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Senate opposes ban on in-hall dances

♦ **Resolution unanimously passes and will go before CLC today**

By ANDREW SOUKUP
News Writer

Claiming residence life would be damaged if dances were forced out of the hall, the Senate unanimously passed a resolution Sunday opposing the proposed ban on in-hall dances and criticizing the decision-making process used by the Office of Student Affairs in revising the alcohol policy.

The resolution will now be presented at today's Campus Life Council meeting, the same meeting where Father Mark Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, is expected to formally announce the proposed changes to the University's alcohol policy.

While the resolution said in-hall dances, commonly called SYRs, should be allowed to continue, it did not directly address the Office of Student Affairs' proposed ban on

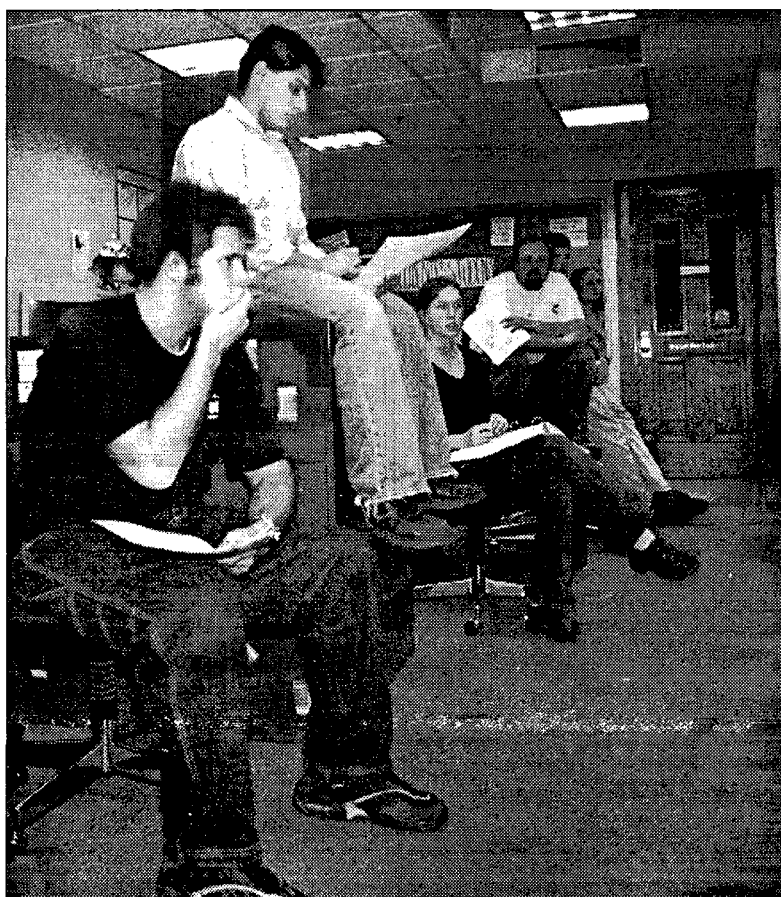
"hard" alcohol in undergraduate dorms or the revisions to the tailgating policy.

"The other two were brought up, but right now our biggest concern is SYRs," said Dillon Hall Senator Jim Ryan, who helped draft and revise the resolution along with Lewis Hall Senator Jennie Flannery and Student Body Vice President-elect Trip Foley.

According to the resolution, the proposed alcohol policy "threatens to negatively alter or eliminate memorable campus traditions" by forcing dances to be moved out of the residence hall. Senators listed 14 campus traditions, such as Alumni Hall's Wake, the Fisher Regatta and the Lewis Crush, that would be affected by the changes.

The resolution also said the University recognizes the tradition of in-hall dances through an appeal for donations sent by the Annual Fund to alumni. The advertisement asks for money to "ensure that the next generation of students has the opportunity to

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Junior Jesse Flores looks over a resolution on the alcohol policy during Sunday evening's emergency Student Senate meeting.

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♦ **Leaders hope for student support at CLC meeting**

By JASON McFARLEY
News Writer

Student government officials plan to mount a public offensive today against proposed changes to the alcohol policy as University administrators formally introduce the changes to the Campus Life Council.

The push follows an emergency Student Senate meeting Sunday where members rushed passage of a resolution contesting the recommended ban of in-hall dances. Brooke Norton, student body president and chair of the CLC, said the council will consider the resolution today at its 3:30 p.m. meeting in the Notre Dame Room of LaFortune Student Center.

Norton, who last week organized a student rally protesting the announced changes, also has arranged for CLC

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Hair dryer sparks Welsh Hall fire



Residents of Welsh Family Hall sift through soaked items in the hall lobby searching for personal belongings after a fire on Friday morning. The fire was contained by overhead sprinklers.

KYLIE CARTER/The Observer

By HELENA PAYNE
News Editor

A fire forced residents of Welsh Family Hall to evacuate their dorm minutes before 9 a.m. Friday but caused no serious injuries.

The fire, caused by a sparking hair dryer in Room 303 of the women's residence hall, was quickly contained after sprinklers turned on and firefighters arrived, officials said.

One of the roommates finished using her hair dryer Friday morning, placed it on a high shelf of a plastic storage unit and left the room shortly before the second roommate walked in to find sparks and smoke coming from the dryer, according to Rex Rakow, director of Notre Dame Security/Police. Rakow said campus police soon received a call from the second roommate, who thought the fire had been put out, but when police and firefighters arrived, the fire was still burning.

Notre Dame and South Bend fire officials responded to the blaze.

"There was a lot of smoke and not much damage," said

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SMC junior dies in car accident

By SHEILA EGTS
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's junior and South Bend resident Misty Sloman, 29, died in a one-car traffic accident early Saturday morning on Ridgedale Road, police said.

The car was traveling south on Ridgedale when Sloman failed to negotiate a turn in the road. The car veered off the roadway and struck a tree, police said.

Sloman was wearing a seat belt, and the car's air bag also deployed, police said. She was pinned in the car and pronounced dead at the scene from internal injuries. Sloman was the sole occupant of the vehicle.

The South Bend Police Department is still investigating the fatal crash. Sloman, of the 900 block of East Fairview Avenue, died about 4:30 a.m. near her home on the city's south side.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Snowballs

Before I came to college, I hadn't owned a scar or gloves for ten years. My family moved to Arizona when I was 12. It was then that I lost the snow and everything that came with it.

Not to say that we don't have snow in Arizona, we get it every once in a while in the mountains. Snow in Arizona is always a beautiful thing, and even more beautiful because it is always gone by noon. It is picture-perfect, never black and never yellow. I remember in junior high when we had a snow day, but by afternoon, the snow was gone and we were back outside riding bikes. I love the cacti, the sunshine and the dry heat. I love wearing sandals every-day of the year and never having to pack away winter sweaters. I love Arizona in its entire splendor, but my love for sun doesn't stop me from having fond memories of snow from my childhood.

I grew up in Arlington, Va. Each winter, I remember piling on clothes so I could go outside and remain unaffected by the cold. I remember playing in the snow with my little brother when we were younger. I was always the one who would initiate the snowball fights. I was the one who would shove handfuls of snow down his pants. I was the one who ended up laughing. I always had fond memories of the snow - until this year.

Things have changed.

Ten years later, I am back in the snow.

And, now, my little brother is here with me.

And we're back in the snow together, with one problem: Justin's a little wiser, a lot bigger - and seeking revenge.

So far, I have experienced this revenge over a dozen times. Seems like Justin just loves to sneak up on his poor defenseless sister. Unlike childhood, when we would dress up and prepare to go outside and play in the snow, these attacks come without warning. I cannot prepare. I cannot escape. I am always on my toes.

If you happen to see me running, followed closely by a large man with a handful of snow, don't laugh it off as simple sibling rivalry.

There's enough snow in South Bend to supply his revenge for years. I mean, a handful of snowstorms as children is nothing compared to two more years of walking in constant fear.

It can't be as bad as she makes it out to be, you say. And, yes, I do have a tendency to over exaggerate. Like our snowball fights, it is in Christian love. I really love my brother. Trust me, I do. But, late at night, when my hands and back and face and legs and arms are frozen from being tackled into a huge drift of snow for the hundredth time, I sometimes ask myself how I could ever forgive him.

So, I ask. Calling all people who have felt the wrath of a sibling during a snowball war.

Calling all people who ever tripped and fell on ice and know how cold and wet your butt feels when it's been held down and saturated with freezing liquid. Calling all people with good aim and a desire to aid your fellow man - pick up a snowball and help a sister out.

Right now there's a little brother who has no idea what is coming. Perhaps this will teach him an important life lesson: No matter how big you are or how strong you are, your older sister will always love you. But more importantly, your older sister will always love to see you get clobbered with a much-deserved snowball.

Justin, I love you - but the war begins now.



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THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Monday

◆ **Lecture:** Stephanie Bothwell, senior director, Downtown D.C. Business Improvement District, 4:30 p.m., Bond Hall, Room 104

◆ **Performance:** "Women's Choir Homecoming," 7:30 p.m., Little Theater, Saint Mary's

Tuesday

◆ **Lecture:** "Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder," Mini-Medschool Series, speaker William Kronenberger, 7 to 9 p.m., DeBartolo Hall, Room 102

◆ **Lecture:** Alexander Hann, 7 to 9 p.m., Keough Hall

Wednesday

◆ **Event:** "Conversation on Vocations for Women," 7:30 p.m., 114 Coleman-Morse Center

◆ **Lecture:** "Ward-Phillips Lecture," sponsored by the Department of English, all day, McKenna Hall, Rooms 210-214

BEYOND CAMPUS

Compiled from U-Wire reports

USC combines student cell phones with credit cards

LOS ANGELES

University of Southern California researchers are set to begin market tests on a system in August that may use Nokia phones to order things in place of credit cards.

By summer's end, students selected in the pilot study, which will distribute 500 to 1,000 phones to a random sampling of incoming freshmen, should be able to purchase items from USC's dining venues and possibly the bookstore.

A full-scale study involving more students will begin after the pilot ends. The study is the first of its kind in the United States.

USC was asked for permission to conduct the study by South Korea's Harex Infotech, which will finance the research through subsidiary Zoop International, the company developing

the software.

But while the infrared payment system developed by Harex has been wildly popular in South Korea, researchers working on the three-year project in the United States are skeptical about the possibility of duplicating that success.

Such success could not be replicated because of social and cultural differences in the United States, said Francis Pereira, the director of the

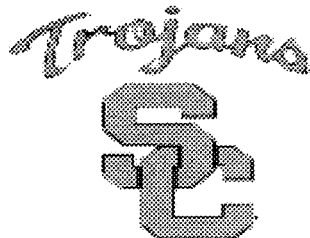
program.

But Mike Watson, senior vice president of Zoop International, said he was more optimistic.

"Everywhere in the world you go, there is slightly different payment culture," he said. "One of the purposes of this trial is just finding out the human needs in the application process in the U.S."

Pereira's fears may initially be found true, however. Nearly 60 percent of 40 students surveyed said they would not be interested in the new technology.

"Everything's about efficiency now, and you want to carry less, but I can still stick my credit card in my back pocket," said Tania Ziadeh, a junior majoring in business administration. "That's easier than having it in a cell-phone."



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

Prof alleges conspiracy in FBI raid

TAMPA, Fla.

Two women were handcuffed and kept at gunpoint on Wednesday while FBI agents raided the home of Islam's most respected cleric in America, according to controversial University professor Sami Al-Arian. Al-Arian, who now finds his name on the same FBI search warrant that seeks information concerning Osama bin Laden and al-Qaeda, met with the two women at a National Coalition for Political Freedom meeting in Washington, D.C., Thursday. FBI agents raided 14 homes and offices on Wednesday in an effort to obtain information relating to terrorism. Earlier this month, the U.S. Department of Justice issued a rare statement saying the FBI had an open and ongoing investigation in Al-Arian's case and filed a civil suit in state court alleging Al-Arian has conspired against the United States with the Saudi government and funneled money into terrorist groups under the guise of charity.

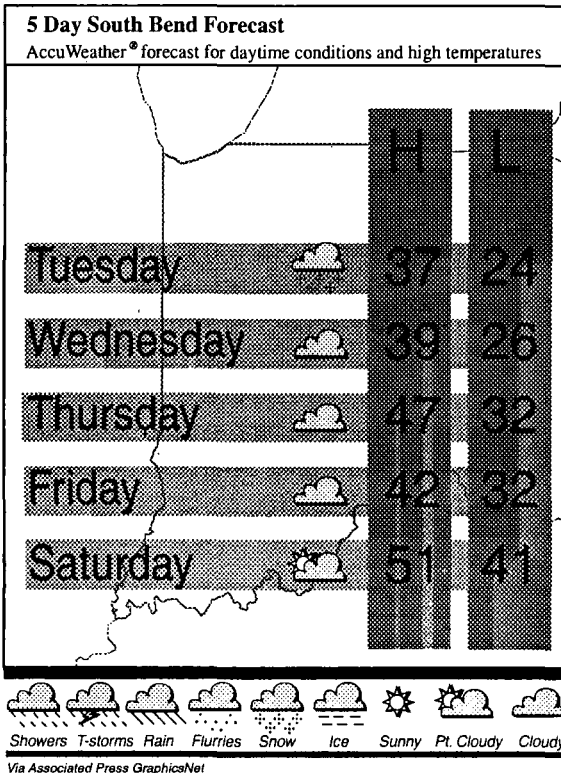
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Grad students endorse unionization

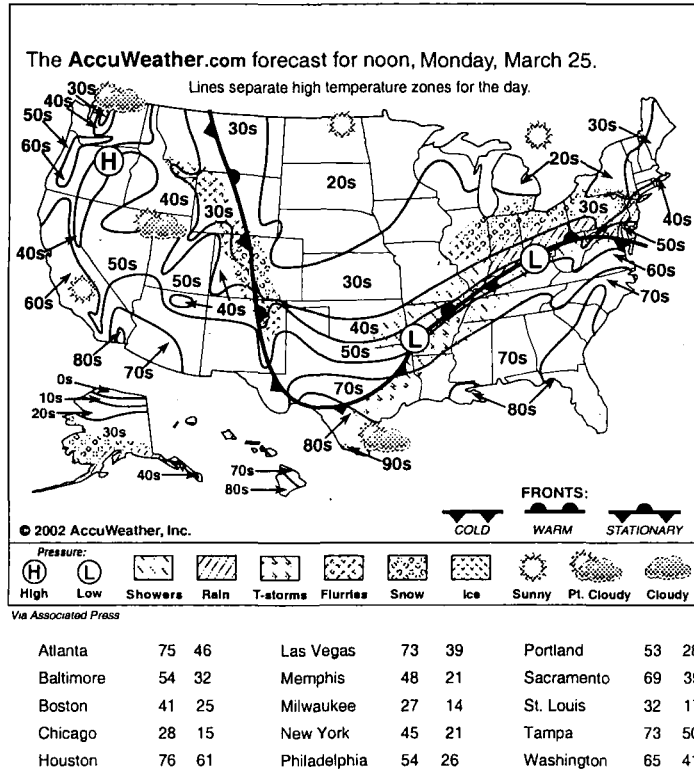
SYRACUSE, N.Y.

The Graduate Student Organization Senate approved a motion Thursday night supporting efforts to unionize graduate assistants at Syracuse University, adding to growing tensions between graduate assistants and administrators about the issue. The motion, which endorses the concept of unionization without specifically advocating a particular union, comes less than two weeks after Chancellor Kenneth Shaw sent a letter to graduate assistants advising against unionization. Though it was approved, the endorsement did not receive the unanimous support of all GSO members present. Several major universities have recently experienced pressure from graduate employees for unionization, including a successful union bid at New York University earlier this school year. GA's at Syracuse argue that unionization is the only way to address issues regarding insufficient health insurance and office space, and excessively arduous workloads that interfere with scholastic work.

LOCAL WEATHER



NATIONAL WEATHER



Speaker advocates peace

By KIFLIN TURNER
Associate News Editor

Achieving peace through violence is not the solution, but it is an unfortunate reality, said Colman McCarthy, founder and director of the Center for Teaching Peace in Washington D.C., and journalist for the Washington Post.

As the keynote speaker of the Notre Dame Undergraduate Peace Conference last Friday night, McCarthy questioned the conventional methods of attaining peace and how to best become an effective peacemaker.

"Peace is a result of love," said McCarthy, who pointed to prayer, service and non-violence as the path to a peaceful future.

The peace advocate said that prayer and spirituality, regardless of the faith, is necessary in practicing the essential tenets of peace through forgiveness and non-violence.

Decreasing someone's pain and increasing someone's peace through a small act, McCarthy said, is of real importance.

McCarthy, calling the area between the White House and the Capitol the "homeless belt of America," cited that Washington had the highest dropout rate. He said there isn't a significant push to remedy these problems in the inner city.

"Eighty percent of the lawyers work for 20 percent of the people," said McCarthy. "Very few of us are called on to do great things, but all of us are called to do small things."

McCarthy asked the audience if it were possible to teach peace in an institutional setting. At an inner-city high school in Washington D.C., McCarthy

organized and implemented a volunteer course on radical non-violence but noted that very few programs in the country exist in peace studies, saying people graduate "peace illiterate."

"[Peace is] nothing abstract we're talking about, it's something we're living with," said McCarthy. "We live in a violent society."

McCarthy said every day the U.S. Congress gives the Department of the State, referred to as the "Department of Killing" by McCarthy, \$800 million a day for the military budget that is four times the budget of the Peace Corps. He said this is amount is also three times the budget for Teach for America (a program that encourages college graduates to teach in public schools) annually allotted to both programs.

McCarthy named the United States as the largest seller of weapons in the world that initially provides the means for violent conflict among nations that occur in third world countries.

"That is all wars are — the poor killing the poor," said McCarthy. The word "war", said McCarthy, has become so desensationalized that it is no longer an adequate expression to denote the level of true suffering.

"We use it so much, it doesn't have any impact," he said. "I call it slaughter."

This legal violence, according to McCarthy, is injustice in its purest form. Unnecessary violence does not end there, he said. It also exists in the present policies regarding animal rights.

"That's where the peace movement is weak," he said. "We've ignored the enormous suffering of the animals in this country."

Violence that is not seen does

not dispel it from being violence nonetheless. McCarthy identified two types of violence that exist, hot and cold.

"International violence in the World Trade Center. You saw it, you felt it, it was visceral," said McCarthy.

Contributing to cold violence are factors that are largely avoidable and at once inexcusable.

"There are two types of preventable disease — poverty and affluence," said McCarthy.

After Sept. 11, McCarthy cited four possible options in reaction to the events — military, political, legal and moral. Out of them all, the United States has chosen the military option as a solution, and unfortunately so, according to McCarthy.

"That's our foreign policy, you got a problem, go bomb somebody," said McCarthy. "Here we are, the wealthiest nation bombing the poorest."

Approaching conflicts from a moral perspective is ideally the most favorable solution, but McCarthy said it is hardly the angle that our country chooses to take.

"We don't believe in forgiveness, or otherwise we would have," said McCarthy. "It'll be a long time when we have a democratic government that respects human rights."

McCarthy urged students to take advantage of the peace studies program at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's because of its rare presence in higher education.

"Question the answers," encouraged McCarthy. "The answers that say it ends with violence."

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MIDNIGHT MADNESS



CHRISTINA REITANO/The Observer

Saint Mary's juniors hold their hands behind their backs and shove their faces into bowls in a frantic attempt to win the orange Jello-eating contest at Midnight Madness Friday night.

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2002 Arts & Letters Departmental Follow-up Sessions

As a follow-up to the Majors & Program Fair, the departments listed below are holding informational meetings for prospective majors.

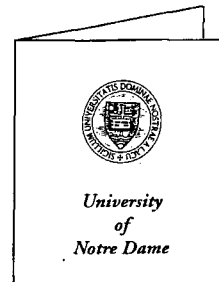
CAPP:

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members to speak against the policies and hoped for large student turnout to the meeting.

The biweekly meetings are open to the public.

"We want a strong showing from students," Norton said. "We hope to pack the meeting and let administrators see that this is an important issue to students."

More than 600 students attended Wednesday's rally, eventually marching to Main Building, where Father Mark Poorman's office is housed.

Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, will officially present the policy changes he announced to students a week ago. The changes — the first to the University alcohol policy in 14 years — require revisions to the student handbook, du Lac. Ordinarily, Bill Kirk, assistant vice president for Residence Life, proposes du Lac revisions to the CLC.

"I thought the alcohol changes were so important that I wanted to do them myself," Poorman said.

The administrator, a former Dillon Hall rector, also expected to address feedback he has received in the past week about the proposed changes. He said his comments would echo information he announced in a March 18 e-mail to students.

Kirk will introduce other planned changes to du Lac, Poorman said.

"I'm curious to hear Father Poorman's input," said Sol Galmarini, said Badin Hall senator and CLC member.

Norton expected to allow three students to direct questions to Poorman. She said other other students could submit questions to CLC members, who, in turn, would question the administrator.

In anticipation of a capacity crowd in the Notre Dame Room, Norton said she also reserved space for the meeting in the LaFortune Ballroom.

Ironically, council approval of the Senate-drafted resolution would forward the measure to Poorman's desk for consideration in the Office of Student Affairs.

Poorman last week announced three changes to the alcohol policy that University officers are likely to

approve this summer and enact in the fall:

- ♦ the ban of in-hall dances
- ♦ the outlaw of "hard" liquor in undergraduate residence halls

- ♦ and the loosening of tailgating rules to allow 21-year-old students to host parties before the home football games

Notre Dame adopted an alcohol policy in 1984.

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Sloman

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Sloman, the mother of two small children, was a social work major at Saint Mary's and transferred from Holy Cross College in 2001 with honors.

"She had just confirmed her field placement for next year and was excited that she was going to be able to indeed finish her requirements," said Vice President

for Student Affairs Linda Timm in a Sunday e-mail to the student body.

Classmates and department heads met Sunday night with Director of Counseling and Career Development Mary Depauw to discuss the death and decide on a possible prayer service or tribute for Sloman later this week.

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Fire

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Rakow.

Officials weren't releasing an estimate of how much the damages cost, but second-floor rooms beneath the site of the fire also suffered some water damage.

Many of the residents' belongings were cleared out immediately after the fire so that it could dry. It had been wetted by overhead sprinklers in the room.

The two sophomores who occupied the one-room double were treated at the scene for smoke inhalation along with one University maintenance employee. No one was hospitalized.

"It has been absolutely amazing how these girls have come together," said resident assistant

Elizabeth Cryan, who lives in the section where the fire started. Cryan left the hall Friday around 8:30 a.m. to work on a thesis and came back to the dorm around 11 a.m., after the fire had been extinguished. The

RA said she found dorm residents as well as outsiders helping to clean up the room.

Student Body President-elect Libby Bishop was one of the students that volunteered to help tidy the room.

"Everything was soaked," said Bishop, who lives on the dorm's fourth floor. "You realize how much stuff you actually have in your room when you're going through it by hand."

Cryan said her primary concern Friday was to make sure everyone affected by the fire was safe.

"Right now, we're all just so thankful for everyone to be safe," said Cryan.

Both residents moved to a different room in Welsh after the fire.

"They're doing well," said Cryan. "They're definitely really leaning on their friends [and] family."

The residents of the Welsh room were unavailable for comment.

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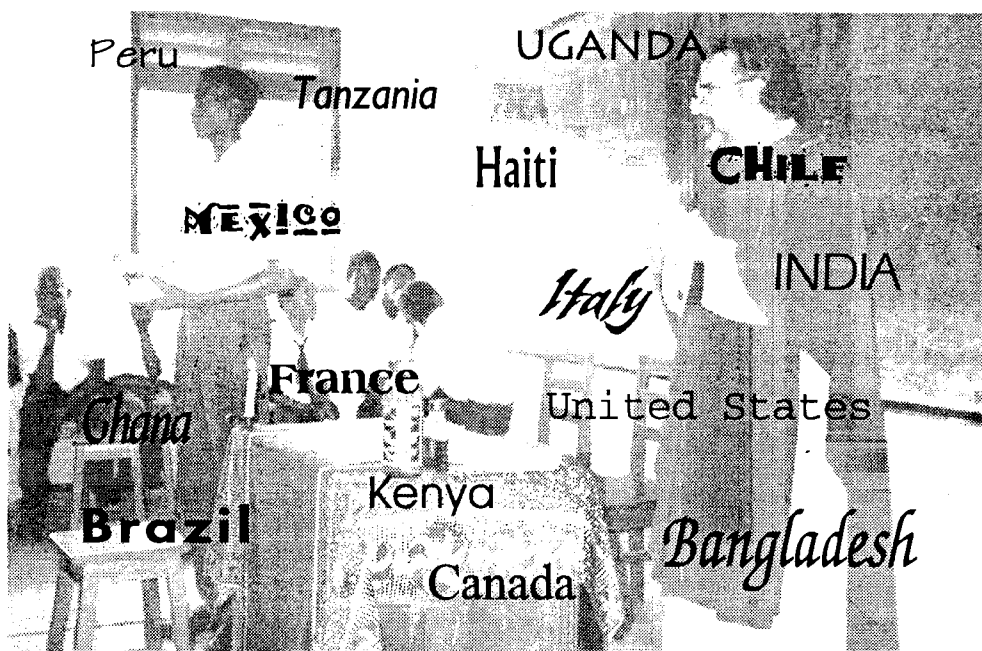


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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Koreas to reopen dialogue: South and North Korea have agreed to resume dialogue and exchange special envoys moving to ease tensions in one of the world's most militarized regions. The agreement was reached after a series of secret talks between the two governments at the North's Diamond Mountain resort and third countries, officials said. The mountain is a tourist attraction that has been open to South Koreans since 1998.

Serbs rally against NATO: Supporters of Slobodan Milosevic marked the third anniversary of NATO's air war on Yugoslavia Sunday. Carrying Serbian flags and chanting "NATO are murderers," some 7,000 Milosevic supporters rallied in Belgrade to condemn the 1999 bombing and to protest the former leader's war crimes trial in The Hague.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Ridge will not testify in Congress: Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge stood firm Sunday in his refusal to testify before Congress about the White House's anti-terrorism budget, saying his appearance would violate the constitution's separation of powers. Ridge said he will continue to meet informally with lawmakers, but he has no intention of testifying because he is an adviser to the president, not a Cabinet member obliged to appear on Capitol Hill.

States continue to fight Microsoft: The nine states suing Microsoft for antitrust violations still think they can persuade the court to impose far-reaching penalties on the software company. The states want Microsoft to create a stripped-down version of its flagship Windows software that could incorporate competitors' features. The states also want Microsoft to divulge the blueprints for its Internet Explorer browser.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Official apologizes for comments: A county official has apologized for using the words "trailer trash" in an e-mail about tax changes affecting mobile homes. The memo from Diane Hawkins, director of Tippecanoe County's Management Information Technology Services, was distributed to some county employees and mentioned a change to taxes on mobile homes. Hawkins said her words have been taken out of context. She said she used the word "trash" as a pun to refer to a difficult, time-consuming software program the department was using.

EL SALVADOR



AFP Photo

President Bush conducts a press conference on Sunday in San Salvador. Bush concluded his four-day Latin American trip by focusing on how trade should be expanded and jobs should be created throughout the region.

Bush concludes Latin American visit

Associated Press

SAN SALVADOR
President Bush on Sunday held out the promise of expanded trade to Central American nations, saying countries once racked by civil war now deserve jobs as a reward for the way they have "changed old ways and have found new wealth and new freedom." Bush paid a six-hour visit here — his first ever, he said — to discuss the possibilities of a Central American trade pact with Salvadoran President Francisco Flores and other leaders from the region.

The sessions closed out a four-day tour of Latin America in which Bush pushed open markets, anti-terrorism efforts and more foreign aid money for developing nations that flush out corruption. Bush also pledged Sunday to pursue a trade agreement for all the Americas, and promote immigration policies that would establish temporary protective status for some immigrants whose visas have expired. Over lunch with the leaders of El Salvador, Belize, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Honduras and Panama, Bush said he

wants to get Congress energized behind the regional trade proposal he submitted in January, even though the matter, for now, is "at the working level," said White House spokesman Sean McCormack. Secretary of State Colin Powell acknowledged Sunday that no Central American trade deal is likely soon. The administration has a number of trade agreements lined up and is trying to craft them into one trade policy before getting into trade talks, he said. "He'll want to hear from the leaders ... and then

we'll take those messages back, as we structure our overall trade policy," Powell said. Bush noted that millions of Salvadorans living in the United States are propping up El Salvador's economy by sending nearly \$2 billion a year back to their families. He suggested that more trade would give these workers the option of finding employment in their native land that pays enough to sustain a high quality of life. "Trade means jobs," Bush said. "Trade means people who want to work are more likely to find jobs in both countries."

AFGHANISTAN

Gunmen attack Afghan security chief

Associated Press

KABUL
The governor of an Afghan province demanded U.S. Special Forces hand over several rival Afghan allies who allegedly opened fire Sunday on the region's security chief, killing a bodyguard and wounding two others before reportedly fleeing into an American compound. Afghan authorities said the assailants were believed to have been allies of the United States and took refuge in the Americans' forti-

fied airport compound. There was no confirmation from U.S. forces. The security chief of Khost province, Sur Gul, escaped injury in the attack, the latest in a series of incidents in the area involving rival groups, according to Hazratuddin, intelligence chief of Khost. Hazratuddin said the assailants opened fire on Gul because he had tried to disarm them a day earlier in the Khost public market. "We will talk again tomorrow with the Americans and I am sure they will hand them over," Khost Gov. Mohammed Ibrahim said. "I was

busy today with the funeral, but I don't think they will refuse." Most of Khost is under the control of U.S.-backed warlord Bacha Khan Zardran, but within Zardran's group there are rival factions. Many Afghans in Khost blame the rising tension here on the United States for having recruited warlords as allies in the fight against the Taliban and al-Qaida. The warlords are paid for their services — something that has triggered clashes among Afghan groups eager to win support and patronage from the Americans.

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Same:	190	
Down:	1,308	
Composite Volume:	1,245,779,200	
AMEX:	898.97	- 5.42
NASDAQ:	1,851.39	- 17.44
NYSE:	609.09	- 1.73
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Library adds rare letters to collections

By LAUREN BECK
News Writer

Notre Dame alumnus Robert O'Grady and his wife Beverly presented Friday a rare collection of Latin American liberator Jose de San Martin's letters to the Hesburgh Library.

San Martin wrote the 45 letters during his military campaigns in Latin America from 1814 to 1821. The letters document his liberation of Chile, Argentina and Peru. Most of the correspondence is to Chilean

G e n e r a l B e r n a r d o O'Higgins, reporting on military progress, coordinating troops and requesting supplies.

O'Grady, an Argentine native and 1963 Notre Dame graduate, said the letters were an important reflection of San Martin's character.

"San Martin is enormously inspirational. He was an individual at a level of the very best, up there with George Washington and the other Founding Fathers," he said.

History professor Ivan Jaksic considered San Martin an heroic leader in a time of confusion and civil war.

"San Martin left a beautiful legacy. He was a man of true integrity, a leader who refused to shed unnecessary blood. He is an example for us and for generations to come of what people

in Latin America accomplished," he said.

The letters, which will reside in the library's Department of Rare Books and Special Collections, are invaluable primary resources, said Jennifer Younger, director of University Libraries.

"One of the greatest needs of scholars is to have access to primary resources. This cash of letters represents a unique addition to the collection, and one we will be privileged to make available to other scholars," she said.

Jaksic said faculty members and students alike would benefit from the donation.

"The letters are important for teaching because they show the texture of history and give us the elements we need to convey histo-

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Jennifer Younger
director of University Libraries

ry," he said.

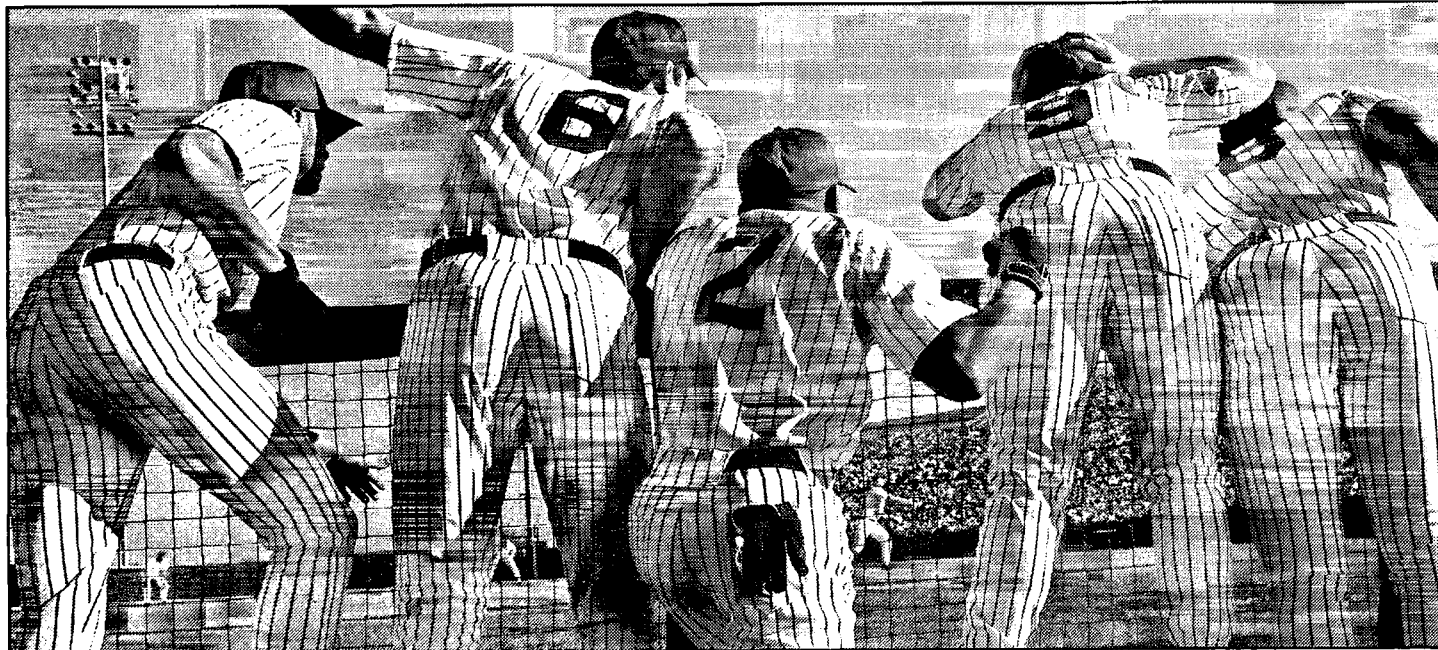
Students may consult the letters for research.

Beverly O'Grady said she hoped the letters would interest students of all disciplines. "They provide a wide base for people whose interests are anywhere in this field — politics, literature, economics," she said.

The San Martin letters added to the O'Grady Collection, which features other rare Latin American books, poetry and letters that the couple has acquired from book dealers.

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The blind leading the students

In the last month, three programs ran that have pushed the boundaries for what we can watch. There was the CBS documentary "9/11," an uncensored look at one fire house's response to the terrorist attacks;

Mike Marchand

Undistinguished Alumnus

ESPN's "A Season On The Brink," which ran on the same night, but was much more boring since it was basically a vehicle for Brian Dennehy to swear a Hoosier-red streak in nearly every sentence; and FX's new cop-drama "The Shield," which is so raunchy that it makes "NYPD Blue" look like "CHiPs."

What do these have in common with the new alcohol policy? It's called the law of unintended consequences. Those three TV programs would never have made air 10, five or even three years ago. The only reason we can watch them now is because the networks that broadcast them clearly put the TV-MA label on them, warning of mature content. So in an entertaining irony, the labels that were slapped on shows to make television safer for children resulted in more adult content than ever before.

Last week, the Office of Student Affairs handed down its holy decree that henceforth, students shall not possesseth hard liquor in dorm rooms and there shall be no enjoyment of the Screweth-Thou-Roommate festivals on hallowed University ground. Ostensibly, this seems like a pretty straightforward decision — underage drinking and binge drinking are both problems at Notre Dame and getting worse. Therefore, ban the booze and events where excessive consumption takes place. Problem solved, right?

No. It's not that easy, because it's

never that easy. Drinking doesn't just take place in dorms and before dances. It happens at off-campus residences and bars, where the long arm of the University law doesn't have jurisdiction. That leaves a massive loophole where all the people who would ordinarily be getting wasted in dorms will flee through in a mass exodus. It solves nothing, and in fact makes the problem worse. But the new policy is blind to such unforeseen outcomes.

A student who lives on campus has friends, resident assistants and rectors who can deal with a hazardous situation. There are no such safeguards outside the Notre Dame bubble. Who will help when a student that no one knows passes out at an off-campus bash? Who will take the keys from a plastered partier when he or she decides to drive home? Who will make sure that person gets back safe? Instead of assuming control of the situation, the University decided to wash its hands and hope that strangers, the South Bend Police Department, cab drivers or God knows who else takes care of it for them. Some "in loco parentis."

Furthermore, even in dorms, if someone engages in abusive drinking, the problem could go unreported and unassisted. Theories have been proposed, with some logic to them, that the University's negative attitude toward sexual relations contributes to an aura of silence about rape. Victims are reluctant to come forward because they don't want to admit that they had sex, or became intoxicated to the point where they were taken advantage of.

If, under these new alcohol rules, a student hosts a party where someone gets hammered to the point where they need assistance, will they tell their RA? Or their rector? Even if the

host is 21 and only beer was served, the stigma of the new rules could impair the judgment of even someone who hasn't drunk a drop.

Listen, if you want to stop a problem, you have to identify what it is first and take only those measures to stop it. If underage drinking is the problem, increase the fines for minors who are caught drinking, and start punishing harder those of legal age who either supply them the booze or fake IDs to buy it. If binge drinking is the problem, punish the binge drinkers. Perhaps ResLife could set up "alcohol probation" for repeated offenders.

In sum, the new alcohol policy is flawed because it won't force the heavy or underage drinkers to stop, and those students who do drink legally and responsibly suffer, because they can't have their choice of drinks they can keep in their living space. Once more, the University has put the "loco" back in "in loco parentis" by deciding on a new policy that's the equivalent of using a nuclear weapon to flatten an anthill, being blind to both the fallout and the collateral damage it causes. There are ways to fix problem drinking without stepping all over the toes of responsible students. Start there first.

Mike Marchand, a 2001 graduate, analyst for RealClearPolitics and contributor to The Politix Group, used to be a responsible underage drinker. Now he's a responsible legal drinker. Though he prefers rum-and-Coke or a good Long Island Iced Tea, e-mail him with any great drink recipes at Marchand.3@nd.edu.

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Matthew 15:14

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters question administration's intent

Changes in alcohol policy focus on improving campus life

Would it surprise you to learn that for the last 10 years your peers at Duke University have been fighting a losing, rear guard action against comprehensive plans to improve the quality of their campus life by limiting on-campus abuse of alcohol and invigorating other dimensions of campus life?

The last two Duke University administrations have made massive and positive alterations in campus housing policy, changed the status of fraternities and started a variety of new programs to enhance the integration of academic and campus life. With faculty cooperation, they have made efforts to bring faculty back to campus in the evening and on the weekends and increase the number of faculty and faculty families resident on campus.

The tired refrain, "We work hard, therefore we play hard," uttered in a context where everyone knows that "hard play" actually interferes with good work, is just a fast start on a lifetime pattern of self-defeating behavior. If your next jobs, or the next level of your educations, actually involve easier work, Notre Dame has failed you.

I'm not sure it's the handwriting on the wall, but for a glimpse of a possible better campus life for a "new Notre Dame," check the following:

<http://www.dukenews.duke.edu/Daily00-01/willimon.htm>,

<http://www.studentaffairs.duke.edu/about/reports/1994/asc-intro.html>.

Ed Manier
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professor of philosophy
March 25, 2002

Administrators' actions more immature than students'

For those of you who don't know or who didn't attend, the party on March 23 at Lafayette was overrun with police handing out tickets for underage consumption. I was one of the unlucky ones who happened to get stopped and caught. I did not have a drink in my hand, and I was not acting drunk or out of it in any way, shape or form. I had just had a couple of drinks with my friends like we do on weekends.

The ticket itself isn't a big deal to me. The part that really bothers me is the conversation that I had with the police officer that was writing my ticket. He first told me that he had heard on the news about the new policy that the administration is trying to implement. Then, the shocker: he proceeded to tell me that the reason the cops were writing drinking tickets was because someone from the administration

had called the police, tipped them off about the party and requested that "names of people drinking be taken."

Now, I will speak my mind to the administration. Your strong-arm tactics will not work. Many of my fellow students and I are sick to our stomachs because of the events of this last week. First, you try to take away our SYRs, which include some of the best and most well-known student traditions. Then, with the intention of scaring students and getting them into trouble, you tip the police about a party?

I thought we, the students, were the immature ones who can't handle hard alcohol or dances in our dorms. Well, you are the ones who need to grow up. Ratting out your own students? Trying to reduce drinking by scaring us?

There might be a small number of students who abuse drinking, but the vast majority of us do not. Notre Dame has always taken pride in the fact that it is a unique place. Now, you, the administration, are single handedly trying to ruin that. Notre Dame prides itself on the quality, intelligence and character of its students. So I ask you, why won't you let us have a voice? Why do you treat us like we are incompetent, irresponsible kids?

Matthew Scheidler
freshman
Alumni Hall
March 25, 2002



Opportunistic Federalist Society ignores Catholic social justice

In her March 21 column, Christine Niles related the purported "highlight" of the latest unholy conclave of the Federalist Society. Contrary to her claims, Gary Lawson's inane doggerel seems quite credible evidence that discussions were neither witty nor respectful. Questions of taste aside, this brand of humor is indicative of the nuttiness that holds sway among this set. How many fair-minded people really chuckle at the notion that Justice Brennan equates to Lenin, while Bork is an alternative to be celebrated? Even taken in jest, this certainly doesn't seem very "heterodox" to me, and that is exactly the point. Lawson's "humor" by design appeals to a very small group of people who already agree with him.

Say Niles is right when she says that around 10 percent of those who study law professionally subscribe to the Federalist ideology. One might imagine, therefore, that there's a lot of useful diversity of opinion available outside this narrow mindset. Not according to the highest court in the land. Though she neglected to mention it, Niles has a pretty good idea about how many of the Supreme Court clerks for Justices Thomas and Scalia come from outside the ranks of the Federalist Society. For those of you keeping track at home, the correct answer is, not many. Niles is disingenuous; for those who actually put these suspect ideas into practice, it's not at all about seeking out other points of view.

Now we're getting to the practical way that this system works. While I don't wish to impugn her personally, Niles is no doubt aware that her organization isn't exactly hurting her career prospects. And for those less disinterested and less scrupulous lawyers out there, the Federalist rolodex is the fast lane of careerism. It just so happens that this "philosophy" inordinately benefits those with the most money (and least interest in real democracy) in America today. Unfortunately, judging by the growth of the Society, the many inconsistencies within its platform seem less compelling than the convenience of the meal-ticket dimension. Just so long as selling your soul and selling out your country (not any lawyers, of course) aren't big problems, it must be a tempting choice.

Who should care? At least those of us who think that America should allow its judges to practice Catholicism, perhaps. Incredibly, Scalia (a nominal Catholic) has proffered a trans-Atlantic revisiting of the Test Acts (by which Britain once excluded Catholics from holding political office, etc.). He recently suggested publicly that Catholic judges who follow Church teaching on the death penalty aren't fit to practice: "any Catholic jurist [with such concerns] ... would have to resign."

Not surprisingly, he hasn't spent much time denouncing pro-life judges despite their comparable conundrum; in agreeing with Scalia they seem to meet the true test of the "law." How long before the

39 Articles of the Federalist Society become a prerequisite for sitting on any American bench?

In the same moment, this confident justice moved beyond his usual, bizarre interpretations of the U.S. Constitution to mediate God's will to the Church. After "serious thought," claims Scalia, "No authority that I know of denies the 2,000-year-old tradition of the Church approving capital punishment. ... I don't see why there's been a change." Of course, Scalia neglects several traditions within the Catholic Church over the last 2,000 years that have spoken against the death penalty. But this is a rather typical instance of the sloppy "historical" practice that rationalizes his Federalist ideology — the mantra better known as "the framer's intent."

Similarly, there is less interest in the recovery of intent than in mining for selective "evidence" to support preconceived positions that coincidentally benefit society's most fortunate. This "reinterpretation" frequently comes at the expense, for one, of Catholic principles of social justice such as the preferential option for the poor. In so many ways, enough never seems to be enough for some people. Despite Niles's reassurances, we should all be concerned.

Tim Campbell
class of '00
March 24, 2002

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Bon appetit in the Bend ~ S

The Vine offers fine foods at a fine price

By AMANDA GRECO
Associate Scene Editor

Opened in November of 1998, The Vine is an attempt at mimicing swank wineries such as Webster's in Chicago. The attempt is rather successful.

Boasting a wine list larger than its dinner menu, a bar, a cigar lounge and an outside patio, The Vine appeals to anyone looking for a high class dining experience within a reasonable budget.

The average cost for an appetizer is approximately \$6, entrees range from \$6.50 for the gourmet salads to \$12.50 for the creamy Cajun shrimp pasta and wine averages \$5.50 a glass or \$20 for a bottle.

The sheer length of the wine menu can be rather daunting for those accustomed to drinking their wine from boxes. Servers are very knowledgeable for guests seeking recommendations regarding the wines available.

The Vine encourages customers to have a free-taste of wines before selecting a glass or bottle to accompany a meal. Flights of wine are available for purchase, providing an aesthetic display of several wines within a given type: white or red, dry or sweet, etc. The wine menu at The Vine is frequently added to and updated.

Next to the extensive wine menu, the appetizers offer perhaps the most varied selection, and none are disappointing.

The simplest appetizer, the cheese flight, is ideally accompanied by a glass of wine. The cheese flight offers an assortment of fresh cheeses and crackers with grapes.

The baked Brie appetizer brings cheese one step closer to gourmet. In the center of a baked pastry lies the Brie, melted for spreading on the small, delicate loaf of white bread served alongside.

Also on the appetizer menu are a variety of equally delicious dips: crab served with garlic bread, spinach with focaccia bread triangles and artichoke, also served with focaccia bread. The dips

are all fresh and creamy, with no large chunks of meat or vegetable to wrestle onto the bread. The crab dip reigns high as the restaurant's most popular appetizer.

Any of the appetizers would be well suited by a light, sweet white wine, such as the Menage a trois. If red wine is preferred, try the Bogel zinfandel, which has a deep, earthy aftertaste.

The dinner menu offers entrees in several categories: pasta, specialty pizzas, gourmet salads and sandwiches. A side soup and/or salad may be ordered at an additional price. While the menu categories may be basic, the portions are large and the entrees are each a detailed combination of flavors and ingredients.

Various preparations for the pasta include the bowtie pasta, which comes served in a white wine sauce, garnished with sun-dried tomatoes, tomato basil chicken breast and asiago and parmesan cheeses.

Also appearing on the list of pastas is ravioli. This isn't Chef Boyardee ravioli, however. Each pasta is filled with portabella mushrooms, served in an alfredo sauce with green onions and sliced mushrooms. The creamy Cajun shrimp is available served over a choice of pastas. The jumbo shrimp are sautéed in The Vine's special Cajun butter with mushrooms, red and yellow peppers, and are then served with a splash of cream and parmesan cheese.

The Vine's pizzas are each a masterpiece of sorts. Pizzas offered range from the traditional Italian favorite, La Margherita, to a Meatza Peatza, stacked high with bacon, pepperoni and Italian sausage, to a few newer creations from The Vine's kitchen. The Tuscany pizza features a

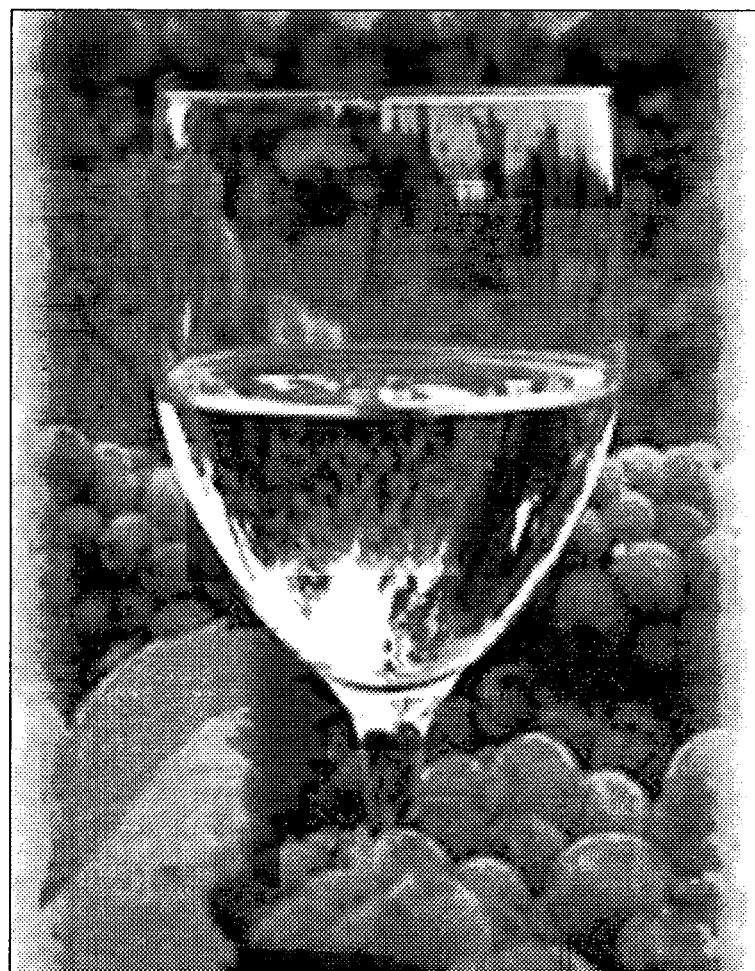


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The Vine as an extensive wine menu. The staff is highly knowledgeable, so ask which wine would best complement your meal.

creamy alfredo sauce on a garlic butter crust, topped with fresh spinach, sliced mushrooms, spices and two cheeses.

For those seeking a lighter fare, try one of the six gourmet salads. But beware — these salads are large meals! Most salads are available with or without an accompanying meat, either chicken, shrimp or bacon. The dressings for each salad are "homemade" at the restaurant, along with the freshly baked croutons. Each salad is served with fresh garlic bread.

The last stop on the food menu is the sandwich section, where diners can select a sandwich made to order. In the vegetarian arena, the portabella mushroom sandwich offers a filling alternative to meat alternatives. The large mushroom is baked and served on focaccia bread with cheese and an olive oil/onion relish topping.

Other sandwiches include the grilled chicken breast served on French bread, the turkey breast served with asparagus, bacon and cheddar and the roast beef and cheddar croissant.

While guests with a sweet tooth generally venture next door to the South Bend Chocolate Factory for dessert, The Vine does offer several cheesecakes and coffee to finish your meal.

The Vine is a cozy, small restaurant that offers good food and a great atmosphere for its guests. The staff is courteous and knowledgeable, and their lack of a uniform adds to the comfort of the dining experience. The Vine is a successful recreation of a big city feel, tucked away in downtown South Bend.

The Vine is located at 122 S. Michigan St. Call The Vine at 234-WINE for reservations (though not required) and carryout, or to find out about wine tasting events and prize giveaways.



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The Vine is tucked away in downtown South Bend, next to the South Bend Chocolate Factory and the College Football Hall of Fame. Though easy to miss, it should not be overlooked when considering fine dining options in South Bend.

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2002 NCAA Fencing Championship

Foiled again

Notre Dame's best point-total in history not enough to win championship

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

MADISON, N.J.

The dissatisfied looks on the their faces said it all.

The wet eyes of both senior sabre captains knew they blew a golden opportunity to win the national title in their final meet.

At the NCAA Fencing Championships this weekend, Notre Dame finished third with 186 points. Penn State won their sixth title in seven years, finishing with 195 points. Defending champion St. John's took second with 192.

"The team had the talent to win it this year, but talent is not everything, 90 percent of it is work," said junior foil captain Ozren Debic. "I don't think we prepared well for it."

After the women's competition was completed Friday, the Irish stood in second with 97 points. The Red Storm was in first with 100 and the Nittany Lions were three behind the Irish with 94.

"The girls did really well. Before this, everyone was like 'If the girls do well we're set,'" said freshman Derek Snyder. "So I think [Saturday] we went in kind of cocky. We dropped a lot of bouts we shouldn't have. If we had fenced strong, we definitely would have won. We have a better team than most of the people here. We definitely had a shot."

The confidence quickly left the Notre Dame after the second round of Saturday's competition. In men's foil and sabre, the Irish went a combined 1-7, giving the Nittany Lions 12 points, a lead they would not relinquish the rest of the weekend.

"I kind of hoped that we were going to fence them later," said Snyder. "It was tough. It was intense. We had the whole Penn State team there cheering. Notre Dame was there as well. I don't think Oz [Debic] and I fenced nearly as well as we could have."

Combining its poor performance against Penn State with other subpar records in the other rounds, Notre Dame fell to third place with 148 points. Penn State was in first with 155.

However, the team felt it could make up that difference with a better showing on Sunday. At a team meeting Saturday night, Debic thought Auriol killed any hopes of a comeback.

"He basically told us that we're not going to win and that we screwed up the first day," Debic said.

"I think that had a huge impact on

our team. We didn't fence well the first day, but we were still down by seven bouts. We could've pulled it off. He really killed our momentum."

In the first two rounds on Sunday, the Irish continued their inconsistent performance from wins on Saturday and combined with senior captain Andre Crompton to give the Irish 27 points in men sabre.

Sobieraj, after earning a 26-1 regular season record and the Midwest Regional Championship, started horribly with six wins on Saturday. He regrouped on Sunday and finished with 12 wins. He earned third team All-America with his 10th-place finish.

The freshmen foil team of Alicja Kryczalo and Andrea Ament continued their dominance on Friday. The pair won the maximum 45 bouts and faced each other in the foil finals. Kryczalo won the final 15-6. Kryczalo defeated Ohio State's Hannah Thompson 15-5 in one semifinal while Ament

"This team had the talent to win it this year, but talent is not everything, 90 percent of it is work. I don't think we prepared well for it."

Ozren Debic
men's foil captain

defeated St. John's Irina Khouade 15-13 in the other semifinal.

Sophomore Kerry Walton won the women's epee title in her first NCAA Championships. She defeated defending champion Emese Takacs 15-12 in the semifinal and Penn State's Stephanie Eim 15-12 to claim the title.

Debic finished fourth in men's foil to give the Irish four first-team All-Americans, the most in Irish history.

Since women's sabre was added in 2000, Notre Dame's point total of 186 would have won the competition in 2000 or 2001. Last year, the Irish finished third with 153 points.

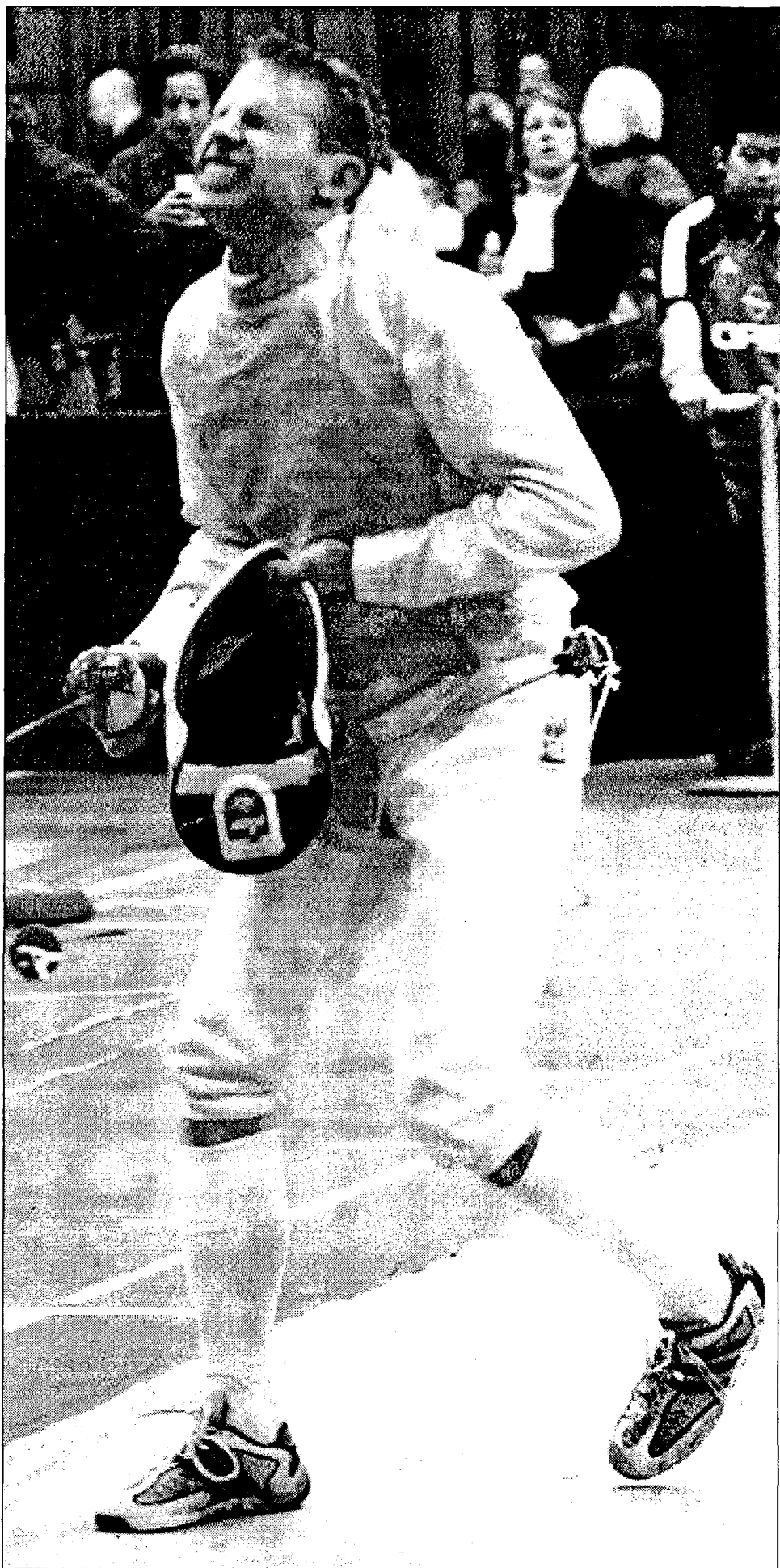
Next year, St. John's, who only qualified 11 of the maximum 12 fencers this year, and Penn State look to improve further and push the point totals higher. The Irish need to make many improvements if they hope to contend for the national title.

"We need to get a lot, more than we're going to get," said junior epee captain Jan Viviani.

"When you look at some of the other teams we are going up against they have pretty amazing guys. All the guys on [Penn State] are practically from other countries, national teams. There's Olympians on other teams."

"We're gonna have to do some work."

Notre Dame returns 10 of its 12 qualifiers next year. The Irish only lose sabre fencers Crompton and McCullough.



MIKE CONNOLLY/The Observer

Junior foil captain Ozren Debic grimaces in disgust after losing a 5-4 bout to California State-Fullerton's Roland Breden Sunday. Debic finished the day with a 18-5 record and placed fourth overall at the 2002 NCAA Fencing Championships.

fencer of the meet

Alicja Kryczalo

The freshman foilist was perfect in her NCAA debut. She won every bout en route to the individual foil national title. She was an incredible +100 in indicators meaning she scored 100 more touches than she yielded.



quote of the meet

"Mentally, some of the guys on this team weren't ready to compete."

Yves Auriol
Irish head coach

stat of the meet

1-7 against Penn State Saturday

The Irish men's foil and sabre teams won just one bout during round two of the men's competition against Penn State. The Irish never made up this 12-point deficit and lost by nine points.

Walton one-ups her family with epee win

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

MADISON, N.J.

Irish sophomore Kerry Walton's family tradition is very rich in fencing.

John, her father, fenced until knee surgery made him stop.

Her mom, Yvonne, recently won the veterans' division at the North American World Cup and also made the Veterans' World Team, making the mother-daughter combo the first duo to concurrently be members of world team squads.

Kerry's cousins, Scott and Kevin, fence at Columbia and Penn, respectively. Her brother Forest is on the Notre Dame men's foil team but spent this season abroad. He finished 10th at the 2001 NCAAAs and was a third-team All-American.

In this stable of fencing thoroughbreds, however, Kerry Walton stands above them all after winning the 2002 NCAA women's epee individual championship. But you'd never know from her stoic reaction that she is the best collegiate women's epeeist in the country.

"I am always like this, I never really care," she said.

"It's just another tournament. It's important for the team and everything. It's just another step."

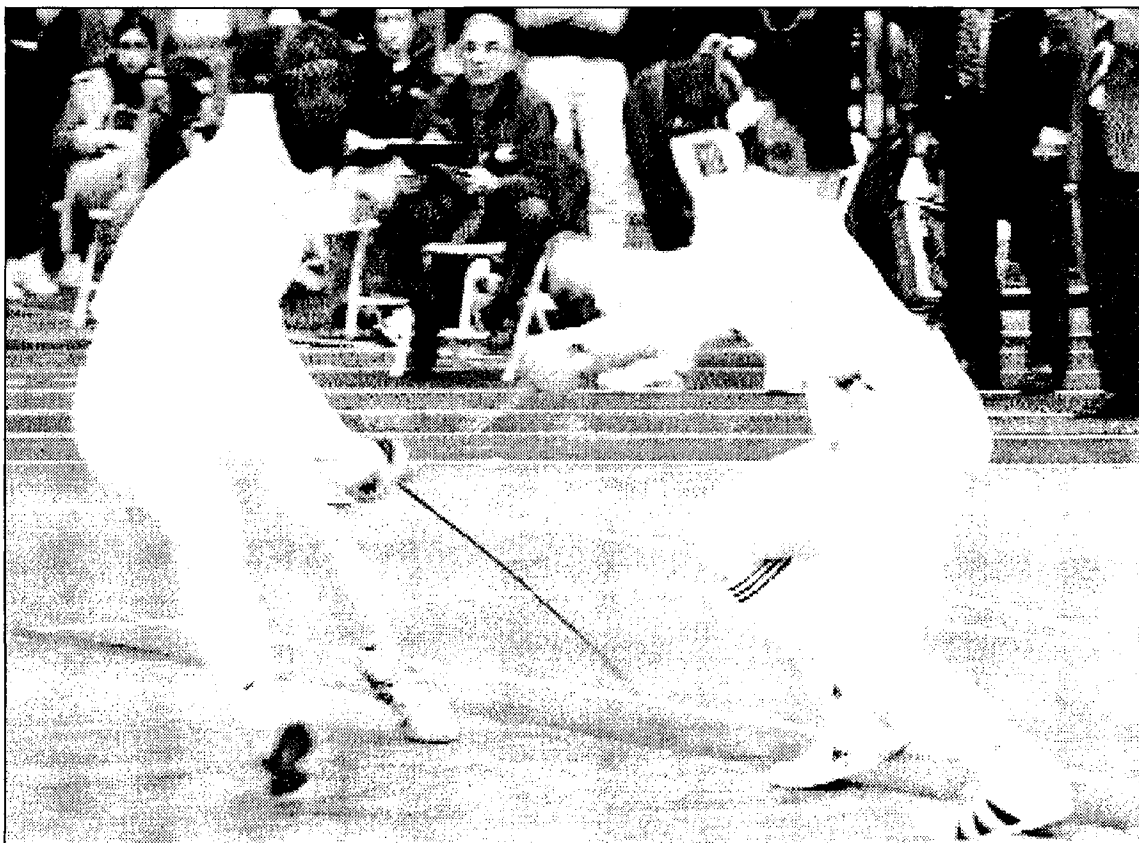
In team competition, Kerry finished third with an 18-5 record. Her most dramatic victory came against Arlene Stevens of St. John's, when Kerry scored the winning touch with four seconds remaining in overtime.

Kerry's semifinal match was against Emese Tackas of St. John's, the defending women's epee champion. With the score 9-8, Kerry won four straight points to take control of the match. She defeated Tackas 15-12 and moved to the final.

In the final, Kerry found Stephanie Eim of Penn State, who finished pool play with a perfect 23-0 record. However, Kerry came ready to win the title.

Kerry led by two after the first and second periods. In the third, Kerry never let Eim pull even and she won the title 15-12. Kerry was very satisfied with her victory over Eim.

"I hadn't fenced her in awhile. I lost to her earlier actually, 5-4 in the pool," Kerry said, "So I was a little nervous. She is probably the best fencer here in my opinion and she always does excellent in all the tournaments she's



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Irish sophomore Kerry Walton, right, lunges toward Penn State's Stephanie Eim during the 2002 women's epee championship Friday. Walton won the bout 15-12.

at. I was a little nervous coming in but I had some good advice from [head coach] Yves [Auriol] and [assistant coach] Janusz [Bednarski] as well."

Even though he is in Europe

studying architecture, Forest sent his team some support in their quest for the national title.

"He e-mailed the whole team," said Kerry. "He said

he's so sorry he can't be there for [us]. Kick butt for me."

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Auriol remains the same to the end

MADISON, N.J.

Even in his last weekend as Notre Dame fencing coach, Yves Auriol remained a stark realist.

With his team trailing Penn State by

seven points heading into the final day of competition, Auriol didn't deliver a rousing win-one-for-the-Gipper-esque ora-

tion or hype his team up with a rousing pep talk. Instead he sat his six men fencers down and told them exactly what he thought.

"I didn't have the numbers so I said it could be difficult to pull it off," Auriol said about Notre Dame's chances for a comeback on Sunday. "When they gave me the numbers, then I said it could be done but it would still be tough."

His team would have been fools if they expected anything different.

Throughout his 13 years at Notre Dame — the last six as head coach for both the men's and women's squad — Auriol has always called it like he saw it. He never sugarcoated his words and pulled any punches.

"He's not gonna change. He's always gonna tell it out it is, whether you are doing well or whether you are doing bad," said his son Stephane, who fenced for Notre Dame from 1996-99.

When his women's sabre team won only 13 bouts on

Thursday, Auriol had no problem telling the media he thought they fenced "lousy." After expected championship-contender Michal Sobieraj won just 12 bouts, Auriol called him out for underachieving and said he should have won "10 more."

Nobody was immune from Auriol's blunt words — not even second-team All-American Jan Viviani, whom Auriol expected to place in the top four for the third consecutive year.

For some fencers, Auriol's direct assessments of their performance were a negative, but for others, it only drove them to fence harder.

"If you don't like to hear it, then it can be tough," Stephane Auriol said. "But sometimes, you need to hear how it really is."

Sabre captain Andre Crompton said Auriol's blunt assessment of their chances Saturday night helped them regroup for a better Sunday performance.

"That's just the personality of Coach Auriol," Crompton said. "I think after we had our meeting, we realized we were only down seven bouts and a lot could happen [but] we didn't pick it up [Sunday]."

Auriol's brutal honesty came hand in hand with his refusal to make excuses. Through injuries, illness, transfers and academic casualties, Auriol never rationalized failure or tried to give reasons for losing. He was intensely driven to succeed, to win, and to bring home a championship.

And leaving without one cuts him right to the marrow.

"I have been finishing so close for so many years it would have been nice to win this time," Auriol said. "I feel like some-



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Irish head coach Yves Auriol (right) argues with Penn State head coach Emmanuil Kaldanov about the clock during the women's epee championship bout Friday.

thing is unaccomplished."

There's a championship missing from Auriol's impressive coaching résumé. A dark splotch on an otherwise shining career.

But don't feel sorry for him. That's the last thing he would

want.

Don't make excuses, rationalize his shortcomings or gloss over his shortcomings.

There is only one way to honor Auriol's 13 years as Irish head coach.

Understand the successes,

recognize the shortcomings and win.

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Untouchable

Kryczalo adjusts to life in America, dominates on the fencing strip

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Senior Staff Writer

MADISON, N.J.
In the dining hall after fencing practice this fall, freshman Alicja Kryczalo felt out of place. The Polish fencer who had never spent a significant amount of time in the United States before August was lost amid the quick tongues and slang that characterize a college dinner conversation.

"After practice when we went to dinner, I didn't understand anything. I was sitting and felt so bad," Kryczalo said. "Sometimes even now, I don't understand what people are talking about."

But as lost as she felt in American culture, she was right at home on the fencing strip as she finished her freshman year with an undefeated NCAA championship and the individual foil title.

"I was sure I could do it, but I knew that it was very hard to do it," Kryczalo said. "I can't say I'm surprised, but I'm really glad because it wasn't easy."

Kryczalo said her championship wasn't easy, but out on the strip, she made it look easy. She never had a bout closer than 5-3 and finished the tournament +100 in indicators, meaning she scored 100 more touches than she received. Her opponents only landed 15 touches — less than one per bout.

"It was a miracle," men's foil captain Ozren Debic said about Kryczalo's performance. "I don't think that will ever happen again."

Kryczalo's undefeated streak included two wins that avenged her only losses of the season — St. John's Irina Khouade and Stanford's Irish Zimmermann.

Her win against Zimmermann, the defending NCAA champion, was especially dominating. She ripped through Stanford's best 5-1.

"I knew that she wasn't in the best shape," Kryczalo said. "I didn't lose to her [at World Cup events] in Poland. When I came here, I lost two matches. So I just had to regain my confidence."

Kryczalo is gaining confidence

off the strip as well. Joining in mealtime conversations wasn't the biggest hurdle Kryczalo had to conquer linguistically. She also had to pass First Year Composition ... in a second language.

"I knew English but it was very hard to take the classes. FYC was very difficult at first," she said.

Her first paper took her hours to write but at the end of the semester, her English had improved and so did her grades. She got an A- for her final grade.

On top of learning a new language, she was also away from home for the first time. With her parents thousands of miles away and struggling to express herself with her American friends, she turned to assistant coach Janusz Bednarski and freshman epeeist Michal Sobieraj — both natives of Poland.

"Michal and I speak in Polish," she said. "We joke about the language barrier."

Meanwhile, Bendnarski acts like a surrogate parent. When Kryczalo got sick, Bednarski called everyday to check on her.

"I brought her into a challenging academic situation like Notre Dame and she is doing very well," he said. "Her parents obligated me to take care of her."

Every day, however, Kryczalo gets a little more comfortable in American culture. Pretty soon she will be just as smooth off the strip as she is on it.

Already she is fitting in better into conversations. As she learns more conversational English, she also taught her teammates a couple of key Polish phrases — including the Polish words for "Go Baby" which he teammates made into a sign to cheer her on.

"That was so nice of them," Kryczalo said blushing at the extra attention.

Conversational English is still tough for her but with her easy going demeanor and desire to learn, don't be surprised if Kryczalo is soon leading those post-practice dining hall chats.

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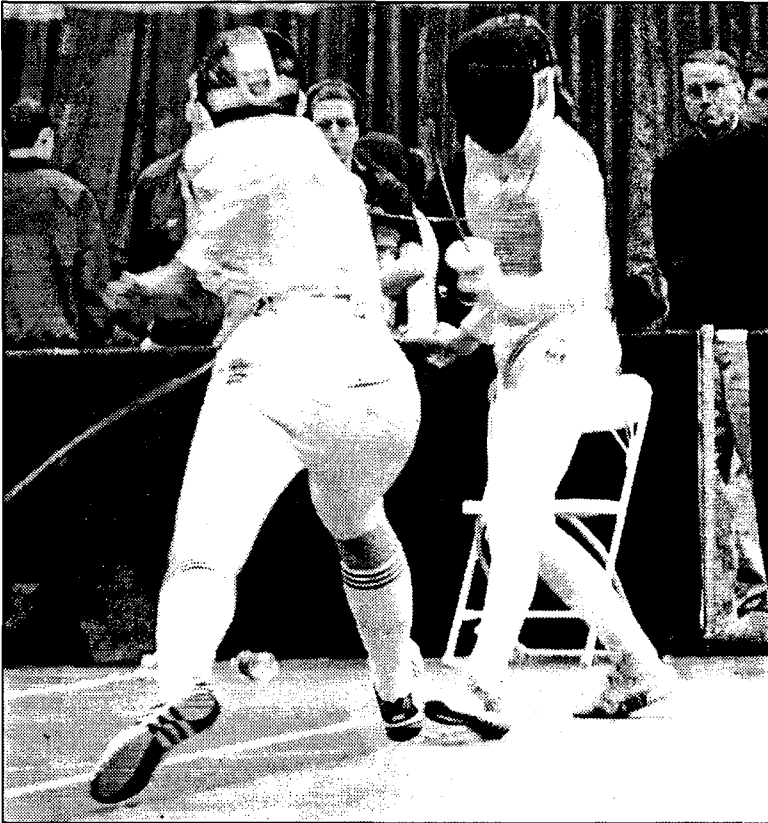
Alicja Kryczalo won the first women's foil title for Notre Dame in 11 years.

Above, she is congratulated by Wayne State fencer Anna Vinnikov after Kryczalo defeated Irish teammate

Andrea Ament 15-13 for the title. Right, Kryczalo scores a touch against Ohio State's

Hannah Thompson in Kryczalo's 15-5 semifinal win. Kryczalo did not lose a single bout in her NCAA

debut.



Final Team Standings

	team	Total	MS	MF	ME	WS	WF	WE
1	Penn State	195	37	35	29	29	26	39
2	St. John's	190	38	17	35	35	31	34
3	NOTRE DAME	186	27	33	29	20	45	32
4	Ohio State	140	33	10	18	28	36	15
5	Columbia/Barnard	96	26	20	11		24	15
6T	Stanford	92	10	33	16	16	17	
6T	Yale	92	17	5	5	34	21	10
8	Princeton	81	8	6	28	9		30
9	Penn	68	4	24	17	6	10	7
10	Rutgers	60	8	12	15	12		13
11	NYU	58		25	24	9		
12T	Northwestern	56				15	24	17
12T	Wayne State	56	19		8		18	11
14	Temple	45				25	10	10
15	Air Force	39		10	18	3		8
16	Brown	29	12		14	3		
17	MIT	28		8	4	16		
18	Brandeis	25	3	9		8		5
19	UC-San Diego	23	3				3	17
20	Duke	22	16				6	
21	Johns Hopkins	18		5	5	8		
22	Harvard	14		5			3	6
23	Cal State-Fullerton	13		11			2	
24T	Cleveland State	8		8				
24T	Drew	8	8					
26T	Boston College	7						7
26T	North Carolina	7	7					

Individual Notre Dame Results

First Team All-Americans

Rank	Name	W	L	Pct.	TS	TR	Ind	Notes
1	Kryczalo	23	0	1.000	115	15	+100	defeated Ament 15-6 for title
1	Walton	18	5	.783	103	63	+40	defeated Elm 15-12 for title
2	Ament	22	1	.957	113	37	+76	lost only bout to Kryczalo
4	Debic	18	5	.783	103	63	+40	lost both Final Four bouts

Second Team All-Americans

Rank	Name	W	L	Pct.	TS	TR	Ind	Notes
5	Crompton	18	5	.783	106	60	+46	lost tie for 4th by indicators
5	Viviani	17	6	.739	105	70	+35	missed top four by one bout
7	Snyder	15	8	.652	100	75	+25	won seven of last nine bouts

Third Team All-Americans

Rank	Name	W	L	Pct.	TS	TR	Ind	Notes
10	Carnick	14	9	.609	84	75	+9	third All-American finish
10	Sobieraj	12	11	.522	90	85	+5	Auriol expected top four finish
12	McCullough	12	11	.522	85	87	-2	first All-American finish

Other Finishers

Rank	Name	W	L	Pct.	TS	TR	Ind	Notes
14	Fabricant	9	14	.391	73	88	-15	won last four bouts
18	Milo	8	15	.348	76	93	-17	had same record in 2001

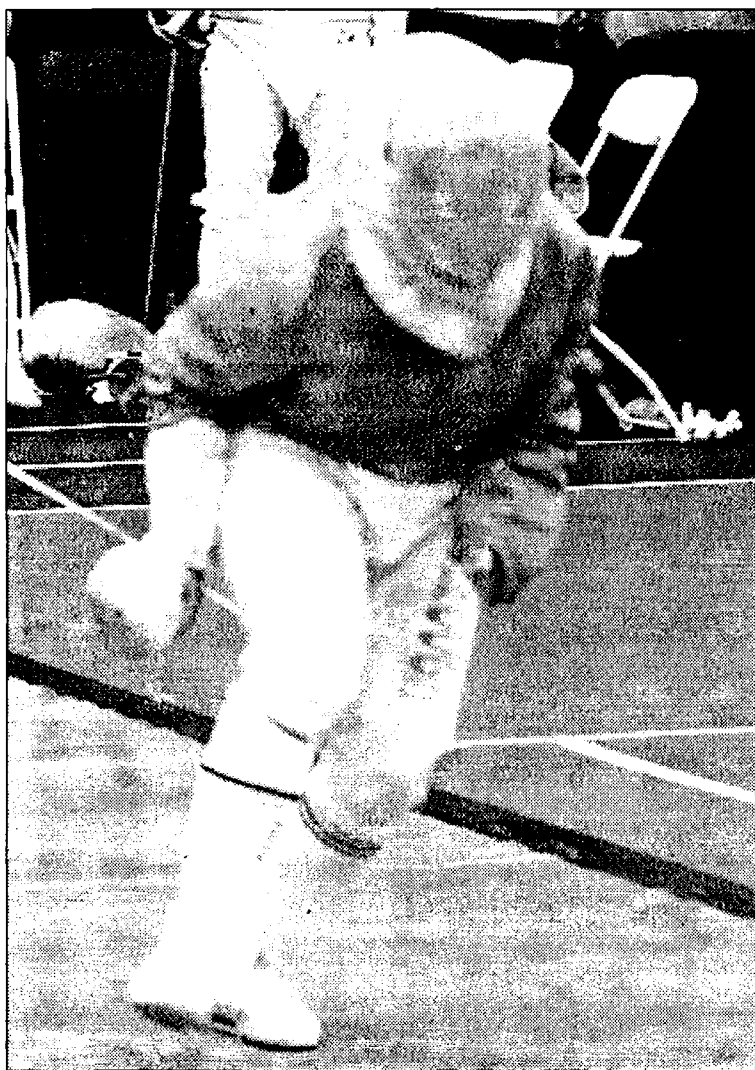
Although four Notre Dame fencers earned first-team All-American honors, the most in Irish history, it wasn't enough to bring home a team title. Eleven Irish fencers earned All-American honors — either first, second or third team — also an Irish record but it still was not good enough to top either champion Penn State or runner-up St. John's. All three teams surpassed the previous high-point totals for six weapons at this year's championship. Several Notre Dame fencers said the 2002 Irish team was the best in years — they were right. But the bar was set a little higher this year and the Irish couldn't measure up.



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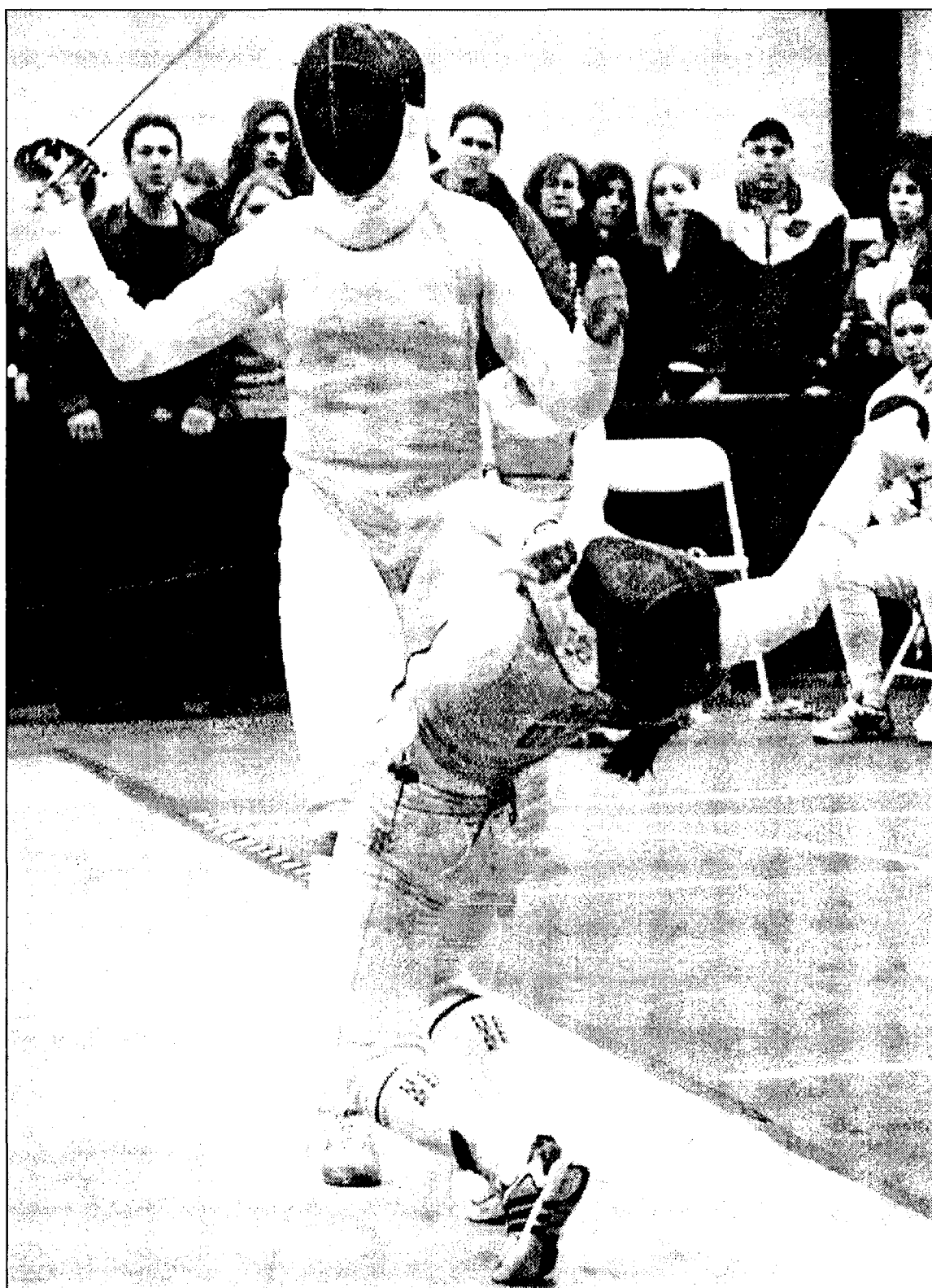
Senior sabre captain Andre Crompton lunges for an attack against Richard Frank of Drew University on Saturday. Crompton lost the bout 5-4 but won 18 bouts overall to finish fifth and earn second team All-American honors.

INDIVIDUAL TRIUMPHS NOT ENOUGH



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Cari McCullough celebrates one of her 12 victories Friday. In her third NCAA, the senior earned her first All-American honors by finishing 12th and making the third team.



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Irish freshman Andrea Ament celebrates her 5-2 win against St. John's freshman Irina Khouade. The victory avenged a regular season defeat to Khoede. Ament lost only one bout in the round-robin tournament to teammate Alicja Kryczalo. In the Final Four fence-off, Ament again defeated Khoed in the semifinals 15-13 before losing to Kryczalo in the finals.

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Scene reviews area fine dining

LaSalle Grill falls short of high expectations

By AMANDA GRECO

Associate Scene Editor

To review a restaurant that has won as many awards as LaSalle Grill has is nearly superfluous; but someone needs to keep the restaurant on its culinary toes.

For the past 11 years, LaSalle Grill has been pleasing South Bend's fine dining connoisseurs and consistently winning recognition in various publications as the best restaurant in all of Indiana.

From the moment a guest enters the restaurant, the dining room's atmosphere is apparent and pleasant. Lining the walls are works by various artists, both locally and nationally acclaimed. The kitchen is open to the restaurant, allowing guests the opportunity to watch each process in the preparation of their meal. The table is set with fresh silverware at each course of the meal. The restaurant's staff is courteous without snobbery, an attitude almost expected in so heralded an establishment.

Expect to pay a little more for your meal at LaSalle Grill. The average price of appetizers is \$8.50, salads average \$4.50, entrees generally run around \$22 and desserts are \$5.50. Expect also to spend a long time enjoying your meal. Servers take a bit of time asking for orders and delivering food; a dinner for two on a Friday night, complete with dessert and coffee, can last at least three hours.

First-time diners will be served a special slice of LaSalle's elegant menu, such as lobster bisque with mascarpone and chives, compliments of the chef. A basket of warm breads and dipping oil is also brought to the table.

The featured menu at LaSalle Grill changes frequently; the menu at a given meal will be dated for that visit. Menu items include first courses (appetizers), salads, soup, main courses and hardwood grilled steaks.

First courses served represent an eclectic mix of ethnic delicacies. Choose from gorgonzola and Portobello mushroom gratin, spanakopita, crab and prosciutto free form lasagne, woodland mushroom and chicken liver pate, escargot and ahi sushi rolls.

The sushi rolls, served with a strong soy sauce and



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The kitchen in the LaSalle Grill is open, allowing dining room guests to view the entire meal preparation process. The LaSalle Grill has a variety of certified chefs on staff.

freshly made wasabi, contain firm, fresh tuna. Compared to rice served at restaurants specializing in sushi, LaSalle's rice is a little low on taste. It lacks the rice vinegar flavor generally noted in sticky rice.

The escargot is served in a garlic butter compound with herbed bread crumbs. The menu indicates they are served with fresh lemon juice; however, the salty zing of lemon that brings out the flavor in escargot is nearly undetectable.

LaSalle Grill features five different salads as a prelude to the main course. The Caesar salad is topped with shaved grana padano cheese, but the dressing served on the romaine is scant. The individual pieces of lettuce within the salad are too large to consider as bite-sized, which makes eating the salad an effort-requiring endeavor.

The LaSalle house salad is a fresh bed of mixed spring greens, drizzled with a ginger-mustard vinaigrette. The vinegar taste expected in a vinaigrette is minimal, however. Other salads served include the classic wedge, served with creamy bacon and bleu cheese dressing, a baby spinach and radicchio salad with a mignonette vinaigrette and the pickled beets and frisee salad served with cottage cheese.

Several interesting soups are available on the menu, including a caramelized onion and sweet pepper stew with chopped scallion and a Peruvian lima bean and pancetta potato chowder served with cheddar cheese croutons. The soups are a strong complement to the main course entrees.

Main courses offered feature a variety of meats, including pork tenderloin, rack of lamb, chicken, duckling and several varieties of fish, such as salmon, walleyed pike, tilapia and sea bass.

The salmon is served lightly broiled, accompanied by a small serving of calico rice pilaf and a sweet side of dried papaya and currant chutney. The meat is tender, juicy and flakes nicely, and the papaya and chutney complement the fish very well. Green beans are also served, tender and fresh with a light buttering and a salty seasoning.

The hardwood grilled filet mignon is a tender cut of beef; having never been frozen, the meat's texture and flavor is well-preserved. Served on a bed of new potatoes LaSalle with tobacco onions and a Jim Beam bourbon-pecan butter, this entree brings together a myriad of flavors, topped with the smoky overtone from the fire.

The much-hailed kitchen at LaSalle Grill with its certified chefs is not infallible; steaks are not always served as ordered. For the high price paid (each steak on the menu is over \$25) guests are advised to send improper orders back. While waiting for an order to be prepared again, guests will be provided a complimentary bowl of soup to occupy them while others at the table continue to eat. It is with much regret and profuse apologies that the chef personally brings the now-free order back to the table. No one can accuse LaSalle Grill of having a poor sense of customer service.

Finally, LaSalle Grill features a large dessert and after-dinner drink menu, complete with homemade ice cream, a cheese course, various cakes and an assortment of coffees and cappuccinos, served with or without alcohol.

When in doubt while ordering at LaSalle, it is recommended that servers be asked for suggestions. The wait staff knows the menu better than most, and can direct a guest towards a meal complete through all courses, accompanied by the proper beverages and topped off with the most appropriate desserts.

LaSalle Grill continues to provide an enjoyable dining experience with a menu challenging to undertake and adventurous in its scope. It is advised, however, that the restaurant not rest on the laurels of its past success and persist in attempting to deliver the finest dining experience in South Bend.

LaSalle Grill is located at 115 W. Colfax in downtown South Bend. The restaurant also has a banquet hall on the second floor and a club on the third floor that features live performers throughout the week. The restaurant is open for dinner Monday through Thursday, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. and on Friday and Saturday from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Call 288-1155 for more information, or visit the restaurant's Web site at www.LaSalleGrill.com.

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LaSalle Grill provides a pleasant atmosphere in which to dine. Some of the art showcased within the restaurant comes from area artists.

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NAZZ battles it out

*The 14th annual NAZZ contest took place this weekend on campus*By MIKE SCHMUEHL
Assistant Scene Editor

Evolving from the late '70's on-campus music scene, Notre Dame's battle of the bands, or "NAZZ," gives student groups the chance to showcase their talent amongst peers and fellow music lovers.

Every year, the Student Union Board-sponsored event promises a good show for the students, and this year was no exception.

On Friday, the 14th annual NAZZ competition took the Alumni-Senior Club by storm.

Thirteen bands and six solo acts were included in this year's battle, while celebrity host Jason Mewes or "Jay" ("Mallrats," "Clerks," "Dogma" and "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back") directed traffic and introduced each band. Poking fun at people in the packed crowd, band members and Notre Dame's party scene, Jay's humor gave the night a relaxed feeling.

At 8 p.m., the first band, Updog, took the stage. Performing unique renditions of Alice DJ's "Better Off Alone" and the Cure's "Boys Don't Cry," the apologetic band closed with an insane medley of pop covers.

With hits like "Bootylicious," "I am #1," "World's Greatest" and finally 'N Sync's "Pop," Updog was a definite crowd pleaser.

Different Folk was next on the line up. The quartet of skilled musicians, with obvious influences from the Grateful Dead and Phish, filled their extended jams with hard and soft interludes. A funky beat and a smooth, jazzy sound best describe this band, which was quick to get the crowd moving.

The Begin Again, an emo band with heavy guitar riffs and powerful vocals, led the way for Station One with their explosive mix of reggae, ska and funk. Consisting of Peter Miller on drums, David Miller on guitars, Mike Maimone

on keys, Zee Elsey on bass and Lawrence Santiago with lead vocals, the group opened the set with Sublime's "54-46."

With amazing range and freestyling skills, Santiago sang over the funk-laced beats created by the band. Singing their three originals, "Everybody Get Down," "Breaker-Breaker" and "Gershwin," and closing with a great version of Sublime's "Santeria," it was clear it would take a lot to defeat this band.

Clark gave the most energetic performance of the evening. Bassist Pat Bayliss and guitarist Mike Beaton jumped and leaped around the stage while merging heavy basslines and wailing guitar riffs. Drummer Ryan Partridge provided a hammering beat as Bayliss and Beaton shared screaming vocals.

The powerful performance from Clark gave way to the Joneses with a laid back vibe of more classical pop rock. Mostly performing covers like John Mayer's "My Stupid Mouth," The Doobie Brothers' "Long Train Running" and Denver's "Country Roads," the group gave a solid showing.

The Skammunists, last year's winners, took the stage next. An unusual line up that combines a sax, trumpets, trombone, drums, guitar and bass, the Skammunists are true masters of their genre. With a volatile version of Catch 22's "12341234," the crowd was so involved that a mosh pit formed and a lone crowd surfer was elevated.

Broken up by security, the event was threatened as the microphones were taken away. After a short delay, the band concluded their set and NAZZ continued.

Other acts included Lester's pop rock and punk, No Redeeming



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NIHM won second place at this year's NAZZ battle of the bands. With an upbeat performance, NIHM received a good crowd reaction.

Qualities' (NRQ) spirited showing of more classical, hard rock and The Alpha Bet's vocal harmonies and hand clapping.

NIHM took the stage around midnight and the talented guitarist Neil Carmichael led the group through a bluesy jam of Steppenwolf's "Magic Carpet Ride" and Phish's "Slave to the Traffic Light." With a clear electric sound and a great vocal jam, NIHM (as in "the rats of") finished on a high note.

Like The Skammunists, Wild Bill's Bluegrass Brigade brought some untraditional college music to NAZZ. A bluegrass quintet with a guitar, banjo, bass, mandolin and fiddle, WBBB's

unique blend of folk, country and blues worked well as they performed "I Am a Man of Constant Sorrow." They closed with a distinct adaptation of the Beatles' "Hard Day's Night."

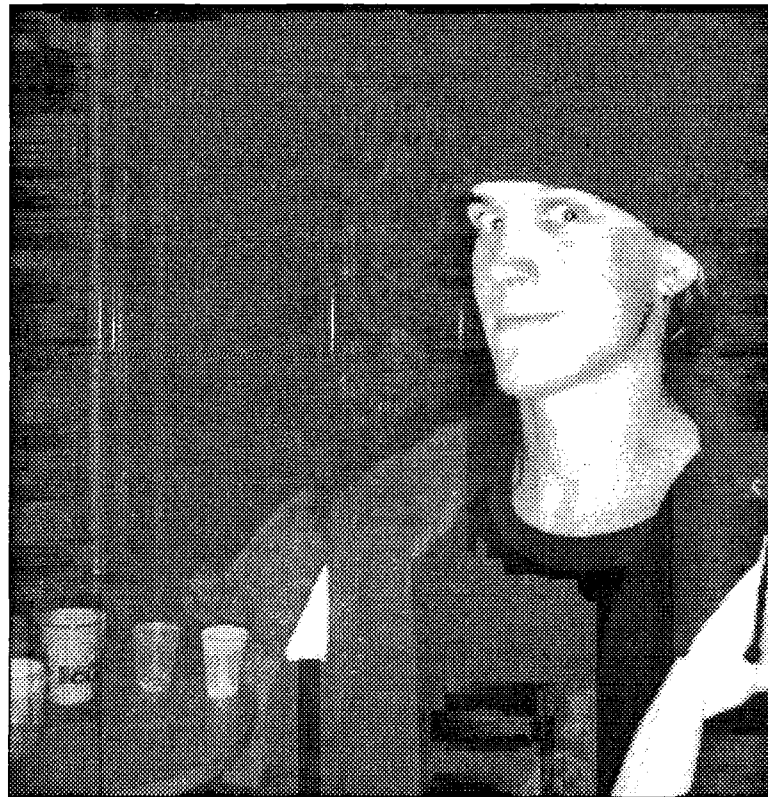
A few minutes before 1 a.m., Jay walked on stage to announce the winners. Judges were asked to grade the musicians by three factors; musical skill, musical performance and crowd appeal. Using these guidelines, third place was given to The Skammunists, second to NIHM, and the first place prize to Station One.

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The band No Redeeming Qualities (NRQ) played a spirited set featuring classical, hard rock sounds and high energy.



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Actor Jason Mewes, from "Dogma" and "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back," hosted this year's NAZZ and infused the evening with comedy.

NCAA BASKETBALL

Blake sends Maryland to Final Four with late score

Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y.

On a night when Maryland's senior stars led the way, struggling junior Steve Blake hit the shot that sealed a second straight trip to the Final Four.

The No. 1-seeded Terrapins beat second-seeded Connecticut 90-82 Sunday in an East Regional final where the lead swung back and forth for most of the final 13 minutes.

Lonny Baxter had a season-high 29 points, and fellow senior Juan Dixon scored 27 for Maryland, which reached the 30-victory mark for the first time in school history.

"We have tough guys. We didn't think we would lose this game," Maryland coach Gary Williams said. "We're going back. We want to do something this year."

The frantic finish included seven lead changes and eight ties in the last dozen minutes.

But as the shot clock wound down in the final minute of the tight game, Blake sank a 3-pointer — his first points of the evening — to make it 86-80.

The Terrapins weren't challenged again.

"That shot was the biggest one I could hit for this team," said Blake, who had been banished to the bench by coach Gary Williams just minutes before his key bucket.

Maryland (30-4) will play another No. 1 seed, Kansas, on Saturday in Atlanta. The Jayhawks beat Oregon 104-86 in the Midwest Regional final.

Just as there was no wild celebration after their regional semifinal win over Kentucky, the Terrapins were again matter-of-fact after beating Connecticut (27-7) in one of the best games of the NCAA Tournament.

Maryland scored the final eight points of the first half to take a 44-37 lead — UConn's biggest deficit of the tourney to that juncture — but sophomore forward Caron Butler brought the Huskies back.

He had 26 of his 32 points in the second half, most in a basket-for-basket run with the Terrapins which saw neither team lead by more than three

points from the 14-minute mark until the final 36 seconds.

Baxter, the regional's Most Outstanding Player, was 7-for-12 from the field, 15-for-18 from the free throw line and grabbed nine rebounds. He had 24 points and 10 rebounds in the teams' first meeting this season, a 77-65 Maryland victory on Dec. 3.

"I just stepped up to the line and tried to make every free throw I took," Baxter said.

The Huskies, who had won 12 games in a row, kept this one as close as a game can be.

Butler, who had a career-high 34 points in last Sunday's second-round victory over North Carolina State, only played 13 minutes in the first half because of foul trouble.

He hit his first three 3-point attempts in the second half, the last of which gave the Huskies a 54-53 lead with 13:11 left and set up the wild ending.

Baxter gave Maryland the lead for good with a hook shot that made it 81-79 with 2:08 left.

Connecticut was within 83-80 when Blake became the hero.

The point guard had a poor game to that point, missing his only two shots and pulled from the court by Williams with about 5 minutes left because of some shoddy defense.

Maryland took a timeout with 34 seconds left on the game clock and 14 on the shot clock. Blake wound up with the ball and his 3-pointer went through the net with 25 seconds remaining in the game.

After a Connecticut miss, Blake added two free throws for an 88-80 lead.

Chris Wilcox added 13 points for Maryland, which shot 50.9 percent (27-for-53) from the field and was 31-for-35 on free throws.

Tony Robertson had 15 points, and Taliek Brown 12 for Connecticut.

The Terrapins lost to eventual champion Duke in the national semifinals last season — when they made the first Final Four trip in school history.

Now Maryland heads back having won 17 of 18 games, the only loss coming to North

Carolina State in the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament semifinals.

Kansas 104, Oregon 86

The Jayhawks met a team that wanted to run with them. They jumped all over the Ducks instead.

Drew Gooden and Nick Collison each had double-doubles by early in the second half Sunday, and top-seeded Kansas never trailed in a 104-86 rout of Oregon that put the Jayhawks in the Final Four.

Kansas controlled the fast, end-to-end action in the Midwest Regional final and dominated the boards, outrebounding second-seeded Oregon 61-31. Indeed, Gooden and Collison outrebounded the Ducks all by themselves — 35 to 31 — and the Jayhawks grabbed 24 offensive rebounds, leading to 31 second-chance points.

"We knew the way to beat them was to beat them on the boards and get extra shots," Gooden said. "I think it was contagious. We were relentless out there on the backboards."

Gooden had 18 points and 20 rebounds, and Collison added 25 points and 15 rebounds, putting the Jayhawks (33-3) in their first national semifinal since 1993 and third under coach Roy Williams.

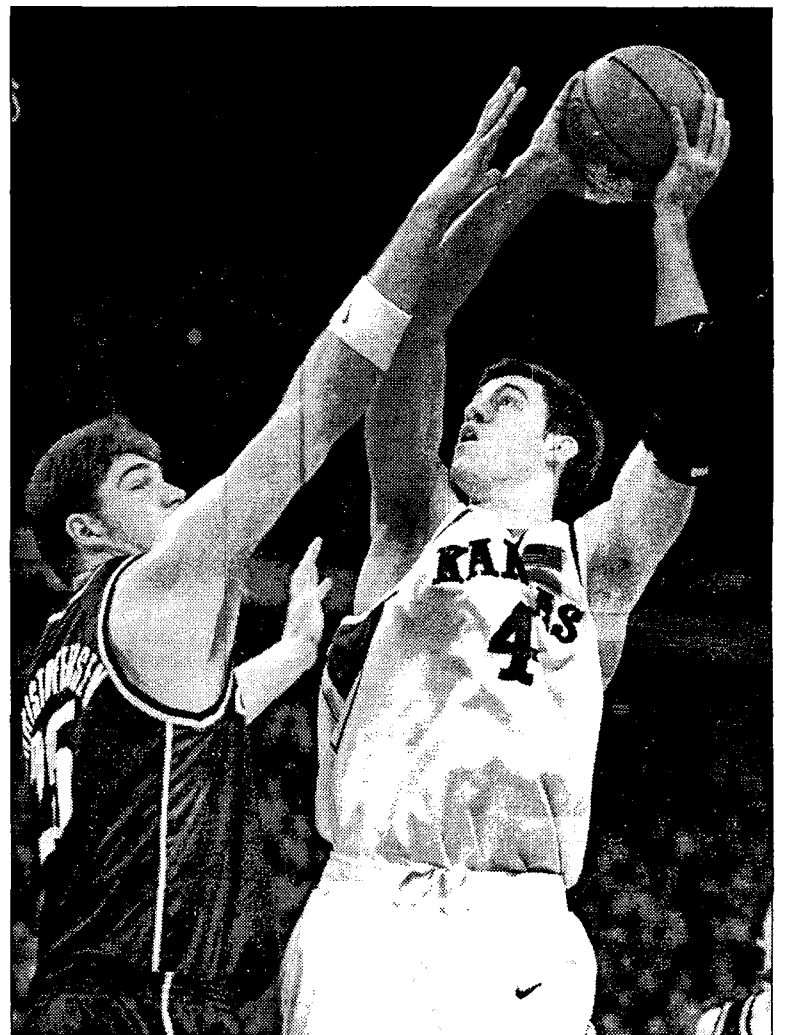
But this is the first time in five tries that Williams has taken a top-seeded team to the Final Four. His other appearances came as a No. 3 in 1991, and a No. 2 in 1993.

Kansas faces Maryland in Atlanta next Saturday. The Terrapins beat Connecticut 90-82 in the East Regional final.

Two other Jayhawks nearly joined forwards Gooden and Collison with double-doubles. Freshman reserve Keith Langford had 20 points and eight rebounds, and Kirk Hinrich scored 14 points and gr

"They crash the boards all the time, every single play," said Frederick Jones, who led the Ducks with 32 points. "Their guards came in and got some, too. It was an all-around effort."

The Jayhawks, the nation's highest-scoring team with a 91-point average, outmuscled



AP Photo

Kansas' Nick Collison goes up for a shot in the Jayhawks' 104-86 victory against Oregon that put them in the Final Four.

and outthrustled the beefier Ducks on the glass, fueling their up-tempo game.

"I liked it because it was up and down, even though we were beating each other for layups," Gooden said. "You probably can't see my feet right now. I've got my shoes off. My dogs are hurting."

Kansas led 48-42 at halftime and stretched its lead to 73-59 on a runner by Hinrich with 9:50 left.

Anthony Lever hit back-to-back 3-pointers to spark a 10-2 Oregon run that made it 75-69 with 8:30 remaining. Lever's third 3-pointer made it 77-72 seconds later.

"I thought we were going to blow it out several times. But they're a hard-fighting team, a great team, and they didn't give in," Jayhawks point guard Aaron Miles said.

But Kansas scored the next

10 points, four by Collison, to end the Ducks' dreams of reaching the Final Four for the first time since they won the first NCAA championship in 1939.

"I told Nick and Drew to get on the backboard," Williams said. "I got on them a little bit in the first half and at halftime because I felt they were trying to be perimeter players. I told them, 'We're going to win this basketball game inside. We're going to win this game on the backboards. I don't need you guys to be perimeter players.'"

"Drew took all that as constructive criticism. Twenty rebounds, what more can you say? Nick Collison battled his rear end off."

It appeared as though the Jayhawks were going to run away with it early when Hinrich's layup gave Kansas a 40-28 lead.

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MEN'S TENNIS

No. 7 Irish overcome losses, top Hoosiers

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

Despite losses by its top singles player and doubles team, the seventh-ranked Notre Dame men's tennis team decisively held off Indiana 6-1 at Bloomington on Saturday afternoon.

The match started off with seniors Javier Taborga and Casey Smith, ranked fifth nationally in doubles, losing to Indiana's Zach Held and Ryan Recht by a score of 8-3. Fortunately for the Irish, they were able to quell the momentum the Hoosiers gained by that upset victory and Notre Dame secured the doubles point before going on to win five of six singles matches.

After Taborga and Smith lost, senior Aaron Talarico and freshman Brent D'Amico gave the Irish their first victory of the day, as they defeated the Hoosier duo of Milan Rakvica and Ari Widlansky, 9-7. Then, seniors James Malhame and Ashok Raju clinched the doubles point as they won 9-7.

"Doubles was going to dictate what was going to happen in the match," Taborga said. "And it did."

"Indiana was winning and we thought we were going to lose the doubles point. Then we came from behind and won it, so we kind of broke their spirit," he added, referring to the victories of Talarico-D'Amico and Malhame-Raju.

"Doubles gives you a lot of momentum," Taborga said. "If you win the doubles point, you know that you only have to win three singles now, instead of four, and that's a big advantage."

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The other duos had to deal with a big mental burden after Smith and Taborga's loss.

"It's always a little disheartening when your best duo loses [to a non-ranked team]," said Talarico, who said having Taborga and Smith lose was a little nerve-wracking. He credited the team's mental tenacity with its ability to not let that initial loss prevent them from winning more matches.

"I was pleased more with the mental performance. Pretty much we had to win, and we did," said Talarico, who also defeated Zach Held in singles, 6-4, 1-6, 6-2. "The doubles point is only one out of seven, but it's probably the most important. It is usually the deciding point in a lot of matches."

Taborga and Smith have not been pleased with their doubles play lately.

"I thought that they came out a little bit stronger than we thought they would [but] we really played bad doubles," Taborga said. "[Casey and I] are not doing things right. It's been the third match we've played like that."

"We have to work hard on [our play] this coming week so we are strong for Kentucky and SMU who are the top doubles teams."

One of the duo's weaknesses, Smith believes, is the trouble they are in coming from behind.

"I think that's a problem Javier and I have had over the last five or so matches. Whenever we get a lead, we play really well, but it's really tough to play catch up," Smith said. "That's something [Irish coach Bob Bayliss] talked to us

about. We need to come out and assert ourselves right off of the first point."

"[Held and Recht] are a good team, but we've played teams that are ten times better. We are really not converting our opportunities. We are not finding ways of winning the close games and that's what's costing us right now," said Taborga, who also gave up Notre Dame's only singles loss when he was upset by Rakvica, ranked 109th nationally, in straights sets, 6-4, 6-4. Taborga is currently ranked 11th, and this loss ended his 11-match singles winning streak.

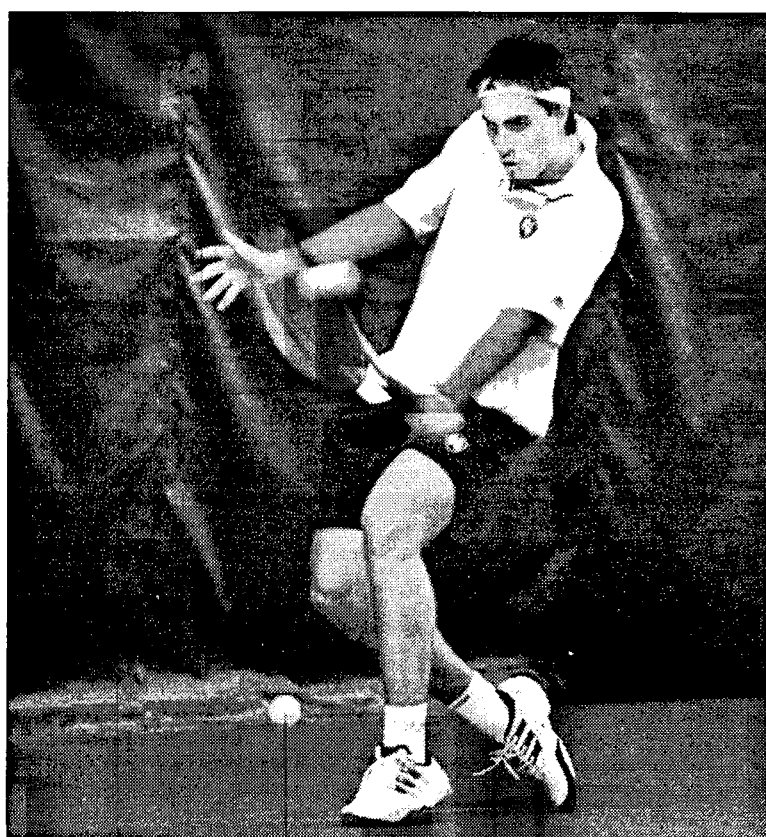
"I think we dominated in every court [of singles] except for my match. It wasn't a good day for me. I wasn't playing that well," he said. "In the past I found ways of winning, but this time I just didn't have the chances. I just couldn't turn the match around, but I'm confident that this is going to help me realize that I still have a lot of weaknesses."

Taborga's doubles partner fared well in singles though.

Smith upset No. 63 Jakub Praibis, 6-4, 6-2, breaking Praibis' nine-match winning streak as well as achieving his fifth win over a ranked opponent this spring.

"That was probably the best two sets I've played this year," Smith said. "I've struggled a little bit being aggressive. I don't know if it's expectations I place on myself or what. That was the first time that for two straight sets I was really aggressive."

In other singles play, Matt Scott, ranked 64th nationally and playing at No. 5, defeated Ryan Recht by scores of 6-3, 6-



RICO CASARES/The Observer

Irish senior Javier Taborga backhands the ball earlier this season. Notre Dame defeated Indiana 6-1 on Saturday.

4, improving to 26-3 for the season. Luis Haddock-Morales improved to 14-4 as he defeated Tommy Bagnato 6-2, 5-7, 6-4. Andrew Laflin, who has now won 29 of his last 32 matches handed a loss to Ari Widlansky, 7-6, 6-1.

Taborga believes that although Indiana was not ranked, this match was a tougher situation than playing a ranked opponent.

"These are the kind of matches that you have to get up for. It's really easy to play Illinois or Duke or those matches where they are ranked high and you

can gain a lot from winning," he said.

"Indiana who is not ranked, really doesn't have that much to offer us as far as the ranking goes. It's hard because you are in a situation where you can only lose. For the team to get [pumped up], it's harder than normal."

Notre Dame will next play No. 40 Michigan at Ann Arbor on Wednesday.

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Sophomore Randi Scheller makes her way down the field as the Irish head to a 3-2 victory over the Mexican National Team in Notre Dame's first game of the spring exhibition season.

Soccer

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the second half, waiting patiently for the prime scoring chance. Notre Dame made some key defensive adjustments at halftime and came back on the field much more aggressive. Irish freshmen defenders Gudrun Gunnarsdottir and Candace Chapman kept the speedy Dominguez away from the ball in the second half.

"I was really happy with the way our defense played in the second half," said Irish coach Randy Waldrum. "Our defenders did a great job of keeping two-world class forwards away from the goal. You won't find two forwards as fast as Dominguez and Mora in the college game."

The Irish defenders held off an offensive onslaught from the Mexicans in the final 20 minutes of the game. Mexico's best scoring chance in the second half came in the final minute of the game when Mexico's Iris Mora missed a one-on-one opportunity against Irish sophomore goalie Lauren Kent. Kent forced Mora to alter her shot just wide right of the goal to preserve the victory for Notre Dame.

"I'm really pleased with the way we played tonight. Our young defenders played great tonight and our offense really passed the ball well tonight."

Randy Waldrum
Irish head coach

"I'm really pleased with the way we played tonight," Waldrum said. "Our young defenders played great tonight, and our offense really passed the ball well tonight. What we hope to gain from these spring games is to gain some valuable experience heading into next season. It was a great opportunity for us tonight to play against the Mexican National Team."

Mexican National Coach Leonardo Cuellar was extremely impressed with the Irish.

"They are a very good team. They had the best opportunities to score," said Cuellar. "It was a very physical game.

It will help both programs in the future."

Friday night's game marked the first of seven spring exhibition games for the Irish. Notre Dame will next travel to Marquette on April 6 for a showdown against the Golden Eagles. On April 14, Notre Dame will travel to Lincoln, Neb., to take on Nebraska and Southern California.

The Irish will then host two games on April 20 against Evansville and Illinois. Notre Dame will finish out the exhibition season the following Saturday with a home match against Missouri.

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Tennis

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singles wins with a victory against Madura, 6-3, 6-0.

Following the win, the Belles are looking ahead to another successful MIAA season.

"It was our first conference match of the season, and obviously there's a little bit of pressure being conference

champions, so we want to continue to do well," Annie Knish said. "Albion is one of the stronger teams in our conference, and we had to go in and give it our all."

Spriggle said, "It was a great way, especially the score being as it is. It helps our confidence as we move forward in the season."

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish drop to 1-5 after 15-5 loss to Hofstra

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

Saturday was not a day to remember for the Notre Dame men's lacrosse team. The Irish suffered their worst defeat of the season — a 15-5 romp at the hands of visiting No. 12 Hofstra.

After losing their previous two games to No. 3 Loyola and No. 4 Virginia by only one goal in each contest, the Irish never had a chance against the Pride. Hofstra held the ball for nearly the entire game, while Notre Dame's offense failed to create prime scoring opportunities. Behind a balanced scoring attack in which six players scored at least two goals, the aggressive Hofstra offense confused the Irish defense throughout the contest.

"We showed a lot of hustle out there today," said Hofstra coach John Danowski. "Our goal is to be unselfish on offense. Everyone on our team needs to be a threat on offense for us to be successful."

Hofstra jumped out to a quick 1-0 lead only 35 seconds into the game on a goal by Scott Dooley, who led the Pride with three goals and one assist.

Notre Dame tied the game early at 1-1 on a goal by freshman Chris Richez, but then the Pride took over the game for good.

Hofstra scored five unanswered goals to take a commanding 6-1 lead midway through the second quarter. Notre Dame sophomore attackman Dan Berger finally responded with his team-leading eleventh goal of the season.

Both the Pride and the Irish would each tack on two more goals by the end of the first half, making the score 8-4 in favor of

Hofstra heading into halftime.

The third quarter was a defensive battle.

Scott Dooley scored the lone goal of the quarter for the Pride just past the nine-minute mark.

The fourth quarter was a nightmare for the Irish. The Pride offense completely dominated the final stanza, scoring six straight goals to take a 15-4 lead.

"We've underachieved up until this point," said Danowski. "We showed a lot of hustle out there today. We seemed to scoop up all the loose balls and that made the difference"

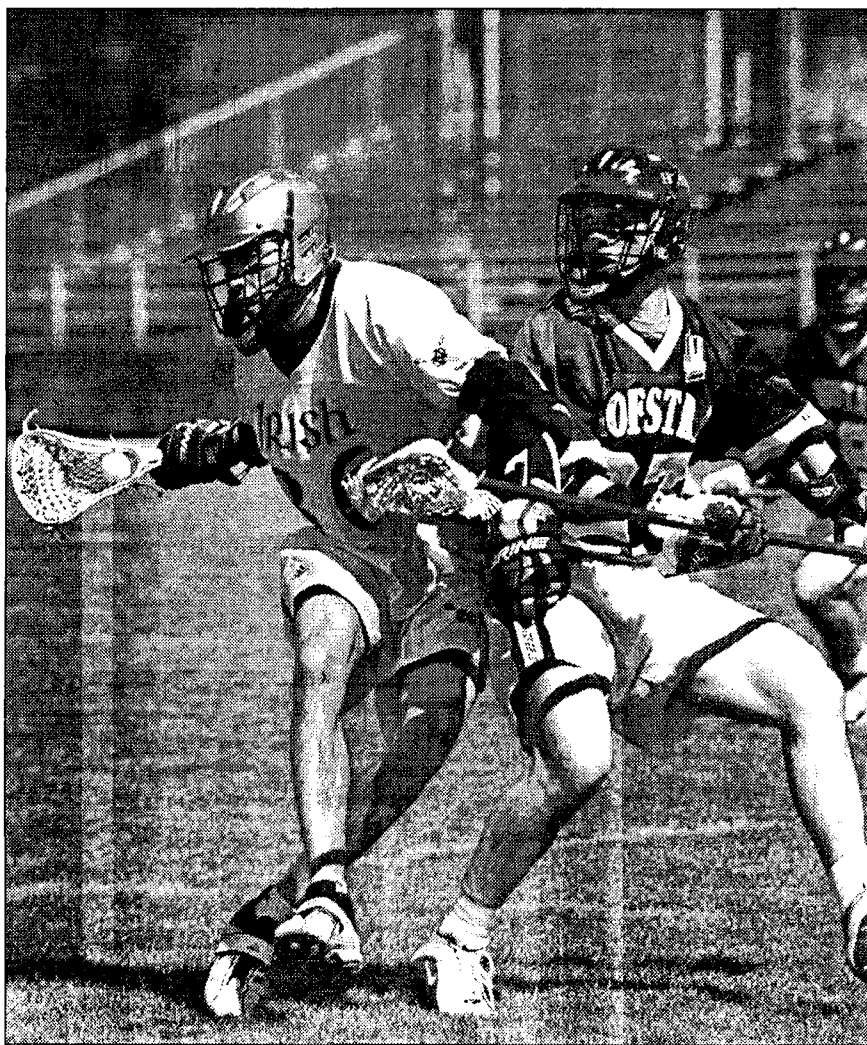
Notre Dame's senior captain Devin Ryan added a late goal with 31 seconds remaining for his ninth goal of the season. Fellow senior John Flandina had two assists in the contest for his team-leading eight assists on the season.

With the win, Hofstra improved its season record to 4-3. The loss dropped Notre Dame's record to 1-5. This marks Notre Dame's first three-game losing streak since 1999.

The Irish can take solace in the fact that their losing record will not prevent them from qualifying for the NCAA Tournament. Their record within the Great Western Lacrosse League will determine their post-season chances.

Notre Dame begins league play on Saturday when they visit the University of Denver. That game will mark the first of four straight road games for the Irish. They do not return home again until April 21, when they take on Fairfield.

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Irish freshman attacker Brian Giordano maneuvers around a Hofstra defender Saturday. Notre Dame lost 15-5 and fell to 1-5 on the season.

Sophomore

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Heather Mattingly, shown during the Big East Championships, earned All-America honors with an eighth-place NCAA finish.

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Austin. Auburn defeated defending champion Georgia for the NCAA crown with 474 points.

While tallying an undefeated record during the dual-meet season and adding the sixth Big East title to its list of achievements in February, the Notre Dame squad spent much of the season aiming for a top-10 finish at the national meet.

But failing to qualify the top freestyle relays for the meet handicapped that goal.

"Going in, it's going to be pretty hard to be in the top without having that freestyle relay qualify," Weathers said. "The reality of the thing was that it was a super-fast meet. By far, it's the fastest NCAAAs in the history of college athletics."

Two Irish athletes came out of the meet with individual All-American honors. Senior diver Heather Mattingly became the first Notre Dame diver to earn All-America honors in diving with an eighth-place finish on the 3-meter board Saturday. Mattingly finished the event with 517.90 total points.

Senior sprinter Carrie Nixon wrapped up her swimming career with an All-America finish in the 50-yard freestyle (22.53 seconds) Thursday. Nixon's 100-yard freestyle

Friday in 49.47 earned her a 10th-place finish and honorable mention All-America status.

Senior backstroke Kelly Hecking, competing in her fourth national meet, earned the highest finish of her NCAA career in the 200-yard backstroke. Hecking placed 12th in the event, finishing in 1:57.90 and breaking the Notre Dame school record in the process. Hecking also finished 28th in the 100-yard backstroke (55.93).

Sophomore butterfly Lisa Garcia broke the Notre Dame school record in the 200-yard butterfly, finishing in 1:59.28 and 17th overall in the event in her first NCAA Championships.

Also competing in their first NCAA Championships, freshmen Kristen Peterson and Kelli Barton added strong performances for the Irish.

Peterson finished 41st in the 100-yard backstroke in 57.19, and 37th in the 200-yard backstroke in 2:02.34. Barton earned a 29th-place finish in the 1,650-yard freestyle in 16:48.91, and 56th in the 500-yard freestyle in 4:59.61.

Sophomore Marie Labosky was 25th in the 400-yard individual medley, after an 11th-place finish in 2001. Senior Allison Lloyd was 41st in the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:05.05.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Irish reach high marks in Arizona

By DAVE COOK
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame track and field team wasted no time this weekend in setting the bar high for itself to begin its outdoor season.

With most of the team resting in South Bend, 18 short-distance and field event members of the Irish team traveled to the Baldy Castillo Invitational in Tempe, Ariz., and set 20 Big East qualifying times and several NCAA provisional times.

Senior Derek Dyer set the tone for the weekend, throwing a personal best 53 feet, 11 inches in the shot-put en route to a fifth-place finish. Dyer, who holds the Notre Dame school record in the shot put, also took sixth place in the discus with a throw of 156 feet, 10 inches.

Joining Dyer with impressive showings in the field events were Tom Gilbert and Mike Madigan. Both Gilbert and Madigan qualified for the Big East Outdoor Championships, with Gilbert jumping 7.09 meters in the long jump (sixth place), and Madigan throwing the javelin 56.25 meters (12th place).

In the field events for the women, the Irish were represented by pole vaulters Jamie Volkmer and Jill Van Weelden. Both women tied for fifth with vaults of 10-11. Volkmer also took third in the triple jump with a jump of 39-2.

Of Notre Dame's 14 top-five finishes, four were attained by the Irish hurdle contingent, led this weekend by freshmen Selim Nurudeen and Tiffany Gunn. Nurudeen took fourth in the 110-meter hurdles and fifth in the 400-meter hurdles, while Gunn finished eighth in the 100 hurdles and fifth in the 400 hurdles.

Junior Tameisha King, who competed in the long jump at the NCAA Indoor Championships two weekends ago, joined Gunn in the 100 hurdles, taking third with a time of 14.15 seconds.

"We did really well," King said. "Selim ran a great time. Tiffany, after a day before running the 400

hurdles, was able to pull out a good time in the 100 hurdles. I was sick this weekend, so to run 14.1 [seconds] was pretty good. I used this race to familiarize myself with the 100 hurdles again."

Also having an impressive weekend were the core of the Irish women's sprinting corps. Three of the four girls who make up the nationally-ranked mile relay team of Liz Grow, Kymia Love, Ayesha Boyd and Kristen Dodd took four top-five finishes in five races.

Leading the way was Boyd, who took third in the 100-meter dash in 11.76 seconds and second in the 200-meter in 24.45. Boyd, who ran the 200 at nationals two weeks ago, set a 100-meter personal best on an outdoor track with her effort this weekend.

Dodd took fourth place in the 200 meters with a time of 24.45, and All-American Liz Grow took second in the 400 with a time of 53.61.

The four women are coming off a ninth-place finish at the NCAA Indoor Championships, and Boyd thinks a strong showing at this weekend's invite provides a good boost for them to start the outdoor season.

"The whole purpose of this past weekend was to see where we were as far as training and what we need to work on," Boyd said. "And from this past meet, I think everyone did pretty well, and now we know our strengths and weaknesses, and so we know what we need to work on."

Love did not compete this weekend because of a last-minute sickness, but she expects to race next week at the Florida Relays.

Completing the Irish squad this weekend were Pat Conway, Kevin Somok and Eric Morrison, who were the only distance runners to travel to Arizona. All three runners only competed in the 1500-meter run, where senior Conway led the way with a fifth-place time of 3:51.11. Somok was seventh in 3:51.90 and Morrison finished 16th in 3:56.39.

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As a memorial to the victims of the September 11th attacks — especially the four Notre Dame alumni who died — the University is considering redesigning the South Quad's flagpole. The School of Architecture is organizing a design competition for ideas. All Notre Dame students are invited to participate.

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Cholesterol and You - What to Do?, Paul Howard, MD, FACC

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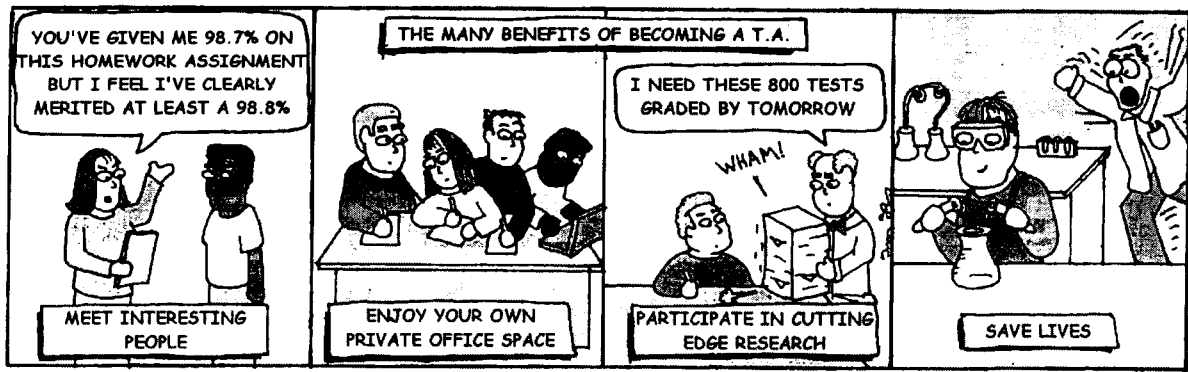
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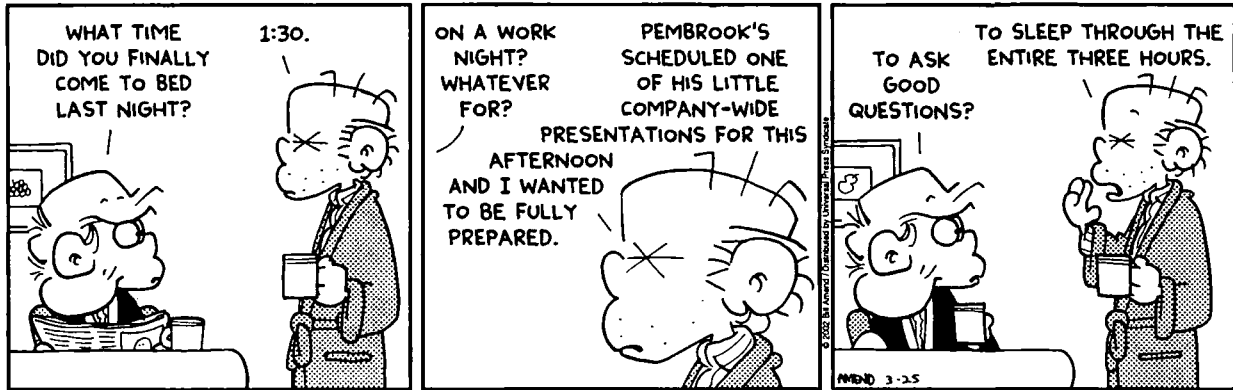
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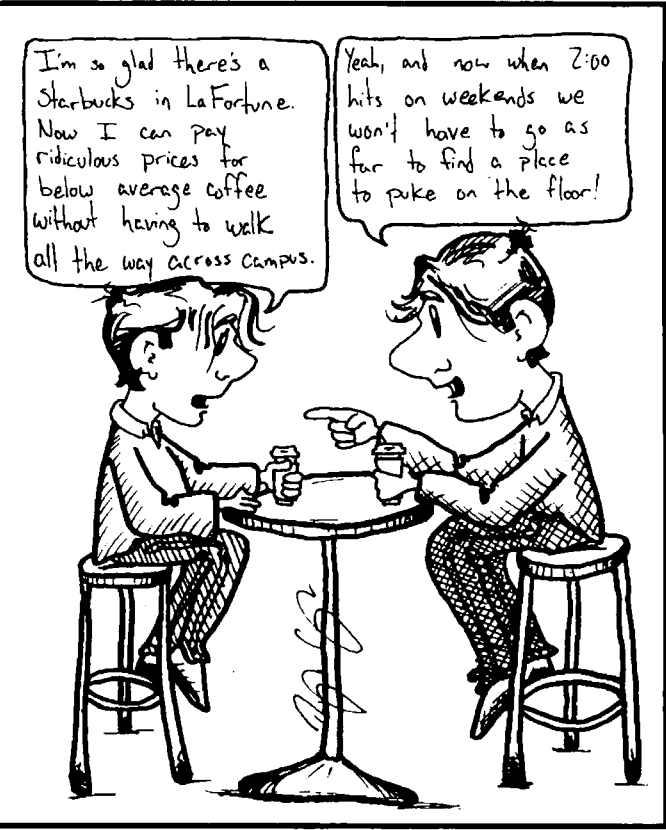
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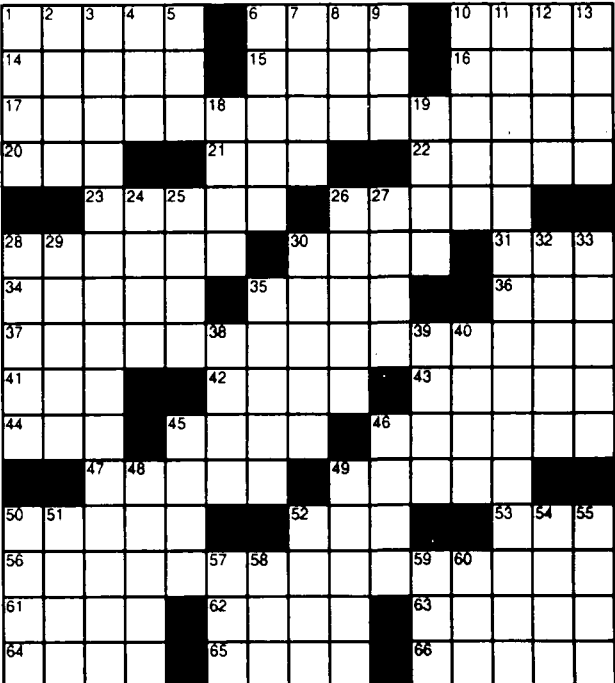


CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 ____ , beta, gamma ...
- 6 Like skyscrapers
- 10 Not fully closed
- 14 Lulu
- 15 Creme-filled cookie
- 16 Stubborn beast
- 17 With 37- and 56-Across, where "God Save the Queen" is the national anthem
- 20 Heavy weight
- 21 Dancer Charisse
- 22 Hoodwinks
- 23 No-no
- 26 Arcade game name
- 28 Improvement
- 30 Wharf
- 31 76ers' org.
- 34 Jawaharlal of India
- 35 Fourth-down option
- 36 Middle Brady Bunch girl
- 37 See 17-Across
- 41 Superlative suffix
- 42 Is sick
- 43 Parish priest
- 44 ____ Speedwagon
- 45 Almanac datum
- 46 Torment a stand-up comedian
- 47 Egg beater
- 49 Abstract artist Albers
- 50 Forearm bones
- 52 It's bottled in Cannes
- 53 "7 Faces of Dr. ____" (1964 flick)

- 56 See 17-Across
- 61 Apple or maple
- 62 Cry like a banshee
- 63 Kind of question
- 64 & 65 Miscellany, when separated by "and"
- 66 Obsolete anesthetic

- DOWN**
- 1 Be adjacent to
- 2 Letterman rival
- 3 Celebrate
- 4 Simple shelter
- 5 Gobbled up
- 6 1964 Olympics host
- 7 Dry
- 8 Football great Dawson
- 9 Nautical journal
- 10 Love affair
- 11 Rolling Stones hit of 1968
- 12 Lotion ingredient
- 13 They keep track of pins
- 18 Pesticide brand
- 19 W.W. II turning point
- 24 Surrounding glow
- 25 Very dry, as Champagne
- 26 Some wedding guests
- 27 "Toodles-oo!"
- 28 Felix of "The Odd Couple"
- 29 Intrinsically
- 30 Colorful cover
- 32 Hackneyed



Puzzle by Peter Gordon

- 33 Wrestling's ____ the Giant
- 35 Puncture
- 38 Sheepish sounds
- 39 Currier's partner
- 40 Heading on Santa's list
- 45 Ichthyologist's study
- 46 Daylight savings saving
- 48 Despises
- 49 Puts behind bars
- 50 Golden rule word
- 51 "____ of the Flies"
- 52 Novelist Bagnold
- 54 Game show host Robinson
- 55 Stink
- 57 Emitter of 38-Down
- 58 Competed in a 10K
- 59 Needle part
- 60 Tennis call

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EUGENIA LAST

MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2002

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Elton John, Aretha Franklin, Sarah Jessica Parker, Hoyt Axton

Happy Birthday: Leadership is something that you may become quite familiar with this year. You will take an active role in social and sports events that can provide you with the competition you require. You'll be determined to do your own thing and you'll excel along the way. Your numbers are 4, 15, 17, 19, 23, 41.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): This is a great day for love and romance. Be quick to make your move and to tell someone special exactly how you feel. The partner of your choice will be very accommodating if you are affectionate. ○○○○

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't let your emotions stand in the way of your judgment. Being stubborn will only hold you back. If you refuse to see the bigger picture you will probably fall short of your expectations. ○○

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Call upon friends and relatives to help you make the changes that you feel are necessary. Something worth reading will come via snail mail or e-mail. ○○○○

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may feel as if the whole world is against you but that isn't true. Open your eyes to all the opportunities around you and take the positive road that leads to your own personal success. ○○○

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Romantic development is in the stars. Your vibrant presence and entertaining manner will make you very appealing. You are now sitting in a position that will allow you to pick and choose so be discriminating. ○○○○

Birthday Baby: You are optimistic, ambitious and outgoing. You are friendly, interested, and love to interact with others. Freedom is important to you.

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criminating. ○○○

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may have some health concerns but keep in mind that worrying could be at the root of your problem. Take time out to relax a little and to determine what it is that is constantly nagging away at your psyche. ○○○

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't overreact to things going on at work. Put yourself in a position that is valuable and you won't have to worry about your future. ○○○○

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take it nice and slow today and don't let life's little hazards hold you back or send you off on a tangent. Stick to what you know and do best. ○○

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Put on your best duds and prepare to face the world. Let your worldly outlook lead the way and you'll be sure to discover all sorts of intriguing people. ○○○○

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): If something has gone awry in your financial picture you'd better start going over your investments with a fine-tooth comb. You can save yourself some cash and some disappointment if you make a couple of changes now. ○○○

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Make sure that you've made arrangements to spend time with someone you care about or engage in events that will introduce you to a number of possible partners. ○○○

PISCES (Feb. 19-MARCH 20): This is your day to achieve. Set out early and get the day off to a good start. Your astute way of doing things will certainly help you grab the attention of your colleagues. ○○○

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SPORTS

Monday, March 25, 2002

WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Mattingly, Nixon earn All-America honors

◆ Irish finish 19th at fastest women's championship meet ever

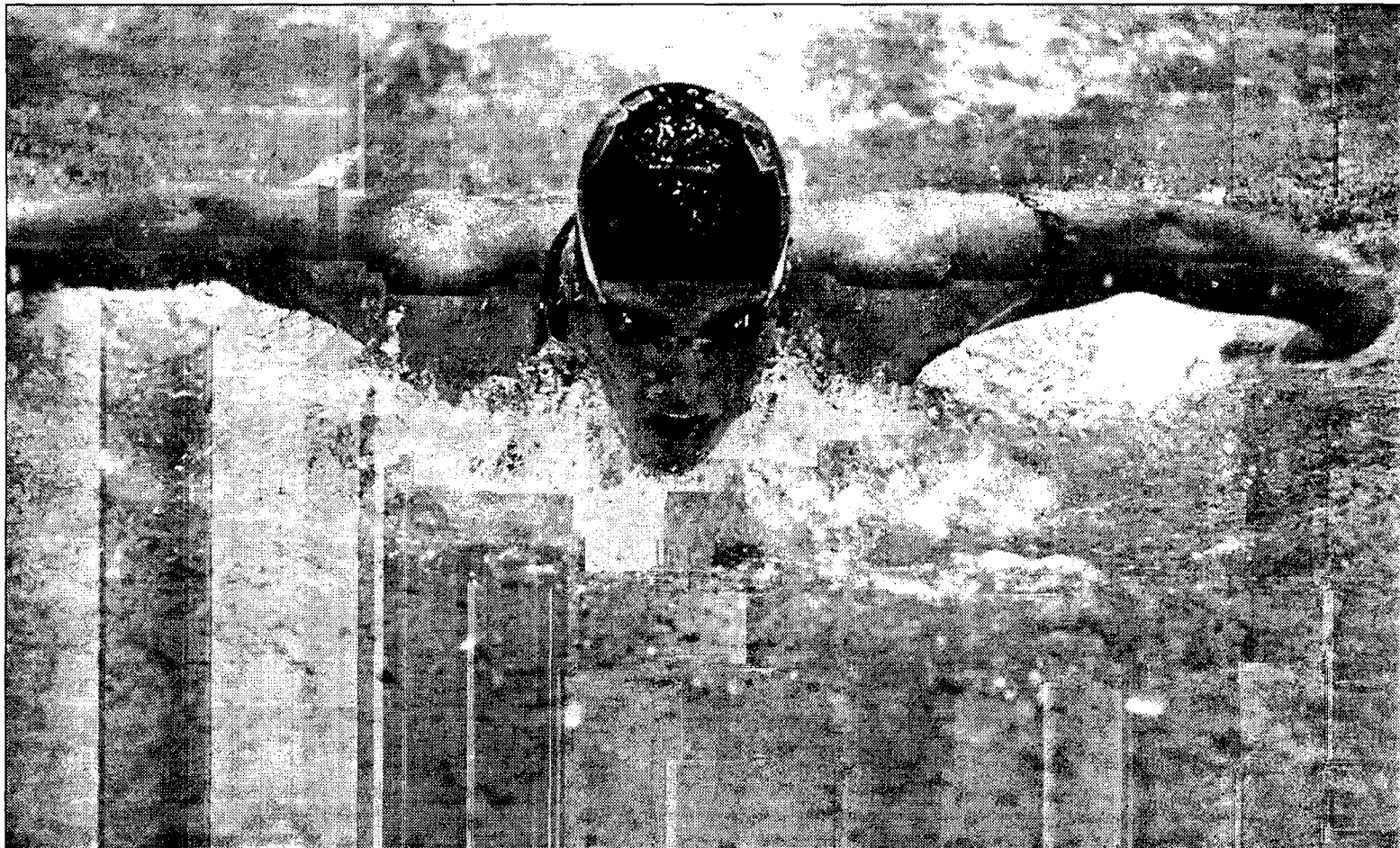
By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Sports Writer

In a meet in which 11 American records fell, the Irish women's swimming and diving team managed a 19th-place finish at the NCAA Division I Swimming and Diving Championships this weekend.

The National Championship meet, which posted more record-breaking performances than the 2000 Olympic Trials, was the fastest NCAA women's swimming meet in history.

"I don't think anybody could have predicted that," said Irish head coach Bailey Weathers. "Olympic Trials only come around once every four years, and I don't think we've had as many records fall in the last two Olympic Trials. It's pretty unusual just how fast that meet was."

The Irish qualified eight swimmers and one diver for the meet, held at the University of Texas



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

Senior Carrie Nixon finished her career with a tenth-place finish in the 100-yard freestyle on Friday to earn an All-America honorable mention. Nixon is shown above swimming in the Big East Championships last month.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Belles start title defense with victory

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

The Belles let everyone know that they were not going to easily give up last season's MIAA title as they kicked off the conference season this weekend with a strong victory against the Albion Britons.

Saint Mary's, who took a 7-2 victory, fought for every point in the match but made sure those fights left them on top.

"[The Britons] are just competitive players, and they're pretty consistent," said senior Annie Knish. "They get a lot of balls back. All the points we get we have to work for."

The Britons took quite a few points and forced the Belles into tiebreakers twice. But except for No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles, the Belles proved to be the more patient team just waiting for the right time to send home the winning stroke.

"They all have pretty strong

inside strokes," said sophomore Kris Spriggle. "We had to be the more consistent player and the more patient player."

Spriggle took home wins in both of her matches, posting a 6-4, 7-5 win against Emily Dumas in at No. 4 singles and a 6-4, 6-3 victory against Emily Radner and Corey Madura with partner Angie Sandner at No. 3 doubles.

"My singles match was pretty difficult," Spriggle said. "They had a lot of hard strokes. I had to step up my game and try to make a break."

Knish dropped both of her matches in close sets against Albion's Aimee Greene. Greene forced a close first match in No. 1 singles, defeating Knish in the tiebreaker before taking the second set 6-2 to post the win. Knish paired with younger sister Jeannie to face Greene and Karen Dumas in No. 1 doubles and suffered the same fate. After taking the

second set 6-4 to tie the match at one win apiece, the Knishes fell 6-2 in the third set, for a two-sets-to-one loss.

"[Greene's] a senior and she was a good player," Annie Knish said. "She moved me all around the court ... I lost the first set in a tie-breaker."

The rest of the Saint Mary's team cleaned up the court to bring in the final five points. Jeannie Knish won at No. 2 singles, defeating Karen Dumas 6-2, 6-3. Kaitlin Cutler took home wins in both of her matches winning No. 3 singles 7-5, 2-6, 6-1 and pairing with junior Elisa Ryan to defeat Emily Arend and Emily Dumas in three sets. Cutler and Ryan took the first set 7-6, winning the tiebreaker 8-6. They dropped the second set 6-2, before capturing the third set by the same margin.

Ryan won her No. 5 singles match, defeating Radner 6-0, 7-5. Sandner wrapped up the

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish earn 3-2 win in first exhibition game

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's soccer team started off its spring exhibition season on the right foot with a 3-2 victory over the visiting Mexican National Team in a frigid Friday night contest.

With just under 20 minutes left in the game and the score tied 2-2, Irish forward Amanda Guertin crossed the ball over to teammate Melissa Tancredi, who sped past the Mexican defense and shot the ball in the lower far right corner of the net for the game-winning goal.

"Amanda made a great pass. She crossed the ball all the way from the other side of the field," said Tancredi. "I was running down the left sideline, and I brought the

ball down with my right foot. I took a few dribbles and just shot it to the right corner of the net."

The game was a fast-paced affair with both teams pushing the ball up the field for numerous scoring opportunities. Mexico's world-class forward Maribel Dominguez struck first with a goal in the 14th minute. Notre Dame then answered with a goal by sophomore midfielder Kim Carpenter in the 22nd minute.

Guertin, last season's leading goal scorer, followed Carpenter's effort with a goal of her own in the 28th minute. Dominguez would then strike again for Mexico with her second goal of the game in the 31st minute.

The Irish offense held possession of the ball for most of

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

- ◆ ND Softball at Western Michigan, Tuesday, 2 p.m.
- ◆ SMC Softball vs. Goshen, Tuesday, 3 p.m.
- ◆ Women's Lacrosse vs. Delaware, Tuesday, 4 p.m.
- ◆ Women's Tennis vs. Illinois, Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.

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