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College begins new transfer system

◆ Saint Mary's improves system for Holy Cross transfer students

By SARAH NESTOR
News Writer

In an effort to provide cooperation between Saint Mary's and Holy Cross Colleges, an agreement has been signed that allows students who receive an associates degree to make an easier transfer into Saint Mary's.

"This articulation agreement has been the desire of the two institutions and their presidents for many years," said Saint Mary's Dean of Faculty Karen Ristau.

"It has taken careful review during the development stage and is now finalized. It may result in a small increase in our enrollment but actually since it is a benefit to Holy Cross students, they may see it as a positive marketing strategy for their college."

Students at Holy Cross who wish to transfer to Saint Mary's for a bachelor's degree will be able to do so with a minimal loss of credit. The agreement notes that Saint Mary's does not accept courses from two-year colleges to substitute for 300 and 400 level courses and that this holds true for Holy Cross.

Students who wish to transfer must assume that courses beyond the introductory level will count as general electives. A grade point average of 3.0 is also required of Holy Cross transfer students and applicants must submit an official transcript, a recommendation from an advisor and an essay.

"It was our intention to make the transfer process a bit smoother by giving prospective transfer students from Holy Cross, a clearer understanding of the admission process, which courses would transfer and what grade point average would be required," said Saint Mary's admission director Mary Pat Nolan.

This articulation agreement does not affect the Saint Mary's-Holy Cross College Linkage Program. The Linkage Program is for one year only and during this year students take four courses at Holy Cross and one course at Saint Mary's, while residing on Saint Mary's campus. To be admitted as a full-time Saint Mary's student a GPA of 3.0 is required.

"If students in the Linkage Program wish to continue their

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Protestors attempt to deter play-goers

By KATE NAGENGAST
Associate News Editor

Two members of the Pro-Life Action League of Chicago were removed from the lobby of DeBartolo Hall by Notre Dame Security/Police Tuesday night for distributing fliers to people about to enter a performance of the "Vagina Monologues."

Joe Scheidler, a 1950 Notre Dame alumnus and his companion, Monica Miller drove from Chicago despite snowstorms to represent a group of "concerned Catholics [who believe] the Vagina Monologues promotes a false view of womanhood and human sexuality," according to their press release.

Scheidler and Miller attempted to dispense two fliers to hundreds of people waiting to be admitted to the Monologues performance in Room 101 DeBartolo Hall. One flier featured the word "Integrity" and

described how they believe the Monologues is steeped in vile sexual language, denigrates heterosexual love and marriage and is verbal pornography that donates its proceeds to pro-abortion groups.

The other flier read, "Is THIS What You Want?" beneath a picture of the Golden Dome with the Virgin Mary erased from the Dome's peak.

"It's unthinkable to have something like this at an institution that claims to be Catholic," said Scheidler, the uncle of David Scheidler, former rector of St. Edward's Hall. "It's dirty. It's promoting lesbianism, masturbation and pedophilia." Miller pleaded with ticket holders to "stop wasting the money you've spent on a Catholic education" as she was escorted out of the building.

"[The Monologues] degrade human dignity," Miller said. "I don't care how good the cause is, this is verbal pornography."

It denigrates everything a Catholic university should stand for."

Scheidler and Miller also contacted members of the Knights of Columbus, including Grand Knight and Notre Dame senior Nathaniel Hannan to request support. Hannan and fellow Knights of Columbus member, Kevin Haley, a Notre Dame junior, prayed the Rosary while Scheidler and Miller distributed fliers.

"We consider this equivalent to a play sponsored by the Arian nation at a Jewish university," Hannan said. Hannan has read the Monologues script four times and opposes the play as a violation of the core teachings of the Catholic Church, he said. Hannan also denied rumors that the Knights of Columbus had purchased tickets to the Monologues in an attempt to keep people from viewing the production. However, the Knights of Columbus is considering future

programming, such as public speakers to combat the Monologues message.

"I saw the show in London and feel like [these protesters] are distorting a lot of what is in it," said Becky Luckett, a Notre Dame junior who saw the show again Tuesday.

"It's really funny, but it's also very serious and it causes you to think about a lot of things women are afraid, or at least have been taught not to think about," Kerry Walsh, director of the Monologues, opened the show with a reference to Scheidler and Miller's flier.

"Is this what you want for Notre Dame? Hell yeah," she said to a packed audience. Walsh's "V-Day" programming continues through Wednesday with a Talk-Back session from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. in LaFortune's Montgomery Theater.

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PLAYING IN THE SNOW



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

The never-ending precipitation does not daunt these students taking a break from their studies to play football on South Quad Tuesday night.

INSIDE COLUMN

D. H. Memoirs

The dining halls at this University are a social blender. After seeing each other in the classroom, at the athletic facilities, in church, and walking through the quad, the cafeteria is the one place where we learn most about each other. You can find out what a person eats, how much of it they consume, who they're friends with, and whether they sit in a noticeable area, or in one of the more lonely, single tables to the side.

V. Van Buren Giles
News Copy Editor

Aside from being open later and having a greater variety of food, South is obviously better than North. To fully understand the dining halls we must first examine the people who spend the most time there: the workers. Even more important than hours of operation and quality of food, South Dining Hall workers are far more bizarre and in effect more entertaining than the 'Northies.' However, there is that one young feller at North with the obnoxious face piercings who walks around like there is nothing odd about his appearance. He's my favorite.

When South employees eat they are out in the open with their cliqué for all students to witness. The 'Northies' always hide out in those intimate little rooms immediately to the right and left of the card scanners.

The people who scan the ID cards are also an enclosed community predominantly made up of the more ... how can I phrase this non-offensively... "Senior" employees. These people always bring a smile to my face because there are some that won't even look at you, and others who always give me a warm "How are you?" whenever I give them my card. I always return with, "Fine thanks," or my more saccharin, "Boy, it's cold out there!" They smile at my response, even though they make the same query of every student and hear basically the same response every time.

I don't really see much interaction between the scanners and the more disgruntled workers who put the food out. The food attendees give you dirty looks when you spend too much time at the condiment table when they are about to replenish it.

The students that frequent the dining hall are as diverse as the staff that works in them. There's the, "early bird" that shows up right at 4:30 p.m. for dinner in order to beat the evening rush. This particular group should own stock in Papa John's because they are the one's who are always ordering breadsticks at 11 at night because they can't go to sleep hungry.

Next is the dining hall "celebrity" who walks in an entourage of five to ten at the most congested dinner hour. They're usually overdressed and love to take up the most visible table that the North and South eateries have to offer. Half the time they are not even hungry. They're main goal is to be seen by others and socialize in public. They're travel from the front table to the food line is a runway walk where they stop and chit-chat with other dining hall socialites. When they eventually do get back to the table, they do not sit down but rather stand there cackling and pretending like this particular dinner outing was better than last nights.

I am a member of the group of dining hall patrons known as the "closers." We stumble in after 8:30 p. m. and we usually don't leave until the clean up crew turns on the stereo to rock out as they clear the tables of debris.

I know many of you will be eating lunch or dinner when you read this. The dining hall is a melting pot of the different personalities that make up this great institution. Some of the more eccentric and colorful characters stand out more than others, but who in the hell wants to go to a school where everyone looks exactly alike. Take a look around. Remember the various dining hall faces because I am sure that they point and talk about you just as much as you talk about them.

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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
◆ Lecture: College Symposium on Catholic Identity, Dr. Monika Hellwig, Carroll Auditorium, 3 to 5 p.m.	◆ Concert: Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra, Washington Hall, no tickets required, 8 p.m.	◆ Theater: Henry IV, Part I, performed by the Not-So-Royal Shakespeare Co. Hesburgh Center Auditorium, tickets available at LaFortune Box Office, 7:30 p.m.	◆ Conference: "Hollywood, Asian Media and the Global Market," McKenna Hall, all day

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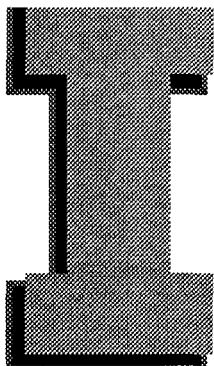
Compiled from U-Wire reports

University of Illinois initiates action after hate crimes

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.
A Muslim student was attacked Dec. 16 at the corner of Fifth and John streets; the weekend before, several men attacked an Asian-American student at Third and Green streets. Both victims claim their attackers used racial slurs.

"We don't know if the assault was a hate crime because it's still under investigation," said Kush Bambrah, National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium staff attorney, in regards to the incident at Third and Green. "In light of the backlash following the terrorist attacks and in light of the fact that the victim was South Asian, you can't be too careful."

These are the latest in a string of attacks that have been tagged hate crimes, including an incident earlier



last semester in which a University of Illinois student started a fight at a campus bar when he allegedly called a 19-year-old Hindu student a "terrorist" and assaulted him.

The most recent alleged hate crimes seem tied to racial tensions

following the Sept. 11 attacks, but hate violence crimes committed because of someone's ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or gender - is nothing new to campus.

Racially motivated crimes of the past few years have motivated student groups, University administrators and campus police to educate students about tolerance and to work toward preventing hate violence. State legislation on hate crimes also has become more stringent in recent years.

Although no campus hate crimes were reported in 2000, according to University police statistics, three were reported in 1998 and 1999. One of the three was racially motivated; the other two were based on sexual orientation.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Summer internships more scarce

EVANSTON, Ill.
When McCormick junior Sai Krishna went to the Chicago Universities Bioengineering Industry Conference Career Fair, he said he found about five companies there. But only one was looking for summer interns. Disappointed that there weren't more internship opportunities, Krishna said he decided to apply for several campus research positions instead.

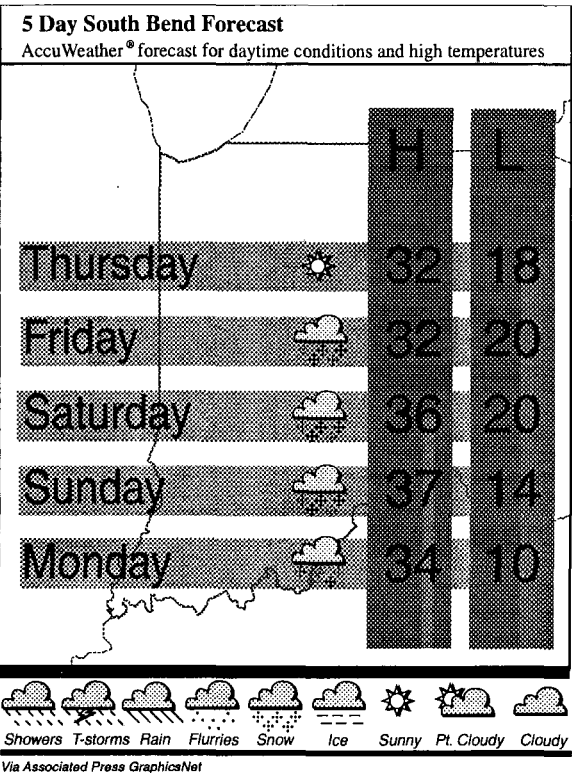
"I know that an internship is different from a job, but the state of hiring scared me and made me more interested in research," Krishna said. Northwestern University has seen a 25 to 30 percent decrease in the number of summer internship recruiters this year. Particularly hard hit have been consulting, finance, information technology and engineering, said Thy Nguyen, an internship coordinator for University Career Services. On-campus recruiting also has decreased at Stanford and Princeton universities, according to career services staff at both schools.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

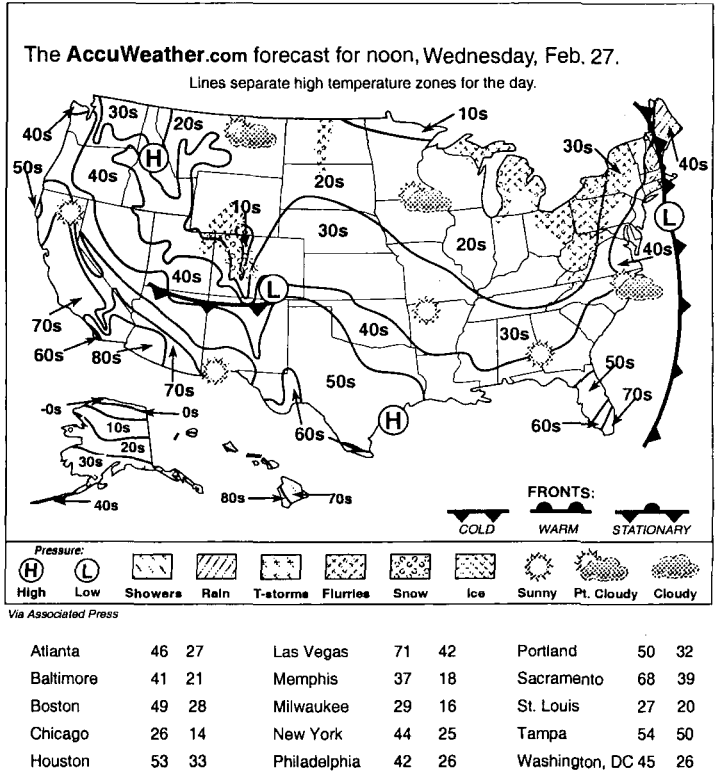
Funds not affected by Sept. 11

PHILADELPHIA
Although last fall's struggling economy forced many schools into a tailspin, administrators say University of Pennsylvania has come out relatively unscathed. Speculations the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks might impact fund raising at universities nationwide were confirmed earlier this month in a report released by the Association of Fundraising Professionals. According to the study, educational organizations saw a 37 percent decrease in fund-raising efforts last October compared to the previous year's figures. Penn saw a similar drop in returns from its fund-raising campaign in October; however, administrators said this was due largely to the University's decision to postpone sending out fund-raising solicitations immediately following the attacks. "On the annual fund, it dipped immediately after Sept. 11 because we didn't think that it was appropriate to be making phone calls," said Virginia Clark, vice president for development and alumni relations.

LOCAL WEATHER



NATIONAL WEATHER



Huddle thefts prompt installation of security cameras

By JOHN FANNING
News Writer

As a result of large losses incurred at The Huddle due to

theft, a new state of the art security system has been installed to combat the problem. Though The Huddle has always used cameras and plain-clothes security to catch shoplifters, these

measures were not enough, as theft in the store was having an extremely negative affect on the business' profits.

"The loss of product in the store has been at an all-time

high during the last year," said James LaBella, general manager of food services at The Huddle. "The honest people are having to pay more because of the dishonest people," LaBella said.

Cameras have been installed in the Huddle, granting visual access to areas previously obstructed under the former system.

LaBella, who is extremely pleased with the new system, and who is responsible for first confronting the students, says that he will never approach anyone unless he is sure.

However, he maintains, "We've always had theft in the Huddle, and we've always caught people, but now (with the new system) it is just a lot easier."

Though there has been no specific trend to the theft in terms of items stolen, or the time of day at which the theft occurs, offenders are obviously more likely to steal higher priced items such as cough and cold medicines. After many students have

been caught, their common response is that these items are high cost items towards which they did not want to use their Flex points, said LaBella.

However, an interesting trend that was also acknowledged by the head of Campus Security, Rex Rakow, is that "people that take things almost always have funds on them to pay for the goods."

This trend seems to indicate that the theft is often done for the thrill of the act, or simply because people feel that they can get away with it, which is most often the case in an open environment such as the Huddle, according to Rakow.

The policy of The Huddle, according to LaBella, is to prosecute offenders. If a student is caught stealing, campus security is immediately contacted to come and arrest the student. From there, the offender is interviewed by security and then sent on to the office of Residence Life.

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A student makes a purchase at the Huddle under the watchful lens of the newly installed camera system.

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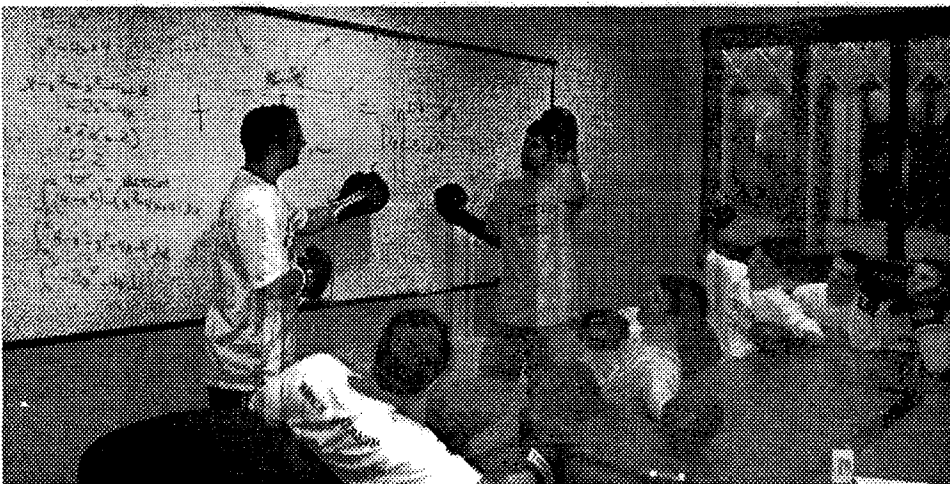
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Enron executive denies misleading Congress

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Senators said they didn't believe him. Former colleagues continued to contradict him. Yet, ever the salesman, former Enron Corp. chief executive Jeffrey Skilling defended himself at length and combatively before Congress.

Putting himself at potential legal risk for the second time this month, Skilling testified Tuesday at a Senate hearing and dominated the scene during a five-hour appearance with an Enron vice president, Sherron Watkins, and President-Chief Operating Officer Jeffrey McMahon.

McMahon acknowledged that, with massive shredding of financial documents said to have occurred at Enron's Houston headquarters, "I don't believe we know what records are destroyed."

Watkins, separated from Skilling at the witness table by his lawyer, told the Senate Commerce Committee she had no doubt Skilling was aware of the problems posed by Enron's use of partnerships that were largely buttressed by company stock, contrary to normal accounting practices.

Sharply disputing Watkins, Skilling denied he had misled

former Enron Chairman Kenneth Lay, who recently resigned.

"I never duped Ken Lay," Skilling declared, using Watkins' wording.

Watkins characterized Lay in harsher terms than she had at a House hearing earlier this month, saying Tuesday that he missed an opportunity to "salvage" the company when she warned him of problems last summer.

Skilling maintained he was unaware of improper financial transactions with a web of outside partnerships that kept more than \$1 billion in debt off the energy-trading company's balance sheet and eventually brought it down.

Skilling, who cashed in \$66 million of company stock, resigned abruptly in August around the time that Watkins was warning Lay of potentially serious accounting problems. The company, which was ranked the seventh-largest in the country, crumbled Dec. 2 in the biggest bankruptcy in U.S. history.

Watkins says Skilling, along with Enron's auditor, Arthur Andersen LLP, and its outside legal advisers, misled Lay and Enron's board of directors.

Lay and several other former

Enron officials have invoked their Fifth Amendment right against potential self-incrimination and refused to testify to

Congress. Millions of investors nationwide lost money, and thousands of current and former Enron employees lost the bulk of

their retirement savings — in accounts loaded with Enron stock — when the company failed.

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Collegiate jazz festival comes to campus

Special to The Observer

The University of Notre Dame Collegiate Jazz Festival will return for its 44th year Wednesday, Feb. 27 and Friday-Saturday (March 1-2) featuring 10 collegiate bands competing before a panel of distinguished judges.

Jazz bands performing in this year's festival represent the University of Missouri, Kansas City; Western Michigan University; the University of Hawaii; the University of Alaska, Fairbanks; Middle Tennessee State University; Oberlin Conservatory; Western Illinois University; and Virginia Commonwealth University. The Notre Dame Big Band, under the direction of Larry Dwyer, also will appear. Sponsored by Notre Dame's Student Union Board, the festival officially begins Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the LaFortune Student Center Ballroom with Preview Night, featuring a performance by Notre Dame Jazz Band II and Jazz Combo. The perfor-

mances by the bands selected to this year's festival begin Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. The session will end with the traditional Judge's Jam, featuring saxophonist James Carter, trumpeter Cecil Bridgewater, pianist Jim McNeely, bassist Rodney Whitaker and percussionist John Robinson. The Saturday night session will begin at 7:30 in Washington Hall, to be followed by the awards ceremony. Tickets will be sold at the door. For Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College and Holy Cross College students and faculty, and for senior citizens, tickets are \$4 for the Friday night session and \$2 for the Saturday night session. An all-session pass may be purchased for \$5. Admission for the general public is \$8 for the Friday night session and \$5 for the Saturday night session. An all-session pass may be purchased for \$12. Children under 12 are admitted free to all festival activities.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Warplanes eclipse airliners at show:

At the giant Asian Aerospace 2002 air show in Singapore this week, military aircraft makers appeared to be leading the recovery. Singapore and South Korea were openly shopping for new combat jets, with European and American companies swearing their warplanes are the stealthiest, the most agile and the best value.

Europe's national currencies vanish:

Well ahead of their official expiration, Europe's national currencies have vanished into history — traded in for euros, lost in couches, taken home by foreigners, or hoarded as mementos. Thursday is the final day that old cash will still buy something, as the remaining nine of the 12 countries using the euro phase out their national currencies.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Regulators approve AOL competitors:

Federal regulators approved allowing another national Internet service provider to use AOL Time Warner's high-speed cable lines Tuesday, giving more options to consumers wanting to go online and allowing the company to meet government competition requirements. Big Net Holdings Inc. will be allowed to compete with AOL on the cable lines nationwide, the Federal Trade Commission said.

U.S. to decide fate of prisoners:

U.S. interrogations of al-Qaida and Taliban prisoners from the war in Afghanistan have begun focusing on which of the nearly 500 in custody may be tried by a U.S. military tribunal. The next step is to determine whether and how to prosecute, Rumsfeld said. Those not tried by a military tribunal would either be prosecuted in a U.S. civilian or military court; returned to their home country for prosecution; released outright, or held in U.S. custody indefinitely.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Dockside casino bill passes House:

The Indiana House voted Tuesday to expand legalized gambling by relaxing the rules governing riverboat casinos and allowing pull-tab machines at horse racing tracks and some off-track betting parlors. Lawmakers voted 55-43 to approve the bill, sending it to a conference committee where House and Senate members will try to work out differences during the final weeks of the legislative session. The proposal would authorize riverboat casinos on Lake Michigan and the Ohio River to remain docked, rather than making regularly scheduled cruises.

VENEZUELA



AFP PHOTO

Venezuelan Rear Admiral Carlos Molina Tamayo talks with his lawyer to the press at a Navy military command in Caracas. He is the highest ranking officer to clash with President Chavez and is demanding that he step down.

Officers seek presidential coup

Associated Press

CARACAS
Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, in an interview published Tuesday, dismissed growing calls by military officers for his resignation. But a U.S. official said Venezuelan officers have raised the possibility of a coup.

Chavez told the French daily Le Monde that the dissident officers "are dissatisfied for personal reasons" and that risks of a military coup are "zero."

"Venezuela has a government that was legitimately elected and enjoys popular support. I might

even say that it enjoys more popular support than any other country in the American continent," he said. He claimed the news media were "putting on a show" with the officers.

Adding weight to the dissidents' argument that they speak for a silent majority in the ranks, a Bush administration official said Tuesday that some Venezuelan officers have sounded out U.S. diplomats about how Washington would react to a coup. They were told the U.S. stridently opposes any subversion of Venezuela's democratic process, the

official said on condition he not be identified.

In Washington, a State Department spokesman said the United States has made no secret of its concerns that Chavez has tried to stifle dissent.

"We believe that all parties should respect democratic institutions," said the spokesman, Richard Boucher.

"That applies to whatever direction the attacks on democracy might be coming from," he added.

Chavez, a former army paratrooper who led a failed coup in 1992, was overwhelmingly elected president in 1998 on an

anti-poverty, anti-corruption platform. His current term expires in 2007.

Already locked in a verbal war with business, labor, the news media and the Roman Catholic Church, Chavez has struggled for weeks to play down perceptions of military discontent. Those efforts suffered another blow Monday when a fourth military officer demanded that he resign.

Air Force Gen. Roman Gomez Ruiz urged other colleagues to speak out, citing alleged government corruption and what he called Chavez's politicization of the armed forces.

BRAZIL

Dengue epidemic transforms Rio

Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO
Nine-hour waiting lines at hospitals, blood banks running dry, army troops summoned to swat disease-spreading mosquitos — an epidemic of dengue fever is gripping this city.

At least 18 people have died and tens of thousands are sick in Rio de Janeiro state — and experts say the worst is still to come as Brazilians cringe whenever they hear a mosquito's drone.

"March and April will be worse," Alexandre Adler, a biologist at Rio's

Federal University, said in a televised interview Tuesday. "With the recent rains and the concentration of infected people, we will see a big increase."

State health authorities report nearly 44,000 cases of dengue since January, about one-third of them in greater Rio. But many cases go unreported, and some unofficial estimates put the number as high as 130,000.

Also known as breakbone fever, the most common form of dengue causes severe headaches and joint pains but is usually not deadly. A rarer strain of the virus causes inter-

nal bleeding and can be fatal.

"I felt like my eyeballs would explode. It was the worst pain I ever felt," said Roberto Pereira, a musician.

The disease was common in colonial times but widely thought to be eradicated here until two decades ago. Cuba, Peru and El Salvador also have recently reported outbreaks.

Combating dengue has been hampered by politics. During a 1991 outbreak that killed 24 people, Rio residents joked that authorities were arguing whether mosquitos were federal, state or municipal insects.

Market Watch February 26

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INTEL CORP (INTC)	-3.22	-1.00	30.02
ORACLE CORP (ORCL)	+1.16	+0.19	16.53

EGYPT

Civilians mourn after building collapses killing 22

Associated Press

DAMIETTA

Multicolored party lights were still hanging from Heba Maamoun Orabi's balcony Tuesday, strung out for what was meant to have been a wedding celebration. Instead, they were a macabre backdrop for a funeral.

Orabi was one of 22 people killed Monday in the collapse of an aging, Nile-front building that housed, among other things, a hair salon that was popular with brides. At least five women preparing for their weddings died in the four-story building.

Hundreds of people converged on mosques around the town of Damietta, 105 miles north of Cairo, to pray over coffins. All but one of the 22 dead were women; 25 other people were injured. A mother of one victim screamed wildly and beat her fists on the door of an ambulance covered with flowers. The vehicle bore the coffin holding her daughter—17-year-old journalism student Basma el-Efny.

"She was an angel, she prayed all the time, she used to kiss me all the time. Who is going to kiss me now?" said the woman, who only identified herself as Manal.

Manal said her daughter had been at the salon with bride-to-be Shireen Said el-Sarta and el-Sarta's sister, Rasha, when the building collapsed. All three died, the mother said.

At another funeral procession, the coffin of 18-year-old Marwah el-Khouli was draped with a white satin sheet. A relative said that was a sign both of a wedding and of a bride-to-be who dies prematurely.

"We were preparing for a wedding, now we are having a funeral," said Orabi's uncle, who identified himself only as Ahmed.

Angry residents said ambu-

lance and rescue crews took more than an hour to arrive at the scene, by which time locals had found bulldozers and begun their own rescue operation.

"Where were our Egyptian emergency experts?" said Emad Said Rishk, a 36-year-old carpenter. "The bulldozers brought in (by the locals) were just killing the people underneath."

While pinned under the rubble, medical student Rasha Mohammed Sarhan said she spoke to an emergency police operator in Cairo by cellphone, who told her to call from a landline.

"How can I do this?" the 22-year-old told the operator. "I'm calling from under the debris."

She said the operator put her on hold. After several minutes she hung up and called her

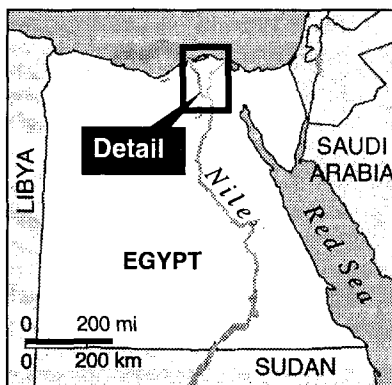
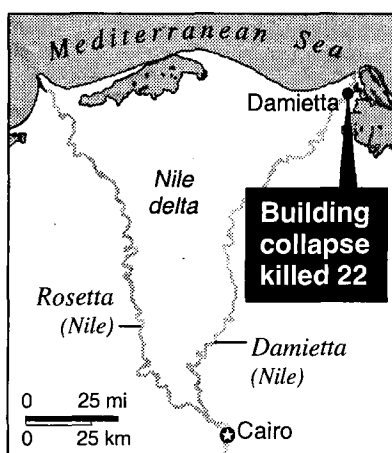
father, fiance and brother, who all went to the building to help.

Police officials speaking on condition of anonymity later confirmed Sarhan's account and were questioning the operator.

"Rescue efforts were primitive, the whole operation was primitive. There was no expertise, and this caused the high number of casualties," said a local council official, Sameer Abu Hussein.

Damietta Governor Abdel Azim Wazir denied there were any delays in the rescue.

"The rescue effort could not have been any better. I followed it myself."



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IRELAND

Government shifts international positions

Associated Press

DUBLIN

Ireland's ambassadors to the United States and Germany will switch jobs as part of a wider batch of transfers and promotions in the diplomatic corps, the government announced Tuesday.

Sean O Huiginn, who has been ambassador in Washington since 1997, will change jobs with Noel Fahey, Ireland's man in Germany since 1998, Foreign Minister Brian Cowen announced as part of 14 ambassadorial appointments worldwide. He said the timing of the job switch was uncertain.

The move reflected shifting international priorities for Ireland, which has to balance its close economic and cultural ties with the United States and its increasing involvement in the 15-member European Union, of which Germany is the largest member. O Huiginn, 57, is considered among the Irish diplomatic corps' most influential and respected members.

A specialist in British-Irish relations, he went to

Washington at a moment when the Clinton administration was becoming closely involved in efforts to broker a peace accord for Northern Ireland. Clinton's envoy, former Sen. George Mitchell, led the Belfast negotiations that produced the British province's Good Friday peace accord of 1998.

The Bush administration has demonstrated much less interest in Northern Ireland, and the Irish government has increasingly found its foreign affairs focused on mending frayed relations with its European partners.

European Union finance chiefs formally reprimanded Ireland last February for allegedly flouting the union's anti-inflationary economic policies. Last June, Ireland further aggravated its EU partners when voters rejected the union's latest treaty on expansion. The verdict has threatened painstakingly negotiated EU plans to admit up to a dozen new members from central and eastern Europe.

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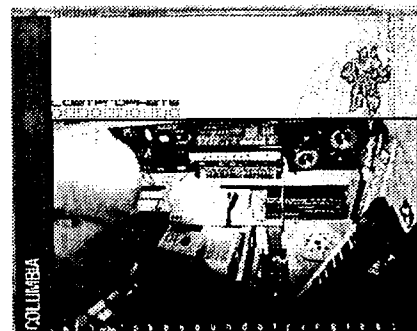
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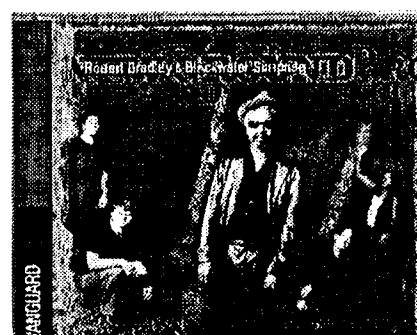
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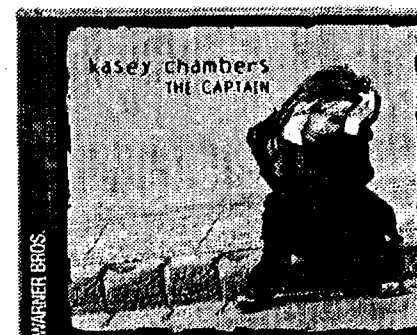
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ZIMBABWE

Treason claim condemned

◆ **Government charges opposition candidate in plot to kill president**

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG
Foreign governments and human rights groups on Tuesday condemned Zimbabwe's decision to charge the opposition presidential candidate with treason as an attempt to disrupt the March 9-10 elections.

Zimbabwe's government on Monday charged Morgan Tsvangirai, leader of the Movement for Democratic Change, in connection with an alleged plot to kill President Robert Mugabe. On Tuesday, party secretary-general Welshman Ncube and lawmaker Renson Gasela were also charged, said their lawyer, Innocent Chagonda.

Tsvangirai was held for two hours and then released. The two others also were released after being charged.

U.S. State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said government officials have yet to provide proof that Tsvangirai and his two aides engaged in treasonous activities.

"This appears to be another blatant example of President Mugabe's increasingly authoritarian rule and his government's apparent determination to discredit, intimidate and repress the opposition in the approach to the presidential election," Boucher said in Washington.

Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer said

Tuesday that the charges "lack credibility." He threatened to ask the Commonwealth, an association of Britain and its former colonies, to withdraw its election observers if Tsvangirai is imprisoned before the elections.

"They are not real charges. I don't think in the real world you can charge people with treason and then let them go free," said Lovemore Madhuku, head of the National Constitutional Assembly, a civic group that helped defeat a government-backed constitutional referendum in 2000.

The charges "are an act of desperation," Madhuku said. "If they were convinced of winning the election, they would not do this."

The charges against Tsvangirai stemmed from several meetings he had with a Canadian consulting firm that was secretly working for the government.

In a videotaped meeting, repeatedly broadcast on Zimbabwean state television, Tsvangirai and the consultants discussed Mugabe's "elimination."

Police say Ncube and Gasela accompanied Tsvangirai to earlier meetings with the consultants. Tsvangirai denied plotting Mugabe's assassination and said he had only planned to hire the firm as lobbyists. He said the snippets of video shown on television had been taken out of context.

The charges came amid a bitter and violent election campaign that poses the greatest threat to Mugabe's rule since he led the nation to

independence in 1980.

Even before the charges, many Zimbabweans had given up hope for a fair poll after nearly two years of violence and intimidation, mainly blamed on ruling party militants.

Police have banned most opposition rallies, government employees have been appointed election monitors, and army officers have been named to the body supervising the elections.

State-controlled television and radio, the only sources of news for Zimbabwe's mainly rural population, have presented Mugabe as a liberation hero and Tsvangirai as a "terrorist" and a "tea boy," or servant, for the country's whites and for European powers.

The state media have given nearly nonstop coverage to the assassination claims since they first surfaced two weeks ago. Andrew Moyse, project coordinator of Zimbabwe's Media Monitoring Project, called the coverage a "tidal wave of propaganda."

"For people who don't have alternative sources of information, like the rural folk, they are likely to tend to think there is some grain of truth in (the charges)," he said.

The United States and Britain have condemned the treason allegations.

"Coming just days before the presidential elections, it looks like yet another attempt by the Mugabe regime to obstruct the conduct of the election and the ability of the people of Zimbabwe to choose, freely and fairly, who should lead them," British Foreign Minister Jack Straw said Monday.

ITALY

Tunnel under U.S. embassy inspected

Associated Press

ROME
U.S. security experts descended into a tunnel under a street flanking the American Embassy on Tuesday to inspect a stretch of underground Rome marked on a map found during a probe of suspected terrorists.

Flashlights in hand and wearing white baggy protective jumpsuits, the experts—two from the State Department and a third from the U.S. Embassy—climbed down a manhole on Via Boncompagni, just off the fashionable Via Veneto.

With police deployed in the street, Italian paramilitary Carabinieri police joined the American inspectors in the tunnel, which carries electricity and telephone lines to the embassy compound and other nearby buildings.

In raids this month on the outskirts in Rome, Italian police picked up eight Moroccans, most of them illegal immigrants, and seized nearly nine pounds of a chemical compound containing cyanide.

Also found were a tourist map of Rome with the embassy circled and a map of utility lines running through tunnels under streets near the embassy, U.S. officials said.

Also circled on the utility-line maps were the locations of pipes carrying water to the embassy, although these pipes lie several yards from the tunnel inspected Tuesday.

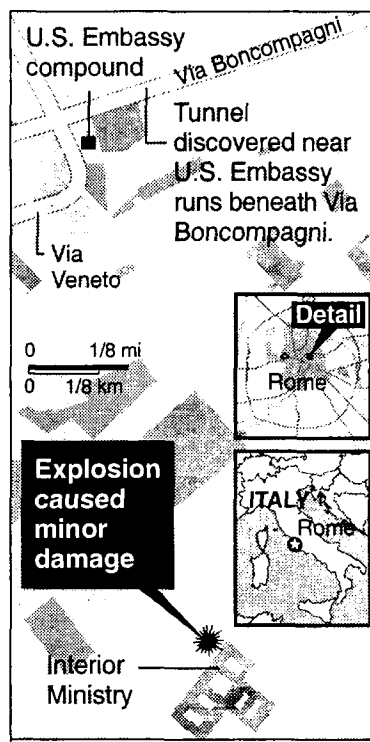
Of particular interest was nearly 2-foot-high breach someone had made in the top of a thick concrete wall that divides the tunnel from the next stretch of tunnel.

Italian news reports have said the hole is suspicious because it was chiseled out after the last regular inspection by city workers. But embassy officials have said it is possible the hole simply wasn't noticed previously.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Tuesday that the experts "found nothing that would lead them to believe the hole was connected to terrorism."

Any link to terrorism was "very speculative," Boucher said. While the inspection found "nothing significant," he added that "we are at the early stage of looking at this and we should not speculate."

Earlier, an embassy statement said: "It would be premature at this time to draw any conclusions about this matter, which is still under investigation."



SOURCES: Associated Press; ESRI AP

Carabinieri Col. Gianfranco Cavallo said Italian police would continue to study the tunnel for the next few days. He said it was too soon to say when the hole was made. U.S. officials have also described the Italian investigation as so far coming up with only "circumstantial evidence" that a plot was being hatched to attack the embassy. Italian news reports have said the purported plotters might have been trying to poison the Americans' water supply.

The State Department experts came to Rome last weekend after news of the hole came out. They made no comment as they headed back inside the embassy. On Tuesday, a judge in Reggio Calabria, in southern Italy, ruled that a ninth Moroccan suspect should remain under arrest there while the probe continues.

In the ruling, Judge Angelina Bandiera said Mohamed Ikbali was suspected of participating in a "terrorism association specifically constituted to carry out acts of violence, even indiscriminate violence," the Italian news agency ANSA reported.

Italian news reports have said the Moroccans are believed to be part of an Algerian-based group linked to Osama bin Laden's terrorist network.

Seven Tunisians arrested last year in Milan are also allegedly members of the same organization, the Salafist Group for Call and Combat.

Four of the Tunisians were convicted this month of being part of a criminal association that tried to obtain explosives, chemicals and arms. The trial of the other three continued Tuesday in Milan.

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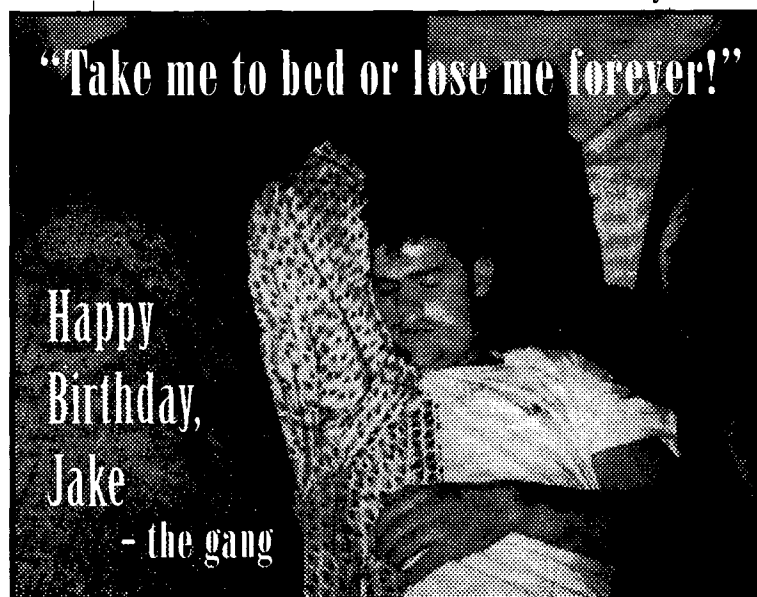
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Army training game turns deadly

♦ Police deputy mistaken, shoots green beret

Associated Press

ELDORADO, N.C.

The Special Forces troops are led blindfolded into a forest cave. Their eyes are uncovered, and they see a flickering candle jutting from a human skull.

Standing before them is Col. Tomcat, the deposed ruler of war torn Pineland. The troops have been told he is a mean alcoholic, a soldier who takes no prisoners. He is the man they have been sent in to restore to power.

But "Pineland" is really a swath of North Carolina backwoods, and some of the forces Tomcat and his men will face are just local farmers, librarians and forklift operators playing assigned roles.

The game, called Robin Sage, is the 19-day final exam standing in between Army soldiers and the coveted green beret.

The Army strives mightily for realism, with soldiers trained to treat every person they encounter as part of the maneuver.

And that is apparently what got a soldier killed last weekend. The soldier was shot to death after tangling with a deputy sheriff who apparently did not realize it was all a game.

"Everybody was taking it seriously," says the colonel, aka Tommie Cato, a former Marine and one of the soldiers' trainers. "It was supposed to have been."

Moore County Deputy Randall Butler was patrolling a country road Saturday when he spotted a pickup truck with three men in it. All three were wearing civilian clothes; Butler was suspicious because one of the men was riding in the truck bed in 40-degree weather.

Butler pulled the truck over and noticed a duffel bag with a disassembled M-4 rifle inside.

When one of the three men in the truck came at him, Butler tried pepper spray. When the attack continued, Butler opened fire.

First Lt. Tallas Tomeny was killed. Sgt. Stephen Phelps is listed in fair condition. The civilian driver, who has not been identified, was unharmed.

Local and Army officials call it a tragic breakdown in communications and say no charges will be filed.

Military officials from Fort Bragg say they did not notify Moore County officials of the exercise because they figured they would not be involved.

But locals are having a hard time understanding how the deputy couldn't have known the exercise was going on — and why the soldiers let things get so out of hand.

In "Pineland," the 4,500-square-mile staging area that covers much of eastern North Carolina's rural sandhills, Confederate flags compete with American ones and camouflage seems the unofficial native dress.

It is not uncommon to round a curve and find men with M-16s blocking a bridge.

Area police have been known to take part in the Green Beret training exercise, setting up roadblocks so commandos can stage running gun battles and "blow up" targets.

Farmers open their fields and woods to the maneuvers; some

even offer their homes as "safe houses" or targets.

Melinda Cagle, who owns a general store where officers do a lot of their planning, says she is informed by Fort Bragg months in advance of Robin Sage. The origin of the name is unclear, but the area lore is that it is the name of a daughter of a former Special Forces commander.

Locals have become almost inured to the sound of automatic weapons fire and small explosions from nearby ridges. Raymond Lucas, 85, did not even flinch when a plainclothes soldier walked out of the woods and asked if he could hide out in his basement for an hour or so.

"We fed him his supper," Lucas says nonchalantly.

Bruce Reeves remembers doing reconnaissance work for the soldiers as a teenager, scouting dams and other "targets" on his four-wheeler.

The soldiers would pay \$10, \$15, \$25 for locals to ferry them around; a friend once traded the men some deer meat for a bayonet.

"They called us indigenous troops," says Reeves, 31.

But the soldiers also know that every local contact is a potential trap.

Once, Cato had his daughter and a girlfriend dress in shorts and stand by the side of a road he knew the soldiers would be using. Cato and his troops had pushed the girls' car into a ditch and were hoping the opposing force would take the bait.

They did.

"We confiscated everything and drove off and left them," says Cato, who has played the role of area commander for 11 years.

Such a lapse, or a combination of them, on the part of a trainee can lead to failing the exercise and being forced to take it again.

Retired Green Beret Master Sgt. Thomas Broken Bear Squier went through Robin Sage

in 1977 and has since taken part in two dozen exercises as an instructor.

As realistic as things could seem sometimes, Squier says a stark line was drawn at causing actual physical injury. Soldiers received in-depth training on how to know things were out of control, he says, and pepper spray in the face should have been a warning to the soldiers that the line had been crossed.

"I would have put my hands on my head and told him, 'Look, let's stop right here,'" says Squier, a veterans services officer. "They had to realize that he was a real deputy."

In all the years he took part in Robin Sage, Squier says, the worst incidents were honor code violations: wives trying to sneak food to their husbands, soldiers stealing food off people's porches or trying to bum a hot shower and warm bed for the night.

For now, the training will continue to its conclusion this weekend.

But in the future, soldiers in Robin Sage exercises will not wear civilian clothes, and civilian law

officers will not take part in role-playing exercises.

Also, military officials will have face-to-face meetings with local law enforcement in areas where training is going to occur.

An Army internal investigation of last weekend's shooting could suggest more changes, officials say.

At the country store down in Eldorado, Reeves can already imagine the clamor to end the exercises.

He hopes it doesn't come to that: He and others take pride in knowing that they helped prepare some of the soldiers who are fighting terrorism in Afghanistan.

"This is real important for these guys. It's important to all of us, actually," he says.

"Because they're the ones going out there and putting themselves in harm's way, and it's pretty serious business if you ask me. I took it serious."

"Everybody was taking [the training game] seriously. It was supposed to have been."

**Tommie Cato
former Marine**

Witness testifies Yates was insane

Associated Press

HOUSTON

Andrea Yates suffered from schizophrenia and didn't know right from wrong when she drowned her five children in the bathtub in June, a psychologist testified Tuesday at her capital murder trial.

"Mrs. Yates was severely ill and in the course of an acute psychotic episode," Dr. George Ringholz said in his second day on the witness stand. "She did not know the actions she took on that day were wrong."

Ringholz, a neuropsychologist from Baylor College of Medicine testifying for the defense, said his determination was based on research culled from her medical and family history and tests he conducted on the 37-year-old woman.

The testimony of Ringholz is key to the defense, which must convince jurors Yates was insane when her children were drowned one by one on June 20. Prosecutors argue Yates was sane at the time of the killings.

Yates is on trial for two counts of capital murder. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty in the deaths of 7-year-old Noah, 5-year-old John and 6-month-old Mary. Charges eventually could be filed in the deaths of Paul, 3, and Luke, 2.

On Monday, Ringholz said Yates's schizophrenia began during childhood and surfaced initially after giving birth to her first son, Noah, in 1994 when she considered grabbing a knife and stabbing the child.

Yates told him she felt Satan's presence shortly after Noah's birth and "heard Satan's voice tell her to pick up the knife and stab the child," Ringholz said.

The symptoms of the schizophrenia didn't resurface until Yates' fourth son, Luke, was born in 1999. Medical records show that Yates attempted suicide twice that year.

Jurors were told the mental illness is characterized by a significant impairment in functioning and symptoms like delusions, hallucinations, incoherence and isolation.

Defense attorney Wendell Odom asked Ringholz if Yates had ever been diagnosed with schizophrenia before.

"Not that I'm aware of," Ringholz testified.

Earlier Monday, Dr. Melissa Ferguson, who interviewed the Houston mother in jail the day after her children were drowned, said Yates considered stabbing her five children but decided it was too bloody and that drowning was a better way to end their lives.

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ISRAEL

Sharon willing to meet with Saudi officials

♦ Saudi plan calls for full peace, full withdrawal

Associated Press

JERUSALEM

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon told an EU envoy Tuesday he was willing to meet Saudi officials, publicly or behind the scenes, to explore their proposals for an overall Mideast peace, the European diplomat said.

The proposals floated by Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah have gotten a warm response from the Palestinians, some Arab nations and some Israeli officials — including the foreign and defense ministers. Sharon's aides, however, say they want more details.

Javier Solana, the European Union's foreign affairs chief, announced that he was making a previously unscheduled trip to Riyadh on Wednesday to hear details of the Saudi peace plan firsthand from Abdullah.

President Bush "praised the idea," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Tuesday, but he said the Saudi prince's proposal was not a breakthrough.

Israeli officials said at this point, the initiative had not formally been placed on the table by the Saudis. The outlines of the plan were first disclosed in a column in The New York Times by Thomas Friedman after an interview with Abdullah in Saudi Arabia.

According to the Friedman report, the entire Arab world would make peace with the Jewish state if it withdrew from the West Bank, Gaza Strip and

east Jerusalem — land captured in the 1967 Mideast War.

Palestinians have endorsed the Saudi initiative, saying that it fits their policy of offering Israel full peace for full withdrawal.

Solana said Sharon told him he "would be willing to meet anybody from Saudi Arabia, formally, informally, publicly, discreetly, whatever, to get better information about the significance of this idea."

Saudi Arabia has not commented on the reaction to the proposals. The state-run newspaper Al-Watan, which usually reflects government thinking, said no Israeli-Saudi visits could take place until a Mideast peace agreement had been reached.

Bush telephoned the Saudi crown prince Tuesday to express U.S. hopes of working with him "in the pursuit of Middle East peace," said Fleischer.

However, Fleischer appeared to question the plan's bottom line. "It's important to have a vision of what peace

should look like at the end of the day," he said, "but it's a long time until the end of the day in the Middle East."

The Bush administration also stood by its own formula for reopening Mideast peace talks, which includes a hoped-for cease-fire between Israel and the Palestinians to be followed by peacemaking efforts recommended by a panel headed by former Senate Democratic

leader George Mitchell.

"It doesn't, in and of itself, change anything on the ground in the Middle East," Fleischer said of Abdullah's land-for-peace proposition.

"The situation remains a very complicated situation and a very violent one."

In an attempt to address the more immediate concern — bringing calm after 17 months of violence — Israeli and Palestinian security chiefs resumed talks Tuesday on measures to stop violence and ease Israeli restrictions over Palestinian territory.

Late Tuesday, Israeli troops moved into the West Bank village of Yatta, south of Hebron, Palestinians said. The Israeli military had no immediate comment. Palestinian gunmen shot and wounded an Israeli teen-ager near Yatta on Monday.

The security chiefs met Thursday after an especially violent week of

Palestinian attacks and Israeli reprisals. Palestinian officials, insisting on anonymity, said the meeting lasted about four hours but gave no details. Israeli officials refused to comment.

However, the Palestinians called off a meeting set for Sunday, expressing anger over Israel's refusal to lift restrictions on Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, who has been confined to the West Bank town of Ramallah

for nearly three months.

Arafat said he ordered the talks restarted after a plea from Solana. "This is a request from our friend, Javier Solana, and to that I cannot say no," Arafat told reporters.

Solana said he had more details about the Saudi plan than appeared in Saudi and U.S. media, but he would not disclose them.

Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov voiced his country's support for the plan. Egypt and Jordan, the only Arab states with peace treaties with Israel, were among several Arab states to welcome Abdullah's comments.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Jordanian King Abdullah discussed the Saudi proposal during a meeting in Cairo Tuesday.

Israeli Defense Minister Ben-Eliezer said Tuesday that Saudi plan "contains positive elements and should be encouraged."

Ben-Eliezer heads the moderate Labor party, partner with Sharon's hawkish Likud in a broad-based coalition government.

It is unlikely that the coalition would survive dealing directly with the issue of borders between Israel and a Palestinian state. Labor favors giving up most of the territory for peace, including the dismantling of many Jewish settlements. In

contrast, Sharon has talked of offering the Palestinians a state in about 40 percent of the West Bank and much of Gaza, without removing settlements.

However, up to now even Labor has rejected withdrawal from all the territories Israel captured in the 1967 war, as the Palestinians have demanded.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres of Labor told Israel TV Tuesday that unlike the Arab interpretation, Israel does not believe that

U.N. Security Council resolutions require a pullback to the pre-1967 war line.

"There is a disagreement between us and the Palestinians on this issue, and there is no reason to deny it," Peres said

during a visit to Paris. Expressing qualified interest in the Saudi proposal, Sharon aides have been careful to praise the initiative while disagreeing with its contents. Sharon adviser Daniel Ayalon said he expected Solana's trip to Riyadh to provide much-needed clarification of the Saudi plan.

"We still expect to hear whether there is actually an initiative," he said. "We can't rely just on media reports."

After two Palestinians and three Israelis were killed in violent incidents Monday, Tuesday was relatively calm, with the Israeli military reporting a few Palestinian gunfire attacks on West Bank roads but no serious injuries.

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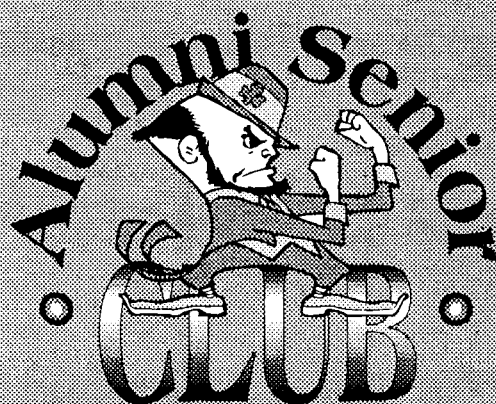
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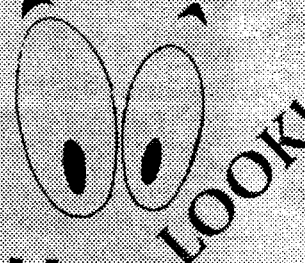
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Homosexuality a categorical good

What a sterile exercise it has become to trot out the tired, nonsensical arguments against the alleged "intrinsic moral evil" of homosexuality. It is something of a religious ritual for Professor Emeritus Charles Rice in his biweekly column, evidenced again Tuesday with his column entitled, "Homosexual acts are categorically wrong."

I am continually astounded by the zeal with which bigots defend the defenseless argument of the exclusive righteousness of heterosexuality. It is quite easy to spot the transparent attempt to disguise a deep-seated heterosexism when Rice writes, "to choose someone of the same sex for one's sexual activity is to annul the rich symbolism and meaning, not to mention the goals, of the Creator's sexual design." I would posit that homosexuality has at least as rich a trove of symbolism and meaning as heterosexuality and possibly more so, given the many embedded layers of violence, prejudice and derogation in which homosexuality is both experienced by gay persons such as myself and perceived by sanctimonious straight folk. The point is not so important whether an orientation is more or less symbolically significant than another. The important thing is to acknowledge in the open — in society, in the Church, in our personal lives — the deep meaning of minority homo-"sexual design" and to affirm its dignity and equal status with the majority.

Pope John Paul II does a disservice to the legitimacy of the Church to speak out on pressing issues of moral concern

when he describes homosexuality and its burgeoning equality movement as a "moral evil, deviation, a kind of slavery." Forget about the sex slave industry, which exploits the bodies and souls of millions of women worldwide. Forget about forced labor (slavery), widespread mistreatment of prisoners, rampant abuse of human rights — all these horrors happening at this very moment in all parts of the world; these instances of real evil that are so destructive of anything approaching peace and justice on God's earth. No, let us cry out instead about the horrors of all those fags out there, "distorting the true meaning of the family" and afflicting "grave harm" on impressionable children. And of course, in the same breath, offer a flippant reminder that even us gay people — we dangerous agents of moral evil — "are called to fulfill God's will."

Rice insists that students at this university are "entitled" to truth "without omission or equivocation." Indeed, we are. So let the truth be stated unequivocally: Homosexuality is a categorical good, and acts resulting from such orientation are as much a part of God's "sexual design" as anything a male and female do in bed.

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senior

Morrissey Manor

Feb. 26, 2002

End the corrupt regime
of Grab 'n' Go

I've held out for a long time, but I want to incite a food revolution.

When I walk into South Dining Hall's Grab 'n' Go room, I feel like a weary nomad stumbling upon a bountiful oasis after years of wandering the desert.

Every variety of nutrient-packed Vitner's brand snack food lines the shelves. Is today a Sour Cream n' Onion day, or a Tangy Cheese day? Either way, I can't lose.

At North, however, I face a limited number of snacks. I bitterly remember days when, trying to instill a new conscientiousness for my health, I wanted pretzels but had to go with greasy corn chips or cheese popcorn. Beware of the cheese popcorn — it's a veritable heart attack in a bag.

At South, the coolers are stocked with dozens of fine sandwiches, which I am allowed to browse with impunity. If upon hefting the roast beef and cheddar I decide that turkey on wheat is more my taste, I can replace the sandwich and choose a new one. I can even select the choicest turkey sandwich of the bunch, opting for one without that weird luncheon meat slime, if I can find one, that is.

Compared to South, the sandwich system at North represents nothing less than outright tyranny. I am required to select the name of my entrée from a sometimes barely legible menu on a marker board,

often under pressure from my fellow students and the lunchroom attendant.

If I order peanut butter and jelly and the attendant snatches the sloppiest sandwich in the cooler for me — I trust you know what I mean — the sandwiches with goopy peanut butter oozing out of the bun and moreover you just know the jelly is going to slime out when you take a bite — what should I do? Tell them I want a sandwich with less nastiness? I hardly think so. The attendants work hard, and they probably dislike the system as much as I do.

Perhaps the most startling aspect of Grab 'n' Go at South is the fresh fruit and pastry section. What wild and exotic fruits appear before me! Plums, pears and kiwis are established regulars in South's fruit stand, while over at North a meager, dusty pear occasionally makes a cameo showing.

At South, bagels, cookies and delicious fresh-baked pastries spill out of the rustic bins. But look closer. I have seen up to four varieties of bagel, rice crispies treats and cookie bars while North's tiny bagel bowl and shelf of hockey puck cookies pale in comparison.

From this brief summary of grievances, anyone can see the woeful inequality between North and South Grab 'n' Go. I have often imagined that South Dining Hall is better stocked with food and drink because it is the food service's mother ship, while North has become a mere satellite cafeteria. What is to be done? Why not simply transport more goods to North? I will personally volunteer to carry

a box of potato chips or a crate of fruit from South to North, if that's what it takes.

But I've got bigger fish to fry. I wonder who established the magic number of four sides and one sandwich for Grab 'n' Go. Why four? Four was a very important number for ancient Mediterranean cultures, but I seriously doubt that explanation. Is it some kind of sick reference to the food groups? "Let's see, a milk for dairy, a juice box for fruit, a cereal container for grains, a bag of nacho cheese chips for a second dairy and a turkey wrap for meat and, hey, there's even some lettuce in here." The Grab 'n' Go diet is not healthy, and I don't recommend supporting oneself on it for extended time periods.

Now imagine the same meal supplemented with extra pieces of fruit, a bagel or a yogurt and one of those midget water bottles. Sounds good, right? Maybe not, but it certainly represents a leap in the right direction. Maybe sometime in the distant future, when the historical conditions align themselves, the great unwashed mass of Grab 'n' Go regulars will rise up and overthrow the corrupt regime. So keep shrinking the juice boxes, capitalist swine. You sow the seeds of your own doom.

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"Our minds possess by nature an insatiable desire to know the truth."

Cicero

Roman orator

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The price of my dream, and yours

Carl Brashear had to wait outside the gate of Navy Diving School quite a while. The sentry had refused him an entry.

An African-American by birth, Brashear had grown up in a very poor background in the rural South. But right from his childhood he cherished his dream of pursuing a career in the U.S. Navy. His dream did become a reality, but he had to face a lot of hurdles because racism was pretty widespread then.

Sebastian
Abraham

*What's My
Shade?*

It was not the Navy he had dreamt of ... until the day he saw Chief Billy Sunday diving into the sea during an underwater operation and ended up attempting to save the lives of a few of his drowning compatriots. Brashear knew then that deep-sea salvage diving was "the call" of his life. He decided to ask for a transfer to the Navy Diving School. Though his commanding officer was pretty sure that an African-American wouldn't be permitted inside the school in spite of his recommendation, Brashear was determined. And permission was granted.

At the school, the sentry wouldn't let him in, so the prediction of the officer came true. As he was standing outside the gate, an alert Brashear saw a car approaching from the school. Envisaging a senior officer, he readied himself to salute.

To his surprise he was saluting Chief Billy Sunday. The chief was serving a term as an instructor in the school. He stopped to inquire what brought Brashear to the school. Brashear expressed his desire to become a diver. Chief was more than amused. No African-American had ever gone beyond a particular rank in the Navy, let alone become a diver.

The chief asked him to return from where he came. While the chief thought that he had given his piece of advice to the young man and had gone his way, Brashear stood there. He couldn't feel the sweat trickling from his brow; his knee wouldn't tire of standing. All he knew was that he wanted to become a diver and that only joining the school would take him to his goal.

The day was done but he stood. The chief returned to the gate after his long trip. Brashear showed no sign of fatigue as he saluted him cheerfully — and he continued to stand. Seeing a determination of rare kind, Chief was left with no choice but to ask the sentry to let Brashear in.

Like Brashear, my goals cannot be redirected, controlled or altered by circumstances or people — unless I let them do so. In that sense the control of my destiny lies in my hands. While most people think that a lot of things in our lives depend on others and circumstances and some even go to the extent of believing in fate, in actuality a huge amount depends on me. While I am approaching my goal the key question to ask myself is: Do I lose focus when I encounter hurdles?

While I face obstacles, can I maintain the same spirit (to achieve the goal) as when I began? If need be, am I ready to re-charge myself?

If a hindrance can stop you from pursuing your goals then perhaps you didn't want to achieve it badly enough. Criticizing the circumstances, fate or people involved would be the cheapest and least effective resort to reach the goal. It is in my hand not to let anyone's remark or action direct my move. I know my path and I will walk it come what may.

The primary criteria to achieve anything in this world is whether you want it badly enough and whether you are prepared to pay the price.

I was inspired to write this article after seeing the movie "Men Of Honor" directed by George Tillman Jr. It presents the real-life story of Carl Brashear, the first African-American, deep-sea salvage diver in the history of the U.S. Navy. Amidst racism, military bureaucracy and losing his leg Brashear braved his way to show that you can achieve your dream if you want it badly enough and if you are ready to pay the price.

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Unilateralism handicaps U. S. foreign policy

In his Monday column, Mike Marchand assaults Europeans for their concern over President Bush's "axis of evil" statement during his State of the Union address. The statement resonated with the American public because of the obviousness of the repressive regimes that currently control those nations.

The complaints of the United States' European allies stem not from a disagreement over the relative nature of evil but over the approach to be taken in ending that evil. While certainly guilty of creating and leaving tragic messes in Africa, Asia and the Balkans, the Europeans realize that long-term integrated strategies are the only means of securing peace and stability throughout the globe.

Their complaints about American unilateralism and oversimplification of foreign policy not only are justified, but also should be reiterated and reviewed by Americans. The failure to integrate our efforts and policies with allies across the globe can lead to failure not only in Afghanistan but also in our efforts to reduce the "axis of evil." It is impossible for the United States to implement its long-term policy goals without the support of our allies in Asia and Europe.

This was all too evident in the president's

visit to Asia. During his visit, Bush assured Koreans that his statements did not forecast war and that he supported the engagement or "sunshine" policy of Kim Dae Jung. Shortly after these statements, Bush arrived in Beijing, which surprisingly escaped participation in the "axis of evil" despite its record of human rights

abuses, political and religious oppression and aggressive militarism. Marchand and Bush have seemingly forgotten the downing of an American surveillance aircraft less than one year ago.

By mocking and belittling the contribution of the Japanese, Koreans, Filipinos and Europeans in the global fight against terrorism and evil, Marchand and other proponents of prideful American unilateralism utterly fail to understand the reality of global politics and history. We have won few wars without allies and have lost a few when our allies failed to support us. Evil exists far beyond the axis that bears its name and United States foreign policy requires allies to defeat it.

Daniel Byrne
class of '92
Feb. 26, 2002

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Seek a truly open mind

Have you ever had the feeling that you're being discriminated against by a person who is proclaiming his or her open-mindedness?

Jesse Daniel Schomer in his letter Friday entitled, "Agree to disagree," implies that all Catholics are closed-minded in his statement, "What I would like to see is Catholics trying to understand those other viewpoints before they start into the dogmatic criticism." I will gladly call myself a Catholic and in fact am a theology major. I am also a feminist and I do not find these two aspects of myself oxymoronic.

I too gave up cootie shots and ghost stories as a child, and quite frankly I am proud to state that I will never cease to have fun on a swing set — and I question its relevance to Schomer's argument.

My faith neither suggests that I am superstitious, nor does it entail that I have the intellectual development of a child. I feel extremely insulted by these assertions. In Mr. Schomer's broad generalizations, he has excluded while he proclaims to include. He also clutters his argument with affronts that anger more than they provoke thought.

Before Schomer labels me a "knee-jerk conserv-

ative," however, I would also like to respond to Peter Zavodnyik's letter on Friday entitled, "Free speech limited." I reject the notion that "The Vagina Monologues" are a "carnival act" and have purchased tickets for one of the performances. Like Schomer, whom he appears to contrast, Zavodnyik implies that all who will attend are children, although he does so in a slightly subtler manner.

That the University can with any certainty determine what will "expose students only to paths that lead them to understand themselves, their world and their maker" seems dubious at best. In addition, I would argue that the Monologues do aid in an increased self-understanding, both for men and for women. Scripture states that God created man and woman in God's image and likeness. In an increased sensitivity toward what it is to be a woman, one can gain a greater understanding of the divine and who God created all of us to be.

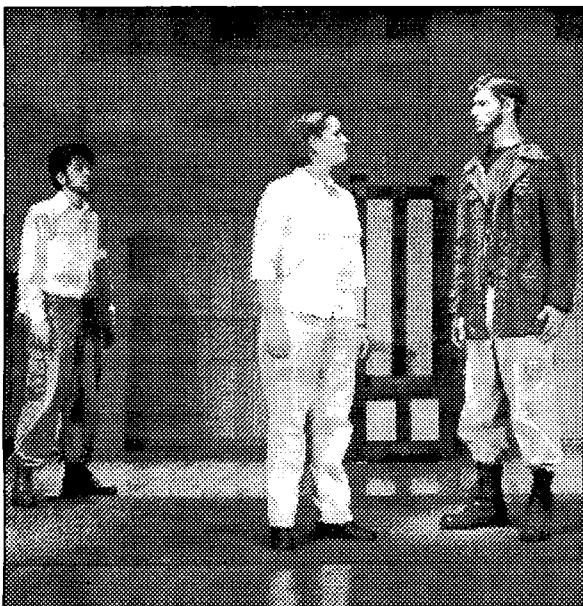
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Scene from *The Not-So-Royal Shakespeare Company* performance of "The History of King Henry IV, part I." Above: sophomore Mike Federico (sitting) as Falstaff holds court in the tavern. To the left: King Henry IV (senior JJ Marler) confronts Worcester (freshman Ellen Kennedy) and Vernon (freshman Chris Scaperlanda). Below: Junior Chris Nygren as Prince Hal sits on the lap of his friend Ned Poins (senior Kathleen Lane) leading the life of vice.

Photos by C. Spencer Beggs



The Not-So-Royal Shakespeare

William Shakespeare

The History of King Henry IV, part I

King Henry IV

part I

By BILL RINNER
Scene Writer

The Not-So-Royal Shakespeare Company's production of "The History of King Henry IV, part I," will change the mind of anyone who believes that Notre Dame lacks culture. The entirely student-run play offers a welcome interpretation of Shakespeare's classic history.

Re-founded in 1993 as an effort to bring Shakespeare to the Notre Dame student body, the NSRSC has built strong support and appeal, regularly selling out its shows and gaining support from student government.

"We want to be as loyal to Shakespeare as possible in the text," stage manager Lindsay Updike said. "But Not-So-Royal is also intent on giving its shows a lot of energy and attitude."

The play follows two plots: one concerning the strained relationship between King Henry IV and his son Prince Hal (the future Henry V) and the other concerning the rebellion spearheaded by the noble Percy family that is rebuked by the king. Both plots eventually converge in one of Shakespeare's most dramatic battle sequences.

In the beginning of the show, Prince Hal has taken up a lifestyle of vice hardly befitting his royal status. He drinks in a mangy tavern filled with highway robbers and criminals. Falstaff, one of the regulars, evolves into a father figure for Hal; he also provides a great deal of the play's comic relief, often making light of his obesity. Falstaff's lifestyle, however, appalls Hal's real father.

King Henry IV wants to reform his son so he can follow in the path of his ancestors. His desire strengthens as a new crisis forms with the Percy family that was largely responsible for King Henry IV's ascension to the throne. The king refuses to ransom one of his lords captured in battle, Mortimer, whom he believes is a traitor for marrying into the family of the Welsh rebel leader, Owen Glendower (played by sophomore Justin Williams).

Mortimer's cousin, the youthful

and up-and-coming Henry Percy, who is also called "Harry" or "Hotspur," is beguiled by his uncle, the treacherous Worcester (played by freshman Ellen Kennedy) into joining forces with Glendower in opposition to the king.

Hotspur's quick temper provides a daunting and powerful challenge to the throne. He attacks the king's forces and a final confrontation between Hotspur and Hal ensues.

The stand-out technical side of the production provides a sense of renewal to the timeless play. The characters adorn contemporary costumes that break from the grandiosity of the period in which Shakespeare initially wrote the play, but they connect the audience to the story surprisingly well. The set design also follows this trend.

"We were going for something simple but effective, wanting the set to bring out the intensity of each individual scene," Updike said.

A single throne is present for virtually every scene, drawing attention to the power struggle that transcends both plotlines.

The music also focuses the sense of modernism on the play. The pieces each reflect the tone of the scene, from a guitar and vocal piece to canned scene-change music. The

audience is on the edge of its

seats as the battle unfolds to the pacing rhythm and intensity of live drumming.

The true source of delight in "Henry IV," is the splendid acting from both the principle and supporting cast members. The four most complex characters, King Henry, Prince Hal, Falstaff and Hotspur, function to tie the text into a masterpiece on stage.

King Henry IV (played by senior JJ Marler) is a static force that is torn between the conflicts facing his kingdom and his relationship between himself and Prince Hal. At times, he can retain his composure and provide a firm but rational response or course of action to his visitors. However, his son pushes him to the edge as the reign of his dynasty is at stake.

"The King wants to show Hal the nature of a leader," Marler said. "His biggest problem isn't Hotspur,

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stage manager

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Shakespeare Company presents The History of King Henry IV Part I

but his strained relationship with his son."

Marler keenly plays up the harsh confrontation between the king and the prince. The powerful scene rips at the audience's emotions as the two forces struggle to coexist.

Prince Hal (played by junior Chris Nygren) is the young man struggling between his inevitable reign and youthful urge to enjoy life to its fullest.

"Hal is the paradigm of any 20-something," Nygren said. "He's going through the process of maturation, struggling to assert himself, but because he's royalty, the struggle is even more intense."

Truly, Hal knows where he is and where he will be, so his only outlet is rebellion and the domain of the tavern. Nygren has other opinions regarding the character, particularly when he realizes the gravity of his unruly behavior.

"A lot of people try to present Hal as heroic, but he feels as much anguish as anyone because of his lifestyle," Nygren said.

Jack Falstaff (played by sophomore Mike Federico), com-

"I've fallen in love with the character [of Hotspur] because he's so real, so human."

**Adel Hanash
actor**

plete, with fat-pads, is the most delightful stage presence in the play. In an early scene, he and his bumbling criminal companions are duped into robbing three wealthy travelers, but ultimately lose their bounty to Hal and Poin (played by senior Kathleen Lane), another companion of the prince. Federico performs Falstaff's ensuing explanation of the events with a twisted rendition of the story. The character also competes as the father figure of Hal, who requires a guiding force in whichever lifestyle he chooses. Falstaff remains true to the prince through the last battle.

"He's lovable but also keeps a lot of vices," Federico said.

Hotspur (played by sophomore Adel Hanash) is perhaps the most complex character in the play. He initially appears to be hot-tempered and a clear antagonist in the story, but his nature is wider. His view of the world is terribly idealistic, but he recognizes his fault.

"I've fallen in love with the character because he's so real, so essentially human," Hanash said. "I wanted to bring out his innocence because it's very easy to play him

as fiery, but that takes away from his essence."

Bringing every element together was the show's director, junior Dan Fisher. His intricate vision for the play was fully understood by every cast member.

"A good director knows what he wants but lets it evolve and get better and that's what Fisher did," Hanash said.

Fisher had equal praise for the cast.

"They're all young, but they offer a degree of professionalism that is very reassuring and helpful for the creative process," Fisher said.

With an immense understanding of the text, Fisher sought out to represent the central ideas of the play.

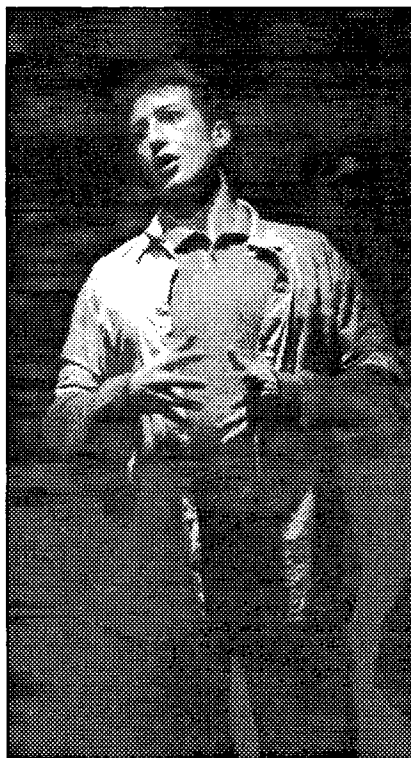
"The lines between good and evil are nebulous and virtue is defined by each of the individual characters, so there's an element of ambiguity that speaks of all humanity," Fisher said. "If you hold a mirror up to nature, as this play does, you will see that idealism doesn't always win in the end."

Entertainment value in the show is present with flying colors. However, perhaps the greatest measure of a play is the thought and self-reflection it provokes. In this case, the show also succeeds as a combination of acting, directing

and technical effort. The show astounds and enlightens from beginning to end as the NSRSC once again produces a success for the stage.

"The History of King Henry IV, part I" opens tonight and runs until Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies auditorium. General admission is \$7 and \$5 for students. Tickets are available at the LaFortune Student Center box office and standby seating will be available at the door. Due to limited seating capacity, ticket holders not in the theater at the scheduled showtime may have their tickets resold to standby seating. Visit or call the box office at (574) 631-8128 to make reservations.

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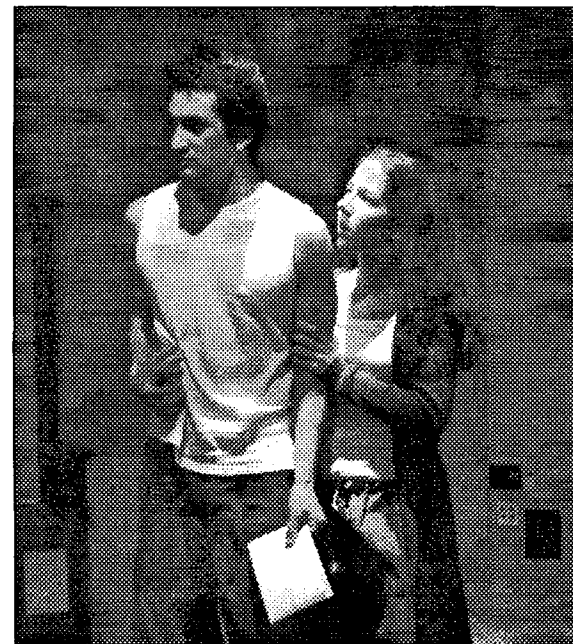
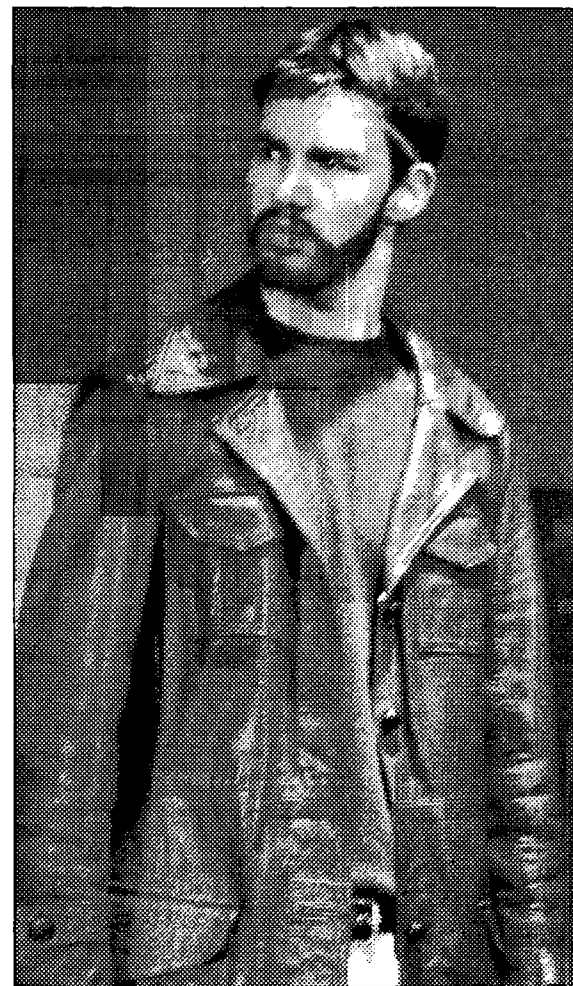


"The History of King Henry IV, part I" relies on strong characters. Above: sophomore Mike Federico playing the portly and comical Jack Falstaff.

Above right: junior JJ Marler as King Henry IV in battle gear.

Marler's character wants to reform his son, Prince Hal, from the life of vice and make him a proper king. To the right: sophomore Adel Hanash as Hotspur and freshman Molly Topper as Lady Percy. Hotspur must decide whether he will join the Welsh rebels to oppose the king or stay with the woman he loves. Below: junior Chris Nygren (left) as Prince Hal faces off with the gallant Hotspur; the two characters parallel one another.

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Boxer

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Center wild last year, those in the stands will not be treated to a rematch. Matassa has moved up to the 165-pound division this year. Nevertheless, Heckmann sees that fight as one of his greatest Bengal Bouts memories; to win a title in such dramatic fashion, with so many changes in momentum and both fighters exhausted at the end.

"That Matassa fight, that was perhaps the greatest moment of my life," Heckmann said. "Just going out, all out brawl, even if I didn't win the fight it would've been just as cool."

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Brock Heckmann
Bengal Bouts captain

Although his adversary from last year fights in another bracket, Heckmann faces new obstacles on the road to defend his title. As he looks to refine his skills, and "box" as well as "brawl," the other fighters in the 155-pound division semifinals all have individual characteristics that will make it a challenge to repeat.

"I've got a lefty [Wednesday], a good fighter, Chris Pettit, it'll be a challenge. Nobody likes fighting lefties, they should have their own weight bracket," Heckmann joked. "They're so tough, you just never fight lefties. Like 90 percent of people are righty, turns out I have two guys in my bracket left that are both lefties. [John] Nowak, he's a lefty, hard hitting lefty, he's got to fight Mike Melby, a taller guy with reach. So there's a good chance I could have two lefties from here on out."

While Heckmann proved he

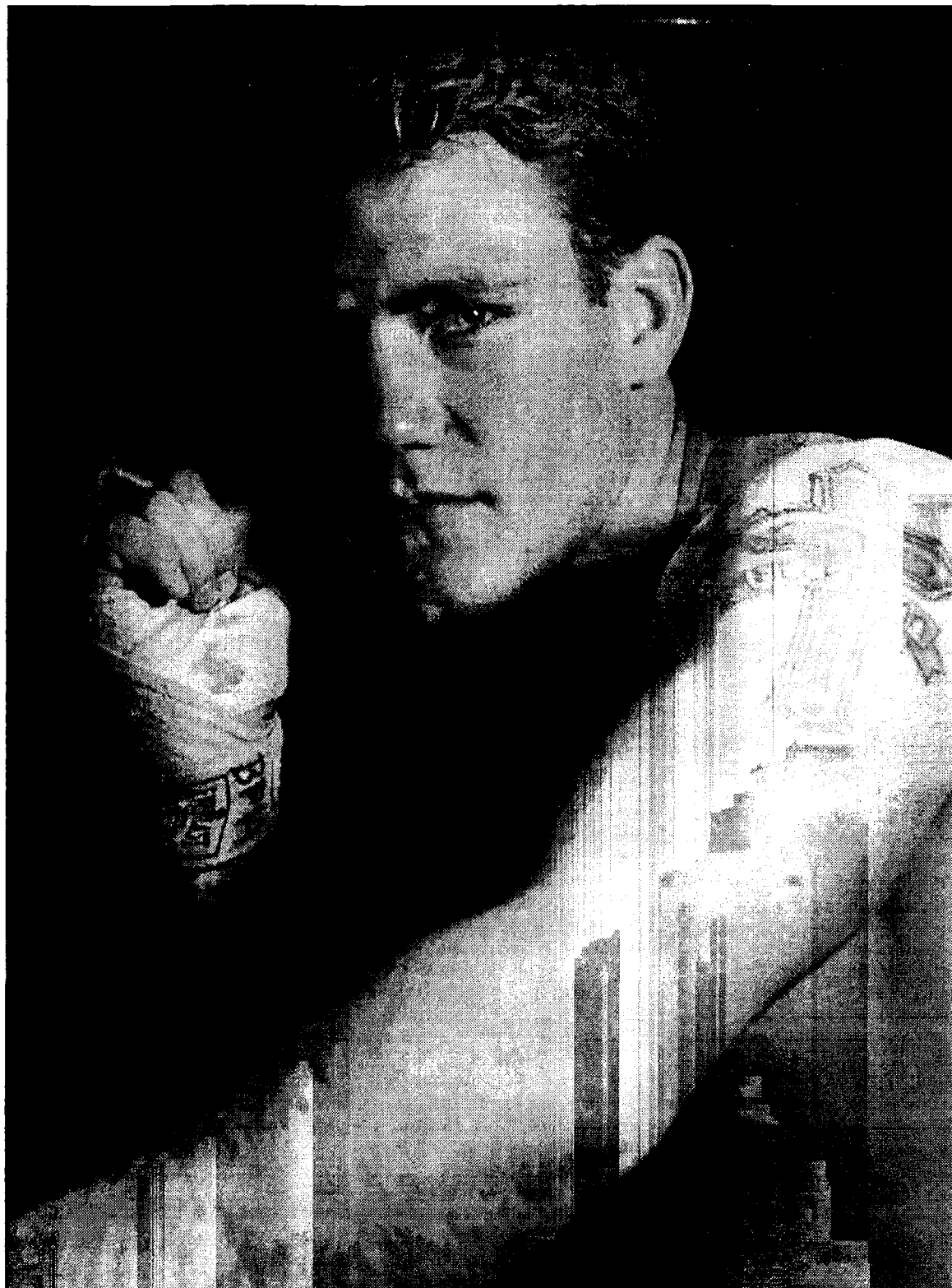
is one of the strongest fighters in the Bengal Bouts this year and has earned his position as captain, the other side that often goes overlooked is the work put in to the raise the money that goes towards the missions in Bangladesh. In that arena too, Heckmann and the other captains have employed motivational tactics among the boxers outside the ring.

"We've kind of been pushing the kids really hard that our main goal this year was to make \$100,000," Heckmann explained. "Everyday we'd tell them before practice 'go out, sell some advertisements.' We even made it mandatory if you wanted to spar more than two times, that you had to have an advertisement in. So a lot of people that wouldn't normally have brought ads in, had to bring ads in. Everybody's been good about it. [Bengal Bouts

chaplain] Father [Bill] Seetch comes down, everybody loves hearing him talk about the Bengal Bouts' missions, how great it is. He talks about how a dollar here is a hundred dollars in Bangladesh, and they really don't have very much out there and we really help them out."

With a championship already under his belt, Heckmann will take away more than just the tourney wins. Bengal Bouts is unique in that fighters work side by side with teammates for six weeks, and go at it in the ring for six minutes. While it might sound cliché to talk about the cohesiveness of the boxing team, the experience makes it inevitable.

"I'd say there's your handful of guys who really love boxing, all it is to them is boxing," Heckmann said. "I really think the vast majority of the people down here really enjoy being part of the Bengal Bouts program. This year I've really



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Senior Broch Heckmann is working this season on technique to compliment his brawling style. Heckmann is looking to defend his title from last season.

gotten to know just about every kid in here, I've had a random conversation with just about everybody down here. The caliber of guys here is amazing, all really willing to give their efforts for charity, and just tough kids. I like hanging out with tough kids.

While Bengal Bouts provided him with great times to look back on, there still is one more week in Heckmann's Bengal Bouts career to look forward to, and one more opportunity for a title.

"I've gotten calls from guys I didn't even know too well,

seniors from last year, just telling me, 'make the best of this last week of Bengal Bouts, it's the coolest thing you'll ever do in your life.'"

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Chances

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come in and give the team a second chance either. The

Irish added six points from the bench.

"You get one shot and you've got to make it," McGraw said.

After the Wildcats made sure the Irish had only one shot, they waited. Although the

game came down to a 3-point attempt in the final 1.3 seconds of the game, Villanova watched Notre Dame set up for the loss.

"I don't think we necessarily lost the game in the last

minute," McGraw said. "The whole game we just never were in sync offensively."

Junior guard Alicia Ratay put it a little more succinctly.

"It was a tough game. That's all I can say."

Notre Dame was out of its offense early in the first half, dropping to a seven-point lead after three consecutive Irish turnovers. They went into the locker-rooms at halftime with a one-point lead and they waited.

"They're incredibly patient and they're smart," McGraw said after the game. "They said after the game. 'They don't beat themselves ... They shoot the ball extremely well from the three-point line ... They're just really disciplined.'"

In the second half, the Irish had their chance.

They took an early lead in the second half but in the final minutes of the game, Villanova snuck up and took that lead away. It was Riley again who gave Villanova the chances it needed to get ahead, hitting four shots in the last four minutes.

The Irish didn't take advantage of their chances. The Irish missed five shots and only hit two of the six shots they had from the foul line.

Then, in the final seconds, Villanova made gave itself one more chance and Notre Dame watched its final chance blow away.

With 13 seconds left, just as the shot-clock ran out, Riley grabbed a key rebound to give the Wildcats one more chance to win the game. After she missed a one-and-one, Flecky grabbed the rebound for the Irish and they had their last chance.

And they only got one.

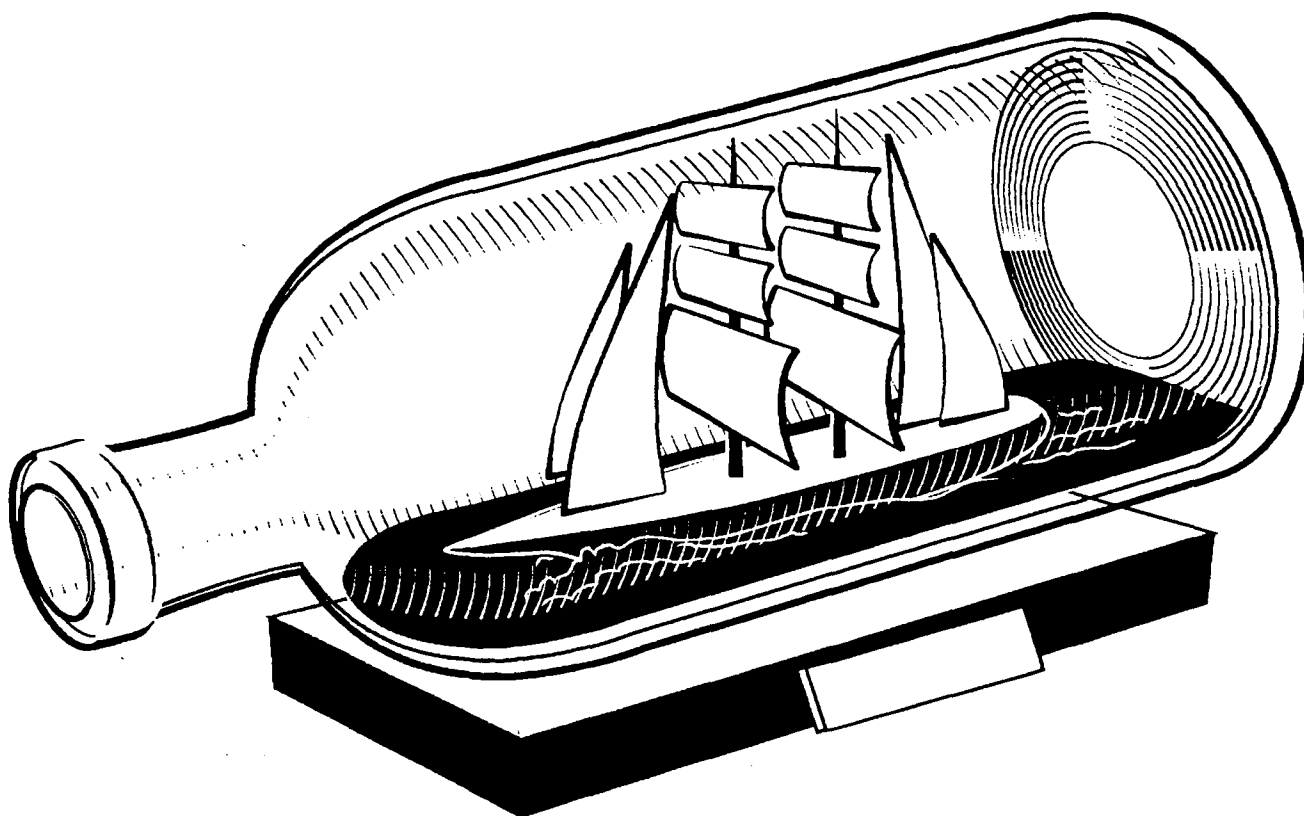
The seconds ticked away and the Irish couldn't get the ball to their 3-point shooters. With 1.3 seconds left McGraw called a time-out and stopped the clock. But it was too late for her team to take more than one shot.

They had one chance at a 3-pointer to tie the game and they missed.

"I thought they key at the end was the rebound they got," McGraw said. "They have one second to get a shot and they get the offensive rebound."

The Wildcats got a second chance on that rebound and made sure the Irish did not.

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Irish

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thing and it was too much for her. She didn't get any help."

Although McGraw said that the team never discussed the home win streak, she thought that it weighed heavily on all the players' minds.

Of the 12 players on the Irish roster only senior forward Ericka Haney — who was honored before the game in Senior Night festivities — had ever experienced a home loss.

"I think it had to be playing on their minds," McGraw said. "I thought that they played like it. They played very, very tense. None of them played the game that they've played all year long. I think that was disappointing, probably more than anything."

In a game that featured nine lead changes and six ties, Notre Dame looked like it could pull it out until the game's final minutes. A Ratay lay-in with 5:24 remaining put the home team up 43-40, before Riley's lay-in pulled the Wildcats within one.

Notre Dame freshman forward Katy Flecky was then fouled, but missed both free-throws.

Riley followed with three unanswered baskets in the next two minutes. The final dagger was a rebound basket of her own miss with 62 seconds left that put the Irish down five.

"A smaller guard couldn't do that," Villanova coach Harry Paretta said. "Her strength enabled her to make that shot. We try to take advantage of that as much as we can."

Ratay hit two free-throws with 48.9 seconds remaining to pull the Irish within three, but Notre Dame couldn't pull any closer. An off-balance 3-point attempt by freshman

Allison Bustamante as the clock ran out clanked off the rim.

Riley led Villanova with 15 points while teammate Nicole Druckenmiller added 10, including two 3-pointers. Villanova's 48 points were the fewest ever by an opposing team in a victory against Notre Dame.

"We don't have a real great offensive team," Paretta said. "I thought we played good enough defense to give us a chance to win."

Paretta also said that his team was not concentrating on ending Notre Dame's win streak — they had more

important goals in mind.

"We were a little worried about trying to win to try to get into the NCAA tournament," Paretta said.

"I think we're probably on the bubble, they're not. The game I think meant a little more to us. I think they talked a

little about the win streak but I didn't really think about it. We're trying to get into the NCAA tournament."

Notes:

♦ Notre Dame, who clinched second place in the Big East regular season standings with a win against Georgetown on Saturday, will play either Syracuse or West Virginia Sunday evening at 6 p.m. The Mountaineers take on the Orangewomen at 6 p.m. Saturday.

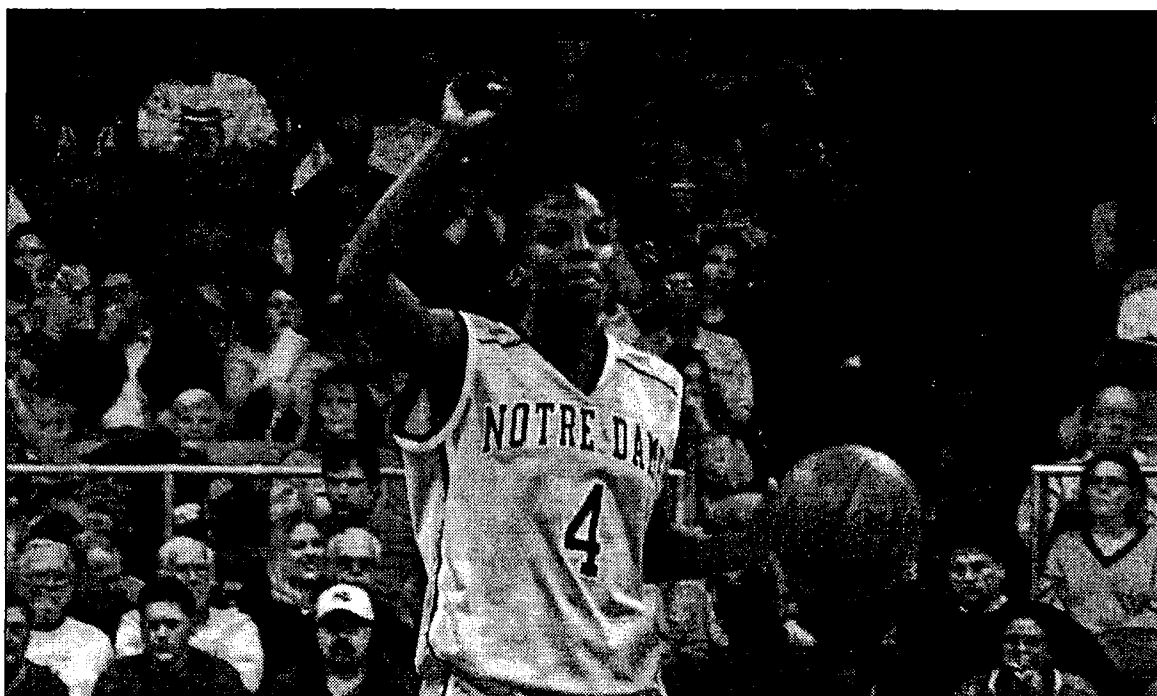
♦ Play was stopped for approximately 10 minutes in the first half as junior cheerleader Hilary Thomas lay still at center court after a fall. Irish trainers as well as athletic director Kevin White examined Thomas, who complained of neck pain.

She was transported to St. Joseph's Medical Center, where x-rays indicated no serious injuries.

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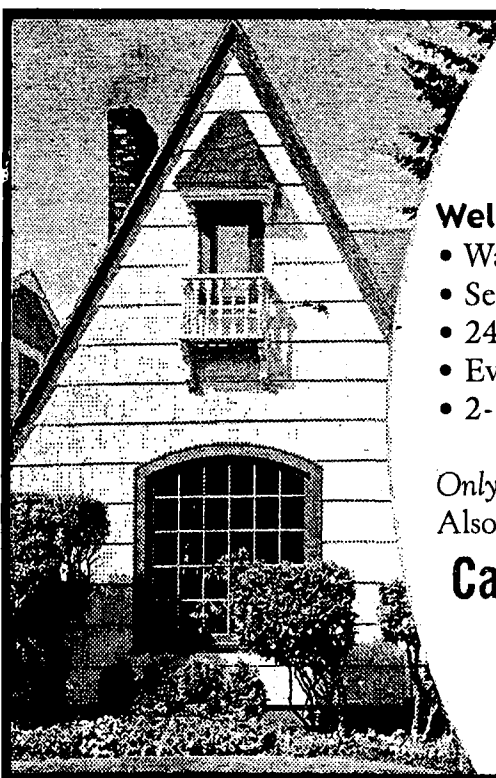
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Sophomore point guard Le'Tania Severe tries to organize her team during a 48-45 loss to the Wildcats on Tuesday. The loss marks the second time this season Villanova defeated the Irish.



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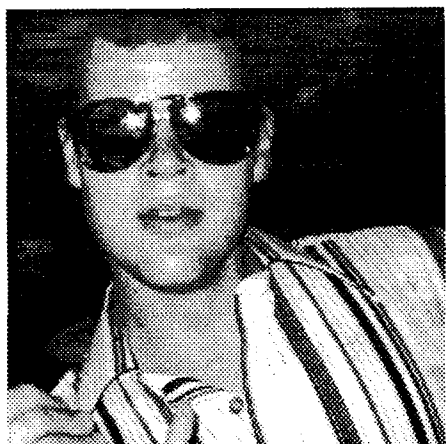
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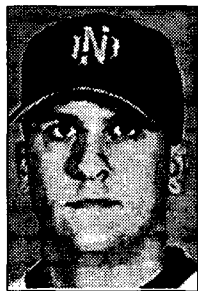
BASEBALL

Bushey earns honors

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame senior tri-captain Andrew Bushey has been honored as the Big East Conference baseball player of the week, after batting 6-for-9 in last weekend's action at the University of New Orleans Classic.

Bushey, who started at both catcher and third base during the tournament, collected his six hits against Missouri and host UNO before missing the Southern Illinois game due to an injury. His many stellar defensive plays included a strong throw to nail an attempted basestealer in the



Bushey

UNO game.

Bushey became the eighth Notre Dame player in the eight-year Paul Mainieri era to post five-plus hits in a game, batting 5-for-5 in the heart-breaking 8-7 loss to the host Privateers. He hit a first-pitch double to right-center in the 2nd inning of that game before stroking an RBI single up the middle in the 4th for a 3-3 tie. Bushey then greeted reliever Brandon Miguez in the 6th with a leadoff home run, tying the game at 4-4 by driving a 1-1 pitch over the rightfield fence his first home run since 2000 and the sixth of his career (he also homered in a game at UNO in 1999, as part of ND's record-tying seven-HR output).

His big game versus UNO also included a leadoff single through the left side in the 8th and a 1-1 single to left-center in the 9th, plating Kris Billmaier for a 7-5 lead.

The 5-10, 190-pound left-

handed hitter is one of four current members of the Notre Dame baseball program who have been named Big East player of the week during the past three seasons, with the others including: senior centerfielder Steve Stanley junior leftfielder Brian Stavisky and senior catcher Paul O'Toole.

Bushey's breakthrough 2001 season saw him earn 1st team all-Big East honors as a third baseman, after batting .335 with 36 RBI and 17 doubles. He also ranked second among all 2001 Big East players with a .425 conference batting average and 27 RBI in conference games.

Bushey has appeared in 162 career games as a four-year starter with the Irish, with his career stats including 169 hits, 36 doubles, 73 RBI and 51 walks. He averaged 17.58 at-bats per strikeout as a sophomore in 2000, representing the 10th-best ratio at Notre Dame since 1969.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Giambi, White nurse injuries

Associated Press

The New York Yankees welcomed back one expensive free agent on Tuesday and almost immediately lost another.

First baseman Jason Giambi, nursing a sore left hamstring, missed his second straight intrasquad game but took part in pregame drills. He is expected to play in an exhibition game either Friday or Saturday.

"It feels a lot better today," said Giambi, who signed a seven-year, \$120 million contract in the offseason. "I'm trying to be on the safe side and not overdo it. We just want to keep it getting better."

Just as Giambi returned to work, Yankees outfielder Rondell White staged his left rib cage swinging a bat. Manager Joe Torre said White could miss 10 days or more.

"I think we'll know tomorrow," Torre said. "A rib cage [injury], it really shuts you down. It eliminates throwing and swinging."

White, who signed a \$10 million, two-year deal, has been on the disabled list eight times during his major league career, and has played in just 189 games the past three seasons.

In Haines City, Fla., the Royals said outfielder Mark Quinn probably will open the season on the disabled list because of a cracked rib that will sideline him for 4-to-6 weeks.

"He told me he fell back up against an edge of a chair," general manager Allard Baird said. "Obviously, it is very frustrating for the kid."

Spring training has barely begun but new Houston Astros manager Jimmy Williams already has set his pitching rotation.

Williams picked 16-game winner Wade Miller as his opening day pitcher against the Milwaukee Brewers on April 2. Miller led the Astros in victories, starts (32), innings (212) and strikeouts (183) last season. He finished with a 3.40 ERA and pitched six or more innings in 28 of his 32 starts.

Behind Miller, the Astros will use right-handers Roy Oswalt, Shane Reynolds and Dave Mlicki. Carlos Hernandez and Tim Redding will compete for the fifth spot with Hernandez set to start the exhibition opener Friday.

Toronto manager Buck Martinez won't commit to a rotation yet except to say Roy Halladay will get the start against the Yankees on Friday with Chris Peters, Scott Eyre and Bob File following him.

Right-handers Brandon Lyon, Chris Carpenter and Luke Prokopec with follow

Halladay to start the first four games of the spring.

"You can read anything you want into it," Martinez said. "It just sets up that way, that's the way we're going to start the spring. These guys have all thrown well and we're anxious to see them on the mound against other teams."

The Atlanta Braves are trying to sort out a crowd at first base. The incumbent is Julio Franco but Wes Helms is bidding for playing time with B.J. Surhoff.

"I'm going to show the Braves I can start at first base, and they will feel comfortable with me there," said Helms, who hit only .222 in his rookie season last year with the Braves. "That's what I'm going to do."

Franco, acquired last Aug. 31 for the stretch run, hit .300 with three homers and 11 RBIs in 25

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Jason Giambi
Yankees first baseman

games. Surhoff, playing left field, batted .271 last season with 10 homers and 58 RBIs. He has been shunted to a backup role after the Braves acquired Gary Sheffield and Vinny Castilla and moved Chipper Jones from third to left.

Helms had only two at-bats in September — a walk and a strikeout.

"I don't look at numbers," he said. "I go out there to play hard and help the team win. Hitting 10 home runs with 36 RBIs in 200 (216 to be exact) at bats, you can't complain with that. Average-wise, I don't look at the average because I didn't play every day. I know when I do play every day and get in a groove, I'll do better than that."

The Los Angeles Dodgers are looking forward to the arrival of standout Texas running back Cedric Benson, who is ready for some baseball.

Benson, the Big 12 Conference offensive freshman of the year last season when he gained 1,053 yards and scored 12 touchdowns, will play in the Los Angeles Dodgers' minor league organization this summer.

"He'll come in here mid-March, whenever spring break is, just spend a couple days, maybe suit up," Bill Bavasi, the Dodgers' director of player development, said Tuesday. "He'll be back to play in mid-May, whenever school's out. He'll be with us until early August, when he reports to Texas' football training camp."

Benson batted .361 with four home runs and 14 RBIs in his senior year of high school. The Dodgers drafted him in the 12th round — 370th overall — in last June's amateur draft.

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NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Underdog Miami tops Boston College

Associated Press

CORAL GABLES, Fla.

Miami's Sheila James blocked a 3-point attempt by Amber Jacobs with six seconds remaining, and the Hurricanes held on to upset No. 18 Boston College 60-57 Tuesday night.

James, who scored only five points, made two free throws with 4.9 seconds left after Jacobs made one of two foul shots to bring the Eagles within 58-57.

Clare Dreesch missed a desperation 30-footer for Boston College.

Kathryn Fowler had 11 points and nine rebounds for Miami (17-10, 10-6 Big East). Meghan Saake added 10 points and five steals, giving her a school-record 110 for the season.

Jacobs had 15 points and Kim Mackie 13 points and 10 rebounds for Boston College (21-6, 12-4).

The win was Miami's third over a ranked opponent this season.

Rachel Byars hit a layup with 17:08 left to start a 15-5 Boston College run to a 43-38 lead. But the Hurricanes countered with a 6-0 run to take the lead with 12:02 remaining.

Then there were five ties and eight more lead changes.

No. 1 Connecticut 89 West Virginia 60

Asjha Jones scored 17 points as No. 1 Connecticut secured its third unbeaten regular season in eight years with a victory over West Virginia.

Swin Cash had 16 points and 13 rebounds for Connecticut (30-0, 16-0 Big East), which put the Mountaineers away with an 18-0 run midway through the second half.

Maria Conlon added 14 points for Connecticut. Diana Taurasi and Jessica Moore each scored 11 points, and Sue Bird added 10.

Sherell Sowho scored 22 points and Yolanda Paige had 18 for West Virginia (14-13, 6-10), which has dropped 11 straight games to Connecticut.

The last time the Huskies came to Morgantown two years ago, West Virginia absorbed the second-worst defeat in league history, 100-28.

Things were different this time. The pregame rifle shot by the Mountaineer mascot that rattled the UConn players wasn't the only surprise.

Having tucked away its ninth straight Big East title and owning the top seed in next week's league tournament, Connecticut allowed West Virginia to keep the score respectable for much of the game.

The Mountaineers, who had been outscored by a 3-1 margin in its three previous meetings with Connecticut, became the first team in six games to score more than 50 points against the Huskies.

But West Virginia went scoreless for more than 7 minutes in the second half while Conlin hit a pair of 3-

pointers and a layup during the decisive run for a 78-48 lead with 6:56 remaining.

Connecticut didn't take the lead for good until Conlin made a 3-pointer with 12:32 left in the first half, giving the Huskies a 17-14 lead.

West Virginia kept the score close until it began to force shots, and Connecticut used a 14-3 run late in the first half to build a lead that didn't fall below double digits again.

The Mountaineers scored as many points in the first half as they did in a 97-34 loss to Connecticut last season.

No. 13 Texas 61

Kansas 46

Stacy Stephens had 16 points and 10 rebounds as No. 13 Texas beat Kansas, making the Jayhawks the first Big 12 team to go winless in the conference.

The most recent victory by Kansas (5-24, 0-16) was Dec. 29 against Morgan State. Marion Washington, 15th all-time among women coaches with 540 wins, is having her worst season in 29 years with the Jayhawks, who have lost 16 straight games.

Texas (19-8, 10-6), which lost four straight games at midseason, has won five of its last six. Included were victories over third-ranked Tennessee and No. 5 Oklahoma.

Tia Dillard had 12 of her career-high 15 points in the first half, but Texas led only 28-26 at the break. But the Longhorns wasted little time establishing dominance in the second half, posting an early 13-2 run.

Stephens recorded her 13th double-double of the season, and her league-leading 10th double-double in Big 12 play.

The last Big 12 team to go winless in conference play was Iowa State which went 0-14 in 1983-84 in the defunct Big Eight.

No. 11 Colorado 84 Nebraska 60

Jenny Roulier scored 17 points, and No. 11 Colorado hit eight of its first nine shots for a 22-4 start in a victory over Nebraska in the final regular-season Big 12 game for both.

Colorado (21-8, 11-5) also got 16 points from Mandy Nightingale, 13 points and 10 rebounds from Tera Bjorkland and 10 points from Eisha Bohman.

Nebraska (12-13, 4-12) put together an 8-0 run to cut the Colorado lead to 22-16 on Greichaly Cepero's jumper with 11:05 left in the half. But the Buffs held the Cornhuskers to just one more basket the rest of the half and led 46-18 at the break.

Colorado shot 68 percent in the first half to just 26 percent for Nebraska. The Buffaloes outrebounded the Huskers 23-7 during the half. The Buffaloes cooled off a little in the second half, but Nebraska got no closer than 19 points.

Keasha Cannon led Nebraska with 13 points. Shannon Howell added 12

and Margaret Richards 11.

No. 10 Pittsburgh 73 Seton Hall 66

Brandin Knight scored 19 points and No. 10 Pittsburgh scored the final 12 points in overtime to beat Seton Hall and clinch first place in the West Division of the Big East.

Donatas Zavackas added 15 points, including a 3-pointer with 3.4 seconds to go in regulation that forced the overtime, in helping the Panthers (24-4, 12-3) win their sixth straight game.

Julius Page also had 16 points as Pittsburgh, which has rallied for wins in its lead three road games.

John Allen had 18 points for Seton Hall (12-16, 5-10), which lost its fifth straight and seventh of eight.

Seton Hall, which was stunned by Zavackas' game-tying 3-pointer from the top of the key, scored the first five points of the overtime to

take a 66-61 lead. Allen converted a three-point play and Greg Morton scored underneath on an assist from Andre Barrett, who had 17 points.

The Pirates even got the ball back, but Darius Lane made a major error, fouling Zavackas after Morton missed a shot in the lane with 3:40 to go.

Zavackas, who hit only two of his first 12 shots from the field, made both free throws to cut the deficit to 66-63. Knight, whose mother works at Seton Hall, then took over.

The point guard, who played at nearby Seton Hall Prep, hit a 3-pointer to tie the game with 1:47 to go.

After a turnover his former Seton Hall Prep teammate, Marcus Toney-El, Knight hit a floater down the lane for a 68-66 lead with 53 seconds left. He added a free throw with 48 seconds left and Page iced the game by making four

free throws down the stretch. Seton Hall missed two shots, two free throws and had two turnovers in the final 1:47.

Seton Hall, which had given away an eight-point lead and fallen behind 58-54 with 1:35 to play, scored the next seven points to take a 61-58 lead.

Lane started the comeback with a shot in the lane. After Knight missed a layup, Damion Fray, who had 11 points and 12 rebounds, put Seton Hall ahead 59-58 with 35 seconds left by converting a three-point play.

After Chad Johnson missed a 3-pointer with about 20 seconds to play, Seton Hall appeared ready for the upset when Morton hit two free throws with 15 seconds to go to make it 61-58.

However, two Pirates defenders went after Knight coming off a screen, leaving Zavackas open for his game-tying 3-pointer.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

East Carolina topples No. 46 Marquette

Associated Press

GREENVILLE, N.C.

It looks like March Madness is starting a few weeks early.

East Carolina pulled off one of the biggest upsets of the college basketball season Tuesday night, holding No. 9 Marquette to six points over the final 12 1/2 minutes to stun the Golden Eagles 51-46.

Marquette (23-5, 12-3 Conference USA) had won 12 straight prior to a last-second loss four days ago to No. 4 Cincinnati. But the heavy underdog Pirates (12-16, 5-10) used a 2-3 zone defense to turn the Golden Eagles' offense into a bunch of jump shooters.

The East Carolina students stormed the floor after the final buzzer sounded on Senior Day in the first win over a Top Ten team since the program began in 1960.

Travis Holcomb-Faye was the hero for East Carolina, scoring 12 of his 15 points in the second half as the Pirates held Marquette to 35 percent shooting in the final 20 minutes.

Dwyane Wade led the Golden Eagles with 19 points, but he was held to just four in the second half. Fellow guard Cordell Henry, who was averaging 19.8 points over his last four games, was 1-for-11 from the field for two points.

East Carolina never led and fell behind by 12 points with 12:37 to go before going on an 11-0 run to throw a scare into Marquette.

Jon Harris then scored on a layup and Odartey Blankson hit a 14-footer on Marquette's next two possessions for some breathing room and it appeared the Golden Eagles would be on their way to a win.

But Holcomb-Faye hit a 3-pointer and then a runner on the baseline with 4:29 left to tie it at 44-44 to set the stage for the final few tense minutes.

The Pirates, who beat Louisville here and played Cincinnati to a 10-point game, didn't back off after the final media timeout.

Moussa Badiane made a layup and his block of a shot in the lane by Henry led to a fast-break hoop by Kenyatta Brown and the Pirates went up by four.

Marquette closed to 48-46 with 36 seconds left, but Holcomb-Faye hit a free throw and Badiane pulled down a key rebound after Scott Merritt missed the front end of a 1-and-1 to set up a dunk by Brown to seal it.

Marquette hit seven of its first 10 shots over the opening 9:08, but didn't do much the rest of the first half as East Carolina switched to the zone.

While good on defense, the Pirates managed just nine points in the opening 13 1/2 minutes to fall behind by double digits before pulling within 27-20 at halftime.

Wade was 7-for-12 from the field for 15 points while the rest of the Golden Eagles were 5-for-16.

No. 22 Miami 81 Providence 65

Darius Rice scored 21 of his 30 points in the second half to lead No. 22 Miami to a victory over Providence.

Providence point guard John Linehan became the NCAA's career steals leader. His fourth of the game gave him 377, one more than Eric Murdock, who played for the Friars from 1987-91.

In the final home game of his career, Linehan had all four of his steals in the first half. He finished with 10 points on 2-of-8 shooting.

James Jones had 15 points for the Hurricanes (22-6, 9-6 Big East), while Marcus Barnes had 10.

Abdul Mills had 21 points to lead Providence (15-14, 6-9), while freshman Ryan Gomes added 18.

Miami extended a 45-27 half-time to 23 points early in the second half. Providence staged a mild rally to pull within 10 points with three minutes left, but got no closer.

Linehan's record-breaking steal came with 1:37 to play in

the first half when he broke up a Miami fast break by tipping the ball to Mills.

Rice had 10 rebounds as Miami finished with a 28-24 advantage on the boards.

No. 15 Illinois 70 No. 25 Indiana 62

Frank Williams had 24 points in his final home game and No. 15 Illinois beat No. 25 Indiana for its seventh straight victory.

Williams, who has announced he is leaving college a year early to enter the NBA draft, scored 15 of his 24 points in the first half and had six rebounds.

Brian Cook added 15 points, going 7-of-8 from the free throw line, and senior Cory Bradford had 13 points and was 3-of-4 from 3-point range for Illinois (22-7, 10-5 Big Ten).

Kyle Hornsby had 14 points and Tom Coverdale added 13 for the Hoosiers (18-10, 10-5), who have lost two straight and three of five.

Williams was guarded most of the game by Dane Fife, who had trouble keeping up with the quicker Williams and was repeatedly beaten off the dribble. Williams was 8-of-19 from the field and 7-of-9 from the line.

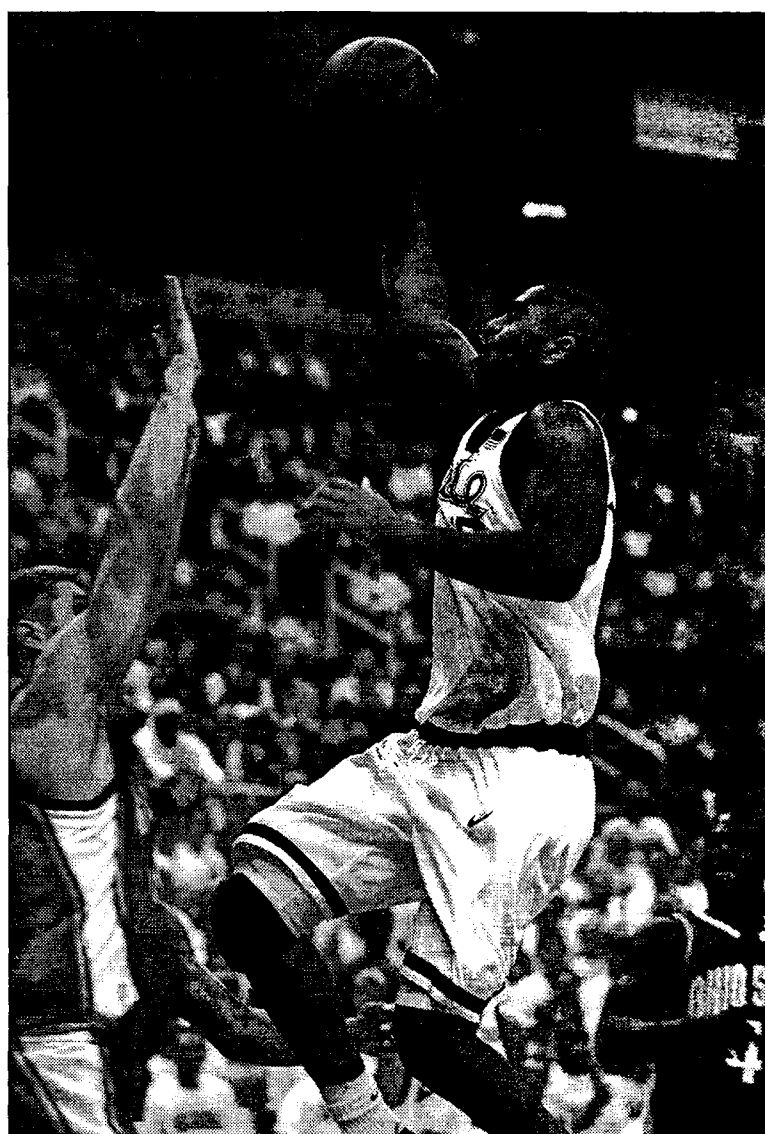
Michigan State 81 No. 18 Ohio State 76

Marcus Taylor scored a career-high 32 points and Michigan State rallied to beat No. 18 Ohio State 81-76 Tuesday night, creating a four-way tie for first place in the Big Ten.

With No. 15 Illinois beating No. 25 Indiana 70-62 on Tuesday night, Ohio State, Indiana, Wisconsin and the Illini are all 10-5 in the conference with one game remaining.

Michigan State (18-10, 9-6), which hit 63 percent of its shots in the second half against the Buckeyes (19-7), is one game back.

Wisconsin closes the regular season Wednesday night at home against Michigan. On Saturday, Ohio State is at



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Michigan State's Alan Anderson shoots a jump shot as the Spartans topped Ohio State Tuesday night.

Michigan, Indiana plays host to Northwestern. Illinois travels to Minnesota on Sunday. Michigan State plays Iowa at home Saturday.

The victory was the fourth straight for the Spartans, who won for the first time in three trips to Value City Arena.

Taylor's previous career-high was 21 points earlier this season in a loss to Stanford.

Adam Ballinger added 12 points for the Spartans, who shot 59 percent for the game.

Brian Brown scored 24 points, Boban Savovic had 17 and reserve Sean Connolly added 11 for Ohio State, which

had won its first seven Big Ten home games.

Down by five points at half-time, Michigan State regained the lead on Taylor's 3-pointer with 15:38 left.

Neither team was able to pull away as they traded baskets for the next 13 minutes.

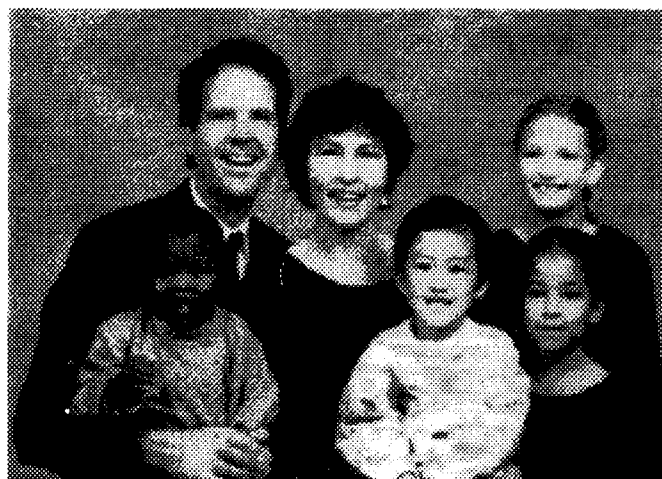
There were six ties and six lead changes until the Spartans worked the ball around the perimeter and found Chris Hill for an open 3-pointer with 2:44 left to take a 68-65 lead.

After Savovic missed the front end of a 1-and-1, Taylor made two free throws with 1:42 left for a five-point lead.

Ohio State never got closer than four points again as the Spartans scored their final 13 points at the line, going 6-of-8 over the final 25 seconds.

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BENGAL BOUTS 155 POUNDS - 160 POUNDS

Middleweights move to North Dome

By PAUL CAMARATA
Sports Writer

On the eve of the Bengal Bout semifinals, roughly a dozen members of the Notre Dame Boxing Club were scattered across the workout room in the basement of the Joyce Center. Jumping rope, shadow boxing and attacking the heavy bags hanging throughout the room, they all tried to polish their technique before their next match-up.

Of the 133 fighters that began the tournament, only 40 still vie for the championships of their respective weight classes. The semifinal round will again cut that number in half, and send two boxers from each division to the finals Friday night, as the Bouts move from the Joyce Center Fieldhouse to the Arena in the north dome.

155 Pounds

The semifinal bracket in the 155-pound division includes the top four seeds in the weight class. Senior captain Brock "Landers" Heckmann will look to keep the momentum he gained over the weekend, when he won two unanimous decisions to advance. Heckmann is in search of his second consecutive Bengal Bouts championship after winning the 150-pound title last year.

Wednesday he will face Chris "Third Time's a Charm" Pettit, who is in the midst of the most successful tournament in his three year's of boxing.

"At this point I feel like I've got nothing to lose. I actually felt less nervous in the quarter finals then I did last Friday," he said Tuesday. "Hopefully [tonight] I'll be even more calm."

Pettit used an aggressive left hand in his early round victories, both unanimous decisions, but said he hopes to use a more even tempo on Wednesday.

"When I go in there I have to stay back a little bit more than I have been so I don't get gassed at the end of the third round," Pettit said. "... Other than that I just have to take advantage when he leaves himself open."

Heckmann hasn't looked vulnerable in early rounds, using fluid footwork to control the pace and movement of his fights. By working his opponents onto the ropes and into the corners, Heckmann has combined mastery of the ring space with strong straight punches to dictate the rhythm of his two fights.

Sophomore John "The L-Dizzle" Nowak, the second seed in the 155 pound class, used a variety of strong left-handed punches to pound his way through two unanimous

decisions into the semifinals over the weekend. Nowak found success in both the preliminary and quarterfinals by keeping his shoulders square and utilizing fast hands. His arsenal of lefts includes both a quick hook and a powerful overhand.

A second-year boxer fighting in the semifinals for the first time, Nowak said he is both excited and anxious about Wednesday night's match up.

"I'm definitely a bit nervous, because it's farther into the tournament and now I'm facing a better fighter than the last two guys," he said.

That fighter is Mike "The Militia Man" Melby, a junior second-year boxer who uses his height and long reach to remain on the offensive during his fights. His preliminary round fight was stopped by the referee, who had to issue Melby's opponent four standing-8 counts. In the quarterfinals, Melby threw his long, quick jab in speedy combination with his right hand to score a unanimous decision.

"I've seen Melby fight, just before me in the prelims and the quarter finals," Nowak said. "I've never sparred with him before so I just have to go out there and see how it goes. He's a lot taller than me and looks good, but we'll just see what happens."

160 Pounds

Chris "Can't We All Just" Kitalong is a skilled, athletic fighter and the top seed in the 160-pound weight class. Kitalong throws a variety of punches, from a crisp jab to a strong overhand right, and depends on combinations to drive his opponent backwards.

His barrage of punches in the preliminaries prompted the official to stop the contest 18 seconds into the second round. On Sunday, he scored a unanimous decision. Although Kitalong has shown a tendency to fight with his hands lower than it is typically prescribed, his speed and ability to shake off punches have helped him dominate each of his two matches.

While Kitalong has the rare combination of speed and power that every boxer wants, his opponent, John "The Chris Reid Shamrock Express" Murphy attacks with the fervor that every fighter needs. Murphy, a third-year law student and native of New Ross, Ireland, says that his nickname is a tribute to his friend Maureen's brother, a former light middleweight who died of cancer last year.

A fighter without quit, Murphy has disrupted opponents by forcing them to contend with his brawling style. Murphy persists in fighting the

match along the ropes and on the other boxer's body, a strategy that helped him score a unanimous decision in the first round and a split decision in the quarterfinals against a fighter who was bigger but unable to deter his attacks.

In the other semifinal match up, the second seed and local product Pat "The Beast from the Bend" Dillon, takes on star freshman Mark "Donkey Punch" De Splinter. After watching De Splinter fight, Dillon, who has already won two unanimous decisions, praised his physical condition and speed.

"He looked really impressive, he's got a good strong jab," Dillon said. "He throws it quick out there, is in great shape and he can throw a lot of punches."

De Splinter scored a unanimous decision in the preliminaries and won a split decision victory in the second round. He said he has seen video tape of Dillon's fights, and from that viewing knows he'll have to use his jab to fend off the sophomore's charge.

"He's a strong fighter, throws real hard punches," De Splinter said. "I just have to stay away from his 1-2 combinations and try to use my long jab to stay in control of the ring."

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BENGAL BOUTS 165 POUNDS - 170 POUNDS

Technique will be key as Cosse/Yost bout

By BRIAN BURKE
Sports Writer

Clay "The Mouth of the South" Cosse faces Mark "The Holy Ghost" Yost in the semifinals, and judging from their quarterfinal victories, technique should come into play. Both fighters picked their spots and looked to score with jabs in the quarterfinals. Cosse had an easier time with his opponent, scoring a standing eight and winning by unanimous decision against Mike MacRitchie. Yost won by split decision over Matthew Klobucher in a fairly even fight.

In the other 165-pound semifinal, Matt "The Meat Hook" Seidler will take on Chris "Stay Out Of My Business" Matassa. Seidler was impressive in his quarterfinal bout, rallying from a tough first round to win a TKO. Seidler was able to overpower Nick Nanovic inside, but Matassa is exceptional at countering a charge. If Seidler tries to simply out punch his foe again, Matassa has the boxing skill to make him pay.

170 Pounds

While the quarterfinals were a study in contrast, with one boxer overcoming the other with physical strength and sta-

mina, the semifinals of the 170-pound division will be a struggle of athletic ability. The fight between Domingo "Lunes" Maynes and Evan "Dysfunctional" Oliver pits two competitors of similar build and style. Both dictated the pace of their quarterfinal bout, chasing down their opponents and trapping them in the ropes. Maynes and Oliver appear to be fairly even athletically, and both will want to slug it out.

The other 170-pound bout between Ryan "The Rhino" Hernandez and Matt "The Booster" Knust is one of more conflicting styles. Hernandez will want to fight in close, while Knust will try to stick and move. Hernandez realizes that Knust is prepared for him to charge, but will stick to his plan.

"I've heard [Knust's] a tough kid, his fight got stopped so he must have some power,"

Hernandez said. "I don't see any point in changing [my style] with so little time before the next fight. You can't turn a brawler into a boxer in two days."

"I haven't sparred with [Hernandez] but he seems tough," Knust said. "He bull rushes, has a similar style [to my last opponent] but a lot more in shape."

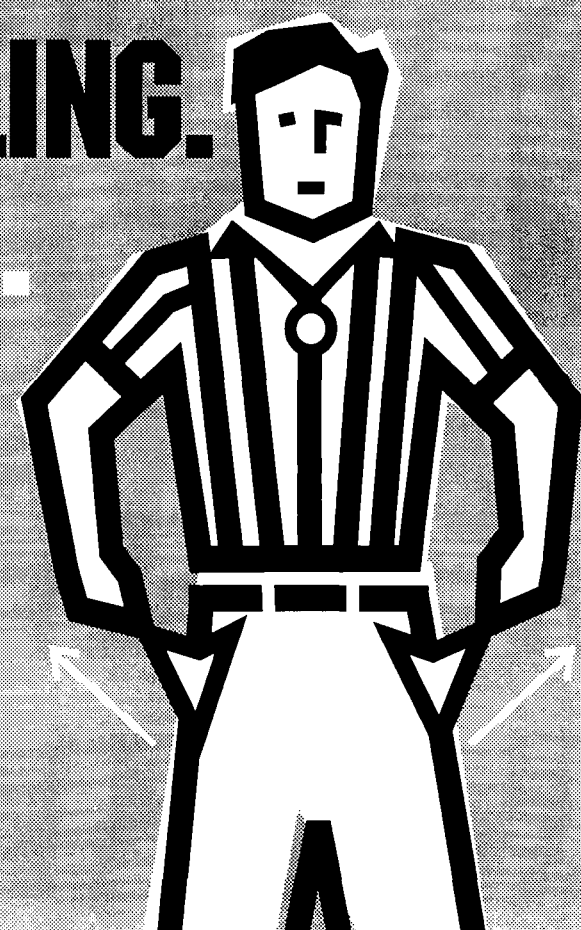
Knust was able to make Chris Oliver pay for fighting in close

and exposing his head in the quarterfinals. While he will likely not get the same number of shots this time, his strategy will be to capitalize on openings when Hernandez throws hooks in close. Hernandez, meanwhile, wants to physically overwhelm his opponent as he did in his last fight.

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BENGAL BOUTS 125 POUNDS - 145 POUNDS

Fighters look to prove they're not lightweights

By KATIE HUGHES
Sports Writer

Shawn Newburg's got some reclaiming to do.

"I just can't wait," said Newburg, who took the title his freshman year, and lost last year in the finals. "I haven't gotten to fight yet this year."

O'Neill junior Newburg will fight for the first time in the Bouts against St. Edward's Hall senior Derrick Bravo, who defeated Mike Feduska in the quarterfinals.

"[Bravo] is more of a brawler. He hits pretty hard," said Newburg.

Bravo's left hooks and quick

jabs helped him earn a unanimous victory over Feduska, but this time he will have to get past Newburg's experienced defense.

"I'm more of a technical boxer. I'm more defensive than he is," said Newburg.

In other 125 pound action tonight, O'Neill junior Lance Hedron will face Morrissey senior Jason McMahon. Hendron also earned a unanimous win in the quarterfinals, defeating Sung Hoon Kim.

135 pounds

Stanford sophomore Tony Hollowell will take on T.J. D'Agostino tonight. Hollowell made a surprise run to the finals last year and is focused on

advancing all the way to the title in this year's bouts.

"[D'Agostino] is definitely a little taller than me," Hollowell said. "He's got some reach. I know he's in shape and will be ready for a good fight."

Dillon's D'Agostino took a TKO victory against junior Chris Hoffman in the quarterfinals, and Hollowell defeated Dillon freshman Jon Valenzuela in a unanimous decision after coming out stronger in the second round.

"I'm stronger than most guys in my weight class, but T.J.'s [D'Agostino] pretty strong himself," said Hollowell. "He will be an awesome opponent, and it will be a test for both of us."

Bengal Bouts captain Matt

Fumagalli will continue his quest to reclaim his sophomore year title, after defeating Zahm's Luke Dillon in a drawn-out brawl in the quarterfinals. He will take on Rich Redina, who earned a unanimous win against Jacob Cusack to advance to the semifinals.

145 pounds

No matter who wins tonight, O'Neill will have a victor; it might even have two.

"O'Neill should be in full force [tonight]," said Bengal Bouts captain Andrew Harms, who lives off campus, but used to live in O'Neill. He will face O'Neill freshman Sam Fuller in tonight's 145 semifinal battle, although neither will be quite up to par, as

they are both recovering from head colds.

Fuller was knocked down, but rallied to win against Alumni's Jon Pribaz in the quarterfinals.

"First, he's a southpaw, and he's a real good youth fighter," said Harms. "He's proved in his last fight that he's got a tough chin. Hopefully I can capitalize on my quickness and my experience."

Jemar Tisby, a senior from Keough Hall, will face O'Neill freshman Nathan Lohmeyer for West Quad bragging rights and a shot at the finals.

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BENGAL BOUTS 180 POUNDS - HEAVYWEIGHTS

The missile warns opponents to watch their ribs

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

Matt "Missile" Sarb has a few words of advice for his opponents: watch your ribs.

The senior football walk-on faces sophomore Tommy "Gun" Demko in the semifinals of the 180-pound weight class tonight. The taller Demko has a better jab and a more refined form but Sarb has blasted his way to the semifinals by pounding opponents' midsections.

"I was thinking about going for my nickname 'watch your ribs' because I cracked a guys ribs at the beginning of the season and he can't fight any more," Sarb

said. "But I didn't want to give away my strategy."

After his first two wins, Sarb's strategy is well known. He charges right into an opponent jab, taking hard shots to the face but he also slides underneath that punch to throw several shots to his opponents' body.

Demko said he will use a slightly more defensive style to counteract Sarb's charges.

"You've got to keep your hands in closer together," Demko said. "You have to keep your elbows tight to your body and see the punches and reach."

Demko also plans to be a little more active in the ring so that Sarb will not be able to charge a stationary target.

"I am going to try to keep him away and move around the ring well," Demko said. "Footwork is going to be a key. That's probably the best way to work it. I fully expect him to come right at me."

In the other 180-pound semifinal, senior captain Mark "Bright Lights, Big City" Criniti continues his quest for three titles against senior Keith "Little Ball of Love" Arnold. Arnold, one of the hardest punchers in the division, overcame the reach advantage of Kevin Conoscenti in the quarterfinals to score a unanimous decision win.

In Criniti, he faces another taller boxer who throws punches nearly as strong as Arnold's. Arnold said he tries getting his

opponents to lower their defenses so his hard rights do more damage. Against the better-conditioned Criniti, Arnold said he will try to be more conservative and look for open opportunities.

"I have to be economical because I am not in the greatest shape," he said.

Arnold will also have to adapt to Criniti's left-handed stance. He has yet to fight a left-handed fighter this year.

"Last year I practiced with one of my buddies who was left handed," Arnold said. "Hopefully I can work on some stuff so that I can stay away from his power."

190 pounds

John Lynk and William Zizic should both get a better challenge tonight when the two fighters meet in the semifinals of the 190-pound weight class. Lynk and Zizic both had their quarterfinal wins stopped early by the referee.

Zizic knows he will be in for a much tougher bout against Lynk, however.

"He is the greatest challenge I am going to face," Zizic said. "He is the most challenging fighter in our weight division. He is very athletic and has very strong punches."

Zizic has a reach advantage on the shorter Lynk and plans to use that, as well as his footwork to avoid Lynk's powerful punches.

"What you are going to see is a lot of dancing around the ring. It's not me running away from him," Zizic said. "I am a different style boxer than he is. I really have to use my length to win this fight."

Kevin "Hardcore" Brandl meets Joshua "The Flyin' Hawaiian" Kaakua in the other 190-pound semifinal. Kaakua has one of the most unique fighting styles in the entire tournament. The short, stocky fight stays far away from his opponent. He uses his quick hands to

dart inside and attack his opponent before dancing back outside.

Staying outside plays into Brandl's plan to use his reach advantage but Kaakua's inside attacks worry Brandl.

"He's got those quick hands which is scary," Brandl said. "But the fact that he stays back plays a little bit into my advantage. I just can't let him use his quick hands to slip inside."

Heavyweight

The two heavyweight favorites step into the ring for the first time tonight.

Carlos Abeyeta and Stefan Borovina received byes into the semifinals and will face football walk-ons Jeffrey Campbell and Eric Nelson for a spot in Friday's finals.

"It's a little bit frustrating because you've see everyone fight," Borovina said. "The waiting is the toughest. You just want to get in the ring and go."

Borovina will have a height advantage against Nelson but Nelson said he is used to battling taller fighters since he is the shortest fighter in the weight class. What Nelson lacks in reach, however, he makes up for in toughness.

"He is a tough kid. He has a hard chin. He can really take a punch," Borovina said. "I am going to keep him away with my reach."

Abeyeta, the defending heavyweight champion, faces Campbell in the other semifinal. Campbell won his quarterfinal when the referee stopped the fight just 1:28 into the first round. Campbell said he expects a much tougher fight from Abeyeta.

"I just have to try to keep my punches straight and stay calm," he said.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Graves ready for record-setting trip

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

The only thing that can stop David Graves from making history is if he misses the plane to New York.

When Graves steps onto the Madison Square Garden court for tonight's game against St. John's, he will officially have played in his 125th college game, breaking Elmer Bennett's 11-year-old Notre Dame record for most games played in a college career.

"I had time earlier this week to reflect on what I've accomplished," Graves said. "It's kind of a time to be selfish. I'm taking it in. Of all the players that have played here, to play more games than anybody, it's something I've worked hard at."

It's certainly been a roller coaster of a career for Graves, who started the first 18 games of his career. In his first two seasons, Graves began games on the bench three times.

That changed under coach Mike Brey. When Graves hit a midseason shooting slump the last two seasons, Brey moved the forward to a sixth-man role midway through the season.

But whenever the season was on the line, Brey put Graves back into the starting lineup. He started in Notre Dame's first-round NCAA Tournament game last year against Xavier and in a must-win game last week against West Virginia.

"He came in when the program was way down, and he's helped put us back on the map," Brey said. "He's going to leave as a part of two NCAA Tournament teams and being thought of as a winner."

Graves has quietly moved up the list of Notre Dame's career scoring leaders. He needs to make just three 3-point shots to break Ryan Hoover's seven-year old record of 248 for most career 3-pointers and has to score 49 points to move into seventh place on Notre Dame's top career scorers.

He has never been named to an All-Big East team and yet opponents still create game plans specifically designed to eliminate Graves' offensive capabilities.

"He's kind of the guy that keeps them together," West Virginia coach Drew Catlett said last week. "He is kind of a guy who has gone through Notre Dame and our league unnoticed."

"I've surpassed everything I thought I could do here," Graves said. "The first day I came on, I never thought I'd be top six or seven scoring, or the best 3-point shooter. But it's all hard work. I've come every day with focus and determination and I've just played hard, and that's all I try to do."

The pressure has shifted off Graves and the Irish after their win Saturday against Miami. Notre Dame (19-8, 9-5 Big East) is virtually a lock for the NCAA Tournament, while the Red Storm (18-9, 8-6 Big East) are a bubble team desperately in need of a win.

While St. John's has only lost one game at home all season, Notre Dame is one of the best road teams in the Big East. The key for Notre Dame, Brey said, is to keep the offensive pressure going at all times.

"That's the most important part of our offense," he said. "It gives us some easy looks and gets Chris Thomas in an attack frame of mind, which is key for our team."

Tonight's game is important for the Irish because it will have an affect on where the Irish are seeded in the Big East Tournament. While Pittsburgh has the West Division title all but locked up, Notre Dame is tied with Syracuse for second place. However, the Orangemen have the tiebreaker because they swept the Irish during the season. The first and second place teams earn first-round byes in next week's Big East Tournament.

While Brey said he hopes to finish the season on a positive note — the Irish lost their final two games of the regular season last year — he feels enough that the Irish have locked up their bid to the NCAA Tournament.

"The Miami win eases the urgency a little bit," he said. "St. John's probably needs the win more than we do, to be honest. We feel we've made some great deposits in the NCAA tourney bank."

Notes:

♦ Matt Carroll, who sat out all of Notre Dame's win against Miami on Saturday with a foot injury, will return to the Irish lineup against St. John's tonight.

"They didn't need me out there," he joked Saturday night. "So I decided to take the night off."

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Irish guard Torrian Jones goes hard to the basket Saturday against Miami. The Irish take on St. John's in New York tonight.

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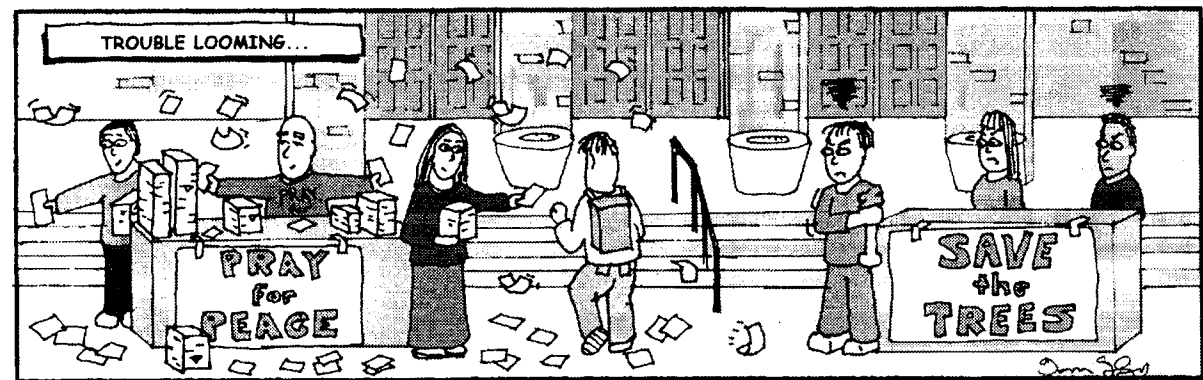
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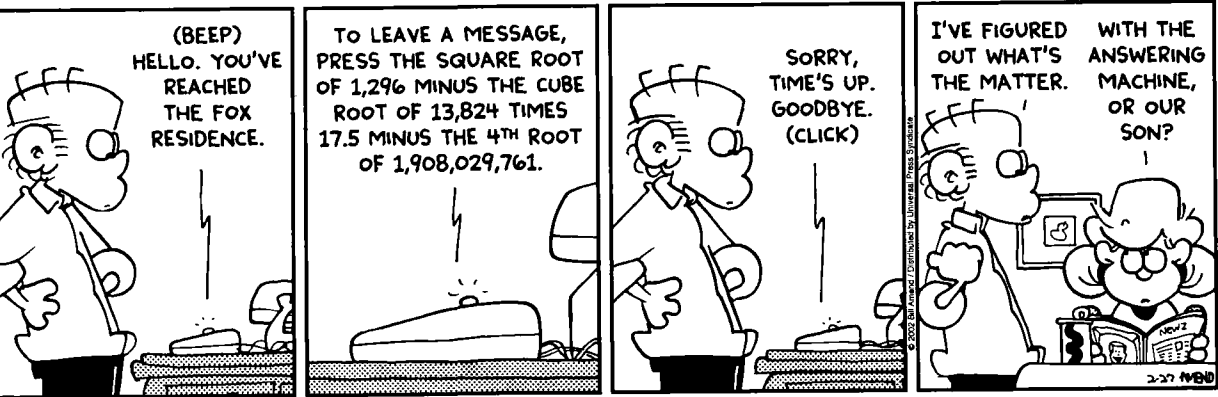
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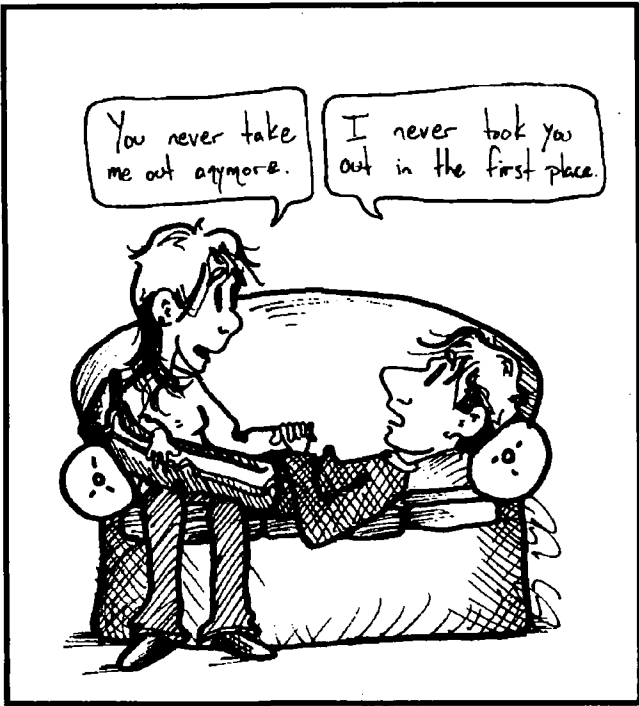
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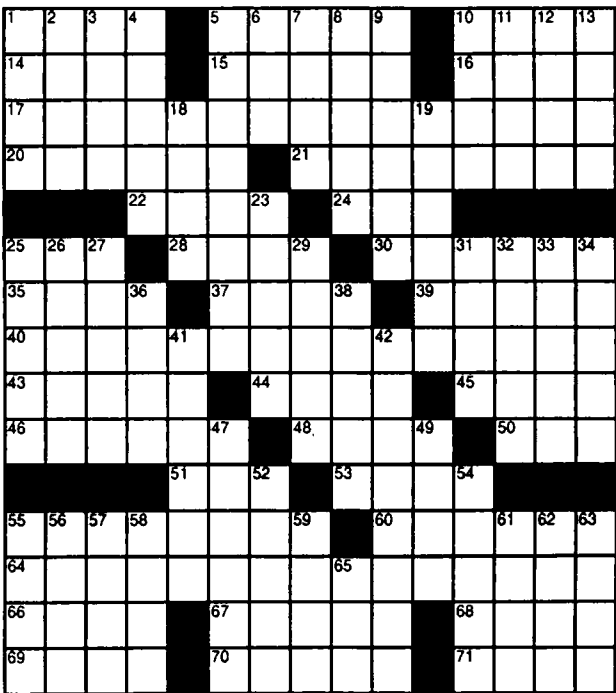
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have set out to do. ☹☹☹

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will want to express yourself today. Don't hold back. It is best to say what's on your mind and let others respond in whatever way they see fit. ☹☹☹

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Problems while traveling or dealing with authority figures can be expected. Be sure to have all your documentation in order before you set out today. Someone may have a hidden agenda that you don't know about. ☹☹☹

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You can make a difference today if you get involved in an organization that helps the underprivileged. You are likely to meet someone special if you attend events that are meaningful. ☹☹☹☹

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Watch what you say. Someone may just use your words against you. Emotional matters will surface if you try to skirt issues. Be honest and don't let anyone limit your freedom. ☹☹

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You should be involved in talks with someone who challenges you mentally. You will enjoy the interaction. You have so much to offer and so much to gain if you just speak up. ☹☹☹☹

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Gambling will not pay off today. Financial limitations are apparent if you aren't careful with your cash. Hard work will bring in the cash — not a get-rich-quick-scheme. ☹☹☹

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Emotional matters will develop today. Focus on children, creative projects or getting out and socializing with good friends. An older relative may be a burden. Help him or her as best you can and try to be patient. ☹☹☹

Birthday Baby: You are very serious about your future. You put your work above everything else in life. You are well-organized and will not leave much room for error. You are dedicated and determined in all that you do.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

51 and done

◆ Wildcats end 51-game home win streak, defeat Irish 48-45

By NOAH AMSTADTER
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On Dec. 12, 1998, Notre Dame topped Villanova 63-62 at the Joyce Center, a victory that began a string of 51 consecutive home victories for the Irish. Then-sophomore Ruth Riley pulled down a key rebound as the clock ran out that night to secure the victory.

Tuesday night in the Joyce Center, that streak came to an end.

Once again it was the Wildcats of Villanova topping the Irish 48-45 in both team's regular season finale. And once again a Riley was in the middle of it, this time senior Villanova guard Mimi Riley, who scored Villanova's last eight points to pull the Wildcats ahead after Notre Dame led 43-42 with just under four minutes remaining.

"I thought it put a lot of pressure on us really," Irish head coach Muffet McGraw said of the win streak. "I thought the young kids just really just couldn't take the pressure. We didn't talk about it all year but coming into the final game it had to be on everybody's mind."

Notre Dame (19-8, 13-3 in the Big East) shot just 33.3 percent from the field. Alicia Ratay scored 22 points for the Irish, but the rest of the team combined for just 23 points on the night.

Ratay was the only Notre Dame player to make more than two field goals.

"The whole game, we just never were in sync offensively," McGraw said. "I thought Alicia played a great game, but we forced her to do every-

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Junior guard Alicia Ratay tries to break through two Wildcat defenders. Villanova broke Notre Dame's 51-game home winning streak on Tuesday.

◆ Wildcats make sure Irish don't have second chance for revenge

Irish head coach Muffet McGraw said it all following Notre Dame's 48-45 loss to Villanova on Tuesday. "They played smart. They don't give you second chances."

The Wildcats don't give second chances. They don't give second chances on shots. They don't give second chances on defense and they certainly don't give second chances to revenge a loss.

Earlier this season the Irish dropped a heart-breaker when guard Mimi Riley hit a last second jumper to give the Wildcats a 60-59 victory. Heading into this game, the Irish were looking for a second chance to prove that they could cage the Wildcats. But Villanova was not willing to give them that chance.

The Wildcats played their game on Notre Dame's home court; they took the Irish out of their offense and set their own up. They took away any second chance Notre Dame might have.

The Wildcats scored 12 points on second-chance points. The Irish scored five. Notre Dame had a total of 12 offensive rebounds. The bench, which has been Notre Dame's strength all season, couldn't

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BENGAL BOUTS

Brawler looking to punch out victory

By BRIAN BURKE
Sports Writer

Brock "Landers" Heckmann is a leader when it comes to the Notre Dame boxing team. And he will gladly yield to fellow senior captains Mark Criniti and Matt Fumagalli when it comes to teaching the finer points of technique. While the latter two are pure boxers, Heckmann will stand toe to toe and out-punch his

opponent. As such, he sees his niche as a Bengal Bouts captain as that of motivator.

"I try to get in here a couple hours early and makes sure everything's alright," said Heckmann, who comes from Rancho Mirage, Calif. "I'd say my role in the whole thing is making sure everybody's here, everyone gets

upstairs at 4:00 on time, getting our calisthenics, our push-ups, sit-ups, and jumping jacks all out of the way before we really start coaching. But Mark Criniti, Matt Fumagalli, those guys are more the technical, masterminds of the boxing scheme."

In the Bengal Bouts all is not lost if a fighter is not a polished tactician, as Heckmann's title last year in the 150-pound division proves. As just a second year fighter, he slugged

his way through three bouts, the last of which was perhaps the most thrilling fight of the 2001 finals when he outlasted Chris Matassa.

"I'd definitely throw myself in the 'brawler' category, though this year I've been trying to work on the technical fighting more," Heckmann said. "Last year I had three fights, and every one of them was a brawl. I fought Matassa at the end, and that was the biggest brawl of my life. One

thing I guess I could say is, I've got three older brothers, so fighting with them at home everyday after school, was a good way to get the brawler mentality going at an early age. My older brother Scott, he's 15 months older than me. He was always a lot bigger than me, so we used to get into it quite a bit."

While the Matassa finale drove the crowd in the Joyce

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