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Notre Dame's theater department performs the Greek drama "For the Love of the Nightingale" this weekend at Washington Hall.
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Nuns struggle with challenges of age

♦ **As the median age for Holy Cross sisters rises, so do their responsibilities**

By NELLIE WILLIAMS
 News Writer

Technology has increased longevity, but not age awareness, according to a recent study by JoAnn Meyer Burke, assistant professor of social work and anthropology at Saint Mary's College.

Burke recently conducted a study on how the role of Catholic nuns is expanding to include family caregivers. She researched some of the difficulties sisters face and how they deal with them while living in a community of other rapidly aging nuns. The rising number of aging sisters with older families is an issue across the nation.

Burke said that the new generation of young adults today can learn a great deal about caregiving from the older sisters.

"We have a large number of retired sisters," she said. "It poses, at least as I think about it, an interesting position for both older sisters and young women on campus to learn about how we're going to live longer."

The median age for sisters is more than 65 — much older than it was 30 years ago. Very few sisters are younger than 50 and the average age of caregivers is 41 to 77. Burke interviewed 46 Catholic sisters from 11 non-cloistered religious institutes for her research.

Burke came up with three major conclusions of why sisters might struggle with caregiving. Her first was "the dom-



Sister Margie Jones holds a picture of her late mother, who came to live with her in a South Bend apartment. Jones was able to continue her ministry as a cataloguer in the Saint Mary's College library despite her mother's move-in.

NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

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ND grad receives Pulitzer

By KIFLIN TURNER
 News Writer

1994 Notre Dame alumnus George Dohrmann was honored Monday with the Pulitzer Prize for his beat reporting and investigation of academic fraud within the University of Minnesota's basketball team.



Dohrmann

Dohrmann broke the story in the St. Paul Pioneer Press before the team was to participate in the 1999 men's NCAA basketball tournament.

As a result of his reporting, many university officials lost their jobs.

"I have a hard time feeling sympathy for a player who cheats, or feeling sympathy for a coach who cheats, or an administrator who covers up, or condones, or facilitates this," Dohrmann said.

Dohrmann began reporting on the case in March 1999.

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Faculty Assembly to review study days proposal next fall



CHRISTINE KAAI/The Observer

Former Saint Mary's student body vice president Angie Little discussed the Faculty Assembly's response to a study days proposal introduced in 1998.

By COLLEEN McCARTHY
 Associate News Editor

A proposal to implement study days at Saint Mary's will not be reviewed by the Faculty Assembly until the fall, when the 2000-2001 school year begins, said Angie Little, former Saint Mary's student body vice president.

Little updated the Saint Mary's Board of Governance on the progress of the proposal at Tuesday's meeting. It was first suggested in 1998, during Nancy Midden's vice-presidential term. Since then, Midden and Little worked with the rough draft to transform it into a more solid proposal.

After cobbling together the proposal, the pair sent it to the Committee on Student Affairs, which sent it to the Faculty Assembly.

"We've taken the proposal to the Faculty Assembly and they have a meeting on April 19," Little said. "However, professor

[Mary Ann] Merryman, who is leading the Faculty Assembly this year, said they are debating an issue that will dominate their discussion and so they will not be able to discuss the study day proposal.

Merryman said the proposal will be placed on the Faculty Assembly's docket for its first meeting in the fall, according to Little. Little also encouraged BOG to continue working on its implementation.

"There has been a lot of hard work put into this proposal," she said. "The ball is rolling and the administration is excited about it. After the Faculty Assembly looks at the proposal, it would go on to the committee on academic standards and finally the committee

of academic affairs, chaired by [College president] Dr. Eldred and Dr. Ristau, [vice president and dean of faculty].

"Now the proposal is in your hands and I encourage you to continue to push for it."

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Angie Little
 former student body
 vice president

In other BOG news:

♦ Residence Hall Association elections will be held Thursday in the Noble Family Dining Hall from 7:30-9:30 a.m., 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4:30-6:30 p.m.

♦ Student Activities Board is sponsoring "Who Wants to Win \$100" in the LeMans Hall lobby today at 7 p.m.

♦ The "Take Back the Night" march will be today beginning at 6:45 p.m. outside LeMans Hall.

♦ SMC Tostal will be held on April 27.

INSIDE COLUMN

Little lessons lead to luck o' Irish

As Luck Would Have It. I have realized over time that a certain law applies to me; some call it Murphy's law and some call it fate. Whatever it is, it has tripped me up on countless occasions.

Being Irish and a Notre Dame student, I must admit that I have many things to be grateful for, and I have been on the receiving end of "the luck of the Irish" many times.

Lila Haughey

Viewpoint Editor

However, there are some occasions when I haven't had much good luck. These are the times I learned some crucial lessons.

Always accept the first date to the prom or a dance because as luck would have it, the prospects may only get worse. Just believe me on this one. I didn't have a prom date until three days before. I got picky, but it did end up working out okay, it just caused me a lot of undue stress.

The one time you decide to pull the wool over your parent's eyes and sneak out late at night, always make sure the dog is outside. Otherwise, the dog will think you are an intruder and bark loudly. There is nothing worse than having your mom appear on the front lawn in her nightgown and slippers peering into the dark at you as you are about to make your getaway. It is also a little embarrassing to call your friends and tell them you aren't coming because, um, you got caught.

Always hang up the phone when it takes two "hellos" for the automated response to kick in and someone on the other end to slaughter your name. Trust me, it's a credit card company and if you don't have their card they are going to convince you that you need it. If you do have their card, they'll convince you to sign up for information on their latest promotion and charge you \$50 when you finally give in. Never give in!

If you get discounted airline tickets always expect to have a delayed or cancelled flight. There are no free rides. If you fly during the holidays expect to be stuck in an airport for a day. It happens; most of us have been there ... winter break of last year.

Always tell your parents what you want for Christmas at least by Thanksgiving; if you don't, you might get nine books under the tree. Believe me, it is easy to be excited after unwrapping two or three books, but when it gets to four or five, it gets really tough.

Never stand in a bathtub that has just been scrubbed with Ajax. It is slippery! As luck would have it, you'll slip and break or twist something. It shouldn't have to be a \$13,000 lesson; save the money and learn it now.

Most importantly, always follow your gut response in any situation. Most likely, it is right. If it isn't right, most likely you won't have lost as much as you could have and are safer in the long run.

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
◆ Art: Exhibit of pastels by Gerrie Govert 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 18 Artists Gallery, Chesterton.	◆ Art: "Stamps of Recognition," Carnegie Center Council for the Arts and W.R. Monroe Museum, Three Rivers.	◆ Theater: The Wiz: 8 p.m., Mendel Center Mainstage, Lake Michigan College, Benton Harbor.	◆ Art: "Out of the Woods: Turned Wood by American Craftsmen" and "Tim Barrons: Computer Graphics," 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph.
◆ Art: "Amish Quilts," 10 a.m.-5 p.m, Northern Indiana Center for History, South Bend.		◆ Event: "A Life in Art," by Margaret Iannelli, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., New Moon Gallery, Benton Harbor.	

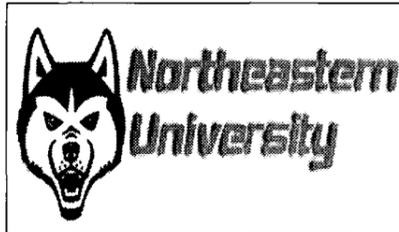
OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Gorbachev debates Cold War at Northeastern

BOSTON

Disintegrating relations between the United States and Russia are the results of lingering effects from the Cold War and U.S. response to the wars in Chechnya, former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev said Friday at Northeastern University.



Gorbachev spoke with members of the academic, business and foreign policy communities on finding ways to ease the shaky relationship between the United States and Russia.

"My impression is there is a sense of a need to rethink the relationship with Russia," Gorbachev told the forum, which included former U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense John Deutch.

"It's a serious topic," Gorbachev said. "It's not propaganda. It's something very substantial ... It's very important that we're discussing this now because Russia is having elec-

tions and because America is in the swing of elections."

Gorbachev suggested that the United States and Russia — two nations he described as "asymmetrical" — need to prioritize in order to repair their tattered relationship. Although he offered suggestions, Gorbachev said he could not be sure of what led to the disintegration of relations between the nations.

"Russia must need to solve all

[domestic] problems," he said. "But with [assistance from] the West ... The most important thing is for the countries to work together. Harmony is needed."

Conference participants said the wars in Chechnya were likely contributors to existing tensions between the two countries.

According to Gorbachev, the United States was silent during the first war with Chechnya, but has since done an about-face regarding Russia's involvement in the war.

"[Former President Boris] Yeltsin wanted prestige, and promised a glorious war," Gorbachev said. "Of course, we all know how it ended ... What about the West? The West was quiet because Boris was friend. The language [during the first war] was that this is Russia's problem. When did we cross the line?"

U. of Memphis president cleared

PULLMAN, Wash.

The University of Memphis student newspaper falsely accused Washington State University President-elect V. Lane Rawlins of misappropriating \$1 million. The Daily Helmsman published an article alleging Rawlins and another UM administrator "lost" a \$1 million gift from a private donor. "We pieced the story together from (Faculty Senate) documents and we went with it," said the Daily Helmsman Editor-in-Chief Chuck Holliday. The article ran March 28 and the Helmsman ran a correction March 30. According to the article, Prashant Palvia, a UM business professor, filed a grievance with the UM Faculty Senate because he believed \$1 million from a private donor, Ben Bryant, president and CEO of SCB Computer Technology Inc., was misappropriated by Rawlins and Interim Vice Provost Donna Randall. "We didn't have a complete story because the administration wouldn't talk to us," Holliday said. "We stand by the story with the exception of the headline and the first paragraph." The headline and first paragraph alleged Rawlins and Randall were responsible for the loss of the donation.

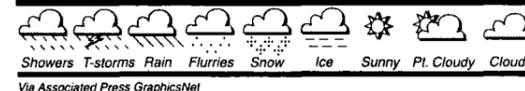
Georgetown students protests IMF

WASHINGTON

Tens of thousands of protesters plan to converge on the capital this weekend to campaign against the World Bank and International Monetary Fund, among them Georgetown Solidarity Committee-led students. The Mobilization for Global Justice's aim is to disrupt meetings of the World Bank and IMF with rallies and blockades. "We really want to participate in this act of global solidarity," said Vanessa Waldref, president of GSC. The rally anticipated this weekend hopes to encourage both the IMF and World Bank to reduce the debts owed to them by 41 heavily indebted poor countries. These countries borrowed millions of dollars in the early 1970s and are now unable to repay their creditors. To try to persuade the international organizations, located near the White House, thousands of protesters will descend on the area. Many of the demonstrators are expected to be those who participated in the Nov. 30 Seattle protests against the World Trade Organization which resulted in riots that included tear gas and looting. The Seattle protests drew 30,000 people, 500 of whom were arrested.

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ND Latino Institute presents documentary

Special to The Observer

"The Forgotten Americans," a one-hour documentary film about the "colonia" children of Texas, will be shown at 4 p.m. Thursday in 141 DeBartolo at Notre Dame.

Presented by Notre Dame's Institute for Latino Studies, the free public screening will be followed by a discussion with Jaime Chahin, associate professor and dean of applied arts at Southwest Texas State University and director of the Las Colonias Project that produced the documentary.

"Colonia" is a Spanish term for neighborhood or community, and in Texas it refers specifically to unincorporated settlements that often lack basic water and sewer systems, paved roads and safe

and sanitary housing.

"The Forgotten Americans" was produced to create public awareness and to educate and inform communities and public policymakers about the living conditions of children and families residing in the colonias along the U.S.-Mexican border.

Directed by award-winning documentarian Hector Galan, the film is narrated by Henry Cisneros, former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, former mayor of San Antonio, and now president and chief operating officer of Univision Communications, Inc.

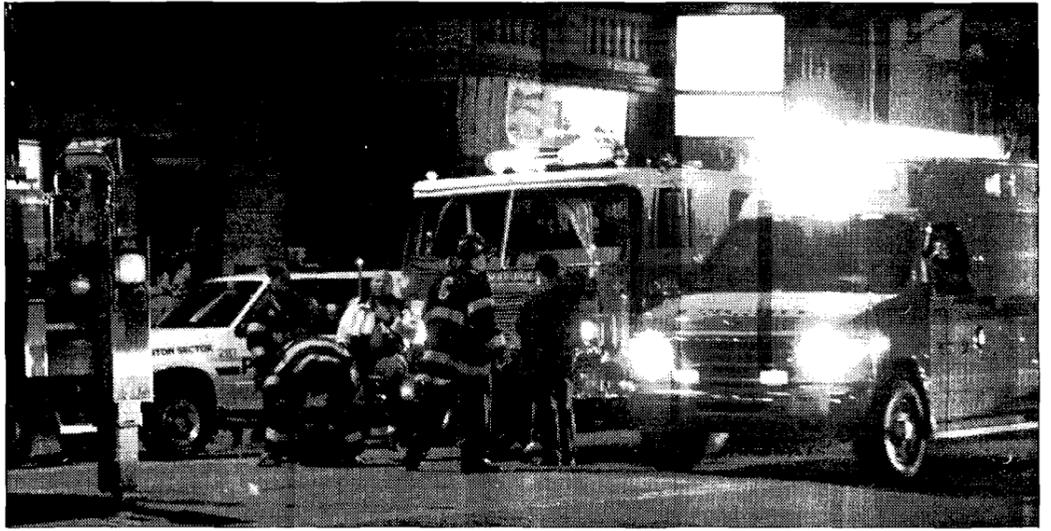
Notre Dame is one of nine sites on the film's world premiere tour, which began March 17 at the Smithsonian Institute.

CORRECTION

In the Scene section of Monday's Observer it was erroneously reported that Saint Mary's alumnae Adriana Trigiani will hold a book signing and discussion at the Haggar

College Center. Trigiani's session will take place at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore on Saturday, April 15 at 2 p.m. A reception will follow at 4 p.m. at the Haggar College Center

MIT dorm fire hospitalizes 1



MICHELLE POVINELLI/The Tech

Firefighters combat a blaze that struck the fourth floor of an MIT dormitory Monday night. One student was seriously injured in the fire and seven MIT patrolmen suffered from smoke inhalation.

Compiled from wire services

A 19-year-old sophomore student remains in critical condition with burns over 65 percent of her body as a result of Monday night's dorm fire at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Police have been unable to determine the cause of the fire, but they said that the fire started outside of the sophomore student's single-occupancy room on the fourth floor of Random House dormitory in Cambridge.

MIT spokesman Ken Campbell told Boston Globe

reporters that authorities were investigating whether the woman's injuries were self-inflicted.

The fire occurred around 9:15 p.m. and the student was brought to Massachusetts General Hospital shortly after the MIT patrolmen arrived and found the student engulfed in flames.

"They were trying to save her, as I understand it," said Campbell.

Cambridge Deputy Fire Chief Thomas Stack said there were floor burns in "the center of the room, but I didn't see or smell anything out of the ordinary — books, a stereo, computer ...

[just] normal student-type things."

Seven MIT patrolmen were temporarily hospitalized for smoke inhalation

The dorm's 93 undergraduate students, three graduate students, and housemasters were forced to evacuate for many hours and all but the fourth floor residents were permitted to return once firefighters extinguished the flames. Students on the fourth floor returned to their rooms at 2 a.m.

Residents of the dorm said that they did not know the cause of the fire, but that they heard the smoke alarms.

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ND Food Services honored

Special to The Observer

Two Notre Dame Food Services apprentices were members of a five-person team that won first place in an Indiana culinary competition sponsored by the South Bend Chefs and Cooks Association. The team went on to finish second in the Midwestern regionals of the event.

Sanctioned by the American Culinary Federation, the competition was based on cooking skills and the timed preparation of a four-course meal.

Laura Strunk, third-year apprentice in Notre Dame Food Services, and April Lower, a first-year apprentice advanced with the South Bend Culinary Apprentice team to a regional competition March 31 in Kansas City, Mo., where they represented Indiana against teams from other Midwestern states.

The teams were assessed in three areas: skill, cooking and taste. Despite losing to Laura Pierce of Schuler's Restaurant in Stevensville, Mich., to a finger cut, the South Bend team won the silver medal.

Other team members included Jeffrey Hoff of Saint Mary's College and Matthew Evans of the Morris Park Country Club. The team was managed by Donald Miller, executive chef of the Morris Inn at Notre Dame.

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Pulitzer

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after three months of interviews and research. His initial lead was Jan Gangelhoff, a former office manager from the university. Dohrmann said that when he first met her, he noted her close relationship to the players and how much she knew about them.

"Each time we would talk, she would drop little things," he said.

Conversations went on for nearly three months before Gangelhoff finally admitted that she was fraudulently helping some of the men's basketball players, including writing papers and completing the take-home exams.

Dohrmann said that he was frustrated during his quest to uncover the truth.

"There were times you just felt like pulling your hair out, because you knew what was there, but you just couldn't get to the bottom of it," he said.

The reporter said he was surprised to receive the prestigious award.

"It is just totally surreal — as a sports writer, you just never ever imagine," he said. Dohrmann finished second two times for the Associated Press Sports Editor's Award.

Winning the Pulitzer, Dohrmann said, has changed his scope of himself and his work.

"As a sports writer, you don't really ever think about the Pulitzer," he said.

Dohrmann, who majored in American Studies at Notre Dame cites his experience at The Observer as sports editor in 1993 and 1994 as the most important part of his college career.

"Working on The Observer was my life," Dohrmann said.

Dohrmann said that his many hours spent at the office were the most influential of his life.

"I didn't go to class — and my parents were great — they were like, 'stay off probation,'" he said. "My education at Notre Dame, with the exception of a few classes, was literally The Observer."

Dohrmann did not have an easy time breaking into newspapers. He applied for nearly 70 internships for the summer of his junior year and was rejected from each one, including one that was in his hometown in Stockton, Calif, he said.

He then went to the San Diego Union-Tribune and begged their sports writer to create a sports internship position for the summer, under the pretense that he would earn college credit.

"I never got college credits, I never checked with anyone, I

just told them that I would get college credit — so I worked there for free for summer," he said.

In Dohrmann's senior year at Notre Dame, he interned at the South Bend Tribune and Notre Dame Magazine.

After graduation, Dohrmann interned for the L.A. Times, answering phones, making copies and running photos for two years.

Dohrmann finally got a break with the L.A. Times when he started doing sports investigative work.

"The only way to get in the paper was to do investigative stories," Dohrmann said.

In August 1997, he got a sportswriting job in August 1997 for the St. Paul Pioneer Press, where he still works.

He plans to continue his work as a sports writer.

"This is what I like to do — I like to do sports projects, sports investigation, enterprise, and I really enjoy it, wherever I go — this is what I like to do right now," he said. "It's kind of like a niche and I figured out that it was good for me," said Dohrmann.

Three other Notre Dame alumni have won Pulitzer Prizes. Playwright John Patrick for drama in 1954, Edwin O'Connor for fiction in 1962 and sports columnist Red Smith in 1976.

Notre Dame alumni Pulitzer Price recipients

- John Patrick
Drama - 1954
- Edwin O'Connor
Fiction - 1962
- Red Smith
Sports Column - 1976
- George Dohrman
Beat Reporting - 2000

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"I didn't go to class — and my parents were great — they were like 'stay off probation'."

**George Dohrmann
Pulitzer Prize winner**

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Children die in unmonitored minefield

SARAJEVO

Helpless to save her, NATO peacekeepers and townspeople watched from the edge of a minefield as a dying 11-year-old girl waved and pleaded for hours to be rescued. Ema Alic and two other youngsters died Monday after venturing into the minefield on the outskirts of the capital, the latest casualties of the Bosnian war that ended five years ago. The presence of the minefield was well-known, and signs warned of danger, residents said. Still, the field was not taped off. Dozens of people are killed and injured every month in explosions of some of the millions of land mines strewn across Bosnia. Minefields render large areas along the former front line unusable. Residents gathered around the minefield after the explosion Monday, followed by Italian members of the NATO-led peacekeeping force, but they could only watch the tragedy a few hundred yards away.

U.S. military retaliates to Iraqi forces

ISTANBUL

Responding to enemy fire, U.S. warplanes bombed Iraq's air defense system on Tuesday in the northern no-fly zone, a U.S. military statement said. Iraqi forces fired anti-aircraft artillery on coalition planes patrolling the zone from a site west of Bashiqa, about 250 miles north of Baghdad, according to a statement from the Germany-based U.S. European Command. All allied planes left the area safely, it added. U.S. and British planes have been patrolling no-fly zones in north and south Iraq, set up in the aftermath of the 1991 Persian Gulf War to protect Kurdish and Shiite populations from the forces of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. Iraq, which says the zones violate its territorial integrity, has challenged allied planes in the areas since December of 1998.

Judge sentences Crips gang members to death

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.

Two men convicted of the gang initiation murders of two women whom they selected randomly for execution on Tuesday were condemned to die. Francisco "Paco" Tirado, 19, and Eric Queen, 21, were given the death sentences by Judge William Gore Jr. Neither Tirado nor Queen displayed any emotion when the sentences were read. They were convicted last week of first-degree murder, kidnapping and attempted murder. The first of nine co-defendants to be tried in the case, Tirado and Queen randomly abducted and killed Tracy Lambert, 19, and Susan Moore, 25, in Linden on Aug. 17, 1998, as part of an initiation into the Crips gang. The killings were carried out with bullets painted the Crips' signature blue. A third woman, Debra Cheeseborough, 42, was shot seven times, but survived and testified against Tirado and Queen.

ETHIOPIA

Food shortages plague millions

Associated Press

ADDIS ABABA

The food shortage threatening the lives of millions in Ethiopia is an economic problem that will persist until structural changes are made, a World Bank official said Tuesday.

Nigel Roberts, the bank's director in Ethiopia, said that while the need for food assistance has increased significantly this year because of prolonged drought, the problems creating a potential humanitarian disaster will not disappear even if the rains come.

The Ethiopian government has appealed for 922,000 tons of food aid to assist some 7.7 million threatened with starvation.

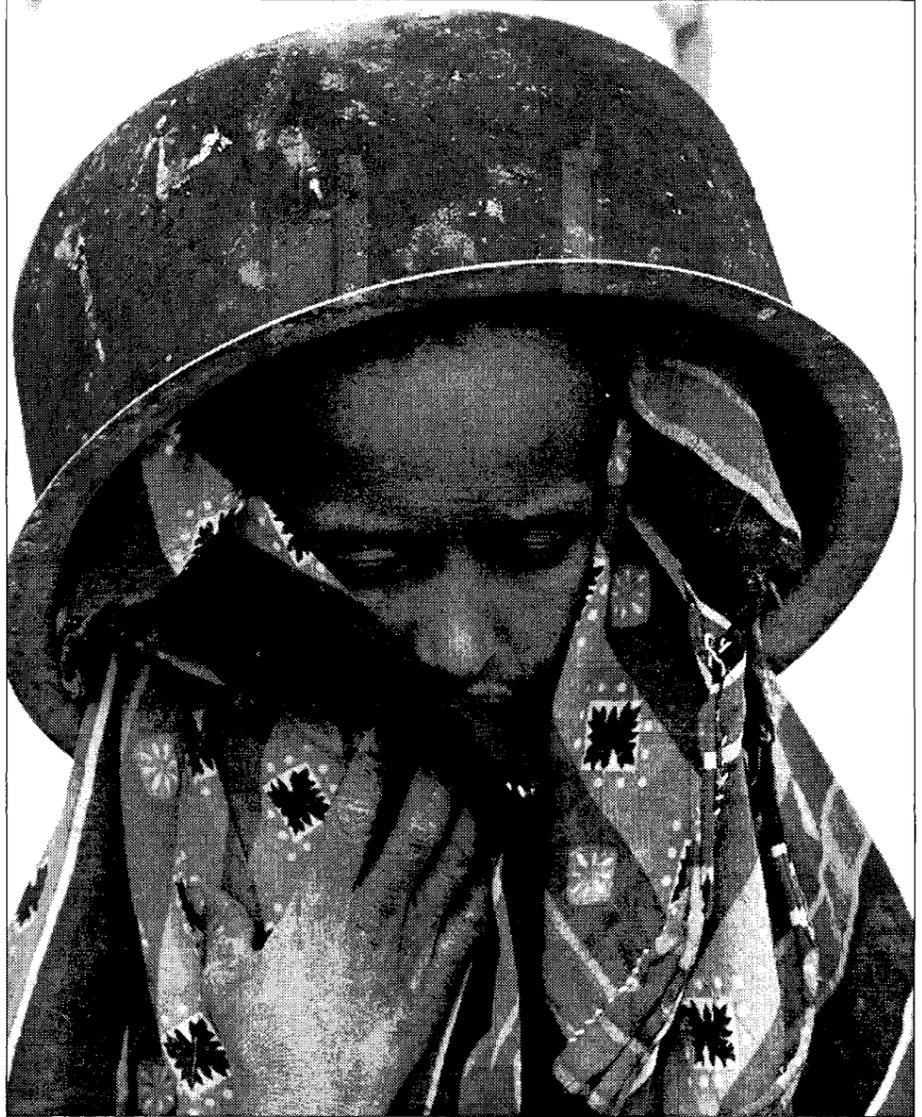
"(The food shortage) is a symptom of the overall level of poverty in the country," Roberts told reporters. "When this emergency is over, the underlying structural problems will remain. It will take substantial commitment by the government and the donor community. It's important to understand that Ethiopia has persistent food crises."

Roberts said it was necessary to transform what is basically an agrarian economy by promoting development in urban areas and increasing the purchasing power of those living in drought-affected areas.

He said the government of Prime Minister Meles Zenawi was more committed to development than previous administrations, but he also said there was a lot more it could do.

He added that Ethiopia's 23-month border war with neighboring Eritrea was having a tremendous impact on government resources.

"Any war of this size consumes a sizable proportion of national resources," he told The Associated Press after the conference. "Ethiopia has had very little success sustaining the (development) process for any number of years



AFP Photo

The Ethiopian government appeals for funds and donations that will assist over 7.7 million threatened with starvation. Ethiopian resources remain depleted due to the 23-month border war with neighboring Eritrea.

because of serious shocks to the economy.

"This year, they have had (the impact) of the war, lack of rain and a drastic deterioration in terms of trade because world prices of coffee, its main export have fallen, while the price of oil, its main import, has risen."

Simon Mechale, commissioner of Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Committee, told reporters the war effort had not hampered the government's attempts to deal with the drought.

"The implication is that

the government should give up the war because of drought in the country," he said. "I think that's a complete misunderstanding. We did not call for the war, and we did not call for the drought. These are unexpected things we are trying to fight."

When asked what the government was spending on the war effort and the drought effort, he said it was "irrelevant."

The U.N.'s special envoy for the Horn of Africa, Catherine Bertini, arrived in Addis Ababa on Tuesday to

begin a weeklong tour of the region.

Bertini is also executive director of the U.N.'s World Food Program, which estimates 12.4 million people are at risk in Ethiopia, Eritrea, Djibouti, Kenya and Somalia. Bertini will visit all the countries except Somalia.

Judith Lewis, the WFP's director in Ethiopia, said there was a possibility that food aid could run out by June unless formal pledges of cash assistance are made by the international community.

Columbian President seeks U.S. aid

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Columbian President Andres Pastrana, appealing for swift congressional approval of a two-year, \$1.6 billion counterdrug package, said Tuesday that delays will only hamper efforts to stop "tons and tons" of Colombian-produced cocaine from entering the United States.

Pastrana said cocaine production has doubled over the past four years, and he cautioned that the problem cannot be overcome without help from both the United States and Europe.

"The sooner we get the aid, the sooner we are going to these (drug-producing) areas not only to fight the drug lords and narcos involved in the business but also to start promoting alternative development," he said.

Dramatic increases in eradication efforts have been more than offset by a 50 percent increase in coca cultivation over the past two years, according to congressional investigators. Officials say 80 percent of cocaine entering the United States comes from Colombia or is transported through it. And, they say, Colombia is the source of most heroin consumed by Americans.

President Clinton presented the aid request as an emergency supplemental bill in January, and the House approved it last month by a lopsided margin. But Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., with whom Pastrana will meet Wednesday, has said he does not believe the measure warrants emergency consideration.

Lott told reporters Tuesday he supports the aid money for Colombia but was concerned about additions to the

package unrelated to Colombia that were increasing the price tag.

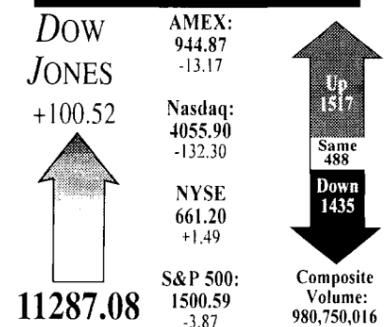
"I want him (Pastrana) to get this money ... but I have a higher obligation to the taxpayers of America. I have to do what I can to control the growth of spending," he said.

Predicting the money will be approved, Lott said the wait will be not much longer than if it had gone through the emergency process.

Colombia is not getting rich off the drug trade, Pastrana said in the interview, arguing that much of the \$500 billion it generates each year winds up in the United States, with very little staying in his country.

But, he said, Colombia has made a sacrifice in combatting the drug trade, investing \$1.3 billion annually to curb U.S.-bound flows of cocaine and heroin.

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Nuns

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inant role of Catholic sisters has expanded to include family caregiving."

Prior to the reforms of the Catholic Church in the 1950s, nuns were restricted from seeing and keeping in contact with family members.

"The most amazing thing about this is that they were prohibited from seeing their families at all [at one time]," Burke said. "However, it has been incorporated into their role as a sister."

The nuns have expanded their role to include family caregiving. According to Burke, siblings of sisters may have felt it was their duty, as they were not trying to raise a family or had no martial roles.

Burke's second conclusion was that "Catholic sisters lack adequate preparation for the assumption of family caregiving responsibilities."

Many of the sisters joined their religious communities at such an early age that they never had to support themselves financially. Burke said that Catholic communities still take responsibility for most of the fiscal, legal and property management of the nun's lives.

Burke's final point was that "Catholic sisters lack adequate resources for family caregiving."

Some sisters are allowed the opportunity to live with their aging parents while still working on their mission, but for many that is not possible. Caregivers who had to commute to take care of parents, without transportation, experienced much stress. In many Catholic institutes, caring for their own frail, elderly members takes primary consideration, but Burke said that it is

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JoAnn Meyer Burke
assistant professor of social work

hard for many communities to meet the demands of so many elders.

Sister Margie Jones, a member of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, brought her mother to come live with her for six years. At the time Jones was 64 and her mother was 89.

Young people need to realize the extent of ageism and how longevity is increasing, said Jones.

"It's as oppressive as racism, classism and sexism," Burke said. "By the time you are 30, you are going to encounter ageism."

Burke feels society is too focused on age. Women, especially, have a tendency to feel the psychological effects of growing older.

"The more we can interact between generations, the more understanding we'll have of the elderly," Burke said. "I think for a liberal educated woman coming out of Saint Mary's College, we need to think about [dealing with elderly and extended life spans] — how is every aspect

of our lives going to deal with it?"

Originally, Jones thought about taking a leave of absence and considered going to live with her mother up in Minnesota, but decided against it.

"What would I have done up there?" Jones asked.

Although her mother was still able to drive and get around with little help from others, Jones worried about her.

"She had been living in her apartment on the third floor with no elevator and was having difficulty getting groceries up the stairs," Jones said. "So, I suggested she come to South Bend and live with me."

She said that the community was very generous and understanding in allowing her mother to come live with her. Previously, Jones had been living in the convent, but

"The community helped provide whatever we needed. They paid half of everything and furnished me with a car."

Sister Margie Jones
Sister of the Holy Cross

moved into an apartment when her mother came.

"The community helped provide whatever we needed," Jones said.

"They paid half of everything and furnished me with a car. My mom also had social security and some life insurance my dad had left for her."

Jones was able to continue her ministry as a cataloguer in the Saint Mary's College library.

"It took me ten minutes to get to work," she said. "I'd go home and get her and bring her to mass with me in the afternoons, and then we'd have dinner with the other sisters."

Although Sister Jones has a brother, six years younger than her, it was never an option for her mother to go live with him.

"Naturally, he thought it was up to me," Jones said. "When I asked for permission from him, it was readily given."

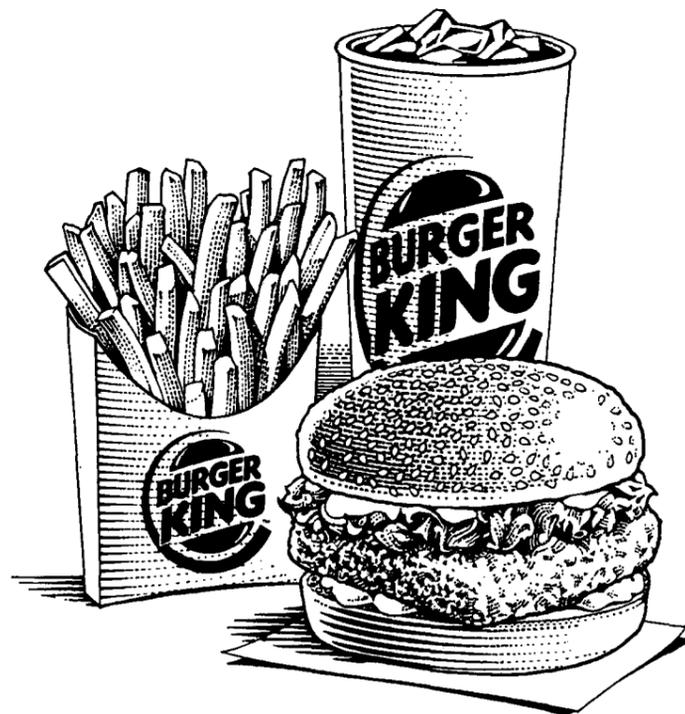
Jones said she cherished every moment she got to spend with her mom.

"We had a wonderful time together. It was more than a mother-daughter relationship. We were best friends," Sister Jones said.

In 1993, Jones' mother passed away at the age of 95.

"If I have her genes, in the next generation, maybe I'll live to be 125," Jones said.

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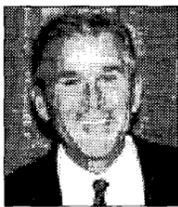
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Bush unveils tax credit and health care plan for poor

Associated Press

CLEVELAND
Continuing his outreach to independent and moderate Democratic voters, Republican George W. Bush on Tuesday rolled out a five-year, \$42 billion plan to help the working poor move up into the middle class.



Bush

The biggest share of money, \$35 billion, would be used for tax credits to help people who don't get health insurance from their employers but earn too much to qualify for government programs like Medicaid. They could use the credits to gain access to basic private health care plans.

An additional \$5 billion would be used to provide health care through medical savings accounts.

The plan also would include \$1 billion to help low-income renters buy homes and another \$1 billion to give tax credits to banks that match the savings deposits of poor people.

The so-called New Prosperity Initiative continues the presumed Republican presidential nominee's outreach to independents and moderate Democrats by talking about subjects often ignored by GOP candidates.

In recent weeks, Bush unveiled environmental and educational proposals. On Wednesday, he was speaking to a St. Louis audience about additional health care plans. Aides said Bush also will unveil proposed spending cuts as part of a broader government reform plan.

While announcing his newest proposals for the poor, Bush was criticized for the lack of progress on health care at home in Texas, where he is in his second term as governor and where up to one-fourth of the population lacks health insurance.

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George W. Bush
presidential candidate

"Our newspapers and television programs praise and profile all the winners in our high-tech economy, but we must never become a winner-take-all society," Bush told about 250 community and church leaders at the West Side Ecumenical Ministry on Cleveland's heavily Democratic West Side.

"Our economy must also

honor and reward the hard work of factory and field, of waiting tables and driving cabs — not just enterprise, but sheer effort, not just technology, but toil," he said.

His Democratic opponent, Vice President Al Gore, immediately pounced on the proposal.

"Perhaps Bush calls this proposal his New Prosperity Initiative because fixing health care, affordable housing and lifting people out of poverty are all new to him, since he has failed to address these issues in Texas," said a campaign statement.

On health care, some 1.4 million of the nearly 11 million children nationwide without health insurance are Texans. Only Arizona has a worse rate.

From 1996 to 1999, 193,400 Texas children, or 14.2 percent, were dropped from Medicaid, according to a report by Families USA, a Washington-based nonprofit group that supports affordable health and long-term care for all Americans.

About 25 percent of the state's overall population is uninsured.

State officials counter that about 500,000 of the children who lack insurance will be eligible for the federal-state

Children's Health Insurance Program beginning this spring.

Bush's initiative includes:

- ◆ A tax credit of up to \$2,000 per family to cover 90 percent of health insurance costs. Also, permission for employees to roll over \$500 in Flexible Savings Accounts from one year to the next, and to expand and make permanent Medical Savings Accounts, which are tax-free accounts for catastrophic health care expenses.

- ◆ Support for legislation that would allow local public housing authorities to provide Section 8 renters — those who receive a government subsidy to pay market rents — up to a year's worth of vouchers in a lump sum to finance the down payment and closing costs on a house. Other low-income renters would be helped with an "American Dream Down Payment Fund."

- ◆ Build personal savings by supporting legislation that encourages Individual Development Accounts, or matched savings accounts.

- ◆ Previously announced tax changes, including lowering the bottom tax bracket from 15 percent to 10 percent and doubling the per-child tax credit from \$500 to \$1,000.

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Gore spends day at Ohio middle school

◆ Presidential candidate discusses proficiency tests

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio

In the middle of a school day full of smiles and upbeat talk, Al Gore walked into a controversy over state-mandated testing on Tuesday.

There was plenty of time for chatting at lunch with his Avondale Elementary schoolmate-for-a-day, 9-year-old Beca Rawlins. They talked about pets, jokes and food, she said, and she promised "to tell my mom to vote for him because he's nice."

Principal Mary Ann Burns also praised the vice president's visit, but she and at least one parent had strong words on the testing issue.

In a state where controversy over mandatory proficiency tests is growing, the Democratic presidential candidate said he supported such tests.

"We need to measure the performance of the students because communities are going to have an easier time putting the heat on the politicians, the school boards, the taxpayers and everybody else in order to improve the schools if there is a fair and accurate way to get a measurement of how the schools are doing," he said.

On a softer note, he said that children who don't do well on the tests should be given extra help rather than be automatically held back.

"You have to make sure there's a balanced attitude toward tests, that you have a good test that's appropriate for the kids and isn't destructive but is constructive," he said.

Principal Burns had nothing good to say about the state's fourth-grade guarantee, which beginning next year will hold students back a grade if they don't pass a

reading test.

"I don't believe a legislator should say a child should fail the fourth grade," she said. "I believe a teacher and parent and principal should get together and decide whether a child should pass on to the fifth grade."

Sherry Morales, whose son Jason took the fourth-grade test last month, told Gore that her son was upset, couldn't sleep and was worried all the time about the test.

"Kids really work hard, and this is one thing more to hold kids back in their grade," she said.

Less than 2 percent of Avondale Elementary fourth-graders have passed all five proficiency tests, compared with about 13 percent city-wide and 32 percent statewide. But the school is striving to improve with the help of smaller class sizes.

Gore spent almost seven hours at the 109-year-old red brick school, helping first-graders write a letter to "Mother Earth" pledging to pick up trash, drawing a collage of the Earth with a fourth-grade art class and visiting with janitors in a basement boiler room. He has pledged to spend a day at a school every week or two during the campaign.

Gore used Tuesday's visit to release an "education bluebook" summarizing his proposals that include universal preschool for 4-year-olds, smaller class sizes, testing new teachers, and making sure new and current teachers are qualified to teach their subjects.

He pitched the value of early-education programs during a meeting with parents and teachers.

"I think that dollar for dollar that's the single most valuable investment our country can make," Gore said.

Later, Gore returned to Washington for a \$1-million dinner of sea bass and chocolate-dipped pears. He was dining at the Mayflower Hotel with some 50 contributors, many of them drawn from Washington's gay and lesbian community, who gave the Democratic National Committee \$20,000 apiece for the occasion.



Gore

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Report looks at disabled students

◆ Teachers are not prepared to handle students with increased needs

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Record numbers of students with disabilities are being educated in regular classrooms and few teachers are specially trained to instruct them, the Education Department said Tuesday.

In 1996-97, 46 percent of the nation's 5.9 million special education students spent most of their time in a regular classroom, up slightly from the previous year's 45.9 percent, the department said.

Judith Heumann, assistant secretary of the office of special education and rehabilitative service, on Tuesday praised the end of the "days of turning away the students with disabilities at the schoolhouse door."

But, she said, research on teachers suggests that students might not find a qualified educator waiting for them. Just 330,000 of the nation's 2.2 million teaching force are specially hired to teach special education students; in 1996-97, 8 percent of them were improperly certified to teach those classes.

Among general teachers, preparedness is worse: Four out of five teachers with special education students in their classes feel ill-prepared to teach them, officials said. General education teachers are not required to have special education certificates, though nearly half of states require some coursework in special education.

Heumann said colleges need

to focus on training any teacher to instruct special-needs children — whose disabilities range from the physical to problems with learning and behavior.

"When you're looking at making the general teaching population more effective, you need to have that be a basic part of the training," she said.

That training includes persuading more teacher candidates to be choose working with special education children, she said. Heumann, whose wheelchair kept her out of classrooms when she was a student.

Paula Gardner, an associate professor at California State University, Sacramento, which combines special education and regular education training,

said graduates there usually go on to teach in special education classrooms. However, they are trained to teach special education students in regular classes, she said.

"District administrations are seeing the value of this as a way of educating future teachers," she said. "We can't graduate them fast enough."

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Judith Heumann
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The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, which gives states money to help end discrimination

against disabled children, requires that disabled children be schooled with other students whenever possible. Previously, children were often put in institutions or separate programs.



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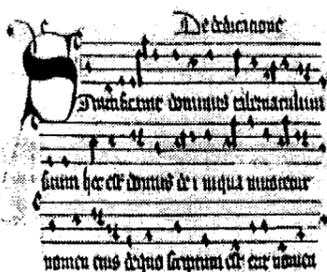
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rule out further arrests, Jimenez said.

Spain's Civil Guard has requested cooperation from police in other countries to track down the rest of the group members. No arrests warrants have been issued.

The Sealand Web page said the principality was founded more than 20 years ago by a Briton it names as Paddy Roy Bates. The site shows a Sealand flag and says the entity follows international laws and issues its own passports.

Spanish police started investigating in November when a man detained in a fraud case claimed diplomatic immunity with a Sealand passport.

The members of the ring have criminal records for drug trafficking and fraud, and some drove around Spain in cars with purported diplomatic license plates from Sealand, Jimenez said.

He noted that among the people known to have held Sealand passports was suspected serial killer Andrew Cunanan, who shot and killed fashion designer Gianni Versace.

MADRID
Police have uncovered a crime ring whose members sold bogus passports and offered diplomatic privileges from a nonexistent country, authorities said Tuesday.

More than 60 people used an Internet page to advertise passports from Sealand — described on the Web as a principality based on an abandoned military platform off the coast of England, authorities said.

The passports went for \$5,780, said Civil Guard spokesman Fernando Jimenez. The group claims on its Web site to have sold 160,000 of them since September 1998.

A 48-year-old Spaniard, Francisco Trujillo Ruiz — who called himself Sealand's ruler — is the only person arrested so far. But officials have raided the ring's Madrid headquarters and authorities do not

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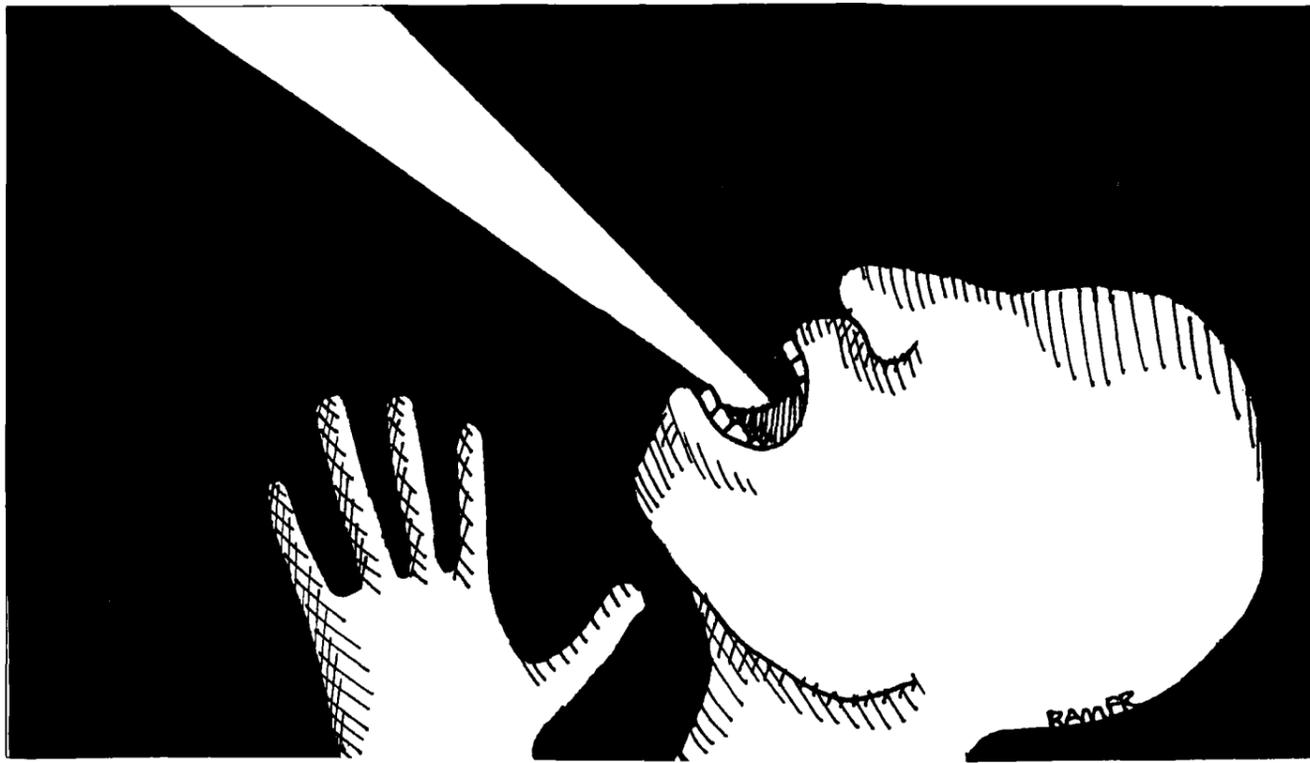
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Take advantage of your right to be heard

As many of you already know, it is virtually impossible to flip through the channels and not see something regarding the Elián Gonzalez case. News broadcasters have camped out in front of his Miami home interviewing neighbors, family friends, legal experts; even the fishermen who rescued Elián. Everyone has something to say. What I think is most profound is the fact that there is one person, with nothing to say: his mother. This woman died in the ocean while trying to give her own son what she believed to be a better life.



Kimmi Martin

Reflections of a Nice Girl

Every now and then we hear of immigrants, sailing on rafts made of things unheard of, let alone buoyant. We shake our heads and usually give little thought to what it is they are sailing from. What are they sailing too? I cannot imagine living in a place where I cannot speak freely about the government. Think about how many Bill Clinton jokes you have heard in the last three years? Now, think about someone being killed for laughing at a joke about your leader. In some parts of the world, this happens everyday.

It is fascinating to think that I live in this world where I can receive a free education up to high school. I can apply for financial aid if I need to and someone else pays for my college degree. I could always find a job if I wanted one. If it meant cleaning shoes in the airport, I still get paid. If I were unemployed, I

could get money from the government to live off of until I found another job. If I wanted to visit another country, I do not think President Clinton would stand in my way. I could create a magazine and give my political opinions supporting or condemning government officials who were elected. I can do all of that because I am free. But, it could have been a lot worse. That could have been my mom floating on that raft as I clung to an innertube floating to a country 90 miles away.

What we have here is unique. Although, for many Americans, social injustices still occur. People are continuously discriminated against, people are still homeless and there is a lot of improvement that needs to take place. But, we all have the right to question and we all have options.

In this college community, complaints are widespread. Some are valid, and some need a little more thought. It is easy to find the negative in our academic environments without giving adequate recognition to what is positive.

I cannot help but think about a time when I overheard a student athlete complaining about how horrible schools are for not subsidizing athletes. His argument focused on the amount of money his school received from this particular varsity sport and how the people responsible for that were the players who did not see a dime of it. He felt that he was being used. Not once did I hear him say "At least I'm getting an education for free." I wanted to pull him aside and say:

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I remember when I first decided to attend Saint Mary's. I knew there was not a substantial amount of cultural diversity. I remember my mom telling me that she was not sending me to college to take over any administration buildings. She did however say that no one had the right to disrespect me. I knew that I'd be one of a small number of black women on campus. I did not expect to see "Sophisticates Black Hair Magazine" in the college bookstore. If I wanted to expose myself to a cultural experience, I knew that I'd have to put in some effort. If I wanted to immerse myself in the "black experience" everyday, I would have gone to Spellman College in Atlanta like my mom did. Fortunately, I have the right to complain. As a student, I am in a position of using a system that is designed to work for me. I have options.

I have choices.

You see, part of being who we are today is based on the choices we have made. It is important to question everything and allow our voices to be heard. We all have that opportunity and should take advantage of it. If there is something you agree with, let someone know. If there is something you are appalled with, let someone know. The most important thing is to do something. You have that right. You have that option. You are that lucky.

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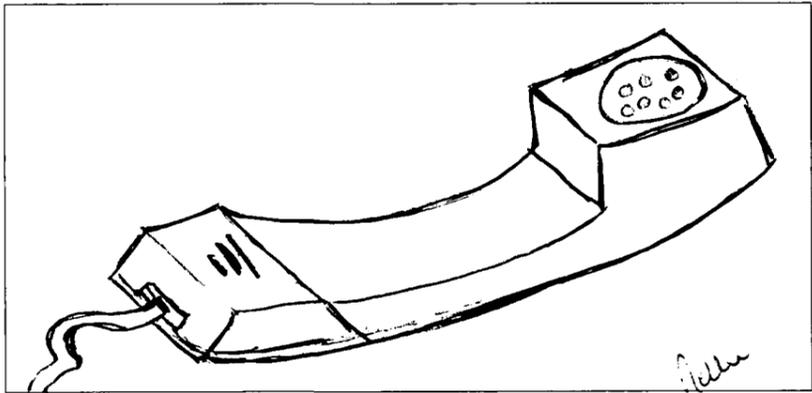


QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Courage is doing what you're afraid to do. There can be no courage unless you are scared."

George S. Patton
WWII General

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Campus rape survivor speaks out

I am writing in regards to the article on April 3 about the Notre Dame student who was raped on March 25. As members of the Holy Cross Community of schools, we would like to believe that instances like these are rare. We attend institutions with Catholic morals at their core and we are in turn all good Christians who would never harm our neighbors. However, I would like to break down the wall of silence about rape in this community.

At the beginning of my second semester freshman year, my naïve attitude towards rape was shattered. I walked into my room after a long night of drinking and going out with a guy I thought I could trust. I lay in my bed, hoping that what had just happened to me was not true. I woke up the next morning only to be quickly reminded of the events that had occurred the night before.

I had been raped on Saint Mary's campus. I had been raped by a Notre Dame student. My world crumbled before my eyes and the eyes of my close friends that did not know what they could do for me.

To me, rape is like murder. My body was not killed, but my soul was. My energetic spirit and love for life were gone. I wanted my life to be over because I could not bare the pain of losing something that I had held sacred. My self-esteem and self worth were gone. The shame and guilt, too strong.

I suffered in a state of depression for over two months, going to bed each night hoping that I did not have to wake up the next day. During Sexual Assault Awareness week, I saw the statistics regarding rape and was troubled about how I matched each majority. But what upset me the most was matching the majority of women who never report the crime.

For most people, April 15 is the day our dreaded taxes are due. To me, it is the day after reading an ad in The Observer stating, "You may think he took everything from you, but he didn't take your voice." Then I picked up the phone, used my voice and reported my rape to Notre Dame Security.

The months that followed were excruciatingly painful. I had been forced to sit in a room with a mirror that was really a window. I spoke into a tape recorder recalling every detail about the worst night of my life, making statement after statement. I had a disciplinary hearing at Notre Dame where I was forced to sit less than 10 feet away from my attacker, only to be dismissed, disregarded and having my integrity ripped apart by a University I was raised to love by my father, who is an alumnus.

I still question whether or not I should have made that phone call at

all. Maybe in the long term, I will be proud of the courage I displayed in standing up for myself, but while I'm still in the short-term, I have my regrets. Reading the article and how this Notre Dame woman has not filed charges against her attacker is upsetting, but with the mindless disregard the University of Notre Dame has to rape survivors and with a society that still blames women, I understand her actions to not come forward.

It has been over a year since I was raped. I have come along way from where I was last April when I filed charges. I owe my recovery to my supportive family, my friends who stuck by me through everything, NDE 58, but mainly to God who continually showers my life with blessings and reasons to be grateful for everything I do have in my life and has provided me with the strength to overcome this adversity.

I still have my "bad" days when hearing drinking stories from my friends, having to read Observer articles about a baseball hero, who is my rapist, or trying to achieve a near impossible GPA this semester to get into the department of my major, which all serve as constant reminders of that night.

I live faced with the reality of having to tell my future husband that sex to me is not beautiful or an expression of love, but ugly, forced and painful. Or my future daughters, when I have to sit them down and tell them about college life and hoping, praying, they are not as naïve as their mother.

When I originally decided to write this letter, I was going to sign my name. Throughout coming forward and speaking to other women about what I have been through, many women have come to me and told me they were survivors as well. I would like to serve as an advocate for other rape survivors (I refuse to call us victims).

But I'm choosing to write this anonymously because I do not want to put a face or a name to rape survivors. I am just the girl that lives down the hall from you, the girl who sits behind you in history class.

The point of this letter is not to gain sympathy, but to show that no matter how much we try to deny it, how much we like to believe we live in a protective bubble from the rest of society, rape continues to occur in the Holy Cross Community of schools. That we have to become aware of these issues, become more sensitive, educated and not sit back and allow the University to permit rapists to be amongst us.

Anonymous
Saint Mary's
April 5, 2000

Administrators must take rape cases more seriously

First of all, I would like to thank Professor Manier for writing the letter: Student Rapists must be expelled, swiftly (April 4). I agree with him 100 percent.

Rape happens, and it happens at Notre Dame. Some might say that "ignorance is bliss"; however, in cases of sexual assault, ignorance is dangerous.

During my time at Notre Dame I was the victim of rape by a fellow student. For reasons cited by Professor Manier, I chose not to go through the court system and instead decided to use the avenues provided to me by the University.

I had the utmost confidence that the University would step up and go to bat for me because that's what "family members" do — they protect one another. I chose to involve the Office of Residence Life in this personal trauma because of the encouragement and promise given to me by

administrators that the University takes cases of rape seriously.

However, much to the shock and disappointment of my parents and myself, the University did not take the high road and ensure my safety and the safety of other students. They chose to sweep it under the rug and pretend it never happened.

I not only agree with Professor Manier that du Lac should be rewritten in order to ensure the expulsion of rapists, I also think that the Office of Residence Life should take a step back and see if they are handling these horrendous cases in a manner consistent with the mission of the University, the moral principals of Catholic faith and the values bestowed upon us by Our Lady.

Disheartened Daughter of Notre Dame
April 5, 2000

Drug abuse carries unintended consequences

No question about it — rape is a terrible thing. It is a violation of personal boundaries and demeans both victim and perpetrator. I speak from my own personal experience when I state that it takes many years to work through the trauma of rape and gain or regain sexual self-respect.

Perhaps the recent reflections on rape that have graced the pages of The Observer will help those who have not been victims of rape take preventative measures. The horror is that all the preventative measures in the world cannot control the disordered power drive of the rapist. But they can limit the odds of acquaintance rape, which often has more to do with lapse of judgment than a need to control.

In too many cases, the type of rape upon which the campus has been recently focusing its attention is caused by drugs and not power. At least one party has chosen to decrease judgment and sound decision making by partaking of a drug in such quantity as to increase the chances that unwitting behaviors will occur. Abstinence or responsible use will not guarantee complete safety, but they certainly will decrease jeopardy considerably.

Absolutely, I am not saying that whoever willingly partakes in drug abuse deserves whatever happens to him or herself. I would neither be so callous nor so wrong. But I cannot minimize the com-

plexity involved in the choice to abuse a drug. Twenty-five years of treating persons whose lives have become unmanageable because of drug abuse attest to my own experience that there may be diminished responsibility for what happens when one is under the

influence of a drug, but there is still responsibility. One might make choices that one would not make without the influence of the drug, but if free choice was involved in the initial drug use, there is some degree of responsibility for the consequences of that choice.

I make these points not to increase guilt, but to stress that choices about drug use can have lasting consequences. Unintended sexual experience, inadvertent damage to person or property, hurtful things said that cannot be taken back, even accidental death —

the choice to abuse a drug that leads to these unintended consequences carries some degree of responsibility for the consequences, however tragic.

By admission of both parties to the recent campus rape, voluntary drug abuse preceded the rape. If it had not, the rape, most likely, would never have happened. Their drug of choice was alcohol.

Father Stephen Newton
Rector
Sorin College
April 10, 2000



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Irish dancers 'step' into South Bend

By ANDREW McDONNELL
Scene Writer

American culture is a shrieking, plaid walrus with a mouthful of radishes. That is to say: a strange and finicky beast. Have we so quickly forgotten the

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What about the French Invasion of the mid-'80s? There was probably one of those. The current Latin pop sensation is, of course, not to be ignored. Yes, this is America, and our taste cruises the globe in a five-tiered jumbo jet, landing and taking-off as it pleases.

However, some trends stay a little longer than others. One culture which has had a particularly fierce grip on the landing gear of our mainstream Jumbo Jet in the late 1990s is that of the Irish. The music of U2, the Cranberries, the Corrs and numerous others have gripped America's attention, not to mention literary works by authors such as Thomas Cahill, Maeve Binchy and every member of the McCourt Family. The evidence of Irish infiltration is everywhere, but one undeniably blazing example was discovered when PBS began airing the phenomenon of "Riverdance."

When "Riverdance" comes to South Bend's Morris Performing Arts Center this week, the local community will be given the opportunity to drink deeply of the zeitgeist and walk away feeling trendily quenched.

"Riverdance" is a dynamic entity and has grown beyond all expectation. It was originally designed as a seven-minute interval piece for the 1994 Eurovision Song Contest (the show which coughed up Abba in the 1970s, and a decade later, the bane of my existence: Celine Dion) and eventually burgeoned into its current form. "Riverdance" has exploded from a group of 26 dancers to an enterprise that currently employs over 180 dancers in three companies: The Lagan, The Liffey and The Shannon. The troupe visiting South Bend will be The Lagan, named for a river that runs through Belfast.

"Riverdance" usually conjures up images of an enormous line of Irish step-dancers with Michael Flatley tapping away in the middle, wearing some shirt borrowed off a very large woman. However, the show is much more than that; it is a multicultural event that focuses on Irish step dancing but also includes the tremendous Moscow Folk Ballet Company, Flamenco Firedancers, the Riverdance Tappers, amazing live instrumentals and a collection of singers with unbelievable voices.

es. Michael Flatley splintered off to his own project, "Lord of the Dance" but his equivalent in the Lagan Company, Michael Patrick Gallagher, is a tremendous dancer, accompanied by the soul-crushingly beautiful Tara Barry - a championship dancer herself.

I was fortunate to catch up with a few of The Lagan company's performers in a couple of local establishments, and am still currently recovering. One such performer, Lorraine Cotter, has been a singer with the group for three years, and Lorcan Murphy has been a dancer for

the group since its Eurovision inception. Apparently, judging from what I now find scrawled in my notebook, they shared a few of their observations with me.

Scene: What has been the response to your performances here in the States?

Lorraine: It's just been brilliant.

Lorcan: Even in the cities where you wouldn't expect it, like Grand Rapids, Mich., the audiences have been brilliant. And in Germany, they're mad for it.

Lorraine: And Japan. The Japanese love it.

Lorcan: England and Australia are fairly sedate.

Scene: Are you going to finish that?

Lorcan: Yes.

Scene: Sorry. So Lorcan, you have

seen "Riverdance" evolve from its original creation. What exactly was it like when Michael Flatley left the group?

Lorcan: It was exciting. It was like we had to prove ourselves as a group. And actually, the show got better. That's not to take anything away from [Flatley]. It just sort of took off. It was bound to happen.

Scene: Is this yours?

Lorraine: Yes.

Scene: Ohh sorry. So, with life on the road, and moving to a different city every week, don't you ever get tired of it?

Lorraine: Oh sure. There are times when I just want to go home. I just wanna go home. But then I think of the money. Ha!

Scene: What's the hardest part of it?

Lorcan: Boredom. Boredom and contract negotiations.

Lorraine: There's only so much you can do in every city when you're purely a visitor.

Scene: How do you fight it?

Lorcan: A lot of people are turning to books.

Scene: No!

Lorraine: Yeah, and a couple of people are taking correspondence courses. And one girl, Orla, does volunteer work in every city we visit. It keeps her real ... grounded, you know? That's the hardest part.

Scene: But it's worth it in the end, or you wouldn't still be doing it. What has been the greatest moment you've had in "Riverdance"?

Lorraine: One night there was this little deaf girl with headphones on and her dad was there next to her. She was feeling the stage, tapping her leg to the beat of the music. That was brilliant. The kind where you just go ... "Jesus."

Lorcan: One time after a show this man walks up to us, and he says, 'I'm 70 years of age, and that is the most remarkable thing I have ever seen.'

Lorraine: And you're there thinking, "geeze, and I did that with a hangover." It's the worst job to have with a hangover.

Lorcan: And you're not even a dancer!

Lorraine: Standing still is just the worst thing to do if you've got the shakes. It's terrible!

Another performer present that evening was the bass player and musical director, Paul Moore. I don't know what it was I asked him, but his reply came in the form of words once uttered by Brendan Behan upon being asked about the difference between poetry and prose. Moore quoted:

There once was a young man of Black Rock

Who worked for Castor and Pollox

He took a walk along Sandymouth Strand

And the water came up to his ankle

"... Now that's prose," said Behan. "Had the tide been in, that would have been poetry."

Regardless, "Riverdance" is not a show to be missed if possible. It is a rare glimpse of the popular world scene right here in South Bend - and some of the best entertainment to touch the campus fringe in many a year.



Photo courtesy of Riverdance online

A "Riverdance" stepper strikes a pose during a performance. "Riverdance" (logo shown top) will be at the Morris Performing Arts Center in South Bend from April 11-16.

Greek drama graces ND stage

By LAURA KELLY
Scene Writer

It is a play about silence. This may seem like an ironic description of a drama full of challenging dialogues and unforgettable lines.

Yet, the central issues of Timberlake Wertenbaker's "The Love of the Nightingale" are the conflicts between the powerful and the oppressed, between the faithful and the faithless and between speech and silence. Notre Dame Film, Television and Theatre (FTT) presents an unforgettable look at the silencing of women in its latest main-stage production, running this week at Washington Hall.

"The Love of the Nightingale" is a retelling of the Greek myth of Philomele, a young and beautiful Athenian princess, and her brother-in-law Tereus, the King of Thrace. After aiding the Athenians in their war for independence, Tereus asks for King Pandion's daughter, Procne, in marriage. At her parents' bidding, Procne returns with Tereus to Thrace. After a time, Procne grows unhappy, yearning for her sister and her homeland and asks Tereus to sail back to Athens and to return with Philomele.

Philomele happily agrees to visit her sister. However, the return voyage reveals Tereus' true nature as he brutally rapes Philomele and violently silences her when she threatens to expose his crime. Philomele is kept hidden from her sister for five years, but when they are finally reunited,

they seek their revenge.

"The Love of the Nightingale" is a "powerful poetic statement," according to director Dr. Reginald Bain. "Wertenbaker develops the play from the women's perspective, focusing on the relationship between the sisters, the interplay between other female characters and the violence and silencing of women."

The number of strong female roles was one of the play's features that attracted Bain. "I was also drawn to the challenges that [the drama] presents. This play is different in that it is not realistic, but theatrical. We are asking the actors to dance, to work with masks — things that they may never have done before."

"Nightingale's" talented cast is "a nice mix ranging from freshmen to seniors," said Bain. First year student Tara Murphy balances Philomele's youthful optimism and wisdom. Brad Charron is an imposing and powerful Tereus. The two are joined by the strong and graceful Procne (Louise Edwards) and the weathered nurse, Niobe (Elaine Bonifield). The rest of the cast is equally polished, switching easily between the different roles demanded by the complex action.

"The Love of the Nightingale" is not only a moving and thought-provoking drama, but a theatrical mastery as well. The stage consists of billowy curtains and a central scenic unit, which revolves to create different settings. Simple white dress is used as the base for costumes which

"The Love of the Nightingale"

◆ Washington Hall
◆ April 12-15 7:30 p.m.
April 16 2:30 p.m.
◆ Tickets: \$9 general audience, student and senior citizen discounts offered. Tickets available at LaFortune Box Office or call 631-8128.



In the play, "The Love of the Nightingale" actors Todd Dvorak and Kate Murphy discuss love, violence and relationships.

evoked the play's ancient roots, including elaborate cloaks for the feast of Bacchus. The story's action is fittingly accompanied by music reminiscent of Greek flutes and drums — haunting and unsettling during pivotal moments, lively and energetic during the dance scenes. The lighting is also effective in changing mood, shifting from a peaceful blue to a violent blood red.

It is this theatrical quality that makes the FTT's production

unique. "Wertenbaker's script is actually very short," said Bain. "She leaves much up to the visualization of the scenes. We are taking a ritualistic approach to the play, since Wertenbaker was obviously influenced by Greek drama, but there is a modern aspect to the play as well."

Bain's role in "The Love of the Nightingale" is significant, as this play marks his final directing assignment at Notre Dame. Since he began teaching and directing

in 1964, Bain has directed and acted in more productions than anyone else in the history of Notre Dame Theatre. It is evident that his presence and expertise will be greatly missed, although Bain himself is modest about the significance of this last assignment.

"I chose ["The Love of the Nightingale"] simply because I could not put it down when I read it. It is a powerful and moving story."

Dogs and cats and humans and God

Dogs and cats can be famous just like people, only it never goes to their heads. They are wonderful, fluffy little and big creatures. It is easy to like them because we feel we are superior to them — the same way that God probably feels about us. We are like God's pets. And earth is his petting zoo. Depending on how cute our soul is, God may touch us — or he may not.

I like to picture myself trying to explain things in my room to a dog. "Hey dog, this is a CD player." He just wouldn't understand. Some things in life are meant to be a mystery. For dogs, it's CD players, phone books and Pez dispensers. For humans, it's bad things happening to good people and wondering when the sun will die.

It's nice to think that since there are famous cats and dogs in the people world that maybe in the God world there are famous people, too. Let's take

a look at some famous dogs and cats.

Scooby Doo - One of the greatest cartoon dogs ever. He was a crime solver. He was scared, but he was indispensable — especially to Shaggy. Scoob and Shag had something in common; they were both sort of useless without each other. Then again, they were kind of useless with each other, but at least they had each other.

Benji - Cute and cuddly. This dog was a little kid's buddy. He loved to be cute and cuddly.

Toonies - The funny cat of "Saturday Night Live." He is famous because he is the only cat who knew how to drive before he died. He was a risk taker, and he had a funny face.

Lady and the Tramp - Very cute. The classic "tail" of a rough dog from the wrong side of the tracks falling in love with a soft dog from the right side of the tracks. These two dogs are so easy to love because they are going through the same kind of thing that we go through when we are falling in love. And sometimes it can get sloppy.

Snoopy - He sleeps on top of his house. His best friend is a bird, and every time he talks you feel he is about to throw-up. It's no wonder why he's famous.

Fred Basset - This is one famous dog that I will never understand. He was always one of the cartoons that you read just to see how bad it was. It was usually on the back of the cartoon section with all of the mattress ads.

Spud Mackenzie - Hey, a dog that promotes beer. People like beer, and when a dog seems to like beer, people will tend to like that dog. Not only did Spud become a symbol of good times, he also became a symbol of bar fights (he had a black eye).

Alf - Alf was not a cat or dog, but he ate cats. Dog lovers love that.

Eddy - The silly dog from Frasier won over many hearts. He obeys his human. He can jump really high. And his face is funny.

Bingo - Who knows who this dog was, but he got a song named after him. Most people like singing, so people probably like Bingo.

Lassie - Loyalty, a great human trait. He was also really good looking.

Old Yeller - A real gut wrenching dog. Just when you think he is the greatest thing ever, he ends up having rabies. People like him because he kind of symbolizes a way to get the kids out of the house. It is sad when he dies, because the kids will probably bug

mom and dad a lot more.

Garfield - based on a real cat, Garfield is lazy and he likes to eat lasagna. This applies to most football watching middle-aged men. He is the cat for them.

Heathcliff - This cat was a trickster. He was always being sly and getting big mean bully dogs frustrated. What a guy.

Tom - Of "Tom and Jerry" cartoons. Tom was great because he never gave up. He was dumb and big, like athletes, but he kept trying.

The cats and dogs we love the most are always the ones that sit on our feet or backs. They are the buddies that push us over or bite our hand; the furry dudes that make our childhoods brighter and smiley-er. They are the ones that we look forward to coming home from college. And they are just as excited to see us. This can also be translated in terms of us and God. The best way to be buddies with God is to know him on a personal level. Think of him as a family member. Does God have a list of famous humans, like we now have a list of famous cats and dogs? I don't know, but the reasons he likes us are probably much bigger. Tee hee.



Scott Little

just a little

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Martinez, Red Sox crush Twins in home opener

Associated Press

BOSTON

The 100th home opener in Boston Red Sox history turned into their first win of the 2000s without Pedro Martinez.

Behind the pitching of his brother, Ramon, and the power of Carl Everett, the Red Sox beat the Minnesota Twins 13-4 Tuesday.

"It's important to show our pitchers support," said Everett, who homered from each side of the plate and has three in his last two games. "Our record doesn't show what our pitchers have done. They've done a good job for us."

The victory by Ramon (1-1) improved the Red Sox to 3-4. The other wins came in their first and sixth games when Pedro allowed one run and struck out 23 in 14 1-3 innings.

Fenway Park, which opened on April 20, 1912, became the oldest ballpark in the major leagues following Detroit's move from Tiger Stadium this year.

A sellout crowd of 33,114 filled Fenway on a chilly day and gave Everett, obtained from Houston in the offseason, a standing ovation as he came to bat in the seventh following his two homers.

"It kind of pumps you up, but then I get back down," he said. "I don't want to get too excited, but it was good for the fans. They got what they wanted."

AL batting champion Nomar Garciaparra went 4-for-5 with three RBIs after coming into the game at 4-for-22 with no RBIs. Boston took charge early with two runs in the first and eight in the second.

"We were bad," Minnesota manager Tom Kelly said. "We pitched bad. We fielded bad. We didn't do anything good and they had a great ballgame."

Ramon Martinez appeared headed for his second straight early exit, struggling with his control as four of Minnesota's first five batters reached to put the Twins ahead 1-0.

"In the first inning, I was upset with myself," he said. "Then I said, 'This is not going to happen.' I have to throw the ball over the plate. I have to get a good rhythm."

In his first start last Wednesday, he allowed seven runs in 1 1-3 innings at Seattle.

"We didn't take advantage of Ramon in the first inning and it might have been the difference in the game," Minnesota's Todd Walker said. "It's kind of embar-

rassing."

Martinez allowed just three hits in his other four innings. His shoulder, still healing from major surgery in June 1998, felt discomfort from a game-time temperature of 45 degrees.

"I'm fine," he said, "but sometimes the weather is kind of difficult."

Everett connected from both sides of the plate for the fourth time in his career and raised his season total to four. He also doubled in the seventh.

The Red Sox, who hit .236 in going 2-4, had 16 hits.

"We had a nice game," Boston manager Jimmy Williams said. "A lot of people contributed."

After a bases-loaded walk to Ron Coomer gave Minnesota a 1-0 lead in the first, Boston scored twice in the bottom half off Joe Mays (0-1) on a walk to Jose Offerman, a double by Trot Nixon, a sacrifice fly by Brian Daubach and a single by Garciaparra. Everett began the second by homering in his first plate appearance at Fenway Park, the 10th solo shot among Boston's first 11 homers.

A walk to Mike Stanley, a double by Wilton Veras and walks to Offerman and Nixon gave Boston a 4-1 lead. An error by Mays on Daubach's hard comebacker led to the fifth run and Garciaparra's two-run single made it 7-1.

An RBI single by Troy O'Leary and a two-run single by Jason Varitek completed the rally.

"It wasn't a game. It was a terrible event," Kelly said.

Minnesota made it 10-2 on Coomer's homer leading off the sixth against John Wasdin. Boston scored three in the sixth on Everett's two-run homer and Veras' run-scoring single, and Minnesota made it 13-4 in the seventh on a run-scoring ground-out by David Ortiz and Matt Lawton's RBI double.

Dodgers 6, Giants 5

Kevin Elster made a splash in the opener of Pacific Bell Park, and he didn't even put the ball in the drink.

Elster homered three times to overcome one each by Barry Bonds, J.T. Snow and Doug Mirabelli and lead the Los Angeles Dodgers over the San Francisco Giants.

Before a sellout crowd of 40,930, the \$319 million stadium by the bay near downtown formally opened with many in short sleeves. It was in stark contrast to the wind and cold at Candlestick Park, the Giants' home for four decades.

Elster, who was out of baseball last year and made the Dodgers as a non-roster player, had the first homer in the cozy park, a third-inning drive off Kirk Rueter (0-1) that tied it at 1.

He hit a two-run shot in a three-run fifth and added a solo homer in the eighth off Felix Rodriguez, finishing 3-for-3 with four RBIs in the first three-homer game of his career.

Chan Ho Park (2-0) allowed three runs and six hits in six innings, and Jeff Shaw got three outs for his second save despite allowing Snow's leadoff homer.

Bonds' RBI double in the first scored Bill Mueller with the ballpark's first run and his third-inning homer gave San Francisco a 2-1 lead.

Elster's homer and Shawn Green's RBI single put Los Angeles ahead 4-2 in the fifth, but Jeff Kent scored on a wild pitch in the sixth.

Geronimo Berroa had an RBI single off Alan Embree in the seventh, and Mirabelli's homer off Terry Adams pulled the Giants to 5-4 in the bottom half.

Indians 5, Athletics 1

Charles Nagy allowed four hits in eight innings and David Justice homered as the Cleveland Indians defeated the Oakland Athletics 5-1 on Tuesday night for their fifth straight victory.

Nagy (1-1) struck out eight and did not allow an Oakland baserunner past second with the exception of Jason Giambi's fourth homer.

Nagy improved to 12-5 lifetime against the A's, who lost for the fourth time in five games.

Justice hit his third home run of the season against Omar Olivares (1-1) on the first pitch of the third inning to give the Indians a 1-0 lead.

Roberto Alomar singled to lead off the fourth, and eventually scored on a double play. He added a sacrifice fly in the fifth.

Travis Fryman walked to open the fifth and advanced to second on Sandy Alomar's single. Kenny Lofton hit into a fielder's choice, sending Fryman to third. Fryman scored when Olivares' pickoff throw to first sailed into the Indians' bullpen. Lofton scored on the sacrifice fly.

Fryman added an RBI single in the sixth. Olivares allowed five runs — four earned — and six hits in 5 2-3 innings.

Royals 7, Orioles 5

Brian Johnson's two-run homer with one out in the 12th

inning gave the Kansas City Royals a victory over the Baltimore Orioles.

The Royals, who had the potential winning run in scoring position in the ninth, 10th and 11th inning, got an infield single from Joe Randa to lead off the 12th against Tim Worrell (1-1). One out later, Johnson hit a shot to left-center for his second home run of the season.

Jose Santiago (1-0) pitched the 12th for the win.

Randa's three-run homer off reliever Al Reyes in the eighth tied the game at 5. The Royals looked like they would win it in the ninth, when they loaded the bases with one out against B.J. Ryan. Jermaine Dye grounded into a forceout and Mike Sweeney flied out to end the threat.

Cal Ripken homered in his first at-bat, leaving him five hits away from 3,000. Ripken, who started the season with 2,991 hits, got home run No. 404 on a 2-0 pitch from rookie right-hander Chad Durbin. He was 1-for-5.

The Orioles led 5-2 when Reyes relieved Sidney Ponson and gave up a leadoff double to Carlos Febles to start the eighth. One out later, Jermaine Dye walked to set to up Randa's two-out homer.

After Ripken homered in the second, Will Clark walked, Mike Bordick doubled and Brady Anderson made it 3-0 with a two-run single.

Anderson hit a solo home run in the fifth and Harold Baines made it 5-2 with an RBI single in the seventh.

Durbin, who gave up just one hit in six innings in his first major league start last week at Toronto, allowed four runs and five hits in 5 2-3 innings. He walked four and struck out two.

Ponson allowed two runs and five hits in seven innings.

Reds 10, Rockies 3

Ken Griffey Jr. wasted no time getting started on his next milestone, hitting his 13th career grand slam to lead the Cincinnati Reds over the Colorado Rockies

Griffey, who on Monday became the youngest player to hit 400 home runs, was 2-for-4 with five RBIs. He has homered in three straight games.

Dmitri Young added four hits, including a three-run homer for the Reds, who have at least one home run in each of their first nine games. That was plenty for Ron Villone (2-0) as the left-hander held the Rockies to two runs and four hits in seven innings. Young's homer off Brian

Bohanon (0-1) helped the Reds build a 5-2 lead after three and Griffey broke the game open after singles by D.T. Cromer, Chris Stynes and Barry Larkin.

Bohanon gave way to former Reds reliever Gabe White, but Griffey foiled the strategy when he hit an 0-1 pitch into the second deck beyond right-center field.

Like most hitters, Griffey has taken a liking to Coors Field, where he is 10-for-26 with five homers and 15 RBIs.

Villone also looked comfortable in his first start at Coors. His only trouble came in the third when Brian Hunter and Mike Lansing executed a double steal and Hunter scored when Larkin couldn't handle the throw to second. Larry Walker, 3-for-4 with two RBIs, followed with a run-scoring single that cut the lead to 5-2.

Expos 7, Pirates 3

Jose Vidro hit a pair of two-run homers and Lee Stevens added a two-run shot off Kris Benson as the Montreal Expos won their fifth in six games, beating the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Vidro, who had 14 homers in 290 games before this season, hit a two-run shot in the third following Peter Bergeron's single and another in the seventh after Bergeron tripled in a run.

Bergeron and Vidro, the top two hitters in the Expos' order, combined to go 6-for-10 with two homers, a triple, five RBIs and four runs scored while reaching base eight times.

Stevens restored Montreal's lead at 4-2 after the Pirates tied it on Pat Meares' two-run triple in the third.

Stevens hit a two-run shot that barely cleared the left-field wall near the foul pole in the fourth inning for his second homer in three games.

Benson (0-2) struck out a career-high nine in seven innings, but was roughed up for his second consecutive start by allowing seven runs and nine hits.

Javier Vazquez (1-0) apparently wasn't bothered by a two-hour, two-minute rain delay that delayed the start until after 9 p.m., yielding three runs — two earned — in six innings for the victory.

Steve Kline, aided by double plays in both the seventh and eighth innings, finished up with three scoreless innings for his first save.

The Pirates have lost three in a row to drop to 2-5.

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NFL

Buccaneers, Jets negotiate Johnson trade deal

Associated Press

NEW YORK
Keyshawn Johnson will join

the Tampa Bay Buccaneers this week if the star receiver can agree with the team on a new contract.

A source close to the negotiations told The Associated Press today the Bucs and New York Jets have agreed on a trade,

contingent on Tampa Bay signing Johnson.

"It's only up to Keyshawn and his agent," said the source, who requested anonymity. "The teams have an agreement, but the Bucs have to reach something with Keyshawn."

If the deal goes through, New York, which has the 16th and 18th overall picks, would receive Tampa Bay's two No. 1s, Nos. 13 and 27, and probably one of the Bucs' starting wide receivers, Bert Emanuel or Reidel Anthony.

The Bucs would get the impact

wide receiver they want for what has been a staid offense, and the Jets would have enough to perhaps trade up for the No. 1 pick with Cleveland.

Johnson, the No. 1 overall pick in 1996 and one of the NFL's top receivers, has been trying to renegotiate a contract that will average about \$2 million, with incentives, for each of the next two years.

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few teeth and weren't so pearly white.

"I'm the momma, and these are my five boys. They're great boys," Rogero said. "We're just out here to play some ball and have some fun. This is our fourth year, and we're looking for our first win this year."

The guys of Relative Attraction, who didn't attract too many women with their outfits Tuesday, showed up early to prepare the entertainment. They brought a baby pool and filled it a rank-

smelling mixture of food: tomato soup, fish, chocolate syrup, baked beans, maple syrup, flour and much more. During the game, the players jumped in the pool and rolled around for awhile. If nothing else, the odor made it hard for Sofa King Good to guard Relative Attraction. They also brought a grill to barbecue corn on the cob, on which Strobel munched during the game.

"I think it's going to get messy," Garry Reuter of Sofa King Good said before the game began.

Onlooker P.R. Sutherland said, "These guys are crazy."

And things definitely got crazy.

The men of Relative Attraction chased each other across the court, ignoring what was occurring with the basketball. They rode piggyback with one another. And Fehrenbacher, who wore progressively less clothing as the game went on, mooned the crowd.

But Relative Attraction didn't get everything it came for. The two teams called the game at 16-2 in favor of Sofa King Good.

Then it was time to see some serious basketball players in action. No. 1-ranked Keyplay.com strutted its stuff against A-Team — We Like To Score, dunking numerous times and filling out the scoreboard with three-pointers and off-balance reverse layups.

Football player John Teasdale crossed over to basketball to score the first points of the game for Keyplay.com. But Keyplay.com let its opposition stay in the game early by not rebounding, passing up easy looks at the basket in

favor of impressive dunks and jallowing the A-Team girls to take open shots.

Erin McHugh scored several baskets for the A-Team early, and yelled, "She's money, she's money" as she ran down the court.

"They were pretty fun to play with," McHugh said. "They didn't mind when we talked a little smack to them. They talked a little smack back."

After "half-time," however, Keyplay.com demonstrated why it tops the rankings, even though it allowed the girls to use all six people on their roster at once.

Varsity basketball point guard Jimmy Dillon doubled his regular-season total of slam-dunks with two, dished off a number of assists and hit several sweet jump shots. Seniors Tom Dietrich and Cas Schneller added dunks of their own. Paul Moore wowed onlookers with his no-look reverse layups.

"They had some size that we weren't expecting," Schneller said of the A-Team.

The top-ranked squad played with good sportsmanship by not running up the score. The guys even cheered in a couple of the girls' shots and told them good hustle. And they posed for a picture with their first victims of the tournament at game's end.

Although the A-Team couldn't give Keyplay.com a run for its money, the girls weren't overly impressed by the guys' play.

"I intercepted Jimmy Dillon's pass," Stacie Green bragged.

And Maureen Hillenmeyer added, "They're bad at dunking."

That's a challenge for Keyplay.com's next game.

BOOKSNIKE 2000

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Mach I Jizm def. Team 125 (21-7)

Driven def. 5 questions (21-2)

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Franchise def. Teamwork

Shocker def. Who's the Animal?

Vigilante Justice def. Busta Beef (21-19)

Scrub Scouts def. Peggy Watson (21-18)

Applejax and Candice def. 4 midgets bringing the Heat (21-2)

Attractive Nuisance def. 5 Credits short (21-10)

Nappy Dugout def. Dees Nutz (21-14)

Ten Minutes Faster def. The Married Mafia (21-6)

We've got your Wojo def. Wonder Bread (21-5)

Team 108 def. Team 126 (21-3)

The Raging Stools def. Cinderblock Cinderellas (21-9)

Beans above the frank def. 4 Hookers and out Pump (21-11)

Venerable Predators def. C.J.'s Finest (21-10)

Better late than never def. Guys who dribble between their legs (21-19)

Nuggets def. Hot rolled and reinforced (21-7)

Rockers and Monkeys def. The Spectators (21-4)

Put your Bizness Away, Debo's Comin' def. Donkey Punchers (21-17)

Homeboys, Kingrats, Legits and New Jacks def. Pink Torpedoes (21-17)

Versatility def. Bullfrogs (21-7)

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NBA

Hughes leads Warriors in victory over Grizzlies

Associated Press

OAKLAND

Larry Hughes scored 28 points and Jason Caffey and Mark Davis each added 25 as the Golden State Warriors beat the newly purchased Vancouver Grizzlies 109-97 Tuesday night.

The loss was the first for the Grizzlies under owner Michael Heisley, whose purchase of the team was approved unanimously earlier in the day by the NBA's Board of Governors.

Adonal Foyle added 15 points for the Warriors, who won consecutive games for the first time since late February and took the four-game season series with the Grizzlies 3-1.

Michael Dickerson scored 24 points to lead Vancouver, which kept it close until Golden State pulled away at the end, outscoring the Grizzlies 31-20 in the fourth quarter. Shareef Abdur-Rahim added 23 points and had 13 rebounds and Othella Harrington had 14 points.

Down by one at the break, Golden State put together a 10-0

burst — including eight straight points by Hughes — to move ahead 64-60 midway through the third quarter and took a 78-77 lead into the final period.

The Warriors took control from there, starting the fourth with a 14-2 run that carried them to a 92-79 lead, the first double-digit lead of the night.

Caffey had six of his points in the burst and Davis, making his third straight start for injured Donyell Marshall, punctuated it with a steal and putback followed by a reverse two-handed dunk off a lob pass from Mookie Blaylock.

Abdur-Rahim converted a three-point play but it wasn't enough to break up the Warriors' momentum. Tony Farmer and Davis each finished fast breaks with layups and Hughes hit a 17-foot jumper to put Golden State up by 14 with 5:40 left.

The Grizzlies didn't threaten after that.

Rockets 103, Nuggets 93

Walt Williams had 23 points and 12 rebounds and the Houston Rockets outscored the

Denver Nuggets 14-2 in the final 6:20 to win their fourth straight game.

Williams was 7-of-12, making all four 3-point attempts, but had only a 3-pointer in the second half. Kenny Thomas and Cotto Mabley added 15 points each for the Rockets, who avoided losing the season series to Denver for the first time since 1993-94.

Nick Van Exel led the Nuggets with 27 points and 11 assists. Raef LaFrentz had 16 points for Denver, which lost its second straight and had won two of the previous three meetings.

Houston took control late as Steve Francis tied the game 91-91 with 6:20 left and Thomas hit two shots over Antonio McDyess. Shandon Anderson hit a reverse layup and Williams sank a 3-pointer before Van Exel stopped a nearly five-minute Denver drought with a layup.

But the Nuggets never scored again.

Denver took a 78-74 lead into the fourth quarter, but Matt Bullard's 3-pointer provided the Rockets with a brief 81-80 edge.

McDyess' fadeaway jumper got the Nuggets the lead right back and baskets by Van Exel, Keon Clark and George McCloud gave Denver a 91-87 lead.

Trailing 51-45, McCloud awakened the Nuggets with six points and set up a layup by LaFrentz with a perfect pass as they took a 62-61 lead midway through the third quarter. They extended the lead to 67-61 as LaFrentz hit a layup and free throw, then Van Exel nailed a 15-foot jumper while the Rockets went 2-for-10 and turned over the ball four times.

Spurs 98, Kings 92 OT

David Robinson scored six of his 26 points in overtime and also grabbed 15 rebounds as the San Antonio Spurs defeated the Sacramento Kings.

Tim Duncan had 18 points and 13 rebounds for the Spurs, who outscored Sacramento 14-8 in overtime to win their third straight game.

Trailing 86-84 early in the extra session, Terry Porter got San Antonio even with a jumper.

Duncan put the Spurs ahead with an outside shot and Robinson followed with a basket inside and two free throws, to make it 92-86 with 1:06 remaining.

Jason Williams had 17 points, nine assists and eight turnovers for the Kings. Nick Anderson scored 16 points and Predrag Stojakovic added 14.

Robinson made 1-of-2 from the foul line with 15.3 seconds left, to tie it at 84. After a Kings turnover, Johnson missed a baseline jumper with one second left, sending the game into overtime.

Divac made a short baseline shot and Stojakovic followed with an eight-footer in traffic, putting Sacramento ahead 84-83 with 28 seconds remaining.

Mavericks 92,

Trail Blazers 81

Michael Finley scored 24 points and Dirk Nowitzki added 21 and 14 rebounds as the Dallas Mavericks won their fifth straight game over the Portland Trail Blazers.

Erick Strickland had 18 points and Shawn Bradley scored 12 to help the Mavericks win for the seventh time in their last eight games.

Rasheed Wallace's 13 points paced the Trail Blazers, who shot 34.6 percent from the field (28-for-81) and hit only 19 of 33 free throws. Stacey Augmon had 12 points and Damon Stoudamire and Bonzi Wells both scored 11 for Portland, which had won five of its previous seven games.

Dallas built a 71-56 lead with 9:57 left on Bradley's three-point play.

But Portland climbed back into the game with nine unanswered points, capped by Wallace's three-point play with 7:52 remaining to reduce Dallas' advantage to 71-65.

The Trail Blazers were as close as 80-74 with 3:26 left, but Wells missed two free throws on Portland's next possession.

Bulls 100, Nets 93

With the Chicago Bulls putting on an offensive display the likes of which hasn't been seen at the United Center in two years, the ailing New Jersey Nets didn't have a chance.

The Bulls made a season-high 11 3-pointers, and were a season-best 69 percent (11-of-16) from long range.

Almost every Bull had a hand in the offense. Matt Maloney was 5-of-6 from 3-point range for a season-high 19 points. Elton Brand led Chicago with 22 points and 15 rebounds, and also had a career-high seven assists.

Chris Carr was 7-of-10 from the floor for 17 points, and Hersey Hawkins added 10 with three 3-pointers.

Keith Van Horn led the Nets with 25 points. Kendall Gill had 19 points, and Elliott Perry added 17. Jamie Feick had 12 rebounds.

Van Horn's layup with 6:25 left to 64-56, but Maloney hit a 3-pointer and the Nets struggled to stay within double digits the rest of the game. With about 3 1/2 minutes left, the Chicago fans started chanting, "Tacos, tacos."

Fans get a free taco if the Bulls score 100 points in a home victory.

When Fred Hoiberg made two free throws with 31 seconds left to give the Bulls 100 points, the fans cheered so loud the United Center sounded like the good old days when Michael Jordan and Friends were around.

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Doherty scores big with students in Bookstore Basketball

At most universities around the country, big time college basketball has come to a close for another year.

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Bookstore Basketball, the largest five-on-five basketball tournament in the world, tipped off for the 29th time earlier this week.

In the first two days of this year's tourney, the game that generated the most interest saw Shocker square off against Who's the Animal, complete with ESPN cameras rolling.

Why all the fuss over a first round game between two teams with pretty tame names, at least by Bookstore standards?

Taking the floor for Shocker was Notre Dame men's basketball coach Matt Doherty, making this the second straight year that he has suited up for the tournament.

As my elementary school soccer coach used to say, he came "dressed to sweat", wearing shorts and short sleeves despite the cold temperatures.

Coach D and his team looked to get rolling early against Who's the Animal, a club comprised of five ladies decked out in silver reflective shirts and wind pants with one leg rolled up, a la L.L. Cool J.

"That really caused them to disrupt their offense," said the coach, referring to his

three blocked shots in the early going, with one sailing into the crowd on the sidelines.

But despite the tough inside play of Doherty early, the crowd, which probably would have been a sellout if the game had not been outdoors, quickly showed they were pulling for underdog Who's the Animal.

While Shocker players jogged back down the court after a basket pushed their lead to 8-1, a Powerade bottle was thrown onto their defensive end of the floor.

A laughing Doherty picked the bottle up and tossed it back to its owner under the backboard, temporarily getting the crowd behind his team.

That didn't last long, as a shot that missed everything a few possessions later at 9-1 brought back out the "air ball" chant that was heard earlier at 7-1.

That's the first time I've ever heard an "air ball" chant at an outdoor game.

The biggest reactions from the spectators, including many of Doherty's players, were still to come, though.

Trying to win over the tough audience, Coach D found himself in the open floor with chance to bring them all over to the Shocker side.

A few onlookers shouted "Dunk it," as he dribbled inside the three-point line, and it was clear that that was what he had in mind.

Unfortunately for Doherty and Shocker, the plan didn't work out quite the way he hoped, and the ball bounced off the rim.

Some members of the varsity basketball squad were laughing at their coach, but he just laughed himself.

Just to be safe, though, for their sake and mine, I'm not giving out any names.

Shocker went into the half leading 11-2. Who's the Animal played tough in the second half, matching their opponents almost basket for basket in the early going.

But Shocker went on a 4-0 run to end the game, with Doherty avenging some earlier near-misses by rattling home a dunk.

Even with all the excitement on the pavement, one of

the best parts of this game came after the playing was done.

Both teams congratulated each other on a good game, and every player came away with a pretty awesome memory of their first round game in 2000.

Pictures were taken with the coach and everyone laughed with everyone else about some of the lighter moments from the past half hour.

At the end, ten players

came off the court having had a great time playing a game of basketball.

Nine were students and one was a former national champion and the head coach of the NIT runners-up.

It was hard to tell who was who, though, because the best player on the floor just looked happy to be there.

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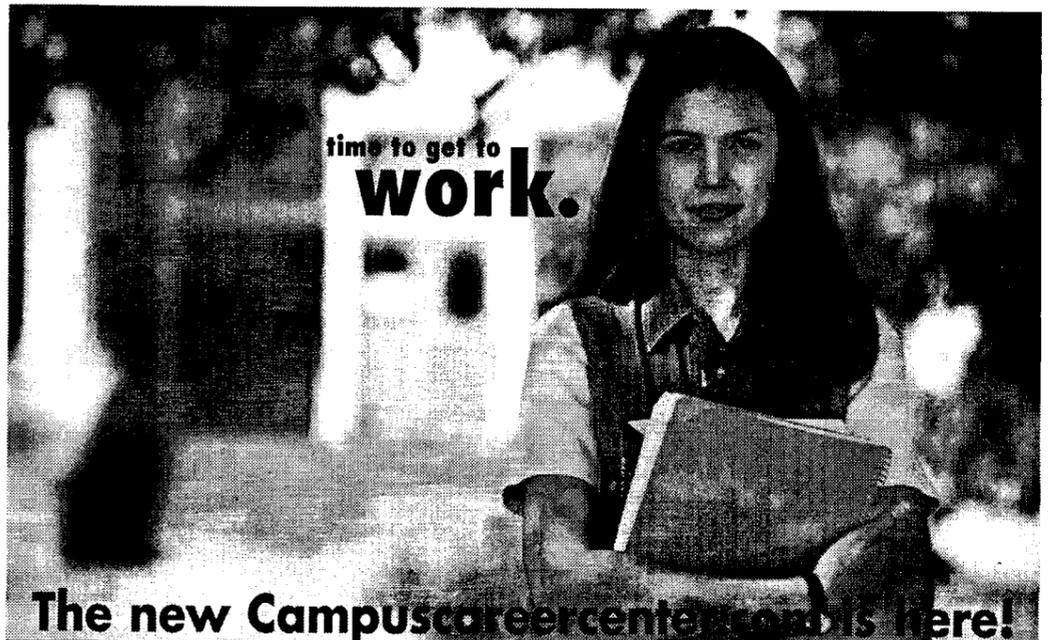
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SOFTBALL

Sharron pitches way to Big East conference honors

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for Sharron this season.

Two-time conference pitcher of the year junior Jennifer Sharron, from Agoura Hills, Calif. has been named the Big East Pitcher of the Week for her efforts in the team's three games last week. It is the first weekly honor

Sharron went 2-0 with a save in three appearances last week, leading the Irish to a 3-0 record.

Sharron allowed just two runs, while logging 19 strikeouts in 11.1 innings for a 11.98 strikeout ratio.

The Irish southpaw pitched a combined one-hitter

against Villanova, allowing just one base runner and earning her second combined shutout and 10th overall of the season.

The Notre Dame softball team will be back in action this week with three home doubleheaders beginning today against non-conference foe Butler at 4 p.m.

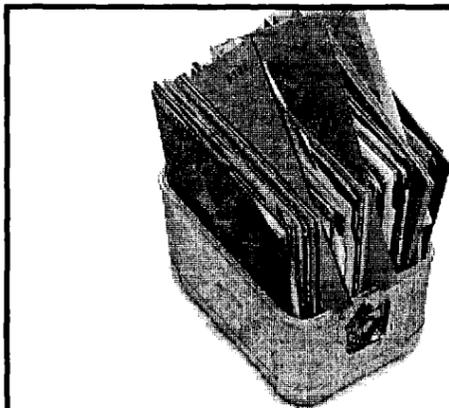
Irish eyes on... Jennifer Sharron



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MEN'S LACROSSE

Midfielder Oakey earns player of the week honors



♦ **Senior notches two goals and two assists against Butler**

Special to The Observer

Senior midfielder Stedman Oakey, from Charlottesville, Va., has been named the Great Western Lacrosse League (GWLL) Player of the Week for the first time in his career after scoring two goals and dishing off two

assists in Notre Dame's 12-11 victory over Butler on April 8.

The win improved Notre Dame's record to 5-3 overall and 4-0 in the GWLL as the Irish clinched the league title with a 4-0 record in its final conference test of the season.

Oakey becomes the third Irish player to earn GWLL Player of the Week honors this season.

Junior attack Tom Glatzel, from Ellicott City, Md. and senior goalie Kirk Howell,

from Nashville, Tenn. were previous award winners in 2000.

Oakey, who has started six of the eight games for the 14th-ranked Irish this season, is the team's fifth-leading scorer with four goals and six assists for 10 points.

In his three-plus seasons at Notre Dame, he has registered 25 goals and 18 assists for 43 career points.

Notre Dame travels to 17th-ranked Army Saturday, April 15 for a 1:00 p.m. matchup with the Cadets.

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Senior midfielder Stedman Oakey was named the GWLL Player of the Week for the first time in his career Tuesday.



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Murray

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That perseverance has been beneficial for Murray. Murray's transition to the college game came even before he enrolled at Notre Dame.

In high school, Murray was a three-year varsity player at tailback.

After rushing for 2035 yards and 19 touchdowns as a junior, he started receiving attention from Lou Holtz and the Irish. The next season, running from the I-formation Murray gained 1692 yards and 20 scores.

But there was no rush for a college decision, especially

after Holtz departed.

"There had been a lot of kids that committed somewhere and then ended up changing their minds," Murray said. "I didn't want to be like that. After the season was over I took my time."

In the end, Murray chose the Irish over Northwestern and Ohio State.

With that decision came Murray's first adjustment to college football.

"I didn't really have to block that much in high school," Murray said. "Maybe three times a game."

But at Notre Dame, Murray knew his role would change. Instead of carrying the ball 25 times a game, he would be blocking on nearly every play. He watched the older

fullbacks, Jamie Spencer and Joey Goodspeed. Though he didn't see any playing time as a freshman, Murray believes the learning experience helped him.

Following the season, he worked out with the team, trying to bulk up for the upcoming year.

Then Murray suffered his first injury, a shoulder sprain during the 1998 Blue and Gold game.

He missed a few months

after getting the shoulder scoped but was ready once the fall began.

"I'm looking to be healthy and get a chance to play. That's what I came here to do. I'm tired of sitting around and watching everyone else do it."

Jason Murray
Irish fullback

As a sophomore, Murray saw action in the last nine games of the season, including the Gator Bowl loss to Georgia Tech.

But he

logged less than ten minutes of playing time, as once again he played behind Spencer and Goodspeed.

Those ten minutes proved to be the extent of Murray's on-field time at Notre Dame.

During last spring, Murray cracked a rib after getting hit from behind. Thus went the spring season.

"With the ribs it was hard to run around," Murray said. "It was a sore, aching feeling — nothing too bad."

And then, just a few weeks into last season, Murray suffered another shoulder injury. This time, the damage to the left shoulder was more serious. Murray had reconstructive surgery, causing him to miss his entire junior season.

"That was difficult," Murray said. "Anytime you miss that much time it's tough to get back."

But now Murray is returning for another year, hoping to see some game action. His competition at fullback includes returning starter Tom Lopienski, Mike McNair and Chris Yura, who

played defensive back in 1999.

As of now, nothing is guaranteed, no promises of playing time.

Just a promise to compete, which is all Murray has ever wanted.

"I don't know where he'll be next fall as far as the depth chart," Robinson said. "I don't know where he'll be at the end of the spring but I do know he's showing improvement. That's all you can ask for. You never know. You may see him out there."

"We're switching in and out of the reps," Murray said of his progress this spring. "It's hard to figure out who's going to play. You've just got to go out there and do your best. But you never know."

No one knows that better than Murray.

As he walked off Cartier Field after practice on Tuesday night, Murray spoke of a new beginning, a chance to show that he belongs on the field.

"I'm looking to be healthy and get a chance to play," Murray said. "That's what I came here to do. I'm tired of sitting around and watching everyone else do it."

NOTES:

♦ Offensive guard Jim Jones suffered a sprained knee and may miss the rest of the spring. Offensive tackle Kurt Vollers suffered a sprained neck.

♦ Dennis Moynihan, an intern in the football office two of the last three years, has been appointed as a graduate assistant coach replacing Taver Johnson, who accepted an assistant coaching job at Miami University in Ohio. Moynihan has been involved in recruiting administration at Notre Dame.




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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Dasso brings unparalleled greatness to court

Greatness motivates Michelle Dasso.

With winning comes inevitable greatness, and winning is all the Dasso seems to do. From high school, right on through

her now-storied Irish career.

Dasso has won.

Kevin Berchou

Irish Insight

Losing is not an option. Losing would be failure, for there is no greatness in losing. Defeat would not be acceptable for the woman, who is still a junior, but is arguably the best player in the history of the women's program.

As a standout on the Notre Dame women's tennis team, Dasso brings an unparalleled intensity to the court, an intensity that has catapulted not only her, but her entire team to national prominence.

"Oh, she just can't stand to lose," head coach Jay Louderback said. "In the rare event that she actually does fall, you don't want to be around her just after it. It's not pleasant."

Dasso agreed with her coach.

"I hate to lose," she said. "I just love getting into every match so much, that when I lose it's tough to take."

Dasso's disdain for defeat stems from her fiery intensity. Besides winning nearly every time she toes the baseline, Dasso's greatest contribution to the program has been her emotion, which serves to motivate her teammates.

"She just plays every match so hard," Louderback said. "That tends to carry over, and the other girls start to do the same."

"If I'm not playing intense, something's wrong," Dasso said. "That's just my game."

When Louderback signed Dasso out of Stevenson High School, in Long Grove, Ill., he knew he was getting a good player. Little did he know of Michelle Dasso's iron will.

"I was concerned at first," Louderback admitted. "She's not a real big kid. There was some concern about her power, and whether or not she could really be a go-to player."

Dasso proved to be a freshman sensation. After entering the season unranked, she skyrocketed to No. 16 in the country, the highest

rank ever achieved by a Notre Dame woman.

Dasso had become the go-to player already, and posted an astonishing 24-3 singles record in dual match play. Such success is rare for a first-year player. Many freshmen are brought along slowly, as they are thought not to be sufficiently prepared for the pressure that comes with playing No. 1 singles. Dasso was prepared; to play well under pressure is to achieve greatness.

"It's draining both mentally and physically," Dasso said. "But it's all worth it when we come out on top."

"It's a ton of pressure to play No. 1 singles as a freshman," Louderback said. "But I think she thrives on it. She knows every match will be tough and she approaches it with that attitude."

As a sophomore she continued to reap the accolades. After finishing the year with a top 20 ranking, Dasso was an All-American. Dasso was great. Already a strong singles player when she arrived on campus, Dasso has worked herself to doubles prowess as well. And this versatility has made the captain all the more valuable.

"She has really gotten to the point where she's as good in doubles as she is in singles," Louderback noted. "Her volleying has improved a lot."

Dasso has teamed with teammate Becky Varnum to form a formidable No. 1 doubles pairing for the Irish this year, after being paired with Jennifer Hall last year and posting a 21-7 record at top doubles. Judging by the way she plays, you'd think every match was her last. It's a will to win, a fear of losing, and an unquenchable desire to succeed that makes Dasso great. Dasso entered the current campaign with high expectations even for her. She was one of the top ten players returning players in the country and was expected to continue her ascent to the ranks of the all-time greats. But then there was a detour: Dasso injured her shoulder and was forced to take it easy for a couple of months.

"That was so frustrating," she said. "It was awful to have to sit there and watch. I really wanted to get back out there and compete."

As frustrating as that layoff was, Dasso did not let it dampen her

spirits.

She has returned with a flourish, and is back in familiar territory with a top 20 national ranking.

Another booming serve is belted. One more crisp backhand sends today's opponent lunging to the corner. And just like that, the match is over. Dasso has won again, this time beating Indiana's Jessica Anderson 6-1, 6-3.

Dasso, today, is great.

That No. 1 singles win propels the Irish to yet another victory. The Hoosiers are trounced 9-0 and the Irish have made another emphatic point. Michelle Dasso is sure that her greatest days are still to come. She feels her own level of play has never been higher, but is far more excited about the team's prospects. That's just her nature — she's a team player.

"I've never been this excited before," Dasso said. "For the first time since I've been here, I think we can beat anybody. We're all getting pretty excited the NCAAs."

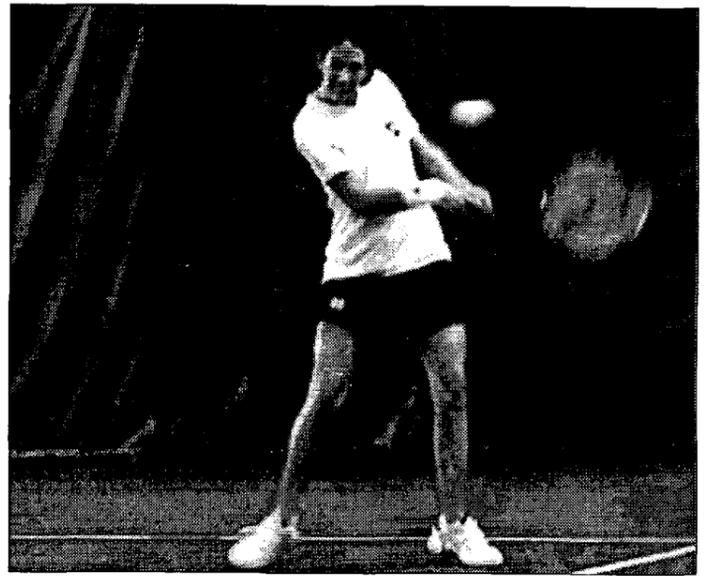
While Dasso's brilliant play is a main reason for Notre Dame's continued success, she is quick to deflect much of the praise.

"I'm lucky to have such great teammates," she said. "Everyone has played so well lately."

To win the NCAAs, everyone will have to be at their best. That won't be a problem for Dasso. For her, excellence is the norm and greatness is commonplace. An NCAA championship this May would likely surpass greatness.

An NCAA title would make Michelle Dasso a legend.

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Junior Michelle Dasso has become the go-to player on the Irish squad at the No. 1 singles position.



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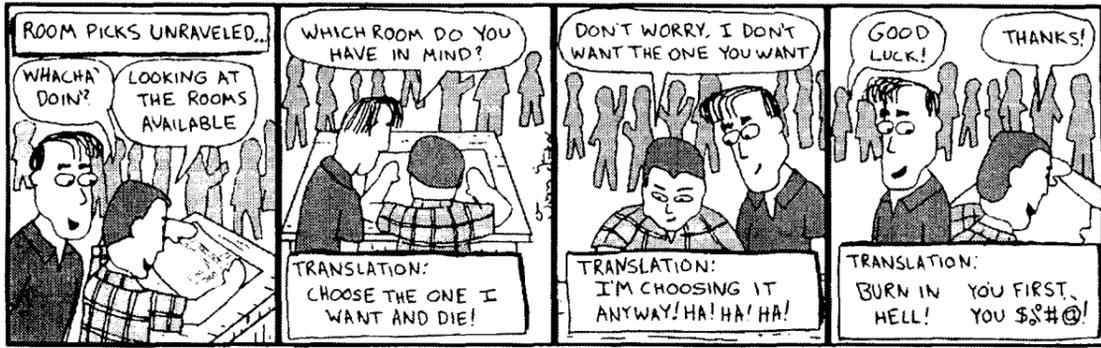
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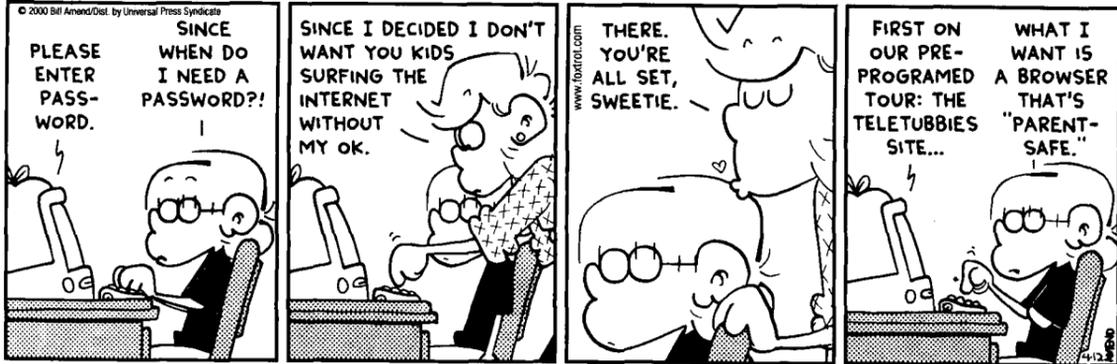
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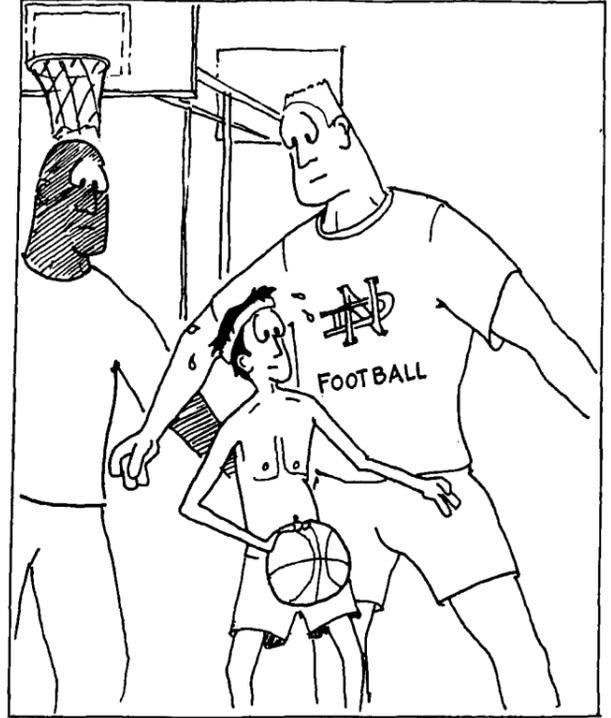
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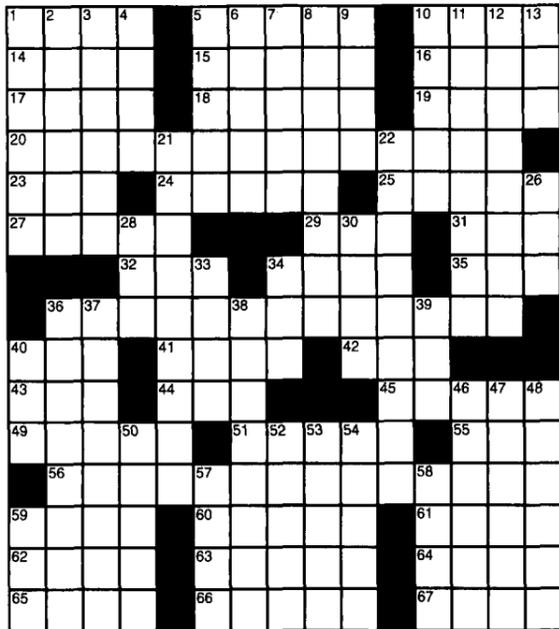


With the cruel justice of Bookstore Basketball, it was a swift and early exit for "Five Guys Doing Inappropriate Things With Your Mother."

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- ACROSS**
- 1 It's just one of those things
 - 5 "Aw, shucks" expressions
 - 10 More
 - 14 Jealous wife in Greek myth
 - 15 Slackened
 - 16 A portion
 - 17 "The moan of doves in immemorial ...": Tennyson
 - 18 Campbell of "Martin"
 - 19 Winter Palace ruler
 - 20 Ready to swoon
 - 23 "Go on ..."
 - 24 Clan emblem
 - 25 Straight start?
 - 27 Orbital periods
 - 29 Actor McKellen
 - 31 Birth control device
 - 32 C.P.R. administrator
 - 34 It ends in Mecca
 - 35 Brit. legislators
 - 36 Good-looking
 - 40 Insulation ingredient, for short
 - 41 Cooperstown nickname
 - 42 Wool source
 - 43 Bolo, for one
 - 44 Michael Jordan's alma mater, in brief
 - 45 Have it ____
 - 49 Place for rings
 - 51 Gives the gate
 - 55 Genetic letters
 - 56 Seedy-looking
 - 59 ____ fide
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- 1 Tao, literally
 - 2 Curtis of hair care
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 - 4 What to do?
 - 5 "I ____ kick ..."
 - 6 Grammy winner Bonnie
 - 7 Joe Jackson's "____ Really Going Out With Him?"
 - 8 Book after Ezra
 - 9 Minn. neighbor
 - 10 Fruity-smelling compound
 - 11 Experience a delay
 - 12 They attract rubberneckers
 - 13 Musket attachment
 - 21 "C'mon, I wanna try!"
 - 22 Gentle
 - 26 Some E.R. cases
 - 28 ____ judicata
 - 60 Baptism and bris
 - 61 L.A. gang member
 - 62 Need a bath badly
 - 63 Awaited a dubbing
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 - 65 Charger, to a Cockney
 - 66 Lowly ones
 - 67 Took habitually



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 - 38 Addictive stuff
 - 39 Japanese capital
 - 40 School grp.
 - 46 Strasbourg siblings
 - 47 Like lots of shopping now
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Put your efforts into doing the best job you can. You will not be able to win at home, so don't even bother confronting the situation in question. Participate in physical activities with children. ☀☀☀☀

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may have difficulty expressing yourself emotionally to relatives. Don't allow others to make decisions for you. Follow your intuition. You are the best judge of your own situation. ☀☀

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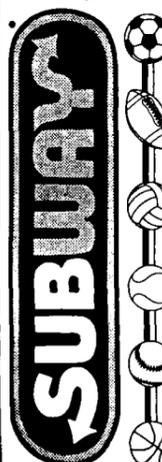
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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Continue to avoid dealing with institutions. You will have better results later in the week. Take a breather and relax; you have taken on way too much.

Birthdays: You are curious about everything and everyone. You will follow the path less traveled. You need to experience new things, and you welcome any challenge that comes your way. You have an appreciation for the unique and will strive to be different in all that you do. (Need advice? Check out Eugenia's Web sites at astroadvice.com, eugenialast.com, astromate.com.)

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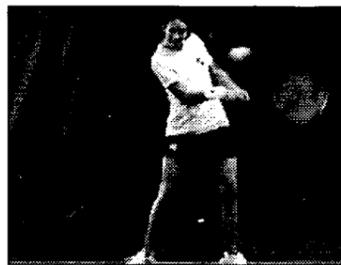


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SPORTS

Set for Greatness
Junior Michelle Dasso has made a lasting impact on the Irish tennis squad with her drive to succeed.
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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXIX

Shocker, Keyplay.com take control of basketball courts

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame men's basketball coach Matt Doherty would cringe if his Fighting Irish players copied his Bookstore Basketball moves.

Doherty missed four dunks, dared opponents to go for steals by dribbling between his legs and talked a little trash. But he also hit some three-pointers and blocked a few shots, while his 29th-ranked Shocker squad faced no threat of losing, as it defeated Who's the Animal?, an all-girls team from Lewis Hall, 21-4.

"It's my house, and they've got to wipe their feet before they come into my house. You've got to talk a little trash," Doherty said before praising the girls' play. "I think the girls that we played are right up there with UConn, St. John's, Syracuse, Seton Hall."

Who's the Animal? won the prize for most eye-catching uniforms, donning sparkly silver vests and headbands with blue and gold warm-up pants.

But Shocker easily advanced to the second round of the tournament. The team scored early and often with no-look passes for easy buckets, rebound putbacks, three-pointers and a cross-court lob for a backdoor lay-up.

"There's not a whole lot of game plan in a game like this," freshman player Kyle Fager said.

Shocker hopes to disprove what it considers mistakenly low rankings by the Bookstore Basketball Committee.

"We're going all the way, no doubt," Doherty said. "I think they shafted us on the rankings."

The large crowd in attendance kept cheering for Doherty to go up for a dunk, but when he tried, the dunks wouldn't go down. Cristina Mavrelis of Who's the Animal?

claimed responsibility for one of the failed attempts.

"I blocked one of those, right?" Mavrelis asked Doherty. "I disrupted that dunk."

After missing the dunks, Doherty turned to the ESPN cameraman on the sidelines and pleaded with him to edit the misses out of the tape.

"It's a career high in missed dunks," Doherty said. "Coach [Dean] Smith would be disappointed. I made three dunks at North Carolina, and I missed four tonight."

Doherty gave props to the creativity and energy of the sizable student contingent despite 35-degree temperatures. One onlooker threw an empty Powerade bottle onto the court. This time, it drew a snicker from Doherty. When a fan did the same at the Notre Dame-Syracuse game March 1, it cost the Irish a last-minute technical and a chance at victory.

Who's the Animal? didn't seem too upset by the loss. The team was more interested in getting its picture taken with Doherty and being interviewed by ESPN.

"I may have got my shot blocked," sophomore Liz Halligan said. "But it was an experience and it was fun. It's part of the Notre Dame tradition."

Relative Attraction continued another Bookstore Basketball tradition — dressing in outrageous costumes and entertaining the crowd with its shocking behavior.

The 6-man team comprised of Dave Rogero, Kerry Cavanaugh, Paul Fehrenbacher, Dan Strobel, Drew Brennan and Ryan Murray dressed as a backwoods mom and her five sons. They wore clothes designed to poke fun at West Virginians, like plaid flannel shirts and torn-up pants with false teeth that were missing more than a

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PETE RICHARDSON/The Observer

Matt Doherty goes for the easy dunk as his team, Shocker, easily advanced over Who's the Animal? in first round action Tuesday.

FOOTBALL

Murray anxious to make most of season after injuries

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

From the sidelines at Cartier Field earlier this spring, Desmond Robinson could hear the contact.

He could sense fullback Jason Murray was back from shoulder surgery, back to

doing what he does best.

"He made a block the other day and it sounded like two cars hitting each other," said Robinson, Notre Dame's running backs coach. "It's a pop when he hits you. For where he's been, he's doing pretty well."

Murray has been almost everywhere in his first three

years here at Notre Dame.

He's been in classes, working towards a degree in accounting and computer applications.

He's been in his dorm room in Alumni Hall, hanging out with friends.

He's been enjoying his time as an undergraduate.

But when it comes to foot-

ball, the Belle Vernon, Pa. native has spent more time in rehab and on the training table than on the field.

Three injuries, one of which required season-ending shoulder surgery last fall, in less than three years has limited Murray's playing time. But now, during spring drills, Murray is ready to

concentrate on the present, where he's getting ready for his senior campaign.

"Once in a while I get some discomfort in [the left shoulder]," Murray said. "But it's [the spring season] only 15 practices so I'm just trying to make it through."

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vs. Butler
Today, 4 p.m.



Baseball
vs. Bowling Green
Today, 5:05 p.m.



at Michigan
Thursday, 3 p.m.



Women's Lacrosse
at Duke
Thursday, 7 p.m.



Men's Golf
at Ohio State Kepler
Intercollegiate
Friday-Saturday



Track and Field
at Mt. Sac Relays (Calif.)
Friday, TBA