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As the leprechaun, Mike Brown leads the cheerleaders and marching band across campus to the football stadium before all home games. Brown hopes to repeat this performance in the 2000 season.

Brown's enthusiasm fits Leprechaun suit

♦ As 2000 tryouts approach, mascot reflects on past year and wearing the green

By ERIN PIROUTEK Associate News Editor

He's Mr. Notre Dame. The green suit fits like a glove. Everything about Mike Brown screams leprechaun.

While one would guess that Brown has always dreamed of the Golden Dome, Notre Dame only became his future during his senior year in high school. Brown, a Wisconsin native, thought he'd attend Marquette or the University of Wisconsin.

But destiny stepped in. A Notre Dame alum realized that Brown was a football player pulling a 3.8 G.P.A and encouraged him to consider Notre Dame.

"I went with my heart, it was ND," said

His heart was on the mark.

"I made the right decision," he said.

He also made the right decision when he decided to try out for Notre Dame's mascot, the varsity leprechaun.

"My roommates were the main influence," said Brown. They'd noticed Brown's enthusiasm at football games was a little above the averaged crazed Irish fan.

"I went nuts," he admits.

He was usually too busy watching the games to notice the leprechaun, but his

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SMC increases enrollment

By SARAH RYKOWSKI News Writer

Saint Mary's Class of 2004 is on its way to becoming the largest freshman class in at least the last three years, according to projected statistics.

"The enrollment for Fall 2000 includes 435 first year students and 50 transfer students," said Mary Pat Nolan, director of Admissions for Saint Mary's said. "I have a very positive feeling about how this class is coming together.

At this point in the application process, the amount of incoming applications is up three percent from last year, and roughly 20 percent from two years ago. The increase in application submissions is due in part to the College's decision to increase overall enrollment as part of the five-year Master Plan.

According to the plan, Saint Mary's will increase overall enrollment over the next five years until the student body numbers about 1700 to 1750 women.

'Our ultimate goal is to have a freshman class of 450 by 2005," Nolan said. The increase in applications is also due to Saint Mary's agressive recruitment on the national and international levels.

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AIDS Memorial Quilt chapter, display comes to Michiana

By KATE STEER Associate News Editor

Imagine an area as big as 25 football fields. Imagine walking through that space and taking in a small piece of the lives of 42,960 people.

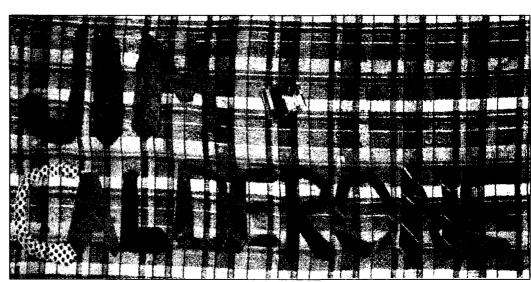
This is the number of people represented by the AIDS Memorial Quilt, which was started in 1987 by the NAMES Project Foundation.

The project was conceived by friends and family of those who had died of AIDS. As a way to remember those lost, the project grew rapidly in recognition and so did the quilt. The first time the quilt was displayed in October of 1987, it contained 1,920 names and covered an area less than the size of a football field. Today, the entire display does not fit on the Capitol Mall in Washington, D.C.

One of the panels honors the memory of Jeff Goode, a South Bend native who died from AIDS in March 1995. But Goode's memory lives on in more ways than this. Nardis Goode, Jeff's sister, is an AIDS activist in the Michiana community. She helped her brother through his eleven-year battle with the disease and now works to raise awareness and promote prevention.

Goode works closely with other activists, like John Roxy, to establish responsibility and education. Roxy is currently working to establish a local chapter of the NAMES Project.

Roxy's goal of involving the community to contribute panels from the area to the project stems from a desire to encourage awareness and a coming together.



A panel of the AIDS Memorial Quilt is dedicated to Jim Calderone, an Illinois native and Notre Dame graduate.

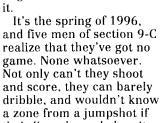
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Inside Column

No skills, no hope

Bookstore Basketball is as full of its own traditions as the University itself. This is the story of a young tradition begun in the hallowed halls of Grace, in bygone days when Hotel Grace [1969-1996] was open for busi-

ness and not the haven to University offices it has become. It's a tradition not of obscene names or athletic superiority, but one of dedicated individuals who realized their special lack of gift and made the best of it.



their lives depended on it. So, tired of being ridiculed for their inability to find the free throw line, Brian Johnsen, Brian Hamilton, Tim McConnville, Joe Marchal and Mike Kinninger form Team No

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Viewpoint

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Living up to their name and all expectations, Team No Skills lost resoundingly that first year, but not without a stunning display of creative plays and antics. Opponents were flabbergasted by the Matador Defense, which met the offense with a row of flag waving players yelling "Ole!" The Sit-Down Offense unnerved defenders when four of the five reclined on their side of the court leaving the fifth to take the ball to the basket. Most famous of all is the impenetrable Amoebae Offense, in which the ball bearing player is surrounded by an amorphous human chain of his teammates, unassailable until ready to shoot (fortunately, rarely scoring).

After a year in which the skills of the team were so pathetic that they forgot to register for the tournament. No Skills returned with new blood in '98 as Still No Skills, wowing officials by adding captain Steve Desch, who, because of high school basketball experience, was limited to shooting from half court. Two sophomores from the new section in Keough were recruited as well. One qualified by being debilitated enough to need the aid of a shillelagh to walk, the other submitted three years of church league basketball without ever sinking a basket as evidence of a total lack of skill.

In '99 the team returned as No Skills III: The Search For Desch (who had wondered off to graduate school). With what can only be explained as poor coaching and a lack of vision, the team won not one but two Bookstore games before finally being eliminated. 21-10.

This year, No Skills (Episode) IV: A No Hope enters the fray with new plays and dazzling freshmen recruits. While keeping much of the classic playbook, new ones borrowed from the obvious Star Wars theme have been added to vex the opposition. Recruits have been carefully instructed to avoid practicing or otherwise engaging in athletic events all semester, priming them for a spectacular loss.

No Skills IV (Brian Johnsen, Liam Thidemann, Adam Harvey, Devon "Meat" McShane, and yours truly) is playing Five Guys Who Can Penetrate But Not Score tonight at 6:15 on the Lyons Courts. Don't miss it: it'll to be the worst display of athleticism in the entire tournament. I guarantee it.

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THIS WEEK IN NOTRE DAME/SAINT MARY'S HISTORY

Paulks: In love and out of homosexuality Wednesday, April 15, 1998

Five years before meeting each other, John and Anne Paulk decided to change their homosexual life-styles. They met each other at Exodus International, the nation's oldest organization helping men and women overcome their homosexual desires. The Paulks came to Notre Dame to share their stories and transformation. Happily married, they are now raising their son, Timmy.

Security holds information on intruder Wednesday, April 13, 1977

Security was unwilling to release information on the man who entered several of the rooms in Farley and asked girls to search beneath their beds for "pieces of a woman's body," said Jean Lenz, Farley rectress. Kathleen Kelly, one of the victims, was told by security that "South Bend police had no jurisdiction over campus matters." No statements had been taken by security from her or the other girls.

OUTSIDE THE **D**OME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Arizona building evacuated after bomb threat

TUCSON, Ariz.
University of Arizona police evacuated the economics building Wednesday after an unidentified male called in a bomb threat.

At 12:50 p.m., the University of Arizona Police Department received a call on a non-911 line from a male who said that a bomb would go off in about 30 minutes in the Economics building, said UAPD Sgt. Mike Smith.

By 1 p.m., university police had begun evacuating the building, forcing numerous students out of class and to the east side of the street by the University of Arizona Bookstore.

Some classes were in the middle of lectures and tests when the evacuation started.

"There was a guy in my class who said the cops were asking people to

leave before the alarm was tripped," said Tanya Diffie, a communications graduate student, who was giving a lecture to her class during the evacuation.

At 1:15 p.m., university police officers pulled the fire alarm and began a cursory search of the building to determine whether there was a bomb.

No one besides these university police officers were allowed near the building and the bike racks on the premises.

"They [the professors] said, give us your papers and go," said Tim O'Brien, a political science junior. "I just want to get my bike."

Once the campus police had finished searching the building and the time had expired on the threat, the building was reopened at 1:35 p.m. and everyone was allowed to return, though many instructors had already let their students leave

Smith would not speculate on whether this threat was a "copy cat" of the ebola scare on March 31, but said that the University of Arizona police department is familiar with these threats.

"We have had these types of things before," Smith said. "Nothing happened, fortunately."

UC regent discourages protest

In a move that angered some students, University of California regent William Bagley Wednesday said upper-level politics — not student protests — were the key to his drive to overturn the university's ban on affirmative action. Bagley came to Boalt Hall School of Law as part of his campaign to drum up support for a reversal of SP-1 and SP-2 — the 1995 UC Board of Regents measures that ended the use of race and gender preferences in state hiring and admissions decisions. Wednesday's event marked the first time Bagley plugged his campaign in front of UC students. Provoking anger from some audience members, Bagley urged possible demonstrators in support of the issue to remain in the background. 'Student demonstrations are worthless," he said. "They are counterproductive, my friends. We don't want that kind of activity again." Gov. Gray Davis, Bagley added, is one person who can be swayed only by politics, not demonstrations. "Davis is not antiaffirmative action," he said. "Yes, we need him, but

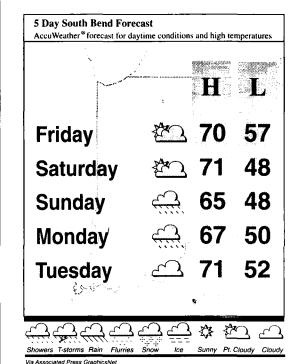
you've got to motivate him and I think we can do it.'

Columbia U. stands firm with WRC

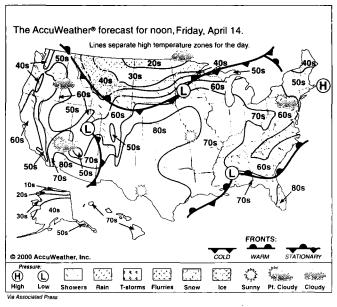
NEW YORK

Despite threats from Nike that it will cancel contracts with universities that join the Workers' Rights Consortium [WRC], Columbia is committed to the newly founded factory watchdog group, administrators said yesterday. Nike recently informed Brown University that it was terminating their licensing agreement due to the school's membership in the WRC, an organization of students, universities, and non-governmental organizations [NGOs] that oversees the monitoring of manufacturers of university-label apparel. Nike had been providing Brown with hockey equipment. Columbia, which joined the WRC in March, does not have a licensing agreement with Nike, although Nike does provide some Columbia athletic teams with shoes and other apparel. Still, student activists said they were concerned that other corporations might follow Nike's lead. Director of business services Bob Moskovitz did not discount the possibility that one of Columbia's licensees would decide to cancel its contract, but he said the University would not reconsider its membership in the WRC because of such a decision.

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Former Saint Mary's professor, reformer, ND grad dies

By KATIE McVOY News Writer

A Saint Mary's legacy passed away this past Friday, leaving behind 25 years of students, respect and change.

Margaret Dineen, recently of Jacksonville, Fla., was a professor of business administration at Saint Mary's from 1967 until her retirement in 1990.

Through the course of her years at the College she watched the business department grow and change from a small department that was primarily focused on secretarial skills to the highly respected program it is today.

"She was present at the creation of the BBA," professor of business and administration Claude Renshaw said. "She had a lot of input into that change."

Dinnen arrived at Saint Mary's shortly after receiving her MBA from Notre Dame in the late '60s. At that time, the department was small and course selections were lim-

Saint Mary's offered classes in typing and shorthand and other necessary secretarial skills.

In 1976, department head Bill Schmuhl and the other members of his small department, including Dineen, changed the department with the creation of the BBA, Bachelors of Business and Administration.

At that point, Dineen began to focus primarily on marketing classes, teaching the first group of Saint Mary's women to ever receive a BBA. Dineen, who ran a very strict classroom, was highly respected by students and colleagues alike.

"Students had an enormous amount of respect for her," Renshaw said. "She had an approach in the classroom that was very strict, but it really created professional women." The faculty also found her to be a warm, caring person.

"When my wife and I moved here, she and her husband, Clarence, made us feel so welcome," Renshaw said. "She was a very genuinely generous person."

Dineen's husband, Clarence Dineen, was also a member of the Saint Mary's faculty in the biology department for

Dineen has three daughters, Margot, Diane and Mary, and one son, Jim. Her husband still lives in Jacksonville where she passed away, but her grave is in Cedar Grove at Notre Dame.

NEWS ANALYSIS

Prof: Award shows women's gains

◆ Role of women in science-related fields expanding

By NELLIE WILLIAMS

A new step was taken for women in science when Darleane Hoffman, retired professor at the University of California, Berkeley, recently received the 2000 Priestly Award from the American Chemical Society.

The award, established in 1922, "recognizes distinguished service to chemistry."

The first woman to receive the award was Mary Good in 1997. Hoffman is the second woman to receive it. Good had concentrated in all three aspects of science, industrial, education and government, while Hoffman has spanned the areas education and government. Saint Mary's chemistry professor Deborah McCarthy, feels the fact that two women have received the Priestly Award is a great breakthrough for women in the field of science.

"The selection of these two highly qualified women is a confirmation that women have contributed significantly and will continue to contribute in the field of chemistry and science in general at levels equal to men," said McCarthy. "They serve as beacons for younger women to pursue careers in science without sacrificing other important aspects of their lives."

The recipient of the Priestly

Award is given a gold medal which is designed to commemorate the work of Joseph Priestly, along with a bronze replica at the annual Spring Awards Banquet.

The recipient also delivers a Priestly Medal address at the time the award is given.

In her Priestly Medal address, Hoffman spoke of how far women have come in the past 50 years. A section of her speech was titled, "You've Come a Long Way, Baby," but Hoffman feels that women still have challenges to overcome in regards with societal views on raising a family and working

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Deborah McCarthy

chemistry professor

lege.
"Young women in high school were often discour-

aged from entering the physical sciences even though they had excelled in their previous mathematics and science courses," she said in her speech.

"All these things have changed dramatically, and many of these issues are no longer even items for discussion. We have, indeed, made tremendous strides."

"But ... our gains in some areas are rather spotty and seem to be the exception rather than the rule. In 1983, I was the first — and so far only — woman to receive the ACS Award in Nuclear Chemistry. This was also one of the first times that one of the scientific awards of the society had gone to a woman," she continued.

However, Hoffman thinks that today woman have an equal opportunity to become scientist. Fifty percent of science and 33 percent of chem-

istry degrees are granted to women nationwide. Still, the percentage of women with their tenure professorships in chemistry departments remains low.

"Now that our numbers have increased, women should take the initiative in proposing qualified women for awards as well as for the coveted appointments and management positions in both university and industrial settings," Hoffman said in her

"We must also enlist the aid of our male colleagues in these endeavors. In the past,

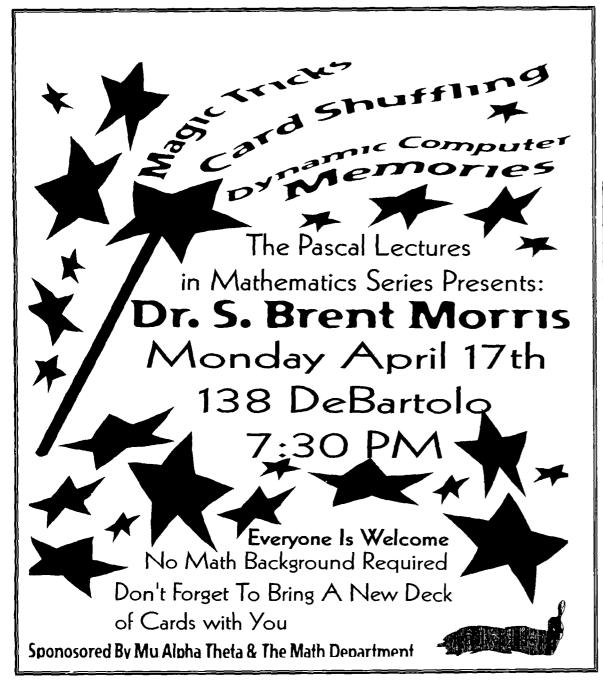
they have taken the lead in proposing us; now we women must take a more active role in the process."

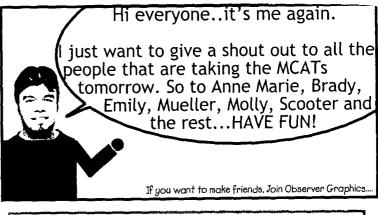
Presently, McCarthy is the chair of the subcommittee on "Recognition

and Promotion of Women" in the Women Chemists Committee of the ACS. Her subcommittee's role is to have more women nominated and selected as award recipients for ACS administered awards.

For women pursuing science at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame, Good and Hoffman have set an example to follow, according to McCarthy.

"We can hold these women as examples of "breakage of the glass ceiling" in the recognition of women's contributions to the field. One woman recipient of the Priestly Medal might be a crack but two is a real break," she said. "We encourage our students to seek full lives including careers in chemistry in industry, government, and academics. We state that their efforts will not go unrewarded along the way as well as at the end of their careers," said McCarthy.





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friends were convincing and when spring tryouts came around, he was among the candidates.

"I said why not give it a shot," he said.

Brown paused a moment when asked what it's like to be the leprechaun. He sat back in his chair and his easy grin crept across his face.

"It's a humbling experience," he said, noting the responsibility that goes with wearing the green suit and representing Notre Dame.

The leprechaun has two jobs, said Brown. First, to cheer on the team and second to keep the crowd entertained.

He makes the Energizer bunny look lazy, running around the sidelines, leading cheers, doing pushups, lifting cheerleaders and brawling with an occasional opposing mascot.

Some days it's more difficult than others, especially considering several lessthan-stellar Notre Dame performances last fall.

But Brown has experience with adversity – he spent two years as tailback on an O'Neill football team that has yet to win a game.

O'Neill played far superior teams, and more often than not, Brown was pummeled the second he touched the ball. But he'd spring back up, with his unflappable grin, and get ready for the next play.

"You go into every game thinking this could be our game," he said. That effort is apparent in each appearance as the leprechaun.

The youngest generation of Notre Dame fans makes his role especially rewarding.

"The kids, they're fun. I see myself in their shoes," he said. "I try to treat them like I'd want to be treated."

He means what he says. It's not unusual to see a cluster of children crowded around Brown, talking, laughing and just wanting to be part of the leprechaun magic.

During one football game, Mike climbed into the stands near a little boy wearing a green suit identical to his own. In min-

utes, Brown had the "junior leprechaun" leading the crowd in a "go Irish" chant.

Brown smiled, remembering the incident.

"The thing about it is that you touch so many people's lives," he said.

Leprechaun is a 24 hour-aday job. Brown never goes through a day without hearing "leprechaun" at least 10 or 12 times.

"Everywhere, it's 'There's Mike, There's the leprechaun," he said.

His fame doesn't disappear when he leaves campus. Anywhere in his Milwaukee hometown, from the bank to the grocery store, odds are that someone will recognize him as the leprechaun.

"I wish I could introduce myself to someone, and they'd really not know my name," he said.



Mike Brown has enjoyed his year as the Notre Dame leprechaun.

 $Cheer leaders\ ho ist\ Brown\ up\ for\ crowd-pleasing\ pushups\ (above),$

and the hard work wears him out (right).

Below, Brown hugs his aunt, Sharon Whitaker, after the Navy game.

Shacale Whitaker enjoys watching her famous cousin.

photos by JOHN DAILY

Still, he never regrets his decision. No one seems to be having more fun at games than Brown.

"I'm just enjoying my time," he said.

His family is proud of Brown's identity as a lep-

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"They went from not knowing anything to being some of the biggest Notre

Dame fans," he said.
His entire family, from the oldest to

the game is on," he said. And

his cousin, not even two

years old, knows the cheer "Go Irish" and says "Notre

Dame" when she sees any

t h e youngest, i s involved.
"Mygrand-mother,"

"Once I was out there it was so natural — out there having fun with the crowd."

Mike Brown leprechaun

The NIT championship was his family's last chance to see him in action this year, but he's not ready to take off the green suit just

He plans to try out again today, with slightly unusual circumstances. Before the tryouts Brown had a workshop to prepare all the would-be leprechauns.

"I gotta show some of the candidates the ropes, then compete against them," he said.

Brown remembers being in their shoes. He was nervous at first, but it disappeared once he appeared in front of the crowd. His calm attitude is not surprising, since Brown seems most at home leading screaming Irish fans.

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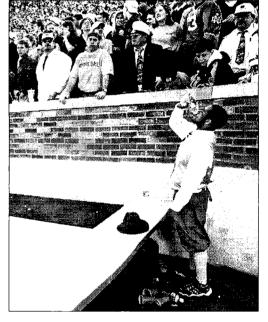
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No matter what the future holds for Brown as

Management

Information Systems major hoping to go into consulting, his experience here has changed him forever.

"I'll be a leprechaun for life," said Brown.





World News Briefs

Court issues stay in Elian case

Elian Gonzalez's great-uncle defied the government Thursday and the government blinked, letting its deadline to collect the boy pass and agreeing to a delay that averts a law-enforcement showdown for now. In Little Havana, thousands cheered wildly at the news. Attorneys for Elian's Miami relatives claimed victory after a federal appeals court issued a stay blocking anyone from taking the boy out of the country. The Justice Department, though, said it had agreed to a delay of "three or four days." The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals told the government to respond to the stay by 9:30 a.m. Friday, giving great-uncle Lazaro Gonzalez's family another day with Elian at the very least. Lazaro "feels relief," family spokesman Armando Gutierrez said, "at least until tomorrow morning.'

Venezuela elections spur tension

CARACAS

President Hugo Chavez's main challenger in next month's polls has refused to take part in a new plan to include opposition members on a panel meant to ensure fair elections. Presidential candidate Francisco Arias Cardenas called the government's proposal a "joke" because it doesn't give the opposition a vote on the National Election Council. "I won't name someone to serve on the National Election Council as a clown," said Arias, according to a campaign press release issued Thursday. Arias's comments came as tensions over May 28 presidential elections intensified with opposition politicians, Catholic Church leaders and retired military officials insisting fair balloting may not be possible because Chavez controls the electoral council.

Bombs explode near Israeli settlement

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip Two small bombs exploded next to an Israeli military vehicle near an Israeli settlement in the Gaza Štrip Thursday, Palestinian police said.

There were no injuries. Palestinian and Israeli security forces searched the area after the explosions near the settlement of Netzarim, an isolated Israeli enclave southwest of Gaza City, said Abdel Razek al-Majaideh, commander of Palestinian police in Gaza. The bombs exploded as Israelis were gathering at the settlement for a ceremony, Israel radio reported. Gunshots were fired at an Israeli military jeep escorting civilian vehicles, said the radio report. Israeli forces returned fire. Palestinians control most of the Gaza Strip, but Israeli soldiers patrol areas around Jewish settlements.

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ALGERIA



Relatives of victims of acts of terrorism protest during a rally on Place de la Concorde Civil in Algiers. At least 10 people were killed and several injured in a dawn attack by armed Islamists on a market in the town of Attatba, to the west of the capital.

Gunmen open fire, killing 12

Associated Press

ALGIERS Twelve people were killed and six injured when gunmen opened fire on a market Thursday in the Algerian town of Attatba, 35 miles west of Algiers, residents of the town said.

Residents said the attackers burst into the wholesale market early in the morning as vendors

were setting up stands. The massacre, like most attacks, was not immediately confirmed by officials.

It was the town's second episode of mass violence in a month. On March 15, armed Islamic militants killed 11 people there.

The North African country has been gripped by an Islamic insurgency since 1992, when the army canceled elections that, the now-banned Islamic Salvation Front was poised to win.

More than 100,000 people have been killed in the violence since then.

In a bid to bring about national reconciliation, Abdelaziz President Bouteflika offered a peace plan that gave insurgents partial amnesty if they handed in their weapons by Jan. 13 and were not guilty of rape, murder or bombings.

Despite the peace bid, attacks occur almost daily.

A planned demonstration in Algiers Thursday against Bouteflika's peace plan failed to materialize after tight security measures discouraged protesters. Critics say the plan isn't working and accuse the government of leniency toward militants.

Congo rebels seek cease-fire agreement

Associated Press

KIGALI Fighting raged Thursday between Congolese rebels and the army of President Laurent Kabila, the insurgents said, on the eve a new cease-fire intended to salvage an August peace plan to end the 20-month war.

The warring sides in Congo had agreed to observe the cease-fire as of midnight Friday to allow the deployment of U.N. military observers and 5,000 troops to protect them. But the small staff of U.N.

ficult to verify if the guns fall silent.

Kin-Kiey Mulumba, a spokesman for the Rwandan-backed rebels. said government troops and their Zimbabwean allies pounded rebel lines with artillery and smallarms fire at Ikela and Dekese, 435 miles east of the capital, Kinshasa.

But authorities in the Congolese capital. Kinshasa, denied attacking rebel positions and instead accused rebels of massing troops and heavy equipment around government positions in Equateur, East

monitors said it will be dif- Kasai and Katanga provinces.

An aide to Kabila, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Congo is prepared to respect the cease-fire, but would respond to any attack.

In New York Wednesday, the U.N. Security Council welcomed the agreement that also calls for the 9-mile withdrawal of forces from their current positions. But U.N. officials said that under the most optimistic scenario, it may take until July before first troops are deployed within the 18mile buffer zone.

The new cease-fire agreement seeks to salvage the crumbling August peace deal that seeks to end the 20-month rebellion. Rwanda and Uganda, which back the rebels, and Zimbabwe, Angola and Namibia, which back Kabila, also signed.

But fighting has persisted, threatening the planned deployment of U.N. troops.

Mulumba said that while Rwandan-backed rebels will suspend fighting on Friday, their forces will pull back only from four towns in northern and southern Congo.

Quilt

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"[The quilt] is something three-dimensional to say 'Hey, it's still here'," he said. "We use the textile as a way of healing, education and prevention so it will never happen again."

The quilt's enormity is due to the near epidemic proportions of the AIDS disease. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), more than 33.6 million people worldwide live with HIV or AIDS; 5.6 of these became infected in 1999. Despite these overwhelming figures, the quilt represents only about 20 percent of U.S. AIDS deaths.

St. Joseph's county is the third highest in the state in infection rates, Roxy said.

Though the U.S. faces a growing infection rate, the problem is far worse in Africa, said Goode.

"6,000 a day die from AIDS in Africa," she said. "It's a daily holocaust."

Conversely, Europe has the lowest infection rates, which Goode said is due to their mandatory education.

"Prevention is the only way to stop it," she said.

Roxy and Goode have different ideas on the best approach to reducing the infection rates and preventing further loss. Roxy advocates abstinence, which is

the only way to ensure that one does not contract the virus.

"Committed, loving relationships work in prevention," he said.

If abstinence

is not feasible, Goode urges people to listen to the second part of Roxy's message: "You can have as many relationships as you want as long as you know how to manage your body fluids," she said. "You can't pass judgement about behavior. Regardless of the circumstances, you have to be responsible for body fluids."

Both Goode and Roxy said that not only can education and effort stop the spread of the disease, but they propose that the spread could have been halted in 1986. It was then that the virus had been identified and publicized. As a result, Surgeon General C. Everett Koop commissioned a mailing to every U.S. household describing the

contraction of the virus and what steps should be taken to prevent its spread. Had this warning been heeded and continuous education supported, the world would not be facing the AIDS crisis it does, they said.

"There are two crises in the United States regarding this disease. One is prevention: there is none. There is no mandate for education. The second is the care of the people infected. Funding and services are almost null," said Goode.

Goode also said that because the disease has been in the public domain for so long, it has adapted to the human body's defenses and medical treatments for the disease. As a result, the virus mutates quickly.

"The average infected person has 11 different strains of the virus," she said.

These mutations also make the virus harder to detect.

"I am certain that there are people walking around these campuses who are infected but don't know it."

Roxy cites the quilt as a form of education that can and does work in a preventative capacity. The goal of establishing a Michiana chapter is not to produce more panels, but to prevent people from needing to contribute to the quilt.

"Let's get to the point where you're not a statistic, where you're not spending thousands of dollars to keep you alive, to

"Prevention is the only

way to stop [AIDS].

Nardis Goode

AIDS activist

the point where you're not a quilt panel," he said.

Roxy is holding meetings to establish the N A M E S

Project chapter on the third Thursday of each month, from 6:30-9 p.m. in 300 University Health Services.

"We're going to be having sewing bees, making the panels, which are 3'x6'. We're also going to be doing a local project where we're going to be making smaller panels, 16"x20" which will stay here in the community," Roxy said. The smaller panels will be loaned to various organizations for display.

Parts of the AIDS Memorial Quilt will be brought to South Bend graduation weekend as part of the 17th Annual International Candlelight Memorial and Remembrance Service on May 21.

Admission

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"In 1999-2000, as in the past 15 years or more, the Admission program has had a national and international focus," Nolan said. "Our admission counseling staff travels to over 30 states and 15 countries. We are supported by our alumnae VISA (Volunteers in Support of Admission) members who are visiting schools for us."

Admissions has a network of admissions counselors assigned to regions in the United States, and also sends staff out on visits, both natonal and international, throughout the year.

"We are working to develop in the international market," Nolan said. "Our international population is growing. Yesterday we recieved an application from a student in Rome."

On the international level, Europe, Central America and South America are the focus of the Admissions office. Joyce Lantz, associate director of Admissions, will travel to eight different European cities: Istanbul,

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Mary Pat Nolan

director of Admissions

Athens, Berlin, Hamburg, The Hague, London and Rome, to visit several schools and counselors in order to generate more interest in the college.

Saint Mary's is also a member of the European Council of International Schools, which puts on several tours and a conference each year. Last year's conference was in

Nice, France and cities on the tour included Lisbon, Barcelona, Madrid, and a side trip to Rome.

"A year from now, we hope to develop a tour in Latin and South America," Nolan said.

Admissions staff will travel to Peru, Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Ecuador, Venezuala, Guatamala, and Panama this September with the College Information Exchange's 2000 Latin America Tour, to plant roots for this new venture.

Exact numbers and characteristics of the class of 2004 were unavailable because of the intermediate stage of the admissions process. However, Nolan did have some idea of what the class would be like.

"The core of the class is from the Midwest,"

Nolan said. "Our primary market states are Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Ohio. Approximately two-thirds of the applicant pool will be from these states.

However, nearly 40 states are represented. Concern for diversity within the student body has also spread to the Admissions Office.

"To bring together women of diverse backgrounds is to enrich the education of all," Nolan said. "We are pleased to report that applications for multicultural students have increased by a few percentage points."

Nolan also stressed the fact that the involvement of current students, faculty and alumnae in the recruitment and enrollment preess is one of the reasons Saint Mary's is so successful in attracting applicants to the College.

"The application for admission gives applicants an opportunity to list factors important to their decision to apply for admission," Nolan said. "Among those most commonly listed [are] on-campus visits, current students, alumnae-endorsements, Saint Mary's publications, meeting admissions counselors at high school visits and college fairs."

"What made me make my final decision was talking to Kelly [Armbrecht] and hearing about her experiences [as a student at Saint Mary's]," Meghan VandeWater, a current freshman, said.

VandeWater and Armbrecht attended Shawe Memorial High School in Madison, Ind. together. Armbrecht is now a sophomore at Saint Mary's.

Nolan agreed that the relationships that a prospective student develops through the admissions process are very important as regards to their eventual college decision

"We feel we are developing a relationship with each and every student. Once they are on campus, they feel like the message we gave was what they found. We like to get our current students involved — you're talking to someone who is living the experience. Our messages are consistent. Everyone wants to get in on the act."

For the class of 2004 and previous first-year classes, Nolan had nothing but praise. "We tend to attract students who are very active in their community. They tend to be the doers, and they add to the quality of life in their high schools. They're a pretty special bunch."



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SMC alumna publishes novel

By NELLIE WILLIAMS
News Writer

Adriana Trijiani, an ¹,81 Saint Mary's graduate, just released her novel "Big Stone Gap" with Random House

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Publishers two weeks ago and its already risen to fame.

She will be visiting N o t r e Dame and S a i n t M a r y 's campuses tomorrow afternoon for a book

afternoon for a book signing and discussion.

Her stop in South Bend is part of Trijiani's three week,

22-city tour from coast to

The novel, which takes place in the author's hometown in Big Stone Gap, Virginia, has potential for more than 3 million dollars in initial sales.

The publishing house ordered a 150,000- book printing for the first edition.

The novel is based upon the character Ave Maria Mulligan, a 35-year-old "self-proclaimed spinster," who is the town pharmacist, co-captain of the Rescue Squad, director of The Trail of the Lonesome Pine, the town's outdoor drama.

"She finds herself keeping busy with the town's secrets and discovers some of family secrets of her own," she said.

The novel takes place in the year 1978 and Ave Maria finds herself in the midst of two marriage proposals and planning a life-changing journey to the Old Country. In the meantime, Ava Maria is helping a best friend plan a band halftime show because Elizabeth Taylor, a Hollywood movie star, is coming into town.

Other characters in the novel include, "the sexpot Bookmobile librarian, Iva Lou Wade; Fleeta Mullins, the chain-smoking pharmacy cashier; Elmo Gaspar, the snake-handling preacher;

Jack MacChesney, a coal-mining bachelor looking for true love; and Pearl Grimes, a shy mountain girl on the verge of a miraculous transformation."

"Big Stone Gap" will soon be made a major motion picture directed and produced by Trijiani. Trijiani has worked as a television writer/producer, playwright, comedian and documentary filmmaker.

She has also helped produce "The Cosby Show", "A Different World", and "Good Sports." Trijiani was executive producer and head writer for the film show "City Kids" and she wrote and produced "Growing up Funny", which was an Emmy nomination for Lily Tomlin and Lifetime Television.

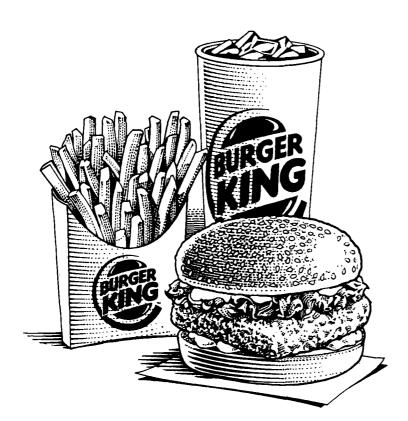
She also wrote, produced and directed the film "Queens of the Bigtime" (1996), which won the Audience Award for Best Documentary Feature at the 1996 Hamptons International Film Festival.

In her review of the book, Whoopi Goldberg said it is "...one of my all-time favorite novels, unforgettable."

Trijiani will be at Notre Dame's bookstore on Saturday at 2 p.m. and at Welsh parlor in the Haggar Student Center, Saint Mary's College from 4 to 6 p.m.

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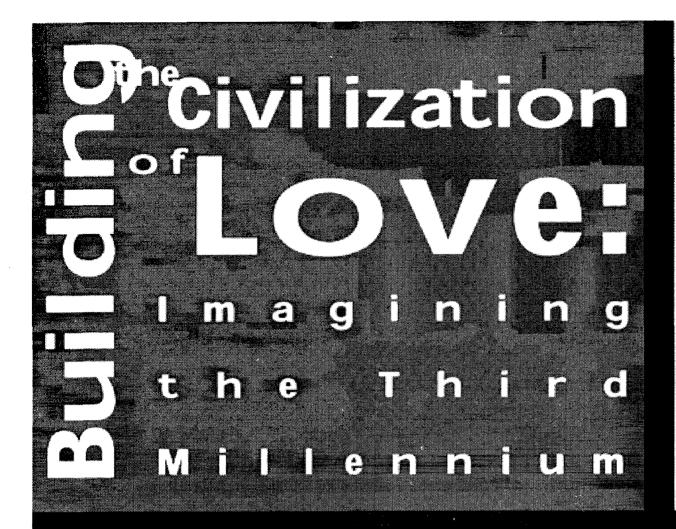
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Detroit police find links between prostitute, port deaths

Associated Press

A man suspected of going from port to port strangling women while in the Navy might have begun killing eight years ago, and his victim total could reach 20, police said Thursday.

John Eric Armstrong, 26, is accused of killing five Detroit area prostitutes and is suspected in at least 11 other slayings since 1992: three in the Seattle area, two in Hawaii, two in Hong Kong and one each in North Carolina, Virginia, Thailand and Singapore.

Detroit Assistant Police Chief Marvin Winkler said victims may

total 18 to 20 worldwide, including prostitute strangulations in Japan, Korea and Israel.

Many of the cities are ports of call for the USS Nimitz, on which police say Armstrong served for about eight years as a fueler.

"As the investigation keeps going on, bodies keep popping up. The numbers keep increasing," Officer Octaveious Miles said. "There is a similar pattern that ties them all together that creates a trail."

All the victims were women who were strangled, except one, a man killed in Seattle.

Winkler said the first slaying that police think is linked to Armstrong occurred in North Carolina in 1992. Armstrong is

originally from New Bern, N.C. Police there said he has no /Winkler said. The couple has a

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Octaveious Miles

officer

criminal record and was not under investigation.

Armstrong was arrested early Wednesday in an area of Detroit frequented by

prostitutes. Police have been questioning him without an attorney present. He's cooperating and hasn't asked for a lawyer, they said.

Armstrong's wife was questioned but uncooperative,

> baby boy; he is with his mothwhose er. whereabouts Thursday were unknown, Winkler added.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Robert

Agacinski said Armstrong would be charged and arraigned Friday on five counts of premeditated murder and three counts of assault with intent to murder. The murder charges carry mandatory sentences of life in prison if convicted.

The Navy began investigating after receiving a call from the FBI on Wednesday, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Larry Thomas said. He said they are still trying to confirm the suspect's identity and whether he was actually enlist-

Thomas said he could not say whether the slayings in ports of call coincided with times the Nimitz was docked there.

The suspect moved eight months ago to Dearborn Heights and has worked for the past month at Detroit Metropolitan Airport as an aircraft refueler.

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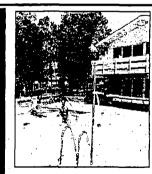
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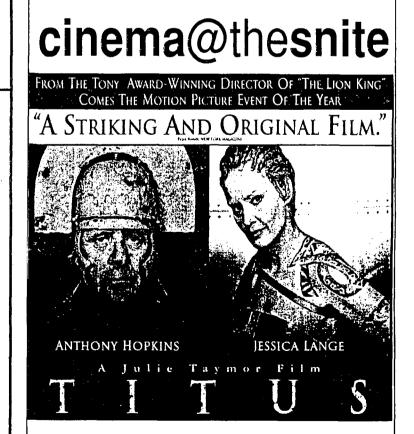
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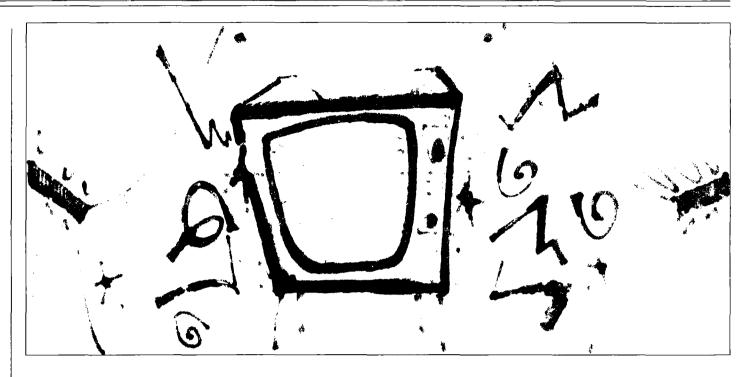
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Soap operas in the public square

America is a soap opera.

It is ugly but it is true. We are in constant need of entertainment. So if we can find nothing that catches our fancy (War with some

third-world country, sending an old astronaut into space, a big movie release, etc.) we over-dramatize anything that we can in order to keep the pretty color pictures flying across our television screens. Because gas prices go up a little bit, suddenly trucks caravan to the Capitol and every-



Matt Loughran

Random**Thoughts**

one is worried about the reserves of oil in the U.S: "Careful, we might run out." "We only have enough for a few years if we get cut off by OPEC." "We should research more oil fields in Alaska. What people didn't notice is that OPEC, stating that each member had been losing money because of devaluation. had cut production in order to survive. Asking less than a dollar for a gallon of gas is just unreasonable in the modern market. Then, when asked by the United States to increase production to subsistence levels without inundating the market, they quickly agreed. Look for your gas prices to drop back to \$1.20/gallon within the nest few months, the way that they should be.

A Cuban boy, who is too young to understand the difference between Miami and Havana has been in the neadlines in every major newspaper for months now. Not that there has been much anything else in the newspaper. Excitement with the two duds of presidential candidates has died down and the summer murder season

doesn't heat up for another two months. (I have lived in and around Washington D.C. my entire life, trust me, there is such a thing as a "murder season".)

So, we have to watch the disgusting spectacle of people who are only concerned with political repercussions of reuniting this boy with his father, parade around claiming that the government of the United States has a duty to make sure that he lives in this country raised in Miami with distant relatives whom he has never met before. Now there are questions of where the relatives will hand the boy over to his father or even if they will. (The girl who has been caring for him is constantly being hospitalized for fatigue and strain.)

Add to that the absurdity of "The Grandmothers" who made their trip up a few months ago to dance for the American media outlets and the massive diplomatic headache of the boy's father visiting accompanied by two of Castro's "psychologists." With all of these you have as compelling story as the American public wants to stomach.

The bottom line is that, oppressive regime or not, the United States has neither the duty nor the right to get involved in a child custody case between the natural father and distant relatives. We will ship hundreds of now homeless Haitians back home in an overcrowded ship to a government waiting to imprison them, but we have ethical qualms about sending one boy back with his father in a private jet to an assuredly normal life as Castro's trophy citizen.

But, if that wasn't enough, building on the beautiful show of love, harmony and trust that accompanied the meetings of the World Trade Organization in Seattle, people have begun springing up on street corners in Washington D.C. protesting the International

Monetary Fund.

This organization, responsible for bailing out and restructuring the failing economies in the third world is being blasted because they will not forgive all debts. How long do you think an organization could last that gives away free money? In the United States we have seen a welfare state fail miserably. The system is rife with abuses and people who, once given the opportunity to earn a paycheck without work, continue that process as long as they can.

It is the easiest thing in the world for a government to get itself into debt with other countries. The United States has been that way for years. Very few of those governments, however, have the resources that we do to get them back on track. That is why organizations like the IMF exist. Richer countries pay money into the fund and poorer countries are eligible to receive it if they meet restructuring requirements. It is not easy, but it is a way for the third world to get some help from the industrialized nations without having to grovel and beg with ambassadors.

If every one of those people who were protesting down there this week even knew what the IMF was about and the specifics of its relief programs, they wouldn't waste their time protest-

But, people need something to do. They need something to keep them entertained.

I find the entire circle, the event and the people watching it, at the same time both repulsive and oddly appeal-

Matt Loughran graduated from Notre Dame in 1998 and is currently working for a publishing company.

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

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I'D QUIT THIS JOB, BUT NEXT YEAR I'LL GET AN EXTRA WEEK OF VACATION.





SCOTT ADAMS QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The dynamic of capitalism is postponement of enjoyment to the constantly postponed future."

> Norman O. Brown commentator

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Administration harsh, hypocritical with OUTreachND

Yesterday I received a letter from Joe Cassidy officially denying OUTreachND University recognition. It was obvious from speaking with Mr. Cassidy weeks before that this was the only possible outcome of applying. After denying his initial request that OUTreachND withdraw its application, we waited three weeks for a response. I don't think that anyone is surprised with that repsonse. However, in a telephone conversation with Mr. Cassidy, I asked for written reasons why OUTreachND could not be recognized. He gave his answers:

"Although the Student Activities office and the office of Student Affairs have denied official University recognition for gay and lesbian student run organizations in the past, we have stated publicly our desire to create and sustain support structures which meet the pastoral needs of our gay and lesbian stu-

Of course you have. I'm not denying that. The point is that structures suitable for meeting the pastoral needs of gays and lesbians were created decades ago. That is, the creation of any faith-based discussion group is sufficient. Why would gays and lesbians need their own? The lack of effectiveness, or more accurately, the lack of want for these groups, is evident by observing their low attendance.

The university insists on "programs and services offered by committed professionals and ministers...to work with gay and lesbian students at Notre Dame.'

I can't speak for everyone, but I personally don't think that it is the university's place to "work with" me. Quite honestly, I find that offensive.

The university wishes to "...educate and sensitize our heterosexual students...

So does OUTreachND. That's why OUTreachND initiated Solidarity Sunday, offers dorm talks, and offers its members to help out the university's Standing Committee and Campus

The university wishes to "...create a safe and secure environment for all students in which no form of harassment is tolerated." Then stop the hypocrisy. Recognize our support group.

Read what is going on. Mr. Cassidy did not provide one good reason as to why OUTreachND was not recognized. The group's goal is create a healthy community in which gays, lesbians, bisexuals, heterosexuals, and all others in between can live in harmony. Please show your support for OUTreachND by writing Mr. Cassidy, Student Activities Office, 315 Lafortune Student Center. Thank you.

> Jeremy M. Bauer Sophomore April 12, 2000

Porn and rape are related

Having read all of the recent articles on rape, I cannot help but mention that which no one seems to wish to admit. A rather easy way exists to eliminate most of these date rapes that we have heard about.

All of those we have heard from were drinking heavily and were with men who were drinking heavily. When people drink that much, their reason is destroyed. When a man lacking in virtue has no reason either, he tends to do indecent things with women who are also lacking in reason.

Much of the problem here has to do with the habits of men. Many of us say that we are against rape, but we have subscriptions to Maxim, Playboy, Penthouse, or other such smut. We affirm with our reason that rape is wrong, but don't extend that logically to pornography; thus we train our passions in a way that becomes dangerous to us and to others when we lose our reason and are ruled by

When one lives in a large city, one does not go walking in dark alleys because one knows that one will be mugged. When one is a woman, one should have the prudence not to drink heavily when surrounded by men who

us to drop in the U.S. News

rankings. A brief look at

are not virtuous (though really also should have the prudence not to drink heavily at all). It sounds to me like all of these women failed to come to this rather obvious conclusion.

We should be outraged not only by what has happened, but at a social scene that demands heavy drinking and at institutions like pornography that turn us into animals. If we are serious about eliminating rape, then we will reform our social habits. If you women out there demanded that the men you know stop their destructive behaviour, they would, sooner or later; they should not need this motivation, but odds are it is the most effective way to influence them. I highly doubt if 1/4 of all women are raped during college; that would be an average of an entire floor of one of our women's dorms raped every single weekend here at ND. It is however a problem that can be avoided by changing our social habits. Stop drinking heavily; stop immersing yourselves in porn. There are reasons that our elders tell us these things are wrong.

> Nathaniel Hannan Dillon, Sophomore April 13, 2000

Questioning law school's hiring

the recent events of the past two years provides a more accurate understanding of why we dropped. First, the replacement of Dean Link was a debacle and the country's law school community knows what happened. At least as early as the fall of 1998 a faculty committee was appointed to select a new dean. The committee could not come to a resolution by April 1999. One of the names on the "short list" was former Professor John Garvey. Garvey was on another law school's short list as well, Boston College. When Garvey was offered the job at BC he was given a deadline for accepting the offer. Before accepting the offer Garvey went to a top ND administrator and described his situation. Garvey basically told this administrator, "I have an offer from BC, I would prefer to be dean here, but if no decision is made before the BC deadline I would be inclined to be dean there, rather than risk not being a dean at all." Due the faculty committee's inability to come to a decision, Nathan Hatch took the helm and proposed Garvey for the position. One day after Garvey was publicly announced as the candidate of choice, he gave a public address to the law school community. One day after this address Garvey withdrew his name from consideration. What

Apparently, some members of the faculty committee (the same committee that had been unable to reach a decision for over six months) were so outraged by Garvey's nomination that they successfully raised such

happened?

In response to Professor Rice's artiruckus as to cause Garvey to withdraw cle, "Keeping the Faith in Law his name from consideration. Today School," its important to point Garvey is dean at BC. (BC rose in out that Notre Dame's Catholic the US News rankings). When a character is not what caused candidate is announced to the community and gives a speech, the deal is essentially done. When members of a committee who sat on their hands for months and months cause a mini-uprising to overthrow a reasonable decision, it reflects poorly on the law school. This poor behavior is one cause of our drop in the rankings. Second, our current dean, albeit one who is faithful to Notre Dame, lacks the curriculum vitae that other deans of top 25 law schools possess. Garvey's c.v. made him a much more appropriate candidate for the job. In addition touted as being responsible for bringing in many of the newer faculty members of the law school. This is an important point because many of these newer faculty members are highly regarded in the academic community, as well as others. Dean O'Hara might eventually become an excellent dean, but her previous job experience cannot be an accurate guide for making this judgment. She was not the most qualified candidate on the short list. Our current dean's unproven lack of job experience is another reason why we dropped in the rankings. This is not to say I believe in the infallible

guidance of U.S. News rankings. I don't. But, let's not confuse the reasons why we dropped. Our immature hiring process and our current dean's lack of job experience are the two main reasons why our law school dropped. And, rightfully so.

> Joseph A. Tomain ND '98; ND Law '01 April 13, 2000

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On March 26, 1911, Thomas Lanier Williams was born in Columbus, Miss.

"Can a Good Wife Be a Good Sport?" an essay published in "Smart Set," appeared just 16 years later. This marked Williams' first publishing triumph and earned him \$5.

For the next 56 years, his life would grace the world with priceless literary masterpieces, the most famous of which would be his plays.

Tennessee Williams took hold of his title as a playwright of excellence when he won the Group Theater Prize of \$100 for American Blues and received a \$1,000 Rockefeller grant in 1939. World War II defined the backdrop of Williams' most famous play, "The Glass Menagerie," which ran

in 1944 and 1945 in both Chicago and in New York on Broadway. Through this piece, Williams won the New York Drama Critics' Circle Award as the best play of the season. Then, in 1948, Tennessee Williams created "Summer and Smoke.'

This work of uniquely-Williams genius joins the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's community for four short days. From April 13 through April 16, "Summer and Smoke" will serve as the feature attraction at the Moreau Center/Little Theatre as Saint Mary's presents this tour de force for their 1999 - 2000 Theatre & Dance Season

In "Summer and Smoke," Dr. John Buchanan tells Miss Alma, "We're trying to find something, but we don't even know what it is." Such statements drive the play as they force the audience to question what course of action should be taken.

Tables turn with fate's cruel timing, and Williams leaves the audience with a choice between a tale of self-destruction or a tale of self-integration. See the show and decide what you have just wit-

Miss Alma has been in love with John her entire life. He, the handsome and dissolute son of the town's respected

doctor, would never have imagined it for the spinster does not seem capable of passion.

But she loves him and this love will change their lives forever, in ways that none of those involved could have anticipated.

A year ago, Katherine Sullivan, a professor who teaches a literary seminar on Tennessee Williams at Saint Mary's College, chose the play "Summer and Smoke" for this year's Theatre and Dance Season.

"I just felt that this was the right play to do. I think he writes beautiful women and we're a women's college," Sullivan said.

The play has a lyrical style, a Southern texture and a universal plot. Struggles, decisions, loneliness and souls reaching out to one another provide the audience with a basis from which they may

identify with the charac-

Auditions began in January, and the crew has been working very hard since. The cast consists of Saint Mary's students, as well as several Notre Dame students and a student from Holy Cross. Extensive rehearsing, work on accents and an unfathomable amount of time has been put into the play.

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Ironically, the climax of the play comes in a time of silence. The scene shows Dr. John Buchanan circling Miss Alma; they stare into one another's eyes as the lights dance about them. In that moment, he realizes how desperately he needs her, and once again, "Alma's Theme" plays in the background.

"I think we have those moments in our lives, moments that define our lives, and they may not be with the person we end up with. But it's a moment of true connection, and I think it's a beautiful thing," Sullivan remarked.

Set in 1916, this tale is one of escape, whether it be from inhibitions, from poverty or even from oneself. Williams flashes parts of his own life in the play as the characters question choices concerning ideals that range from carnality to spirituality. There is romance, tragedy and open-endedness. In the end, Williams seems to ask another question rather than provide an answer.

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By SARAH RYKOWSKI Scene Writer

True love can happen anywhere, at any time. No one is too old or too young. That is just one of the messages Adriana Trigiani sends in her best-selling novel "Big Stone Gap." The only event that truly dates this novel is a visit to the town by Elizabeth Taylor, stumping for her then-husban, Representative John

Warner, in 1978 Trigiani's work is not just a love story; it is a masterpiece of storytelling. As main character Ave Maria Mulligan narrates the story for the reader, her voice remains genuine and true. Through Ave Maria, Trigiani makes each and every character and place come alive. Even when Ave Maria relates a story from her childhood or past experi-

ence, there is always a connection between the tale and the overall plot. The reader feels connected to Ave Maria through her sorrows, her joys and her journeys, as well as those of her acquaintances.

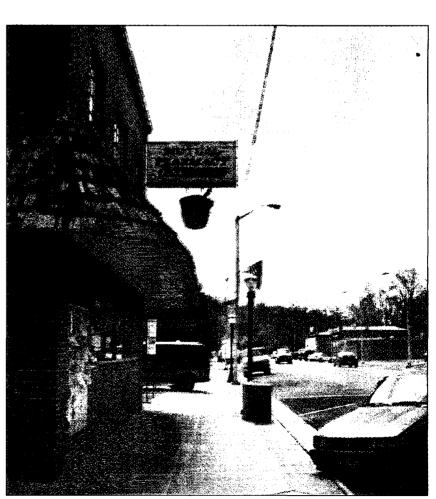
Set in the Virginia mountains of Appalachia in the 1970s, "Big Stone Gap" is full of the antics of small town life. Everyone knows everything about everyone else or at least thinks they do. That is where the fun begins. Ave Maria is 36 years old as the curtain rises on her story. On the verge of middle age, she suddenly feels out of place in a town where so many of her peers are parents of teenagers and some are even grandparents. Ave Maria, named by her Italian mother, is set apart from the rest of the town - not only because of

her heritage, but also because she went off to college. Most women in her generation married straight out of high school, stayed home and had children. "Let me blame life. Life keeps interfering with my plans. First Fred Mulligan was sick; then I took care of Mama, business got to booming and I took on more and more and thought about myself less and less," Ave Maria laments. Fred Mulligan, Ave Maria's father, ran

the town pharmacy. Ave Maria took over the business after she graduated from college and her father fell ill with cancer. As Ave Maria's search for her identity and place in the world continues, she decides that what she really wants is a man, someone to have, to hold and to love. There is just one small problem with her new resolve. "Around here, men my age have been married since they

were seventeen. Some of them are grandfathers already. There are no men!" she exclaims. Ave Maria volunteers as the director of the town's outdoor drama, "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine." Events transpire at one of the performances in such a way that she finds herself back on the marriage market.

Despite the shortage of desirable men of marriageable age in Big Stone Gap, once Ave Maria has revealed her desire to relinquish the dubious honor of town spinster, she has no lack of proposals. Along with these proposals, Ave Maria must deal with a greedy aunt and uncle, revisiting the pain of adolescence and the family skeletons that fall out of the closet when her mother dies in the



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The pharmacy shown above is located in Big Stone Gap, Va. Here is where the characters in Adriana Trigiani's novel worked.

OBSERVER

ne Gap' captivates audience

iani's novel explores relationships and growing up in a small Virginia town

Ave Maria's

opening chapter.

When addressing the pains of growing up, Trigiani paints a beautiful and accurate picture of each generation involved. Ave Maria is pitted against her generation's beauty, Sweet Sue Tinsley — a recent divorcee and mother of two who is vying for the attentions of the same man - and later, Sarah Dunleavy, the new English teacher, who is young and beautiful. Ave Maria sees her own situation with Sweet Sue repeating itself in the younger generation. Pearl Grimes is an insecure, chubby teenager, horribly and understandably jealous of the homecoming queen/star of the outdoor drama, Tayloe Slagle. Tayloe is everyone's perfect girl.

These characters are in no way stereotypical as Trigiani paints them, another indication of the author's skill as a verbal illustrator. "I wish I could tell

Pearl that being the prettiest girl in town was no great shakes, but eventually she would find out the truth. When you're 15, it is everything. when you're 35, it's still something. Beauty is the fat yellow line down the middle Powell Valley Road. And it's best to figure out — and the sooner the bet-

ter — which side you fall on, because if you don't do it for yourself, the world will. Why wait for the judgement?" Ave Maria says.

In a fit of empathy, for Pearl's situation, Ave Maria hires Pearl on at the pharmacy. The only other employee - the chainsmoking, WWF fanatic Fleeta Mullins — wants to retire. Pearl takes to the pharmacy like a fish to water, joining Weight Watchers and learning about face products to take care of her acne. Pearl's grades improve Pearl, Ave Maria is able to find a solution to the demands of her aunt and uncle. Ave Maria is also co-captain of the local Rescue Squad, and Trigiani uses this position as an inciting incident quite often throughout the pages that comprise Ave Maria's journey.

An accident at the local high school involving a toilet introduces the reader to Theodore Tipton, Ave Maria's best friend and a fellow outsider. Theodore is a teacher and the band director at Powell Valley High School. This incident is also the first time Pearl enters in on the

When Elizabeth Taylor visits, Ave Maria and her team are the first paramedics on the scene as the screen star chokes on a chicken bone at the gala dinner the town throws in her honor. (According to the author's note, Taylor really did visit the Gap in 1978 with her husband and was

taken to the hospital after choking on a bone.) At the dinner, Ave Maria's personal life dilemma unfolds in more painful detail before her audience.

A mining accident reveals the dangerous livelihood which supports most of the town's families, further separating the career-minded Ave Maria from her peers. Most of the men go straight from high school into the mines, because "Mining is a family tradition; usually sons follow fathers into the mines, and their sons will follow them."

The accident also serves as a step in Ave Maria's awakening to her emotions — which she has hitherto ignored — and develops another pivotal character in Trigiani's plot, taciturn Jack "Jack Mac" MacChesney, a miner. MacChesney, still a bachelor, lives with his energetic mother, "Apple Butter" Nell, who plays fairy godmother

to Ave Maria. "The best thing a father can do for his son is love his mother," Jack says at point, underscoring Maria's quandary.

As for her family troubles, Ave Maria uses the small town's gossip mill to skillfully arrange answer to her aunt and uncle's demands, and

Trigiani uses a surprising but plausible turn of events to resolve Ave Maria's discoveries about her family following her mother's death. An important part of Ave Maria's journey of self-discovery is her role in the town. As an Italian, Roman Catholic, college-educated and unmarried resident of Big Stone Gap, Ave Maria finds herself in a minority, and qustions whether she actually belongs in the community or has merely been a visitor in it for 35 years. She plans a journey to Italy to futher complications.

While all this goes on, Ave Maria continues to explore the singles scene. After her best friend, Iva Lou Wade, the Bookmobile librarian and town sexpot, finally settles on a man, Ave Maria feels more pressure to find her own partner in matrimony. She discovers why she has avoided such relationships for so long, even while she was away at college. "As the town spinster, I had no picture of my old age. Being alone gave me a certain timelessness ... I froze myself in time, hoping it would not catch me. I was so afraid to love someone for fear I would fail," she feels.

Ave Maria also comes to terms with her troubled relationship with her father, 12 years after his death, and uses this knowledge to define what she wants to do with the rest of her life. The characters are a scream — from their names to

descriptions to the way they speak behaveTrigiani allows Ave Maria Mulligan to dabble in the Chinese art of face-reading to aid in her verbal pictures. But Ave Maria's face studies are not just a hobby or a simple device used description; they play an important part in the plot development of this novel. "It was then that I first checked out this book on Chinese face reading. I thought that if I read my father's face, I would be able to understand why he was so mean ... He had small eyes (sign of deceptive nature), a bulbous nose (sign of money in midlife, which he had from owning

Pharmacy), and no lips. Okay, he had two lips, but the set of the mouth was one tight gray lead-pencil line. That is a sign of cruelty," Ave Maria discovers.

Trigiani's cast is not only amusing in their actions and conversations, but extremely believable and genuine. All in all, "Big Stone Gap" is sweet, suspenseful with out seeming contrived and well-written from the first line to the last. There is enough suspense to hook even

the most jaded mystery readers, enough of the classical touch to satisfy the literary elite and plenty of laughs and tears for the average reader of all ages and types. This is a work of art with the potential to touch even the hardest heart. As Whoopi Goldberg says, "[This is] one of my all-time favorite novels ... unforgettable.'

The author will discuss and sign copies of her book, published by Random House, tomorrow in Hammes Bookstore at 2 p.m. There will be a reception with further signings and discussions as well as readings from the book in Haggar Student Center's Welsh Parlor from 4-6 p.m. A motion picture based on Trigiani's book is in the works, which Trigiani is writing and plans to direct. The movie is being produced by The Shooting Gallery, the same film company that worked on "Sling



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This shot of the main street in Big Stone Gap shows the historic architecture found in this quaint little town.



The sign seen entering this small town in Appalachia highlights the town's athletic teams, though the attention gained from the novel will surely attract more tourists.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Dodgers overcome Giants to win third straight

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO Adrian Beltre drove in two runs, 15 hours apart, and the Los Angeles Dodgers defeated the San Francisco Giants 6-5 Thursday night in the completion of a game suspended from the previous night.

The Dodgers scored three runs in the seventh inning off Ben Weber (0-1) to erase a onerun deficit and win their third straight, including both games at Pacific Bell Park — the Giants' new home.

Rich Aurilia homered and drove in three runs for the Giants, who lost their fourth straight.

Terry Adams (1-0) pitched 1 2-3 innings of one-hit relief to earn the victory, and Jeff Shaw pitched a scoreless ninth for his third save.

Ellis Burks and Aurilia each drove in runs in the sixth after the game resumed to give the Giants a 4-3 lead.

Beltre's run-scoring single off Aaron Fultz highlighted the three-run rally. Mark Grudzielanek and Todd Hundley also drove in runs.

Neither starter figured in the decision. Dodgers' Darren Dreifort allowed three runs on four hits with a walk and strikeout in five innings Wednesday, while Giants' Joe Nathan allowed three runs on four hits and five walks in six innings.

Beltre's sacrifice fly in the top of the sixth put the Dodgers ahead 3-2. The Giants were coming to bat in the bottom half when it began to rain heavily Wednesday night.

The Dodgers had the bases loaded with no outs in the second after Shawn Green led off with a single and Eric Karros and Hundley walked, but Beltre hit into a double play, scoring one run. Kevin Elster, greeted with boos in his first at-bat after Tuesday's three-homer effort, struck out.

Los Angeles went ahead 2-0 on Green's third inning sacrifice fly before San Francisco evened the score. Aurilia homered to lead off the third and the Giants scored again without benefit of a hit in the fourth when Bill Mueller came around from second on first baseman Karros' fielding error.

Mets 2, Phillies 1

Mike Piazza's tiebreaking, RBI double with two outs in the ninth inning helped the New York Mets snap a four-game losing streak with a victory over the Philadelphia Phillies.

Jay Payton singled with one out off Scott Aldred (0-1) for his first career three-hit game. With two outs, Piazza hit a liner to left-center off Amaury Telemaco. Payton barely beat Mickey Morandini's relay throw from left fielder Ron Gant to score the winning run.

Dennis Cook (2-0) got Rico Brogna to pop out with two runners on in the eighth. Armando Benitez pitched the ninth for his third save.

The Mets, who had lost six straight at Veterans Stadium, got a strong outing from Rick Reed. The right-hander allowed one run and four hits in seven innings and drove in New York's first run with a sacrifice

The Phillies tied it at 1-1 when Mike Lieberthal hit Reed's first pitch in the seventh just over the left-field wall.

Reed's sacrifice fly scored Derek Bell to give the Mets a 1-0 lead in the fourth. Bell led off with a single. Benny Agbayani and Rey Ordonez drew one-out walks to load the bases before Reed hit the first pitch to center.

Randy Wolf solidified his spot in Philadelphia's rotation with his second straight strong outing. The left-hander allowed one run and five hits while walking six and striking out seven in seven innings.

Expos 4, Pirates 3

Bruce Aven and Jason Kendall hit two-out, RBI singles in the bottom of the ninth as the Pittsburgh Pirates rallied against Montreal closer Ugueth Urbina to beat the Expos.

Warren Morris, who went 3for-4, hit a one-out single off Urbina (0-1), who blew his second save in four chances. One out later Adrian Brown singled for his third hit of the game, setting up Aven's pinch-hit single that tied it. Kendall followed with a single up the middle.

Jose Silva (2-0) got the win

despite allowing a go-ahead single to Vladimir Guerrero in the top half of the ninth. It was Guerrero's third hit of the

The Expos took a 2-0 lead through three innings and missed chances to get more runs.

Lee Stevens drew a one-out walk in the second and scored on Chris Widger's double. Guerrero started the inning with a single but was thrown out stealing.

Starter Jeremy Powell led off the third with a double and Peter Bergeron followed with a single. The Expos got just one run out of the first-and-third, no out situation when Jose Vidro grounded into a double play.

Pittsburgh scored its first run in the fourth when John Vander Wal and Morris hit consecutive two-out doubles. Brown led off the fifth with a triple and scored on Kendall's sacrifice fly.

Brewers 4, Marlins 0

Jason Bere allowed three hits and struck out nine in seven innings to lead the Milwaukee Brewers to a victory over the Florida Marlins.

Bere (2-0) allowed two singles in the second inning, escaping a bases-loaded jam by striking out pitcher Brad Penny to end the inning. Bere also allowed a third-inning single to Brant

In his first start, Bere allowed one run on five hits with eight strikeouts in six innings, a 9-1 Brewers victory over St. Louis.

David Weathers pitched a hitless eighth inning and Bob Wickman finished the four-hitter. This was Milwaukee's first shutout since July 30, 1999, against Montreal.

The Brewers took a 3-0 lead in the second against Penny (1-1). Geoff Jenkins led off with a single and Tyler Houston drew a one-out walk. Luis Lopez hit a two-run double off the glove of center-fielder Preston Wilson and scored on Bere's single to

Ron Belliard's opened the sixth with his first home run to make it 4-0.

Diamondbacks 5, Padres 4

Maybe the San Diego Padres should have used camouflage balls when pitching to Steve Finley.

Finley hit a pair of two-run homers to lead the Arizona Diamondbacks to a win over the Padres, who wore camouflage jerseys and green hats to honor San Diego's large Navy and Marine Corps population.

But the Padres couldn't hide from anybody, least of all Finley, their center fielder from 1995-98 who joined the post-World Series exodus to sign with Arizona.

The Padres, who looked like they'd be at home playing a sandlot game at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, committed four errors, although they didn't contribute to any of the Diamondbacks' runs.

Astros trade veteran Gooden to hometown Devil Rays

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. Dwight Gooden is coming

Desperate for starting pitching, the Tampa Bay Devil Rays acquired the 35-year-old righthander from the Houston Astros for cash Thursday.

Now, they'll find out if he can help them out of a tough situa-

"I'm definitely overjoyed... It still hasn't really sunk in yet," Gooden said by telephone from Houston. "I guess once I put the uniform on, I'll know it's offi-

Tampa and lives in St. Petersburg during the offseason, will join the Devil Rays on Saturday and start that day's game at Detroit. He made one start for Houston this season, but was not involved in the decision April 8 after allowing four runs and six hits in four innings against Philadelphia.

"He wasn't going to get the starts in Houston, and with our woes he'll get some work here," general manager Chuck LaMar said. "He brings experience and stability. And late in his career, what better place for him than

A four-time All-Star, Gooden Gooden, who grew up in has won 188 games and amassed 2,239 strikeouts over 15 seasons with the Mets, Yankees, Indians and Astros. He was the NL rookie of the year in 1984, won the Cy Young Award at age 20 the following year and pitched a no hitter for the Yankees against Seattle on May 14, 1996.

"I haven't seen him since he pitched one time against us last year," Devil Rays manager Larry Rothschild said. "You know the great career he had and everything. We'll just see where he is."

Scott Elarton, recovering from rotator cuff surgery, will take the spot Gooden vacated in Houston's rotation. The Astros signed Gooden to a minor league contract on Jan. 6, and he made the major league roster after going 0-1 with a 3.75 ERA in seven games in spring training.

The Astros also activated outfielder Matt Mieske off the 15day disabled list.

Tampa Bay was one of the teams the right-hander talked to before signing with the Astros. But LaMar said he didn't want to bring Gooden back home if he didn't have a chance to be a starter.

But with Juan Guzman and Wilson Alvarez, the club's top two starting pitchers, on the disabled list with sore shoulders, plus the rest of the rotation struggling, the climate has changed.

"I tried to get it to work this winter. Unfortunately it didn't,' Gooden said. "But now I'm going to get the opportunity to come home and I'm thrilled. They're going to give me a chance to pitch every fifth day. That's all I can ask for.

LaMar is anxious to find out how much Gooden has left.

"He's had some ups and downs over the last couple of years on the mound," LaMar said. "If he's going to put it together at the end of his career, I couldn't think of a better place to do it."

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NFL

Penn State's Arrington, Brown predicted to be top picks

Associated Press

NEW YORK
The Washington Redskins are
expecting Saturday's draft to
propel them to the Super Bowl.
The New York Jets are hoping it
makes them a contender for

years. And the Cleveland Browns hope they'll draft a player to make them respectable in their second season.

The other 28 teams?

They're just trying to find the best player in a draft

heavy on receivers and running backs but short everywhere else. Three things are as certain as

things can be at draft time..

1. Two of the first three players to be chosen — linebacker LaVar Arrington or defensive end Courtney Brown — played together at Penn State. But where No. 1 will go is unknown. Cleveland has the first pick, but is willing to trade it for a passel of draft choices. The Jets have four first-rounders, two of them acquired this week in the trade for Keyshawn Johnson. They also moved up Thursday from No. 16 to No. 12, which belonged

to San Francisco. The 49ers got a second-round pick to make the swap.

"We truly haven't made up our minds," said Dwight Clark, Cleveland's director of football operations.

2. The Redskins will get two high-quality players to add to a

"You evaluate, evaluate,

and evaluate, study

scouting reports and film

and then go with your

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Bill Polian

Indianapolis Colts president

team that won the NFC East and made the second round of the playoffs. The yreached their draft position with

a series of trades centered around the one at last year's draft that sent Ricky Williams to New Orleans.

The Redskins will take Arrington or Brown and probably offensive tackle Chris Samuels of Alabama, with an outside shot for wide receiver Peter Warrick of Florida State.

3, For all the evaluation and re-evaluation, half the 31 players taken in the first round might be disappointments, and quite a few later-round choices will be stars. Jevon Kearse of Tennessee, who had 14.5 sacks and helped the Titans win the AFC title, was taken 16th overall

last season.

"I'm no genius," said Indianapolis Colts president Bill Polian, who has been depicted as one for taking Peyton Manning over Ryan Leaf two years ago and Edgerrin James over Williams last year, propelling the Colts from 4-12 in 1998 to 13-3.

"The draft is not brain surgery," Polian said. "You evaluate, evaluate and evaluate, study scouting reports and film and then go with your gut feeling. You also need some luck."

Luck is always a key word,

particularly in this draft, in which a lot of high-profile players carry question marks.

They include Warrick, whose stock wasn't helped by his two-game suspension in a year when citizenship counts; Heisman Trophy winner Ron Dayne of Wisconsin, who's considered too heavy or too slow or too injury prone and is ranked third or fourth among running backs, and Florida State kicker Sebastian Janikowski, who might have been a first-rounder but misbehaved in New Orleans

at the Sugar Bowl.

Then there are the likes of wide receiver Plaxico Burress of Michigan State, who antagonized the Eagles by canceling a workout to go to the Final Four: Deon Grant, the Tennessee safety who makes big plays but whose tackling is suspect; Dez White, the Georgia Tech burner who drops too many passes, and Brian Urlacher, a versatile, 260-pound linebacker from New Mexico who by one team's count missed 18 percent of the tackles he had an opportunity to make.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Tampa Bay forces extra innings, breaks past Chicago, 6-5

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla Greg Vaughn's RBI single with two outs in the bottom of the 12th inning gave the Tampa Bay Devil Rays a 6-5 victory Thursday over the Chicago White Sox, snapping a five-game losing streak.

Vaughn's line drive to left field off Tanyon Sturtze (0-1) drove in Kevin Stocker from second base. The Devil Rays' bullpen held the White Sox scoreless over the last seven innings keep Tampa Bay in the game.

Jim Mecir (2-0), the fifth Devil Rays pitcher, got the win.

The White Sox took a 5-4 lead into the ninth. But closer Bob Howry couldn't finish off the Devil Rays, who loaded the bases with one out on two singles, a sacrifice bunt and an intentional walk to pinch hitter Fred McGriff. Gerald Williams grounded into a force play at second, driving in a run to send the game into extra innings.

Magglio Ordonez hit a solo homer, his second, off Tampa Bay starter Steve Trachsel in the third. Frank Thomas extended his season-opening hitting streak to 10 games with a RBI single that gave Chicago its 5-4 lead in the fifth

Jose Valentin had a RBI double and Ray Durham drove in a run with a second-inning sacrifice fly for Chicago, which also scored a run when Trachsel hit Josh Paul with a pitch with the bases-loaded in the second.

The Devil Rays, who fired pitching coach Rick Williams on Wednesday, got another poor performance from a starting pitcher. Trachsel fell behind 2-0 in the second, then couldn't hold the lead after Tampa Bay responded with four runs in the bottom half of the inning.

Yankees 5, Rangers 1

Orlando Hernandez shut down Texas on three singles for eight innings and Jorge Posada hit a tiebreaking triple with the bases loaded, leading the New York Yankees past the Rangers.

The Yankees, who have won nine straight playoff games

against Texas on their way to three World Series titles since 1996, completed a two-game

New York made it a rough homecoming for Kenny Rogers, who gave up eight hits in Texas' first complete game this year. Back at Yankee Stadium for the first time since pitching in pinstripes in 1997, he walked two in the sixth to set up Posada's hit.

Hernandez (2-0) gave up a single to Royce Clayton to start the game, a single by David Segui in the second, a single to Rafael Palmeiro in the sixth and little else. Two Rangers reached on errors, and a two-out misplay set up their run.

Hernandez showed the same stuff he used to beat Texas 8-0 in Game 1 of AL division series last year. He struck out four, walked two and lowered his ERA to 1.13 after three starts this season.

Mike Stanton pitched the ninth for the Yankees, finishing the combined four-hitter.

Paul O'Neill, who batted just .190 against left-handers last season, had three hits off Rogers (1-2)

O'Neill also showed off some nifty footwork, stopping short on a steal attempt and sneaking his cleat around second baseman Luis Alicea's swipe tag. Bernie Williams followed with an RBI single for a 1-0 lead in the first.

Tigers 2, Mariners 0

Juan Gonzalez, making his first home start for Detroit, hit an RBI double to break up a scoreless tie in the eighth inning as the Tigers held off the Seattle Mariners.

Gonzalez, who hadn't started since the opener last week in Oakland because of a right hamstring strain, started at designated hitter and went 2-for-4.

Shane Halter drew a leadoff walk off Arthur Rhodes (0-1) in the eighth before Gonzalez scored him easily with a drive up the right field gap.

Bobby Higginson followed with a single that moved pinch runner Karim Garcia to third, and he scored on Dean Palmer's sacrifice fly.

Hideo Nomo gave up four hits and four walks in six-plus

innings. Doug Brocail (1-1) pitched one scoreless inning of relief before Todd Jones finished for his third save.

The Tigers took two of three games in the first series in Comerica Park.

Nomo played escape artist throughout his first Comerica Park start. He got out of a basesloaded, none-out jam in the sixth en route. His ERA after three starts is 1.28. But his only decision was an opening night win, and the Tigers have scored just one run for him since.

Gil Meche went 6 1-3 shutout innings and was never in nearly as much trouble as Nomo.

Red Sox 4, Twins 3

Wilton Veras drew a basesloaded walk to break an eighthinning tie and the Boston Red Sox rallied to beat the Minnesota Twins 4-3.

Nomar Garciaparra singled to lead off the eighth, then Troy O'Leary walked. Carl Everett hit a double-play ball to second base, but Jason Maxwell kicked the ball around for an error that loaded the bases.

Jeff Frye hit a fly ball to shallow left field, and Denny Hocking threw Garciaparra out at the plate to preserve the tie. Eddie Guardardo relieved Bob Wells (0-1), walked Jason Varitek and then walked Veras to score the game-winner.

Tim Wakefield (1-0) earned the victory with one inning of scoreless relief. Derek Lowe pitched the ninth for his second save

Matt Lawton had three singles for the Twins. Cristian Guzman scored twice and drove in Minnesota's third run with a sacrifice fly in the seventh inning to break a 2-2 tie.

Twins ace Brad Radke, looking for his first victory, took a 3-2 lead into the bottom of the seventh before giving up consecutive singles to Mike Stanley and Scott Hatteberg. Veras sacrificed the runners over and Jose Offerman tied it with a sacrifice fly

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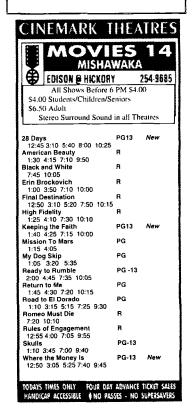
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TRACK AND FIELD

Notre Dame looks to qualify at Mt. SAC

By BRIAN BURKE Sports Writer

Last weekend Notre Dame's men and women runners and jumpers were sent home from the Miami University Invitational in Miami, Ohio, after weather conditions were deemed too harsh to compete. Weather should not be a problem when the Irish take a smaller squad to Walnut, Calif. for the Mt. SAC Relays Saturday and Sunday.

The Mt. SAC meet is one of most competitive on the Notre Dame schedule, and combined with the warm weather, gives several athletes the optimum conditions for earning NCAA qualifications.

"This is one of the bigger meets as far as the quality and depth of the competition." assistant coach John Millar said. "We're trying to get qualifying times for the NCAA, and the level of competition should give them that opportunity. The weekend off shouldn't be a problem, for some I think it might help. I'm pleased about where we're at, we expect them to do well."

Ryan Shay is the only member of either team to qualify automatically for the NCAA's — in the 10,000 meters —

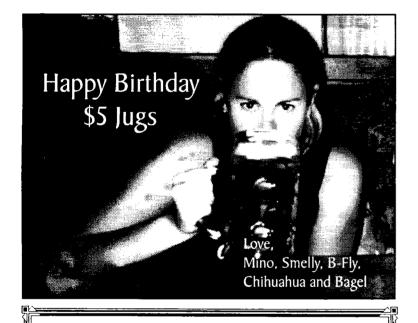
but several other men's distance runners such as Phil Mishka, Luke Watson, and Antonio Arce will look to improve upon provisional qualifying times. Those times were earned in Arizona three weeks ago at the start of the season, and the return trip West will be the first time since that the Irish have high expectations of notching qualifying bids.

Alison Klemmer is the only woman to qualify (10,000 meters) thus far and will try to better upon her provisional time of 34:30. Patty Rice is another distance runner with NCAA hopes in the 1500 meters.

"The competition definitely makes it easier to qualify," Klemmer said. "It's been 70 [degrees] out there so the conditions will be better than here"

Of the women sprinters, Liz Grow looks to have the best shot at earning a qualifying time in the 200 or 400 meters after setting a monogram track record in the 400 meters and winning the 200 meters two weeks ago in a home dual meet.

Marshaun West will seek to improve upon his provisional leap in the long jump, and Chris Cochran goes for a qualifying time in the 400 meters for the men.





Fulbright Information Session for Graduate Students

An information session for graduate students interested in the 2001-02 Fulbright Fellowship Competition will be held today Friday April 14, at 4:00 PM in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune.

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SOFTBALL

Irish split doubleheader with Devils

By RACHAEL PROTZMAN
Sports Writer

In their effort to exorcise the DePaul Blue Devils, the Irish softball team finished up in purgatory Thursday, win-

ning the first game 5-1 before falling in the second game of the double-header, 4-3.

Notre Dame, 32-10 overall, ended its



Sharron

nine-game winning streak with the loss while DePaul moved to 16-15 overall.

"This is gonna be really important for us," said head

coach Liz Miller before the games. "They have good pitching and we need to see how we adjust to strong pitching."

And adjust they did, as Irish freshman Andria Bledsoe gave Notre Dame a start with a

Game 1

DePaul 1

DePaul 4

Game 2

Notre Dame 3

Notre Dame 5

fifth-inning double and scored on a single by Lizzy Lemire. Freshman Andrea Loman sent the ball over the fence for the fifth time this season, driving in three runs. Then Lemire, batting for the second time in the

ond time in the inning, slammed another home run, putting the Irish up 5-0.

Pitcher Jennifer Sharron struck out ten and held the Blue Demons hitless until the seventh inning. Sharron is now 17-5 on the season

In the second game, DePaul jumped out to an early lead with two runs in the first and added another in the fifth. Notre Dame rallied in the bottom of the inning as junior Melanie Alkire swatted her

seventh homerun of the season, a threerun blast that tied the game.

DePaul, however, came back in the seventh to take the lead, and held on for the win.

The Irish will face rival Boston College Saturday. The Eagles, 8-13 on the season, were picked to finish second in the conference, behind Notre Dame, in preseason polls. Sunday Notre Dame takes on Loyola (16-11) in a doubleheader.

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BASEBALL

Irish wins highlight young pitchers, sophomore talent

By BRIAN TRAVERS Sports Writer

Backed by strong performances by young pitchers, the Notre Dame baseball team (24-8) won two of three non-conference home games this week, beating Toledo and Bowling

Green, while falling to Purdue.

Sophomore right-hander Drew Duff (2-1) pitched six impressive innings and Andrew Bushey bashed his first home run of the year as the Irish defeated Toledo 6-3 Thursday.

After hitting an RBI double and scoring in the third, sophomore third baseman Bushey knocked an opposite field home run over the left field wall.

Bushey's home run was the third of his career, and his first at Eck Stadium. Fellow sophomore Ken Meyer also cashed in with a pair of RBI's and has seven hits in his last 11 at bats.

Freshman Brandon Viloria started for the Irish, setting down the first six batters before being relieved by Duff. Sophomore Duff allowed six hits and three runs over the next six innings while striking out two. Senior John Corbin pitched the ninth for his seventh save of the

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Paul Mainieri

head coach

year and school record 16th of the year.

The Irish pitching staff, which entered the week ranked sixth in the nation in team ERA, lowered that number to

3.02 with Thursday's victory.

A two-run second inning was all the Irish needed Wednesday as they defeated Bowling Green 2-1 behind five strong relief innings by sophomore Matt Buchmeier.

The Irish scored their only two runs in the second despite having no hits in the inning. Bowling Green pitcher Aaron Nease (1-1) loaded the bases, hitting Bushey, walking sophomore Matt Strickroth, and hitting senior captain Jeff Perconte. Bushey then scored on a sacrifice fly by sophomore DH Ken Meyer.

Bowling Green second baseman Kenny Bundine then made an errant throw on Steve Stanley's ground ball, allowing Strickroth to score the winning run.

Buchmeier (3-1) earned the win for the Irish, throwing five scoreless innings of relief, and combined with three other Irish pitchers to limit the Falcons to four hits. Bowling Green's only run of the game came on a Sean Ryan home run off starter J.P. Gagne in the second.

Head coach Paul Mainieri described the performance of the young pitchers as one of the highlights of the week.

"We had several young guys who really pitched well," Mainieri said, "Matt Buchmeier pitched fantastic for five innings."

Senior righty John Corbin pitched the ninth for Notre Dame, collecting his sixth save of the season.

Corbin's third strike to first batter Alan Gilhousen skipped past the catcher, allowing Gilhousen to reach first.

Back to back infield grounders moved the tying run to third before Corbin retired Matt Marcum on a groundout to third.

Two costly errors were all that kept Notre Dame from an undefeated week, and the Purdue Boilermakers took advantage of Irish mistakes and won 7-5 Tuesday.

Five Boilermaker batters drove in runs in the victory, and freshman Chadd Blasko (2-1) tossed six solid innings. Freshman Matt Laird (3-2) took

JOHN DAILY/The Observe

Combined with the notable effort of the young pitching staff, Notre Dame's hitting clinched wins over Toledo and Bowling Green this week.

the loss for the Irish.

Trailing 7-5 in the ninth, the Irish rallied and had two runners on base before Purdue's senior closer Andy Helmer came on with his 1.45 ERA.

Helmer got junior shortstop Alec Porzel to line into a double play — ending his 15 game hitting streak — and retired Paul O'Toole to end the game.

This weekend the Irish will travel to Morgantown. West Virginia, for three games against Big East rival West Virginia.

Alec Porzel will look to continue his hot hitting this weekend. The junior shortstop is coming off a career-long hitting streak and has four home runs in seven games against the Mountain-

eers

Notre Dame leads the all-time series 18-9 and has won eight of the last ten meetings between the teams — including wins in each of the last three Big East tournaments.

However, Mainieri does not expect the Mountaineers to roll over.

"Every time we play a conference game it's a dogfight," Mainieri said, "We know we're going to have three dogfights this weekend"

The Irish will play a double header on Saturday and another on Sunday in West Virginia before coming home to play a twilight double header Tuesday vs. Chicago State.

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that ever Sucked lived up to their name as they were ousted by They Named this Thing after Us, We Ought to Have a Team, 21-19.

Playmates Who Can Play, on the other hand, didn't live up to their billing, as #1 Seed moved into the second round with a 21-11 victory. Zero Exposure had a moment in the spotlight with a 21-14 win over Navajo Playgrounds and Cherokee Parks.

Pat Richer's All Stars and The Underground squared off in one of the most competitive games of the day. Richer led his team to a 23-21 victory in a grueling battle that lasted nearly 1:15.

"It was an intense and exciting game; we were all dead by the end," Michael Nannenga, one of the All Stars, said. "They had the speed and we had the height. We had them beat down under and our zone defense won us the game in the second half."

The Wok was obviously too busy cooking as it forfeited its game against Orange Crush, but www.nothingbut.net lived up to its name with a 21-4 trouncing of Not Checkers, Chickens.

Seeking Employment will have to postpone its job search for a few more days, as they advanced to the second round with a 21-16 win over Boo Yeah, Pocket Full Of.

The fourth day of Bookstore

action also had its fair share of first-round blowouts. One Investment Banker and Four Guys With a Life kicked The Bucket, 21-3, while A Business of Ferrets and ICU Ballers were both 21-1 winners.

Stanley's Parents Pay us to be Friends with Him topped Ringo, 21-16. John Reed and Dan Welch turned in strong performances for Ringo, but freshmen Malik Frans-Sting and Matt "Junior" O'Rourke's inexperience proved to be the deciding factor.

"Next year we are going to work on not having such a stupid name," Ringo's Welch said. "Something that says we are not losers."

Seeded teams moved on with relative ease. No. 22 Sexual Frustration V let some of that anger out with a 21-5 victory over Team 59.

"We haven't played once together, but we're a good, quick team," Josh Brumm said. "It was an all-around effort, Everyone chipped in."

Brumm became close to senior basketball player Skylard Owens while working as a manager for the team. Owens led the way for Sexual Frustration V in Thursday's victory.

"We need to work on rebounding and our inside defense," Brumm said. "If we can defend those big football players I think we'll go far."

No. 25 Mourning Wood used a balanced scoring attack to knock off The Total Package, which included football players Tony Driver and Ronnie Nicks.



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Team 401 def. Shoot Your Balls at the Y

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NBA

Webber adds driving violation to list of legal troubles

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Sacramento Kings star Chris Webber has been cited for reckless driving and teammate Jason Williams could face a similar

Webber was stopped after Wednesday's home loss to the San Antonio Spurs, the California Highway Patrol said Thursday.

A CHP officer said Williams was driving recklessly in the same area at the same time. Williams was not stopped, but Officer Nick Salmeron said reckless driving charges might still be sought.

Drivers can erase such citations from their driving records by attending traffic school.

Webber and Williams each received speeding tickets Jan. 2, after they were stopped at the same location in Sacramento County.

Webber has had other legal problems.

In 1998, Webber paid a \$500 fine after being accused of carrying marijuana in a carry-on bag at an airport in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Webber, through his agent, denied any wrongdoing and said the bag belonged to a female companion.

Later that year, a Maryland jury found Webber guilty of fail-

ure to display a driver's license on demand, failure to display a car registration on demand and willful disobedience of a police officer. He was fined \$560.

After the same traffic stop, he was found innocent of marijuana

possession, driving under the influence of the drug, resisting arrest and second-degree assault.

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Men's Lacrosse

Corrigan, Irish prepare for NCAA tournament

By STEVE KEPPEL Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's

lacrosse team has been on a roll lately, winning two straight to clinch yet another league title.

This run has been led by the

outstanding play of the Irish attack, which has combined for 16 goals and six assists in the last two games. Top scorer Tom Glatzel, junior Jon Harvey

and assist leader Dave Ulrich are among the biggest contributors. They have all stepped up their play in the recent weeks after losing two straight games to Loyola and Hofstra.

"Tom Glatzel and Jon Harvey

have really been step-"Tom Glatzel and Jon ping it up Harvey have really been lately," said c o a c h K e v i n stepping it up lately. They are making plays Corrigan. and beginning to follow "They are making through on their shots." plays and beginning **Kevin Corrigan** to follow through men's lacrosse coach

their shots. Also with Dave Ulrich playing well our attack is really coming together."

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This is the perfect time for the Irish to be pulling it together, after winning last week at Butler the Irish have all but guaranteed themselves an NCAA tournament bid. Last week's win was their fourth straight league victory as they pulled out a close one to beat the Bulldogs 12-11.

"Last week we played well and got the win but we made a few mistakes that could have cost us the game," Corrigan said. "We can't make those mistakes if we expect to continue to keep winning."

Heading into his ninth NCAA tournament with the Irish, the

coach believes his team has to keep playing well and needs to learn from their mistakes from early on and not repeat them when it really matters.

"We need to be patient and keep improving," he said. "We

have to keep getting better and better each week and we need to continue to do that if we get to the tournament."

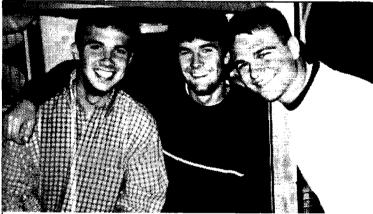
Last year in the NCAA tournament—the 14th—seeded Irish lost 14-10 to—No.—5 Georgetown.

This young Notre Dame team hopes to head back once again and get a few wins and possibly make a run at the championship.

But first, Notre Dame must play well in their last four games, all against non-conference foes. The Irish face the Army Cadets in West Point, NY, Saturday. The No. 17 Cadets lost to the Irish last year by a score of 15-7. Corrigan said his team will have to play physical to win

"Against Army we need to play tough and work at getting ground balls. Army is an aggressive team and we need to be aggressive to win." he said.

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Women's Tennis

Irish, Hurricanes meet to decide top seed in Big East

By KEVIN BERCHOU Sports Writer

It's like the old saying goes; if it ain't broke, don't fix it.

The Dame women's team has been firing on all cylinders of late, so head coach Jay Louderback doesn't want to tweak anything for this weekend's important home match against the Miami Hurricanes.

"We've been really playing well lately." Louderback said. "We'll be going with the same lineup against Miami this week-

The Hurricanes blow into

match with very high stakes. The winner will likely be the top seed for next week's Big East Championships, while the loser will be relegated to the second spot.

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For Notre Dame, currently ranked 14th — higher than the lineup against Miami this Hurricanes come weekend's match ranked

45th — the

match takes on a greater importance due to Notre Dame's lack of scheduled Big East opponents.

Since the Irish have yet to play a Big East team this year, this match will be crucial when it comes to seeding for next week's other hand, have played several Big East matches, winning them

Miami's season has been marked by inconsistency. They have played well at times, poorly at others, and their 9-9 season record reflects that.

"They've really had an up and down kind of year," Louderback said. "They lost a real close one to Duke, but they've lost some matches I'd would have thought

The Hurricanes will be hoping to storm in and catch the Irish

play, with that charge being led by junior Alanna Broderick, who is 20-12 in dual singles matches on the year. If the Hurricanes are to test the luck of the Irish, they will need strong singles play

right on through. "I'd say their strength is in singles," Louderback said. "They're solid in doubles though too,'

Junior Michelle Dasso has catalyzed recent wins with her strong play. Not only has she played brilliantly in singles, she is also undefeated in doubles since renewing her partnership with sophomore Becky Varnum just over a month ago.

'They've played exceptionally well together," Louderback noted. "Our doubles as a whole are playing really well.

The tandem of Dasso and Varnum will be tested by the Hurricanes' solid coupling of Katie Bogomolova and Marcy Horam, who have won seven of their last nine matches.

In other tennis news, senior captain Kelly Zalinski will look for one win to surpass Jennifer Hall as the school's all time singles wins leader this weekend.

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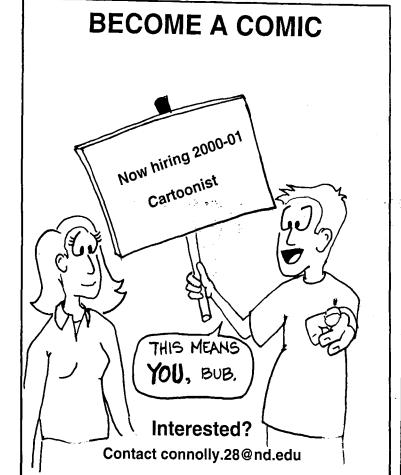
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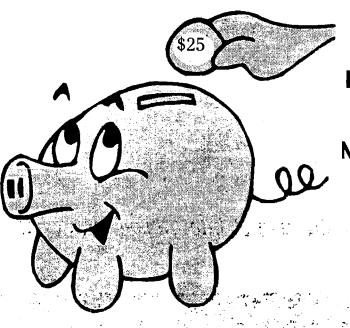
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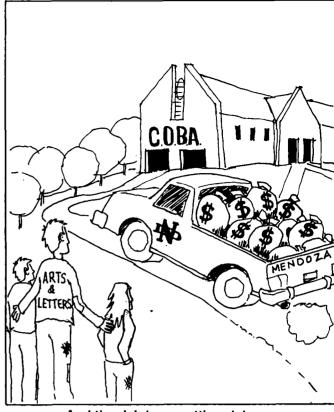




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Horoscope

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Julie Christie, Rod Steiger, Loretta Lynn, Pete Rose, John Shea, John Gielgud

Happy Birthday: You will have plenty of opportunities to help peo-ple in need, but you must also be careful not to let anyone take advan-tage of your kindness and generosity. Do your homework and steer clear of organizations that are not worthy of your time or your money. You have to realize that charity begins at home and take care of your own needs first if you want to get ahead this year. Your numbers: 7, 12, 28, 31,

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You had better make plans to get out and have some fun. You will be in the mood to party and will have no problem attracting love interests. Be

receptive; you won't be sorry. 200 TAURUS (April 20-May 20); Don't let emotional limitations hold you back. Problems with loved ones must be dealt with if you wish to be able to continue your relationship in a positive manner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will be able to pick up some valuable information if you are willing to listen to those who have more perience. Be prepared to do a little traveling if you wish to follow your interests. •• CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may feel financial limitations if you have been spending too readily on

rize your financial situation and stick to the budget you set. OOOO LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may be reluctant to confront your mate today. Questioning the relationship that you're in doesn't mean that you can't make it work. Find solutions

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Difficulties with colleagues or bosses will be upsetting. It is best to do your job as efficiently as possible. Avoid talking about others if you wish to keep things harmonious. OOO
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Pregnancy or limitations due to children are likely. Don't get involved in joint

are likely. Don't get involved in joint financial ventures and be careful not to let family take advantage of your generosity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You can expect someone you live with to be erratic and difficult to get along with. It is best not to argue. Get to-gether with clients or co-workers, ou can win points. **0000**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21): You may want to take a closer look at your situation with relatives and in-laws. You may find that someone you least expect may not be in your corner. 00 CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may have a tendency to spend on items that are not a necessity.

ou're short of cash later in the day. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will have ample opportunity to meet new partners. You must get out and do things that will bring you in contact with those who have similar

Think twice. You are not likely to get a good deal and may find that

interests. 000 PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You should concentrate on making those job changes that have been on your mind. It would be best to work in a position that will allow you the freedom to work at your own pace.

Birthday Baby: You are a bleeding heart for the underdog. You will never back away from someone who needs your assistance. You are giving, loyal, (Need advice? Check out Eugenia's Web sites at astroadvice.com,

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXIX

Competition surges as first-round games continue

OBSERVER

By BRIAN KESSLER Assistant Sports Editor

During the Notre Dame-Oklahoma football game last season, a sign with the message "Nobody Likes You Anyway, Kutylo" flew high above Notre Dame Stadium. While no one may like senior Ben Kutylo, he found four psuedo buddies to join his bookstore team. The five formed "Nobody like You Anyway, Kutylo" knocked off YourMom.com: Quick, Easy and Affordable, 21-13. But after the game, the verdict still stood: nobody likes

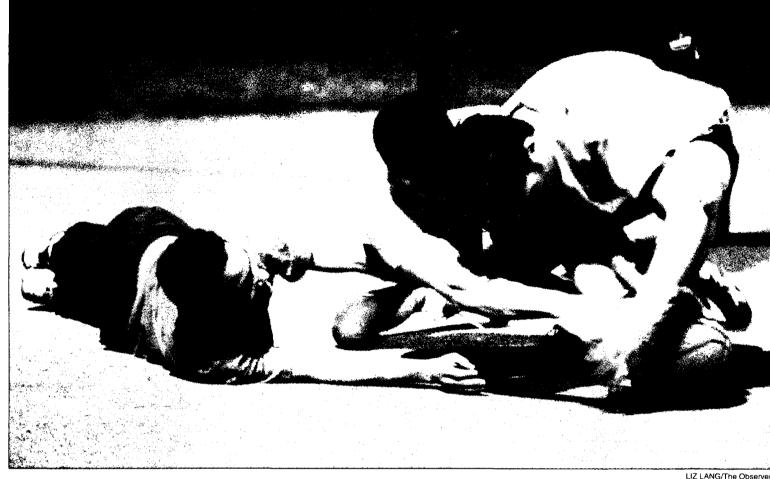
We Thought She Was Legal rear-ended Vinny's Backdoor Fantasy 21-17 in a highly competitive match-up. Mike Conklin and Brian Smith led the way for We Thought She Was Legal.

"We had a pretty balanced attack, but I think our size was the difference," Conklin said. "We had a couple of inches on all of their guys and we were able to get rebounds and second chance points.

Sophomore Bob Hagan had nine points in a losing effort for Vinny's Backdoor Fantasy.

The Suckiest Bunch of Sucks

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LIZ LANG/The Observer

Players for the Strawlana team struggle for the ball during a first-round game on McGlinn courts. First-round play concludes Sunday, and the second round will begin later that day.

FOOTBALL

Experience proves crucial for Boiman, young linebackers

By KEVIN BERCHOU Sports Writer

Rocky Boiman is much more comfortable as he surveys the offensive set just now placed before him. The reads are more familiar. He

feels more at home.

It's only spring pracbut Boiman is confident that linebacking corps, of which he is an integral part, have



Boiman

already made a marked improvement over last year's group which struggled toward the end of the disappointing 5-7 campaign.

The defense would tend to show signs of wear in the latter stages of games. Tennessee and Stanford are just two of the teams that defeated Notre Dame

by way of huge second half scoring outputs. Boiman chalks up much of that to lack of experi-

"Last year was a learning year," Boiman said. "It was my first year at the position, and it took some getting used to."

Rising senior Anthony Denman was quick to echo his fellow linebacker's sentiments. He too was playing a new position for the first time.

Boiman is now a bona fide veteran outside linebacker, while Denman also exudes a confidence that stems only from experience.

'We want to win this year," Denman said. "Our goal is to win the national championship.'

While Denman's goals may seem a reach to anyone who witnessed the team's sub-par play last season, an influx of new talent that blends nicely with returning experience has the linebackers in particular believing that anything is possible.

The unit loses senior leaders Ronnie Nicks and Joe Ferrer to graduation, but Boiman believes this year's group is more than ready to step up.

"Nicks was great, and he'll be a big loss," said Boiman. "But we have to step up, and make sure the defense doesn't skip a

In addition to seasoned veterans like Boiman and Denman, the unit returns up and comers Tyreo Harrison and Carlos Pierre-Antoine, sophomores who could be poised for breakout

Harrison saw spot duty last year, amidst several injuries to Nicks, and that experience. though limited, will no doubt

"Tyreo got a lot of valuable experience last year," Denman noted. "I think that'll be real important."

Blue chip recruit Mike Goolsby, of Chicago's Joliet Catholic, is ranked by numerous services as one of the top 20 recruits at any position, and could compete for a regular spot in the rotation.

With the personnel base for an excellent linebacking corps set, the men that compose the heart of the Irish defense are concentrating on the little things that they feel will make the dream of a national title a reality.

"We've been working on passdrops, reads, and footwork,' Denman said.

"Little things like that are what the coaches are really getting on us about. Even though we've only been practicing a couple of weeks, you can already see improvement."

"We're feeling good," Boiman added. "I think we're starting to see the results from our work. Our play is improving on the field, and right now we're just real confident."

Linebackers are oftentimes overlooked. It is the responsibilitv of the defensive line to stop the run, and that of the secondary to derail an opponent's passing game. It's not infrequent that those units get the lion's share of the praise in good times, along with the blame in the bad.

What makes a linebacker unique is the versatility that is inherent to the position.

"It takes a special athlete to play linebacker," Boiman said. You have to be both strong and

It will be this unit's primary focus to stop the run, though third down passing situations will often force at least one backer to drop back into cover-

'Stopping the run is our priority," Denman noted. "That's how you shut them down.

Boiman can't wait for the season to get underway. The only thing more electrifying than the color of his rich red hair is the intensity with which he plays. While he and Denman will be the lifeblood in the heart of the defense, the unit's success will hinge on the ability of Harrison and Pierre-Antoine to con-

Boiman just wants to play. He is anxious to show people that this year the linebackers will be nothing but an asset. If it's up to him, the defense won't be suffering any more late-game collaps-

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