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More females seek elected ND offices

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One year after Notre Dame elected its first female student body president, half of the four tickets running in this year's election feature a female president and a third ticket has a female vice-president.

Student body president Brooke Norton, who served as vice-president last year, said she attributes the changing gender make-up of the tickets to an overall change in the mindset of students about women in leadership roles.

"Our generation has grown up being used to having females right next to males in leadership positions ... in the

past few years, we really have seen females taking many leadership roles on campus," Norton said. "I'm very proud of Molly Kinder [the first female on the Irish Guard] and Tambre Paster [the first female head drum major]. It's just a coincidence that I was in the right place at the right time to become Notre Dame's first female president."

The past five years have seen major changes in the gender make-up of electoral candidates. Out of 80 candidates who ran for election either as president or vice-president in the previous five years, only 14 people, or 18 percent of the candidates, were females. This year, three out of eight, 37.5 percent are. In the previous

five years, 68.5 percent of the tickets were all male, 22.5 percent had a male president running with a female vice-president, seven and a half percent

had a female president running with a male vice president and only one ticket — two and a half percent — was all females. This year, one ticket is all male, one ticket is a male vice president running with a female vice president and two tickets are a female president with a male vice-president.

All three of this year's female candidates emphasized that gender is not the most important fact in a ticket's platform and said they would have run

this year regardless of whether or not one of the three women candidates was elected this year. Presidential candidate L i b b y Bishop, running with

vice-presidential candidate Trip Foley, said she felt that last year's election helped to clear the way for more women

to run for the office.

"It was very encouraging to see that Notre Dame is ready for a qualified female president. Seeing Brooke succeed this year really helped to energize me in my decision to run, but it was a very individual decision ... if Brooke wouldn't have won, I don't think it would have been because she's a woman," said Bishop.

Presidential candidate Nikki McCord, who is running with vice-presidential candidate Nick Williams, said last year's election showed students were ready for a change.

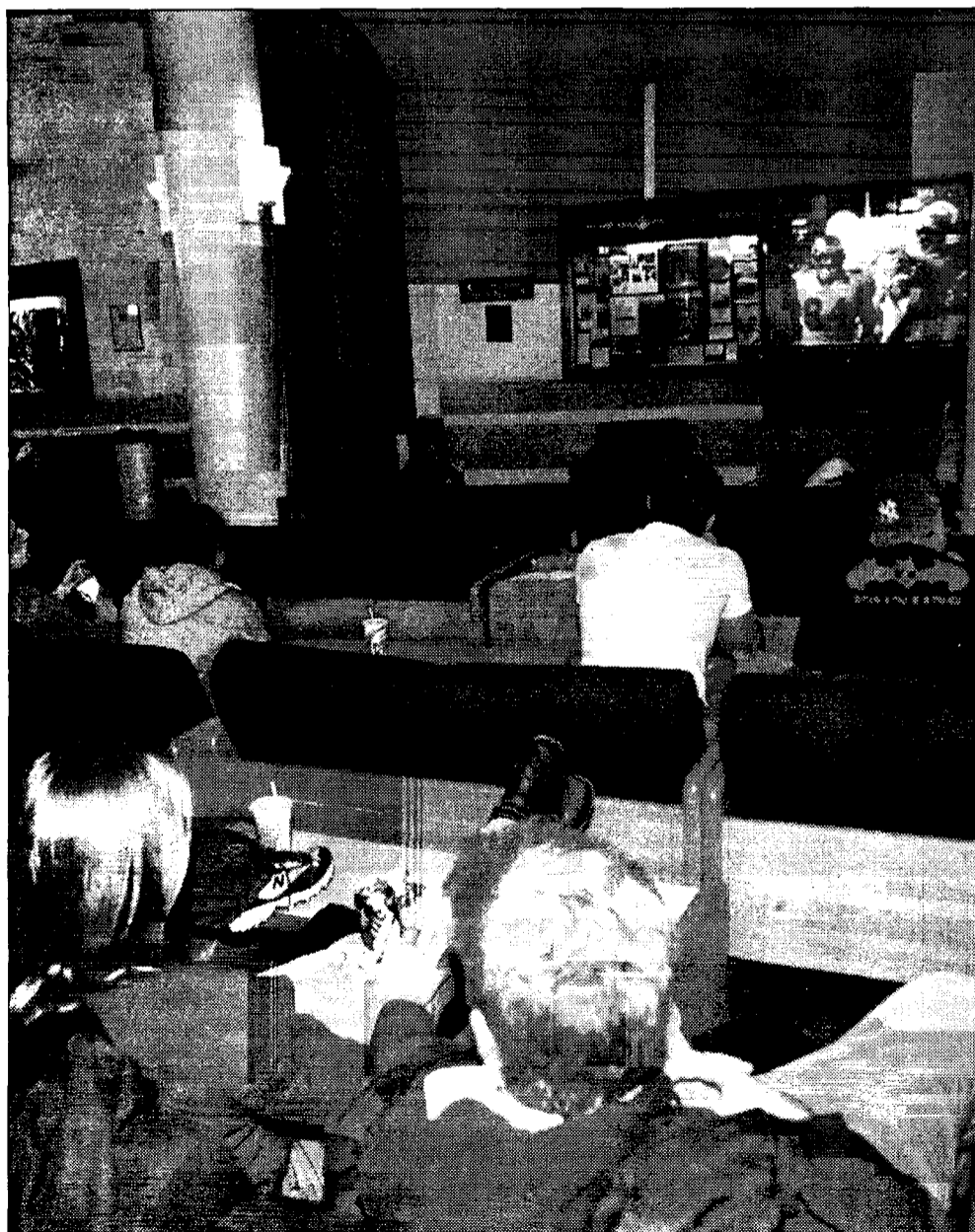
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"... in the past few years, we really have seen females taking many leadership roles on campus."

Brooke Norton
student body president

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ROOT FOR THE UNDERDOGS



Students watch Superbowl XXXVI Sunday in LaFortune Student Center. The New England Patriots, the 14-point underdog, beat the St. Louis Rams with a last second field goal. The Superbowl win is a first for the Patriots.

KYLIE CARTER/The Observer

Zorich's rise from poverty sparks his philanthropy

By JUSTIN KRIVICKAS
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Notre Dame and Chicago Bear football great Chris Zorich gave a speech Sunday in the Coleman Morse Lounge on the importance of community service. Students clustered around Zorich on couches and chairs as he spoke about his life growing up in poverty and the significance community's assistance played in his life as a child.

While Zorich was growing up in the far East side of Chicago, his family was in a state of poverty. He grew up with a single mother and only through the help of government assistance was the family able to receive the bare essentials for survival. There were times, explained Zorich, when there was no food in the house and he would scour the garbage behind the local grocery store for anything edible to eat. Because of the conditions he had to live with, attending college never crossed his mind. Yet, fate was on Zorich's side and he was able to play football at Notre Dame.

"I knew a chance to go to college would open better opportunities for me," said Zorich.

After college, Zorich was drafted to the Chicago Bears, a thought that he did not think would ever be possible.

"Playing for the Bears was a dream come true," said Zorich.

After achieving fame and fortune, Zorich knew he had a duty to help families that are experiencing the poverty he faced as a child.

"I remember standing in line at our church waiting for a food basket," said Zorich. "That makes an impression on you when you're a little kid. I promised myself that if I was ever able to help others, I would. That's why I created The Christopher Zorich Foundation."

The Christopher Zorich Foundation was established in 1993, and is committed to the realization of human potential — mind, body, and spirit. Its mission is "One Purpose, One Goal," which is to provide assistance and opportunities to disadvantaged Chicagoans. The organization strives to foster a sense of caring, which crosses race, religious, economic, and social boundaries.

The foundation runs a food drive, awards Notre Dame scholarships, donates new toys and clothing to needy children, sponsors a 5K race, gives corsages to women in shelters on Mother's Day, and partakes in various other activities in the Chicago community. On one Thanksgiving, he distributed 97 turkeys to needy families in his community.

Zorich told students that to make a difference in someone's life you must try to put yourself in that person's position.

"By understanding your client, you're opening your heart to what they had to go through," he said.

Zorich is currently attending law school at Notre Dame and plans to stay involved in the betterment of Chicago and families in the future.

The lecture was the keynote speech of the Blessing Unto Others series sponsored by the Notre Dame Student Government. Now in its second year, the Blessing Unto Others Week centers on the goal of raising student awareness on campus of how blessed students are to be members of Notre Dame Family. Blessing Unto Others seeks to motivate the entire student body to come together each year and raise money for a foreign charity that is served by current Notre Dame students.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Horoscopes that are relevant

Has anybody seen these horoscopes lately? I have yet to see one of my horoscopes actually be useful or true, rather than the obvious, boring events that happen in everyone's life, every day. I will have an argument with someone today? She must be psychic! It's like Eugenia Last dug through a pack of fortune cookies and ate her way into being an astrologer. My advice for you is that you skip all together the horoscopes for today, and take to heart what the stars are really saying for you. Don't worry, I went outside and checked. What follows is what was seen to be the events for today, January 31, 2002.



Adam Turner

Web Administrator

Aries — You will find that no one in your Philosophy class appreciated your rendition of the Hall & Oates hit "Maneater." Consider sitting in the back from now on.

Taurus — You are supremely disappointed when you discover that jotting down the equation "Steak & Shake = Delicious" netted you zero points on your organic chemistry exam.

Gemini — Lunacy occurs when a situation similar to the Spanish Inquisition occurs, except that the Spaniards are dressed like clowns and are handing out balloon animals rather than executions.

Cancer — If there's one thing that should be admired, it's courage. Wait, not admired, liked. And not courage, Taco Bell.

Leo — In a shocking turn of events, you will find that nothing pleases the opposite sex more than a well-timed bout of flatulence.

Virgo — Although they are in short supply, virgins are preferred to promiscuous youths almost 4 to 1 by professional volcanoes.

Libra — Now that your nacho influx has reached 47 kilopascals, you find yourself in a Zen-like state, except that you are surrounded by singing, dancing cans of Spam.

Scorpio — Disease occurs as you gorge yourself on a turkey sandwich from the dining hall along with a bag of medical waste. Don't worry, something had to have been wrong with that turkey.

Sagittarius — Life slaps you in the face yet again when you discover that you have spent more time in the bathroom in the past week than looking for a job after graduation.

Capricorn — The smell coming from your roommate's wardrobe is nothing to be concerned about. Just make sure that you help him or her get rid of the body before room inspection.

Aquarius — New relationships ensue as you clumsily enter class, a little bit late. Henceforth, you will be known as "That jerk that tripped over my bag" to your many fans.

Pisces — Strangely, you find yourself contemplating rather or not a kumquat belongs in the tuber family as you eat your 400th career tater-tot. Try to keep your mind in the present, man.

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THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

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| ♦ Film: "The Killing Floor," 4 p.m., Hesburgh Center | ♦ Lecture: "Promoting Security in Central Asia," by Kathleen Collins, 4 p.m., Hesburgh Center | ♦ Lecture: "Hispanic Self-fashioning: The Making of a Mexican-American Middle Class Identity," by Jose Limon, all day, McKenna Hall |
| ♦ Review: "Becker Conviser CPA Review," 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., Debartolo Rm. 126 | ♦ Event: "Blessing Unto Others Week," 7 to 9 p.m., Montgomery Theater, LaFortune | ♦ Film: "With a friend like Harry," 9 p.m., LaFortune |

BEYOND CAMPUS

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Univeristy of California labs study drug resistant HIV

BERKELEY

University of California-Berkeley and UC-San Francisco researchers have discovered how HIV becomes resistant to pharmaceutical treatments, according to a study published Friday.

"[Our research] shows that the [Human Immunodeficiency Virus] is really able to mutate dramatically," said professor Charles Craik of the pharmaceutical chemistry department at UCSF, who directed the study.

The work of Craik and his colleagues showed that resistance stems from changes in the virus, not changes in the patient. It also demonstrated how the virus mutates to evade drug treatments.

"The virus can completely change its form to avoid the effects of these



drugs, particularly protease inhibitors," Craik said. He added these results are "quite disturbing."

Although the researchers are concerned about resistance mechanisms, they hope the data presented in the paper will help scientists to develop more effective treatments.

"The hope is now we can make new drugs that can attack the mutated virus so no matter how it changes it still [will be treatable] — a master skeleton key of the virus," Craik said.

UC-Berkeley's chemistry depart-

ment developed the technology used by the UCSF team. Professor Jonathan Ellman, director of the project, emphasized the importance of collaboration to accomplish the study.

"Science is becoming more and more interdisciplinary," he said. "By working together we were able to develop some things that a lot of people are using, including [pharmaceutical giant] Merck."

Stanford University medical professor Thomas Merigan, head of the university's Center for AIDS Research, said the study may lead to breakthroughs in AIDS treatment.

"The work between the University of California people and ViroLogic is interesting because it's possible it can lead to the development of new drugs that are active against drug-resistant strains of HIV," Merigan said.

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

School to begin inflating grade scale

ST. LOUIS

For the first time in 22 years, the Washington University School of Law (WUSL) has decided to inflate the grades of its graduating students. The decision, prompted primarily by grade inflation at peer schools as well as an increase in the quality of the School of Law's student body, is aimed at giving more of a competitive edge to WUSL graduates. The grading scale was changed from 65 to 100 with a forced median score of 83 to a scale of 70 to 100 with a forced median of 87. Professor of Law Daniel Keating headed the commission that sought faculty approval. Keating stated that a study conducted by WUSL found that there had been a steady creep in the grades of peer schools over the years. "In a survey that we did of the 35 schools in U.S. News and World Report that we are in the middle of, we looked at schools numbered 10 to 45 and we found that on average the middle score at those peer schools is a B-plus. We did a mini-poll of our employers to ask them what they viewed as an 83. The general response was a B-minus," said Keating.

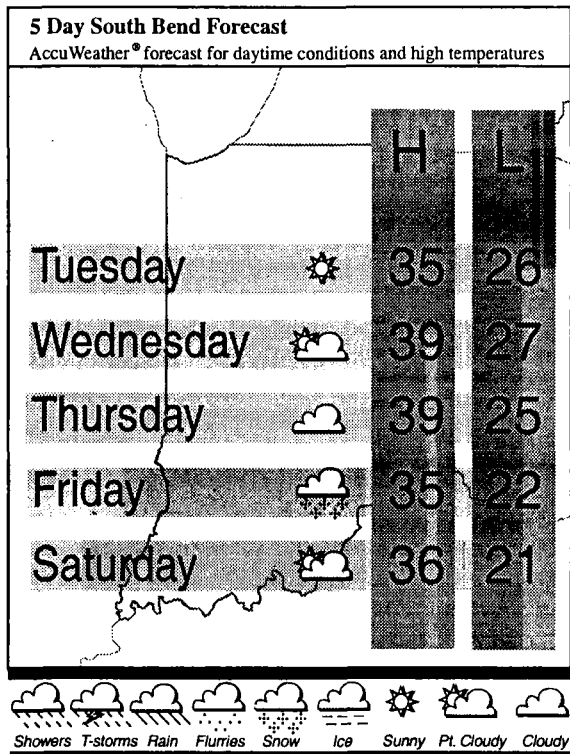
OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Campus mourns death of student

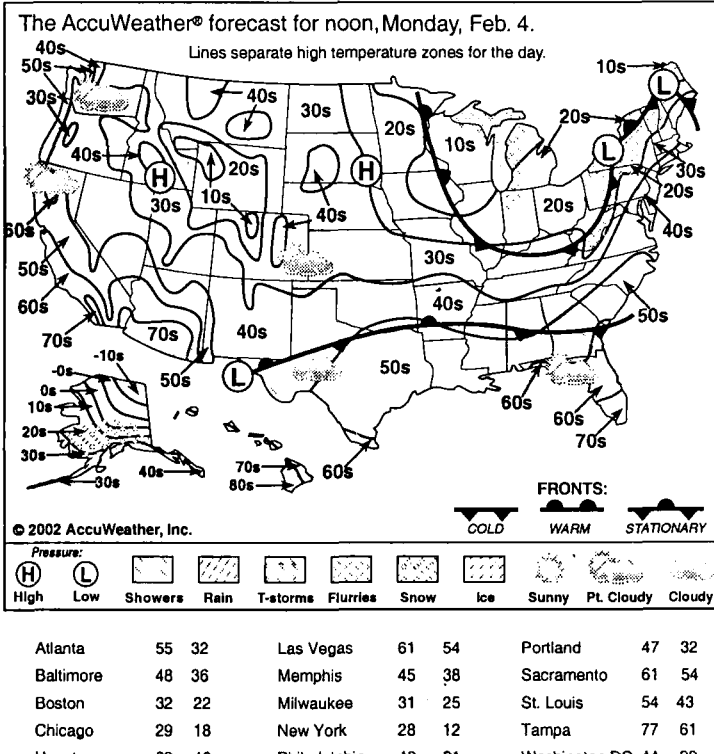
COLUMBUS

While the parents of Christopher "Gersh" Gerspacher make arrangements to lay their son to rest, the Ohio State University community mourns the loss of an incredible student. "[He was] one of the best students I've ever had at OSU," said Ahmad Sikainga, associate professor, who had Gerspacher in several of his classes. Gerspacher, a senior, whose body was found Tuesday in a ravine off of North Old State Road in Delaware County, had been missing since Dec. 22 from his apartment in Columbus. Gerspacher had a great interest in studying African history. "He was a very good student and very serious about his studies," Sikainga said. "He never missed class." Gerspacher spent six weeks in Africa this past summer with the OSU Study Tour 2001. "He was close to graduation and [had] applied to grad school," said his father Bob Gerspacher, in a previous interview last month. "He did well this fall quarter."

LOCAL WEATHER



NATIONAL WEATHER



Few activists protest World Economic Forum

Associated Press

NEW YORK
Police guarding the World Economic Forum had the streets around the Waldorf-Astoria hotel mostly to themselves Sunday as few protesters braved chilly winds to vent their frus-

trations at the international business and political leaders inside.

A day after about 7,000 activists for various causes massed near the hotel, the only large group was about 150 yellow-scarved members of the spiritual group Falun Gong, whose protest was aimed at the

Chinese government's crackdown on their movement. Gathered at a designated protest

area two blocks from the Waldorf, they exercised to taped music, chatted with police and handed out leaflets.

One of the few incidents of property destruction came late Sunday afternoon about a mile to the north. Protesters in an animal rights march heading toward the hotel smashed a glass door and threw a balloon filled with red paint at an apartment building. Police halted the march, which had grown to 200 people, but let it start up again.

Police later took 67 of the protesters into custody after some lay down in an intersection about 15 blocks from the Waldorf and refused to move. Officers halted the march and dispersed the activists.

Earlier in the day, police said they arrested 87 activists for disrupting traffic by marching in the street on the Lower East Side, about 3 1/2 miles from the hotel. They were charged with

disorderly conduct.

Before Sunday, police had arrested 46 people in the first three days of the forum, which has been free of violence that has accompanied protests at international summits in recent years.

Police and protesters say changes in tactics and perspectives have kept the streets peaceful.

In the days before the forum, police made a public display of their crowd-control training, and newspapers trumpeted the security measures with front-page headlines calling midtown an "Armed Camp." The city braced for the worst, assigning 4,000 officers to forum security.

"People were more afraid — it was such a show of force. And now that there has been conflict at several of these types of events, I think police have a lot more leeway to use that force," said one activist, Alabama Evers, 19, who wore

the characteristic black and red of the anarchy movement.

Protesters also said the Sept. 11 terror attacks changed perspectives.

"After Sept. 11, I think people are seeing cops in a different light," said Robert Wing, 19, who said he had attended major protests against international economic meetings in Seattle and Genoa, Italy, both the scenes of extensive rioting. "Instead of people thinking the police are against us, I think people now realize that that's not the case."

Police also made a point of letting protesters gather near the hotel, allowing them to be seen and heard by forum participants. In other

"After Sept 11, I think people are seeing cops in a different light. Instead of people thinking the police are against us I think people now realize that's not the case."

Robert Wing
protester

"People cannot even get close to the venue and make their voices heard."

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ARGENTINA

President unveils economic plan

Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES

President Eduardo Duhalde's embattled government worked to put the final touches on an economic plan that could spur the nation's devastated economy and ease an unpopular banking freeze.



Duhalde

The plan's details were to be unveiled Sunday evening at a press conference, which marks the first month since Duhalde took over as Argentina's caretaker president.

Presidential spokesman Eduardo Amadeo said authorities were still deciding whether to go ahead with a "banking holiday" Monday and Tuesday that would bar most currency and financial transactions.

The recovery package comes after Argentina's Supreme Court ruled Friday that the banking freeze was unconstitutional. The freeze, which began Dec. 1 and locks many dollar deposits into the banks until 2003, is a highly unpopular symbol of the crisis.

Amadeo, speaking on local radio, said the new plan would give Argentines unfettered access to their paychecks, which are deposited

into banks and subject to the freeze.

Whereas only \$800 a month could be previously withdrawn from the salary accounts, the new plan would let workers remove the entire amount in cash.

"The salary accounts will be absolutely freed up," Amadeo promised, adding the plan intends to allow more cash into the stifled economy.

Still, many parts of the banking freeze were expected to remain intact, after Duhalde told Argentine depositors the court ruling doesn't mean they should expect immediate access to penned-up savings.

"Let me tell you, 'Don't be deceived,'" he said.

The banking restrictions were put in place Dec. 1 after a run on banks by jittery investors yanked \$2 billion in a single day.

Separately, the newspaper Clarin reported Sunday that the government would also end a much-criticized dual exchange rate for the peso. Authorities had no immediate confirmation.

After taking office Jan. 2, Duhalde ended the peso's decade-old peg at one to one with the dollar. He set an official rate for importers and exporters of 1.4 pesos per dollar but let the cur-

cy devalue nearly 30 percent on the open market where it now trades at 1.95.

The International Monetary Fund had harshly criticized the dual exchange rate, signaling that it wanted it eliminated if Argentina wished to receive emergency bailout aid.

Locally, reports said that Argentina is seeking between \$15 billion and \$20 billion from the IMF.

The country's banking freeze and wave after wave of austerity measures have led to near-daily protests around Argentina. But the country was calm over the weekend as it awaited the measures.

On Sunday, however, hundreds of protesters banged pots and pans in major Spanish cities to show solidarity with Argentines and to urge creditors to forgive the South American nation's

\$132 billion foreign debt.

Spain, which sent hundreds of thousands of immigrants to Argentina in the past

century, has tens of billions of dollars invested in this South American nation. The rallies in Madrid, Barcelona, Granada and Salamanca were called by Argentine expatriates and Spanish groups seeking relief for Argentina.

"The salary accounts will be absolutely freed up."

Eduardo Amadeo
spokesperson

Female

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are looking for a change. Kids on campus are tired of the same old-same old. Sure the whole gender thing plays into it, but I think students on this campus are smart enough to see who will be enacting the most change and elect that candidate," said McCord.

Vice-presidential candidate Keri Oxley, running with presidential candidate Brian Moscona, emphasized that it was Norton's service to the entire student body that caused her to run, not her gender.

"I don't think that [Norton] has an agenda with women's issues and that she's very open to all types of views and I truly hope that when people look at the candidates, they don't factor in race or gender into that equation," said Oxley.

Norton said the biggest change her election brought about is the loss of a stigma associated with women running for student body president.

"There's not a barrier anymore ... I think the biggest change is that gender really isn't an issue anymore. When my class first got on campus, we were really sur-

prised Notre Dame had never had a female president. Now, new students may be as equally surprised to learn that I was the first female president. Over time, it won't really matter anymore," said Norton.

The candidates all emphasized that there have been an increasing number of women involved in student government during the past years.

"I do think that Brooke's impact overall has caused more females to get involved ... it is Notre Dame's time for women to get involved. Now that women have been on campus for 30 years, things are equalizing as we go on," said Oxley.

McCord emphasized that while the fact that she is a woman puts her more in tune with women's issues, it is the job of a leader to listen to the entire student body.

"I'm a woman, but that's not my vibe ... it's possible for people to be caught up in the image of, 'Look at me, I'm a woman and I'm running.' But when people look at me, I want them to say, 'Oh look, there's a person who's willing to take a bullet for the student body.'"

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Gates threatens to leave Harvard

Associated Press

NEWARK

The head of Harvard's black studies program, Henry Louis Gates Jr., said he will decide this summer whether he will follow a colleague to Princeton University.

Gates threatened in December to leave for Princeton, saying Harvard President Lawrence Summers had not adequately backed affirmative action.

Last month, Princeton appointed his former Harvard colleague Anthony Appiah as a full professor in the university's philosophy department. Novelist Toni Morrison, a Nobel Prize laureate in literature, is also at Princeton.

"Anthony Appiah has left four institutions so that we could be together," Gates told The Star-Ledger for Sunday's editions. "Maybe it's my time to pay that friendship back."

Gates, the author of "Loose Canons: Notes on the Culture Wars" and a winner of a 1998 National Humanities Medal, said he would welcome the

chance to build a strong black studies program at Princeton. He said he hadn't decided yet.

Princeton spokeswoman Marilyn Marks said the university was considering expanding its black studies program into a full, degree-granting department.

At Harvard, several members of the black studies department have been at odds with Summers, who became president last year.

Summers reportedly rebuked Cornel West for recording a rap CD, for leading a political committee for the Rev. Al Sharpton's possible presidential campaign and for allowing grade inflation in his introductory black studies course.

West said he had been "dishonored," and threatened to leave for Princeton. Acquaintances have said there is little chance that West, who is on leave recovering from prostate cancer, will return to Harvard.

Appiah, the only professor who has made the move, said he had no grudge against Summers and left for personal reasons.

Three days after he announced his departure, Harvard said it had hired Michael C. Dawson, an expert in black political behavior from the University of Chicago.



Gates

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Russian official visits Afghanistan:

Russia's foreign minister comes to Afghanistan today promising that Russia aims to help rebuild the country from 23 years of war that began with a Soviet invasion. Igor Ivanov represents a Kremlin whose policies are stunningly different than those in force at the time of the 1979 invasion. With its military in slow-motion collapse and its economy staggering back from catastrophe, Russia now makes only pro-forma pretensions of being a world power and has become increasingly cooperative with the West.

Hong Kong kills 100,000 chickens:

Health workers completed the slaughter of more than 100,000 chickens Sunday at a Hong Kong farm where the deaths of thousands of birds had raised fears of a second outbreak of avian flu in less than a year.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Priest sex cases shock parishioners:

Parishioners at two Randolph, Mass., churches outside Boston were stunned Sunday to learn their priests had been suspended as part of the Catholic Archdiocese's efforts to root out priests accused of sexual misconduct. The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston announced Saturday it had suspended Father Paul Finegan and Father Daniel Graham, both 57. The decision followed public criticism that it had ignored past allegations of priest misconduct.

Man wants money for sex change:

A man sentenced to life in prison without parole for strangling his wife is trying to force the to pay for a sex change operation and hormone therapy to allow him to live as a woman. Robert Kosilek, who uses the name Michelle, planned to be in federal court today to ask a Boston judge to order the state Department of Corrections to cover the treatment.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Freight trains collide:

Two Norfolk Southern freight trains collided in LaPorte city limits early Sunday, damaging a commercial area and injuring four railroad employees who were on the trains. Norfolk Southern spokesman Rudy Husband said three of the employees were treated for minor injuries and released from a nearby hospital in the northwest Indiana city, while the fourth was being held with non-life threatening injuries. "Somebody was smiling on us today," Husband said. Each train had two locomotives — one train had 148 cars, the other 125 cars.

PAKISTAN



Kidnappers hold a gun to Wall Street reporter Danie Pearl's head in this photo sent to U.S. media outlets. Some media organizations reported Sunday that Pearl, abducted Jan. 23, was found dead and his body recovered.

Kidnapped Pearl's status unknown

Associated Press

KARACHI

The Wall Street Journal appealed Saturday to the kidnappers of reporter Daniel Pearl to show evidence that he is still alive after an all-night search of Karachi graveyards turned up nothing.

Pearl's wife and an American Muslim group issued separate appeals for his release, and e-mails purportedly sent Saturday by the kidnappers gave conflicting accounts of his fate.

An e-mail received Friday by U.S. news organizations claimed Pearl,

38, had been killed and his body dumped in an unspecified cemetery in this city of 12 million people. He was abducted in Karachi on Jan. 23 while working on a story about a Muslim extremist group.

After an exhaustive search, Pakistani officials and the Journal concluded that the e-mail was a hoax and expressed hope that the newspaper's South Asian bureau chief was alive.

The last e-mail that included pictures of Pearl was received Wednesday by Pakistani and American news organizations. The Journal urged the kidnappers

to free Pearl or at least resume contact.

"We urge them to release Danny," Managing Editor Paul Steiger said in New York. "If that is not possible, we call on them to demonstrate that Danny remains alive. They can do this by providing us with a photo of Danny holding today's newspaper."

Police said they believed a ransom demand, telephoned to U.S. diplomats Friday, also was a hoax. The caller demanded a \$2 million ransom and the release of a former Taliban diplomat.

In Islamabad, an Interior Ministry official speaking

on condition of anonymity said one person had been detained for interrogation on suspicion of calling in the ransom demand.

Mukhtar Ahmad Sheikh, governor of Sindh province, which includes Karachi, expressed hope that Pearl would be found "as we believe the man is still alive."

Pearl's French wife, Marianne, is six months pregnant with their first child. In a letter published Saturday in the Urdu language newspaper Jang, she asked the kidnappers to free her husband "as people inspired by Islam's ethics."

Market Watch January 31

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Up: 1,445	Same: 203	Down: 1,669
Composite Volume:	1,365,601,024	
AMEX:	843.67	+1.26
NASDAQ:	1,911.24	- 22.79
NYSE:	575.76	- 2.74
S&P 500:	1,122.19	- 8.00

TOP 5 VOLUME LEADERS

COMPANY/SECURITY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
WORLD COM INC-WO	-4.38	-0.44	9.61
SUN MICROSYSTEM	-3.62	-0.39	10.37
NASDAQ-100 INDEX	-0.96	-0.37	38.14
CISCO SYSTEMS	-2.98	-0.59	19.21
ORACLE CORP	-5.04	-0.87	16.39

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Bush is sending Congress a \$2.12 trillion spending plan today that seeks to recognize the "new realities" confronting the nation since Sept. 11. It proposes the biggest jump in defense spending in two decades and a record increase in money devoted to making Americans more secure at home.

The budget tries to revive an anti-recession stimulus package that stalled late last year in the Senate. It also seeks billions of dollars more in

future years to make permanent the biggest economic victory of Bush's first year in office, a sweeping, across-the-board tax cut.

But the spending plan for the 2003 budget year must face the new realities of a reduced financial situation — \$4 trillion in disappearing surpluses because of the recession and that tax cut.

To do that, Bush wants to squeeze government programs from highway construction to job training and environmental projects.

Congressional Democrats are pledging a fight to restore spending

for their priorities and to oppose tax breaks in Bush's stimulus package for the wealthy and corporations.

"There are a lot of us who question whether or not we really need to have a major stimulus package. Many people think we're coming out of this recession," Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., said Sunday on CNN's "Late Edition."

White House budget director Mitchell Daniels said Bush was prepared to negotiate the elements of a stimulus package and the overall budget as long as it did not compromise his top goals.

AFGHANISTAN

Warlords, UN draw cease-fire agreement

Associated Press

GARDEZ

Afghan and United Nations mediators, joined by American officials, on Sunday extracted a conditional cease-fire agreement from two rival tribal warlords in an eastern Afghan town that was rocked by two days of fighting last week.

With factional fighting threatening government efforts to assert control throughout the country, the delegation hopes to avert more tribal clashes in Gardez, a town of about 40,000 people that is the capital of Paktia, a strategic border province. U.S. forces want to ensure that al-Qaida fugitives cannot flee through Paktia's border passes into neighboring Pakistan.

On Wednesday and Thursday, soldiers for warlord Bacha Khan exchanged artillery fire with forces loyal to Gardez's tribal council, or shura, which bitterly opposes Khan's appointment as provincial governor. At least 61 people were killed.

Just before meeting the mediators, Khan said he was ready to fight on to assert his rights as governor — an appointment that was initially self-declared, but later sanctioned by the government of interim leader Hamid Karzai.

"I am officially the governor of Gardez. I am ready for more fighting," Khan said, gesturing toward 200 of his soldiers standing near a mud-walled outpost outside of Gardez, where the delegation traveled to meet him. "You can see my fighters."

Shura leaders say Khan is corrupt and brutal and have appealed for another governor.

During a break in the talks, Khan said he had agreed to a request by mediators to hold off until Friday on any new assault on Gardez, 60 miles south of the Afghan capital, Kabul. But Khan said he would resume the attack if he was not satisfied with the pace of prisoner exchanges and return of the bodies of slain fighters.

In an early sign of trouble, the Gardez shura said it had returned the bodies of Khan's dead fighters, but he denied hav-

ing received any.

Mediation efforts were to continue Monday.

Townpeople said U.S. aircraft dropped leaflets Saturday night urging an end to the fighting, the worst clashes between rival warlords since Karzai's government took office on Dec. 22.

"We are all in Afghanistan," said the leaflets in Dari and Pashtu, the two local languages. "We must be united and one together."

B-52 bombers circled over the Gardez region on Sunday for what residents said was the first time in two weeks. U.S. Special Forces are hunting al-Qaida fugitives in the region, where Osama bin Laden's terror network had extensive training camps and arms caches.

"There continue to remain pockets of Taliban and al-Qaida in the area," said Capt. Tony Rivers, a U.S. Army spokesman in Kandahar. "We continue combat operations all over Afghanistan."

The mediators included Ashraf Rafi Ahmedzai, an adviser to the U.N. special envoy to Afghanistan, Lakhdar Brahimi, as well as Shahbaz Ahmedzai, a special adviser to Karzai who is also the Afghan leader's uncle.

Although U.S. forces did not intervene in last week's clashes, several U.S. armed escorts stood guard while the separate talks with the two sides went on. Two American officials took part in the talks, several participants said, describing one as a U.S. Embassy official.

The Americans standing guard outside would not identify themselves or their unit but said they were based "around here." U.S. forces have a sizable base just outside the nearby city of Khost and a smaller outpost on Gardez's southern outskirts.

Instead of uniforms, the soldiers wore rough Afghan wool caps, jackets and scarves — dress common among U.S. special forces operating in the region. Most of the soldiers were bearded.

Last week's fighting ended



Getty Images PHOTO

An injured Afghan fighter lies in the hospital Friday in Gardez, Afghanistan. The fighting in the area stabilized after a two-day battle between rival Afghan warlords left at least 60 dead.

with Khan's forces retreating into mountains around Gardez. But after resupplying his troops, he threatened to attack again Sunday.

Without a national army, Karzai's government has little power to force peace on feuding regional warlords.

Karzai, who returned to Kabul on Saturday, used a high-profile visit last week to Washington and London to push for a stronger

international security force in Afghanistan, with a mandate not just limited to Kabul.

But he was unable to win any pledge that the peacekeeping force would be significantly enlarged or its deployment expanded.

Continued unrest here and elsewhere has led many Afghans to call for a larger, nationwide peacekeeping force.

In northern Afghanistan, two

main militias worked Sunday to finalize an accord aimed at keeping clashes from spreading into the region's largest city, a mediator said Sunday.

The pact, being worked out by representatives of warlords Rashid Dostum and Atta Mohammad, seeks to pre-empt a possible dangerous escalation of recent skirmishes. The fighting so far has been confined to relatively remote villages.

EPA revamps diesel engine laws

Associated Press

CORNING

Within five years, every new diesel vehicle on America's highways will need to be equipped with filters and catalysts that trap soot and convert lung-choking gases into carbon dioxide, nitrogen and water vapor.

To keep pace with ever-tightening emissions standards, diesel manufacturers came up with a flurry of engine refinements in the 1990s, such as electronic fuel-injection systems, and fitted oxidation catalysts that limit carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons.

The clean-air mandates coming thick and fast in the United States, Japan, Europe and beyond over the next decade require much more stringent steps: filters that dispose of at least 90 percent of soot and 95 percent of nitrous oxides, a

prime ingredient in urban smog.

The new federal Environmental Protection Agency 2007-model diesel standards will prevent as many as 8,300 premature deaths and

17,600 cases of acute bronchitis in children each year, the agency projected. They'll also raise the costs of new diesel vehicles by \$1,200 to \$1,900 and fuel costs by four to five cents a gallon, it said.

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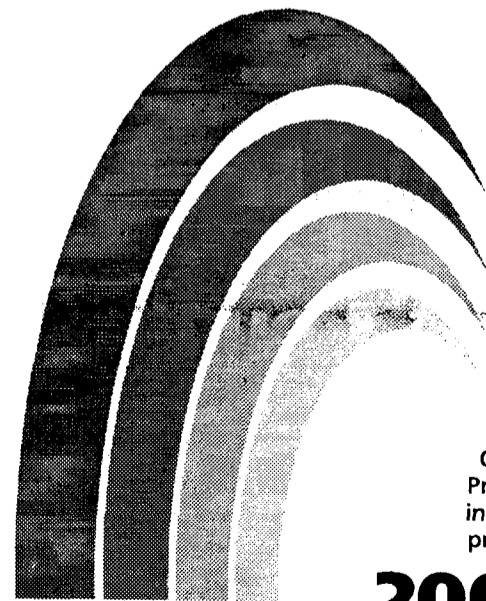
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CUBA

Fox visits Cuba for trade talks

Associated Press

HAVANA Mexican President Vicente Fox faced perhaps his most difficult foreign policy dilemma yet Sunday as he traveled to Cuba for trade talks under pressure to meet with internal opposition groups — a move that could damage relations with Cuban leader Fidel Castro.

Fox was greeted Sunday morning by Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque, then swept away to the Palace of the Revolution to be formally greeted by Castro before heading into private talks.

"This trip is very important for us," Fox told reporters at the airport. "We are doing this at the beginning of our administration because we want to tighten, we want to strengthen, our relationship with Cuba."

Mexico has described the 24-hour visit as "a working trip" focusing on ways to increase Mexican trade and investment with the island.

But at the same time, the United States and Fox's own conservative National Action Party are pres-

sureing the Mexican leader to meet with Cuban dissidents. Trip organizers, citing Fox's tight schedule, said no such meetings were planned.

Meeting with dissidents would send a strong pro-democracy message but likely anger Castro, possibly harm trade talks and leave bilateral relations in worse shape than before.

Several opposition groups also have asked Fox to press Castro privately for the release of political prisoners, a move that could allow Fox to show human rights concerns without risking bilateral talks.

In addition to meetings with Castro, Fox's scheduled included an official ceremony outside the Palace of Revolution and placing a floral wreath at the monument to

Cuban independence hero Jose Marti. He also planned to present Havana City Historian Eusebio Leal with Mexico's highest honor, the medal of the Aztec Eagle, for Leal's rehabilitation efforts in Old Havana.

Traveling with Fox was Mexican entrepreneur Carlos Slim, ranked by Forbes magazine last year as the wealthiest man in Latin America.

Cuban Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque said Fox's visit "could really contribute to giving a new push to relations," which cooled under Fox's predecessor, Ernesto Zedillo.

Cuba has long counted on its friendship with Mexico, the only Latin American country that refused to succumb to U.S. pressure to break diplomatic ties after Castro's 1959 revolution. Mexico was an important Cuban trade partner, second only to Eastern bloc countries before the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991.

Today, Mexico ranks 10th among Cuba's foreign partners with combined trade toppling \$237.3 million in 2000. Mexico ranks No. 6 in foreign investment in Cuba.

Fox's visit "is an important gesture at a good moment" that could kick start Cuba-Mexico trade, said Manuel Orella, commercial attache for the Mexican government's National Foreign Commerce Bank, or BANCOMEXT in Havana.

The last time a Mexican president visited Cuba was in 1999, when Zedillo set a precedent by publicly airing his concerns about the island's human rights record at a gathering of Ibero-American leaders.

During that trip, Mexican Foreign Secretary Rosario Green met with human rights activist Elizardo Sanchez, of the Cuban Commission for Human Rights and National Reconciliation.

"This trip is very important ... we want to strengthen our relationship with Cuba."

Vicente Fox
Mexico's president

Ex-Enron chief refuses to testify

Associated Press

WASHINGTON Former Enron chairman Kenneth Lay pulled out of this week's scheduled congressional testimony on Sunday, with his lawyer saying that hearings have taken on a "prosecutorial" tone.

"I have instructed Mr. Lay to withdraw his prior acceptance of your invitation," Lay attorney Earl Silbert said in letters to the Senate and House panels that were to hear from him Monday.

"He cannot be expected to participate in a proceeding in which conclusions have been reached before Mr. Lay has been given an opportunity to be heard," Silbert added.

Lay had agreed to appear voluntarily and thus was not obligated to show up.

In the letters, Silbert cited remarks on Sunday talk shows by various members of Congress suggesting there was rampant criminality at Enron.

"These inflammatory statements show that judgments have been reached and the tenor of the hearing will be prosecutorial," wrote Silbert.

"Mr. Lay firmly rejected any allegations that he engaged in wrongful or criminal conduct," the attorney wrote Democratic Sen. Ernest Hollings of South Carolina and Republican Rep. Michael Oxley of Ohio. Hollings chairs the Senate Commerce Committee, Oxley the House Financial Services Committee.

A spokesman for the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which had planned to invite Lay to testify later this month, said, "It was clear to us that he was looking for any little excuse to wiggle off the hook."

"As the old saying goes, 'you can run but you can't hide,'" said the spokesman, Ken Johnson. If Lay refuses to testify, "he'll be subpoenaed like everyone else," said Johnson.

Appearing Sunday on NBC's "Today" show and on MSNBC, Sen. Peter Fitzgerald, R-Ill., said that "Ken Lay obviously had to know that this was a giant pyramid scheme — a giant shell game."

Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., called Enron "almost a culture of corporate corruption." Rep. Billy Tauzin, [R-La.], asked whether "maybe somebody ought to go to the pokey for this."

"They were doing almost no business, but they manufacture income from a bank loan," said Dorgan, who appeared with Tauzin on NBC's "Meet the Press."

"That's the kind of thing that went on over and over and over again. We want to know what Ken Lay knew."

Dorgan was to preside at a Senate Commerce Committee hearing Monday where Lay was scheduled to testify. Tauzin's panel plans three Enron hearings this week.

An internal probe of Enron led by University of Texas law school dean William Powers stated that a key document was missing from a

partnership deal. Lay says he was unaware of the transaction and former Enron chief executive officer Jeff Skilling says he was unaware of the terms.

"We have not located any Enron Deal Approval Sheet, 'DASH,' an internal document summarizing the transaction and showing required approvals," stated the report. The report noted the same type of situation in another transaction as well, and the report raised the possibility that no approval sheet was ever prepared.

Tauzin said that Skilling backed away from signing his name to off-the-books partnership deals.

"What does that say about his knowledge of whether these deals were honest or corrupt?" Tauzin said.

"We found out that one of the good guys ... went to Skilling and brought him all these deals to get his signature on it," Tauzin said. "He refused to sign it."

Citing a company rife with conflicts of interest, Tauzin said that in one deal, a man and his girlfriend at Enron actually negotiated with each other.

"They were really sweethearts, ended up getting married," said Tauzin. "When they signed the deals, they signed as married partners, one against the other."

Dorgan said the question of criminality is "a judgment for the U.S. Justice Department" to make, but he added that "\$1 billion in profit was booked here that didn't exist. That's trouble."

PHILIPPINES

Troops kill 20 Muslim rebels

Associated Press

ZAMBOANGA Helicopter gunships fired rockets and troops bombed a suspected Muslim guerrilla camp with mortar shells on the southern Philippine island of Jolo, killing at least 20 rebels, a military official said Sunday.

The assault on the Abu Sayyaf camp in the mountainous outskirts of Indanan town took place Friday, and government

troops were still chasing rebels who splintered and fled, the official said. Army soldiers caught up with some rebels Sunday in Indanan, setting off a brief firefight that ended without casualties, said Col. Romeo Tolentino, Jolo's army commander.

"We're flushing them out and when we see them in the open, they'll be neutralized," Tolentino said. An offensive was under way against the Abu Sayyaf group in Jolo and nearby Basilan island, where the rebels are holding Wichita, Kan., missionaries Gracia and Martin Burnham and Filipino nurse Deborah Yap. U.S. and

Philippine officials have linked the Abu Sayyaf to the al-Qaida terror network.

The United States has been providing Philippine troops with weapons and training to crush the Abu Sayyaf, a loose band of a few hundred men in both islands. They are notorious for kidnappings, piracy and bombings that have killed scores of people and scared away investors and tourists.

U.S. and Philippine military officials opened last Thursday a training exercise in the southern port city of Zamboanga and Basilan but actual maneuvers are to begin in a few weeks. Left-wing groups have opposed the controversial war drills, called Balikatan or "shoulder to shoulder."

About 160 U.S. Special Forces among a 660-strong U.S. military contingent could be allowed into war zones in Basilan to observe Filipino troops battling the rebels, raising concerns the Americans could be drawn into clashes.

Critics say U.S. military involvement in the fight against the Abu Sayyaf could

violate Philippine constitutional limits on the presence of foreign combat troops and escalate violence in the country's impoverished south, where Islamic radicals have been fighting for independence for decades.

The Abu Sayyaf guerrillas pursued by troops in Indanan were with followers of former Muslim regional governor Nur Misuari, who is detained in a police camp south of Manila on a rebellion charge, Tolentino said.

Misuari and his group, the Moro National Liberation Front, led a quarter-century Muslim separatist uprising that killed more than 120,000 people in the southern Mindanao region, home to about 5 million Muslims in the predominantly Roman Catholic Philippines. In 1996, Misuari signed a historic peace accord and was elected governor of a Muslim autonomous region.

Misuari has been accused of plotting a deadly attack on a Jolo army camp in November to disrupt elections held to choose his successor as governor. Misuari was arrested as he fled to Malaysia. The country later handed him over to Philippine authorities.

Police and soldiers have periodically clashed with Misuari's followers in the southern Philippines.

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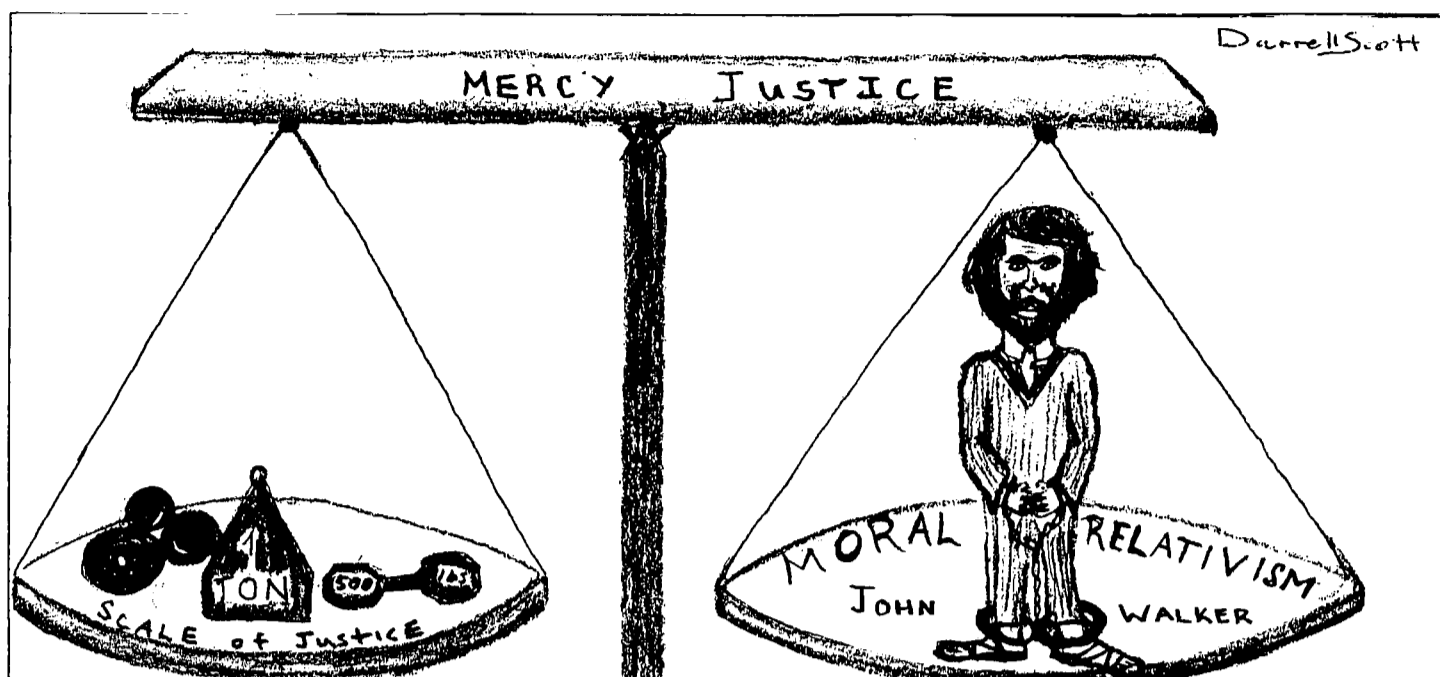
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Justice and Johnny Walker

Johnny Walker Lindh would be a college sophomore today. However, instead of dorm events and coursework he trained at an al-Qaeda camp and met Osama bin Laden. Walker sought religious truth and found meaning in the strict values system of Islam. It was his unquenchable search for truth and meaning that brought him to Afghanistan, where he was captured by Northern Alliance troops. Is it possible to wrap our minds around his choices? Can we find a just punishment for his actions?

Scott Flipse

Urbanities

The discovery of an "American Taliban" set off media frenzy. The story took on a life of its own when it was revealed that CIA operative Johnny Spann's last minutes were spent interrogating Walker.

Spann and Walker were raised across an American cultural divide. Spann was the All-American boy. He grew up in small-town Alabama, worshipped at a conservative Protestant church, played football and joined the Marines after college. He was patriotic and was sure of America's role in the world.

Walker, on the other hand, was the embodiment of the northern California lifestyle. He was the product of a permissive upbringing that urged him to find his own path to truth. From an early age, he carried with him the liberal guilt of American power in the world — equating it with repression and racism. What he found in radical Islam was a way to both identify with the oppressed and rebel against the oppressor.

The worldviews of these two young men were shaped by different values. One felt guilty about America's power and institutions. The other represented and honored it. At a basic level, both symbolize historically grounded and legitimate parts of the American political discourse. If Walker had marched against globalism or worked against

sweatshops his foreign policy perspective would find sympathizers and adherents. Those who protest International Monetary Fund meetings and disrupt World Bank proceedings share his distrust of American capitalism and military might. But their actions do not lead them to shoulder an AK-47.

Sixty-two percent of those polled in a recent USA Today poll want Walker tried for treason. Most surprising, 69 percent of San Francisco Chronicle readers want him to face the death penalty. The polls show a deep anger and a desire to avenge the deaths of Sept. 11.

There are those who argue that international law allows the death penalty for the crime of genocide. And is not al-Qaeda's plan for violence against Christians, Jews, liberal Muslims and Americans genocide? As this argument goes, Walker was trained and proudly took part in this plan. As a participant he is guilty of helping to carry out genocide.

The Nuremberg Trials, after World War II, made the case that those who plan genocide are as criminally liable as those who carry it out. I believe bin Laden and his lieutenants planned genocide and would have little qualm seeking the death penalty against them. It would be best if they were judged and executed by an Islamic Court, by the very law they purport to uphold, but that is not going to happen. It is up to the United States to seek justice for the victims of Sept. 11 and against al-Qaeda's crimes against humanity.

But do Walker's actions raise him to this level? The answer is plainly no. I base his conclusion on the facts. Walker was mobilized to fight against the Northern Alliance before the United States entered the war. It is not clear he even knew the United States was in the war. He was a recent recruit to al Qaeda who never had the opportunity to become a terrorist because his own commander sold out the unit to the Northern Alliance. He may have had the intent, but he never got a chance to carry out the crime of genocide.

So what would be a just punishment?

Presently, there are many voices arguing for leniency. Washington Post columnist Richard Cohen refuses to blame Walker for his actions. He says that every parent can recognize the romantic and rebellious kid who needs love, not punishment. Walker's father wants to give him a "small kick in the butt ... and a big hug." And President Bush, perhaps thinking of his own rebellious youth, urged compassion when he called Walker a "poor fellow."

The calls for retribution and the calls for mercy do not fit the crime. Justice for Johnny Walker Lindh will require much more than love and much less than death. Willingly or unwittingly, he took up arms against his country. His journey of faith made him become an enemy of the United States. For that he must pay.

But can we punish the outcome of his earnest search for truth, while protecting all sincere journeys of faith?

I believe that Walker should receive a stiff prison term, but that his sentence should be contingent on the successful completion of the war on terrorism. Let President Bush promise to commute his sentence once al-Qaeda is wiped out. Such a sentence tempers justice with mercy. It penalizes Walker's actions, but signals that his beliefs — whether motivated by religious zeal or youthful idealism — can be tolerated in the United States.

This message of democratic and religious pluralism is one of our nation's strengths. We should use the case of Johnny Walker Lindh to preach it to the world.

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"Recompense injury with justice."

Confucius philosopher

VIEWPOINT

Monday, February 4, 2002

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Facing the fear
of female dorms

Dishes in the hallway, in the scheme of things, are not a huge deal. In my dorm, they would pass without comment. In fact, on a daily basis, the hall outside my room is littered with various articles of clothing, pieces of athletic equipment, drug paraphernalia and the occasional animal carcass.

But I live in a guy's dorm. A girl's dorm is a different story.

Such was the case with my friends in an unnamed women's dorm. They were confronted in an intervention-style meeting by the entire hall staff, who then proceeded to tell them they were "obstinate." More 19th Century-style adjectives followed, most of which had not been used since the writing of the book "The Secret Garden."

Antiquated insults are sadly the least of the problems of a resident of a female dorm. Those of you still with me at this point will recognize that I'm turning my attention to a previously ignored yet well deserving topic: the terror that is "The Female Dorm."

Before college, I'd always just assumed that the worst things a woman would have to deal with in her residence hall would be pillow fights, panty raids and the like.

But no. Not at Notre Dame. Our women are too good for these harmless yet endlessly videotape-able traumas. Instead, Notre Dame women are subjected to verbal intimidation, contempt and numerous violations of personal privacy. And that's just from the Detex card.

My lady friends seem unable to convey to me the indignity of living under 24-hour lock and key, having an honest-to-God nun watching over them, and being hassled in their own 24-hour space by an overactive, blue shirt-clad lunatic.

But in my opinion, none of these things can top the fear that grips the common Notre Dame man when he decides to visit the Capri pant and tank-top strewn bowels of a girl's dorm.

Don't get me wrong — during the day, most female dorms at Notre Dame are almost visitable. However, as parietals approach, and the hall staff prepares the castration shears, a girl's dorm changes significantly.

In all honesty, I would rather walk into an al-Qaeda cave blindfolded and waving an American flag with my pants around my ankles and a George W. Bush sock puppet covering my bare genitals than walk into a female dorm within two hours of parietals. Even with the most innocuous of intentions, a male visitor is stared down as if he is planning to rape all of the residents before stealing the painting of the dorm benefactors.

Let me convey this fun little anecdote to illustrate: One night, I visited some friends in a women's dorm. I heard the jingly keys at 11:50 p.m. and started getting ready to leave. Less than 10 minutes later, I stepped out of the elevator onto the first floor, only to be confronted by the sight of the security guard and about five RAs chatting amiably by the front desk. As I stepped off the elevator, they froze and turned their gaze to me.

My initial reaction was to panic, but a quick glance at the official dorm clock told me that it was literally midnight and 20 seconds. I headed past the gathering, confident in my righteousness. As I attempted to walk out the front door, I heard a voice behind me.

"Hey." One of the RA's had stepped forward to challenge me. "Be more careful next time. You're a couple of." She paused to look at the clock.

"Seconds late." She wasn't even able to say "minutes" with a straight face.

Lest any naysayers out there accuse me of unconstructive criticism, I thought I'd provide female hall staff members with some friendly advice.

Security guards: First of all, coming into the 24-hour lounge every five minutes admonishing occupants to "keep at least one foot on the ground at all times" not only makes you sound like an idiot, it's counterproductive. You're just forcing would-be nookie seekers to be more creative in their positioning and faster to finish.

RAs: Just because everyone says that women RAs are embittered shut-ins doesn't mean you have to prove it on a daily basis. Live a little, and for God's sake, lighten up.

Rectresses: Not every guy who walks into your dorm is ready to pluck one of the virgin roses placed under your care. Some of us are there to pick up books or something. Also, it greatly diminishes your nunly authority when you refuse to wear the full habit.

And one final note to all hall staff: it's parietals, not a nuclear missile launch. Precision is not a necessity. Next time I get yelled at for leaving 30 seconds after midnight, I can't be responsible for my own actions.

Joe Muto is a sophomore FIT and English major who would like to congratulate the male dorm residents who stole the Farley pink gorilla and took the Holy Cross girl photos, respectively. Contact Joe Muto at jmuto@nd.edu.

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Joe Muto

*Living on a
Prayer*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"Joke" ticket inspired
real change

As Notre Dame's "exciting" student body elections remind upon our icy campus, I wish to remind you all of a couple of crazy guys who attempted to get elected last spring.

Chris Zimmerman and I were deemed the "joke" ticket of last year's race, but as I look at this year's campus developments, it seems as though we were more successful than anyone expected us to be — and we weren't even actually elected.

We wanted to trim the fat from student government, which has put on the freshmen 15 several times over. We were told, however, that we should learn to work "with the current system." Not long ago, Erin LaRuffa and Jason McFarley of The Observer graded student government, and those grades were short of the Dean's List. Also, the University recently decided to form a task force to examine the role of student government on campus and what that role should be in the future.

We wanted to renovate LaFortune. We were told that it could never happen, that it would cost too much. Now, Starbucks,

Sbarro and Eddie Peppers (whatever that is) are on their way to our lovely student center.

We wanted to evaluate the student system so that excellence would be rewarded more fairly in each college. This fall, to the chagrin of the class of 2005, new Dean's List requirements were announced. Grades in the College of Engineering are no longer held straight up against grades from the Mendoza College of Business.

We wanted to add more all-school masses, and this year's tickets are all promising the exact same thing for next year. Apparently, good ideas can come from a couple of "jokesters."

As you can see, Chris and I have accomplished more this year than the actual elected student body officers. Seems odd that a couple of guys who were treated as a joke last year inspired so many actual changes this year.

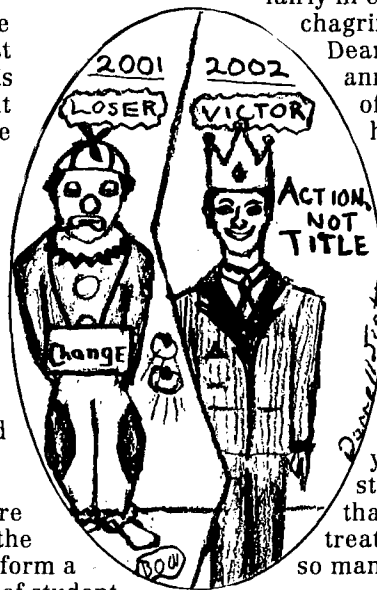
Andy Nelson

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Notre Dame outdoes
Saint Mary's with
"Vagina Monologues"

I would like to applaud Notre Dame's Program in Gender Studies and the Film, Television and Theatre Department for participating in the V-Day Initiative through the production of Eve Ensler's play, The Vagina Monologues.

It's unfortunate that the administration of Saint Mary's College is unable to see the value and importance of sponsoring a performance such as this. It's hard to believe that a college that claims to have the interests of women among their top priorities would turn their backs on such an important issue.

Erin Reese

junior

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Judicial Council deserves
sanctions

What is wrong with speaking freely about one's opponents? The Observer editorial hit the nail on the head Friday with its stance against the Judicial Council's decision to sanction Moscona/Oxley, but permit me to add a nail to the coffin.

Why not sanction the Judicial Council for breaking its own rules? After all, the same election bylaws that were perverted to reprove Moscona/Oxley require that a six-member committee sanctions candidates, not just two Judicial Council leaders. Regardless of past precedent, Jarotkiewicz and McCarthy had a procedural directive to follow, which they blatantly disregarded. While it is not at all clear that discussing the feasibility of opponents' platforms with one's

campaign staff comprises "insulting or defamatory" actions, it is explicitly clear that two people are not six, and that the Judicial Council should be reprimanded for its hasty, unauthorized judgment.

Somebody tell me how to force an apology from the Judicial Council to the student body for breaking the very rules with which they are entrusted to enforce. Such an admission of fault seems to me an appropriate and proportionate response.

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Notre Dame's Annual Sophomore Literary Festival celebrates its 35th anniversary

By LAURA KELLY
Scene Associate Editor

Like many good stories, it all started with one man's dream.

During his sophomore year at Notre Dame in 1967, J. Richard Rossi envisioned a literary festival, a gathering of scholars to celebrate the life and writings of William Faulkner.

Rossi was inspired by a convention he had seen at the University of Mississippi while in high school, and wanted to bring something of the sort to Notre Dame.

Dream became reality, and during the week of March 5, 1967, four Faulkner scholars lectured and presented a film series on the renowned writer.

Rossi wanted the tradition to continue, and he approached sophomore John Mroz to organize the next festival. Mroz accepted, and as the cliché goes, the rest is history.

At the beginning

Kurt Vonnegut, Joseph Heller, Norman Mailer, Ralph Ellison. The lineup of guests from Notre Dame's 1968 Sophomore Literary Festival sounds like the reading list from a English class on great American authors.

Yet the story of how these literary giants got to Notre Dame is far from lofty and academic.

"We were just a small band of desperados, gutsy and maybe a little nuts," said Mroz of the 18 sophomores who organized the second festival.

Determined to energize the campus with an infusion of good literature and important contemporary authors, the group of students traveled around the country, urging writers to come and speak on campus.

"We were pretty aggressive, to say the least," said Mroz, describing trips out to New York and California where the students literally knocked on the authors' doors to persuade them to come to the festival.

The famously reclusive Ellison was stunned to see a group of college kids on his doorstep.

"He said, 'I told you 'No' by letter, I told you 'No' by phone and now here you are at my door in New York!,'" remembered Mroz. "But we got him to come."

During the tumultuous Vietnam years filled with protests and unrest at colleges across the nation, many found it hard to believe that students would have any interest in such a festival.

But Mroz and his fellow students approached several important literary critics for connections to bring authors to campus.

"[The critics] got a kick out of it," said Mroz. "A group of sophomores interested in literature at the time of Vietnam, a time of negativity on college campuses, ran counter to everything that was going on nationally."

But the group's persistence and belief in their work paid off. Although many of the letters they sent out came back with regrets, they still assembled an impressive list of guests.

"Most of the authors were amazed by our gutsiness and our vision," Mroz said. "We wouldn't take no for an answer."

Due to the cost of bringing such well-known authors to speak, the student group had to raise money in alternative ways — collections in the cafeteria, small concerts, even donations from their parents.

Getting money from the University was difficult,

said Mroz, but finally Rev. Charles Sheedy, dean of Arts and Letters, agreed to give the group some funding and eventually enough was raised to make the festival possible.

"The festival was a huge success and it really motivated the campus," said Mroz. "Seeing the lines of people waiting outside Washington Hall — it was good for the University and good for the student body."

SLF drew national attention as well, with many literary critics in attendance.

According to Mroz, the group of sophomore organizers were pictured on the cover of the Saturday Review, an important literary magazine, with the caption "Every Mother's Dream Sons".

Extraordinary events that took place during the week of the festival — Martin Luther King, Jr.'s assassination and President Johnson's decision not to seek reelection — gave the festival an "electrifying" atmosphere, said Mroz.

"It was an exciting time, a very strange time," he said.

But overall, the festival's early and immediate success established a long-standing tradition at Notre Dame.

The tradition continues

Organizing the festival is still a long and involved process. The student committee (now open to all undergraduates, not just sophomores) begins work on the next year's plans in April, immediately following the festival.

According to this year's chair, sophomore Katie Ellgass, the biggest problem faced is still funding, due largely to recent budget cuts from declining attendance.

Most writers are now represented by agents, unlike the early days when Mroz's group could contact

them directly.

Speaking fees of \$15,000 and above for major authors make it difficult for SLF to attract the big names it hosted in the past, like Allen Ginsberg, Tennessee Williams, Arthur Miller, Margaret

Atwood, Chaim Potok and Seamus Heaney.

Yet recent guests such as Gloria Naylor, Tim O'Brien and W.P. Kinsella prove that SLF's reputation is still solidly recognized in the literary community.

"We try to find people who are inspiring and are willing to give their time to speak to us," said Ellgass.

According to Ellgass, even the rejection letters the committee received this year were positive.

"Robert Pinsky [a previous guest of the festival] wished us continued success and good luck," said Ellgass. "Isabel Allende wrote that she had heard so much about the festival, but couldn't attend because of commitments to her family."


Turning the page

The committee is optimistic about SLF's future.


Partnerships with the Creative Writing department, the Institute for Latino Studies and the Core program have helped with funding and strengthened the connection between authors and students.

Faculty members continue to be an integral part of the SLF's success, offering assistance and professional connections to the student committee to bring writers to campus.


"The faculty know of these rising stars," said Ellgass, "and the future depends on strengthening the connection



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"sophomore literary festival" pronounced 1. 35 years of Notre Dame literary tradition 2. opportunity for students and community members to interact and emulate authors

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Anniversary Feb. 6 - 12 with a diverse group of writers from across the country

between faculty and students."

For example, this year's Core classes are reading the translation of *The Inferno* that will be presented at the festival, a connection that Ellgass hopes students will find "fascinating" and will encourage them to attend.

Workshops with the guests and book-signing receptions follow.

an article in the South Bend Tribune, and we're passing out bookmarks [to advertise]," said Ellgass. "But the best way is still word of mouth."

This year's lineup

Over the last 35 years of the festival's existence, the range of guests has come to include poets, playwrights, screenwriters and songwriters.

From a slam poet to the author of *"Sex in the City,"* this year's group exemplifies the diversity that Ellgass hopes will draw people from all over campus.

The festival will open on Wednesday night with a presentation by Prof. José Limon of the University of Texas at Austin.

Limon will discuss two of his books that highlight his interest in Mexican-American cultural studies: *"Mexican Ballads and Chicano Poems, History and Influence in Mexican American Social Poetry,"* and *"Dancing with the Devil: Social and Cultural Poetry in Mexican American South Texas."*

Next is a reading on Thursday night by Robert and Jean Hollander, authors of a new translation of Dante's *"Inferno."*

This collaborative project between husband (a Dante scholar and professor at Princeton University) and wife (a Vienna-born poet and teacher) is part of a complete translation of the *"Divine Comedy,"* with the *"Purgatorio"* and the *"Paradiso"* due out in 2002.

Friday night features a reading by Maura Stanton, winner of Notre Dame's Richard Sullivan Award in Short Fiction. Her latest book, a collection of short stories entitled *"Do Not Forsake Me, Oh My Darling,"* was published as part of the award by the University of Notre Dame press in 2002.

Stanton teaches in the M.F.A. program at Indiana University and has had poems and short stories published in many magazines.

The artist known as muMs will perform his slam poetry on Saturday night.

As an actor, writer, poet and activist, Bronx-native Craig Grant has appeared in several major motion pictures — Martin Scorsese's *"Bringing Out the Dead"* and Spike Lee's film *"Bamboozled"*.

muMs has also performed on Lollapalooza tours and has a recurring role as the Poet in the Emmy-nominated HBO prison drama *"Oz."*

Saint Mary's alumna Adriana Trigiani will present her two best-selling novels, *"Big Stone Gap"* and *"Big Cherry Holler,"* on Feb. 11. Trigiani was the first student in the ND/SMC theater program to write and direct her own play on the university main stage.

Since her graduation in 1982, Trigiani has gone

on to write and produce many plays, TV sitcoms, documentaries and screenplays, including the current film adaptation of *"Big Stone Gap."*

The final night of the festival, Feb. 12, features Candace Bushnell, author of the bestseller *"Sex in the City,"* now a popular comedy series on HBO.

An aspiring actress turned feature writer, Bushnell will address the topic of *"The Responsibility of Journalists in the Twenty-first Century."* Her second New York Times' best-seller, *"Four Blondes,"* was published in 2001.

In addition to these outside guests, the literary festival will feature three of Notre Dame's own students presenting original works.

Michael Rampolla, a junior English Education major, will

read before Stanton's presentation.

Senior English major Gregg Murray precedes Trigiani's reading, and senior PLS major Eric Long will present his writing on the festival's final night before Bushnell's talk.

The three student readers were chosen by the SLF committee at an open coffeehouse last November, and Ellgass considers this an essential component of the festival.

"It's a great way to showcase student talent, since there are unfortunately so few opportunities to promote writing at Notre Dame," she said.

The story continues

In true literary tradition, SLF's Web page offers a humorous definition for the


festival: "sophomore literary festival" <pron. s-l-f> 1. 35 year old Notre Dame literary tradition 2. opportunity for students, faculty, and community members to listen to, interact with, and emulate notable authors 3. a week-long ritualistic carnival focusing on ancient papyrus celebrations native to the Nile River Valley 4. FUN! 5. free admittance 6. warning: seating is limited, so come early! 7. a reception will follow each evening event."

While this definition may not be able to include the names of every guest the festival has hosted over the years, its solid tradition continues to attract writers from around the country to the halls of DeBartolo, Washington Hall and LaFortune — keeping the dream of one Notre Dame sophomore 35 years a reality today.


Ellgass and the rest of the SLF committee are looking forward to seeing the fruits of their labors pay off this week. "But the most important thing," said Ellgass, "is getting the word out so that people come from all over campus to enjoy the opportunities the festival offers."

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"Recently we've been trying to revive the festival," said Ellgass. "We're trying to spread the word that this is for all students, faculty and the general public."

An underappreciation for the festival is what drove Ellgass to become involved. "Last year I went to the reading of C.K. Williams, a Pulitzer Prize-winning poet," said Ellgass. "There were only about 30 people there — I was very disappointed that more didn't come and I wanted to change that."

This year's SLF committee, now under the direction of SUB, has therefore emphasized publicity. A display in the Hesburgh Library concourse will feature biographies and books of this year's guests.

The committee's Web site — www.nd.edu/~sub/slf.html — includes write-ups on each presenters and additional links to their Web pages.

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Bowl

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year for the Patriots, who were 5-11 last year, started 0-2 and lost quarterback Drew Bledsoe to a chest injury.

Brady took over and led them to the AFC East title with an 11-5 record. But few expected them to beat the Rams, who at 14-2 had the league's best record and best offense and were trying to win their second Super Bowl in two years.

The Patriots had twice lost in the Super Bowl, both times in New Orleans. And it was the first championship as a head coach for Bill Belichick, who as defensive coordinator of the New York Giants, 11 years ago won a ring when Buffalo's Scott Norwood missed a 47-yard attempt in the final seconds.

There was plenty of drama, too, especially at the end.

Warner's 2-yard sneak with 9:31 left — his first rushing TD this season — pulled St. Louis within 17-10. After holding the Patriots, the Rams got the ball back at their own 45 and needed only 21 seconds to tie it.

Favored by 14 points, the Rams were billed as the "Greatest Show on Turf." But if they expected to breeze, they discovered early that the Patriots wouldn't let them. Warner was sacked only three times but pounded on almost every play even as New England used five, six or even seven defensive backs to shut down the St. Louis offense.

The Patriots showed their tenacity early, giving up yards grudgingly and moving from their own 3 to near midfield after being pinned deep on their first possession.

New England stiffened on St. Louis' second possession, limiting the Rams to Jeff Wilkins' 50-yard field goal after they had moved from their own 20.

The Patriots let the Rams reach their 34 early in the second quarter, but this time Wilkins' 52-yard attempt was short.

New England had trouble moving, but it was still the Patriots' pace at this stage of the game.

Everything was slow as the Patriots' varying defenses — as many as seven defensive backs on some plays — made Warner and the Rams work for each yard.

With 8:49 left in the half, New England got the break it was



AP Photo

New England's Adam Vinatieri celebrates after his 48-yard, game-winning field goal. The Patriots came back from losing a 17-3 lead within the past ten minutes for their first ever Superbowl championship.

playing for.

On a first-and-10 from the St. Louis 39, New England line-backer Mike Vrabel broke clear on a blitz. As he was about to hit Warner, the St. Louis quarterback unloaded — right to Law, who raced untouched 47 yards down the sideline to give New England a 7-3 lead.

The second TD came after the Rams got the ball on their own 15 with 1:52 left in the half.

On the third play, Warner found Proehl over the middle. He was hit by Antwan Harris, who scored in the AFC championship game last week on a blocked

punt. This time Harris knocked the ball loose and Terrell Buckley picked it up and returned it 15 yards to the St. Louis 40.

Five plays later, it was 14-3 as Brady found David Patten in the corner of the end zone for an 8-yard score. Patten made a leaping catch after turning Dexter McCleon around with a double move.

New England continued to stalemata the Rams through the third quarter — Richard Seymour's sack of Warner ended a drive that reached the Patriots' 41 on the first drive.

The Rams turned to the run to try to get New England out of its nickel and dime defenses as Marshall Faulk ran four times for 30 yards. But on third down came what seemed to be the inevitable turnover — Warner missed Torry Holt and Otis Smith picked it off, returning it 30 yards to the St. Louis 32.

Three plays later, Vinatieri's 37-yard field goal made it 17-3.

The Rams then put together their first sustained drive, getting inside the New England 32 for the first time. On a fourth-and-goal from the 3, Warner fumbled and Tebucky Jones took

it all the way back for what appeared to be the clinching touchdown.

But Willie McGinest was called for holding Faulk — replays showed it was obvious — and the Rams got the ball back at the 1. On the second play, Warner went in for the touchdown to cut it to 17-10 with 9:31 left to cap a 73-yard, 12-play drive.

Then came the tying TD and the winning drive.

"We beat all the odds," Milloy said. "No one can ever take that away from us."

No one is likely to try. At least until next season.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles fall short against Calvin, come out on top of Alma

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

After a narrow loss Saturday to Calvin, the Saint Mary's basketball team bounced back on Sunday against conference rival Alma.

The Belles, 3-7 in MIAA play and 7-14 overall, fell short of beating the Knights of Calvin by a single point, 52-51, in front of a season-high number of fans. But the team defeated Alma, 50-43, on Sunday playing a make-up game for a contest that was cancelled earlier in the week due to bad weather.

While the close loss to Calvin was disappointing for Saint Mary's, the victory over Alma is both an emotional and necessary tactical victory for the Belles.

After losing at Alma 66-52 on Jan. 5, Saint Mary's was ripe for revenge and in need of a victory after recording four losses in a row.

"We are so thrilled. I don't even remember the last time Saint Mary's beat Alma. We are just so pumped after this win," said senior Jaime Dineen. "Before the game was cancelled, we prepared really well and we were all so excited to play Alma because it was such a rival for us. It was such a close game when we played at Alma, and we wanted revenge."

Freshman Emily Creachbaum led the Belles with 14 points, in addition to contributing 12 boards and seven assists. Because of her play, she was named an honorable mention for the MIAA player of the week, as she and her team shut down former MIAA players of week

Shelly Ulfig and Janelle Twietmeyer. Both were limited to 13 points each.

"She has done an amazing job this year," said Dineen of Creachbaum. "She's been guarding top players. She has stepped up in every game."

Senior Anne Blair, who had a game-high 23 points versus Calvin, had eight points and eight rebounds against Alma.

Improving its rebounding has been an important goal for Saint Mary's and the increased attention they devoted to this skill seems to be paying off. In recent games, Saint Mary's has been out-rebounded by as many as 20 boards, but Saturday they had 40 to Calvin's 39 and on Sunday, 36 to Alma's 39.

"We've been focusing on being disciplined ... You have to do the little things. It's not about records anymore," Dineen said. "Every team is pretty much equal. Each night we have to come out, get the offensive rebounds, make the free throws."

A problem Saint Mary's has been dealing with is losing steam during the second half, but this weekend they gained momentum as their games progressed. After being down 26-19, they outscored Calvin 32-26 in the second half.



A Saint Mary's player goes up for a basket while surrounded by Alma players in the Belles' 50-43 victory on Sunday.

REITANO/The Observer

Against Alma, the Belles were down 30-25 at the half, but came back to outscore the Scots 25-13.

"We concentrated on staying real positive during the second half, and I think we did," said Dineen. "We played incredible

team defense during the second half."

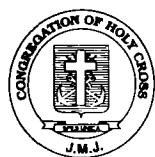
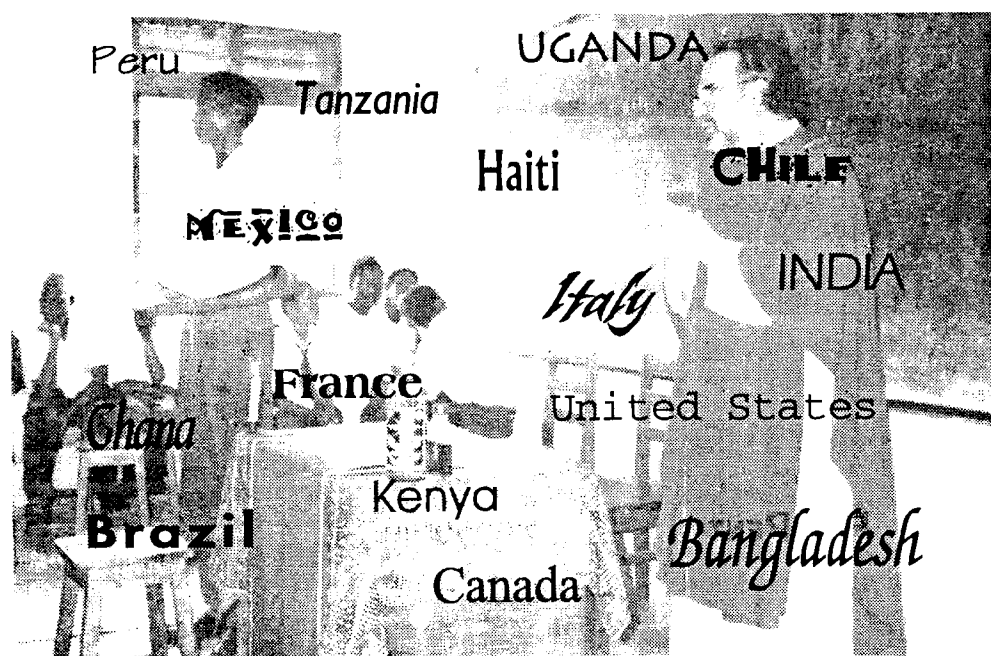
Saint Mary's will play at Hope, ranked number one in the conference, on Wednesday night. Hope has only one loss this season. For the Belles, they hope to carry Sunday's intensity through

the week.

"We had so much fire in our bellies [Sunday]. We were real intense," said Dineen.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Smith resigns after misrepresentation

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Rick Smith was forced to resign as Georgia Tech's defensive coordinator after a committee concluded he misrepresented himself in his media guide profile.

Smith, hired last month by new coach Chan Gailey, admitted Monday he never played on the football and baseball teams at Florida State, as his profile said. He offered his resignation Friday.

"You don't want to bring anyone in ... where they don't have a wide base of support from the faculty, the students and the alumni," Bill Wepfer, associate chairman of the School of Mechanical Engineering, said. "There's a sense that we are in a new era where everything has to be perfect."

"So there was a lot of concern from people in the Georgia Tech community that felt we needed to rise to this new level."

Athletic director Dave Braine

said Gailey called Smith to tell him the decision.

"I offered to do it for him, but he said he wanted to do it," Braine said. "It was tough for [Gailey]. But he also understood the policy."

Smith had served as assistant head coach, recruiting coordinator and defensive backs coach at Kentucky before taking the job at Georgia Tech. Reached at home in Lexington, Ky., Smith said his plans were unclear.

"I'm unemployed," he said. "I don't have a job at Kentucky. I don't have a job at Georgia Tech. I'm basically ruined."

The school was embarrassed in December by revelations that former head coach George O'Leary lied on his resume, costing him a job at Notre Dame just five days after he left the Yellow Jackets.

The false information in Smith's bio was removed from 1997 to 2000, but it reappeared last season when he went to Kentucky as a defensive backs coach.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Double trouble for Notre Dame in weekend losses

By COLIN BOYLAN
Sports Writer

While the formula for success for the Notre Dame women's tennis team is by no means set in stone, a certain trend seems to be emerging five matches into the spring season.

When the team wins the doubles point, they win the match. When they lose the doubles point, the results are much less desirable.

A pair of losses last weekend to opponents Kentucky and Indiana dropped the Irish to 3-2 on the season and will likely drop the team from their 13th spot in the national rankings. In both matches, losing the closely contested doubles point set a negative tone for the rest of the competition.

"Even though its only one point, I think the doubles matches have a lot of significance," said head coach Jay Louderback. "We didn't play very well and that carried over to our singles."

Doubles certainly set the tone for the Irish in their 4-3 Saturday loss to Kentucky. After splitting the first two matches, the Irish tandem of Lindsey Green and Becky Varum fell just short in their effort to defeat Kentucky's seventh ranked doubles team of Carolina Mayorga and Sarah Witten, losing 8-6.

Kentucky followed by rattling off the first three singles victories to clinch the match.

Nina Vaughan, Alicia Salas and Katie Cunha rallied with three consecutive wins of their own to stage and impressive comeback, but it was a case of too little, too late.

On Sunday, the match seemed to follow a similar script in the team's 5-2 loss to 40th ranked Indiana.

The Irish suffered a close doubles

loss, but actually gained a brief upper hand when Salas and Sarah Jane Connelly quickly disposed of their opponents to give the team a 2-1 lead. Salas' 6-1, 6-0 victory was particularly impressive conclusion to a weekend in which she finished 3-1 — the only Irish player to have a winning record.

"I was disappointed that we didn't pull through in doubles, so I wanted to start out as strong as I could in singles," she said.

However, the momentum was halted when Green's second set rally against Indiana's Karie Schluckebir fell short in a tie-breaker and Vaughan lost a close match to Linda Tran 7-5, 6-4. Indiana then took the final two singles matches and the victory.

Toward the end of Sunday's competition, the Irish seemed to be worn down by Indiana's "We've had a couple of tough matches over the past week, but I don't think that was a big issue," said Salas. "We played well against Kentucky, but we just didn't come out with as much intensity against Indiana."

Louderback agreed with that assessment.

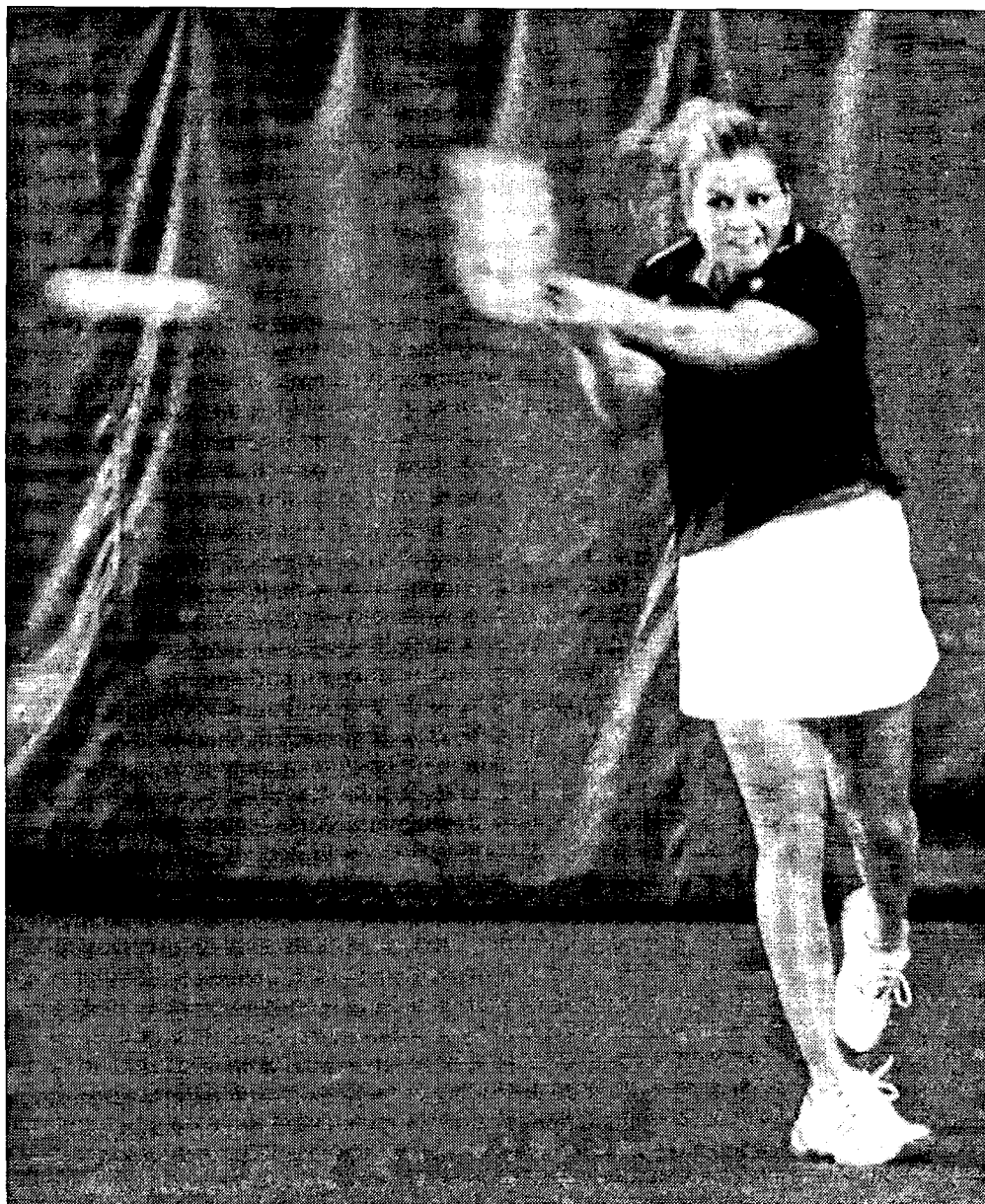
"That's just the way the season goes," he said of the team's five matches during the past week. "We need to be ready to play out there."

Despite the relatively disappointing weekend, Louderback says he has no immediate plans to shuffle the lineup.

"I'm going to see how everyone does in the National Indoors this week before I make a decision like that."

Next week, the Irish will travel to Madison, Wisconsin for the USTA/ITA National Team Indoor Championship.

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DOROTHY CARTER/The Observer

An Irish tennis player returns the ball. Notre Dame falls to 3-2 for the season with losses to both Kentucky and Indiana.

MEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame dominates Ohio State in 6-1 victory

Special to The Observer

The 10th-ranked Notre Dame men's tennis team captured the doubles point and then won the five singles matches at the top of the lineup to defeat No. 24 Ohio State 6-1 Friday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. Seniors Javier Taborga and Aaron Talarico highlighted the victory, each upsetting players ranked in the national top 20 in singles.

The Irish, who defeated Ohio State for the 14th consecutive time, improved to 5-1 for their best start since 1997. The Buckeyes lost for the first time in four matches in 2002.

The Irish captured a hotly-contested doubles point to take a 1-0 lead. Taborga and Casey Smith, the sixth-ranked doubles team in the nation, drew first blood with an 8-5 win at No. 1. The Buckeyes struck back at No. 2 when Conor Casey and Jeremy Wurtzman notched a win 8-5. Talarico and sophomore Matthew Scott broke serve in the final game of the match to win 9-7 at No. 3, clinching the doubles point for the Irish.

Notre Dame won the first four singles matches off the court to open up a 5-0 lead.

Talarico finished first, upsetting 16th-ranked Phil Metz 6-2, 6-1 at No. 2. The win marked the second time this season Metz has been upset by an Irish player. Scott defeated him in the second round of last fall's Omni Hotels Region IV Championships.

Talarico has won all six of his singles matches in straight sets this spring and has been victorious in 18 of his last 19 dual singles matches, dating back to last year. Metz is the highest-ranked player Talarico has defeated in his career.

Taborga, ranked 95th nationally, followed his classmate off the court with a 6-4, 6-2 win over 20th-ranked Wurtzman at No. 1. After never playing at No. 1 singles prior to this season, Taborga is 3-0 at that position in 2002.

He has won nine of his last 11 matches and has now registered four wins over ranked opponents, including back-to-back triumphs over top-25 players. Taborga defeated 24th-ranked Michael Yani of Duke 6-3, 6-3 on Tuesday.

Scott clinched the Irish victory with a 6-1, 7-6 (7-4) win at No. 5 singles. He has won all six of his singles matches this spring and has won 12 of his last 13, dating back to last fall.

After the outcome was determined, 83rd-ranked sophomore Luis Haddock-Morales turned in a 7-5, 6-3 win at No. 4 to improve to 10-0 in singles matches at home this season. Vince Ng got the Buckeyes on the board with a win at No. 6 before Smith, ranked 88th, registered a 6-7 (5-7), 6-4, 7-5 win over 72nd-ranked Adrian Bohane at No. 3.

On Saturday, the Irish rallied from a 2-1 deficit to move to 6-1 with a 5-2 road victory over No. 46 Northwestern Sunday afternoon at the newly-dedicated Combe Tennis Center. The Irish lost the doubles point, but took five of the six singles matches to gain the win and their best start since 1997. Northwestern lost for the first time in five matches this season.

The doubles point came down to a tiebreaker in the final match before Northwestern claimed a 1-0 lead. Irish seniors Casey Smith and Javier Taborga, ranked sixth in the nation, gained an 8-5 win at No. 1, but the Wildcats won the remaining two matches. Josh Axler and Thomas Hanus notched an 8-4 win at No. 3 to set up the point-clinching victory by Jackie Jenkins and Chuck

Perrin at No. 2 by a 9-8 (8-6) score.

Smith, ranked 88th, tied the match with a 6-3, 6-0 win at No. 3 singles, but Hanus immediately put Northwestern ahead again with a 7-6 (7-5), 6-2 victory at No. 2.

The Irish claimed the final four matches on court to win the match. Sophomore Luis Haddock-Morales finished next with a 7-6 (9-7), 6-4 win at No. 4 and senior Andrew Laflin won 7-5, 6-4 at No. 6 to set up the clinching victory. Sophomore Matthew Scott provided it, registering a 6-4, 1-6, 6-2 win at No. 5, snapping

Axler's 12-match winning streak in dual matches. Scott has won all seven of his singles matches this spring and 13 of his last 14, dating back to last fall. 95th-ranked Taborga then won 6-4, 5-7, 6-3 at No. 1. He has won nine of his last 11 matches.

Notre Dame will return to action on Thursday, taking part in the USTA/ITA National Team Indoor Championships in Lexington, Ky. The Irish are scheduled to open play with a match against seventh-ranked Pepperdine at 9 a.m. on Thursday.



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HOCKEY

Notre Dame learns lesson with 2 weekend losses

By MATT ORENCHUK
Sports Writer

Sometimes speed kills. That was the lesson the Notre Dame hockey team learned this weekend, losing twice to the Alaska-Fairbanks Nanooks, 7-5 Friday and then 6-5 on Saturday.

"Teams look fast when they react well," said Irish head coach Dave Poulin. "[Alaska-Fairbanks] was jumping on every loose puck."

The two losses dropped the team to 9-14-5 overall, and 7-11-5 in the CCHA.

Saturday night's game proved to be a study in two different teams. In the first period Alaska-Fairbanks started off fast. The Nanooks scored the first three goals of the game, and the first period ended with a 4-1 Alaska-Fairbanks lead. Connor Dunlop scored the only Irish goal of the first with 2:13 left in the period.

Morgan Cey started the game Saturday for Notre Dame, but he didn't finish it. At the start of the second period Poulin pulled Cey in favor of senior Jeremiah Kimento.

The second period started much like the first ended for the Nanooks. Two minutes into the period Alaska-Fairbanks scored their fifth goal of the night to make it 5-1.

Then the Irish started to relax and make plays. Rob Globke

scored 4:49 into the period to make it 5-2. Alaska-Fairbanks added another goal when Aaron Voros tapped in his second goal of the night to make the score 6-2.

Then the Irish rallied. Yan Stastny and Kyle Dolder scored 34 seconds apart to cut the lead to 6-4. The Irish got another goal with 1:08 left in the period from Neil Komadoski to make the game 6-5. It was Komadoski's first goal of the year.

"In the second we finally relaxed," said Poulin. "We didn't overthink the game, just went out and made plays."

In the third Alaska-Fairbanks pulled Preston McKay in favor of Lance Mayes in goal. The decision proved to be the right one for the Nanooks. Mayes shut down the Irish in the third. Notre Dame couldn't get anything going offensively, and the game ended 6-5.

In Friday's game the Irish just couldn't get over the hump. Down 6-5 late, Alaska-Fairbanks got an empty-netter to put the game away.

The game started out fast for both teams. Alaska-Fairbanks scored 31 seconds into the game. 1:48 later the Nanooks were up 2-0. But the Irish fought back. Connor Dunlop and David Inman both scored late in the period to make it a 2-2 game.

15 seconds into the second period the Irish took a 3-2 lead



RICO CASARES/The Observer

A Notre Dame player passes the puck to a teammate against Alaska-Fairbanks this weekend. The Irish lost to the Nanooks 7-5 on Friday and 6-5 on Saturday.

on an Evan Nielsen goal.

Alaska-Fairbanks then responded by putting three straight goals on the board for a 5-3 lead. That lead stood through the end of the second.

Stastny put one in 43 seconds into the third to pull the Irish within one. Through the third both teams traded goals, with Globke netting a goal for Notre Dame.

With the score 6-5 at the end

of the game the Irish pulled their goalie for a shot at the tie. Instead Alaska-Fairbanks put in the empty-netter to seal the win.

A big loss in Friday's game was junior winger Mike Chin. Chin crashed into the boards in the second period and had to be helped off the ice. Initially trainers thought he broke his ankle, but it turned out to be a high ankle sprain. Nonetheless the loss of Chin's firepower will be

crucial going into the final few weeks of the season.

Next weekend the Irish take on CCHA powerhouse Michigan State. With their CCHA positioning falling fast the past few weeks, Notre Dame needs a win. Next week the Irish will have to play at their best to stay in contention.

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles win, set personal bests

By NATALIE BAILEY
Sports Writer

Swimming for personal bests and not worrying about earning points helped Saint Mary's win Saturday against Albion by the score of 126-118. Saturday's win is Saint Mary's first victory in a dual meet against an MIAA team other than Olivet in the school's history.

"This was one of our best meets of the year," head coach Gregg Petcoff said. "The win really helps to give the women confidence and shows them that all their effort is worth it."

Just beginning its taper, the team looked to drop time at their double dual meet against Hope and Albion Colleges. Some of the most exciting races came in those in which personal records were made.

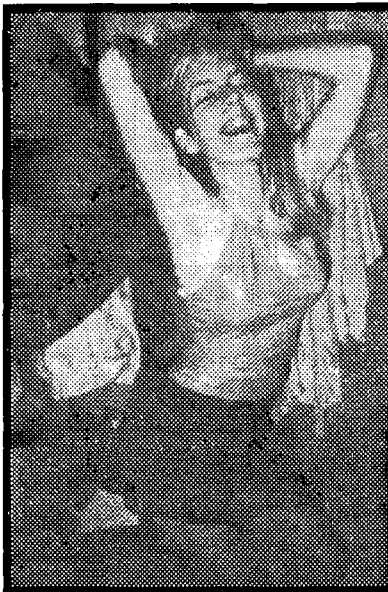
Also, Meg Ramsey set a new team record in the 200-yard

freestyle with her second place finish of 1:57.56. Michelle Stanforth swam a personal best and finished third in the 100-yard breaststroke coming in behind first place finisher Lauren Smith with times of 1:13.81 and 1:13.02 respectively. Diver Angie Osmanski should be in the top twelve of the MIAA after her career high of 165.90 points in the one-meter event.

The team is going to focus on "sharpening up" in turns, starts, streamlines and the little things that make the difference. Junior co-captain Lane Herrington thinks Saturday's victory will add to the team's confidence.

"Now we are looking to surprise some other teams who don't expect a lot from us at our conference meet," said Herrington.

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Freshman Jaqueline Batteast struggles for the ball in Notre Dame's 71-46 victory over Syracuse. The Irish topped Seton Hall in a 65-60 win Saturday.

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time they got in, we were down. We got down early."

However, Flecky, the freshman forward, kept the Irish in the game in those opening minutes, scoring the first seven points for a Notre Dame squad that had its worst shooting game of the season, hitting only 32.1 percent of their shots from the field. Those seven points helped make up the nine that tied Flecky's career best. Flecky attributed some of that success to feeling in control of her game early on.

"It kind of felt a little like high school when I played my game the way I knew how," she said. "There have been a lot of chances, but it felt like before and I had a lot of confidence going in."

Those seven points set Batteast up to bring the game within one with a trey, before the Irish fell behind by 10 with eight minutes to go in the first half.

"We just couldn't put the ball in the basket and, really, that was our only problem," McGraw said. "Defensively we played pretty well. We just couldn't make a shot."

In the first 20 minutes of the game, the Irish shot 25 percent from the field. Fortunately, three of the 10 shots they made were three-pointers. Bustamante and Wicks made consecutive treys that allowed Wicks to tie the game with two free throws with four seconds left in the first half. A buzzer-beater by Seton Hall's Cecilia Lindqvist put the Pirates on top 28-25 at the half.

In the second half, the Irish managed to squeeze out a lead and, thanks to a tightly called game, bring home the

win.

Batteast, who had only scored four points in the first half added another 17 points to claim her ninth double-double of the season with 21 points and 12 rebounds.

"I think she really settled in in the second half," McGraw said. "She was really the player we were looking for."

Although the Irish upped their shooting percentage to 40 in the second half, it was really foul shooting that allowed the victory. In a closely called game, the two teams together totaled 44 personal fouls.

"They called it really tight," McGraw said. "There were a lot of sticky spots. Just really some that we could have done without."

While there were some fouls the Irish could have done without, there were even more fouls that were imperative. Notre Dame scored 18 points on 24 trips to the free-throw line in the second half, enough to give them the win.

"We definitely won by free throws," Flecky said. "We're a pretty good free-throw shooting team and if you put us at the line, I think we can do a lot of damage and I think that was a determining factor."

The Irish took their first lead of the second half on a lay-up by Haney five minutes into the half and managed to hold onto it for most of that half. In the final minutes, Seton Hall guaranteed that it would not be overlooked, bringing the game within three before Batteast hit two foul shots to put the game away.

Notre Dame will have only a day of rest before the team takes to the road again to face Pittsburgh on Tuesday.

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Notre Dame dominates in win over St. Bonaventure

By SHEILA EGTS
Sports Writer

The St. Bonaventure men's swimming and diving team loaded back onto its busses Saturday afternoon, heading home after its 26th loss to Notre Dame in the dual meet's 35-year history. The Irish controlled the meet from beginning to end with first place finishes in 10 out of 13 events.

The Irish squad has been focusing their efforts on making Big East qualifying times in these final meets and added sophomore Adam Cahill to the Big East roster on Saturday.

After swimming the 50 freestyle time trial in 21.42 seconds, Cahill hugged teammates and waved up to his mom who had traveled more than six hours from their home in Richmond, Ky. to support him. According to Cahill, the

pure adrenaline rush from the team's encouragement helped him make the 21.47 time cut in the event.

"I could have swam through a brick wall at that point because the team was going crazy for me," said Cahill. "I'm really an emotional swimmer and do it all for the excitement. I know the Big East will be electric."

Cahill was the only Big East qualifier from the meet, but

David Horak swam a season-best time of 1:51.81 in the 200 breaststroke and took a first place finish for the Irish.

Head coach Tim Welsh was pleased with David Moisan's first place finish in the 200 IM at 1:55.76, a time fairly consistent with his 11th-ranked Big East qualifying time of 1:54.26.

Andy Maggio set a pool and university record with 383.5 finish in the three-meter diving

event. Maggio won the one- and three-meter diving events with season best scores in both events.

Matt Bertke, Matt Englehardt, Michael Flanagan, Matt Obringer and J.R. Teddy also contributed with first place finishes. Bertke finished at 9:43.39 in the 1000 freestyle, Englehardt posted a 2:13.44 in the 200 breaststroke, Flanagan came in at 4:49.62 in the 500

freestyle. Obringer took the 200 freestyle at 1:42.33 and J.R. Teddy topped the 200 butterfly at 1:53.71.

The men swim in their final meet before the Big East Championships against Cleveland St. on Saturday in the Rolls Aquatic Center at 2 p.m.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Irish leaders top team with NCAA qualifying times

By DAVE COOK
Sports Writer

Senior leadership combined with superb underclassman talent has been the story of the 2002 men's and women's track and field teams. In the Meyo Invitational this weekend, Notre Dame's seniors led a deeply talented underclassmen team to several NCAA qualifying times and many victories against one of the most competitive fields in the nation.

The highlight of the weekend was in the women's mile relay race. Under the leadership of senior and anchor runner Liz Grow, the team took first place in the invitational with a time of 3:38.58, a time that is currently second best in the nation.

The team consisting of Grow, sophomore Ayesha Boyd and Kristen Dodd, and junior Kymia Love has been together for almost two years now and are looking take first at the NCAA indoor championships in early March.

"We're all like sisters. We trust each other and we want to do our best," said Grow. "We knew this would be one of our only opportunities to qualify for nationals. This has been my dream."

Their blazing NCAA provisional qualifying time set a school, track and meet record, and was over an 11-second improvement on their time in last year's Meyo Invitational.

"I wasn't expecting to be second in the nation," said Grow. "When I crossed the finish line and it said we ran 3:38, I started crying. It's been so exciting."

The mile relay team also had a lot of success in other races in the meet. Boyd won the 60-meter dash with Dodd finishing behind Boyd in 4th place. Grow and Love finished second and third respectively in the 400 meter dash behind prospective Olympic athlete Foye Williams. Their times were NCAA provisional qualifying times.

Senior Amanda Alvarez was also looking strong on Saturday. Alvarez won the 500-meter run in 1:14.94 to earn her first victory of the season.

Sophomore Megan Johnson, the school record holder in the outdoor 1500 meters, was coming into top form on Saturday. Johnson won the mile run in a time of 4:51.39, just three seconds off a NCAA provisional qualifying time.

Jamie Volkmer, after struggling the last two weeks in the pole vault, took first place with a 12-foot vault. Volkmer also took first in the triple jump, an event she has excelled in this year.

Rounding off the strong women's showing was Tameisha King, taking second place in the 60-meter hurdles and first place in the long jump by almost 2 feet. Her long jump distance of 20 feet 7 inches was a provisional qualifier.

Senior leadership was also displayed in the men's events, especially by the distance runners.

David Kimani of Alabama won the 5000-meter race with Irish senior Ryan Shay right behind him in 13:46.80. Kimani and Shay are ranked first and second respectively in the nation right now in the 5000, and both runners posted NCAA automatic qualifying times. Shay's time was



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An Irish player clears the bar in the Meyo Invitational held this weekend. Notre Dame senior and upperclassmen leaders led the Irish with NCAA qualifying times.

also a personal best time and school record.

Shay and classmate Luke Watson worked off each other in the 3000-meter run. They exchanged the lead several times, but in the end it was Watson with a strong kick in the last several hundred meters that

pushed him in front of Shay for the win. Their times of 7:54.02 and 7:58.73 respectively, were also NCAA automatic qualifying times.

Senior Sean Zanderson was at his best on Saturday. Zanderson posted a personal best 4:09.12 in the Meyo Mile. The Meyo Mile is famous around the country because it is the race that top runners around the country compete in to try to run a sub-4 minute mile. This year the best time was 4:03.26 by Steve Sherer of Michigan State.

In the regular men's mile, freshman Eric Morrison was on top with a time of 4:09.76. Fellow freshman Dwight Ellick had great success in the sprint

events. Ellick finished second in the 200 meter dash and fourth in the 60 meter dash.

Overall, the Irish had 10 victories in 38 events. Eight runners or teams also qualified for the NCAA indoor championships in March. That is not including the men's distance medley team who qualified last weekend for the indoor championships. Of those 8 qualifiers, five are seniors or included seniors on the team.

Next weekend the Irish look to continue their success at the Windsor Invitational in Windsor, Ontario.

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pulled out their first lead of the game, 18-17, on a Torrian Jones jumper with 7:10 remaining.

Irish head coach Mike Brey entered reserve forward Tom Timmermans into the lineup in the final minutes of the half, freeing up the pressure on Humphrey down low, and the Irish pushed their lead to 33-26 to end the half.

Notre Dame's defense was key in its first-half comeback, as the Irish outscored the Pirates 31-11 in the last 12 minutes of the half.

The second half proved to be a back and forth battle between the two Big East teams, as the Irish relied on key 3-pointers by Graves and Matt Carroll to keep the Irish in the game.

Carroll, a junior, ended the game with 10 points, just 13 shy of a career 1,000 mark.

Humphrey and Swanagan

picked up four fouls each with eight minutes remaining in the game, forcing Brey to give Timmermans and freshman Jordan Cornette some extra court time.

The Pirates, who dropped to 11-10 on the season and 4-5 in the Big East, found some unexpected offensive help to stay in the game. While the usual high-scoring duo of Barrett and Lane contributed 26 points, the Pirates also found some help from quieter players. Manga turned in his best performance of the season with 14 points, an uncharacteristic 3-pointer and 12 rebounds, while Greg Morton, also a traditional post player, connected on two quick 3s to throw the Irish defense off kilter.

John Allen added 10 for the Pirates.

The Irish return to action Wednesday when they take on Rutgers at the Joyce Center.

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WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Former swimmer, coach meet on opposites sides of pool



MIKE CONNOLLY/The Observer

Irish head coach Bailey Weathers (right) first swam under Wolverine head coach Jim Richardson (left) when he was 14. Saturday, Weathers topped his former coach with an Irish win at the Notre Dame - Michigan dual meet in Ann Arbor.



MIKE CONNOLLY/The Observer

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Sports Writer

ANN ARBOR, Mich.
On a pool deck in North Carolina years ago, 14-year-old Bailey Weathers stepped out of the locker room and onto Jim Richardson's YMCA team.

The teenage breastroker and distance freestyler wasn't the best kid on the team, but he had a work ethic far and beyond the other athletes, Richardson remembers.

"He wanted to do anything he could to get better," said Richardson, who is now the head coach of Michigan. "Anything you asked him to do as a coach he would try and kill himself to do."

When Weathers thinks back to his club swimming days, he laughs when he talks about his former coach.

"He was my first coach," he says, with a smile spreading across his face. "And he was hard."

Saturday at the University of Michigan, Weathers and Richardson coached against each other during the Notre Dame-Michigan dual meet. Both of the rivals were coaching in one of their most important dual meet of the season, but animosity was absent.

Weathers and Richardson have been friends since the Notre Dame coach's competitive swimming days, when he began to develop a deep friendship with his swim club coach.

It was when he returned for summer visits during college to train with the

Winston-Salem YMCA that Weathers' and Richardson's relationship began to be less of a coach-swimmer relationship and more of a peer relation-

ship, Richardson said.

The two have followed each other's coaching careers through Richardson's tenure as an assistant coach at the University of Iowa and Weathers' time as an assistant at Texas, to their head coaching positions at Michigan and Notre Dame.

Today, the two talk about their programs, trade workouts and training stories, and have molded a common coaching philosophy they believe has enhanced both of their programs.

"Jim has inspired me to try to coach for the right reasons," Weathers said. "Jim does it the right way, and for the right reasons. He really understands people very well, and that's important."

"It's made us both better coaches, and better people," Richardson said. "Notre Dame has a teacher in Bailey who is

concerned about those kids far beyond how fast they swim."

Both Richardson and Weathers have steered their teams to national rankings, loaded the rosters with All-Americans and NCAA qualifiers, and can boast numerous conference titles in their tenures as head coach.

That makes for hotly contested duals between Michigan and Notre Dame. Since beginning the series in 1992-93, Michigan has won the match-up four times. But Weathers' Irish have snatched the last three victories from Michigan, letting the series record stand at 4-3.

Still, that doesn't make coaching against his friend and mentor easy.

"He's tough," Weathers said. "He knows what he's doing. You can't underestimate him. He swims to have his kids do well at the end of the season,

so you kind of know what to expect."

But no matter how close the matches get, the two don't let the rivalry get in the way of their friendship.

"It's one of those relationships in sport that makes doing what you do very special," Richardson said. "Of course, he wants to see his kids get their hands on the wall first — and I want to see my kids get their hands on the wall first, too. But that doesn't get in the way of what's more important, and that's our relationship."

But laughing, Richardson admits it might be time he gets a little more competitive with his former athlete.

"I need to get some faster swimmers in here," he laughs. "Because he's kicked us the last three years in a row."

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Irish finish unblemished season with Michigan defeat

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
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ANN ARBOR, Mich.
When Michigan freshman Amy McCollough powered past two Notre Dame swimmers for a win in the 1,650-yard freestyle, the Wolverine bench came alive.

And after Michigan sophomore Emily-Clare Fenn touched the wall for second, the cheering just got louder.

But that would be one of the only bright spots for the 17th-ranked Michigan team Saturday afternoon, as they suffered the same fate as every Irish opponent this season. In a 175-124 decision over the Wolverines, the Irish put the finishing touches on an unblemished dual meet record.

It is the second time the 13th-ranked Notre Dame squad has gone undefeated in dual meet competition in three years. But it wasn't ever a goal for the team, which has repeatedly emphasized the success of its season rests on performances at the upcoming Big East Championships and NCAA Championships.

"I don't think we ever really

focused on being undefeated," said Irish head coach Bailey Weathers. "But I think it gave us something to fight for at the end of the season."

For the seniors who competed in the final dual meet of their collegiate careers, the achievement hadn't quite sunk in.

"We knew this was a possibility," said co-captain Maureen Hillenmeyer. "It's kind of a rush of emotion right now. It's all a little unreal."

The senior class had standout performances throughout the Michigan competition, headlined by senior Carrie Nixon's wins in the 50-yard freestyle (23.06 seconds) and the 100-yard freestyle (51.10). Senior Heather Mattingly won both the 1-meter and 3-meter diving events. Senior Kelly Hecking won the 100-yard backstroke (56.24).

But even though the upper-classmen's performances sealed the victory, the Irish struggled to establish the lead at the start.

A 1-3 finish in the 400-yard medley relay put the Irish ahead 12-4 after the first event, but the McCollough-Fenn finish in the 1,650-yard

freestyle tied the score at 18-18.

The tie was only temporary. The Irish surged ahead with a sweep of the 200-yard freestyle one event later. Junior Heidi Hendrick won in 1:52.69, followed by sophomore Lisa Garcia in second, freshman Sarah Alwen in third and Hillenmeyer in fourth.

"It was just a matter of knowing one of the two events would be good for us," said Weathers. "It's a kind of scary thing, but at the same time, it's not."

The early tie was enough to put the Irish on guard, however, especially in light of Michigan's win against Northwestern Friday night. The Irish beat the 16th-ranked Wildcats 201-99 at home Thursday, but the Michigan win had been closer and performances were faster.

"We were a little thrown off, but it wasn't anything we couldn't handle," Hillenmeyer said. "We saw how close the meet with Northwestern was, and we knew this would be a lot harder."

Despite a confidence-instilling win against the Wildcats, Michigan couldn't defeat the

Irish. It was Notre Dame's depth that enabled the win, as the Michigan squad struggled to get its 19 athletes into point-scoring positions.

With four athletes benched due to illness or injury, the battle-bruised Michigan squad didn't have much room to move in the meet's line-up.

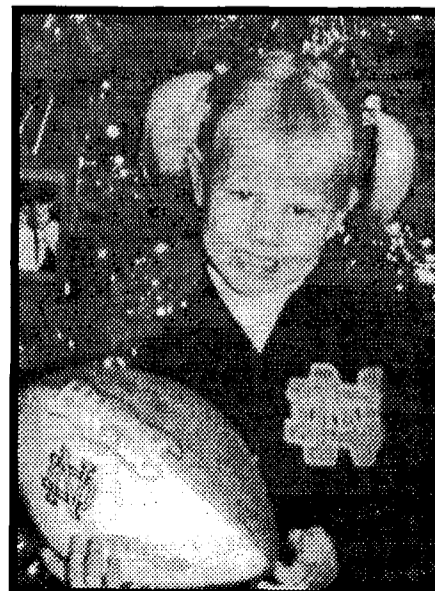
"We had some areas where we just didn't perform as well as we should have," said Michigan coach Jim Richardson. "We haven't got the depth this year."

The Irish were also aided by

wins from Lisa D'Olier in the 200-yard butterfly and Marie Labosky in the 400-yard individual medley. Senior Alison Lloyd combined with sophomore Laurie Musgrave for a 2-3 finish in the 100-yard breaststroke, and Garcia, D'Olier and freshman Hannah Pawlewicz recorded a 2-3-4 finish in the 100-yard butterfly.

The Irish will next compete at the Big East Championships in Uniondale, N.Y. Feb. 21-24.

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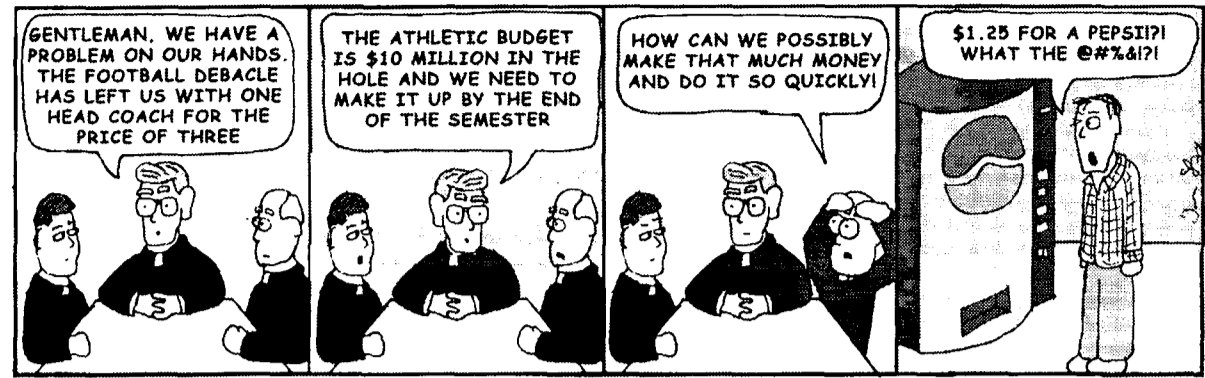
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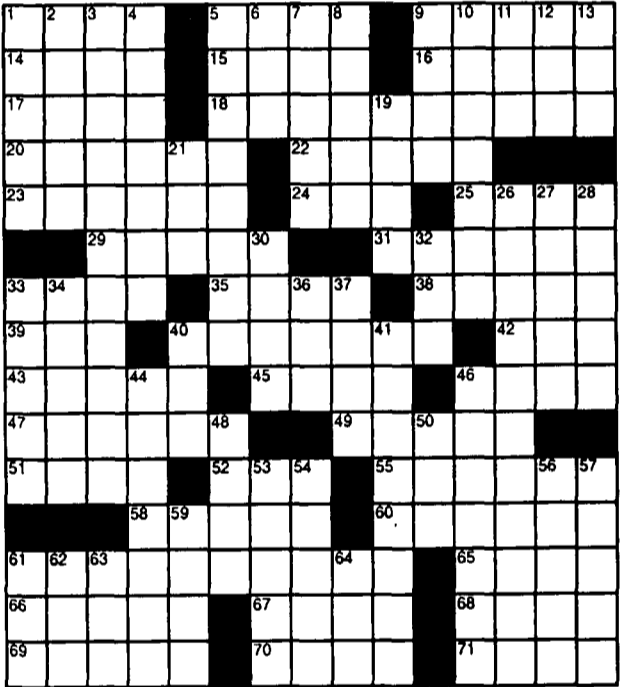


CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Cry a river
 - 5 Hair untangler
 - 9 High school jrs. take them
 - 14 Buffalo's lake
 - 15 "Hard ____" (ship command)
 - 16 To whom a Muslim prays
 - 17 "Rambling Wreck From Georgia ____"
 - 18 Sponsor's spiel
 - 20 Turkish capital
 - 22 Key of Schubert's Symphony No. 5
 - 23 Apple co-founder Jobs
 - 24 Smart ____ whip
 - 25 Inventor Elias
 - 29 Slobber
 - 31 N.Y. Islanders' org.
 - 33 Rob of "The West Wing"
 - 35 Vintners' vessels
 - 38 Loud, as a crowd
 - 39 Bi- halved
 - 40 Scratch inducer
 - 42 To and ____
 - 43 Dismiss
 - 45 "Uh-huh"
 - 46 Uncertain
 - 47 Clear, as a drain
 - 49 Roman Empire conquerors
 - 51 Big Apple gallery district
 - 52 Lawyers' org.
 - 55 Hawkish
 - 58 Train tracks
 - 60 On one's back
 - 61 Bit of a bug
 - 65 Sicilian spouter
 - 66 Desert brick
 - 67 Spanish Surrealist Joan
 - 68 Gulf war missile
 - 69 Handled clumsily
 - 70 Item in an actor's hand
 - 71 "Egad!"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

LASTRITES MASSA
ONTHEMOVE ELLES
STEERAGES SLAPS
SORBITOLS CONTE
ENYIS DANALYSTS
SYSTEMSANDALYSTS
NOTFOR MUTE
SAPS NAOMI SPED
ALAE ISRAEL
WILLIEHERNANDEZ
STILLS PAAVO
TAMIL SPOKESMAN
ALONE CAVALCADE
RINGS OVEREAGER
SAYST TENTDRESS



- DOWN**
- 1 Alphas' followers
 - 2 "You ____ kidding!"
 - 3 "The Wizard of Oz" figure
 - 4 French port
 - 5 Ladies' man
 - 6 Suffix with pay
 - 7 Peach ____
 - 8 Gripes
 - 9 One of the Three Bears
 - 10 Move like a snake
 - 11 Height: Abbr.
 - 12 Tic-____toe
 - 13 "Pipe down!"
 - 19 Bed board
 - 21 Antique auto
 - 26 Two-way toggler
 - 27 Fishing spot
 - 28 Crazy Legs Hirsch
 - 30 Lord's mate
 - 32 "That's a laugh!"
 - 33 Doozies
 - 34 Bridge bid, briefly
 - 36 7 up, e.g.
 - 37 Like bachelor parties
 - 40 Ghostly greeting
 - 41 Hot car garage
 - 44 "Good gracious!"
 - 46 "Let it be true"
 - 48 Author Sheehy
 - 50 Capote, to friends
 - 53 Dirigible
 - 54 Up and about
 - 56 Per ____ (yearly)
 - 57 Query before "Here goes!"
 - 59 Got gray
 - 61 Kind of dance
 - 62 Lupino of "High Sierra"
 - 63 This instant
 - 64 ____-Magnon

Puzzle by Nancy Salomon and Marjorie Berg

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Happy Birthday: Your emotional instability will make it difficult for you to get along with friends, relatives and peers but if you listen and observe you can benefit from other people's experiences. You will have to be well organized if you want to stay on track. Focus and discipline will be required in order to accomplish your goals. Your numbers are 3, 17, 22, 31, 33, 45

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Financial limitations may hold you back. Talk to someone who may have an interest in partnering with you. Being frugal will be the first step toward financial recovery. ☺☺

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Being stubborn will only backfire on you today. Compromise or expect to have problems with whomever you deal. ☺☺

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Put your time and effort into your work. Money will slip through your fingers if you aren't careful. ☺☺

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Get out and socialize and you will meet some interesting people. You will attract attention if you are warm, affectionate and kind towards others. ☺☺☺☺

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Plan some indoor activity at your place. The more you do to help those you love, the better you will feel about yourself. Home improvement projects will turn out well. ☺☺

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Get out and interact with others.

Birthday Baby: You are an optimist, cheerful, full of great ideas and always looking for adventure. You have no problem communicating and can usually captivate a crowd with your colorful personality. You are fun to be around.

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You can make headway if you are honest, upfront and to the point. Your ability to get along with others will help you when it comes to getting support. ☺☺☺

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You have to be reasonable when it comes to your spending habits. If you aren't happy with your current career choice you should be checking out something more suitable. ☺☺

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Get involved in group discussions that will open your mind to all sorts of new information. Travel and getting involved with people from different backgrounds will be enlightening. ☺☺

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Get busy and do for yourself. You will not be let down if you take the initiative to finish what you start. Opportunities to invest in something worthwhile should develop. ☺☺☺

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You have a lot to offer. If there is a cause you believe in, get involved and make a difference. Your outgoing nature will help you to help others. ☺☺☺

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't put up with a bully who has nothing nice to say about anyone. You need to take better care of yourself both physically and mentally. ☺☺

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will dazzle everyone with your outgoing, caring nature. Get out and meet new people who can offer you friendship and good conversation. New romantic partners will surface if you get out and about. ☺☺☺☺

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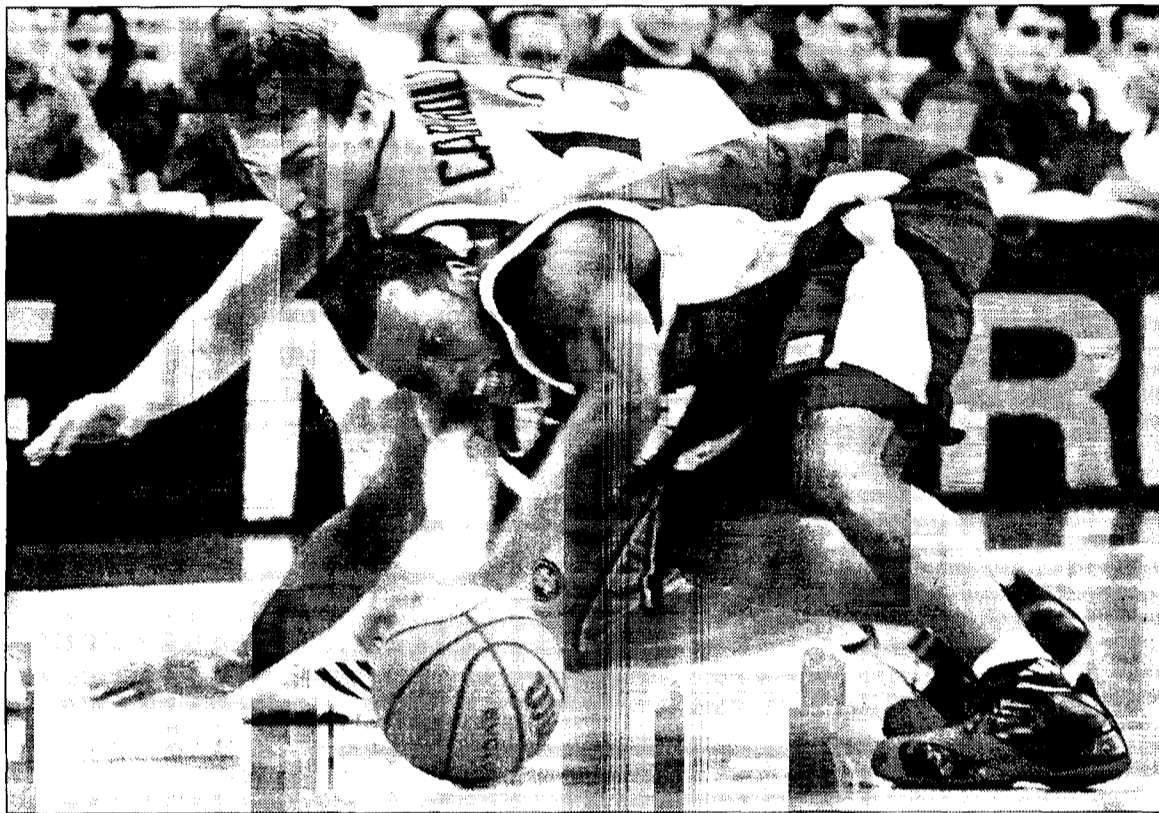
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SPORTS

Monday, February 4, 2002

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish earn 63-61 win at Seton Hall



Matt Carroll reaches for the ball in Notre Dame's recent 89-76 win over No. 21 Pittsburgh. Carroll scored ten points in the Irish 63-61 win over Seton Hall Sunday.

DUFFY-MARIE ARNOULT/The Observer

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Writer

Quick thinking by Ryan Humphrey in the waning seconds of Notre Dame's conference showdown at Seton Hall Sunday propelled the Irish to a 63-61 win over the Pirates at the Meadowlands.

In a closely-matched game with 11 lead changes, Pirate point guard Andre Barrett missed a driving lay-up with seven seconds remaining in the game and the score tied at 61. Humphrey pulled down the rebound and connected on a long pass down court to Irish point guard Chris Thomas who tossed in the open lay-up with 5.8 seconds left on the clock for the two-point lead.

After two consecutive timeouts, the Pirates had one last look at the basket, but forward Charles Manga failed to drain a wide-open 3-pointer at the buzzer, giving the Irish their second win over the Pirates in just eight days.

Forward David Graves pro-

vided a spark off the bench for the 15-6 Irish, as the game-high scorer with 20 points.

Darius Lane was the high-scorer for the Pirates with 17.

While the Irish eked out another conference win, they struggled to put points on the board early in the first half.

The Pirates came out strong at the opening buzzer with two quick 3s from Lane and a short jumper by Barrett for an 8-0 lead before the Irish got on the board with a Humphrey foul shot. The Pirates then ran the score to 15-3 for their largest lead of the game before the Irish connected on their first field goal attempt more than eight minutes into the half.

Spurred by two baskets on straight possessions by forward Harold Swanagan, the Irish switched up the tempo, and went on a 12-0 run to bring the Irish to within one at 15-14.

The two teams traded baskets and the Irish finally

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SUPERBOWL XXXVI

Patriots upset Rams

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS

The New England Patriots made this a Super Bowl to remember — for all the right reasons.

Adam Vinatieri kicked a 48-yard field goal as time expired, capping a thrilling final two minutes and giving the Patriots a 20-17 upset over the St. Louis Rams.

"We shocked the world," New England safety Lawyer Milloy said.

The Patriots won on a day filled with patriotic themes inside the Superdome and high security outside. Fans were urged to show up five hours before kickoff to get through a perimeter that looked more like a military compound than a football stadium, with soldiers on the ground and sharpshooters on the roof.

The winning kick came after the Patriots had lost a 17-3 lead in the final 10 minutes. The game appeared headed for the first Super Bowl overtime after St. Louis tied it on a 26-yard pass from Kurt Warner to Ricky

"We beat all the odds. No one can ever take that away from us."

Lawyer Milloy
New England safety

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But MVP Tom Brady, whose status as the starter was in doubt until midweek, drove the Patriots 53 yards with no timeouts to set up the deciding kick.

"No one gave us a chance to win this game," said running back Antowain Smith, who gained 92 yards in 18 carries.

After bypassing individual pregame introductions in favor of running on to the field as a team, the Patriots — wearing uniforms splashed with red, white and blue — went out and won with contributions from up and down their unsung roster.

They did it with Vinatieri's calm-as-can-be kicking, Brady's late leadership and a defense that scored one touchdown, set up two other scores and shut down the most high-powered offense in the NFL.

Brady was just 16-for-27 for 145 yards, compared to 28-of-46 for Warner.

But Brady, a fourth-string rookie last year, was mistake-proof while Warner, a two-time league MVP, threw two interceptions and the Rams also lost a fumble that set up a score.

The key play in the final drive was a 23-yard pass from Brady to Troy Brown to the St. Louis 36.

Three plays later came the kick by Vinatieri, who had made two field goals in the snow to give New England a playoff win over Oakland. But the game was won by the defense, which held the NFL's best offense without a touchdown until less than 10 minutes was left in the game.

"They say it's the best track team in the National Football League, but I never saw anybody win a 100-yard dash with someone standing in front of them," said New England cornerback Ty Law, whose 47-yard interception return gave New England its first touchdown.

Defense was the answer all

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish overcome slow start for win

By KATIE MCVOY
Associate Sports Editor

Your mom always said it's a bad idea to come home past your bedtime. But that advice might not have hit home for five Irish players until Saturday at tip-off as the Irish squeaked by Seton Hall 65-60.

A late-night Friday dinner sent five players, including four starters, to the hotel after curfew. Of Notre Dame's usual starting line-up of Alicia Ratay, Jackie Batteast, Le'Tania Severe, Amanda Barksdale and Ericka Haney, only Ratay was at the hotel when the 11 o'clock curfew rolled around. For that reason, only Ratay was on the court for the opening tip-off.

"They went to dinner next to the hotel and the service was really slow and they got back about twenty minutes after curfew," said head coach Muffet McGraw. "And that's a team rule — if you

miss curfew, you don't start."

So three Notre Dame players got their first career starts. Junior Karen Swanson, who until recently had walk-on status, and freshmen Kelsey Wicks and Katy Flecky took the floor for tip-off. They joined Ratay and Allison Bustamante, who had only started once before Saturday's game, to face off against a team they defeated by 34 points at the Joyce just four weeks earlier. The result on Saturday was a little different.

The new starting line-up, radically different than any other combination this season, left the Irish a little shaken in the opening minutes of the game. Seton Hall had taken an early 9-2 lead before McGraw started checking in some of the usual starting line-up.

"[The change] did affect the team," McGraw said. "By the

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- ◆ Fencing, Ohio State duals at Ohio State, Saturday, 9 a.m.

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