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Fighting on the financial front

♦ Undersecretary of Treasury talks about Bush's economic anti-terrorism policy

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
Assistant News Editor

Undersecretary of the Treasury Jimmy Gurule, a former law professor at the University, returned Tuesday to Notre Dame to speak about President Bush's administration anti-terrorism measures.

As the Undersecretary for Enforcement, Gurule is responsible for all federal law enforcement agencies, including the Secret Service. Gurule said that as an effect of the events of Sept. 11, his responsibilities took on a "dramatic new meaning."

Gurule was in his office on Sept. 11 conducting an interview with a reporter from the Washington Times when his secretary interrupted on three separate occasions to tell him that planes had crashed into the two towers of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. He recalled hearing the explosion and the windows rattling and seeing a dark plume of smoke across the Potomac River, engulfing the Pentagon.

After the second plane struck the World Trade Center, Gurule immediately

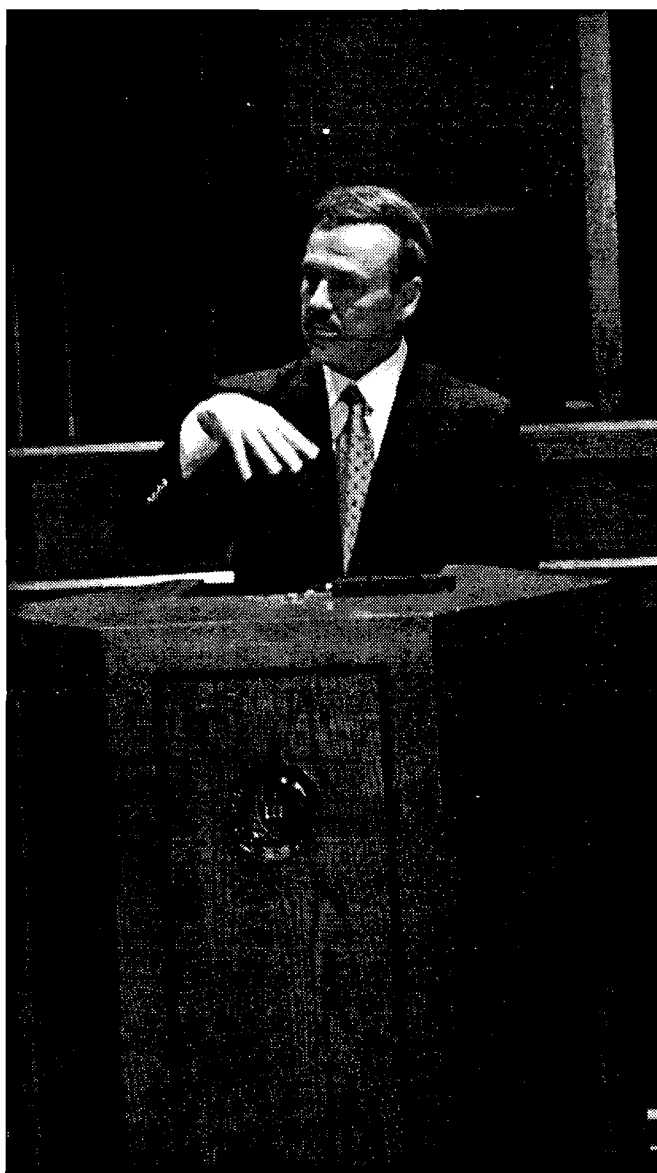
thought the attacks were an act of terrorism. He immediately called Brian Stafford, director of the Secret Service, to ensure that measures were being taken to secure the President. He then went to the Secret Service headquarters to oversee the safety of the president's and vice-president's families and cabinet members.

In response to the criticism about the president moving about the country instead of immediately returning to Washington, he said, "Because there was so much uncertainty as to who was responsible ... and concerns about unaccounted flights, our direction was to keep the President out of the District until it was secured."

In the following days and weeks, Gurule was responsible for ensuring that members of the Secret Service were being extra careful while protecting high-ranking government officials. In addition, he visited Ground Zero to assess the extent of the damage to World Trade Center Buildings Six and Seven, which formerly housed federal law enforcement offices.

When Bush declared war on terrorism he said that this war would be fought on several fronts, specifically under covert operations and financial investigations. Bush intended for the government to track the money that

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ANGELA CAMPOS/The Observer

Notre Dame graduate and Undersecretary of Treasury Jimmy Gurule spoke Tuesday about how the war on terror has changed his job responsibilities.

Physics prof Cushing dies in home

By HELENA PAYNE
News Editor

The Notre Dame Physics Department recently lost a teacher, colleague and friend when Professor James Cushing died in his South Bend home Friday. The cause of his death was not immediately known.

Cushing, who joined the University faculty in 1966, taught in both the Philosophy and Physics departments during his career.

"He was an extremely intellectual man," said physics professor Gerald Jones, Cushing's friend of more than 40 years.

Cushing, born Feb. 4, 1937, in Long Beach Calif., received degrees at the universities of Loyola (bachelor's degree), Northwestern (master's) and Iowa State (doctorate) before coming to Notre Dame.

Cushing worked with both undergraduates and postgraduate students during his tenure, specializing in the history and philosophy of modern physics and the foundations of quantum mechanics in Australia, Germany, Russia, Spain and England, where he taught in the University's London Program.

"He has a widespread international reputation in the history and philosophy of science," said Jones.

Cushing was involved in many national and international professional organiza-



Cushing

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School of Architecture plans Sept. 11 memorial

♦ Organizers seek design plans for South Quad structure

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
Assistant News Editor

In collaboration with the administration, the School of Architecture recently organized a design competition for a Sept. 11 memorial that it hopes to have built by September 11, 2002. The proposed location for the memorial is the flagpole on South Quad in memory of all victims, but especially the four Notre Dame alumni who were killed.

"The impromptu Mass on September 11th on South

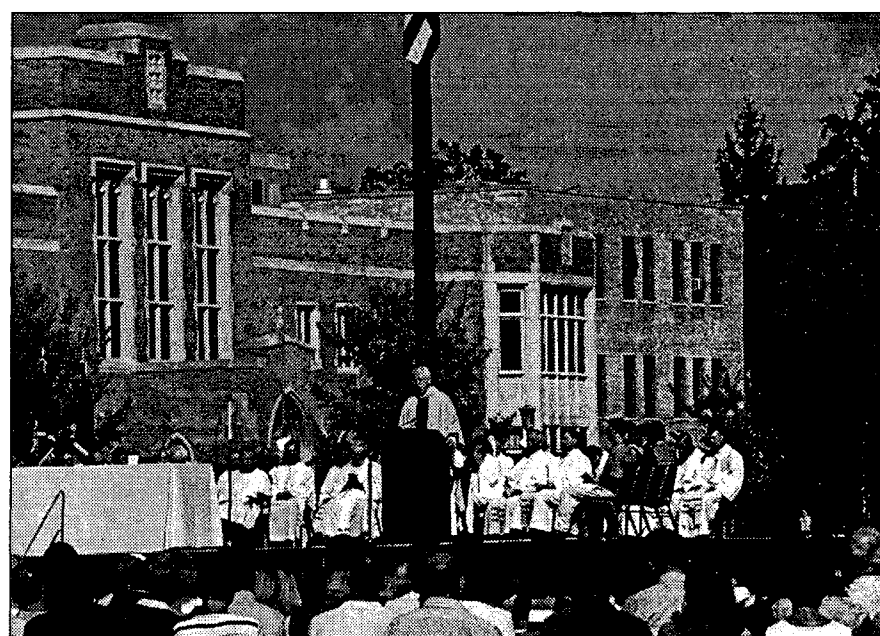
Quad became a focal point for the campus' response to the attacks. Behind the platform where the presidents were standing, the flagpole is rusting and the concrete is cracked. The idea is to [revitalize] that area," said Kara Kelly, director of communications for the School of Architecture.

The contest has been advertised for the last two weeks and entries to the contest are due by 4 p.m. today at the School of Architecture. Any student may submit a 20-inch by 30-inch entry of any medium. However, Kelly said she is concerned that the contest will not have enough entries to warrant holding the scheduled design jury on Friday. The design jury is scheduled to include five jurors, including Indiana Lt.

Gov. Joe Kernan, a former mayor of South Bend and a 1968 Notre Dame graduate. University President Father Edward Malloy will serve as an honorary juror. According to Kelly, the judging of the designs will take place from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Friday, provided that the school receives at least six entries in the competition.

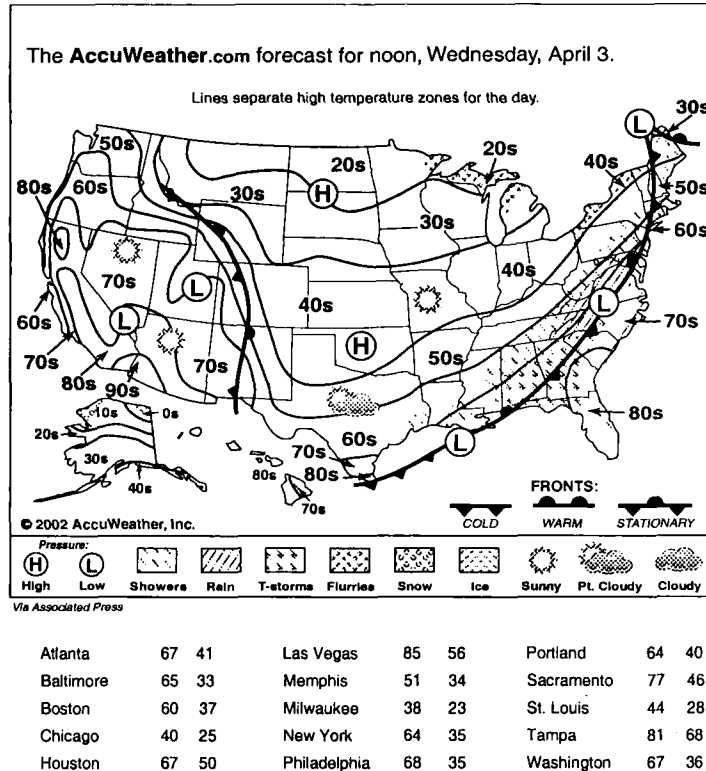
"I am kind of afraid that not enough people have heard of the competition because we have not yet received any entries [as of 2 p.m. Tuesday]. But everyone does things at the last minute, so I'm not sure what to expect — I'm afraid that if we don't get six entries, we won't be able to hold the design jury on Friday," said Kelly.

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Students, faculty and staff gather on South Quad Sept. 11 for Mass. A memorial to honor the victims is planned for construction in the same area.



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Dr. Hunter's latest work, "The Death of Character," is a historical and cultural analysis of moral education in American society. The focus of this research is on the social and cultural conditions that make "character" possible, how these conditions have changed over the years, and what these changes mean for the normative ordering of self in society.

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Smyth to receive Laetare medal

Special to The Observer

Father John P. Smyth, executive director of Maryville Academy in Des Plaines, Ill., has been awarded the University of Notre Dame's Laetare Medal for 2002. Smyth will receive the medal, the oldest and most prestigious honor given to American Catholics, during the University's 157th Commencement exercises on May 19.

"The Notre Dame family has been proud of Father John Smyth since his days as a student here nearly fifty years ago," said University President Father Edward Malloy. "His multifaceted ministry certainly deserves the University's highest honor, but this year we particularly wish to celebrate the exemplary manner in which he has served Christ in the children who are victims of neglect, prostitution, sexual abuse and family violence."

A Chicago native, Smyth was graduated from DePaul Academy in 1953 and from Notre Dame in 1957. While at Notre Dame, he was captain of the basketball team and an honorable mention All-American player. Despite his selection by the NBA's St. Louis Hawks as a third-round draft choice, he decided to forgo a professional basketball career in order to pursue a vocation to the Catholic priesthood. Ordained a priest of the Chicago archdiocese in 1962, he was assigned to Maryville Academy, a residence for orphaned and homeless children which had been founded in 1883. He has worked there as a priest, teacher, coach, counselor, administrator, manager and fundraiser ever since.

Appointed Maryville's executive director in 1970, Father Smyth oversaw a massive and thorough renovation of an aging physical plant, the development of several new educa-

tional, counseling and personal growth programs, the establishment of a diagnostic unit, and the opening of an emergency shelter.

During the 1970's, as Maryville became increasingly independent of Archdiocesan funding, Father Smyth developed a year-long calendar of fundraising events, culminating in Chuckwagon Day, an annual family picnic which has become the most successful single-day charitable fundraising event in the State of Illinois. The funds thus generated have made possible the establishment of a number of programs for home-

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Father Edward Malloy
University president

less youth, including the Maryville Parenting-Teen Center, the Haymarket-Maryville Post Partum Chemical Dependency

Program, Herrick House, Maryville-St. John of God, Maryville Residential Treatment Center, the Maryville Center for Medically Complex Children's Programs and the Hanley Career Development Center. Maryville has become the largest residential child care facility in the State of Illinois and one of the largest in the nation. More than 18,000 children are served each year by its network of childcare facilities on 23 campuses.

The Laetare (pronounced Lay-tah-ray) Medal is so named because its recipient is announced each year in celebration of Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Lent on the Church calendar. "Laetare," the Latin word for "rejoice," is the first word in the entrance antiphon of the Mass that Sunday, which ritually anticipates the celebration of Easter. The medal bears the Latin inscription, "Magna est veritas et prevalebit" — "Truth is mighty, and it shall prevail."

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Treasury

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finances the operations of the Taliban and al-Qaeda.

Secretary of Treasury Paul O'Neill assigned Gurule the job of investigating the finances within the Treasury Department and the Office of Foreign Asset Control. Within the Treasury, employees are utilizing their expertise to investigate financial crimes, currency transaction reports, suspicious reports, connections between money transfers and financial profits.

The Office of Foreign Asset Control overviews transactions and issues fines to those who enter into transactions with terrorists.

Under the International Economic Power Act, Bush issued an economic emergency and launched his financial attack by prohibiting individuals from doing business with the Taliban and al-Qaeda or those who aid and abet these organizations. Gurule was involved in drafting this broadly interpreted act that Treasury became responsible for enforcing.

Since IEPA's passage, 192 individuals or organizations have been recommended for blocking orders. OFAC packages information on suspects, which goes before a review board where strategies are discussed. These strategies encompass investigating the suspect covertly, through the government, or financially. All block orders to freeze domestic bank accounts must be

approved by the Secretary and the Treasury.

Block orders are a civil administrative action and must only establish a credible standard of proof as opposed to providing evidence beyond reasonable doubt in criminal actions. This becomes problematic with legal challenges that argue action was taken without due process. To date, there have been few challenges.

Gurule made a clear distinction that these accounts were frozen and not forfeited. However, he has given serious consideration to the forfeiture of these accounts. Standards and rules would have to be established in order to determine if these accounts could legally be seized.

An approximate total of \$34

million in terrorist related funds and \$70 million in assets have been frozen.

Gurule has been working with other countries to form a coalition in order to issue simultaneous blocking orders. This becomes challenging, as many countries do not have an equivalent to IEPA. In a step toward cooperation, Saudi Arabia and the United States issued simultaneous blocking orders to a Saudi based charity that was linked to funding training camps, while O'Neill was meeting with Gulf States.

The United Nations Security Council issued a resolution that prohibits its members from providing help or making transactions with the Taliban and al-Qaeda.

According to Gurule, concern

has been focused toward the Far East as a possible breeding ground for the al-Qaeda. Currently, pro-active steps are being taken to strengthen their banking systems.

"It has been a remarkable year with the events and issues I have seen and been involved in," said Gurule.

Gurule was a law professor at Notre Dame for 10 years between 1989 and 2001 before being confirmed as a presidential appointment by the Senate on Aug. 7, 2001. He previously served as an Assistant Attorney General under former President George Bush between 1990 and 1992.

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entries, we won't be able to hold the design jury on Friday," said Kelly.

Even if the jury meets to select a winning entry, the University has not committed to building the memorial. The decision to build a memorial would be made in collaboration between the School of Architecture, the administration and the University Architect's office.

"The University is being kind of vague, saying a memorial may or may not be built — if someone went to all the trouble to submit a winning entry, I hope the University will construct it," said Kelly.

According to Dennis Brown, associate director of Public Relations and Information, any monument that is built would be small in nature, nowhere near the scale of the Clarke Memorial Fountain in front of LaFortune Student Center.

The memorial would commemorate the lives of the four Notre Dame alumni who died in the Sept. 11 attacks: Robert Ferris, class of 1962, who worked on the 102nd floor of the south tower of the World Trade Center; Army Lieutenant Colonel S. Neil Hyland Jr., class of 1977, who worked at the Pentagon; and Peter Batacan, class of 1983, and Dora Marie Menchaca, class of 1977, who were killed on American Airlines Flight 77, which crashed into the Pentagon.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

U.S. criticized for backing Israel:

The United States' strong support for Israel is drawing little backing from other nations and could hurt the coalition against terrorism. Egypt and Jordan have distanced themselves from President Bush, worried that anger against Israel could spill over into new protests in their countries. Europeans are pressing for a faster Israeli pullout. Jordan's prime minister urged America, in a telephone call with Powell on Tuesday, to intercede to force Israel to withdraw from the West Bank.

Rwandan genocide trial begins:

The trial of four former Rwandan army officials charged with masterminding the 1994 massacre of more than 500,000 people opened Tuesday with U.N. prosecutors accusing them of "unleashing a legion of ferocious demons" on the victims.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

U.S. lawyer prepares Vatican case:

A lawyer who often sues Roman Catholic Church officials on behalf of alleged sex abuse victims plans to take his efforts a step further by accusing the Vatican of protecting priests who molested children. Attorney Jeffrey Anderson said he will file suits that accuse the Holy See, two religious orders, and the diocese of Portland, Ore., Chicago and St. Petersburg, Fla., of conspiring to hide two abusive clergymen by moving them across state and national lines. Anderson has represented more than 400 plaintiffs in abuse lawsuits against church officials since the 1980s.

Los Angeles missing evidence:

Hair, blood and semen gathered in as many as 6,000 unsolved rape and murder cases in Los Angeles County are missing and presumably destroyed, according to a county forensic specialist. The cases were not under active investigation, but the statute of limitations for bringing charges in many of the cases had not run out.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Police tear gas Indiana sport fans:

Police fired tear gas into a crowd of Indiana fans early Tuesday when students began throwing bottles at officers after Maryland defeated Indiana in the NCAA Tournament. After the tear gas was fired, hundreds of students fled from the area near the edge of campus. Police were seen making scattered arrests. Police shut down intersections in downtown Bloomington at about 11:15 p.m., before fans spilled out of bars, houses and dorms to share their disappointment.

JORDAN



Agence France Presse

Jordanian protesters burn an Israeli flag at a massive pro-Palestinian demonstration which brought together 80,000 people. In an unprecedented move, six high-ranking cabinet ministers attended the march.

Violence escalates in Middle East

Associated Press

AMMAN

Protests against Israel and the United States intensified across the Middle East today, with the police in Amman and Cairo firing water cannons and repeated bursts of tear gas to prevent demonstrators, mostly students, from surging through the streets.

The protests took myriad forms. In Iraq, Saddam Hussein demanded that Arabs take the unlikely step of cutting off oil sales to the West. In Libya, Col. Muammar el-Qaddafi led marchers through the streets of the capital,

Tripoli, and challenged the Arab nations bordering Israel to open the frontiers to allow volunteer fighters to join the Palestinians.

Even in Kuwait, the most uncritical of American allies, the Parliament issued a statement suggesting that Washington be fairer in dealing with the conflict.

The Arab masses are "on the move," said Taher Masri, a former prime minister of Jordan. "It's a terrible situation. The regimes were beginning to stabilize, and the region was moving in the right direction. Now some regimes will suffer."

Not all protests were vio-

lent or unruly. Thousands of marchers moved peacefully through the streets of Khartoum, in Sudan, and demonstrators in Lebanon chanted outside the American Embassy near Beirut. Outside of Cairo, protests erupted in various Egyptian cities including Alexandria and Sohag, along the Nile.

The most violent were in Cairo and in Amman. In Cairo, thousands of students pushed through the gates of Cairo University and headed for the Israeli Embassy a few hundred yards away, shouting for Egypt to expel the ambassador and sever diplomatic

ties.

Riot police firing water cannons and tear gas and wielding truncheons drove the students back after four hours. The police said nine officers were hit by stones and 16 protesters were taken to hospitals, overcome by tear gas. Thirty protesters were arrested, the police said.

The State Department, citing a "deteriorating security situation," warned Americans to defer travel to Israel, the West Bank and Gaza and said dependents of American diplomats in Jerusalem were being encouraged to go home.

WEST BANK

Israel seizes control of Bethlehem

RAMALLAH

Israel seized control of Bethlehem and another West Bank town Tuesday in a day of wild fighting that left at least 13 Palestinians dead. Palestinian gunmen forced their way into the Church of the Nativity, where tradition says Jesus was born, and Israeli tanks and helicopters pounded the headquarters of a Palestinian security chief.

Amid the fiercest Israeli offensive in 18 months of conflict, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat angrily reject-

ed an Israeli offer to free him from confinement in his compound in the West Bank town of Ramallah — provided he goes into exile. Arafat spent a fifth straight day pinned down by Israeli troops and tanks, his compound now ringed by barbed wire.

Israeli troops pressed ahead with house-to-house searches for Palestinian militants and weapons as part of what Israel calls "Operation Protective Wall" — aimed at halting terror attacks targeting Israelis.

In the seventh such attack in as many days, a Palestinian man blew himself up Tuesday night when security forces stopped him at a checkpoint in Baka al-Sharkeyeh, a Palestinian village along the line between Israel and the West Bank. The man detonated explosives strapped around his body, killing himself but not injuring others, the military said. In a dramatic gesture that underscored hardships caused by the Israeli incursion, Palestinians buried 15 of their dead in a hospital parking lot in Ramallah.

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PEOPLESOFT INC (PSFT)	-32.67	-12.21	25.16
GEMSTAR-TV GUID (GMST)	-37.26	-5.35	9.01

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tions, such as the American Association of Physics Teachers, the American Philosophical Society, Phi Beta Kappa, the British Society for the Philosophy of Science, the Philosophy of Science Association and the Royal Society of Arts in London.

In addition to his academic contributions to Notre Dame and the world, Cushing, a 1960s civil rights activist, once served on the South-Bend-area chapter of the Urban League as a board member.

The memorial service for Cushing will be held today at South Bend's Clay United Methodist Church, 17646 Cleveland Rd., at 10:30 a.m. Cushing's family, including his wife, Nimbilasha, and his two daughters, Christine and Patricia, will be at the church to greet attendees from 10 a.m. until the start of the service.

Jones said plans are being made for a campus memorial service on April 21.

Cushing's body will be donated to research in order to fulfill his will and remain faithful to the professor's commitment to science.

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Student changes plea in professor's murder

♦ **18-year-old also plans to testify at friend's trial**

Associated Press

BURLINGTON, Vt.

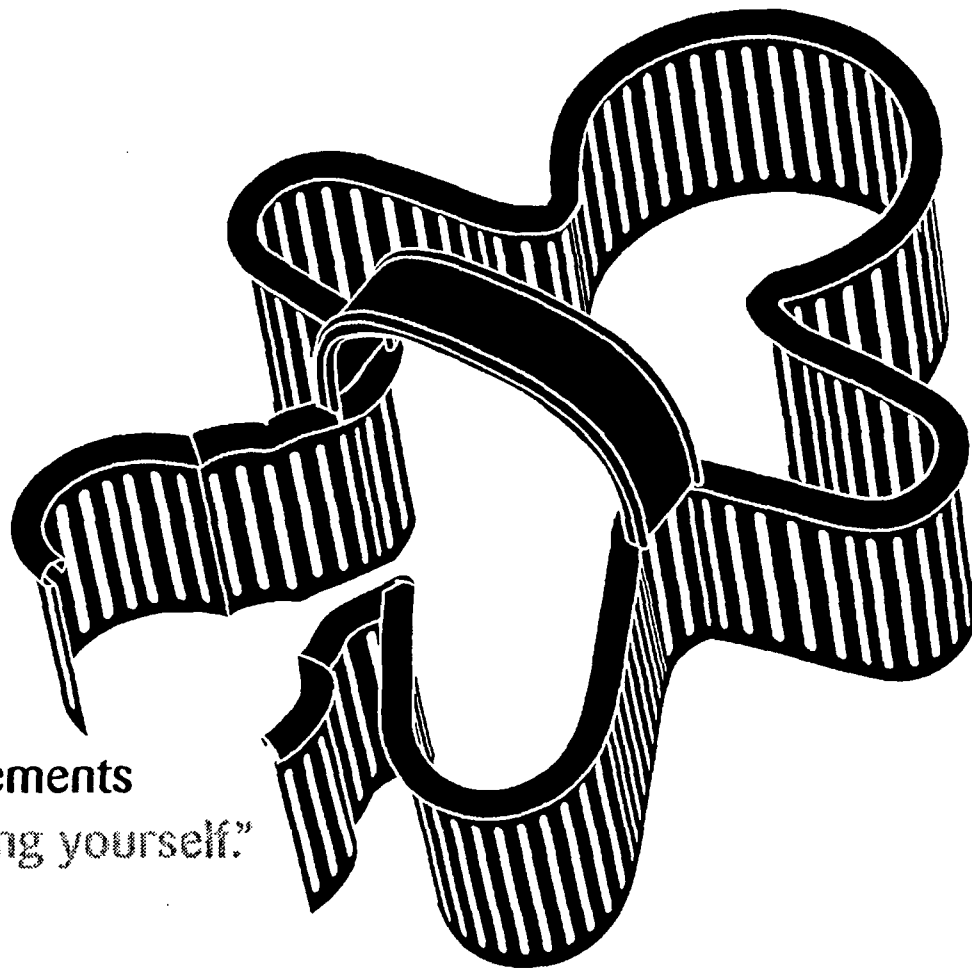
A teen-ager who pleaded innocent by reason of insanity in the stabbing deaths of two Dartmouth College professors plans to change his plea this week — apparently to guilty or no contest.

The Superior Court in Haverhill announced that Robert Tulloch would change his plea at a hearing on Thursday, a few hours before Tulloch's alleged accomplice is to be sentenced.

The court did not say how Tulloch planned to plead. Neither prosecutors nor Tulloch's lawyer would say.

But Tulloch's only options under the law are to plead guilty or no contest, and the punishment is the same either way, said John Kissinger, a former assistant New Hampshire attorney general. First-degree murder carries a mandatory life sentence.

Prosecutors say Tulloch, 18, and James Parker, 17, both of Chelsea, Vt., killed Half and Susanne Zantop in the couple's home last year while posing as students conducting an environmental survey.



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Priest arrested on abuse charges

♦ **Boston priest charged in New York more than 20 years after alleged abuse occurred**

Associated Press

BOSTON

A Roman Catholic priest charged with raping a young boy in Massachusetts more than two decades ago was arrested in New York, prosecutors said.

Father Romano Ferraro, 67, of the Jamaica section of New York, was charged Monday with raping and sexually assaulting a boy at a Billerica residence between 1973 and 1980, when the victim was between 7 and 13 years old.

A telephone message left at the public information office of the Diocese of Brooklyn, which serves 1.6 million Catholics in Brooklyn and

Queens, was not immediately returned Monday.

Ferraro was never assigned to any parish in Massachusetts, said Middlesex County district attorney spokesman Seth Horwitz.

Ferraro is set to be arraigned in Middlesex Superior Court after he is extradited from New York. He is charged with rape of a child and three counts of indecent assault and battery on a child under 14.

The statute of limitations for the alleged abuse would be 10 years from the time of the alleged assault or 10 years since the alleged victim turned 16, both of which would have expired in this case. But prosecutors said the clock on that statute was stopped because Ferraro lived outside Massachusetts.

The complaints were initiated last fall before a sexual abuse scandal began roiling the Archdiocese of Boston, following revelations church

officials moved a priest from parish to parish following allegations of sexual abuse.

Following those revelations the archdiocese turned over to prosecutors the names of more than 80 priests accused of sexual abuse over four decades.

In other developments relating to the church scandal, a seminary priest in Florida resigned over allegations that he sexually abused a teen-ager in New York in the 1970s.

Monsignor William White, 69, resigned after the president of St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach discovered the Archdiocese of New York had settled a case in 1997 for \$100,000 involving alleged abuse by White.

White did not admit to the abuse, but said his actions were misinterpreted, seminary president Stephen Bosso said Monday.

Kevin Mahony, 42, of Salem, Ore., said White

abused him for three years, beginning when he was a senior at Archbishop Stepinac High School in White Plains, N.Y. Mahony said White became a friend of his family and inappropriately touched him as a teen about 20 times during overnight stays.

And in New Jersey, a family is trying to convince a court that it should be able to sue the Catholic Diocese of Camden over alleged sexual abuse that occurred almost 20 years ago.

Under New Jersey law, civil claims in child sex-abuse cases generally must be filed by the time the victim reaches age 20, but the law allows exceptions when the victim can show that duress or mental instability delayed the filing of a claim.

Family members were in Atlantic County Superior Court on Monday for the first in a series of hearings on the suit.

Kennedy cousin's trial starts in Conn.

Associated Press

NORWALK, Conn.

For decades, authors, attorneys, investigators and residents have speculated over who killed Martha Moxley in 1975.

Now the only group that matters will try to resolve the intrigue.

Attorneys were to begin questioning prospective jurors Tuesday at the start of the trial of Kennedy cousin Michael Skakel, who is accused of beating Moxley to death with a golf club in their wealthy Greenwich neighborhood. Both were 15 at the time.

"Our sights are higher than merely creating reasonable doubt," said defense attorney Michael Sherman. "I would like the jury to go away feeling that Michael Skakel is truly innocent."

Moxley's body was found on Halloween under a tree in her yard. She had been out the night before with other teens, including Skakel and his older brother, Thomas.

Skakel, a nephew of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, was arrested in January 2000 after a one-judge grand jury investigated the murder.

He was arraigned as a juvenile because of his age when the crime was committed, but the case was later transferred to adult court.

If convicted, Skakel could face life in prison. Selecting a jury is expected to take a month or more, while the rest of the trial may take up to two months.

Authorities say Skakel, now 41, confessed to the crime in the late 1970s while attending Elan School, a substance abuse facility in Poland Spring, Maine.

Attention focused on Skakel in the 1990s after he changed his alibi when interviewed by a private investigative firm hired by his family.

A day before jury selection was due to start in Norwalk Superior Court, Sherman appeared on several morning television shows.

Prosecutors kept a lower profile.

"We're not going to discuss the case in the media. We're going to try the case in court," said Frank Garr, the state's lead investigator.

Garr, who has investigated the case for years, said he's happy the trial has finally arrived. "We're ready to go," Garr said.

Sherman said his defense would involve more than poking holes in the prosecutor's case.

"We don't plan to sit there and be reactive," he said.

Sherman would not provide any details of his strategy, including whether Skakel will take the stand.

"He's anxious but looking forward to being exonerated," Sherman said.

John Moxley, Martha's brother, said Sherman should put Skakel on the stand if he wants to prove his innocence.

He said his family is glad to finally have their day in court.

"I think it's kind of like Easter," Moxley said.



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WEST BANK

Israel seizes control of West Bank towns

Associated Press

RAMALLAH

Israeli tanks rolled into two West Bank towns before dawn Wednesday, exchanging fire with Palestinian fighters, witnesses said. The incursions followed a day of wild fighting as Palestinian gunmen forced their way into the Church of the Nativity, where tradition says Jesus was born.

The Israeli moves into Salfeet and Jenin, a northern town that has been home to some of the suicide bombers who have been terrorizing Israelis, came a day after Israel seized control of Bethlehem and another West Bank town.

At least 30 tanks rumbled into Jenin from all sides, opening the sixth day of a crushing offensive designed to root out Palestinian terrorists. They exchanged heavy machine gun fire with Palestinians in the city and at the entrance of a refugee camp, witnesses said. Tanks were taking up positions in Salfeet. Witness said the Israelis did not appear to be meeting with armed resistance there.

On Tuesday, Palestinian gunmen forced their way into the Church of the Nativity, where tradition says Jesus was born, and Israeli tanks and helicopters pounded the headquarters of a Palestinian security chief.

Amid the fiercest Israeli offensive in 18 months of conflict, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat angrily rejected an Israeli offer to free him from confinement in his compound in the West Bank town of Ramallah — provided he goes into exile. Arafat was spending a sixth straight day pinned down by Israeli troops and tanks, his compound now ringed by barbed wire.

Israeli troops pressed ahead with house-to-house searches for Palestinian militants and weapons as part of what Israel calls 'Operation Protective Wall' — aimed at halting terror attacks targeting Israelis.

In the seventh such attack in as many days, a Palestinian suicide bomber was blown up when Israeli soldiers shot and detonated explosives he had strapped to his body. The incident occurred at a checkpoint in Baka al-Sharkiyeh, a Palestinian village along the line between Israel and the West Bank. The man died but no one else was injured, the military said.

In a dramatic gesture that underscored hardships caused by the Israeli incursion, Palestinians buried 15 of their dead in a hospital parking lot in Ramallah. Families of the dead had been unable to claim the bodies, which were decomposing in a hospital morgue because power cuts made refrigeration impossible. Relatives



GETTY IMAGES

Israeli tanks wait outside the West Bank town of Bethlehem Tuesday, where families were allowed to visit reserve officers. The Israeli troops moved into Salfeet and Jenin early Wednesday.

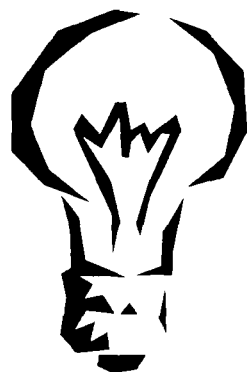
wailed and gunfire from fighting echoed as the bodies were placed in common graves carved out by a bulldozer — one for 13 men, one for two women.

Ramallah residents, though, got a respite of a few hours from a curfew that has been in effect since Israeli tanks and troops moved in on Friday. People

poured into the shops, lugging away canisters of cooking oil and plastic bags bulging with pita bread. Canned goods were popular, as many people have no electricity and perishable food has been rotting in refrigerators.

By nightfall, most of the about 400 Palestinians trapped in the

compound of West Bank security chief Jibril Rajoub near Ramallah had surrendered to Israeli troops, in a deal brokered by U.S. and European officials. About eight men remained inside. The sprawling compound was battered by the Israeli onslaught, with gaping holes punched in rooftops.



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Andersen appoints transition team

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Paul Volcker is getting some help in his efforts to pull Arthur Andersen back from the brink.

The former Federal Reserve chairman, who is in charge of trying to rescue the troubled accounting firm, announced Friday that senior partners C.E. Andrews and Larry Rieger will lead the company's transition to a new structure.

The announcement came a day after Andersen said it would embrace Volcker's plans

for shaking up the firm, which has been indicted for destroying documents related to its audits of failed energy giant Enron.

The plans include separating the auditing and consulting practices to avoid conflicts of interest. No decision has been made on what to do with the consulting business, where 60 percent of the firm's partners work.

The top ranks of the struggling company were jolted earlier this week when Joseph Berardino resigned as Andersen's global chief executive Tuesday. He has not been

replaced.

The U.S. firm is currently being led by managing partner Larry Gorrell and a group within the firm that is representing Andersen in talks with the Justice Department.

Volcker has said the firm will survive the exodus of clients if a number of requirements are met — including the Justice Department dropping its indictment against Andersen, something the department has indicated it has no plans to do.

Volcker also said progress has been made in talks to settle class-action lawsuits against the firm. But shortly after he

made those remarks, a court-appointed mediator in talks between Andersen, Enron and lawyers for employees and shareholders suing both entities released a statement saying that "serious issues" remained.

The mediator, Eric D. Green, said he spoke out "in part to correct any other releases that may have been made by anybody else."

In his remarks, Volcker also hinted that there might be other changes in senior management. He has wide authority to mandate changes at Andersen under an agreement

he reached with the firm in February.

The plan also calls for Volcker to take over the firm and head a seven-member governing board. That step will still occur if the other conditions of Volcker's plan are met, including the end of the legal actions against Andersen by the Justice Department and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Whatever changes happen, clearly a new Andersen would be considerably smaller than today's firm, which employs 28,000 people in the United States.

Andersen employee questioned accounts

♦ Worker raised protests about company's financial practices

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

An Arthur Andersen LLP partner was removed from monitoring Enron after he raised repeated objections about some of the energy trading company's financial practices that eventually sent it into bankruptcy, according to docu-

ments released Tuesday.

Internal Andersen e-mails detail the strenuous objections of Andersen partner Carl Bass, while handwritten notes by an Andersen executive reveal Enron's unhappiness with him.

"Client sees need to replace Carl," said one of the notes, which were released by the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

According to the documents, Bass questioned the accounting for Enron Corp.'s financial practices in 2000, when Enron wanted to show a \$50 million gain on a transaction with Blockbuster Inc.

"Both you and I had expressed some concern about this deal," Bass recounted in an e-mail to a superior in Chicago last year. "The client's proposed accounting nonetheless was sustained."

Some of Bass's most serious objections dealt with special-purpose entities known as the Raptors, which kept hundreds of millions of dollars in debt off Enron's books.

"I will honestly admit that I have a jaded view of these transactions" involving the Raptors, Bass wrote.

"I understood that there was a \$100 million loss on an

Internet investment that otherwise should have been reported," wrote Bass.

He also wrote: "There appears to be some sort of assertion that I have a 'problem' with Rick Causey or someone at Enron that results in me having some caustic and inappropriate slant in dealing with their questions." Causey was Enron's chief accounting officer. He was fired in February.

Some of the memos falsely state that Bass supported aspects of the Raptors, when in fact he didn't. The team of Houston auditors that wrote

the incorrect memos amended them last fall with corrected versions that contained Bass's objections.

Recounting his objections about Enron in an e-mail, Bass said he didn't complain to Enron about the Raptors.

"I am perplexed as to how the client even knows I was consulted" about the Raptors "and how they believe I am too caustic and cynical with respect to" them, Bass wrote.

Of another transaction in December 1999, Bass wrote to his superior in Chicago, "I do not know if he knows how much we cannot support this."

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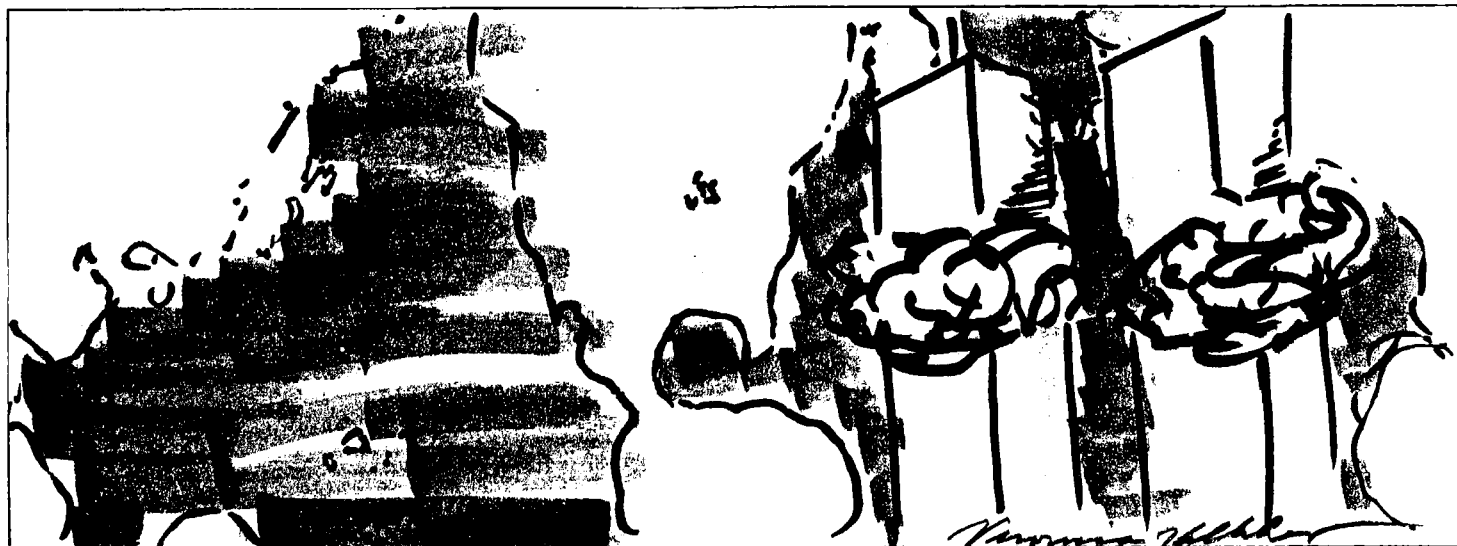
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Sept. 11 leaves indelible mark on American foreign policy

Has anything really changed in the last six months? If asked, all of us will say that Sept. 11 had a profound effect on our lives. But, if we are honest, it also seems the world is sliding back to "normalcy." The economy is getting stronger,

Scott Flipse

Urbanites

Republicans and Democrats are back to partisan sniping, the Israeli-Palestinian situation is again dominating our foreign policy, people are returning to their favorite leisure pursuits — like March Madness, protesting decisions of college administrators and demanding to know how Halle Berry won an Oscar. Has anything really fundamentally changed?

To answer that question I draw on my knowledge of 20th century American history. I can safely say that the United States was profoundly changed by every violent national trauma. World War I brought an end to Progressive era politics. World War II quelled the activism of the New Deal. Vietnam destroyed the nation's Cold War foreign policy consensus and made the United States wary of using its military power. The Iran hostage crisis, on the other hand, made the public more receptive to Ronald Reagan's promise of a more assertive foreign policy. And the Oklahoma City bombing by an anti-government radical discredited Newt Gingrich's Republican revolution.

American history is full of similar examples. Sept. 11 is certain to have left a lasting mark. In fact, the terrorist assault that killed 3,000 innocent Americans had both global and domestic ramifications. We might have to wait a decade or more to see them all, but I will be bold enough to venture five now.

Global Hegemony, American Style

International relation theorists thought that any challenge to America's global power would come from Russia, China or a coalition of nations anchored by one or both nations. But no country or coalition

confronts America now. Instead our enemy is radical Islam, eager to drive America from "Muslim" lands and eventually to destroy Western civilization. The diplomatic fallout has been immediate. Russia joined with the West to battle terrorism — its energy is seen as crucial to reduce America's dependence on Middle Eastern oil and its military is now coordinating with NATO. China has been more cooperative than competitive recently and India has suddenly become a fast friend. The makings of a new world order are apparent.

Americans and the World

It is hard to believe that only a couple years ago, the neo-isolationism of Pat Buchanan and of Ralph Nader was taken seriously by the public and pundits. America cannot afford to remain aloof from global events; Islamic terrorists will not be deterred by only a strong military and two broad oceans. Americans now realize that the world is a hostile place, where millions of people "hate" us. Our interests and safety are tied closely with our historic allies and the future of the "civilized world."

Fracturing of the Left

The last six months have been difficult for the American left. At first Susan Sontag, among others, argued that Sept. 11 was the fruit of American hegemony. In essence, America deserved it. But failure to condemn the terrorists caused a public backlash. Prominent leftists such as Christopher Hitchens, Richard Faulk and Todd Gitlin counseled their compatriots against knee-jerk anti-Americanism. Nonetheless, the criticism from the left continued unabated. Their fear is that an open-ended war on terrorism will cripple the politics of multiculturalism at home and anti-globalization abroad. Their political clout will be strangled if national security and defense dominate domestic politics. One bright spot has been the self-examination process that has begun. Michael Walzer's piece "Can There Be a Decent Left?" in *Dissent* magazine is a clarion call for the left to re-examine its world-

view and political agenda. It deserves to be read by serious people across the political spectrum.

A Republican Majority

Since Sept. 11 President Bush has had astronomical approval ratings. Most political experts thought these numbers would eventually decrease, but they have not. The trickle-down effect is helping all Republicans. Recent polls by the Los Angeles Times and the National Journal show that the GOP is gaining swing voters who voted Democrat in 2000. Democrats hoped the Enron mess and a slow economic recovery would buoy their numbers, but the Bush administration has never been on the defensive. The President signed popular education and campaign finance reform bills. And the economy is slowly improving. While I won't predict future elections, at the moment it looks like the Republicans will survive or gain in mid-term elections and serious challengers to Bush in 2004 will have to think twice.

The Condi Craze

The chorus of voices plumping for Condeezza Rice as the possible vice presidential choice is becoming deafening. Though the last vice president to be replaced was Henry Wallace in 1944, the possibility of a young, articulate African-American woman on the ticket would be a monumental moment and the Democrats' worst nightmare. Let me say in advance that it won't happen, as rumors of Dick Cheney's demise are greatly exaggerated. Also, Rice's political inexperience, her "mildly pro-choice" position and life-long focus on international affairs will be handicaps on the stump. But one can hope.

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"Any change, even a change for the better, is always accompanied by drawbacks and discomforts."

Arnold Bennett
writer

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Changing routines into entertaining stories

My parents are hooked on Survivor. At first, I thought they were being ironic, because no one could possibly care about a group of whiny outdoor amateurs vying for a million dollars, unless they appreciate the camp (bad pun intended) value.

Eric Long

Usually the contestants aren't even interesting people — the time slot could be aptly filled by reruns of "Moonlighting" or any solid courtroom drama. But my parents eagerly await their cherished reality game show, even throwing Survivor mini-parties with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. I admit, I've watched the show with them, and I never pass up their snack foods and alcoholic beverages. But I could take or leave the show. Am I missing something? Perhaps my parents have one-upped me again.

Fitter,
Happter

What is "reality television" supposed to be? What's the draw? To understand the appeal of real TV, we must study the phenomenon's history.

Think back to the late '80's and early '90's, a time not different from the present. A Bush was president, the economy was slowing and we were involved in a vaguely defined war against a much-vilified enemy. Bob Saget, a fading comedian, successfully parlayed his violently unfunny role on the sitcom Full House into a gig as host of the proto-"reality television" program "America's Funniest Home Videos." The show capitalized on the booming personal camcorder industry, and the combination of precious voice-overs and a \$10,000 prize enticed many viewers to share intimate, yet strangely banal, family

moments.

Banalities — yes, this was the show's hook. Chances are, most American middle class families have a video of dad getting hit in the testicles with a tennis ball or of the just-married couple falling down on the dance floor. These people were anonymous, indistinguishable and just like us. Watching them made us believe we could be on television some day and thus extended to our most powerful voyeuristic fantasies. People would watch us if given the opportunity.

Talk shows fall under the same genus with important variations. Talk show guests are often real people, but the added element of the studio audience complicates the matter. Talk shows offer entertainment under the guise of information, and the guests represent marginalized groups that the average viewer "needs" to know more about: teen daughters gone wild, for instance, or secret transvestites. The host interviews the guests, or rather promenades them like a carnival barker, and then turns the studio audience loose on the guests to ask questions, accuse and reprimand.

Yet another powerful fantasy surfaces

— this time voyeurism coupled with the desire to judge and to be judged. The talk show relies on an interesting structure of audience judging guest, guest judging back and TV viewer judging them both.

Bob Saget, Jerry Springer and reggae group Inner Circle of "Cops" theme song fame evolve into the newest, most virulent strains of real TV: the dating show and the reality drama.

The appeal of dating shows, such as MTV's "Dismissed" and company is pretty self-explanatory. Dating is often awkward, and meeting people is never easy. And it feels good to watch others struggle through awful dates.

Sometimes these shows seem quite real. But the camera's invisible eye adds the expectations of the entire viewing audience, prompting the show's participants into employing stronger than usual personas and into wearing thicker than usual masks. Instead of watching professional actors perform pre-written lines, we watch ostensibly "normal" people improvise. Often the participants are aspiring actors, which only increases the irony.

The disturbing post-ironic irony culmi-

nates in the real drama. MTV's "Real World" series pioneered and perhaps exemplifies real drama as genre. Real people are selected on the basis of audition tapes and placed in an unfamiliar environment to live and work together for about a year. They live in a nicer-than-average house stuffed to the gills with cameras, and they are taped continuously 24 hours a day. This footage reduces to a weekly half-hour episode that presents a portrayal of the drama of daily life — the toothbrush borrowed without permission or the kitchen sink confrontation about negligent dish washing.

But all is illusion. Cameras don't lie, but they do beg interpretation. Now producers spend less money for on-camera talent, but pay top dollar for the editing that transforms unassuming documentary footage into an entertaining show by advancing certain story lines or character traits.

This is the disturbing irony of it all: we shape real TV, which presumably avoids the imposed artifices of plot and acting, into an imitation of a fictional TV show. We watch people who are not only aware we are watching, but who no longer have to pretend they don't know they are being watched. We escape from the humdrum routine of our daily lives by watching others perform the routine. I'm not entirely sure what that means, but this shrimp cocktail is delicious. I can't wait for next week's Survivor party.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Give Palestinians fair treatment

Once again, Israel has declared a war against Palestinians. Israeli forces have re-occupied virtually all of the Palestinian territories, and the Aljazeera network reports that Israeli troops have started mass executions in Ramallah, killing about 30 Palestinian security agents it captured in the invasion. All this while Yasser Arafat is being detained in one room.

Meanwhile, Bush declares that he "understands the Israeli need for security." Very good, but the veil of hypocrisy be lifted once and for all. All this time the U.S. government has been publicly declaring that it holds the role of neutral peace "broker." But with a broker like this, who needs an enemy?

It is well understood by everyone in the world except by the American people that the U.S. government has been completely supportive of Israeli terrorism. Economic and military support reaches above \$4 billion a year, including the highest level of equipment, missiles and helicopters with Israel being the only country in the Middle East to have nuclear weapons. So the U.S. government has never been and isn't now passive — instead they're being completely involved in the most criminal way.

And the Israelis and the Americans expect the Palestinian Authority to crack down on suicide bombers? What? I keep asking myself: Are these people joking? When in the history of humanity has the occupied protected the occupier? Why is a nation being murdered and brutalized on a daily basis expected to stop fighting back and submit? Not to mention the obvious fact that Israel is actually crippling Arafat's ability to control anything.

People, the emperor wears no clothes. This is naked aggression against a nation whose only defense is their bodies. When will people realize that the only solution for peace is to remove the sources of conflict, end the occupation and give the Palestinians and refugees their full rights as guaranteed by international law (U.N. resolutions 194, 242, 338)?

Until then, don't expect the Palestinians to submit to Israel or to anyone. They have the moral strength of a people determined to end their slavery, and nothing will break their resolve.

Omar S. Dahi
graduate student
March 31, 2002

Protests shame student body

When I was in the eighth grade, my graduating class staged a protest in the school cafeteria. More than 300 students pounded on tables, shouting, "Hell no, we won't go." Honestly, I have no idea why it started, but that did not really matter. Within half an hour we adolescents had created our own personal episode of "The Wonder Years," a ridiculous prank heightened to that of a cinematic rite of passage.

The glorified temper tantrum Mar. 27 at the Main Building will go down in the books as nothing more than a canned attempt at rebellion by spoiled young adults. At best it will serve as a self-indulgent myth, marveled at by the common student 10 years down the road.

Book burning, hurling liquor bottles as a kind of symbolic Molotov cocktail and using militant rhetoric of the National Rifle Association and Bob Marley is neither cute nor effective. Our human rights are not being violated, and the mere comparison has twisted the idea of true protest into a sad caricature of oppression. On a personal level, these staged events have devalued students' integrity, which will inevitably give our legitimate opinions the political impact of a knock-knock joke.

Clearly there are several pressing issues that need to be worked out between our University's administration and its students. Perhaps simple dialogue is not enough, but a sophomoric public spectacle will not change anything. We have been invited to attend this campus because we are intelligent, resourceful students. At the very least, we have been creative in our ways of dancing around the rules. A small minority of the student body, however, has challenged the administration for the wrong reasons, using ineffective arguments and despicable calls to action.

This is the first time I've ever been ashamed to be associated with Notre Dame's student body. To those of you who are congratulating yourselves for raising hell at the Main Building: your wannabe protest only made us look ignorant. Your copy-cat riot didn't make students' "oppression" a reality. Find something better to do with your energy — not for yourselves, but for the rest of us.

Joel Ebner
senior
Keough Hall
March 28, 2002

Bands, booze and the Tao of Dave

Many starry-eyed and pimple-faced 15-year-old boys sitting alone on Friday nights get the idea that maybe the way to get to the ladies would be to learn the guitar. I was one of those boys. I can't even count how many Friday nights I spent in high-school, practicing guitar and watching "Sabrina: the Teenage Witch," thinking that that my work would one day pay off.

Flash forward to the college years: I find myself playing in several campus bands. Although the payoff for all my practicing was not what I thought it would be, it certainly ended up being as good as I had hoped. I can still remember the words I heard as I set up before my first performance at a party at Turtle Creek one glorious night last year: "You boys in the bands, you drink for free." This was truly a sweet deal that would be repeated many times through the present.

But, playing in a campus band isn't just free beer. In order to have a decent sounding band, one must unfortunately practice every once in a while. While there is nothing that I like more than hanging out with my buddies in my various bands and just relaxing and jamming, the planning involved in just getting together a practice is generally quite a bit of work.

A typical Notre Dame campus band will run into several problems. The first of which is the total lack of any sort of practice space on campus. Keenan had a woefully inadequate practice room that was available for a whopping two hours a day. This year, however, even the tiny weight room/band room that was previously available is no longer in existence. With the shutting down of the Keenan band room just days before NAZZ last year, my band Red Dragon Tattoo desperately searched for alternate spaces in which to practice. Our only refuge was the storage room in the basement of Fisher Hall.

As it turns out, this particular room has no power outlets, lights, heating or even a floor to speak of. But, we made due. With no rehearsal space on campus available, the only option for bands now is to have a member of the band who lives off campus and has a place big enough to set up the required equipment.

Another problem encountered by Notre Dame campus bands is the stubborn desire by most students to put their studies first. When it comes to people such as me, this is typically not an issue. In a band of four or five people, however, getting everyone to agree on a time to rehearse generally ends up being exceptionally difficult; for example, one of my bands, Rex LaDado has not practiced for about a month and we are scheduled to perform at the battle of the bands on north quad Friday evening. The likelihood of a late Thursday night practice is increasing rapidly as time progresses.

Furthermore, if the style of your band isn't all that popular, filling out the proper instrumentation can be a pain in the neck. There are not too many fans of rockabilly on the campus of Notre Dame, so filling the position of bassist for my band, Updogg, has been, as of yet, fruitless. The same situation has come up in my other band, The Salvation Coast Guard; there simply isn't a big pool of punk bassists available on this campus. Although, I'd bet if Updogg were a Dave Matthews' cover band, I would have no problem in that respect.

The problems don't end there. Acquiring all the equipment necessary for a band to perform is unavoidably a very expensive process. Ideally, all the guitars and bass have amps loud enough that they require no additional amplification. Unless your vocalist just happens to be the lead singer of Slayer, it is doubtful that your band will be able to perform with no PA. A capable PA will typically set the average band back at least a thousand dollars; when your daily meal consists of Ramen and Tang, this much money is a pretty tall order.

Being in campus bands is a drain of my time, my patience, and my money. My grades have suffered because of it. Would I have it any other way? Not a chance.

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

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Dave Lodewyck

Scene
Columnist

Tuning in Scene

By MIKE SCHMUHL

Assistant Scene Editor

Tired of the same four CDs in your winter rotation as the snow pummels South Bend in early April? Don't worry. A fresh change has arrived to our arctic tundra with a fiery concoction of blues, soul, reggae, rock, hip-hop and funk. Originally playing at small parties around town, Notre Dame's own Station One just won the 2002 NAZZ (battle of the bands) and have started performing a few times each week.

Station One includes drummer Pete Miller (PM) from South Bend, his brother and guitarist David Miller (DM), keyboardist Mike Maimone (MM) from Cleveland, bassist Lee Elsey (LE) from Detroit and lead singer Lawrence Santiago (LS) from Guam via Louisiana. The Observer recently sat down with members of the group and talked about the band's past, future, imploding ceilings and their Taco Bell tradition.

Observer: How did Station One form?

LS: Well, I came here for a campus visit and my host family was the Millers. I knew that they played guitar and drums, so we went down to the basement and jammed a little bit. I was singing R&B over their punk, but we wanted to start a band when we got here our freshman year. We started the band as soon as we got here. It was just me, Pete and Dave. We started playing Acousticafé, but wanted a bass player and a keyboardist. Mike was in my dorm and I learned that he played keyboard, so I introduced him to these guys. Mike joined and we played some more at Acousticafé and we met our bassist Jeff McDonnell, who now is the lead singer for a new band.

MM: Our first song was "BB Mac." We started playing some at College Park. We played a lot of parties there and jam out for two hours, three hours, just on bongos and like five songs.

PM: We were called "The Island Boys" and then changed to "House Bound," then Station One. Jeff left the band and Lee joined this year.

Observer: Where do you get the name Station One?

LS: Station One's the name of a ghetto-booty club back in Louisiana. I never went, but it's a cool name.

Observer: What are your musical influences and style of music?

LE: I grew up listening to a lot of reggae, lots of blues; I'm really into BB King, Stevie Ray Vaughn, I like the Beatles, Led Zeppelin, basically everything.

LS: A lot of people compare us to Sublime or 311.

We pull from Ben Folds a lot, a lot of the guys like Ben Folds. There are a lot of punk rhythms. Back in the day we were pretty much pop.

DM: My influences back in high school were pretty much punk and ska. My brother and I played in a punk band. My main influences were like the Smashing Pumpkins, Nirvana, Radiohead, but then I got more into reggae like Sublime and Marley.

MM: I kind of listen to everything. I liked rap when I was a little kid, but when I got to high school I started listening to Zeppelin, Dave

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Lawrence Santiago
Station One lead singer



Photo courtesy of Lawrence Santiago

Station One band members playing at NAZZ where they won first place: drummer Pete Miller, guitarist Dave Miller and Mike Maimone on keyboard.

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Matthews, stuff like the Counting Crows. I'll pretty much listen to everything though.

PM: My influences are mainly Sublime, Marley, Led Zeppelin. In high school I only listened to Pennywise, Less Than Jake, Mustard Plug, Nirvana or any other ska or punk bands.

Observer: How did it feel to win battle of the bands (NAZZ)?

LS: (sighing) We didn't believe it at first. Last year it was such a big deal. This year there weren't any prizes, but it meant a lot. It really didn't sink in until we left the place and went to Taco Bell. That's like our tradition.

MM: I thought the Skammunists were really good, I mean they won it last year. My first reaction was there could have been no way we placed. When they said we won it, we were just amazed.

Observer: What is the key to a good live performance?

LE: The audience. If the crowd's not into it, it is really hard to play.

MM: From our perspective, we have to have energy. If we're not into what we're playing, the crowd will notice.

LE: It's hard at Acousticafé because everyone is studying and talking. We play best at small parties on the same floor, where it's dark, everybody's drinking and everybody's standing less than 10 feet away from us.

LS: And girls dancing on us.

LE: Yeah.

Observer: Where can Notre Dame students find you guys performing?

PM: OK. We'll be playing ... (pause)

LS: We keep getting shows that we don't know about!

PM: April 5 from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., we'll be playing downtown at Benchwarmer's with NIHM, who got second at battle of the bands. Admission there will be \$3. We'll be playing Saturday, April 6 sometime between 1-5 at Knott on the Knoll. We'll also be playing that night at the Sophomore Class battle of the bands. We haven't found out what time we're playing, but it goes from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. Next, we're playing Friday, April 12 with the Skammunists from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Higher Grounds on Washington Street. The cover there will be \$5. That same night we'll be playing 11:30 p.m. to 12 a.m. at Stonehenge for the Junior Class event. Then, Saturday, April 13, we're playing the Hawaii Club Luau around 6:30 p.m.

Observer: Describe the band's greatest moment.

PM: It would have to be last year. We were playing at a big party for like 200 or 300 people. We were in the basement and the ceiling collapsed.

LS: So I dropped my mic and I ran.

MM: We were covering up the equipment. That was all we were worried about.

LS: That was the first night we got Taco Bell together (laughing). Our best performance was probably NAZZ. It was our most energetic. It was short and we played fast, but it was good. That was the first time we went to Taco Bell.

Observer: Do you have any advice for

students who want to start a band?

LS and LE: Transfer to Business.

MM: I'm a business major and I always want to practice, but they can't.

LE: Between us, there are two architects, one pre-med major and one bio-chem major.

MM: Definitely get people who share the same type of schedule that you do. You'll be able to talk to each other all the time.

PM: Make sure you're friends with the other people. It's not going to work.

LS: Make sure you know what kind of sound you want to have. Otherwise, the music will go off into different directions.

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Observer: What does the future hold for Station One?

MM: Lawrence is going to Rome next year for architecture. I'm going to London in the fall.

PM: The year that they're gone, at least until the spring, we're going to try and record some songs. As live performances go, we'll probably just screw around, maybe do some instrumental stuff. Maybe one of us will have to start singing.

LS: We're going to try, with the stuff we're recording now, maybe compile a demo CD, possibly sign to something

small. Do something with that.

LE: We'll be able to develop our originals over a year too.

PM: We're planning on meeting over the summer to practice. Maybe play some bars or something.

Observer: Is there anything else Notre Dame should know about Station One?

LS: We have a Web site up now: www.station-one.net. We have T-Shirts on sale for \$10 and CDs for \$5.

Some of the band's music can be found online, like the catchy song "Rebel

Children." The laid-back reggae vibe intertwines with Santiago's lyrical ease and leads to a crunchy-rock chorus: "Listen up can you give me your attention?/ Administration it needs correction/ I'm Everybody stand up for your right/ Everybody get up and fight."

Station One is not an act to miss. Many

people may think the on campus music scene is dry and there's not much to see. Someone who's looking for a new, energetic and lively performance in a band should take the opportunity to see Station One at one of their upcoming shows. For booking information contact Peter Miller at pmiller6@nd.edu.

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Photo courtesy of Lawrence Santiago

The sound of Station One combines the styles of each of their band members. Vocalist Lawrence Santiago (right) adds funk, soul and freestyle hip hop on top of bassist Lee Elsey's (left) reggae-influenced sound.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Christian christened at Kent State

♦ Assistant replaces Heath after helping lead Golden Flashes to tournament run

Associated Press

KENT, Ohio
Kent State decided it was time to put an end to all the surprises. Less than two weeks after its improbable March tournament run concluded and just four days after coach Stan Heath left unexpectedly, Kent State found his replacement sitting right on its bench.

Jim Christian, an assistant under Heath this season when the Golden Flashes advanced to the NCAA tournament's round of eight, on Tuesday was named the school's 21st coach — and third in three years.

"It happened very fast," Christian said. "We want to continue what's been started here."

Christian takes over for Heath, who in his first season led the Golden Flashes to a 30-6 record, the Mid-American Conference title and victories over Oklahoma State, Alabama and Pittsburgh in this year's NCAA tourney, before taking the job at Arkansas.

The 37-year-old Christian received a five-year contract from athletic director Laing Kennedy, whose priority in finding Heath's successor was to bring stability and continuity to the program.

"Jim is the person we need to continue at the championship level," Kennedy said. "If we were conducting a national search, we would look at Elite Eight-type programs, and we have one right here. Jim is the right man at the right time for

Kent State.

"He is part of the family."

Christian's deal is similar to the one Heath got a year ago when he replaced Gary Waters, who left for Rutgers. Kennedy said Christian will make \$120,000 per season with incentives.

But unlike Heath, Christian won't have the luxury of inheriting a group of seniors like Trevor Huffman, Andrew Mitchell or Demetric Shaw, who led Kent State to 100 wins and three NCAA tournament appearances the past four years.

"Guess we'll have to find some guys just like them then," Christian joked. "But they were a very special group and they have laid a foundation here that we want to build upon. We have to continue the standard and work ethic that they set."

Kent State's returning players were thrilled with the decision to hire Christian, who has more than a decade of experience as an assistant.

"I just couldn't see a new coach coming in here now and not knowing the players," said junior forward Antonio Gates, who along with his teammates attended the news conference to announce Christian's hiring. "I thought coach Christian was the best person."

Gates knows that because of the magical tourney run, the days of Kent State — or any other MAC school —

sneaking up on anyone are over.

"Now we've got to try and stay at the top," Gates said. "That might be the hardest thing to do."

Christian believes the Golden Flashes can remain among the nation's elite programs by keeping realistic expectations. He knows the newfound national respect and heightened profile Kent State is enjoying can vanish quickly.

"We've got some work to do," he said. "But I think we have a nice group to start with."

Christian was an assistant coach at Pittsburgh, Western Kentucky, Miami of Ohio and St. Francis (Pa.) but dropped out of coaching from 1999-'00 to work at a sports marketing firm before joining Heath's staff.

He played at Boston University for two years before transferring to Rhode Island, and played for the Rams in 1988 when they advanced to the Sweet 16.

Although he believes he was "born to coach", Christian said an epiphany came his freshman year — while trying to stop Michael Jordan on an alley-oop.

"He jumped, and I jumped, and I was at his knee level when he dunked," Christian said. "I figured my career as a player was going to be short-lived. I knew I'd better find something else to do with the rest of my life."

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Kent State athletic director

NCAA puts Tampa on 1-year probation

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla.

The University of Tampa has been placed on one-year's probation and its women's soccer team banned from postseason play because its founding coach improperly paid players' tuition and violated recruiting rules, the NCAA said Tuesday.

Former women's soccer coach George Fotopoulos, now the coach at Louisiana State University, used his own money and his father's to pay tuition for six players and provided two Swedish recruits improper housing and transportation, the NCAA said.

Fotopoulos, a Tampa graduate and former professional player with the Tampa Bay Rowdies and the New Orleans Riverboat Gamblers, was placed on probation until 2003.

His wife, professional soccer player Danielle Fotopoulos of the Carolina Courage and a member of the 1999 women's World Cup team, was banned from involvement with his teams under the NCAA's sanctions.

Fotopoulos declined comment Tuesday through LSU's sports information office.

In addition to being placed on probation, Tampa's women's soccer team is banned from the NCAA tournament for a year. The team also had to stop its recruitment of international students.

The university crafted a series of reforms for itself and has been implementing them since the investigation began

in 1999. It has recently heightened its compliance monitoring and is regularly conducting training for coaches.

"It hurts our reputation, which up to this point has been pretty spotless," said Gil Swalls, Tampa's associate athletic director. "We hope we can get through that by making this a better institution."

The NCAA said Fotopoulos arranged for a \$3,500 payment from his father to two

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Gail Swalls
Tampa associate athletic director

students to help them pay tuition and fees at the private university in 1998. A year later, Fotopoulos paid another \$1,500 to two students and after leaving Tampa in 1999, paid yet another \$3,000 for two team members' tuition.

The money was needed because the students had come up short in their financial aid packages. Investigators said Fotopoulos provided the money directly to the students, instead of through an established fund for such needs, because it would have taken too long.

When he was confronted about the payments, Fotopoulos initially lied about them, the school said.

"He short-cut the system — he gave the girls the cash and told them to go pay their bill," Swalls said. "He was a new coach and a fairly young coach and it was his first college job."

The NCAA further found violations in Fotopoulos' contact with two Swedish soccer players recruited to attend the university. They were provided housing and transportation in violation of NCAA rules.

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MLB

Bonds drives in 5 runs to lead Giants over Dodgers

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

After getting off to a great beginning, Barry Bonds said he's more concerned about the ending.

He was speaking of his team, not himself.

Coming off one of the greatest offensive seasons in baseball history but still without a World Series appearance, Bonds homered twice and drove in five runs

to lead the San Francisco Giants to a season-opening 9-2 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"It's not how you start, it's how you finish," said the 37-year-old San Francisco slugger, who hit 73 homers last year to break the record set by Mark McGwire in 1998. "We want to be in the race until it's over. It's early, one game doesn't make a season."

Bonds hit a two-out, three-run homer off Kevin Brown on his second swing of the season, a drive that capped a five-run sec-

ond inning.

Bonds had an RBI single off Brown in the fourth, then sent a 1-1 pitch from Omar Daal just inside the right-field foul pole in the seventh, becoming the 10th player to reach the loge level at Dodger Stadium.

The home runs gave Bonds five on opening day and 569 overall, moving him four behind Harmon Killebrew, who ranks sixth on baseball's career list.

Bonds has 57 multihomer games, including 10 last season, and is fifth in the category. He became the 25th player to homer twice on opening day.

Livan Hernandez, making his third straight opening-day start for the Giants, won by allowing both Los Angeles runs and four hits in eight innings.

Hernandez, who retired 14 straight batters before Mark Grudzielanek singled to start the eighth, also had two hits, scored twice and drove in a run.

"We outscored them, but Livan won that game for us," Bonds said.

Montreal 7, Florida 6

The Montreal Expos made their fans forget about extinction and feel some excitement.

Down to their last out in what might've been their final season opener, the Expos rallied for three runs in the bottom of the ninth inning and beat the Florida Marlins on Orlando Cabrera's single.

A crowd of 34,351 cheered loudly after Jose Vidro tied it with a two-out, two-run single and Cabrera won it.

While Cabrera was mobbed by his teammates, new manager Frank Robinson wildly waved his hat to the fans and gave them a

big thumbs-up.

The Expos survived baseball's plan to eliminate them during the winter, but poor support is likely to doom them beyond this, their 34th season in Montreal. A crowd of only 3,500 to 6,000 was expected for Wednesday night's game.

With Braden Looper (0-1) pitching, Brad Wilkerson drew a lead-off walk in the Expos' ninth and Barrett doubled.

After pinch-hitter Henry Rodriguez and Peter Bergeron struck out, Vidro singled. Vidro took second on the throw home, prompting the Marlins to intentionally walk Vladimir Guerrero.

That brought up Cabrera, whose RBI single capped a three-run eighth that made it 6-4. On a 1-2 pitch, Cabrera hit a drive over the head of right fielder Kevin Millar to end it.

Matt Herges (1-0), acquired from Los Angeles in spring training, got the victory.

Preston Wilson hit a grand slam in the seventh, putting the Marlins ahead 6-1.

Mike Lowell's RBI double off Javier Vazquez broke a 1-1 tie in the sixth. Wilson connected off Britt Reames for his third career grand slam.

Ryan Dempster held Montreal to one run on Guerrero's RBI single through seven innings.

Barrett led off the eighth with a home run, and Dempster left after allowing a one-out walk to Bergeron. Reliever Vladimir Nunez gave up an RBI double to Guerrero and Cabrera's run-scoring single.

Marlins first baseman Derek Lee ended Montreal's threat with a fine play, picking Lowell's throw from third base out of the dirt.

Milwaukee 9, Houston 3

The name Enron was gone from the ballpark. As far as the Houston Astros were concerned, hitting and pitching were missing, too.

Ben Sheets struck out a career-high eight, and Richie Sexson, Tyler Houston and Jose Hernandez drove in two runs each to lead the Milwaukee Brewers to a season-opening win over the Houston Astros.

"Ben was overpowering," Brewers manager Davey Lopes said. "His fastball was clocked at

97. He came out firing in the first inning. He was pumped tonight. It usually takes him three or four innings to get going."

Sheets, a member of the gold medal-winning U.S. Olympic team two years ago, allowed two runs and nine hits in six innings and walked none. Last April 5, Sheets lost to Houston in his major league debut.

"There were Opening Day jitters, but our guys came out and banged them early," Sheets said. "I'm pleased with the way things went. I went six innings and I still felt strong. I didn't want to burn up the bullpen in the first week."

The game was the first one at the stadium since it was renamed.

Following the collapse of Enron, the NL Central champions bought back naming rights to their ballpark from the bankrupt energy company.

Tampa Bay 9, Detroit 5

Tampa Bay's "Heart & Hustle" campaign is off to a successful start.

Greg Vaughn's two-out RBI single broke an eighth-inning tie and the young Devil Rays went on to beat the Detroit Tigers before a season-opening crowd of 38,142 at Tropicana Field.

Vaughn broke a 5-5 tie after loser Juan Acevedo walked Steve Cox intentionally to get to the Devil Rays' cleanup hitter.


Ben Grieve drew a bases-loaded walk to drive in another run and Bobby Smith added a two-run double that glanced off pitcher Danny Patterson's foot and rolled into shallow right field.

Victor Zambrano pitched two-thirds of an inning for the win, and Esteban Yan finished.

Tampa Bay scored on pitcher Jeff Weaver's throwing error in the third, Brent Abernathy's RBI double in the fourth and Toby Hall's run-scoring single in the fifth to build a 3-1 lead against Detroit's ace.

Cox's two-run single in the sixth wiped out a 5-3 lead the Tigers took when they scored four times off starter Tanyon Sturtze in the sixth.

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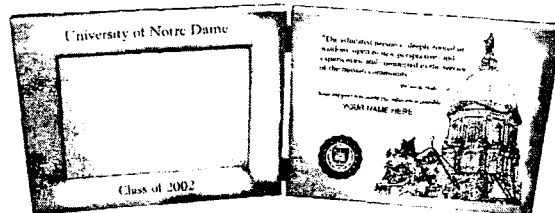
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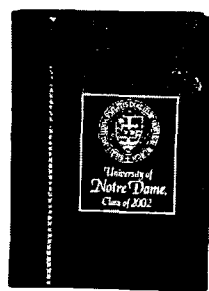
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ND SWIMMING AND DIVING

Irish grab academic honors

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame men's swimming and diving team kept its tradition of academic excellence alive in 2001-02, finishing sixth in the nation according to the College Swimming Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) All-Academic list with a 3.195 grade-point average.

To qualify for this honor, the grade-point average of the entire swimming and diving team, including all team members on the eligibility list, must average at least a 2.8 on a 4.0 scale. In all, 30 men's swimming and

diving teams met the criteria for the 2001-02 winter/spring semester.

Notre Dame has traditionally finished well in the CSCAA academic rankings, finishing first in 1999 and second in 2001. The sixth-place ranking for the 2001-02 winter/spring semester is the fifth consecutive semester the Irish have been ranked in the top 10.

The Notre Dame women's swimming and diving team, fresh off a highly successful 2001-02 season in which the Irish won their sixth consecutive Big East Conference title and qualified nine swimmers and divers for the NCAA Championship, has

received more good news from the CSCAA.

The Notre Dame team earned a spot on the CSCAA all-academic list for the first time in the program's history for the 2001-02 winter/spring semester with a 3.184 grade-point average. In all, 53 women's swimming and diving teams met the criteria for the 2001-02 winter/spring semester.

The Irish finished the 2001-02 dual-meet season with a perfect 10-0 record, giving the squad a 30-1 dual meet mark over the last three seasons. Notre Dame was also ranked as high as 13th in the CSCAA Top 25.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Play earns Thomas spot on Sporting News team

Special to The Observer

The honors continue for Notre Dame point guard Chris Thomas. On Tuesday, the Irish freshman and the 2002 Big East Rookie of the Year was named to the The Sporting News All-Freshmen Team.

Joining Thomas on the squad were Alabama guard Maurice Williams, Texas guard T.J. Ford, Memphis guard Dajuan Wagner and Connecticut center Emeka Okafor.

Thomas was recently named the national freshman of the year by Basketball Times. A third-team all-Big East selection, he was the team's second-leading scorer this season as

he averaged 15.6 points per game. He set Notre Dame single-season marks for assists (252), steals (72) and steals per game (2.18). He also tied the single-season assist average record (7.64), sharing that honor with Jackie Meehan.

Thomas recorded the first triple double in Notre Dame basketball history when he scored 24 points, dished off 11 assists and made 11 steals in his first collegiate outing on Nov. 16 against New Hampshire. He scored in double figures in 24 games during the season and registered seven double doubles. The six-time Big East rookie-of-the-week honoree also scored 20-plus points in nine games and led the Irish in scoring on nine occasions.

PGA

Back problems force Nicklaus to withdraw from Masters

Associated Press

Jack Nicklaus, the most dominant player at Augusta National with six green jackets won over 23 years, withdrew from this year's Masters because of lingering back problems.

It will be only the second time since 1959 that Nicklaus has missed The Masters. He also skipped in 1999 when he was recovering from hip replacement surgery.

While Nicklaus, 62, has expressed concerns about competing against players half his age on an Augusta National course that has added nearly 300 yards, it was a back injury that has plagued him for nearly a year that forced him to withdraw.

Nicklaus also withdrew from this week's Legends of Golf on the Senior Tour.

"I have tried over the last couple of months to get my body and my golf game in shape to play at the Legends and possibly The Masters," Nicklaus said. "And while encouraged, I made a decision today that neither is at the point I hoped they'd be at this stage."

"I do not think my golf game is

suitable right now for the competition."

He has not played an official tournament since July 29, when he tied for third in the Senior British Open.

"We are disappointed that due to his health, Jack will not be competing in this year's Masters," Augusta National chairman Hootie Johnson said. "Jack has made numerous contributions to this tournament, and we hope physically he is able to play golf again soon."

Nicklaus said he will continue a fitness program designed to help his back. He hopes to play in the Tradition, the first major on the Senior Tour to be played the last week in April in Arizona on a course he designed.

"My back is better, and hopefully it will come around to the point where it will allow me to play golf in the not-so-distant future," he said. "I really miss competitive golf. It's in my blood, and I very much look forward to playing again soon."

He first suggested he might skip The Masters in January, when his lower back caused problems swinging the club.

Nicklaus joined Augusta National last year and played in a

members' tournament in November. He said he couldn't reach the fairway bunker on No. 1 from the members' tees, and routinely hit his drives only about 210 yards.

Golf World magazine recently checked the scores Nicklaus was posting at his home course, The Bear's Club in Jupiter, Fla., and found his handicap index was 2.

Nicklaus still plans to go to Augusta National next week for the Champions Dinner, and did not rule out playing The Masters again, depending on his health.

His six victories, the last one coming in 1986 when he was 46, tell only part of the story of how Nicklaus dominated Augusta National with power, skill and

experience in 42 appearances in The Masters.

When he missed the cut last year at age 59, it was only the fourth time he failed to make it to the weekend at golf's first major championship. He also missed the cut in 1994, withdrew in 1983 and missed the cut as an amateur in 1959.

He won his first Masters in 1963 and became the first back-to-back champion in 1965-66. In the 1965 Masters, Nicklaus set the tournament record of 271 with a nine-stroke victory over chief rivals Arnold Palmer and Gary Player.

The record was tied by Raymond Floyd in 1976, and broken by one stroke when Tiger

Woods shot a 270 in 1997 during his 12-stroke victory.

The most dramatic victory was his last one, when Nicklaus shot a 30 on the back nine to beat Tom Kite and Greg Norman in 1986.

Even after turning 50, Nicklaus has pulled a few surprises. He tied for sixth in 1998 after another Sunday charge, and in 2000 he was only six strokes out of the lead going into the weekend. He closed with a 81-78 to tie for 54th.

"Needless to say, I have a special place in my heart for Augusta National and The Masters, and I will miss not playing there this year," he said. "I am certainly hopeful that I may have the chance to play The Masters in future years."

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MEN'S TENNIS

No. 4 Irish rebound with win against Sycamores

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

Fueled by an embarrassing and anger-inspiring loss to No. 46 Michigan last week, the Notre Dame men's tennis team soundly defeated Indiana State 5-2 on Saturday.

The No. 4 Irish, after losing the doubles point, were able to change the tide of the match as they defeated the No. 29 Sycamores by posting victories in five of the six singles matches.

"I'm pleased with the way we fought," said senior Casey Smith, who defeated 56th ranked Vedran Vidovic, 6-1, 5-7, 6-4. "We fought a lot better than the way we did against Michigan. Technically we still have a lot of stuff we have to work on, but as far as the effort everyone gave, I was really pleased."

Throughout the season, Notre Dame often has trouble gaining the momentum and confidence needed to win its singles matches after it loses the doubles point. On Saturday, though, the Irish did not let the loss of the doubles point disturb them.

"We expected them to be a tough team to beat at their home courts," senior James Malhame said. "We stepped up to the level we need to in order to dominate the match."

In addition to Smith's victory, which was his sixth win over a ranked opponent this season, the Irish earned points from seniors Javier Taborga, Aaron Talarico and Andrew Laffin and sophomore Luis Haddock-Morales. Laffin, after defeating Dalibor Mihaljlovic in straight sets, 6-4, 6-1, improved to 17-1 in dual matches for the season.

While the singles was strong on Saturday, the Irish continued to have trouble with doubles play.

"Doubles is a big concern for us right now," Smith said. "At the beginning of the year that was one of our strengths. Right now, moving to outdoors, we've decided to change up some of the combinations."

After the loss at Michigan last week, Irish coach Bob Bayliss changed the bottom of the doubles lineup for the contest at Indiana State in an effort to find the best possible combinations of players.

While the fifth-ranked duo of Taborga

and Smith won, the new pairs lost to their Sycamore opponents, both by scores of 8-5. Malhame and Luis Haddock-Morales fell to Henry Choi and Vidovic, while freshman Brent D'Amico and senior Ashok Raju lost to Mihaljlovic and Lovre Brajkovic.

According to D'Amico, the doubles results were somewhat surprising but not cause for alarm.

"I don't think we expected them to push us as much in doubles," he said. "I don't think we're really concerned. We're just trying to find out what's going to work out. It was good to mix things up. Obviously things hadn't been working."

Besides doubles, the Irish had also been concerned about making the transition from indoor to outdoor play, but at Indiana State — their first outdoor dual match of the season, Notre Dame was able to show that it can have prowess both inside and out.

"I liked going outdoors," Smith said. "As a whole our team should be better outdoors. Indoors you get in the mindset where you want to end the points very quickly, and we've been so used to that."

The Irish changed that mindset, though, as they took on the Sycamores in Terre Haute, Ind.

"We realized that we need to sustain the points longer and take a more workman like attitude," Smith said. "By doing that, we played a lot better. This really is a good sign for the rest of the season."

With three more regular-season matches left, the Irish feel confident about their prospects and progress, even as they will continue to juggle their doubles lineup.

"We went through a little stretch where anything that could go wrong did," Smith said. "Some of it was just bad luck. We finally started getting a few breaks and played with a lot more confidence. Hopefully we have turned the corner and are ready to play our best tennis at the end of the year."

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BASEBALL

O'Toole earns Big East honors

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame senior catcher Paul O'Toole has been named the Big East Conference baseball player of the week, after leading the Irish to a 3-1 record during the week of March 25-31 in road games against West Virginia and Georgetown.

O'Toole paced the Irish offense during the week in batting average (.500, 8-for-16), times on base (10, two walks), doubles (3), total bases (14) and slugging percentage (.875), and runs scored (7).

He also ranked second on the team with seven RBIs for the week and added his team-leading fifth home run of the season in clutch fashion,

launching a three-run shot for a 6-6 tie as the Irish rallied for a 10-6 win at West Virginia.

The 6-1, 205-pound left-handed hitter also stole a base during the week and played error-free in the field.

A second-time Big East player of the week — his first honor coming as a sophomore on March 13, 2000 — O'Toole showed his versatility as a hitter during the four-game stretch, batting fifth, second and in the cleanup spot.

He hit 4-for-8 with runners in scoring position and reached on 3-of-4 leadoff plate appearances.

O'Toole currently ranks seventh on the squad with a .277 season batting average while leading the Irish in RBI (20), runs scored (18), home runs

(5) and two-out RBI (6).

He also ranks second on the team in walks (9) and stolen bases (5), third in hits (23) and slugging pct. (.554) and has yet to ground into a double play.

O'Toole owns a .310 career batting average while appearing in 196 career games, with 186 starts.

He ranks sixth in Notre Dame history with 48 career stolen bases — most ever by a Notre Dame catcher, with his other career statistics including 209 hits, 133 RBI, 25 home runs, eight triples, 41 doubles, 162 runs scored, 71 walks and 23 times hit-by-pitch.

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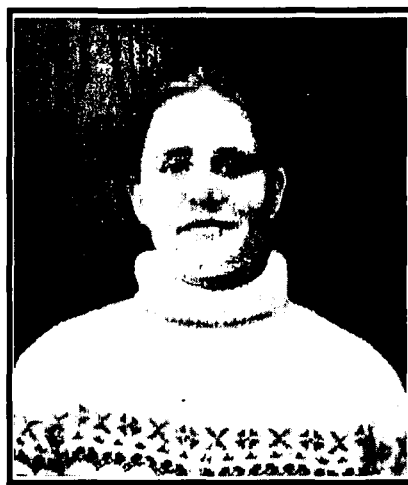
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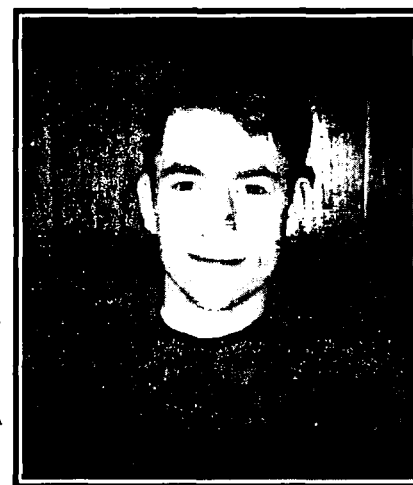


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WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Irish break records as they set tone for strong season

By DAVE COOK
Sports Writer

Records continued to fall for the Notre Dame women's track and field team as it completed its second weekend of the outdoor season. Sending three separate squads to Stanford, Florida and Purdue, the team carried its indoor season success into the outdoor season as more personal records and school records were broken.

Setting the tone for the weekend were Jen Fibuch, Jen Handley, Megan Johnson and Lauren King, who traveled to Stanford to compete against some of the best distance runners in the nation. For all four girls, it was their first meet of the outdoor season, and three of them came away with personal records.

"It was a really good race for all of them," said Tim Connelly, the women's distance coach. "They all did a great job ... They ran really well against great competition."

Racing in the 5000-meter run were juniors Fibuch and Handley. Both girls set new personal records in the 5000, with Handley breaking her old record by 12 seconds and completing the race in a time of 16 minutes, 28.55 seconds.

Johnson and King competed in the 1500-meter run, where King broke her old personal record. King also broke the school record in the 1500, previously held by Johnson who set the record in 2001 as a freshman. Her ninth-place time of 4:22.89 provisionally qualifies King for the NCAA

outdoor championships in May.

"It was a good provisional," Connelly said. "She'll run faster than that later this year, but it was a good provisional."

Johnson finished the race in 4:28.40 and took 15th.

Six girls made the trip to Gainesville, Fla., for the Florida Relays to survey the best sprinting competition in the nation. Liz Grow, Kymia Love, Kristen Dodd, Ayesha Boyd, Betsy Lazzeri and Tameisha King each competed in four events.

The 4x100-meter relay team had the most impressive race of the meet, finishing in third place. The relay team consisted of Grow, King, Dodd and Boyd. It was the first time the four raced this year.

"Our team did really well," said John Millar, the sprinting coach. "We beat a lot of good schools like Florida State and Georgia Tech who have been running outdoors year-round. I think from that I felt really good about where we were. We're only two-tenths of a second off of where we were last year."

King also had a strong start to her outdoor season in the long jump, jumping more than 20 feet in her three jumps for a strong finish.

"This gives her a place to start as she continues to improve," Millar said. "She's way ahead of where she was indoors, and for the first meet outdoors she's in good position. It shows she's capable of jumping a lot further."

Rounding out the Florida squad were the mile relay team and Lazzeri in the hep-

tathlon. Lazzeri left for the meet early to compete in the heptathlon, where she set a new school record of 4,463 points, good enough for a 10th-place finish.

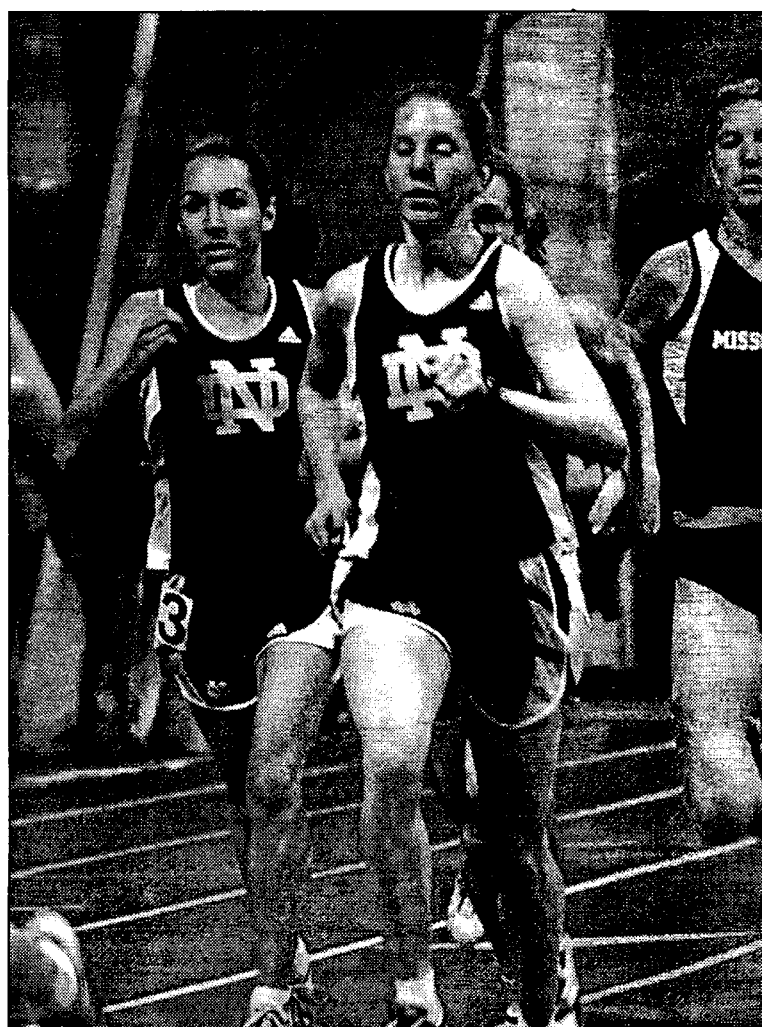
With those girls traveling to Stanford and Florida, most of the team was at the Purdue Invitational where about 70 Notre Dame male and female athletes went to compete. Unfortunately for the Irish, the 13 teams there was not the only adversity they faced. Violent storms on Friday resulted in postponement of the events and chaotic races Saturday.

"It was a really poorly run meet," Connelly said. "The kids who were affected most were the field event kids. The Friday events were cancelled, so they combined everything into Saturday, and they had to compete every three to four hours."

In her inaugural collegiate meet, freshman Kate Duman set a school record in the javelin with a throw of 126 feet, 7 inches. She broke teammate Andre Duplechain's record set last year en route to a second-place finish. Duman, Duplechain and freshman Lauren DellaVolpe all had Big East qualifying throws at the Invitational.

Fellow freshman Katie Wales also had an impressive meet. Her 5000-meter time of 17:45.81 was good enough for a first-place finish, the sole victory for the women at Purdue.

In her first steeplechase run of the year, junior Emily Showman qualified for the Big East meet. Due to snow



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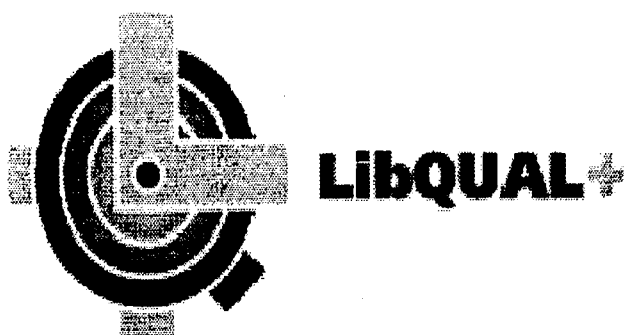
With meets at Stanford, Florida and Purdue, three separate Irish squads made great strides in their second weekend of the outdoor season.

last week, the Purdue Invitational was the first time that Showman had been over a water jump. Showman ran a fifth-place time of 11:25.36.

With some good weather, the women hope to continue their success in this weekend's Notre Dame Spring

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MEN'S GOLF

Irish finish 14th at Invite with sub-300 outing

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

At this weekend's Johnny Owens Invitational in Lexington, Ky., the Notre Dame men's golf team did something they haven't done this season — post a cumulative round score of under 300. They accomplished the feat two times and finished 14th with a three round total score of 893. Purdue won the tournament with a score of 857.

Although his team was 14th, Irish coach John Jasinski was optimistic about his team's play.

"I think this is a move in the right direction," Jasinski said. "We got more consistent play from the bottom part of the team, and that was something that had been lacking in recent weeks."

For the first part of the season, Notre Dame's highlight reel included Steve Ratay. The senior shot well once again posting two rounds of par or better in finishing tied for 16th. His teammates supported him for the first time this season.

The squad's three freshmen — K.C. Wiseman, Steve Colnitis and Ryan Marshall — all improved on their previous week's play led by Wiseman's 55th-place finish. Wiseman's improvement is a sign to

Jasinski that the team's future appears bright.

"K.C. Wiseman has really started to be more consistent as a freshman and that's important," he said. "For a while it was only Steve who was playing at a championship level. No one else was even coming close to doing that."

Adding to the improved play of the first year players was junior Brandon Lunke — sparked by a switch to a different driver — who split fairway after fairway in finishing 29th.

"Brandon Lunke stepped up," Jasinski said. "We needed him to do that."

While the scores have moved lower as the weeks have passed, Notre Dame's first-year head coach is by no means satisfied with his team's play. Inadequate,

unrefined short games are still killing the Irish, who are leaving too many shots on the course.

"We need to get better from inside 50 yards," Jasinski said. "You can't ever be satisfied with your short game. You're constantly improving and we leave a lot of shots out there."

Jasinski praised Ratay's patience and leadership on being the captain of this young Irish squad.

"Steve is really showing his character by keeping his composure and not letting some

of the poor play get to him," he said. "He's been our star."

While any improvement is cause for optimism, Jasinski admitted the team still has a long way to go if wants to seriously contend at the Big East Championships to be contested at the Warren Course later this month.

"We're young and inexperienced, and we know that," he said. "We have enough talent, but with so many freshmen making up the core of the team it's a steep learning curve. We have a ways to go."

While improvement is needed, Jasinski believes his team can hit on all cylinders in a tournament this year.

"We definitely have not had a weekend where everything has clicked," he said. "But I think it's coming. I'm sensing we can put it together on a given weekend."

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SMC TENNIS

Belles crush Comets, 9-0

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

Despite playing on a court built for volleyball, the Saint Mary's tennis team drilled Olivet 9-0 and held the Comets to just seven games during the course of the match.

"The problem was the courts," said sophomore Kris Spriggle. "They were at a [YMCA]. They were very loud and a different surface so it was difficult switching to the different setting and trying to adjust our stroke."

But the Belles managed to adjust very well. The Belles took six singles wins and wrapped up the match before the two teams even stepped on the court in pairs. Senior No. 1 singles player Annie Knish had the closest match, winning 6-2, 6-2. With a weak Olivet team, the Belles had to focus on playing their game at their level.

"I think the biggest difficulty was getting over the difference in their ability, their skill level and being able to still play our game and maintain our patience," Spriggle said.

The rest of the singles players fell into line. Junior Angie Sandner was the only other Belles player to allow a singles point — losing one game in the first set of her 6-1, 6-0 victory against Olivet's Heather Boulhoushouse.

Jeannie Knish took home a win in No. 2 singles, defeating Anna Hasselberg 6-0, 6-0. Kaitlin Cutler defeated Jamila

"We're going to try to continue increasing confidence among the team, to have fun, to practice a few things that we might be weaker on."

Kris Spriggle
No. 3 singles player

Faraj 6-0, 6-0 at No. 3 singles, Spriggle took home the win at No. 4 singles against Erin Timmer 6-0, 6-0 and Elisa Ryan wrapped up singles play with a 6-0, 6-0 victory against Mary Shannon.

"I think we all just, it was a different kind of surface ... none of us have practiced for awhile. It was different for us to get out there," said Jeannie Knish. "... After we warmed up, after we started our first set everyone got back into their groove."

The doubles teams did just as well. After the No. 1 singles team of Knish and Knish allowed Ezell and Faraj to take two games, the Belles shut down the Comets and finished their sets without losing a single game.

"[In] doubles, our first set took us a little to get into a groove," Knish said. "Then we were able to get the hang of it and were able to put balls away."

Cutler and Ryan closed down Shannon and Timmer 6-0, 6-0 and Spriggle and Sandner wrapped up doubles action at No. 3 with a 6-0, 6-0 victory against Jennifer Dick and Ericka Hayes.

For women that hadn't hit a ball in a structured practice in more than a week, it was a chance to get back into their games before heading into heavy MIAA competition.

"We knew when we played them last year that they're not that strong of a team," Knish said. "And we just expected to just go out there and hit some balls and get a warm-up for our next two matches."

Today the Belles will face off against the Adrian Bulldogs in another lopsided match. Although Adrian has not played any MIAA competitor this season, the Bulldogs finished last season in seventh place just above Olivet.

The Bulldogs, whose first MIAA game against Hope was postponed due to weather, are 1-2 in non-league competition, coming off a victory against Tiffin. Adrian fell to Tri-State, a team the Belles solidly defeated earlier this season.

Saint Mary's is hoping to use today's match to tone skills and get some more experience.

"We're going to try to continue increasing confidence among the team, to have fun, to practice a few things that we might be weaker on," Spriggle said. "Personally, with my shoulder I have to work on my serve I haven't been able to conquer it yet."

The match gets under way at Adrian at 3 p.m.

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish blast Pitt for 2 wins, 6 homers

By AARON RONSHEIM
Sports Writer

After two weeks of not playing due to inclement weather, the Irish softball team started their Big East schedule with a bang.

The Irish slammed six home runs in their two wins over Pittsburgh en route to victories of 13-1 and 9-2. The Irish continued their offensive fireworks when they defeated Loyola 8-0 on Monday.

"They have worked real hard the past few months, and now they are letting the hard work pay off," head coach Deanna Gumpf said.

All-American catcher Jarrah Myers set the tone for the Irish during the weekend. Myers was 7-of-10 with two home runs and eight RBIs.

"Jarrah is in the zone," Gumpf said. "She is on fire, and I don't see that changing too soon."

"I think I finally found a rhythm. I was doing something wrong mechanically and I fixed it over spring break," Myers said. "It is a lot easier to hit well when the whole team is hitting. Everybody clicked together this weekend. It wasn't just me."

The Irish scored a season-high 13 runs in the first game of the doubleheader.

Myers and fellow captain Jenny Kriech ignited the Irish offense as each hit a two-run homerun in the third and fourth innings to give the Irish a 4-0 lead.

"Jarrah and Jenny are both great players," said Gumpf. "They are both hitting the ball well right now. That's what happens when you are a great player, you step up when you need to, and that's what they're doing."

The Irish offense came alive in the sixth inning, scoring nine runs on eight hits to give the Irish a 13-1 win. Steffany Stenglein pitched five innings for the victory and evened her record at 8-8.

In the second half of the doubleheader, the Panthers

jumped out to a quick lead behind Kelly Hulpa's two-run blast in the bottom of the first.

That lead would not last long as the Irish continued their barrage of homeruns. In the top of the second, Andria Bledsoe launched her third home run of the year to cut the Panthers lead in half. In the third inning Andrea Loman, Notre Dame's most consistent hitter this spring, sent a 3-2 pitch into the bleachers for a three-run homerun to give the Irish a 4-2 lead. Jarrah Myers added her second round-tripper of the day to give Irish a commanding 5-2 advantage.

Freshman Carrie Wisen pitched five scoreless innings in relief to get the win.

The Irish carried their hot bats into Chicago against Loyola on Monday.

Kriech started the Irish scoring against the Ramblers with a RBI single in the top of the second for a 1-0 lead. After adding another run in the third, the Irish busted the game wide-open with five runs in the fourth inning.

Wisen again picked up the victory in relief and improved her record to 3-4.

As impressive as the Irish offense was this weekend, the Irish pitching staff held their own by only giving up three runs over 16 innings of work.

"All three pitchers did an excellent job," Myers said. "They were getting ahead of the hitters and were able to throw their pitches."

The Irish are 11-12 after this weekend and 2-0 in Big East play.

The Irish had a doubleheader against Valparaiso postponed until April 9 because of rainy weather. On Thursday, the Irish hope the weather will allow them to play their home opener against Illinois-Chicago.

"We're in the mood right now where we really want to play," Myers said.

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the third-base line that scored two.

Two pitches later, Paul O'Toole smashed a line drive down the right field line that cleared the fence for his team-leading fifth home run of the season, and tied the score at 6.

Javier Sanchez broke the tie in the 10th when he blasted a West Virginia pitch to left-center, driving in two more runs and giving the Irish all the insurance they would need.

Irish relievers Drew Duff, Matt Buchmeier and Martin Vergara were able to hold the Mountaineers to just one unearned run on five hits in the final nine innings of the game.

Due to Tuesday's rainout, the Irish will make up the game by playing a doubleheader

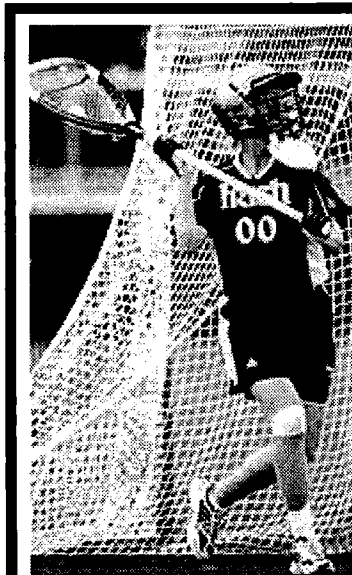
against Valparaiso today at 4:05 p.m. at Frank Eck Stadium. Probable starters for the Irish will be Vergara and Peter Ogilvie.

Notes:

♦ Junior Brian Stavisky was hit in the cheek by a pitch thrown by West Virginia's Billy Biggs in the third inning of the opening game of Thursday's doubleheader. He suffered a facial fracture and has not played since Thursday. He has missed a total of 13 starts this season.

♦ O'Toole was named Big East Player of the Week on Tuesday following his contributions to Notre Dame's 3-1 record last week.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

No. 11 Irish rout Hokies with 15-4 victory

♦ **Team jumps out to best start with 6-1 record**

By CHRIS COLEMAN
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's lacrosse team put on a scoring clinic against Virginia Tech on Saturday. Eight different players scored for the Irish during their 15-4 rout of the Hokies.

With the win, the No. 11 Irish improve to 6-1 on the season, their best start ever, and their 2-0 record in the Big East puts the Irish in a first-place tie with Georgetown.

"I was happy with our overall game today," said Irish coach Tracy Coyne. "We really exploded offensively."

Senior captain Alissa Moser matched Virginia Tech's out-

put with four goals and an assist as well. Senior Natalie Loftus and sophomore Meredith Simon added three goals each.

"During weekend practice, our defense was doing a bunch of different defenses on us so we were ready for anything," said Loftus. "We were really unselfish with the ball and we took it to them."

The Irish expected a tougher game from the Hokies. Earlier in the season, Virginia Tech lost to top-ranked Georgetown 11-9.

"We really thought Tech was going to give us a good game," said Coyne.

The Irish scored eight minutes into the game on Moser's goal. That goal was the third time she scored Notre Dame's first goal in a game.

Simon started her breakout game by scoring two goals in

"During weekend practice, our defense was doing a bunch of different defenses on us so we were ready for anything. We were really unselfish with the ball and we took it to them."

Natalie Loftus
senior forward

45 seconds to put Notre Dame up 3-0.

Loftus then scored two goals in a row and Moser added another to make the game 6-0.

The Hokies broke up goal-

keeper Jen White's shutout with less than three minutes left to end the half down 6-1.

After dominating the first half, the Irish did not stop their attack or let down their defense in the second.

On goals from Kassen Delano, Lauren Fischer, Danielle Shearer and Moser, the Irish put the game away 10 minutes into the second half with a 10-1 advantage.

After Tech scored again, Andrea Kinnik responded 30 seconds later, followed by goals from Moser, Loftus and Simon.

Maureen Whitaker sent the home crowd into a craze with the last Irish goal of the day, making it 15-2 with under two minutes left.

The Hokies then converted two free-position shots to make the final score 15-4.

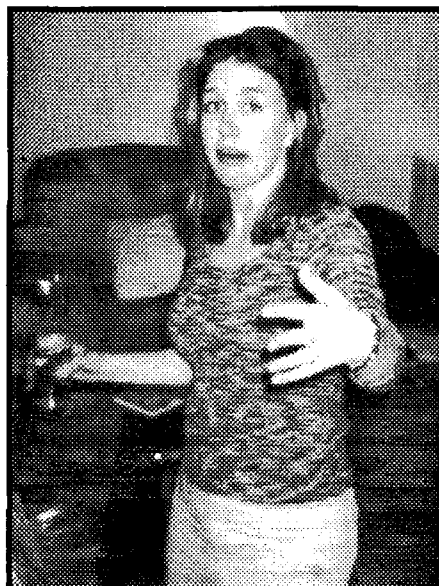
White ended the day with nine saves and three of the goals she yielded were on free-position shots.

Note:

♦ White was rewarded for her outstanding play by receiving the Big East Defensive Player of the Week for her efforts against Virginia Tech and Delaware.

This is the second time in three weeks White has received this honor.

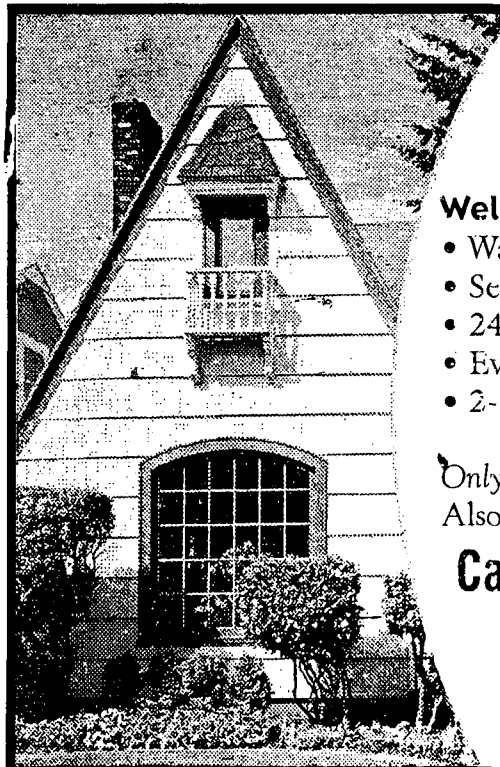
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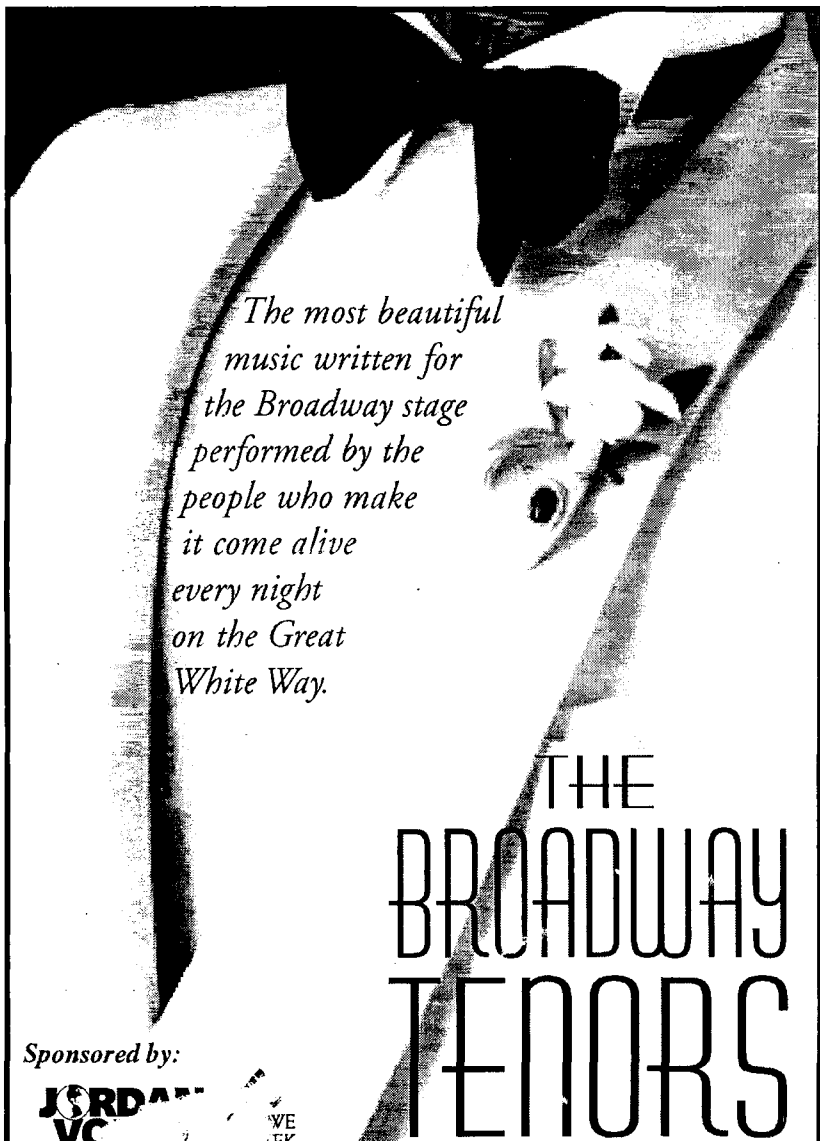
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The defense, the most experienced unit on the field for the Irish, is led by senior captains Kathryn Lam and Tina Fedarczyk.

Senior Maureen Henwood and junior Kelly McCardell have played on defense in every game since coming to Notre Dame.

"We are going for the win, and whatever that's going to take, we are going to do," said Lam about the defensive mindset for the game. "We are going to play our game and be aggressive."

"You never want to look ahead to other games but, this Syracuse game, we've been looking forward to it since Day 1."

Alissa Moser
senior captain

The attacking trio of Moser, Danielle Shearer, who scored a record six goals in last year's game, and Natalie Loftus will be expected to continue to lead the Irish offensively.

The game will be determined, however, by who controls the

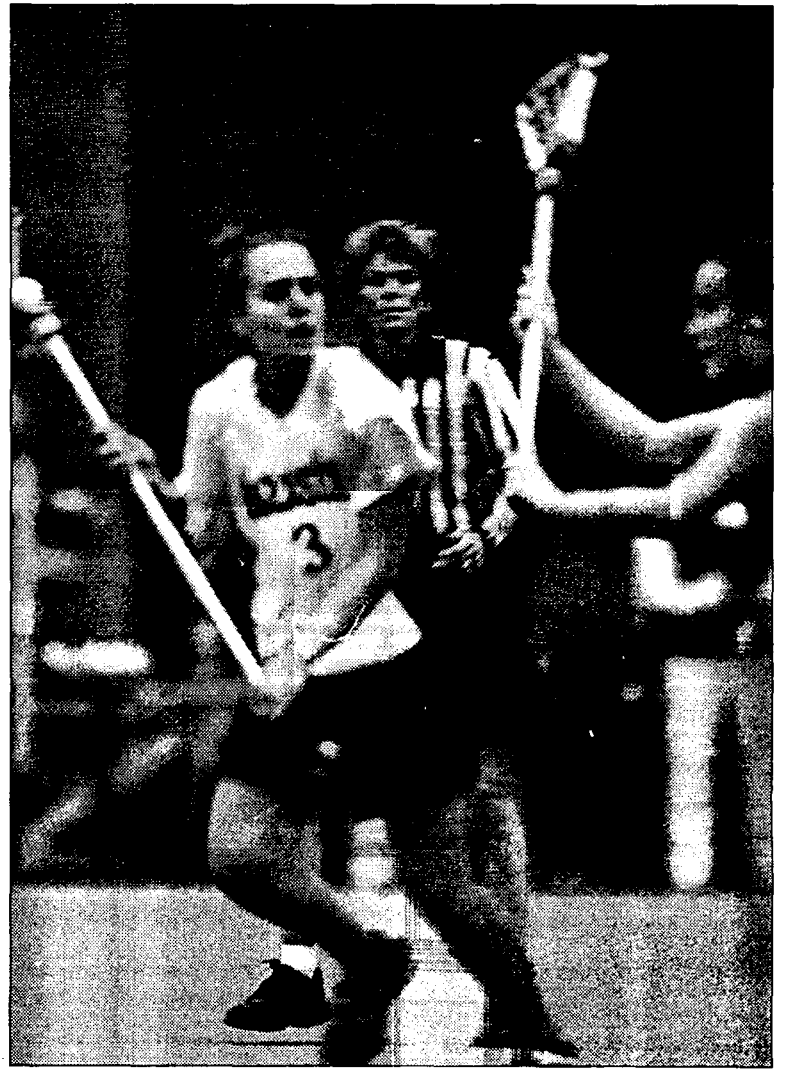
midfield. The Irish are going to focus on the transition game by extending passes on offensive transition and marking harder on the defensive end.

The rhythm of playing at home should be a significant advantage for the Irish. The game most likely will be played in Loftus making the turf surface familiar for the Orangewomen, but this doesn't bother head coach Tracy Coyne.

"Whatever surface it is, bring it on," said Coyne. "We are ready."

Today's opening draw is set for 4 p.m.

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BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer
Midfielder Danielle Shearer looks to pass the ball in a contest earlier this season. The junior leads the Irish with 16 goals and nine assists.

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MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Irish make successful run at Stanford Invitational

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Senior Staff Writer

When Ryan Shay and three other members of the Notre Dame distance squad headed to Palo Alto, Calif., for the Stanford Invitational last weekend they had two goals in mind — competing well against an elite field of runners and posting qualifying times for the NCAA Championships.

Both missions were accomplished. Shay, last year's NCAA Champion in the 10,000-meters, took second in his event but was the first collegiate runner to cross the line in an NCAA automatic qualifying time of 28 minutes, 39.1 seconds. Senior Luke Watson broke Shay's school record in the 5,000-meters, finishing sixth — third among collegiate runners — in 13:44.92.

Sophomore Todd Mobley also posted an NCAA provisional qualifying time in the 10,000-meters, finishing 21st with a time of 29:11.35.

Shay was happy with his performance, which was the best posted in the event nationally by a collegiate runner so far this season. But both Shay and Irish head coach Joe Piane stressed that if it were a more important meet, Shay would have pushed harder toward the top finisher, Chris Graff of the Nike Farm Team.

"I was contemplating whether or not to go with him," Shay said. "But my goal at that race was just to get qualified. I didn't really want to get into a highly competitive mode ... He wasn't a collegiate so I wasn't really too worried about him. If he was a collegiate, I would have went after him."

"If you run that race again and it was the finals of the USA Nationals, I'd put my money on Shay," Piane added. "He's just tough. He needed to be the first collegiate and he needed to get qualified for the NCAA's and the USA Nationals. He did that without a doubt."

Watson's automatic qualifying time in the 5,000-meters eclipsed the mark Shay set last year at the NCAA Championships in Eugene, Ore.,

when Shay finished in sixth place with a time of 13:52.45.

"I'm going to try to get it back from him at Mount Sac," Shay said of the record, indicating he plans to run the event at the California meet later this month. "But he has another year so I doubt even if I do get it I doubt it'll hold for very long."

Both Piane and Shay were impressed with Mobley's effort in the 10,000-meters, where he set a personal best by nearly one minute.

"Some years we'd have been jumping in the streets at 29:11, but when you've got a guy that's running 28:39, he's beating him by half a lap," Piane said. "Mobley's doing a great job, especially for a guy that's only a sophomore."

"It was the first race of that caliber he's ever really been in," Shay added. "He took a minute off of his time. It just shows that he's been working hard since last summer."

Also competing at Stanford were sophomore David Alber and junior John Keane in the 5,000-meters. Keane set a personal record by 24 seconds, placing 13th in the section three race with a time of 14:35.56.

While Alber didn't match his best indoor time, he did cross the two-mile mark at 9:10, 10 seconds better than his best high school time in the two-mile race.

The Irish also sent a group of runners to the Purdue Invitational on Saturday, a meet senior high jumper Quill Redwine remembers as taking place in challenging conditions.

"That was my first time ever seeing snow on the track as I was jumping," Redwine said. "The wind was really a big burden to pretty much everybody. The wind dropped the temperatures ... The wind picked up a lot as the day went on, the temperature dropped a lot too."

Despite competing nearly all day wearing sweats, Redwine posted a top jump of 6 feet, 8 inches to tie for second place.

"Quill got off to a good start in the high jump," said field events coach Scott Winsor, who indicated Redwine's best jumps could come later in the month when his workouts are less intense.

"I've been pounding him pretty good. I've been doing a lot more volume running, a lot more bounding and plyometrics."

While Redwine delivered a solid veteran performance as expected, a group of younger Irish runners also put up impressive marks at Purdue.

Freshman Selim Nurudeen took second in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 14.6 seconds, while classmate Eric Morrison grabbed third in the 800-meters, posting a 1:53.16 mark. While those marks were somewhat impressive, sprints coach John Millar stressed that at a meet with conditions like those at Purdue, times aren't always as important as how the athletes compete.

"The guys competed well and that's really what I looked at," Millar said. "The times sort of don't mean a lot. I looked at how they competed."

Another freshman who competed well was Trevor McClain in the 400-meters. The 6-foot-6 Ohio native finished seventh in a time of 49.48 seconds, fast enough to possibly earn himself a spot on the Irish mile relay team.

"I think Trevor's shown he's got some ability," Millar said. "He's the kind of guy that by the end of the year hopefully he'll be able to step in there and contribute. Long-term, he's going to be a guy we're going to see more of and count on more."

The Irish compete in their lone home outdoor meet this year on Saturday when they host the Spring Opener at Moose Krause Stadium.

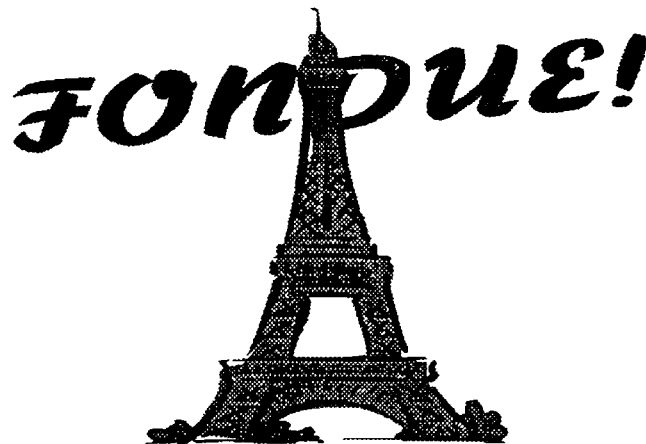
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Distance runner Ryan Shea earned an NCAA bid with a second-place finish in the 10,000-meter run at the Stanford Invitational.

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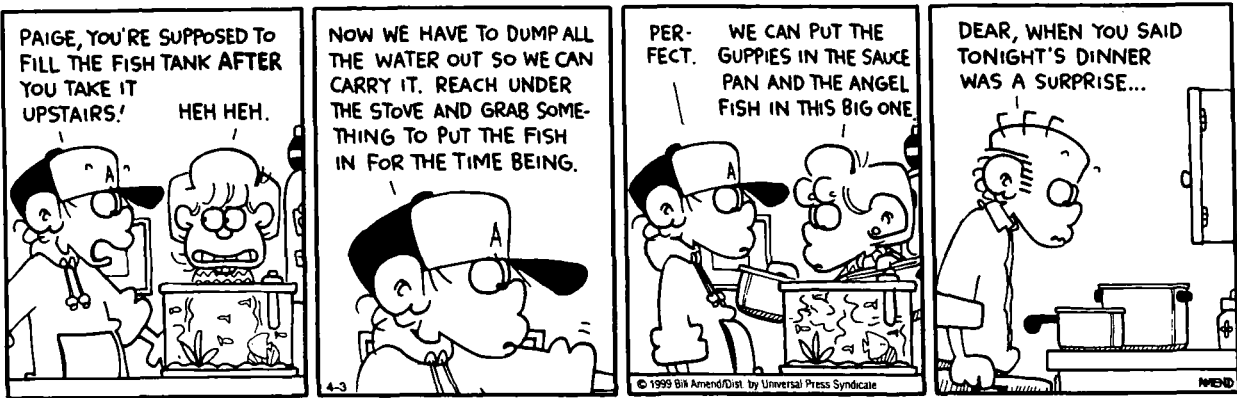
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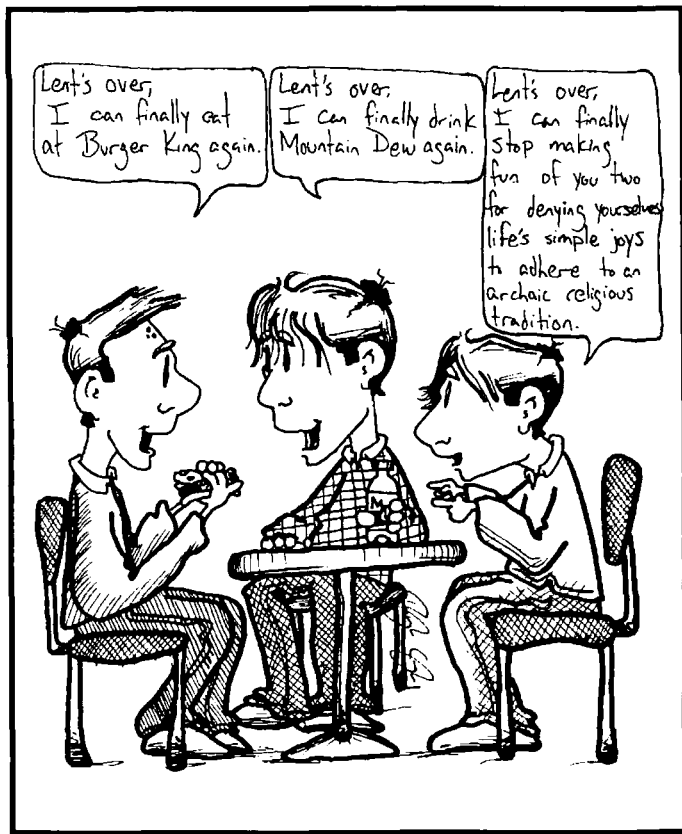
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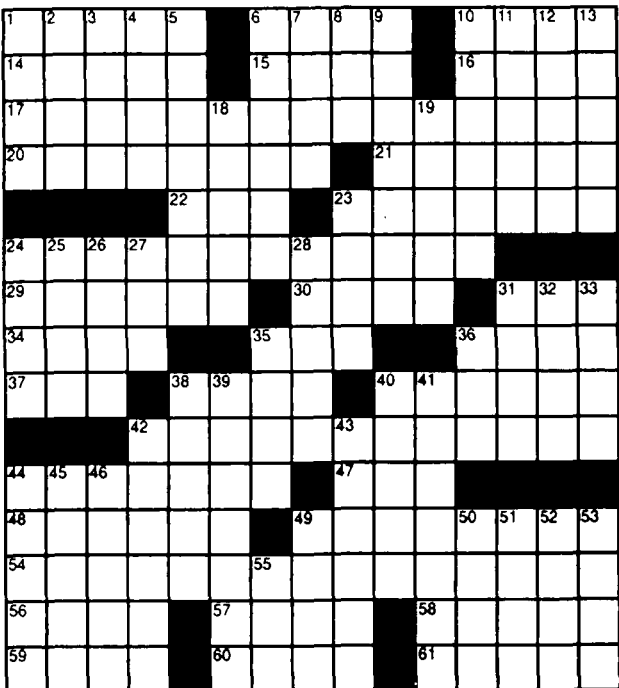


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CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll get ahead if you share your ideas with somebody you trust. Your view of the situation that you are facing appears to be amazingly accurate.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Career changes are looking good. You can wheel and deal today if you want but don't be unreasonable. People in higher positions will bend over backward to help you reach your goals.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Nothing will stand in your way if you are determined. Your ideas will be good and your ability to talk others into helping you looks positive. Mix busi-

ness with pleasure and you will get that much further ahead.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The world is on your side but some of your relatives may not be. Keep your thoughts to yourself and focus on creative endeavors and having fun. Socialize with new friends and you will discover all sorts of interesting new pastimes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Get out and do things. Little pleasure trips will ease your stress and help you get back to what's important. Make arrangements to get together with friends and reminisce. Money-making projects will develop.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may want to rethink your career direction or your direction in life. Past partners may try to come back into your life. It is best to be blunt and avoid going through the same problems.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Make those long-overdue changes. You can please the people closest to you if you include them in your plans. You will have plenty of opportunities to meet new people and start new partnerships.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Play the game well and you will never look back. You know how to wheel and deal so get the ball rolling. Behind-the-scenes activity will be where you'll shine. Problems surrounding your home and family may arise if you are too secretive with the ones you love.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Get busy and get involved in worthwhile groups. You will meet some special people if you are giving and generous with your time. The more you do for others today the more you'll get back in return. Do not donate cash; your time will be sufficient.

Birthday Baby: You will put a lot into your personal and professional direction. You will be impulsive when it comes to getting things done. You will be hurt easily by criticism and will strive to do your best to avoid such encounters. (Need advice? Check out Eugenia's Web sites at astroadvice.com, eugenialast.com, astromate.com.)

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Notre Dame looks for revenge against No. 7 Syracuse

By CHRIS COLEMAN
Sports Writer

When No. 7 Syracuse comes marching into town today, they are going to meet a Notre Dame squad that has spent the last 10 months waiting for a chance to play them again.

"You never want to look ahead to other games but, this Syracuse game, we've been looking forward to it since Day 1," said senior captain Alissa Moser.

Last year the Irish saw their hopes of advancing to the NCAA tournament slip away as Syracuse beat them 13-10 in the final game of the season. Today's game carries even more importance.

Both teams are ranked the highest ever in the history of their programs. Both teams are fighting to show dominance in the Big East, while locking up their NCAA tournament bid.

But the No. 11 Irish, off to their best season ever, 6-1

overall and 2-0 in the Big East, still has memories of flying home from New York knowing they were done for the year.

The eight seniors on this veteran squad face a Syracuse team that is coming to South Bend for the first time in four years. They all remember how close they came last year. They know this is their last chance and they will not hold anything back.

"It's the first time we've ever played them at home," said Moser. "We are looking for a game. There are going to be heads rolling. We are ready for it."

Junior Jen White, the two-time Big East Defensive Player of the Week, and the Irish defense face their toughest challenge of the year. The Orangewomen are led by Big East Offensive Player of the Week, Kim Wayne. Wayne is also the leading scorer in the league with 36 points.

"They are going to be tough, but if we play our game like we have been it's going to be a good game," said White. "We have worked all season for this. We want the big-time games."

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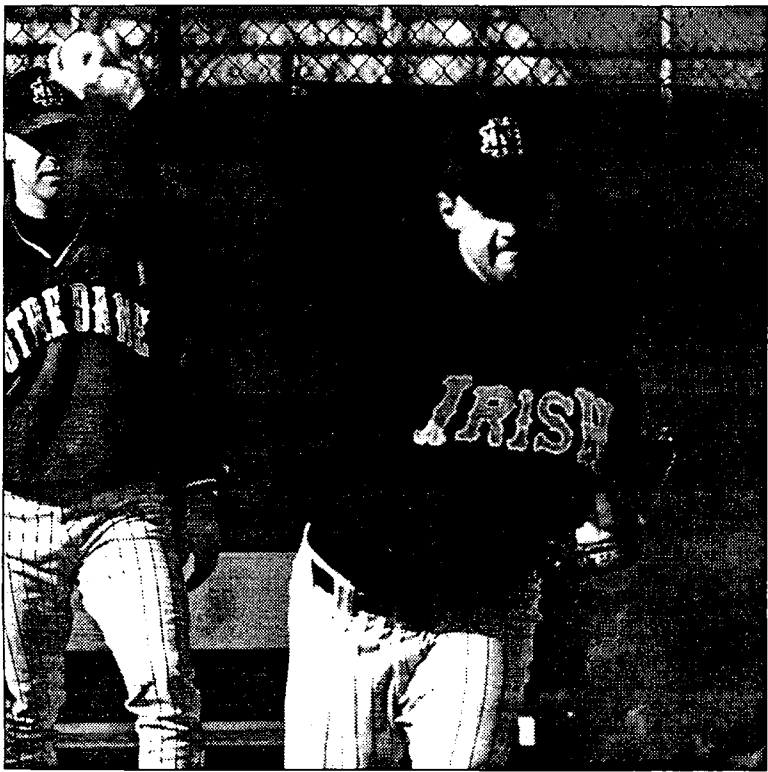


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The Irish celebrate a victory earlier in the season. The No. 11 team hopes to celebrate an upset against the Syracuse Orangewomen today. Notre Dame's loss to Syracuse last season spoiled the team's NCAA tournament hopes.

BASEBALL

Irish improve record over break with 4-1 stretch



TIM KACMAR/The Observer

The Irish went 4-1 during the weekend, extending their overall record to 13-10 on the season.

By BRYAN KRONK
Sports Writer

Right now, the only thing stopping the Notre Dame baseball team from winning is Mother Nature.

Tuesday's heavy rains cancelled the second game of Notre Dame's two-game series against Brigham Young and delayed the opportunity for the Irish to extend its longest winning streak of the season past four games.

Over the long Easter weekend, the Irish played two doubleheaders and a fifth game against Brigham Young. In these five games, the Irish finished with a 4-1 record and improved their overall record to 13-10, and 3-4 in the Big East.

Monday's matchup with the Cougars opened the home season for the Irish. Junior J.P. Gagne pitched a complete game shutout and unlikely hero junior Mike Holba provided the lone run in a fast-paced 1-0 victory for the Irish.

The only scoring in the one hour, 39 minute game came in the bottom of the third inning. Holba — who had not traveled to any of Notre Dame's 22 previous games this season — lined a one-out double to left-center field. He moved up to third on Joe Thaman's ground out to Brigham Young pitcher Jeff Stone and scored when Stone threw a wild pitch.

Meanwhile, Gagne recovered from a rough start Thursday against West Virginia to pitch his first career shutout. In his nine innings of work, Gagne allowed just three hits, while throwing 71 of his 108 pitches for strikes. His ERA dropped to a team-best 3.06.

Monday's win marked the seventh consecutive season in which the Irish have won their home opener. The Irish entered Monday's game after sweeping Georgetown in a doubleheader on Saturday. This doubleheader marked an offensive explosion for the Irish, who compiled 35 hits in the two games, and finished the two-game series with an overall batting average of .461, en route to 10-6 and 12-3 victories over the Hoyas. Five Irish players finished the day with five hits and freshmen starters Chris Niesel and John Axford pitched well enough to give the Irish the Saturday sweep.

Saturday's sweep came on the heels of nearly being swept at the hands of West Virginia. After losing the first game 4-2, the Irish needed a huge comeback in the nightcap to win the second game 10-6 and split the series with the Mountaineers.

In the second game, the Mountaineers carried a 6-1 lead into the seventh inning. However, Steve Stanley lined a bases-loaded single down

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