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Spell out clear tailgating rules

Following student confusion over the tailgating policy last fall, The Observer praises the proposed revised policy while calling for clarification on issues not addressed in Father Poorman's e-mail.

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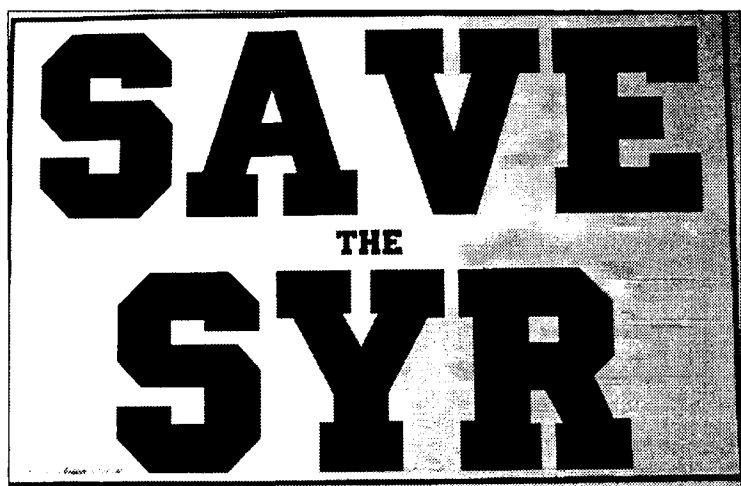
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Leaders challenge policy with signs



Hall presidents distributed these signs to students in residence halls and encouraged students to hang the signs up in response to the new alcohol policy.

By HELENA PAYNE
News Editor

Student government's executive cabinet sponsored the publication of thousands of signs challenging the Notre Dame administration's decision to end in-hall dances, better known as "SYRs."

The signs, which read, "We need a voice," and "Save the SYR," were distributed to the Hall President's Council

Tuesday night as a protest of just one of the several regulations announced in the University's new alcohol policy by vice president for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman Tuesday. The major changes included the ban of all hard alcohol in resi-

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dence halls, the end of in-hall dances and the enforcement of the rule that only students 21-years-old or older may host tailgaters in a designated lot.

"We're asking all the students to put them in their windows and in their doors," said Student Body Vice President Brian Moscona.

Members of the executive cabinet said they were disappointed that the administration did not seek more of their input before making the new alcohol policy.

"The real frustration of executive cabinet was about students having a voice in these decisions," said senior class president Peter Rossman. "It could be any big decision, not just alcohol."

Moscona, who will be a resident assistant in Stanford Hall next year, said the end of SYR dances will be detrimental to the Notre Dame residence hall life. The SYR, which stands for "Screw Your Roommate," is a casual to semi-formal dance in the dorm, usually with themes like O'Neill Hall's Mardi Gras or Lyons Hall's Luau. The original concept of the SYR was that students would get dates for their roommates, hence the expression, but now it varies

depending on the dorm and the individual.

"The SYR is a major part of Notre Dame tradition and it's a huge part of the residential community that we try to foster here at Notre Dame," said Moscona.

Junior Amy O'Connor, the executive cabinet's Club Coordination Council athletic division representative, said she and others were shocked about the soon-to-end SYR tradition. According to O'Connor, there had been many rumors about banning hard alcohol, and additional changes to the tailgating policy, but many were completely unaware of the plans to move all dances out of the residence halls.

"The SYRs had seemed to just come out of the blue," said O'Connor. "To think when my brother comes here, he's not going to get to go to an SYR in his dorm, is something I can't believe."

O'Connor said she was sympathetic of the administration's concern regarding alcohol use on campus, but she disagreed with the way it made the decisions.

"I believe that there is a pos-

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Thieves take cash from SMC choir

By SHEILA EGTS
Saint Mary's Editor

A total of \$2,335 dollars was stolen on March 11 from the purses of about 30 Saint Mary's students while they were on tour with the College choir in Redmond, Wa., according to a King County police report.

The Saint Mary's choir toured the Pacific Northwest, giving performances at area churches as part of their spring break tour. The money was stolen during the first half of their concert at Washington Cathedral, between 7 and 7:45 p.m.

The thieves stole cash only from the women's purses, which were unattended in an upper room of the church.

Nancy Menk, chair of the Saint Mary's Department of Music noticed the money was missing when the choir went back to the dressing room at intermission.

Karen Webb Wasserman, an '88 Saint Mary's alumna, was present at the performance and happened to overhear Menk give news of the theft to two choir members while she was purchasing a CD.

"There was a short delay, but just a few minutes later the choir ushered back in and retook the stage, several of them wiping away their tears as they walked," said Wasserman. "Without a word about the incident, they began the second half of their repertoire. The audience gave them a standing ovation for their superb performance."

A church leader asked that a special collection be taken up after the performance to help reimburse the loss. The collection amounted to more than the stolen money.

"I was able to reimburse each student for her loss the following morning, and the rest of the tour continued without any problems," said Menk. "We made sure our belongings were locked up while we were singing, however."

According to Menk, the choir plans to return the ticket sale proceeds to the Washington Cathedral to put toward their mission Guatemala.

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Lehrer blasts entertainment news influence

By KATE NAGENGAST
News Writer

Jim Lehrer, executive editor and anchor of "NewsHour with Jim Lehrer," admonished modern media for the increasing influence of cable news networks and sensationalism during his speech Tuesday at this year's Red Smith Lecture in Journalism in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium.

Although cable news networks such as CNN, MSNBC and Fox News have relatively small audiences compared to Lehrer's NewsHour on PBS, the news networks' pervasive presence in newsrooms influences journalists, he said.

"People engaged in the practice of journalism are watching cable news channels and this will have an enormous, but not necessarily a bad or an evil significance," said Lehrer. "I'm waving a yellow flag of caution because cable news networks have air time to fill and excitement to generate — issues that are not always related to news relevance."

Lehrer cautioned that this quest to engage viewers is intriguing, but can also blur the line between entertainment and information.

"There is an increasing tendency to see news as entertain-

ment, not information," said Lehrer. "Using an entertaining way to inform is fine, but the purpose of news is to inform. ... If you want to be entertained, go to the circus."

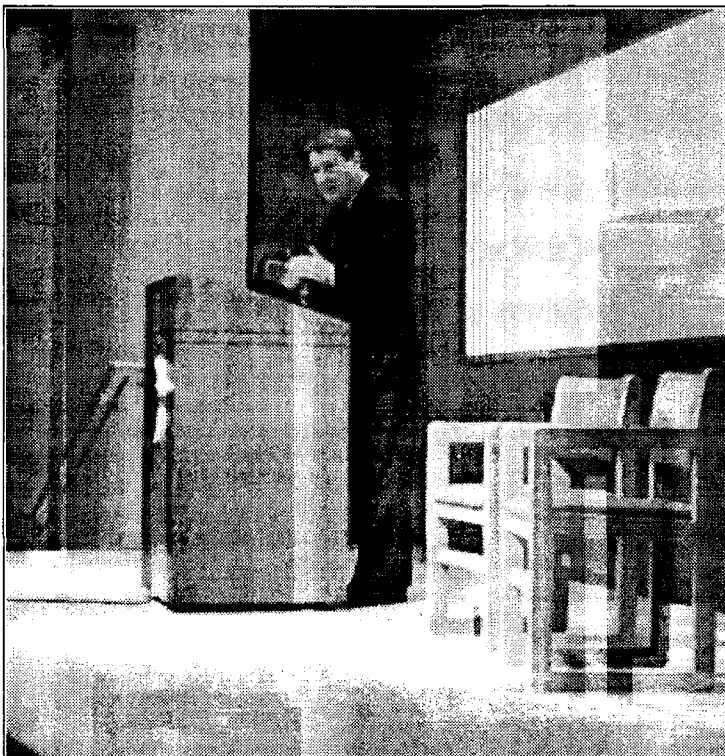
At a time of when many independent news organizations are joining conglomerations, Lehrer stressed the importance of "independent news judgments ... for a fully functioning free press."

Lehrer highlighted signs of hope in the industry as well, mostly credited to the aftermath of Sept. 11.

"There is and has been a serious world out there that deserves to be covered seriously," said Lehrer. "You cannot tell American people that the world is getting smaller and then not tell them what's going on in the rest of the world."

To demonstrate how drastically things have changed in the last six months, Lehrer revealed that during his early years in journalism his colleagues coined the term "Afghanistanism" to describe stories considered irrelevant to the American public. "But nothing is irrelevant anymore," he said.

Lehrer responded to questions from the standing-room-only audience on a variety of topics including how he decides what to discuss on his show,



SARAH FUCHS/The Observer

Lehrer, a correspondent at PBS for the last 30 years, criticized sensationalism in the media during a speech at this year's Red Smith Lecture in Journalism.

how he handled the 2000 Presidential debates personally and whether or not PBS concerns itself with ratings in the same way commercial networks might.

Lehrer, a correspondent and anchor at PBS for the last 30

years worked with Robert MacNeil on "The MacNeil/Lehrer Report" and "The MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour" for 20 years before he became the show's sole

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INSIDE COLUMN

Are you called?

As the end of the school year approaches and graduation looms overhead, those of us who are seniors have to look at where we stand and where we will be in the next couple months. This is a time that will get us ready for the rest of our lives. It is during this time that we get ready to leave our haven at Notre Dame and prepare to take on the world.

In this time of decisions, we must be willing to look at every option, explore every opportunity, and jump at every chance we have to make sure that we don't accidentally miss something really important. We must also make sure we don't walk past our vocations.

Did she just say what we all just thought she said? Did she say vocation? I don't want a vocation ... I just want to get a good job. I just want to help people through service. I just want to live out my dream.

For one thing, everyone is called to a vocation. A vocation is a summons or strong inclination to a particular state or course of action, or the work in which a person is regularly employed. That job that you always wanted as a consultant with Deloitte & Touche or as a programmer with Microsoft could be your vocation. Teaching children could be your vocation. You could be called to a religious vocation. Your vocation could be documenting tribes along the Amazon and Congo rivers. It could be helping the poor and the sick to find help. Or to counsel, console and help those people who have problems or are going through hard times. It could just be to give service.

How do you know that you are called to a particular vocation? For one, don't count anything out. You might find that your branch of Microsoft is sponsoring a computer field day for elementary school kids and, while you are there helping out, you discover that you are really good at helping the kids understand how things work. So you start volunteering at the local elementary school or recreation center. You were called to work with kids, but would not have necessarily realized it if you had not worked at that particular Microsoft branch.

Likewise, don't limit what you allow yourself to do. There are so many ways for people to find their vocations. Some people know that they can make a rational choice to be a football player, a priest, a teacher, or a lawyer. Others take a little persuasion from fate by being in the right place at the right time. Some people go through three, four or more occupations (or companies) before they find what they really want to do, or know what they need to do.

So, to all of you seniors out there: good luck in finding your vocation. Be open to the spectrum of opportunities that is open to you. Listen. Are you being called?



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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

Wednesday

♦ Town Hall meeting:

Student government - sponsored discussion about proposed alcohol policy, Stonehenge, 5 p.m.

Thursday

♦ Lecture: "Philosophy

and the Common Good," Ralph Hancock, Debartolo Hall room, 214, 4:30 p.m.

Friday

♦ Theatre: "Learned

Ladies," by Moliere. Stapleton Lounge, LeMans Hall, Saint Mary's College. Tickets available at SMC box office or at door, 8 p.m.

Saturday

♦ Musical Review:

"Reading Rainbow," O'Laughlin Auditorium, Saint Mary's College. For tickets call SMC box office at (574) 284-4626.

BEYOND CAMPUS

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Virginia student's death raises depression issues

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.

The death of junior Aaron John Fox in his father's home over spring break has brought the issue of suicide among college students to the forefront of the University community.

The details of Fox's death had not been released as of Monday, but it has been identified as suicide.

The Office of the Dean of Students "received word from his father, saying he was comfortable with people knowing the manner of his [Aaron's] death," Dean of Students Penny Rue said.

A memorial service for Fox was held Friday in Fairfax, Va., at Everly Funeral Home.

Individuals wishing to offer condolences to Fox's family may contact the Office of the Dean of Students at



924-7133.

Although this suicide is the first in the University community in the past two years, suicide is a serious issue in the college community nationally. According to the American Federation for the Prevention of Suicide, suicide is the second-leading cause of death among American college students, trailing only traffic

accidents.

Since 1950, the suicide rate among college-age women has more than doubled, and the rate among college-age men has tripled.

While some individuals do not show any sign they are contemplating suicide, some give warning signals in a "cry for help."

Depressed individuals are most susceptible to suicide. More than 95 percent of all suicide victims were depressed before death.

"They may say something like, 'Everything would be better off without me.' Or 'It doesn't matter. I won't be around much longer, anyway,' according to the Web site for Suicide Awareness Voices for Education. "We need to 'key into' phrases like those instead of dismissing them as just talk."

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Student suicide opposes privacy

LOS ANGELES

A negligence lawsuit involving student and parent rights has sparked a national debate on where confidentiality lines should be drawn, but University of Southern California will continue to follow federal law when dealing with student privacy. USC strictly follows the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act when it comes to disclosing information, said Ken Taylor, director of the Office of Residential and Greek Life. The act prevents colleges and universities from disclosing any personal information about students. "We judge everything on a case-by-case basis," Taylor said. "We follow federal law. The criteria for disclosing any student information is as the law dictates." The only exception is if the situation is a life-threatening emergency — a situation the parents of Elizabeth Shin, a sophomore who committed suicide at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, said they believe she was facing.

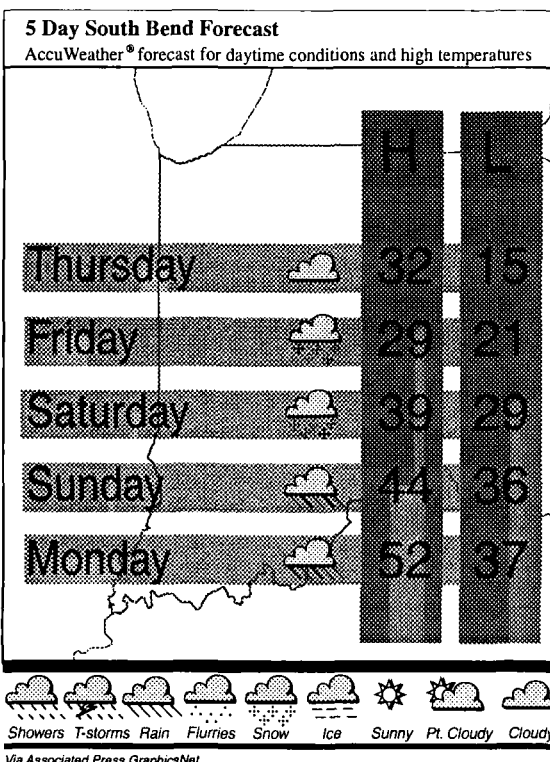
HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Federal agents arrest student

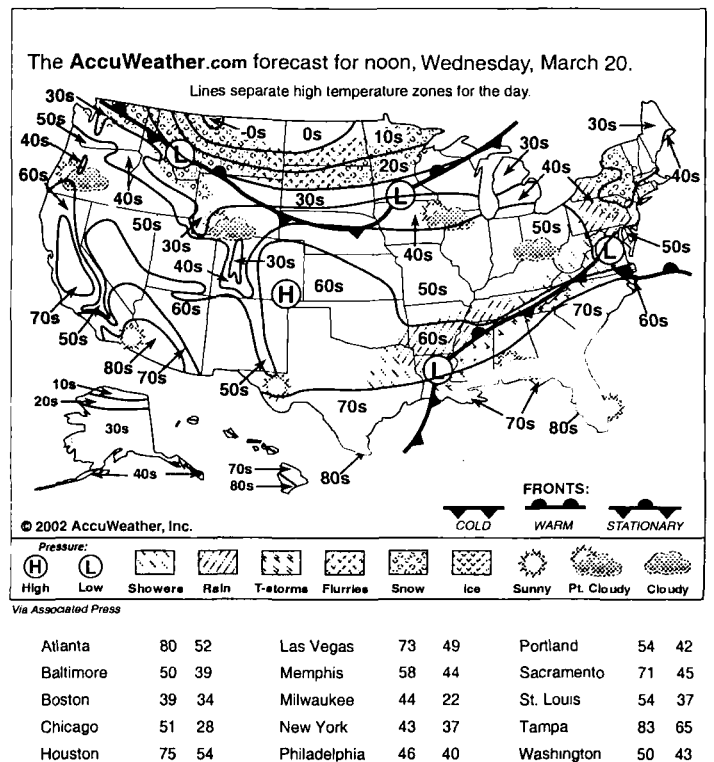
CAMBRIDGE, Mass.

Federal Bureau of Investigation agents arrested a Harvard University Kennedy School of Government (KSG) student Friday at Peabody Terrace on charges he allegedly embezzled \$3.35 million from a Hong Kong company. The Hong Kong government charged 34-year-old Kenneth Kin-Yuen Fung, who is also known as Kenneth Chi-Keung Fung and Edward Fong, with 12 counts of theft and seven counts of false accounting records, according to documents from the U.S. Attorney's Office in Boston. The Hong Kong warrant for Fung's arrest, issued Dec. 21, 2001, describes his nationality as British and Canadian. According to the KSG registrar's office, Fung is registered there as Edward Fong, the same name he uses on his Canadian passport. From February 1997 to March 1998, Fung served as chairman and chief executive officer of Climax International Company Ltd. (CICL), a firm which specializes in the production and distribution of paper products and stationery, the documents said.

LOCAL WEATHER



NATIONAL WEATHER



OIT adds bandwidth, monitors use of file-sharing sites

By HELENA PAYNE
News Editor

The increase of file-sharing on web sites like Audiogalaxy.com has prompted the Office of Information Technologies to adopt new ways to control network traffic.

OIT's two main solutions currently are to provide more bandwidth for users of ResNet by adding a second Internet service provider (ISP) and to cap the amount of network bandwidth available to an individual user.

"The growth of demand for network bandwidth and the growth in utilization of the net-

work participation by students in the residence halls has exceeded our ability to deliver," said Gordon Wishon, chief information officer.

Before the mid-semester break, OIT had the limited bandwidth of 20 megabytes per second for the entire campus network with the Genuity, a national company. However, OIT has now doubled the campus bandwidth through Gramtel, a local ISP that "provides good, reliable, redundant access to the Internet," Wishon said.

OIT has been planning this change for the last six months, but many of the final steps took place during the break.

"The added bandwidth means you won't be competing with the rest of campus for bandwidth," said manager of OIT network engineering Tom Klimek. "I think you'll notice a performance boost."

However, with this rise in network performance, OIT staff said they would continue to monitor the network space that students use for non-academic activities, like downloading from file-sharing Web sites.

"OIT is not blocking any of those applications," said Wishon. "We are, however, capping their utilization during periods of high network activity ... to give preference to educa-

tional activity."

Klimek said he and other OIT employees had noticed that more students were using bandwidth on sites such as Audiogalaxy.com and Gnutella.com, which are most often used to download music in the form of MP3 files.

Also, called peer-to-peer protocols, MP3 file-sharing Web sites can clog the Internet and slow down the speed of browsers or other online activity for network users.

"At one point, all the traffic with the peer-to-peer protocols used for downloading files off the Internet substantially increased the demands for Internet bandwidth," said Klimek. "It impacted the [network's] performance for the entire campus. It made it difficult to browse the Internet to do any work."

In order to reduce the network congestion, OIT has engaged in a task called "packet shaping," which allows the OIT staff to control the Internet traffic for a particular protocol.

"Shaping is a way of allocating bandwidth," said Klimek. "That means you can define a half a megabyte per second for a specific purpose."

In the case of protocols like the popular file-sharing site Audiogalaxy, Klimek said OIT has designated exactly one-half a megabyte per second to that site for the entire campus.

"It's a trade-off," said Klimek. "We're giving you faster browsing performance and slower downloading performance."

Through "shaping," Klimek

and Wishon said OIT hopes to make browsing the Internet quicker and monitor the excessive use of certain protocol.

So far, the following sites have been shaped: Aimster, Audiogalaxy, Directconnect, Gnutella, Imesh, Kazaa, Napster, and Edonkey2000.

"We allocated a certain amount of bandwidth to each protocol," Klimek said.

Although rumors had circulated before the mid-semester break that Audiogalaxy had been blocked, or "firewalled," Klimek and Wishon said that was not the case.

"[There is] no firewall in place at the university," Wishon said. "OIT is not blocking access to Audiogalaxy or any other file-sharing or peer networking protocols or servers."

OIT has been packet shaping since the last academic year when the heightened use of Napster became an issue on campus as well as at other institutions.

Wishon said, although all incoming students learn about rules regarding the use of the network, they need to respect those rules. The OIT web site, www.nd.edu/~ndoit, contains a responsible use policy under the link titled "Getting Started with IT."

"We provide access to the network principally to support the educational objectives of the university and that will always be our first priority," Wishon said.

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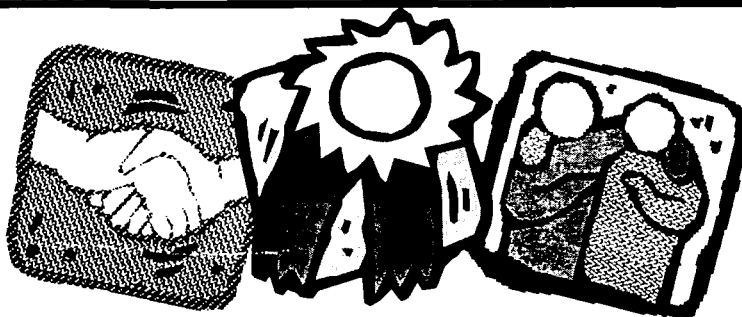
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Gay and Lesbian Alumni/ae of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College proudly announces its Sixth Annual GALA-ND/SMC Memorial Grants

GALA-ND/SMC is now accepting applications for the Sixth Annual GALA-ND/SMC Memorial Grants. Two \$2,000.00 grants will be presented to students of Notre Dame and/or Saint Mary's College to honor leadership and to support the students' participation in a six-to eight-week summer service project benefiting the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community. Projects at agencies providing services to individuals with HIV/AIDS or agencies providing services to gay and lesbian youth are encouraged.

The deadline for applications is April 4, 2002. Grant applications are available at the Center for Social Concerns at Notre Dame, the SURV Office at Saint Mary's, or by e-mail request from: GALANDSMC@aol.com. Names of grant recipients will be kept confidential pending their consent.

Past winners have included students from both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College. Grant winners have performed a variety of summer service projects including: the AIDS Project Los Angeles; the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office in Boston; Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders in Boston; Better Existence with HIV in the Chicago area; AIDS Referral & Information Services in San Jose, CA; performing civil rights research in Cape Town and Johannesburg, South Africa; and archiving a collection of lesbigay newspapers from a collection held at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

It is anticipated that the grants will be conferred at the OUTreachND April Follies by representatives of GALA-ND/SMC in South Bend/Mishawaka.

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All-campus meeting gets green light

By JASON McFARLEY
News Writer

A day after announcing major changes to the University alcohol policy, student life officials cleared a rushed initiative Tuesday by student leaders opposed to the revisions.

Bill Kirk, assistant vice president for Residence Life, signed off on a student government plan to host a campus-wide meeting today on the Fieldhouse Mall. Organizers planned the 5 p.m. meeting to raise concerns about the alcohol policy changes and other University decisions, Student Body President Brooke Norton said.

"We wanted to show that as students we are a strong community and are a voice for change on this campus," Norton said.

The action comes just two days after Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman unveiled the three policy changes:

- ♦ the outlaw of "hard alcohol" in undergraduate residence halls
- ♦ the ban of in-hall dances
- ♦ and the revision of tailgating rules to allow 21-year-old students to host parties in designated parking lots before home football games

University officers will likely formally approve the changes this summer and enact them in the fall.

Norton criticized University officials for not working closely with students to rewrite the policy.

"We weren't able to be a part of this before Monday," she said. "We needed to do something to show that we are concerned and want to get students involved."

Norton expected that several student leaders, including her-

self, would make brief comments at the meeting but use the event mainly as a forum for students to ask questions and relay concerns.

The measure already has the concern, Norton said, of the Hall Presidents Council, Office of the Student Body President staff, the Executive Cabinet and students unaffiliated with campus government.

Norton spoke Tuesday at the HPC meeting, where her appeal for support was well-received, according to HPC co-chair Bob LeBlanc.

"A lot of members were receptive and wanted to see that the administration knows the positive, community-building

experience that the change hurts," LeBlanc said, noting that most HPC representatives took particular issue with the announced ban on in-hall dances.

LeBlanc, the Carroll Hall president, will be off campus today and wasn't sure if he could attend the meeting, but several hall presidents are expected to speak. Norton said they would talk the policy changes meaning the end of their residence halls marquee dances and events.

Student Body President-elect Libby Bishop also will speak. Bishop and vice president-elect Trip Foley take office April 1.

Bishop said the meeting comes at a critical time when students have a lot of questions and worries. Organizers will field questions on stage at the meeting, and designated people with notepads will be available to write down questions and deliver them to student leaders for answers later.

"We want students to feel like we're listening," Bishop said.

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Peace conference begins Friday

By LIZ KAHLING
News Writer

Nearly 50 students from Notre Dame and other universities will be presenting at the 2002 Undergraduate Peace Conference at the Hesburgh Center this weekend.

This year's conference titled, "Be the Change," will feature seminars, lectures, artistic performances and exhibits on how to strive for peace.

Colman McCarthy, a syndicated columnist and editorial page reporter for the Washington Post, will give the keynote address at 7 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business. McCarthy teaches at Georgetown University and is the founder of the Center for Teaching Peace, a nonprofit organization that promotes education in nonviolence and peacemaking.

The conference will continue with panel presentations from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. A roundtable discussion with University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh will take place from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m. on Saturday in Room C-103. The conference will end with dance and music concerts.

Tona Boyd, conference coordinator, sees this conference as a way for students to "be the change you want to see in the world." Boyd was a member of a group of students that met to discuss how they could be a voice for peace in the recent aftermath of September 11th.

"After September 11th, I think many people wanted to 'do something' but were completely overwhelmed by the magnitude and complexity of the issues involved," Boyd said.

"With the war on terrorism and the prospect of starting war with Iraq, what better opportunity to speak out against violence and injustice than now?"

These complex issues that the speakers will address include ethnic and religious dimensions of conflict, multi-faceted solutions for peace and development, the role of youth, media and military in the advancement of peace and more.

A number of the students involved with the conference are from Notre Dame, but there are also presenters from many Midwest colleges including Western Michigan University, Kent State, Purdue University and St. John's University.

Kristin Corcoran, committee head on panelists presenters, said there was a great response to the invitations to speak but unfortunately not enough funding to fly presenters in from around the world.

"We had responses from all over the world including Uzbekistan and the Balkans," said Corcoran.

Many of the presenters have had some kind of experience with their topic through internships, studying abroad or classes. Lauren Berrigan, presenting on Nuclear Weapons, had an internship last semester in Washington D.C. and is discussing issues that she researched. Berrigan sees the topic as one that is not easily understood because it can get very technical but is very important to explain and teach.

"I want to educate people to the [nuclear weapon] threat out there. It's an issue that needs to be constantly presented and addressed," said Berrigan.

Liam Dacey will be critically analyzing how the media has sensationalized and spun the news and the possible role for

the media to play in peace.

"You rarely see peace advocates on the major networks. In recent years the media has twisted the underlying issues," said Dacey.

Dacey planned on drawing on the examples like the media coverage of the WTO demonstration in Seattle in 1999.

Beth Krause and the Notre Dame Take Ten team will feature area elementary children to present their award winning essays and posters addressing conflict management in elementary school.

The conference will feature not only peace studies minors and government majors but also students majoring in film, biology and pre-medical studies. Boyd hopes the conference will reach the nontraditional humanity and peace studies group and highlight the importance of being aware of international and domestic events for college students.

"Often as college students we can become immersed in the 'bubble,' oblivious to what is going on in the world around us," Boyd said. "The conference is a forum where undergraduate students have the opportunity to engage in open dialogue with other undergraduates and experts about a variety of peace and social justice issues."

Registration will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Krock Institute Great Hall in the Hesburgh Center. Lunch is provided with registration. Event times and locations and online registration can be found at <http://www.nd.edu/~krockinst/bechange02.html>

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Romanians seize illegal horses:

Authorities in Bucharest halted dozens of horses and carts and escorted them to a city pound Tuesday, fining their owners to enforce a year-old ban on illegal equestrian traffic in the Romanian capital. Horses pulling carts of scrap metal to sell to recycling companies are a common sight on Bucharest's overcrowded streets.

Aussie hostel arsonist gets life:

Robert Paul Long, a 38-year-old drifter, received a life sentence Monday from the Brisbane Supreme Court for the murder of two backpackers who died in the Palace Backpackers Hotel fire in June 2000. Long also got 15 years for arson at his sentencing Monday. Officials called the fire the worst in Queensland state history.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Man held after bodies found:

Patrick Daniel, 31, of Ann Arbor, Michigan was arraigned Tuesday in Utah after highway patrol stopped Daniel last week and found the frozen, dismembered body of a woman and the body of a man with a noose around his neck. The man, Robert Bilton Jr., 35, of Dearborn was strangled and had head injuries. Troopers said they pulled Daniel over because his Missouri-registered car did not have a front license plate as required.

One-armed golfer's limb stolen:

Larry Alford, the "One-Armed Bandit," reported the \$15,000 custom-made golfing arm he uses for charity matches stolen early Saturday. The limb was in his sport utility vehicle, also stolen from Spring, Texas. No arrests have been made. Alford, 28, was a promising amateur golfer before losing his arm below the elbow 10 years ago in a car wreck.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Two arrested after body found:

Police arrested Timothy Dennison, 40, on murder charges and his girlfriend, Patricia Stahl, on charges of assisting a criminal, after the body of Bradley Swabb, 26, was found Tuesday by a mother walking her child to school. Stahl told police that Dennison shot Swabb with a gun in her trailer. An autopsy was scheduled for Tuesday. Dennison was being held without bond in the Delaware County Jail. Stahl was released after posting bond. Swabb, who visited Stahl, believed Dennison was angry at him.

PAKISTAN



Pakistani Muslims chant slogans in Karachi Tuesday condemning the massacre at a Protestant church during the Sunday services in Islamabad. The attack killed five people, including two Americans, and injured 40.

Musharraf fires Islamabad police

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD
Islamabad's police chief and four other senior police officials were fired Tuesday after a deadly grenade attack on a Protestant church frequented by foreigners.

The shake-up came as police said they would send the United States DNA samples from the body of a man they suspect carried out the attack that killed five people, including two Americans.

Forty-five people, most of them foreigners, were injured when an attacker hurled grenades in the

church in a heavily guarded diplomatic quarter near the U.S. Embassy during a Sunday morning service.

The attack on the Protestant International Church has prompted the State Department to warn Americans against traveling to Pakistan. Agents from the department's Bureau of Diplomatic Security will help with the investigation.

The president, Gen. Pervez Musharraf, ordered "immediate and effective steps" to improve law and order after meeting with top security officials and regional officials Tuesday to review the case.

The government announced the dismissal of

Islamabad's police chief and four other top police officials in the capital.

No group has claimed responsibility for the attack, but investigators focused on Islamic extremists who were outraged by Musharraf's support for the United States in its war on terrorism.

Attacks linked to Muslim militants have surged throughout Pakistan since Musharraf banned five Islamic extremist groups in January.

The Pakistani newspaper Dawn said Tuesday that the "abject failure" of law enforcement agencies to counter the militant threat called the sincerity of

Musharraf's crackdown into question.

Another newspaper, The Nation, reported that police were investigating whether the attacker was linked to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist network.

A senior Interior Ministry official said authorities believe the church was attacked because of the large number of Americans and other foreigners in the congregation.

However, he said investigators are also looking into the possibility that Christians — regardless of nationality — were the targets.

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World's oldest person dies at 115

Associated Press

COLDWATER, Mich.
Maud Farris-Luse, recognized last year by the Guinness World Records book as the world's oldest living person, has died. She was 115.

She died Monday from complications of pneumonia at Community Health Center of Branch County in Coldwater, Michigan. She had been in the hospital since Sunday night, said Kyle Fassett, administrator of the Laurels of Coldwater, the nursing home where Farris-Luse lived.

"It was her time," said great-grand-

daughter Laurie Ferris, 32. "She lived a long time and now she's in a better place. She passed away very, very peacefully."

Last June, Guinness editors recognized Farris-Luse as the oldest living person whose age could be verified. Though her birth certificate was lost over the years, the editors authenticated her age through other documents, including U.S. Census Bureau records and her 1903 marriage license. According to records, she was 115 years and 56 days old.

Described as a sharp and fiercely independent woman, Farris-Luse lived

alone and cared for herself until she broke her hip in 1991 and moved to the Laurels nursing home.

She remained mentally alert until about five years ago. By her birthday in January, relatives said she could not see or hear them or understand what was happening, but still seemed to enjoy visitors.

"She was just a wonderful woman, loved her family, always happy," said Ferris.

Farris-Luse was born Jan. 21, 1887 near Grand Rapids. She outlived two husbands and all but one of her seven children.

WE NEED A VOICE

Hall presidents distributed these signs to students in residence halls and encouraged students to hang the signs up in response to the new alcohol policy.

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sible different solution than just completely banning SYRs," said O'Connor.

A resident of Pasquerilla West Hall, O'Connor said her friends enjoy SYRs for the convenience of dancing and entertaining their dates in the dorm.

"It's something that they look forward to more than going to an off-campus dance," said O'Connor.

Many student government leaders will be listening to the concerns of students about the alcohol policy changes at today's all-campus meeting at

the Fieldhouse Mall at 5 p.m., as well as the Campus Life Council meeting Monday, March 25.

Moscona said students could bring the signs, which were printed by Adworks and approved by Student Activities, to the town hall meeting.

"The major thing that we're going to challenge is the process through which the administration decided to change the alcohol policy," said

Moscona. "Students need to have more input when major decisions like these are being made."

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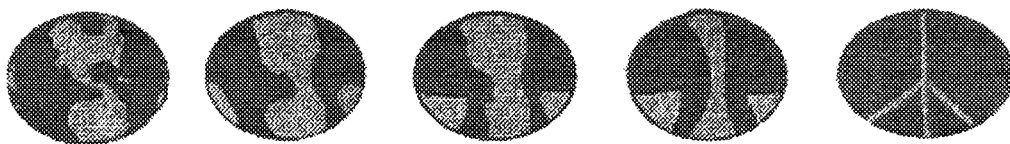
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Jury mulling over evidence in dog attack

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

The dog-mauling trial that began with a defense attorney crawling on the courtroom floor during her opening statement neared its end with a judge threatening to lock her up if she didn't sit down and keep quiet.

Jurors began deliberating the case on Tuesday following a stormy closing rebuttal by the prosecution during which Nedra Ruiz was rebuked for her interruption.

"Take your seat now and do not get up again or your next objection will be made from the holding cell behind you," Superior Court Judge James Warren warned.

Ruiz represents Marjorie Knoller, who is charged with second-degree murder, involuntary manslaughter and owning a mischievous dog that killed a person. She was walking her two huge presa canario dogs when they mauled neighbor Diane Whipple to death in January of 2000.

Knoller, 46, could get 15 years to life in prison if convicted. Her 60-year-old husband, Robert Noel, faces involuntary manslaughter and keeping a

mischievous dog that killed a person and could get up to four years.

Ruiz had tried to argue that prosecutor Jim Hammer was misinterpreting a piece of evidence when the courtroom fireworks erupted. The judge said Hammer was entitled to give his own interpretation.

Warren had also rebuked Ruiz at the beginning of the trial for crawling on the floor during her opening statement.

Hammer told the jury it was clear the defendants ignored repeated warnings that their dogs, Bane and Hera, were dangerous.

He also criticized Ruiz for accusing Whipple's domestic partner, Sharon Smith, of lying on the witness stand when she said Whipple had been bitten by one of the dogs before and was afraid of them.

Hammer declined to respond to another of Ruiz's statements during her closing argument on Monday, that the prosecution was trying to curry favor with the San Francisco homosexual community by bringing the case. Whipple was gay.

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By Friday, March 22, 2002

Students voice opposition to new alcohol policy

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
Assistant News Editor

Between classes, on the quad, in the dining hall, and at LaFortune, the topic of discussion for many students yesterday was the proposed changes suggested by Father Mark Poorman to the University's alcohol policy.

Students expressed surprise and irritation at these changes that will affect in hall dances, tailgating regulations and hard alcohol consumption.

"People will drink regardless. I don't understand how they will find out who is drinking hard liquor," said off-campus senior Eileen Lewis. "Moving off campus is becoming more popular and for people who are on the brink this could push them. I also think that moving the dances is ridiculous and by doing so they are taking away something that is a tradition and a poor decision."

Many students are concerned with the effect that these proposed changes would have on dorm life. Notre Dame prides itself on its strong residential life program.

"It really disrupts the whole concept of residential life that Notre Dame advocates," said junior Miguel Vieyra. "Since we were freshmen they talked about the uniqueness of residential life here and that will be changed because this policy will be forcing students off campus. There won't be that sense of unity in the halls."

According to Vieyra, he has heard several students, who either were not considering to move off campus or whom he would not have expected to move off campus, discussing how these changes could effect their decisions about remaining on campus.

The University boasts now almost 80 percent of students live on campus.

"Dorm life is already struggling," said sophomore Marin Brinkman. "People are unhappy with the rules and this will lead to students wanting to move earlier."

With an increasing amount of rising juniors and seniors discussing the possibility of moving off campus, the composition of the halls could change.

According to sophomore Elizabeth Martin, an resident assistant that she spoke with was concerned with how the atmosphere of the dorm would change because unique personalities would be absent. This new policy would almost certainly increase the number of students moving off campus.

Lane Ewing, an RA at Sorin Hall, expressed concern about the new role that RAs will have

to assume next year. Ewing believes an RA has the role of being a friend but also a facilitator to ensure there is a certain level of responsibility.

"It will turn the role of the RA into a policeman," said Ewing. "A person will be less likely to approach you with problems if you are constantly breathing down his back."

Senior Jed Dooley said that the dorm would take on a provincial atmosphere.

Father Poorman said in his letter, "Hall staffs spend a disproportionate amount of time and energy addressing behavior related to alcohol."

Ewing countered by saying that hall staffs will still have to deal with the alcohol issue

but in a different way.

According to Brinkman, future RAs commented to her that they would not be overtly fervent in enforcing alcohol policy should it be passed.

There has not been a revision in the University's alcohol policy in the past fourteen years, and some wonder if the current proposal could signal an even stricter policy in the future.

"It's a step towards eliminating alcohol, which will destroy residential life on this campus — something Notre Dame takes pride in," said sophomore Denis

Sullivan.

Many students expressed concern about the fairness of adopting the amendment that would eliminate hard alcohol from residence halls, including students who are over 21.

"I understand where they are coming from, but I don't think it's fair to say that even if you are 21 you can't have hard liquor," said Brinkman.

Dooley said, "It's the University's policy and they can do what they want but it is somewhat unfortunate."

According to students, stricter alcohol policies would force more students to leave campus to drink. Many believe that this would create more problems and possibly raise the incidents of alcohol-related accidents as students find their ways back to campus after drinking.

"There should be communication and education instead of restriction," said Martin.

Other students pointed out the discrepancies between the policies on hard alcohol and tailgating.

The letter says, "Students, regardless of age, will not be allowed to possess or consume 'hard' alcohol in undergraduate halls. ... Undergraduate students who are 21 years of age may host tailgate gatherings in a designated parking lot on home football Saturdays, provided that these gatherings are properly registered."

"I thought that it was really interesting they changed the tailgating policy to follow state law,

but they changed the dorm policy to be further from state law," said Martin.

Sophomore Paul Madrid wondered if the provisions outlined in the tailgating policy were made to placate those who were over 21 who objected to other aspects of the alcohol policy.

"It basically says that we will let you tailgate but hard liquor will not be tolerated," said Madrid.

Many saw the new proposal as detracting from the traditions that exist at Notre Dame. Tailgating and SYRs are the latest traditions that seem to be facing impending extinction such as Sophomore Siblings Weekend and the Graffiti Dance.

Many believe that moving SYRs outside of the dorm would negatively affect the hall atmosphere because of the section or floor unity that it creates through pre-dance related contests, activities and decorating.

"Tailgating and SYRs are two major things that make Notre Dame what it is," said sophomore Ana Farach. "It will change the traditional flare of residential life."

Students surprised by these unexpected changes, as student government was not consulted or asked for input in any way.

"I wasn't angered so much by the loss of alcohol. That students were not involved in the process angered me the most," said Vieyra.

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two Emmys, Lehrer received the National Humanities Medal in 1999 in addition to a number of other journalistic achievements.

"I was 16-years-old when I decided to write," said Lehrer. "And I've been in journalism every day since."

"Jim is a journalist who has a clear understanding of who he is and what his role should be, he doesn't confuse himself with the story ... and that sets him apart," said Terence

Smith, the media correspondent and senior producer for "NewsHour" and the son of Red Smith, the lecture series' honoree.

Red Smith was sportswriter and a 1927 Notre Dame alumnus who won the Pulitzer Prize in 1976 for distinguished criticism. The Smith Lectureship began in 1983 and is administered by the John W. Gallivan Program in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy and supported by a gift from John and Susan McMeel and Universal Press Syndicate.

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Captured Afghns not al-Qaida

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

It's an example of what has been called the invisible part of the war against terror.

American forces swoop down on a suspected al-Qaida or Taliban hide-out, sometimes raiding unoccupied sites, where they collect only intelligence, sometimes taking prisoners. Sometimes the prisoners are nothing more than ordinary Afghans.

Prisoners captured in the latest raid on a suspected Afghan terrorist compound turned out to be neither

members of the former ruling Taliban militia nor the al-Qaida terrorist network, military officials said Tuesday.

The development

highlights difficulties the U.S.-led coalition faces to figure out who's who in a nation where lawlessness is rampant and one-time supporters switched sides after the harsh Taliban governing system fell.

It also highlights the difficulty in collecting good intelligence as coalition forces seek out scattered and hiding enemy fighters.

Additionally, it is an example of operations rarely talked about openly by the Pentagon. Sunday's raid was made public, but an unknown number of others with similar outcomes have remained secret, defense officials said.

After watching and gathering intelligence, American forces detained 31 suspected

al-Qaida or Taliban fighters Sunday in what they called a military compound near the southern Afghan city of Kandahar.

"We continue to screen them to determine exactly who they are," Maj. Ralph Mills, a spokesman for the U.S. Central Command, said Tuesday night.

Two other defense officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that upon interrogating the detainees, Americans found they were not wanted by the United States in its campaign to root terrorists out of Afghanistan.

They said the men would be released, but it was unclear exactly when.

Officials have given very few details about the operation except

to say U.S. forces went into the compound some 40 miles west of Kandahar and detained the 31. The capture came as coalition forces were winding down Operation Anaconda, a 2,000-troop assault to kill or capture al-Qaida and Taliban fighters believed regrouping in eastern Afghanistan.

"Over the last two weeks most of the focus has been in and around Anaconda ..., our largest offensive," Gen. John Rosa Jr. told reporters Monday.

"But we continue to surveil. We continued our intelligence efforts all through the country," he said. "It's ongoing, and the key indicators made us believe that we needed to go into that compound."

Before Anaconda, the last known ground operation was on Jan. 23, when U.S. special forces raided a compound where the United States mistakenly believed enemy figures were holed up.

The Pentagon has said 16 people who turned out not to be al-Qaida or Taliban were killed when they resisted and another 27 captured were later released to Afghan authorities.

Smaller, undisclosed raids took place before and after the Jan. 23 raid, officials have said privately. Those raids concentrated on gathering information about pockets of resistance and at times netted documents or individuals who were interrogated or then released, officials said.

On Sunday, a team of Army Special Forces soldiers attacked a convoy that American intelligence had been watching, three vehicles traveling about 45 miles southwest of the city of Gardez. Sixteen people in the convoy were killed, and the military said they were believed to be al-Qaida fighters. One man was detained, officials said.

Although Anaconda was the largest U.S. ground operation in the war, it is not expected to be the last.

On Wednesday, gunmen attacked U.S. coalition forces in eastern Afghanistan, touching off a firefight that lasted several hours, a U.S. military spokesman said.

One U.S. soldier with the 101st Airborne Division was shot in the arm during the attack in the city of Khost, which is on the southeastern end of the valley where Operation Anaconda was staged.



SARAH FUCHS/The Observer

The first cardinal in Honduras history, Oscar Andres Rodriguez Maradiaga, spoke on Oscar Romero Tuesday evening.

Rodriguez praises late Archbishop Romero

By ANDREW THAGARD

Assistant News Editor

Latin American Cardinal Oscar Andrés Rodríguez Maradiaga referred to Oscar Romero, the famous Salvadoran bishop assassinated in March 1980, as a model for all Catholic bishops and remembered him from professional and personal experience in a Tuesday evening lecture.

"I was moved by his profound piety and his simplicity," Rodríguez said of Romero to a crowd that filled the Hesburgh Center auditorium to capacity and spilled over to an adjoining room where

people watched a video presentation of the speech. "If you will allow me this daring statement, he was the most beloved martyr of the 20th century."

Romero, according to Rodríguez, was a brilliant leader who had the power to instill hope in even the most desperate people.

"A leader is someone with a clear idea who can communicate it and who moves forward giving witness to it," he said.

Romero, Rodríguez said, had these qualities and used them to spread a message of hope.

"After Sept. 11, it is difficult to talk about hope," he said. "In a global world it is also difficult to talk about hope as poverty increases. What was Oscar Romero's secret?"

Romero, according to the Cardinal, focused on the hope of Easter, promoting it in his first Pastoral letter as Archbishop.

"The Easter Church is a Church of the cross, of hope, of power, of contemplation. This was the Church of Archbishop Romero's dreams — a Church that exists here and now," Rodríguez said. "Focusing the Church on Easter is a brilliant move, to say Easter is to say unfailing hope."

People, the Cardinal said, jumped at the opportunity to hear Romero speak.

"It was said that during the eight o'clock Mass in the towns and villages you could walk up and down the street and see that Archbishop Romero was on

everybody's radio," he said.

Romero also used his power as Archbishop to comment on the political and social scene in his war-torn country — a practice that led to his martyrdom, according to Rodríguez.

"I have no ambition of power and because of that I tell those in power what is good and bad," Rodríguez recalled Romero as saying.

Although Romero's death was a tragedy, the Cardinal said, it also had positive consequences, including an increase in voca-

tions and the establishment of additional dioceses in El Salvador.

"The martyr strengthens us on our jour-

ney," he said. "People like Archbishop Romero restore our pride in being Christians and Latin Americans. With Bishops like him the Church can stand for hope in the world."

Rodríguez also remembered the person behind the title, recalling Romero as a timid, little man filled with God who had compassion and a special relationship with the poor.

"His priest friends remember him as a man of God with fervent discipline of prayer with love of confession and love of the Gospel," the Cardinal said.

As a person, Rodríguez said that Romero could often be impatient and shy, but he was also a man filled with the Holy Spirit and gave an air of being in perpetual conversion.

Progress is being made as a result of Romero's work, Rodríguez said.

"We have seen little steps but strong steps in the right direction," he said.

The Tuesday night lecture "Archbishop Romero: A Bishop for the Third Millennium" was sponsored by the Kroc and Kellogg Institutes.

Rodríguez is the archbishop of Tegucigalpa and Honduras' first cardinal. He has served as a Vatican representative on Third World debt to the International Monetary fund and the World Bank.

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Tailgating policy needs clarification

This second in a series of editorials commenting on the proposed alcohol policy changes at Notre Dame.

The University's proposed revisions to clarify the tailgating policy that upset many students last fall are fair policies, but require a two-way commitment: the administration must enforce them reasonably and students must obey them. By creating a policy that mirrors Indiana state law, the University preserves the right of students of legal drinking age to consume alcohol in a responsible manner. While the enforcement of a ban on underage drinking is unpopular, students must understand that these regulations are necessary because the public nature of tailgating makes it inherently different than partying in private.

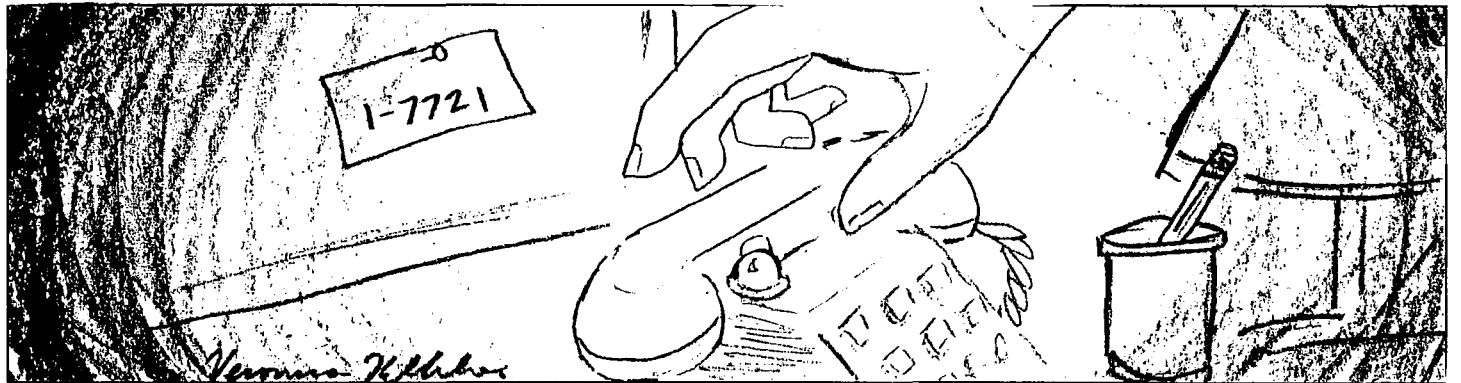
However, as the University completes the final version of the new alcohol policy, it still must clarify several important issues that were not specified in the explanation Father Mark Poorman provided in a campus-wide e-mail Monday.

If students accept responsibility for their behavior in public, the University should respond by acknowledging this

maturity and continue to allow underage students to attend tailgates sponsored by family and friends of a legal drinking age. Banning underage students from even being present at tailgates would destroy another of Notre Dame's traditions. However, students should be aware that their presence at these tailgates is not a free pass for those underage to blatantly disregard University policy and Indiana law.

The University also needs to clarify the specific regulations surrounding designated parking lots for student tailgates. Issues involving the details of the registration process required to participate in the tailgates and potential division of student versus alumni tailgates remain unresolved.

The University has now shown students respect by clarifying the policy and leaving the responsibilities and privileges associated with Indiana law intact, but student frustrations could continue unless parking and registration permits are made convenient and plentiful. As the tailgating policy is formalized and written, the administration should involve students in the entire process before students leave campus for the summer.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Correcting advice to rape victims

While John Little's column in the March 5 edition of The Observer entitled, "Blaming victims promotes rape," provides some worthwhile information, it also continues to promote some common misinformation that can be damaging to victims of sexual assault. His condemnation of Residence Life procedures, based on information that he says "comes directly from someone who has endured ResLife 'justice,'" is hearsay.

Residence Life collects information from both accused and accuser and makes a decision based on accounts and information from them and witnesses. While Mr. Little may believe and dislike what he heard from his informant, he cannot make judgments on the appropriateness of Residence Life decisions without knowing all the information from both sides of the case. The accuser as well as the accused must be treated with dignity even though the victim often feels re-victimized in such circumstances.

The best thing for friends to do to help victims is not to rail against the system, but to provide more productive emotional support by allowing the vic-

tim to express her feelings without judgment and encouraging her to seek counseling from professionals. If the system is flawed, you can best effect change by using the Kori Pienovi method of approaching those who head the system to find ways to make positive change.

Kori's intervention led to several changes in the hearing process, as well as an emphasis in First Year Orientation on education about rape and the creation of the position I now hold as Victim's Resource Person. My job is to provide information on what a student can do and expect when she decides to go forward with a case in any venue.

I was distressed by Mr. Little's advice to victims to "bypass Notre Dame at all costs" and report cases directly to the St. Joseph County sheriff. The sheriff's office may not be the appropriate law enforcement agency to contact. Often victims receive much less satisfaction and feel much more frustrated with the legal system than with Residence Life. Notre Dame cases are often unlikely to be prosecuted either in the city or the county for a variety of reasons. ResLife

is often the best option for a victim to make sure her attacker gets the message that his behavior is unacceptable under any circumstance.

The best advice, as Mr. Little pointed out, is for victims to go to the hospital as soon as possible after the assault. The victim should not shower, bathe, urinate, smoke, drink, eat, change or discard clothes. Even if more than three days have passed, the victim should go to a hospital to be examined by a physician if for no other reason than to seek preventive care for possible sexually transmitted diseases.

The hospital will assist in referring her to the appropriate agency for reporting the assault. At Notre Dame, if any student wants information about any aspect of an assault, she or he may come to see me at any time in 101 O'Shaughnessy or call me at 631-7728, a private line to which no one has access but me, set up for response to victims and others.

Ava Preacher

victim's resource person

assistant dean of the College of Arts & Letters

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"Life isn't all beer and skittles, but beer and skittles, or something better of the same sort, must form a good part of every Englishman's education."

Thomas Hughes
writer

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters criticize alcohol policy

New standards will not solve drinking problem

This letter is in response to the recent article outlining the new alcohol policy unveiled by Father Mark Poorman. I believe this new policy will produce more harm than good and, in short, is a huge mistake.

The decision to ban "hard" alcohol in residence halls, even among those students who are 21 years or older, baffles me. First and foremost, why is a distinction being made between hard alcohol and other alcoholic beverages, such as beer and wine? Does the University really have the authority to determine that XYZ kind of alcohol is okay to drink, but ABC is not, especially if the decision-maker is a 21-year-old student? It is my understanding that the University would like to instill the belief every student makes independent decisions regarding their lives. This new rule is completely contradictory to this.

As a student at Notre Dame I was faced with situations where I could choose to drink and if I chose to do so, I chose what to drink. Every person coming of age is faced with these decisions, and it should be their prerogative to make their own choices.

The decision to ban in-hall dances, in addition, has absolutely no basis for being included in this alcohol policy. It absolutely saddens me to hear think that my former dorm, Cavanaugh Hall, will no longer host SYRs on-site. In-hall dances are a Notre Dame tradition and a nationwide college tradition, for that matter. What next, force us all to study in our rooms from 4 p.m. until 11 p.m. every night? This micro-managing of the student body is again telling students that the University has absolutely no trust in them. If these rules become the new law at Notre Dame, students

will begin acting just how the University is treating them — as children.

I have always defended and supported Notre Dame's traditional alcohol policy because it has always given Notre Dame students the freedom to drink or not within set boundaries. In addition, as someone who has lost many friends to drunk-driving accidents, I was always incredibly thankful that as a student I could attend parties and dances on campus where there was never the risk of students driving drunk. Tightening the on-campus alcohol policy will simply force those students who would like to drink to seek out parties and dances off-campus, increasing the chances of drunk-driving incidents greatly. Is this something the University is willing to risk? My parents were always incredibly grateful that they never had to worry about me getting in a car with a drunk driver while I was attending Notre Dame, and I know they were not alone. If these new policies were to be implemented, Notre Dame parents would be losing their assurance that their children would be safe on the roads near campus.

There are an endless number of other issues I would like to address regarding this topic, but it would take too long to outline them. I simply ask that Father Poorman re-evaluate these new policies and take a hard look at the realistic consequences that will inevitably result from them rather than the idealistic goals behind them.

Kate Coughlin
class of '97
March 19, 2002

Administration ignores student concerns

Love them or hate them, you have to hand it to members of the administration for knowing what they are doing regarding the recent changes in the alcohol policy. Inevitably, more students will move off campus because they are fed up with being treated like children, leaving more dorm rooms for incoming freshmen. Students over the age of 21 who live on-campus will most likely welcome their new-found ability to tailgate at the cost of their right to have hard liquor in their rooms.

Moderate drinkers should not be directly affected by a ban on hard liquor and actually may support the intent to decrease on-campus drunkenness. It appears that the only segments of our community that will oppose these changes will be heavy drinkers who live on campus and underage drinkers who still lack the ability to tailgate. The last time I checked, neither demographic was busy forming a special interest group.

However, all students should be opposed to these changes for no other reason than that we had

absolutely no say in them. This new alcohol policy is about much more than alcohol. We put up with a lot as Notre Dame students, and the administration seems to have no appreciation for it. University officials manage to maintain a facade of understanding through organizations such as student government, the Campus Life Council, SUB and any other groups you want to throw in there.

However, when the rubber hits the road, don't think for a minute that the administration is anything other than apathetic to dissension from students. Their general attitude seems to be "love it or leave it." Somebody handed them the Golden Dome and they use it against us every chance they get. I could be wrong. In fact, I hope I am. But if not, this is still our school, and I can only hope that someday we'll actually have the guts to take it back.

Vinnie Zuccaro
sophomore
Dillon Hall
March 19, 2002

Community and tradition destroyed by unfair policy

Several weekends ago, I was at a ResLife job fair hunting for an assistant rector position for next year. Time and time again, potential employers, all employees in the residential life field themselves, praised Notre Dame for our fantastic dorm system. How, they wanted to know, did we manage to keep so many kids on campus and maintain our famous school spirit? Simple, I said, it's the dorm life. Living in the dorms is fun — they're like fraternities, and our dorm mates are like family members.

Guess what, Father Poorman and crew, thanks to the bomb you just dropped on the alcohol policy, you can kiss your — I mean our — precious "residentiality" good-bye.

Strangely, you've failed to recognize that, for better or for worse, college students like to drink alcohol, and Notre Dame is no exception. But instead of implementing programs aimed at responsible drinking, you've chosen an all-out ban on hard alcohol and in-dorm SYRs.

Though I find it sad that Notre Dame students would leave their dorms simply because of stricter alcohol policies, the truth is that many will. And with them will go our cherished and coveted residential system.

The most glaring error in your assessment is that you claim that banning hard alcohol in the dorms is a safer alternative to the current policy. Is it safer that students leave their dorms and drive to bars or off-campus parties? Wasn't this the reason for the relatively lax alcohol policies in the past? Do you honestly think that students will simply stop drinking? It is my prayer that the Notre Dame community never has to endure the loss of one of our own when he or she is killed in an alcohol-related car accident. Schools across the country have not been immune to these tragedies but our alcohol policies have spared us from this.

Earlier this year, we resident assistants were asked to provide our residents with alternatives to off-campus parties. It was said that too many of our students, especially freshmen, were getting drunk off-campus and having trouble getting home. Essentially, what you've done is taken them out of an environment where a network of assistant rectors, resident assistants, rectors and countless non-intoxicated fellow students are able to offer them help if they've had too much and left them in one full of equally-intoxicated strangers. That's safety!

I also find it strange that in-dorm SYRs have been banned, despite the fact that some dorms experience almost no problems during dances. My dorm, Keenan Hall, simply does not have the kind of problems that other dorms have because our staff, our upper-classmen and especially our rector, have cultivated an environment where responsibility is encouraged. Instead of punishing us for the misdeeds of others, perhaps your office should take a long look at the inadequa-

cies of problem dorms and develop ways to make their SYRs safer.

And why ban both hard alcohol and SYRs? If alcohol is the creator of all of the SYR problems, isn't it enough just to get rid of the liquor? I'm thankful I don't live in Lewis or McGlinn because your SYR ban has left them with no signature events. And what will Alumni be like without the Wake? As past director and head writer of the Keenan Revue I faced the possibility of losing our dorm event, and I can only imagine how these students are reacting to the news.

Much has been said over the tailgating issue, and I'll not rehash all of that now.

But though many of the over-21 ilk are grateful for a place where we can enjoy non-Animal House tailgating, I for one am greatly concerned about the under-21 crowd. Not only is tailgating a large part of the football weekend — though I disdain those who insist it's the focal point — now you've driven students away from their families. A father and son won't even be able to enjoy a beer and a brat before a game, and what's more, you've effectively turned Turtle Creek into the Boat Club of tailgaters. How many freshman and sophomores do you think will elect to stay off-campus and pass out on someone's futon as opposed to going to the game? As any true Notre Dame football fan would attest, this behavior is inexcusable. But like it or not, it'll be a reality.

The purpose of this letter is not to champion alcohol. It's not about the alcohol. I rarely drink myself and when I do, I don't get drunk. I'm writing about preserving traditions that began far before any of us were born — traditions that are bigger than any single one of us. By enacting these changes so swiftly and definitely, you're not only creating a discipline nightmare for yourselves — and the poor resident assistants who unwittingly signed on for next year before these unenforceable changes were made known — until all of the current students are graduated, but you're sacrificing residentiality, tailgating and dorm dances without giving a thought to the role these institution play in forming the Notre Dame experience. And by the way, a quick history lesson will tell you that Notre Dame's alcohol ban of 1984 didn't work — that's why the rules are the way they are today.

I know what I've said is going to have absolutely no impact on the University's decision. I only hope that my fellow students will make their collective voice heard on these matters and hope that any alumni who don't want to see these beloved traditions trampled to make their voices heard as well.

Grant Gholson
resident assistant
senior
Keenan Hall
March 19, 2002

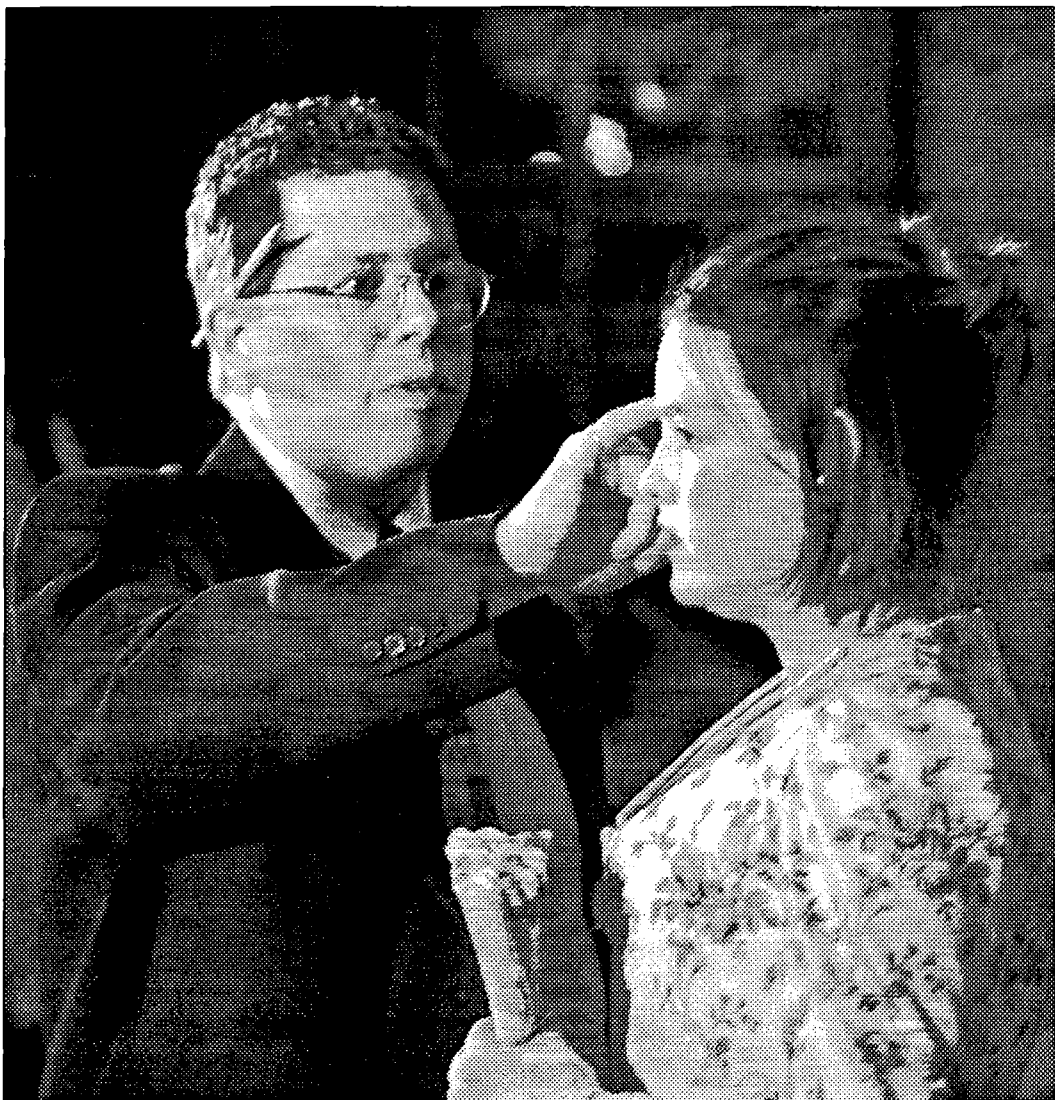


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By C. SPENCER BEGGS
Scene Editor

The Saint Mary's campus may have a wrinkle in time this weekend as the Saint Mary's Department of Communication, Dance and Theatre opens its spring 2002 show "The Learned Ladies."

The French playwright Jean-Baptiste Poquelin, better known by his penname Molière, finished "The Learned Ladies" in 1672 after working on the script for four years, which is notable because most of his plays were completed in a matter of months.

"The Learned Ladies" was Molière's penultimate play; he completed the farcical "La Malade Imaginaire" before his death a year later. "The Learned Ladies" is Molière's least performed play, although there has been resurgence in interest since Richard Wilbur's translation of the show began to be produced in 1982. Wilbur's translation, which is used by Saint Mary's, rhymes in five-foot iambic pentameter as opposed to the original French that follows the 12-foot Alexandrian meter.

Most of Molière's work was done under the command of King Louis XIV. The king was a deep-pocketed patron of the arts and paid many artists for command performances before his court. It was the king's court that Molière often lampooned in his comedies. Although Louis XIV's sponsorship of Molière may seem philanthropic, his underlying motivation is much more self-serving. By creating an extremely class-conscious society, Louis XIV's nobility busied themselves trying to out-dress and outwit each other instead of plotting rebellions.

"The Learned Ladies" follows the farcical courtships in the house of a well-to-do 17th century French bourgeois Chrysale (played by Saint Mary's director of Special Events Richard Baxter). When Chrysale's youngest daughter, Henriette (played by junior Maria Conticelli), sets her sights on marriage, she is chastised by her older sister, Armade (played by Saint Mary's freshman Nicole Hogarty), for pursuing base activities unlike herself and their philosophy-reading, self-proclaimed intellectual, shrew of a mother, Philamente (played by Saint Mary's junior Merideth Pierce).

But Henriette persuades her lover, Clitandre (played by Vini DeDario), to attempt to win the favor of the matriarchal Philamente by feigning interest in her and her entourage's intellectual pursuits and gaining the favor of Philamente's cronies. Unfortunately, Clitandre's plan fails when Chrysale's megalomaniacal sister, Bélice (played by Saint Mary's junior Heather Muth), interprets his pleas for her support in his suit as a clandestine way of hitting on her.

Exasperated, Clitandre implores Chrysale's brother, Ariste (played by Greg Melton), to take his suit directly to Chrysale himself. Chrysale approves of the match and vows to inform his domineering wife of his decision. But before he can get the words out of his mouth, Philamente informs him that she has chosen one of her "cultured" acquaintances to be Henriette's betrothed: the foppish Trissotin (played by Holy Cross sophomore Shane Lewis).

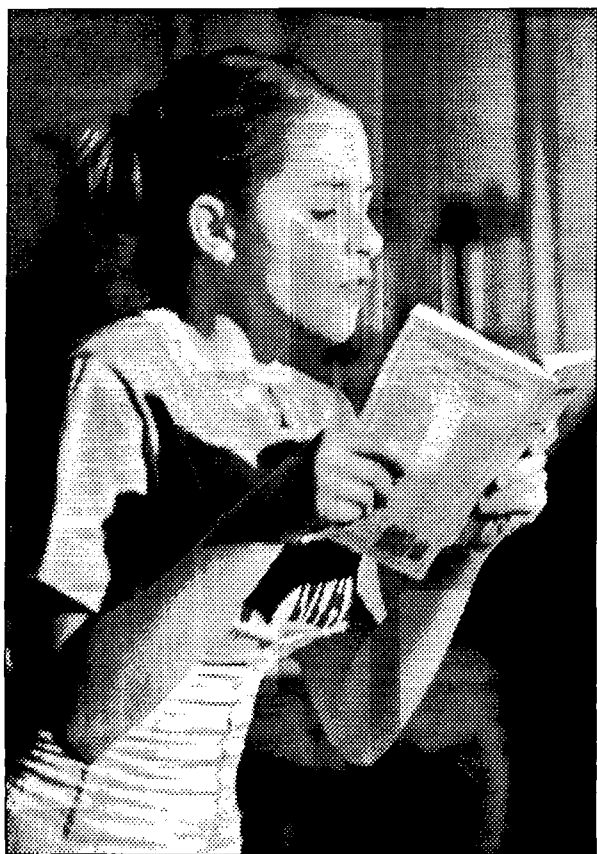
Faced with Philamente's proclamation, the lovers hatch new schemes to dispose of Trissotin and gain the family's consent in their marriage.

"The Learned Ladies" features some marvelous acting, especially from Baxter whose hysterical facial expressions and razor sharp timing lead to big laughs. Muth's over-the-top rendition of the spacey Bélice is certain to bring down the house too. Along with Lewis' gives-a-new-meaning-to-the-word "pompous" performance as Trissotin, the cast of "The Learned Ladies" will have the audience falling out of their seats. As an ensemble, the group's obvious dedication and hard work pays off.

The Saint Mary's production of the show also includes a framing play, which was written by the show's dramaturge Renée Kingcaid. The framing play is set at Saint Mary's where the production of "The Learned Ladies" is in full-swing. A student, Sarah (played by Saint Mary's junior Erin Schultz), struggling to learn her lines and trying to come to terms with the meaning of the show, is visited by the ghosts of Molière (played by Notre Dame fifth-year graduate student Troy Feay) and le Tartuffe (played by Notre Dame Associate Professor of Romance Languages and Literature Louis MacKenzie), a

Above, director Mark Abram-Copenhaver checks Saint Mary's freshman Nicole Hogarty's makeup before the show. To the left, Sarah, played by Saint Mary's junior Erin Schultz, incredulously reads from her script. Below, the phenomenally pretentious Trissotin, played by Holy Cross sophomore Shane Lewis, dazzles the pretentious Armade with a poem.

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character from one of Molière's most famous plays of the same name. Molière's phantasm acts as Sarah muse and helps her to understand why the play is not misogynistic even though it is making fun of educated women.

The framing piece over-agnizes the meaning of the play, attempting to explicitly justify the show's role at a women's college. This hyper-sensitivity to the slightest possibly of offending the College's character reflects the disturbing trend of tacit and self-imposed censorship in theatre on the Saint Mary's campus prevalent in the last few years. Campus theatre patrons have witnessed a decline from the blatant censorship of "The Vagina Monologues" to a tamed version of "The Keenan Revue" to a politically correct situating of Molière.

Molière's words speak for themselves. It is obvious that he was not ridiculing educated women, but rather pretension. The framing piece, in one sense, detracts from Molière's intent of making fun of the very people that were in his audience. Ironically, if one were offended on behalf of Saint Mary's by the lines Molière uses, he or she would, in fact, be pretentious and rightly ridiculed by the show. At times the framing piece comes close to insulting the audience's intelligence.

The framing piece is, however, well-written and Schultz, Feay and MacKenzie are entertaining in their roles. Although it adds time to the two hour and 15 minute show, the framing piece does elaborate on a few theatrical conventions and philosophic points that the audience would otherwise almost certainly miss. In the end, the framing piece is entertaining to watch with its anachronistic humor, but adds only a moderate amount to the overall show's meaning.

The Saint Mary's production of "The Learned Ladies" strives to recreate the setting in which the play was originally produced.

"We wanted to be as historically authentic as we could in the presentation in the show," Kingcaid said.

Doing so is a daunting task, but the crew pulls it off quite nicely. The elaborate costumes and make-up were researched thoroughly by Kingcaid. Further, because parts of the show are politically referential poetry in

French, Kingcaid often had to go beyond simple meanings and find out to what Molière may have been subtly referring.

Kingcaid also researched what a 17th century French bourgeois salon looked like and the results are stunningly accurate. The stage looks like something out of a painting.

The director, Mark Abram-Copenhaver, knew from the beginning that the show would be challenging to produce from the acting standpoint as well.

"There are so many technical things that have to be dealt with: how to move in the corset, how to move even for the men who aren't corseted, how you carry your body. And then, once you master the physical life of the characters, it's important for the actors to start to deal with the fact that the play is in rhyme. Every other line rhymes," Abram-Copenhaver said.

Abram-Copenhaver even brought in a motion coach, junior Adrienne DeGraffe, to teach the cast how to carry themselves in the proper 17th century French manner. The women were all required to wear corsets and petticoats from the beginning of the rehearsal process to give them an idea of what (and how uncomfortable) their costumes would be.

Kingcaid taught members of the cast some French so they could recite their lines or catch their cues; as a result, the ensemble has impeccable French accents.

"It's been difficult, but it's been a good experience because you learn so much," Conticelli said.

"The Learned Ladies" opens tomorrow night and runs through Saturday night at 8 p.m., there will be a matinee on both Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 p.m.. The show will be performed in the Stapleton Lounge in Le Mans Hall. General Admission is \$8.50, \$7.50 for senior citizens, \$6.50 for Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community members and \$5.50 for students. Tickets can be purchased from the Saint Mary's Box Office in the O'Laughlin Auditorium. To make reservations call the box office at (574) 284-4626.

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Above, the frustrated Chrysale, played by Saint Mary's director of Special Events Richard Baxter fumes at his wife's overbearing nature. To the right, Saint Mary's junior Maria Conticelli as the grounded Henriette. Below, Clitandre, Martine and Chrysale finally stand up to the domineering Philamante.

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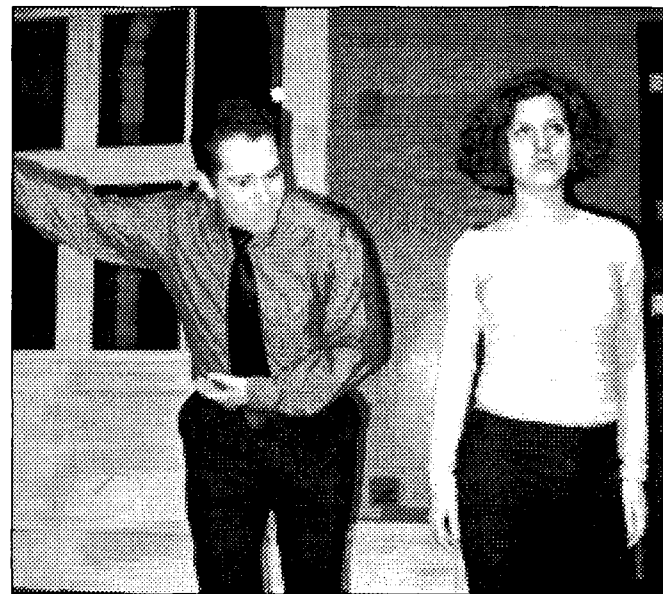
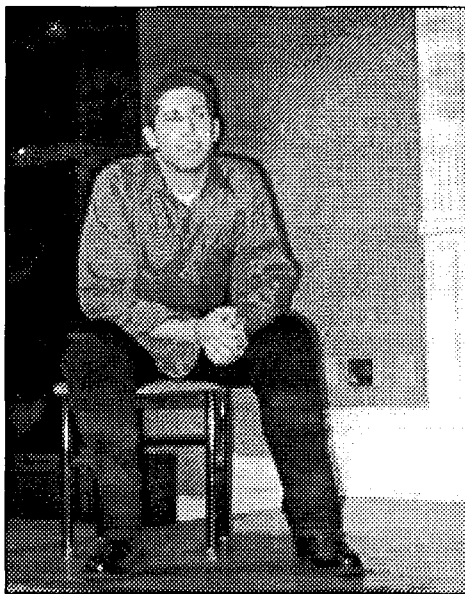


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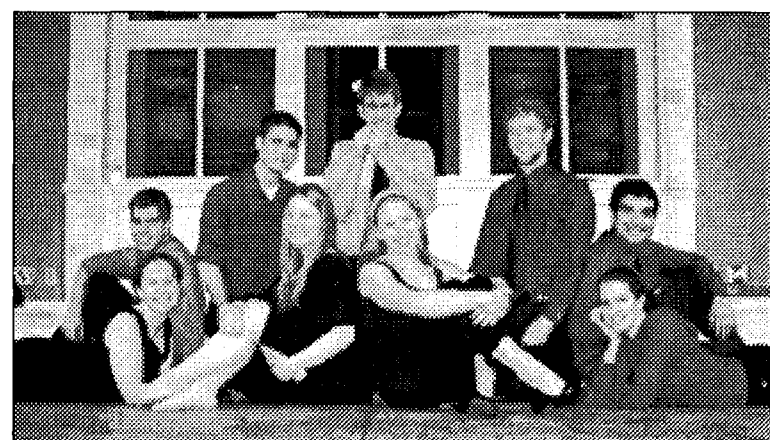
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THEATER PREVIEW



The company of "A Night on Broadway: Musical Revue 2002" rehearses in the LaFortune Ballroom Tuesday night in preparation for performances this upcoming Thursday and Friday at 7:30pm.

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Scene previews "A Night on Broadway" revue

By CHRISTOPHER SCOTT
Scene Theater Critic

Every February, an article appears in this newspaper touting the unending talent and innovation of the Pasquerilla East Musical Company (PEMC). This year was no exception as the members of PEMC wowed sold-out crowds on three successive nights with their production of "Damn Yankees."

Last year, Notre Dame students' appetites for musical theater was wetted on more than just the PEMC musical by the Farley Hall Players production of "Chance at Love." The musical, which poked fun at musical theater itself, was the product of a capricious LaFortune conversation between seniors Ryan Cunningham and Tommy Curtin during their freshman year.

"Chance at Love" was such a hit during its two-night debut in the LaFortune Ballroom that the cast, composed of members from PEMC, gave an encore performance in Washington Hall during study days and even took the show on a national tour this past summer.

Now, the PEMC members are at it again, performing the PEMC Musical Revue this Thursday and Friday in the LaFortune Ballroom. Titled "A Night on Broadway," the Revue includes songs from popular musicals such as Rent, Jesus Christ Superstar, Jekyll & Hyde and even the summer blockbuster movie musical Moulin Rouge.

The Revue was the brainchild of junior Zack Linnert. Actually, Linnert's original plan was to implement a cabaret-style performance where the stage barrier would be broken and the PEMC performers could interact intimately with their audience. The original idea combined with the input of PEMC producer Sean Griffin while Linnert studied abroad in London last semester lead to the concept of a musical revue.

Linnert and Griffin's main concern for the Revue was that there be an opportunity for normally unassuming chorus members to stand out. As Linnert stated, "The great thing about the Revue is that everyone is a lead and a company member. Each person has an opportunity to stand in the spotlight." In fact only 3 of the 25 company members have previously held leads in any PEMC production.

To help them in their task of choosing and directing

the acts, Linnert and Griffin selected senior Tommy Curtin and sophomore Shawna Monson as music director and choreographer respectively. The group held auditions during late February and left the choices of songs solely up to the company members. Linnert and Griffin felt that not only should the company members be in the spotlight, but also they should perform what they wanted to perform. And the interested parties responded amazingly.

"After we saw the first audition, we knew the show would be awesome," Linnert proclaimed.

While this may have made the initial task of casting the show slightly difficult, Griffin said it proved beneficial in the end.

"The show is so saturated with talent that our job consisted only of tweaking here and adding there," he said. "It has been amazing to work with such dedicated and gifted performers."

The selected songs range from solo acts to whole company numbers and are arranged into vignettes by similar themes and aspects of relationships/friendships, such as songs about love and desire or about jealousy and regret. While each particular song is marvelous in its own fashion, there are a few notable acts that seem to summarize the overall nature of the Revue.

Freshman Erin Sjostrom was only a member of the chorus in Damn Yankees. In the Revue, she performs "I Don't Know How to Love Him" from Jesus Christ Superstar and is a true representative of the opportunity the Revue provides for former chorus members to shine. Sjostrom also appears with eight other freshman from PEMC in the feel-good, Act I closer "Happiness" from "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown." This song takes the audience back to elementary school days and reminisces of the joys and simple pleasure of life at that age.

Opposing simple childhood memories is the song "Bring on the Men" from Jekyll & Hyde, performed by freshman Beth Duran. Junior Kristin Kajdzik and sophomores Lindsey Horvath, Claire McAuliffe and April Trimble support her in both vocals and dance.

This sexy number addresses Duran's character's lust for men and how she cannot get enough of them. "Bring on the Men" should easily impress audience members with its display of vocal and dance talent.

Duran is unique in that she was not part of the PEMC musical this year. Sophomore Mike Romano also deserves this distinction as he performs "They Can't

Take That Away From Me" from Crazy For You and yet has also never been part of PEMC. The Revue features the vocal talents of Kajdzik and sophomore Becki Dowling, two PEMC members who until now have only worked behind the scenes.

The versatility of the Revue performers is easily demonstrated by Horvath. A backup vocalist/dancer in "Bring on the Men" she then appears in "Take Me or Leave Me" from Rent opposite

junior Mary Beth Asmussen as a brazen young diva proclaiming how lucky her female partner is to date her. Only a few songs later she returns, attempting to convince the man she loves (played by senior Christopher Scott) to "Forget regret / Or life is yours to miss" in "Another Day," also from Rent. Finally she performs as a woman hoping that this time she will have found the right man in "Maybe This Time" from the musical Cabaret.

"A Night on Broadway" breaches the realms of hilarity as well. Sophomore Katie Welch and freshman Theresa Sherman perform "Stepsister's Lament" from Cinderella demonstrating the sisters constant attempt to put Cinderella down while competing with each other in everything. The song "Big Ass Rock" from the Full Monty depicts the wide-reaching capacities of friendship. Scott and freshman Brian Grundy play two friends who encounter a former co-worker (freshman KC Kenney) attempting suicide and befriend him in his time of need.

Piecing together this production from nothing has been a grueling process for the director duo, their musical director and choreographer. However they all believe that "A Night on Broadway" will be a spectacular show for the company members performing in it and the 500 audience members who have the opportunity to experience the first annual Revue this week.

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"A Night On Broadway" 2002 Musical Revue

- ◆ LaFortune Ballroom
- ◆ Thursday March 21st and Friday March 22nd at 7:30pm
- ◆ \$5 general admission Tickets on sale at the LaFortune Ticket office.

NBA

Nets snagged by Murray's last-second shot

Associated Press

CLEVELAND

Lamond Murray swished a desperation 3-pointer from the corner as time expired to give the Cleveland Cavaliers a 100-97 win over the New Jersey Nets.

Coming out of a timeout with 0.5 seconds left, Murray took an inbound pass from Andre Miller, turned and shot. Nets coach Byron Scott went to center court to argue with officials that the clock did not start soon enough.

Keith Van Horn had tied the score at 97 with a 3-pointer moments earlier after taking an inbound pass from Jason Kidd, who scored 30 points but missed a forced jumper with five seconds to play that would have put his team ahead.

Kidd, who also had 10 rebounds and 10 assists for his eighth triple-double this season, had slapped the ball away from Andre Miller with 23 seconds left to set up the attempt.

Wesley Person got the rebound of Kidd's miss, was fouled and made two free throws for a 97-94 lead.

Zydrunas Ilgauskas scored a season-high 26 points and dominated the fourth quarter. The 7-foot-3 center also had a season-high 14 rebounds and went 14-of-17 on free throws in his best game since returning Dec. 4 from foot surgery that sidelined him nearly a year.

Ilgauskas scored seven points and had a key blocked shot in a 1:52 span to help Cleveland to a 95-92 lead. His three-point play gave the Cavs a 91-90 lead with 3:06 to play.

After Van Horn, who scored 27 points, scored on a layup, Ilgauskas made a 10-foot jumper with 2:31 left, blocked a shot by Van Horn 21 seconds later, then scored again on a 10-foot turnaround jumper.

Kidd hit a running 12-footer with 33.7 seconds left to pull the Nets to 95-94.

Miller had 23 points and 14 assists, and won for the first time in seven career head-to-head matchups with Kidd.

Kidd took over in the second quarter, scoring 11 points in a 4:03 span to help the Nets turn

a 30-26 deficit into a 41-38 lead. He had 19 points, seven rebounds and six assists before the break.

Miller had 13 points and 11 assists in the first half, which ended in a 52-52 tie.

76ers 91, Heat 79

Allen Iverson scored 33 points, including 21 in the second half, to lead Philadelphia to a 91-79 victory over Miami.

Iverson, who started the game 1-of-7, finished 11-of-28 to help the Sixers snap a two-game losing streak and remain 1 1/2 games behind Orlando for the fifth playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

The Heat, coming off their most lopsided win of the season Saturday against Denver, lost for only the third time in 10 games and fell two games behind the Hornets for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

The teams were playing the first of back-to-back games, with a second meeting on Wednesday in Philadelphia.

The Sixers are 3-0 against the Heat this season, and Iverson has scored 25, 31 and 33 points while shooting 33 percent.

After trailing 45-41 at half-time, Philadelphia closed the third quarter with a 15-2 run over the final 5 1/2 minutes to take a 66-60 lead. Iverson scored 11 points, including a free throw that put the Sixers ahead 61-60 with 44 seconds left in the period.

Alonzo Mourning helped keep the Heat close in the fourth with 11 points, and Eddie Jones' layup closed the gap to 74-72 with 7:01 left.

Iverson then hit a pair of 3-pointers, the second one producing an 84-74 lead with 3:05 left. Jones scored 23 points for Miami, and Mourning added 21.

Derrick Coleman added 20 points for the 76ers.

Knicks 101, Grizzlies 92

Latrell Sprewell scored 23 points, including 12 in the fourth quarter, and New York erased a 10-point deficit in the final seven minutes to defeat Memphis 101-92.

Charlie Ward scored 11 of his



The Cleveland Cavaliers celebrate after Lamond Murray's 3-pointer with a half-second left in regulation to give his team a 100-97 victory over the Nets.

13 points in the fourth, while Allan Houston had 10 of his team-high 26 in the final period. Kurt Thomas added 18 points and 16 rebounds for New York.

New York has won three of its last four, while Memphis dropped its fourth straight. The Grizzlies have lost 13 of their last 15.

The Knicks, who trailed 85-75 with just over seven minutes to play, went on a run of 17 unanswered points to lead 92-85 on a three-point play by Sprewell with 3:57 remaining.

Memphis went four minutes without a point during that stretch.

Tony Massenburg led Memphis with 19 points and 11 rebounds, while Jason Williams added 17 points and 10 assists but committed eight of the Grizzlies' 17 turnovers. Shane Battier added 14, and Pau Gasol finished with 13 points and matched Massenburg's 11 boards.

The Knicks led 46-45 at the half behind Thomas' 12 points and 11 by Sprewell. While Houston scored 10 of his points in the first half, he was 3-of-10 from the field, missing all three 3-point attempts.

Memphis went on a 14-3 run to open the third quarter to build its first double-digit lead, 65-55. The Grizzlies shot 72 percent in the quarter, missing only five of 18 shots, and carried a 76-68 lead into the fourth.

They still led by double digits before going on the scoreless streak that gave the Knicks the lead for good.

Timberwolves 112, Raptors 80

Minnesota ended its season-high seven-game losing streak and kept Toronto in a miserable slump, getting 20 points from Kevin Garnett in a 112-80 victory.

Toronto, which has won just one game since Feb. 7, lost for the 17th time in 18 tries and had its most lopsided defeat of the season.

Morris Peterson had 19 points and Keon Clark had 18 for the Raptors, who were 29-21 and in prime position for the playoffs before their slide. They've fallen to 11th place in the East.

Rasho Nesterovic had 14 points and 12 rebounds for Minnesota, which had seven players score in double digits.

Veteran Robert Pack, signed to a 10-day contract Monday as a backup to Chauncey Billups, had 12 points and five assists in his first game with the Timberwolves — and his first of the season.

Pack, who finished last season with Denver, gave Wally Szczerbiak an assist on his first possession and hit a long jumper the next trip up the floor.

The Raptors collapsed in the third period. They shot 3-for-18 and were outscored 24-10 — the second-lowest scoring quarter in their seven-year history.

Antonio Davis put up an air-ball midway through the period, and Billups hit a 3-pointer on the other end to extend Minnesota's lead to 12. Later, Peterson hit Vince Carter in the back with a poorly timed pass.

Minnesota led 79-60 entering the fourth quarter, and eventually went ahead by as many as 34.

Garnett, who was 3-for-14 from the field Sunday against Utah, didn't score until making a turnaround jumper with 5:41 left in the second period. He finished with 10 points in the first half.

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NHL

13-year-old dies after being hit by hockey puck

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Seconds after being hit by a puck as she watched an NHL game, 13-year-old Brittanie Cecil held a jacket to her head to staunch the bleeding and walked to an exit.

Two days later she was dead, the first such fan fatality and one of the few at an American sports event, other than auto racing, directly related to action on the field.

An eighth grader at Twin Valley South Middle School near Dayton, Brittanie would have turned 14 on Wednesday. Her father had taken her to the game as an early present, friends said.

The girl was struck in the head by a shot early in the second period of Saturday night's game between the Columbus Blue Jackets and Calgary Flames at Nationwide Arena.

Columbus center Espen Knutsen's slap shot from the top of the left circle appeared to be deflected by a defenseman, with the puck flying over the high glass at the west end of the ice. It appeared to glance off another spectator and hit the teen in the left temple, witnesses said.

Arena officials and medical personnel immediately approached the girl and helped her out of her seat — some 15 rows above the ice — and up the steps to the exit.

Hospital officials would not disclose the cause of her death Monday night and relatives declined comment. Her classmates were in mourning and the small town where she lived was overcome by the loss.

"I spoke to Brittanie's father this morning," Blue Jackets president and general manager Doug MacLean said, teary eyed and his voice choking. "As a father of a 14-year-old and an 11-year-old, I can't imagine the grief the family is experiencing."

In a statement, NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman said, "Our fans are our family, and this tragic accident fills us all with a deep sense of sorrow."

Children's Hospital confirmed the girl had died but at the family's request did not provide additional information about how long she had been in the hospital or the nature of her injury. An autopsy was scheduled for Wednesday morning.

A brief news release issued by the hospital said the girl's parents had donated her organs "in the hope that others will be blessed as much as they were by her life."

Dr. James Kelly of the Chicago Neurological Institute said he could not offer an opinion on the cause of death based on the little he knew about the case.

"Delayed death is not unheard of from a head injury," Kelly said. "But there are so many reasons that it could happen."

The small farming town of almost 1,500 where Brittanie lived, West Alexandria, was in shock.

"Everybody knows everybody. The kids are very close in this town," said

Stacy Habekost, who runs a beauty shop. She said the girl's aunt used to work at the salon and that Brittanie had her hair cut there.

"She's a pretty little girl," Habekost said.

An honor student and member of the school soccer team, Brittanie was remembered as a hard worker who also loved to shop. Her friends on the team chose to go ahead with a practice on a rainy day, kicking the ball around a field near the school.

"It's a miserable day," coach Bill Deleranko said. "I figure that God's crying along with us."

Teammate Kari Summers said many students were having a difficult time coping with the

loss.

"It was just so much fun to be around her," she said. "She was so happy all the time. You never saw her in a sad moment."

Teams warn spectators over

the public-address system about pucks flying into the crowd. They also place warnings on scoreboards and on the back of each ticket to try to minimize their liability.

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MEN'S GOLF

Irish struggle at El Diablo

◆ Ratay's 4th-place finish impressive in tough field

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

For senior star Steve Ratay, it was a weekend to remember. The rest of his teammates, however, would just as soon forget the lackluster play that saw them finish a collective 17th out of 20 teams at the El Diablo Invitational held at the par-72 country club for which the event is named.

Ratay posted rounds of 73-68-76 en route to a fourth place finish. Able to harness the erratic driving that had plagued him in the past, Ratay kept the ball in play off the tee and thus gave himself many chances to score on the tight El Diablo track.

"I was pretty pleased," Ratay said. "Keeping the ball in play was key. It's something that has been a problem in the past and on a course like this it was a must."

First-year head coach John Jasinski was proud of his top player.

"Steve's been solid all year," Jasinski said. "He's had a chance to win a couple of times and his mechanics have been solid. Notoriously, he's been a bit of a slow starter so for him to be playing this well early is a major plus."

Unfortunately for the Irish, Ratay was the only golfer who seemed at ease in the difficult conditions. A 54 hole total of

918 put them a whopping 25 strokes behind William and Mary, the champions of the event.

"We're a lot better than we performed," said Jasinski. "Steve was really the only one that responded well to a tough setup. I think we have enough talent, it's really just a matter of getting everyone to be on their games at the same time."

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While the team's performance this past weekend was poor at best, Ratay said that much can be learned and lifted from the carnage.

"We were able to see where we were at compared with other teams," he said. "It's an opportunity to improve."

While a better result at the El Diablo would have been great, the poor showing has by no

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"It's what our season builds toward," Ratay said. "It's definitely the one that matters."

Jasinski is confident that the team will respond well to the challenges ahead.

"We're talented enough to make a run at it," he said. "We just need to get some of our confidence back and get every-

one scoring again."

The first opportunity to turn those bogeys into birdies and higher finishes comes this

weekend when the Irish return to action in the Pepsi Invitational in Pottsville,

Texas.

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"We're a lot better than we performed. Steve was really the only one that responded well to a tough setup."

John Jasinski
head coach

Memos from a bar napkin

A lot of people view spring break as a hiatus from reality. What happens on the beach should stay on the beach.

In such a state, finding a pad, pen and a way to watch a mile-stone game for the Notre Dame men's basketball program can get a little tricky.

So on Saturday afternoon, with the Irish leading Duke 10-8 with 15:59 to go in the first half of their second round NCAA Tournament game, I fittingly entered an Irish pub called Finnegan's Way to watch the game.

I grabbed a drink napkin from the bar, borrowed a pen from the bartender and prepared myself to take some copious notes.

Now this Finnegan's, presumably not related to the late South Bend venue, sits on Ocean Drive in Miami.

You know, Will Smith, \$100,000 cars, everybody's got 'em, the whole deal. Not your typical LaFortune game watch experience.

And never mind that the Finnegan's Way sound system spins only the latest tracks from today's hottest groups, like Genesis and the guys who sing "Take These Broken Wings."

The real attention-grabber was Notre Dame, looking from the start like it wasn't content as Duke's 15.5 point underdog. With that, a bizarre way of watching the ballgame faded into some building St. Patty's Eve magic.

My only record of this almost surreal experience, which ultimately ended with an 84-77 Notre Dame loss, is the now crumpled-up napkin, roughly tracking the progress of the contest over 35 minutes and 59 seconds of game time.

That napkin tells a crude story about the greatest Notre Dame men's basketball game in recent memory. Somewhere on the front side, at around four minutes to go in the first half, the Irish got down 38-30 on two Chris Duhon free throws.

A couple crinkles and folds later, inside of the two-minute mark, it says Matt Carroll pulled up for a three in transition, hit it, and Notre Dame had suddenly bounced back within two, 39-37.

Mike Dunleavy Jr., who has more flops to his credit than Steven Seagall, made four free throws in a row somewhere near the bottom of side one, and then hit a 3-pointer to start the second half.

While the despaired writer of these notes didn't actually jot down that triple, the next five inches of corrugated

paper do document the most amazing part of last Saturday: Notre Dame didn't ever go away.

They went shot-for-shot — luckily not in a Notre Dame dorm — with the best team in the country, which included a 14-0 run after that Dunleavy basket.

True, the Irish laid their fair share of bricks for the next few minutes after their run, allowing the Dukies to surge back to the lead with under twelve to go.

But since when can a Notre Dame basketball team dabble in masonry and still play a team from Tobacco Road straight up, (flip to inside of napkin) let alone have a seven-point lead with under seven minutes to go?

Apparently, since now.

The Napkin Chronicles end with about one minute to go in the game, the Irish trailing 77-75 and the song "The Heat is On" said to be filling the bar, refusing to let the 80s just die in peace.

In a sense, though, maybe there couldn't have been a better tune for the end of that game. Sure, Duke won. But they were sweating, something they usually don't have to do, especially not in March.

Tending that boiler room were the Irish. Unfortunately for them, the fire got a little out of their control down the stretch.

But their day is coming. Making the NCAA Tournament? Been there, done that, two years in a row now. Now we've seen there are bigger fish to fry than the Xaviers and Charlottes of the world.

Chris Thomas will be as good as Jason Williams. Ryan Humphrey made Carlos Boozer look like he was standing still, except, of course, when he went out of his way to bump Humphrey coming off the court in the first half.

That's what you do when you're battling for your post-season life, not cakewalking to the Sweet 16. Someone showed Notre Dame where the big dogs play, and the Irish just called "next".

Somewhere in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, North Carolina head coach Matt Doherty had to be pulling for his former players to pull off the unthinkable against his in-state rival.

Meanwhile, he's busy trying to reload his Tar Heels to compete with that team from Durham once again.

However, Mike Brey's Irish would probably take the Blue Devils on over at Stepan right now.

For the first time in a long time, that isn't a terrifying proposition for Irish fans.

As long as there isn't any more Phil Collins.



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NHL

Ferraro leads Blues past Predators

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS

Ray Ferraro gave himself as much of a lift as his new team.

Ferraro had a goal and an assist in the final two minutes of his first game with the St. Louis Blues, helping turn a tight contest into a 5-1 blowout over the Nashville Predators on Tuesday night.

The goal was only his ninth of the season, after totaling 29 last season, and his first since Feb. 8.

"I got here today, so whatever was before I'm trying to erase that from my memory, along with all the stats that went with it," Ferraro said. "As much as I liked Atlanta and as much as the people were great to me, I really look at this as a fresh start."

Ferraro, acquired Monday from the Thrashers for a fourth-round draft pick, and coach Joel Quenneville were teammates on the Hartford Whalers in the early 1980s. Quenneville caught himself using Ferraro's old nickname, "Pee Wee," a couple of times on the bench.

"We were teammate-friends and we got along pretty well, but it's a different way of life here," Quenneville said. "I think he's ready to help the team and be one of the guys."

Scott Mellanby and Pavol

Demitra scored in a 2:16 span of the second period as the Blues recovered from a sluggish start and an early deficit.

Keith Tkachuk had two assists for the Blues, who have won three of four after a seven-game winless slump endangered their playoff hopes. They have 79 points, sixth in the Western Conference, but three teams are within three points.

"We got the job done," Quenneville said. "But we've got to be better than that."

Brent Johnson made his eighth straight start for St. Louis and made 25 saves. The Blues gave Johnson a vote of confidence, electing not to shop for a veteran goalie before Tuesday's trade deadline.

Sabres 5, Senators 1

Chris Gratton got the vote of confidence he wanted when the Buffalo Sabres kept him at NHL trade deadline.

Gratton returned the favor a few hours later, scoring the eventual game-winner and adding two assists in a victory over the Ottawa Senators.

"The rumors and stuff, hopefully, they're forgotten and now we can move on," said Gratton, admitting he was anxious as the 3 p.m. deadline approached. "I don't think many guys slept today. You're waiting for your



AFP Photo

Nashville Predators Scott Hartnell tries to keep control of the puck as he falls in front of St. Louis Blues goaltender Brent Johnson in the first period at the Savvis Center in St. Louis.

phone to ring and you're hoping that it doesn't.

"It's a big relief, and now we can settle down, hunker in here and really focus on making these playoffs."

For Gratton it was his first three-point regular-season performance since joining the Sabres in a trade deadline-day deal from Tampa Bay two years ago. And it came at a crucial time with Buffalo playing its first game without captain — and second-leading scorer — Stu Barnes, who will miss about two

weeks because of a concussion.

Miroslav Satan, Brian Campbell, Ales Kotalik and Curtis Brown, with a short-handed goal, also scored for the Sabres. Martin Biron stopped 33 shots, ending an 0-2-1 skid.

Buffalo moved into a tie for ninth with the New York Rangers, and inched within two points of eighth-place Montreal in the Eastern Conference.

Daniel Alfredsson foiled Biron's shutout bid, scoring a power-play goal seven minutes into the third period after the

Sabres opened a 3-0 lead. Ottawa squandered an opportunity to tie idle Philadelphia for the most points in the East. The Senators extended their winless streak in Buffalo to eight games (0-7-1).

"Obviously, it's an opportunity lost, but we can't get caught too far ahead," Alfredsson said. "We're playing some hungry teams, but we're pretty hungry, too. Today it was a matter of getting the bounces. They got up early, and we had to go for it coming from behind."

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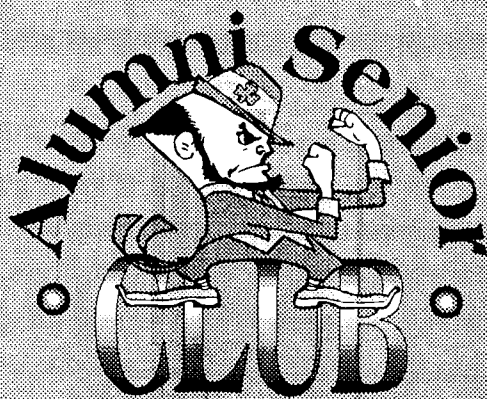
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Lacrosse

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The Irish did just that by allowing only two goals all half, and by getting started on the offensive end with Big East Offensive Player of the Week Danielle Shearer. The junior midfielder scored a goal 30 seconds into the second half on a play that found the net by way of two quick passes from Natalie Loftus and Eleanor Weille. The goal narrowed the Irish deficit to 8-5.

Cornell answered again with a free position goal to increase their lead back to four.

The Irish continued to pressure offensively and were sparked by Kassen Delano's return to the field. Delano had taken a stick to the head on a defensive play and was forced to the bench to deal with the cut on her forehead. The sophomore would not be slowed, however, and set up classmate Meredith Simon on a transition goal to cut the Cornell lead back to three.

Shearer scored again and added another goal off a full-field charge from senior Maureen Henwood. Delano, despite the injury, led the Irish in points. Her goal cut the Cornell lead to 9-8.

The Irish continued to push offensively, but could not connect for the tying goal. Jamiee Reynolds gave Cornell a bit more room with a goal with seven minutes to play in the game.

The game then turned extremely scrappy as both teams were playing with great intensity.

"We had them scared," said Fedarcyk.

The Irish could not find the

net until Lauren Fischer converted her second goal with 15 seconds to play. Captain Kathryn Lam forced a turnover to give the Irish one last chance but her pass was knocked out of Kate Marotta's stick as time expired.

"If we had a couple more minutes on the clock, we had them beat."

Kelly McCardell
Irish defender

"If we had a couple more minutes on the clock, we had them beat," said McCardell. "We could definitely play with them and we know that

going into the rest of the season that we can play with top ten competition."

Notre Dame lined up against a much larger and higher-ranked Big Red team. One of the more exciting matchups of the day was between Fedarcyk and Cornell's senior All-American, Jamiee Reynolds, who was four inches taller than Fedarcyk, Notre Dame's tallest defender.

Reynolds was the target of every single draw, and would constantly switch from the offensive to the defensive end. But Fedarcyk refused to give their star player any open

looks and hustled constantly to keep position on her.

"I was just trying to take her out of her game," said Fedarcyk.

Despite the tough loss, the Irish

plan to focus on the positive aspects that came from a solid second half where they both outplayed and outscored Cornell 6-2.

"We are going to focus on the good things that happened today," said Fedarcyk. "We learned a lot about ourselves."

The Irish will be looking forward to using their new knowledge when they play Delaware next Tuesday in the third game of a five-game homestand.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles hang with competition

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

Last-minute travel changes didn't stop the Belles from serving up a few victories in the last week. Despite the fact that their first trip was cancelled when the resort closed, the Saint Mary's tennis team had a strong start in sunny Daytona, Fla., before dropping three matches.

"We had several days where we played two matches in one day so that by the end of the trip the team was exhausted and some injuries had caught up with us," said head coach Dee Stevenson. "Otherwise, I feel that we would have won the match against Saint Cloud State. The competition was very good and better than any other spring trip since I have been here."

The Belles dropped matches to Division I Creighton and Division II North Dakota and Saint Cloud State. But with seven matches under their belts, the defending MIAA champion Belles are ready to start the regular season.

"The team is ready for the season to begin," said sophomore Kris Spriggle. "After such an aggressive spring trip, we all are ready to begin the season and move towards another conference title."

Saint Mary's took home four wins against Springfield College, Haverford College, Hillsborough

Community College and Pasco Hernando Community College.

"The competition was more fitting this year," junior Elisa Ryan said. "We played Division III teams with nationally ranked players, as well as solid Division I and Division II teams."

The Belles, who finished with a 4-3 record during their spring break trip, finished off the trip with a heart-breaking loss to Saint Cloud State, 4-5, coming close on the heels of a 4-5 loss to North Dakota.

Following the singles matches, Saint Mary's was tied at three apiece with North Dakota. But a close loss in No. 3 doubles (8-6) and a loss in No. 2 doubles left North Dakota with the 5-4 victory.

Sophomore Jeannie Knish, sophomore Kaitlin Cutler and Ryan took home wins in No. 2 singles, No. 3 singles and No. 5 singles respectively. Knish teamed up with her older sister Annie to take home the win in No. 1 doubles.

Before falling 9-0 to Division I Creighton, the Belles had solid victories against Haverford College (6-3) and Springfield College (9-0).

The Belles followed up their 9-0 shut-out of Springfield with a 6-3 victory against Hillsborough.

In the match against Hillsborough, Cutler, Spriggle, Ryan and Angela Sandner took home wins in singles while the

doubles teams of Ryan and Cutler and Sandner and Spriggle took home wins in doubles.

Today, the Belles will face off against Tri-State College in their home opener. Tri-State, which will be joining the MIAA in the near future, should allow Saint Mary's to get some hitting practice before they head into the tough part of the MIAA schedule. Last season, Tri-State barely slipped past Saint Mary's JV squad, so Stevenson plans on playing some of his younger players.

"Tri-State will be joining our conference in a couple of years but at the moment would not be in the upper echelon of the conference in tennis," Stevenson said. "I hope to allow a lot of players to play in this match. We will use this as a practice match in preparation for the conference season which begins on Saturday at Albion."

With another MIAA championship looming in the minds of the returning players, the Belles are looking forward to getting back into regular season play.

"The team is strong this year and is aiming to defend their undefeated season and conference championship title," Ryan said.

The match will get under way at Saint Mary's at 3 p.m.

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WNBA

Ruth Riley selected to Senior Nationals

Special to The Observer

Former Notre Dame All-America center and 2001 Naismith Player of the Year Ruth Riley has been chosen to participate in the 2002 USA Basketball Senior Women's National Team spring training camps, which will be held from March 19 to April 10 in four cities across the country.

Riley, who currently plays for the Miami Sol in the WNBA, will be competing for one of seven roster spots on the 2002 USA World Championship Team. The 14th FIBA World Championship for Women will feature teams from 16 nations competing in nine cities in the People's Republic of China from Sept. 14 to 25.

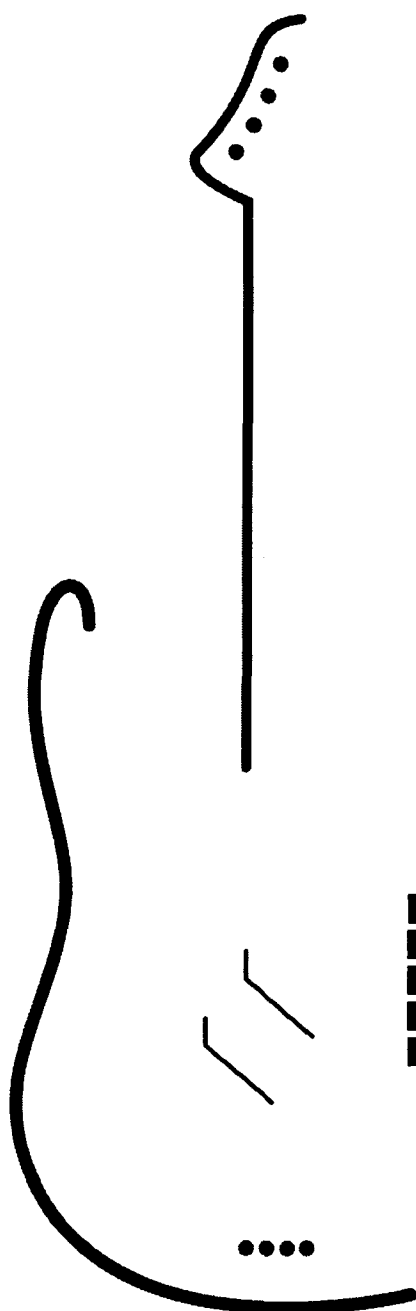
Riley completed her Notre Dame career last April as one of the most decorated players in school history. In addition to earning consensus national player of the year honors last year, she was a three-time All-America selection and was named the Most Outstanding Player at the 2001 NCAA Final Four, sparking the Irish to their first national championship.

She also was the 2001 Big East Player of the Year, a

three-time Big East Defensive Player of the Year and a three-time all-Big East selection. She is the only player in school history to log both 2,000 points and 1,000 rebounds, placing third on the Irish all-time scoring chart with 2,072 points and tops on the Notre Dame career rebounding ledger with 1,007 caroms.

As the No. 5 overall pick in the 2001 WNBA Draft, Riley averaged 6.3 points and 4.1 rebounds per game for the Sol, and ranked ninth in the league with 1.44 blocks per game. In addition, Miami was 15-5 with the Macy, Ind., native in the starting lineup, qualifying for the playoffs in just its second year of existence.

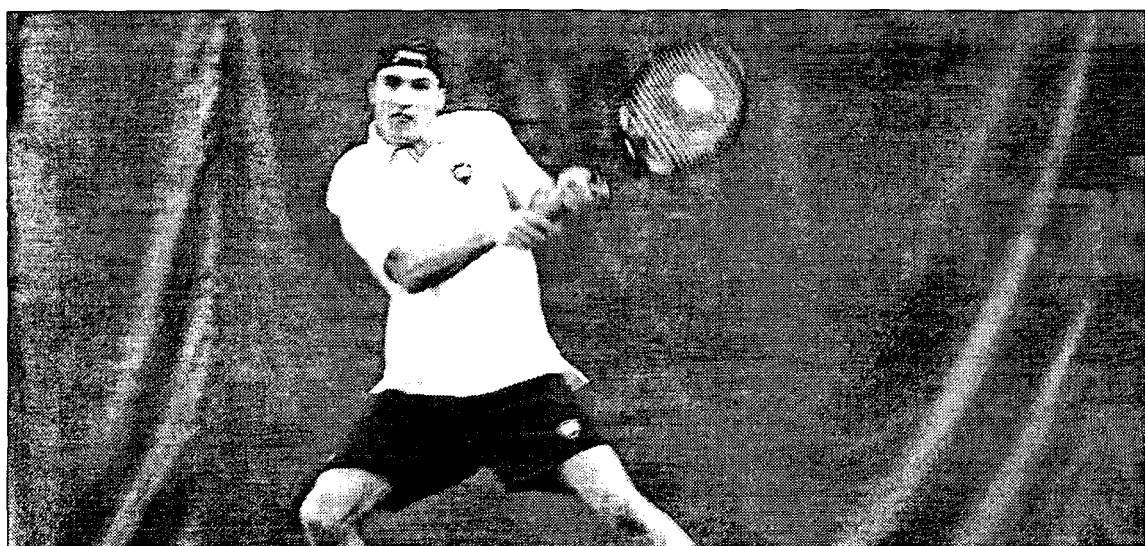
If she is selected for the '02 World Championship squad, Riley would join her third USA Basketball unit. In 1998, she averaged 10.3 ppg. and a team-high 7.6 rpg. as a member of the USA Select Team that posted a 7-1 record against national teams from Puerto Rico, Poland and Spain. The following summer, she helped the United States collect a silver medal at the 1999 World University Games, notching 10.3 ppg. and 5.2 rpg.



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An Irish tennis player returns a shot in a Feb. 17 match against Wisconsin. Notre Dame advanced to the finals of the recent Blue-Gray Invitational before falling to No. 8 Illinois.

MEN'S TENNIS

Illinois knocks off No. 4 Notre Dame in finals

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's tennis team learned two important lessons at the Blue-Gray National Tennis Classic held in Montgomery, Ala. over spring break.

First, it is important to watch out for dehydration, even in winter, in the South. Second, going from underdog to favorite status is not always advantageous.

Fourth-ranked Notre Dame fell to eighth-ranked Illinois 4-2 in the finals of the Blue-Gray Invitational after defeating lower seeds Tulsa, Alabama-Birmingham and Harvard to advance to the championship round.

In past years, the Irish have been perceived as an underdog coming into this nationally esteemed tournament, but after last year's victory and this season's high ranking and a 15-3 record, Notre Dame was clearly the team to beat in Montgomery.

"We expected a very tough field," said senior Javier Taborga who excelled individually during the course of the tournament, including a win over No. 9 singles player Amer Delic of Illinois, by scores of 1-6, 6-4 and 7-5. After finishing 4-0 in singles over the weekend, he was named the tournament's most valuable player.

"We're ranked very high in the nation and I think a lot of teams wanted to get the chance to play against top ten teams," Taborga said. "In the past we were the underdogs, and this year it's the opposite. A lot of teams are looking to beat us whenever they get the chance. Blue-Gray was a great chance for us. It was really hard for us. Although [Illinois] were ranked lower than we were, we had to play really, really well to beat them."

Notre Dame's toughest match before Sunday's loss was a close bout with Harvard, ranked No. 40 nationally. The Irish narrowly won 4-3 and it was evident that the Crimson were looking for an upset.

"We knew that there were a lot of dangerous teams that were underrated, but I don't think we expected as tough as a match as we had against Harvard," said sophomore Matt Scott.

Although the Irish had upset the Illini two weeks ago at Illinois, they were not expecting it to be easy to defeat them again to earn the Blue-Gray title for the second year in a row. Additionally, Notre Dame was without its No. 3 singles player Aaron Talarico, who had to be hospitalized Saturday after suffering severe dehydration.

"We knew that we would have to play at a very high level [to beat Illinois]," Taborga said. "They were really disappointed with their performance. We came out strong [11 days ago]

and played maybe the best match we have played during my four years here."

The Irish started off the final round against Illinois with Taborga and senior Casey Smith's doubles loss to Amer Delic and Michael Calkins, 7-6, 6-1. Taborga and Smith had defeated the same duo during the match at Illinois.

According to Taborga, losing the doubles point was the turning point of the match because it gave Illinois more confidence to add to their already-present desire for revenge.

"[That is] one of the biggest things we have to work on, trying to come out strong after losing the doubles point because we cannot win the doubles point every single time," he said.

Taborga and Scott achieved the only Irish singles victories on Sunday. Scott, who moved up to the No. 4 position after Talarico was taken out, defeated Michael Costa 6-4, 7-5.

"Beating Costa was a good win," said Scott. "He's their fire-power, their leader who screams and shouts and gets in your face, so it was good to beat him."

This was Notre Dame's first official outdoor tournament and the Irish had some trouble making the transition

from indoor to outdoor player. Talarico's sickness may have been a result of that, especially with the very hot conditions in Alabama.

"Going from indoors to outdoors is one of the more difficult things to do in tennis," Scott said. "Going [against Illinois] without Aaron, we knew that we were a bit hurt in the line-up."

"Going outdoors was a big change," Taborga said. "We had to try to save as much energy as we can."

Taborga thought Talarico's dehydration was surprising though.

"He's in better shape than the rest of the team," Taborga said.

Despite Notre Dame's current ranking, the Irish are not complacent.

"I think [the tournament] was a big eye-opener," said Taborga. "We came into it thinking that we were a top 10 team and that we had earned it. We were wrong. We still have to earn our position, and we have to work even harder to stay up there. Other teams are coming after us. It's going to be very hard these last months of the season before the tournament starts."

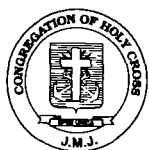
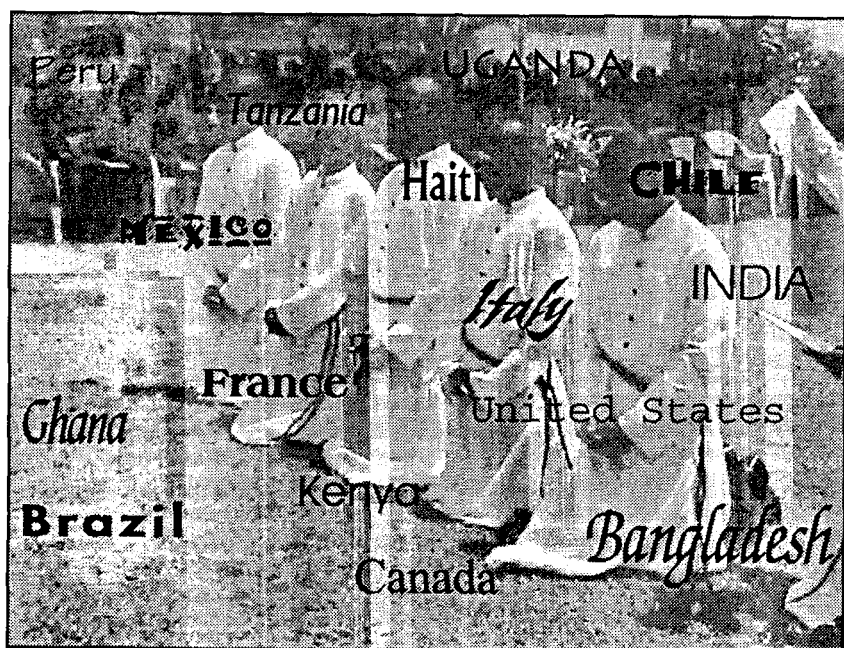
Yet the Irish feel that they are where they need to be at this early point of the outdoor season as they progress towards their goal of a national championship.

"Overall, we reached the finals, won three matches, and got some experience playing outdoors," Scott said.

Notre Dame will next compete against the Hoosiers at Indiana on March 23.

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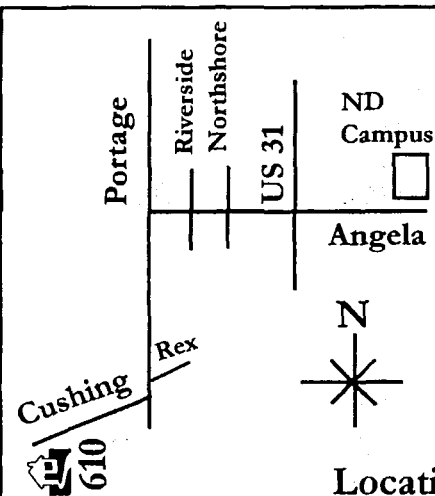


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Baseball

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in coming from behind to beat Southern Cal and I just thought they showed unbelievable character and determination in that game," said Mainieri.

Unfortunately for Notre Dame, they could not keep their momentum against Texas Pan-American. In that game, the Irish left the bases loaded in the ninth inning, en route to losing to Texas Pan-American 6-5. In the final game of the tournament the Irish suffered another close loss, this time to the hands of Creighton 8-6.

"Already after a few days, it was a stressful weekend," said Mainieri. "I thought against Creighton we really felt the effects of the emotional draining of the first three days," said Mainieri.

Heading into the second leg of their spring break stint in San Antonio at the Irish Baseball Classic, Notre Dame was determined to improve on their 5-6 record.

In the first game, they avenged their earlier loss to Creighton by beating the Bluejays 6-2. After missing the previous nine games due to a shoulder injury, pre-season All-American junior Brian Stavisky hit a home run on the first pitch he saw. He also added a triple later in the game. Freshman John Axford went seven strong innings, giving up no earned runs, striking out six and allowing zero walks.

"[Axford] topped out at 94 mph and just had a really powerful performance," said Mainieri.

The Irish came back strong against Southern Illinois in their next game and snapped the Salukis eight game winning streak by nabbing a 6-3 victory. Freshman Grant Johnson went eight innings, yielding only five hits and no earned runs. Johnson's classmate, Macri, hit his first collegiate home run and added a triple to lead the effort for the Irish offense.

Despite their tendency to lose close games earlier in the season, the Irish defeated Arkansas Little-Rock 7-5 when sophomore Joe Thaman blasted a two-run home run to end the game. Stavisky also connected for his second and third home runs of the season as the Irish improved to 8-6. Freshman pitcher Chris Niesel contributed another solid outing on the mound going seven innings and allowing only one earned run.

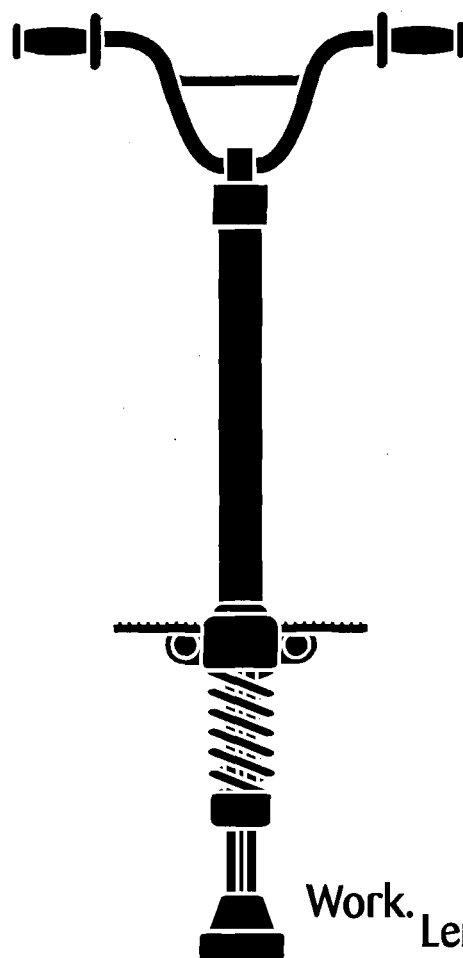
"That was a wild game but it was a good win to give us three in a row," said Mainieri.

In the finale of the spring break trip, Notre Dame used a late-run rally to upend Southern Illinois for the second time this season. Stanley tied the game with a triple in the eighth before scoring on a Paul O'Toole single. Pete Ogilvie pitched the final three innings for his second win of the year.

In Mainieri's many years of coaching, he has never seen a team face so many early season obstacles.

"Clearly, right now we have battled as much adversity in an early part of a season as you could face in an entire year. We have lost our top three middle infielders in Macri, [Steve] Sollman and Matt Edwards. I'm not sure how many teams in the country can lose their top three middle infielders and still battle the way we are."

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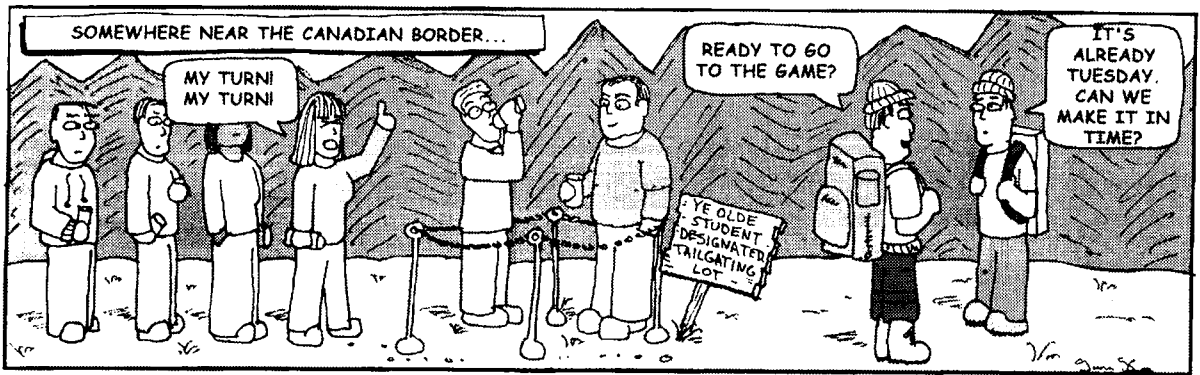
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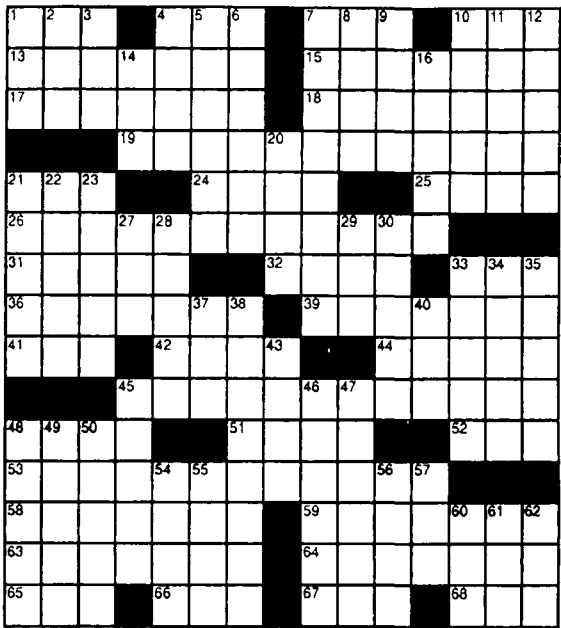
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your attitude coupled with your friendly demeanor will help you to draw attention to yourself as well as make new friends today. Take part in whatever activities you come across. ☺☺☺

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You can make professional changes today that will lead to all sorts of new possibilities. You will not have any problems convincing others of your abilities. ☺☺☺

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may be a little sensitive today if things don't go according to plan. Take time out to do things for yourself. Focus on making personal changes that will raise your self-esteem. ☺☺☺

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You can make all sorts of good moves today if you concentrate on investments, property, products and services for the home. You can turn your spare time into a money-making venture. ☺☺☺

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't let obstacles stand in your

way. If you plan your actions carefully you should be able to outmaneuver any situation you face. Don't make promises that you know you will never be able to uphold. ☺☺☺

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will enjoy meeting interesting individuals who have something worth talking about. You will understand yourself better by listening to those who already know what they want out of life. Take advantage of the opportunities offered. ☺☺☺☺☺

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may not want to face emotional issues today so it is best to avoid anyone who may just want to back you into a corner. It may be a make-it or break-it time for you and a partner who wants to get you to firm up on your intentions. ☺☺☺

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SPORTS

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Edged by the Big Red



◆ Irish second half rally not enough in 10-9 loss to No. 10 Cornell

By CHRIS COLEMAN
Sports Writer

The No. 15 Irish women's lacrosse team's comeback fell just short as time ran out on Mayo Field Tuesday, losing to Cornell 10-9.

Cornell started strong and quickly accumulated a 5-1 lead.

"We didn't come out strong enough," senior Tina Fedarcyk said. "We weren't playing our game in the beginning."

But Kassen Delano started an Irish run when she dumped in a shot that snuck past Cornell's keeper. Then co-captain Alissa Moser stole the ball and carried it for 40 yards to set up Lauren Fischer's free position goal to make the score 5-3 with just six minutes left in the half.

However, Cornell countered the run by scoring three quick goals to end the half, putting them in front 8-3. The Irish had trouble converting shots throughout the first half, despite having open looks.

"We just didn't get to capitalize on opportunities that we had, especially in the first half," defender Kelly McCardell said. "In the first half we made them look better than they were. We knew how important this game was — this was the first top-10 team we were playing. We knew we needed to pick it up in the second half. The defense needed to

Irish sophomore Kate Marotta attempts to elude a Cornell defender in Tuesday's action. The 15th-ranked Irish dropped a tough one-goal loss to No. 10 Cornell, 10-9.

BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

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BASEBALL

Irish return from spring break in full swing

◆ Notre Dame overcomes rash of injuries to finish road trip 5-3

By JOE HETTLER
Assistant Sports Editor

After leading 3-2 with two outs in the ninth inning of its opening game in the Express College Classic against TCU, the Irish baseball team (9-6) seemed to have victory firmly in its grasp.

Six hits later, TCU took a 7-3 lead into the bottom of the ninth and won by that score.

The Irish should have known right then that the rest of the Express College Classic was going to be tough.

Things went from bad to worse the next day when freshman shortstop Matt Edwards, already playing in place of the injured Matt Macri, broke the tibia and fibula in his right leg during Notre Dame's game against USC. The game was delayed 45 minutes as Edwards was attended to.

"[Edwards] was hustling after a fly ball and Matt Bok was hustling in on a very diffi-

cult day when it was windy," said head coach Paul Mainieri. "Both players were hustling

"Our players bounced back in coming from behind to beat Southern Cal, and I just thought they showed unbelievable character and determination in that game."

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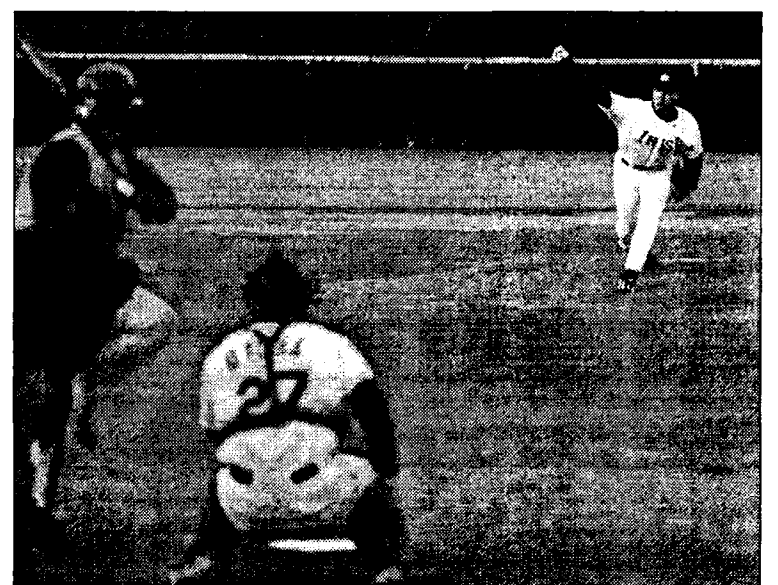
and they collided and Matt Edwards ended up with a compound fracture in his right leg."

Notre Dame trailed at the time of the injury 8-4, but roared back for 11 straight runs and a 15-8 victory. Seniors Andrew Bushey and Steve Stanley each had

three hits in the comeback win.

"Our players bounced back

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Then-sophomore Peter Ogilvie pitches in a game last season against Ball State. The Irish went 5-3 during spring break.

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