner tries to hold you back professionally. You may have to travel, but the bottom line is that you're doing it for both of you. Demand emotional support. ○○○○

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Travel will prove to be auspicious. You should be able to mix business with pleasure. Cultural knowledge will bring you innovative ideas that you can implement into your presentation. ○○○

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take care of pending medical problems. Chances are good that everything will check out just fine. The main

Birthday Baby: You can see well into the future. You are aware of what is required in order to make things happen. You do not fear hard work and are always willing to help others when asked. You will recognize your ambitions and put them into play.

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concern will be to eliminate the worry of not knowing. ○○○

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make special plans that will be sure to enhance your personal relationship. A romantic offer from someone at work has been on your mind. Don't think that your mate is not aware. ○○○

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Socializing with co-workers will lead to a better working environment. Someone you do business with will find his or her way into your heart. Rumors may be detrimental if you aren't discreet. ○○○○○

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Self-improvement projects will be highly successful if started today, so start that new diet or proceed with the alterations you've been contemplating. ○○


SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You can make prosperous real estate deals if you put your plans in action today. Don't hesitate to put money into upgrading your house in order to get a higher price. ○○○○

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): New love connections can be made through the company you keep. The relationship will move rather rapidly, so hold onto your hat and approach the situation with courage. ○○○

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can make the best moves if you expand your business or your knowledge. Interviews leading to new career directions will be highly successful. ○○○

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Organize your schedule carefully. Make sure you allow ample time to attend fitness classes. Social events will lead to love and romance if you are receptive to someone's advances. ○○○

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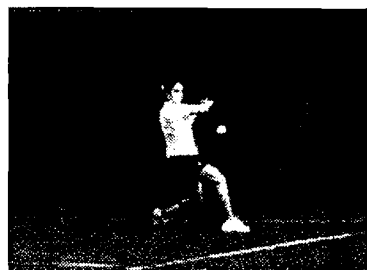
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Making a racket

The No. 14 Notre Dame women's tennis looks to prove its strength when it takes on Wisconsin Sunday.
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Friday, March 31, 2000

NIT

Notre Dame's storied season ends with NIT loss

By BRIAN KESSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

NEW YORK

The third time was not a charm for Notre Dame Thursday night, as the Irish failed to win their first-ever NIT championship for the third time in school history.

Notre Dame (22-15), who was the runner-up in 1973 and 1992, dropped a 71-61 contest to Wake Forest (22-14) in the NIT title game in front of 12,351 fans at Madison Square Garden.

"You have to take your hat off to them," sophomore David Graves said. "They played well defensively and shut down our offense, but we never quit. A couple shots here and there and it's a different ball game. But that's the way it goes."

It didn't go Notre Dame's way in the first half. Wake Forest outscored the Irish 25-6 over an 11-minute span to take a 17-point lead with less than two minutes to go.

"You've got to score to win and you gain momentum by making plays and scoring baskets," Irish sophomore All-American Troy Murphy said. "If you can't score for a long time, you kill your momentum. Credit their defense. They were tough and hit some shots. Can't have stretches where you don't score against good teams. We tried to do that tonight and came up short."

The Irish turned the ball over 13 times in the first 16 minutes and the Deamon Deacons were able to capitalize on those miscues, converting the 13 turnovers into 23 points.

A technical foul on Irish head coach Matt Doherty with 1:59 left in the first half, however, served as a wake up call for Notre Dame.

The Irish reeled off eight straight points to close the half and cut the Deacon lead to nine.

"Coach is our team leader and our emotional leader," Murphy said. "I think he got us going. He got us on a run when we weren't playing with a lot of emotion. With Coach doing that he really got us fired up and back into the game before halftime."

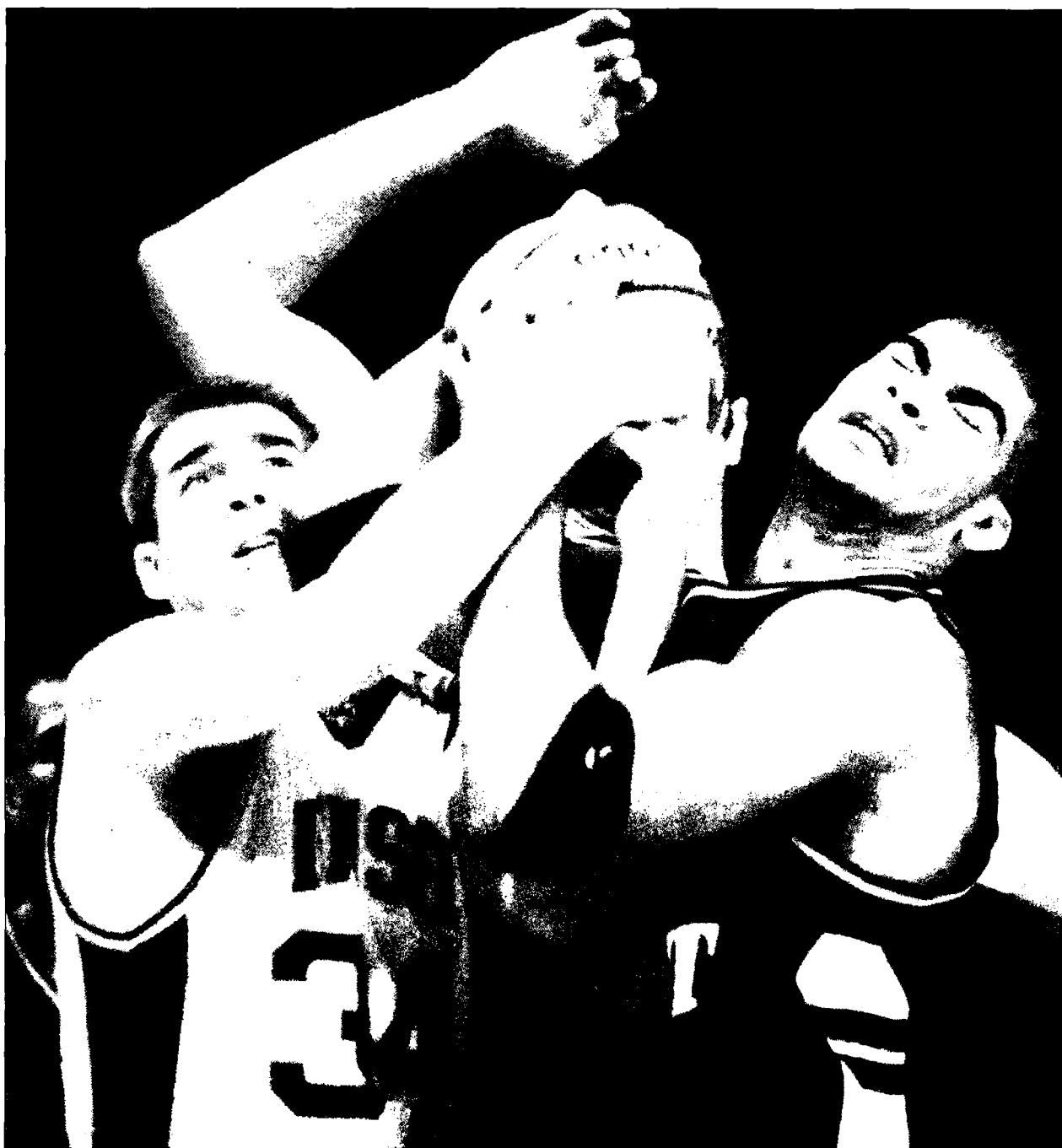
The Deacons, however, struck back in the second

NIT Championship

Wake Forest 71
Notre Dame 61

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Irish sophomore David Graves takes an elbow to the face as he wrestles for the ball in Thursday's NIT championship game. Graves had 17 points and six rebounds for the Irish.

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Irish have special place in hearts of Notre Dame fans

NEW YORK

Throughout the 1990s, excitement for Notre Dame basketball lay dormant, the frantic crowds and 20+ win seasons of yesteryear a long-gone memory.

This year's Irish squad revived the old thrills. They pulled in rowdy sell-out crowds at the



Kathleen O'Brien

Associate Sports Editor

Joyce Center. The young team battled its way to a 22-win season. It upset five ranked opponents with a confidence uncharacteristic among inexperienced players.

Most importantly, they stole the hearts of the Notre Dame community and of their first-year head coach Matt Doherty.

"I told them, I said they'll have a special place in my heart," Doherty said after Thursday's loss to Wake Forest. "You don't ever want to say one team's going to be more special than another. It's like saying one child's more special than another and that's not fair. But it's going to be tough for some team to steal my heart like this team

did."

The 1999-2000 Irish basketball team captured the adoration of the community with its upstart attitude, a belief that it could beat any team in the nation on any given day. And they sometimes did, knocking off two defending Final Four teams during the first two months of their season in Ohio State and Connecticut.

Little was expected of the Irish this year, as seven of their top nine players were freshman or sophomores. That kind of note would have convinced a less-determined team or a less-confident coach to focus on improving for next season, when the players would be better schooled in the

ways of college basketball.

Not this team. Not Coach Doherty.

Doherty set five goals at the season's start, goals he stuck with throughout the season. His goals were to improve every day, to win the next game, to win the Big East regular season, to win the Big East tournament and to win the national championship.

"I have expectations of winning every game and winning the national championship, and that may sound ridiculous, but those are my expectations," Doherty said. "Then you realize you're not in a perfect world. Did this team live up to my expectations? They surpassed them. They worked their tails off. They trust-

ed me and believed in me and my staff from day one, and they responded whenever we challenged them and came up with some huge wins."

Maybe Doherty's dream of a national championship was out of reach, but the Irish twice defeated the defending national champion Huskies. Perhaps Notre Dame couldn't win a Big East championship, but it played to the buzzer against co-champions Syracuse and Miami. The Irish might not have pulled off their revised goal of bringing home an NIT banner, but they didn't throw in the towel after being down 20.

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