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Seniors wait, search for jobs

By LIZ KAHLING
News Writer

As graduation looms closer for seniors, they are bombarded with the ubiquitous question, "What are you doing next year?" Most of the seniors have an answer, but there are a number who are still weighing options and still looking.

It's been a discouraging year for hiring with the recession that began in March 2001, the Sept. 11 tragedy and the Enron and Andersen scandal.

"It's a very different job market in comparison to years past," says Lee Svete, director of the Career Center. He reports national on campus recruiting down 36 percent this year. Making matters worse is the fact that last year's class was over-hired and some are now only starting their jobs.

Particularly hard hit were the 65 Notre Dame juniors and seniors who were affected by the Andersen meltdown. Alums have also contacted the Career Center to help them relocate. In response, the Career Center has held two meetings to discuss research on the Web and utilizing alumni contacts. Additionally, a listserv was formed to report any internship or job possibilities.

Senior Catherine Sanders is among the group who is still waiting to hear from a partner in Andersen if her position will still be available.

"Everything is uncertain right now, a lot of us are just waiting for things to shake out," she said. Sanders is among a group who still hasn't heard for sure if her offer has been rescinded. She is on an e-mail list at the Career Center that notifies her of possible alternatives or strategies to make it through this unpredictable time.

"It's hard to look for a position now because a lot of jobs have been snapped up at this point of the year. A lot of seniors don't know what they're doing. It's a touchy subject," Sanders said.

But there has been a lot of late recruiting this year as the economy begins a slow recovery. Just this week, Pace Global Energy Services and Hewitt Associates called the Career Center about job positions. Hewitt is hiring 50-60 business analysts. Svete also reports that the government is hiring like crazy because anywhere between 25 to 30 percent of the government workforce is retiring, many of them baby boomers.

A new service available at the Career Center this spring is the City Tour informational meet-



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With graduation approaching, seniors are still searching for jobs and some are waiting to hear from the sites they applied to.

ings that highlight job opportunities in 12 major metropolitan cities including.

"We collected the best info we could find on each city," said Svete.

Students can visit the website and find a short description of the city life and connect to links to major employers in the public and private sectors, the fastest growing companies in the city, and sample companies by industry.

Career service doesn't end for students after graduating.

Students will have access to Go Irish all summer and for 30 days after graduation, seniors will be able to access Irish Online, the online alumni directory that contains nearly 100,000 alum contacts. Students can add their names to a listserv for a particular city and receive notices about job opportunities available in the area.

"It's great for networking and picking their[alumni] brains to

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ResLife listens to alleged rape case

By HELENA PAYNE
News Editor

The University held a closed disciplinary hearing Thursday for the 20-year-old female student who alleged she was raped March 28 in an off-campus house by four male students associated with the Notre Dame football team.

The alleged victim and the four suspects, one former and three current football players, were previously scheduled for an April 17 hearing with the Office of Residence Life and Housing that was postponed until Thursday.

The hearing began around 9 a.m. and lasted through most of the afternoon, television statement WSBT reported.

Because of the hearing, the three suspects were not present at Thursday's football practice, the last one before Saturday's Blue and Gold game.

Head coach Tyrone Willingham told reporters Thursday that the players had not been removed from the team.

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Leprechauns entertain the crowd

By JUSTIN KRIVICKAS
News Writer

Cheering on the crowds in a traditional green suit, the Notre Dame Leprechaun has become a legendary symbol of Irish spirit. This figure is the ambassador of the University both on and off the field and can be seen at most varsity sporting events.

To ensure that most sports can have the Leprechaun present, the University now has two positions: a Varsity and Olympic leprechaun. Varsity Leprechaun Michael Macaluso performs at football games, men's basketball games and pep rallies, while Olympic Leprechaun John Bisanz performs at men's and women's



Macaluso



Bisanz

soccer, volleyball and women's basketball games.

Watching Notre Dame football games as a kid, I thought the Leprechaun had the best job in the world," said Bisanz, "You really can't beat being out on the playing field with the athletes you've admired for so long and joining the Notre Dame faithful in support of them."

The Leprechaun can be seen in the national spotlight at parades and benefits. "To be honest, those visits are my favorite part of the job," said Macaluso, "because it's the time when I get to really interact with different people."

The selection process to become the Leprechaun is long and detailed. The first facet includes writing a one-

page essay and involve three weeks of practicing with the cheerleading squad in early April. Outgoing varsity Leprechaun Adam Urra worked with the group and exposed them to situations that arise, such as interviews with the media and interaction with opposing fans.

"We also did a lot of physical training to get used to the rigors of being the Leprechaun," said Bisanz.

The selection panel consists of an athletic department member, an alumnus, a member of the university administration, a staff member, a former Leprechaun and the cheer coach.

The culmination of the three-week tryout process ends with a mock pep rally for the Leprechaun hopefuls and a formal interview with a panel of judges to answer questions about the University.

Once two Leprechauns are

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BELLES RING IN ANTOSTAL



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

Saint Mary's junior Katie Zigler shows her enthusiasm while being pulled back by a bungee cord at the College's Antostal festivities.

INSIDE COLUMN

The sweetest Cupcake

When my friends and I moved into our off-campus house last August we had the hardest time making it a home. Courtesy of our parents, we all contributed used furniture and a varied and colorful assortment of silverware and dishes. Even with these tokens from home, our house just couldn't feel right.

Until I brought an adorable little white fluffball back with me after a short weekend home in September.

Cupcake, a Persian-like barncat with blue eyes and a calico tail, made herself welcome in our house right from the start.

For the first 13 years of her life, Cupcake spent her days outside, chasing mice and catching birds. Growing up a barncat, she never had the little luxuries afforded to her indoor counterparts. When she breezed into our house back in the fall, she brought with her a breath of life and humor we never knew.

It took her a few days to warm up to her new surroundings. She wasn't used to the confinement of a house and she chose to hide underneath my bed until I drew her out with the promise of food and affection. Since then, she hasn't spent one minute alone if someone was in the house. According to Cupcake, every open lap is an invitation for attention.

Everything Cupcake does makes us laugh. She finds great interest in paper, batting it around as though it were a prized shrew. Whenever we all sit together deep in conversation, Cupcake looks as though she is listening intently and contributing in earnest. She even willingly takes rides in our homemade papoose when the mood strikes her.

Surprisingly, our guy friends love her almost as much as I do. They've nicknamed her Mrs. Norris or Mrs. Jinx, depending on who you ask. Whenever they come over for a visit, she jumps right up and takes a nap on any willing lap. Cupcake especially likes it when they sleep over on our couch, finding a warm nook in which to snooze for the night.

I don't want to sound like one of those "cat people" who obsess over their feline with the same ferociousness as a teenager at an N'Sync concert, but Cupcake is by the far the world's cutest kitty cat. I adore her and I make a point of telling her this several times a day. As a result, my roommates claim she is the most spoiled and egotistical cat they've ever witnessed. She expects constant adoration and attention. Without it, she complains. Loudly.

Granted, Cupcake may try our patience at times. She'll meow outside our bedroom doors early in the morning. She leaves long white strands of fur all over our black pants. She's even been known to cough up a few hairballs.

But, we all agree, this year just wouldn't have been quite as complete without our little Mups.



Maureen Smithe

Associate
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TODAY IN NOTRE DAME HISTORY

Academic commission presents code

April 26, 1974

The Academic Council met to propose new academic regulations, including additional fees for credit hours taken over a 17-hour limit, mandatory class attendance on each class day before and after vacations, a grade referendum policy and revisions of the standards for the Dean's Honor List from a 3.25 to a 3.5 average. The meeting was the first time all provisions of the Academic Code have been compiled. Many campus student organizations expressed resentment for not having enough of a voice in the changes.

Student wins ugliest man award

April 26, 1988

Notre Dame student Phil Marzolf swept to victory in the Ugly Man on Campus competition, easily outdistancing all competition while raising \$526 for charity. Donations were taken during the week of Antostal, with candidates receiving a vote for each penny they received. In total, the event raised \$1,750.44 for the Notre Dame/Jane M. Beres Leukemia Foundation. Candidates raised money by various methods, including going door-to-door and begging at the Senior Bar.

BEYOND CAMPUS

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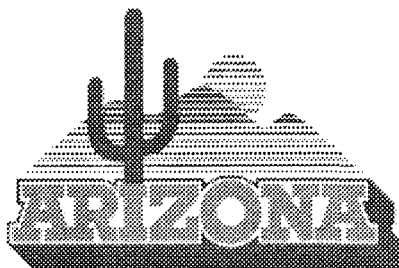
Fifth rape in a week occurs in Arizona dormitory

TUCSON, Ariz.

An attempted sexual assault allegedly took place in a residence hall shower Tuesday evening, the fifth sexually related incident to be repeated in a University of Arizona dorm bathroom in a week.

The alleged incident happened at about 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, when a man wearing a ski mask entered a women's restroom in a university residence hall and attempted to sexually assault a resident as she was showering, University of Arizona Police Department Cmdr. Brian Seastone said in an interview.

On Saturday evening, a Manzanita-Mohave resident was confronted by Tucson, Ariz., resident Esteban Rodriguez. Rodriguez was arrested that evening by UAPD officers at his home on the west side of Tucson.



Rodriguez is also a suspect in an incident April 17 in which three females reported he was watching them as they showered. One female also reported Rodriguez touched her right buttock.

As of Wednesday evening, Rodriguez was still in Pima County Jail, held on \$50,000 bond.

Seastone described the man in Tuesday's incident as 5 feet, 9 inches

tall, with a thin build, blue eyes and dark clothing.

UAPD security officers were assigned to a foot patrol of all campus residence halls Wednesday night. Seastone said UAPD was working closely with Residence Life to restore a sense of safety to all residents.

Maintenance workers were working on tightening security in La Paz Wednesday by updating the key system.

Residence Life Director Jim Van Arsdel said a majority of the exterior doors of the building used to have a delay time of up to 1.5 minutes before the alarm went off, but all doors now have only a 20-second delay.

On Wednesday night a few students assured themselves by manually closing the main door, but many unlocked the door with their key cards.

BROWN UNIVERSITY

Students create Internet magazine

PROVIDENCE, R.I.

Glimpse, an Internet magazine founded by Brown University students last year, is looking to hit the big time. Glimpse examines international issues and cultures from the perspective of students studying abroad. The National Geographic Society contributed \$15,000 and nine computers to The Glimpse Foundation, the student-run nonprofit that publishes the magazine, to fund an office in downtown Providence, R.I. Glimpse likely also will receive a \$38,000 grant from National Geographic, said president and publisher Nick Fitzhugh. This summer the online magazine hopes to become an online resource center for study abroad students, a syndication service, an organizer of international conferences and a scholarship fund, Fitzhugh said. He said the magazine will be distributed in print to colleges across the country. Students studying abroad write most of the articles in Glimpse and draw on their experiences and conversations with the local population.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Students deal with limited daycare

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.

Senior Erin Fagg had to wait nearly 17 months before she could register her 3-year-old son in the daycare she wanted. A single mother, Fagg said she wanted the best for Kaiden Thomas, but she wound up on a lengthy waiting list for one of Indiana University's best daycare centers. In the meantime, she enrolled Kaiden in an unlicensed center unaffiliated with the University. "I was very discouraged," Fagg said. "You want your child — if you're not raising him — in just as good of hands as you would take care of him." But at Indiana there aren't enough hands. University childcare offers eight spaces licensed by the state for infants, creating a waitlist of about 65 families at the only center offering such service — Campus View Child Care Center. Knee High Day Care Cooperative, an unlicensed co-op, also tends to children as young as six months and enrolls up to 14 families. A parent would have to sign up for infant care when she is pregnant.

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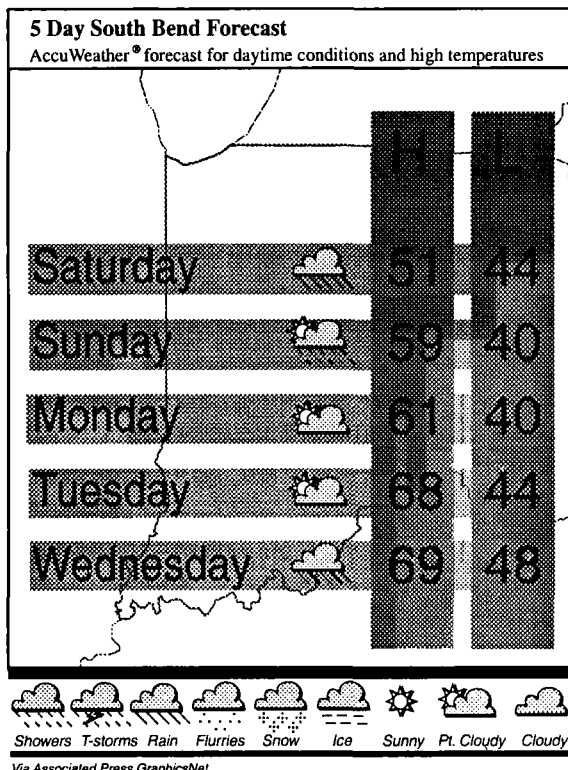
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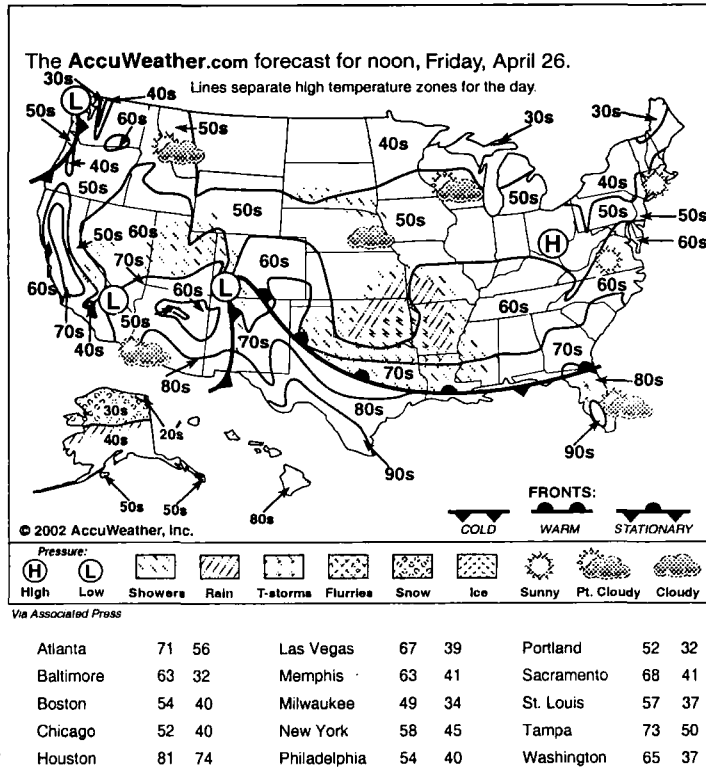
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ResLife

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"As of now, [they're still on the team], and as far as the University is concerned, we'll work through all the University procedures," said Willingham.

The alleged victim told The Observer two weeks ago that she brought her case to ResLife April 10 when she submitted an eight-page statement detailing

the events of her alleged assault. St. Joseph County officials also have been handling the case since the woman reported the alleged rape April 6. Prosecutor Chris Toth received the case last week and said he would decide whether or not to file charges against the men within the following week.

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Ohio recalls hot dogs

Associated Press

CINCINNATI

A Cincinnati meat processor is recalling 140,000 pounds of frankfurters and hot dogs that may be contaminated with a germ that can cause a potentially fatal disease, the Agriculture Department's food safety service said Thursday.

John Morrell & Co. voluntarily reported the danger of *Listeria monocytogenes*, the service said in a statement. It produced the food on March 5 and distributed it to retail outlets nationwide.

Listeria can cause listeriosis, a rare but potentially fatal disease. Healthy people are rarely susceptible, but people with weak immune systems are particularly at risk. Especially susceptible are infants, the frail, the elderly, chronic disease sufferers, HIV-infected people and

patients undergoing chemotherapy.

"Because of the potential for foodborne illness, we want consumers to be aware of the recall," said Linda Swacina, the service's assistant administrator. Shoppers should return the products to the point of purchase.

The meat industry wants to rewrite rules from the former Clinton administration that would require makers of hot dogs, cold cuts and other ready-to-eat meat products test plant equipment for *Listeria monocytogenes*, saying they are too restrictive.

The Bush administration is undertaking an analysis of the risk and has delayed enforcement of the Clinton-era rules.

The food service statement did not explain where and how John Morell discovered the danger.

GSU honors Krum and Hahnenberg

By ANDREW THAGARD
Assistant News Editor

The Graduate Student Union recognized graduate students Carly Krum and Edward Hahnenberg for their teaching abilities.

The organization awarded Krum Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant and Hahnenberg Outstanding Graduate Instructor of 2001.

"It's so shocking. I've never taught before," said Krum after receiving the designation. "I told my class right away. Teaching them is such a joy and any recognition [beyond that] is just icing on the cake."

"It's a wonderful recognition," echoed Hahnenberg. "I think I had such great students - that helped for sure. Their questions and insights really made it a great experience."

The two received their designations after an intense selection process, according to Stephanie Arnett, chairperson of the GSU Academic Affairs Committee. GSU received 13 nominations from graduate students and faculty members. The committee reviewed TCEs and additional information submitted by the applicants including letters from students and the course syllabus.

"People included different things," Arnett said. "It made it interesting, but it also made judging more difficult."

Hahnenberg and Krum stood out, according to Arnett, because of the difference they made in undergraduate education.

"I really saw that these people were having a big impact on undergraduates," Arnett said. "A lot of times grad-

uate students are removed by research. It's really a great experience for the graduate students to get to know the students and share their experiences."

Both Hahnenberg and Krum are Notre Dame alums. Hahnenberg is a fifth year graduate student of Theology. Krum is working toward a Masters in French literature through the Department of Romance Languages and Literature.

Krum, who helped teach "Beginning Intensive French," and Hahnenberg, who independently taught two classes of Foundations of Theology in the fall semester, both attributed their awards to their pas-

sion for the subject matter and an ability to relate to undergraduates.

Krum, in fact, referred to undergraduate staples like Boat Club and SYRs to teach her students about imperfect verb forms. She also has had her class over for dinner.

Hahnenberg, whose classes studied the Bible, had his students watch movies and analyze how Jesus was portrayed in artwork, including Notre Dame's "Touchdown Jesus." But, he also tried to emphasize the importance of being a proactive student.

"The goal is not to give answers but to get students to ask big questions," he said.

Hahnenberg will continue teaching next year, joining the department of Theology as a visiting assistant professor. Although Krum plans to work at Sotheby's, an art auction

house, after she graduates, she didn't rule out the possibility of returning to education.

"I think later on in life I'll go back to teaching," she said. "It's so fun, it's the

highlight of my day." Both award winners received a \$100 gift from GSU and will be formally presented with their designations at the Graduate Student Awards Dinner on May 17.

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Krum



Hahnenberg

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Edward Hahnenberg
teaching assistant

This Week in the Department of Music

- Tue. April 23:** Peter Kurdzeil, graduate organ recital
8:00 pm, Basilica. Free admission.
- Thurs. April 25:** Rexphil Rallanka, graduate organ recital
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- Fri. April 26:** ND Opera: *The Magic Flute*
7:30 pm, Washington Hall. Tickets (\$3-6):
LaFortune Box Office, (574) 631-8128
- Sat. April 27:** Daniel Tonozi, senior cello recital
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TLC singer killed in car crash

Associated Press

ATLANTA

Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes, the effervescent, sometimes volatile rapping member of the Grammy-winning trio TLC, was killed in a car crash in Honduras, her record company said early Friday.

Lopes, 31, was in the Central American nation for a vacation, Arista Records' senior vice president of publicity Laura Swanson told The Associated Press. Lopes was reportedly among seven people in the car Thursday night and the only fatality.

"No words can possibly express the sorrow and sadness I feel for this most devastating loss," said Arista president L.A. Reid, who helped shape the career of the Atlanta-based R&B group, one of the best-selling female groups in history.

"Lisa was not only a gifted and talented musical inspiration, but more importantly, she was like a daughter to me. My thoughts and prayers are with Lisa's family and friends. Her legacy will be remembered forever."

The location of the car crash was not immediately determined. It was unclear whether she was wearing a seatbelt.

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12 hurt in New York City explosion

Associated Press

An explosion that may have been caused by chemicals stored in a basement rocked a 10-story commercial building Thursday, hurling glass and rubble across a city block and injuring 42 people, at least 10 of them critically.

Authorities quickly ruled out terrorism, though the blast conjured up memories of Sept. 11 for some in the Chelsea neighborhood of Manhattan.

"It was a giant boom — a real giant boom," said Bill Beek, who lives a half-block away. "It sounded like an airplane crashing."

"First we thought it was a bomb," said Alex Vargas, 28, a student at Apex Technical School next door. "We all had to leave by the back stairs. People were yelling and screaming. 'Hurry up!'"

Victims were taken to the hospital with burns, severe head injuries, broken bones and cuts after the 11:30 a.m. blast.

Chemicals stored in the basement by a sign company were being investigated as a possible factor, said Fire Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta. Plumbers had been working on the boiler in the building at the time, but that did not appear to be the cause, investigators said.

Kaltech sign company's general manager Phil Morgan said he felt two consecutive blasts in the company's ground-floor offices.

"One pushed me up from my chair, the second one had me out of my chair," he said. When it was over, the ceiling and a wall had come down. "Everything moved. The air was filled with dust."

Windows along the block of West 19th Street between Sixth and Seventh avenues were blown out, and several people were injured by flying glass.

The facade of the building was damaged and several walls were blown out, but it appeared to be structurally sound, Mayor Michael Bloomberg said.

Police and more than 100 firefighters poured into the area. Some victims, dazed and bloody, sat on the curb awaiting medical attention.

The building housed the sign company and other commercial tenants, said Sid Dinsay, a spokesman for the city Office of Emergency Management. Neighbors said the building was also used for storage by the Apex school, which teaches welding, automotive repair and other trades.

Property records show that the building is owned by 19th Street Associates LLC. The office of Steven Kaufman, a principal in the firm, said he had no immediate comment.

Leprechaun

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selected from this arduous try-out, the work just begins for them. Practice is four days a week for two hours each day. Also, there are mandatory lifting sessions three to four days a week for an hour.

"With the preparation, games and community commitments, being the Leprechaun is a pretty work intensive position," said Bisanz. "But it is completely rewarding and the work pays off. Being the Leprechaun primarily requires an insatiable love for Notre Dame and I've had that ever since I can remember. I am just going to try my best to keep the fans fired up and wanting to come back for more."

Scholarships are not given out for the holders of the Leprechaun position. Additionally, a Leprechaun must participate for three years on the cheer squad in order to attain a monogram. Many sports give monograms

for playing only one year or even one play. Monogramming, a distinguished honor for Notre Dame athletes, requires three years of hard work.

Even though students must participate in countless hours of practice, the downsides to being the Leprechaun has not deterred Macaluso and Bisanz.

"I've always loved this University and its athletic program and I thought becoming the Leprechaun was the best opportunity to share that love with others," said Bisanz.

Macaluso remembers when he first wanted to be the Leprechaun.

"Watching Mike Brown and the cheerleaders as a freshman, I thought it looked like so much fun and something that would be very worthwhile and an amazing experience," he said. "I was just looking to have fun with [my] time here at Notre Dame."

Last year, Macaluso served as the Olympic Leprechaun, which he said greatly prepared him for the Varsity position.

"The most important part

about this job, though, is being willing and able to show your love and enthusiasm for Notre Dame," he said. "There's a ton of Notre Dame nuts out there, and I'm just another one of them."

"I know that I'll have the support and help of the cheerleaders and my coaches whenever I find myself in a tough situation," said Macaluso.

Bisanz added, "I can't wait for next year to get started and begin what looks to be another successful year in Notre Dame athletics."

"Every time I'm in that suit, on a court or field, I know I'm not out there just for me," Macaluso said. "I'm there for the fans — to make them have a good time and to represent Notre Dame and all it stands for. Over a century of fans, alumni, teams, faculty, students, service, and Catholic faith, the Leprechauns are the foremost collegiate icon in the country, and not only that, we represent the best university in the country."

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Seniors

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find out how they broke into the field," said Kevin Monahan, assistant director for Alumni Career Programs.

Other online employment directories can be excellent sources for students still looking. Svete recommended www.directemployers.com, which is a nonprofit Website set up by companies to bypass monster.com. Another link on the Career Center Web page that may be useful is interncenter, which is password protected and only has 28 schools participating.

Monahan reminds seniors that they still offer career counseling including career assessment, resume review, cover letter proofreading, and mock interviews. They also assist students perform company research and find alumni contacts within the company or industry.

"The important thing is not to lose faith and remain aggressive," Svete said.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Mexico accuses Cuba of blackmail:

Mexican President Vicente Fox apologized to those who believe he lied about rushing Cuban President Fidel Castro out of Mexico, but Mexico's foreign secretary on Thursday accused the Cuban leader of trying to blackmail Fox. Foreign Secretary Jorge Castaneda accused Castro of trying to blackmail Mexico into voting against a U.N. resolution targeting Cuba's human rights record — and then, after Mexico voted for it, trying to embarrass Fox by making public a private conversation between the two leaders.

Chechnyan warlord killed by Russia:

Russia claimed on Thursday its forces killed one of Chechnya's most elusive warlords, a Jordanian said to have connections with the al-Qaida terrorist network.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Blake won't face the death penalty:

Prosecutors won't seek the death penalty against actor Robert Blake if he is convicted of murdering his wife, the district attorney's office said Thursday. Prosecutors will instead seek a sentence of life in prison without parole, the office said. Blake was charged Monday with fatally shooting his wife, Bonny Lee Bakley, 44, after a dinner outing last May. Prosecutors said the 68-year-old actor and his bodyguard, Earle Caldwell, plotted the slaying for months.

Man convicted of killing co-workers:

A man who shot to death seven co-workers at a software company was convicted of murder today after failing to convince a jury that he was so delusional he thought he was killing Hitler and his henchmen to prevent the Holocaust. The defendant, Michael McDermott, 43, stood impassively as he heard the verdict in a courtroom full of relatives of the victims.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Fisherman prevent suicide attempt:

Three fishermen rescued a man who jumped from a bridge into the White River in an apparent suicide attempt. "He said he had gotten to the bridge and didn't feel like living anymore," said Eddie Brochin, a professional fishing guide. "He said the only thing he thought about before he jumped was his daughter and granddaughter. I told him it wasn't his time to go." The man, whose name was not released, was sent to Methodist Hospital for treatment. Police said the man likely would have drowned had the fishermen not intervened.

WEST BANK



Chris Hondros/Getty Images

Nine Palestinian youths and two corpses were brought out of Bethlehem's besieged Church of the Nativity. A fresh round of talks started Thursday to resolve a three-week-old standoff at the shrine.

3-week church seige continues

Associated Press

BETHLEHEM

In a day punctuated by exchanges of gunfire and the evacuation of a small number of Palestinian men at the Church of the Nativity, Palestinian and Israeli negotiators failed today to reach terms to end a three-week-long siege but agreed to interim steps toward a settlement.

The two sides committed to releasing about a dozen youths from the compound — including two who the Israeli military said were 10 years old — and to removing the remains of

two gunmen killed in the first days of the fighting.

But negotiators remained unable to agree on the central question of which people inside the basilica were to be considered terrorists, and how they would be handled upon their surrender.

Talks were scheduled to resume on Thursday. Salah Taamari, the chief Palestinian negotiator, struck a moderate tone late tonight. "The meeting was constructive," he said.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon also expressed confidence that the issues could be resolved soon. "I believe that it will not take

too long," Mr. Sharon said.

Tonight's meeting, the third session in two days, began moments after a brief gun battle at the church had killed one Palestinian and slightly wounded an Israeli soldier and sent the Palestinian negotiators and their Israeli military escorts scrambling for cover.

It was further undermined by the intractability of both sides on the central questions about identifying the terrorists and defining their fate.

Israel wants the Palestinians to provide a full roster of people within the compound's walls,

from which it would select men it accuses of terrorism.

The Palestinians have refused, and instead have asked Israel to hand over a list of people whose arrest it seeks.

Virtually all the estimated 250 people in the church are thought to be civilians, clergymen or Palestinian Authority police officers or security officials.

But a senior Israeli official said today that about 30 gunmen are wanted for terrorism, including two men accused of killing an American-born architect, Avi Boaz, in January.

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Troops seek al-Qaida in Pakistan

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

U.S. government personnel are searching for al-Qaida fighters in the rugged tribal regions of northwest Pakistan, and the American military is set to send in troops to join the hunt, officials said Thursday.

The United States and Pakistan reached an agreement several weeks ago allowing American military operations on Pakistani soil, U.S. officials said. This will allow Americans to hunt in a suspected al-Qaida haven previously closed to them — tribal

areas that are traditional rallying points for fighters fleeing Afghanistan.

The operations carry considerable risk, physically for the Americans and politically for Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf, who faces a referendum on Tuesday to extend his term as president for five years. He has defied strong anti-American sentiment to support President Bush in counter-terroring terrorism.

Pakistan's tribal belt is ruled by deeply conservative and fiercely independent tribesmen who swear little allegiance to anyone but their tribal elders and to laws laid out by tradition

and the tenets of Islam. Tribesmen who live in high-walled compounds have warned against U.S. soldiers on their territory. Publicly, Islamabad denied any knowledge of U.S. operations. "No U.S. personnel are present in Pakistan's tribal areas searching for al-Qaida men," Aziz Ahmad Khan, spokesman for the Pakistani Foreign Ministry, told The Associated Press.

However, Pakistani intelligence and Interior Ministry sources confirmed that civilian U.S. officials, with the help of Pakistani authorities, are quietly working in the areas to trace the remnants of al-Qaida.

Tenn. doctors sue over managed care program

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. Tennessee's largest physician's organization sued the state's four biggest health insurers Thursday, alleging their managed care practices threaten patients' health.

The Tennessee Medical Association's class-action lawsuits filed in state court name Aetna Inc., Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee, CIGNA HealthCare and United HealthCare.

They allege that because of the "extraordinary unequal bargaining positions" between the medical association and the insurance companies, the association's 6,600 members are forced into entering one-sided contracts.

The association says the four companies comprise 70 percent of the HMO market in Tennessee and insure nearly 2.4 million people in managed care plans across the state.

The lawsuits seek to stop a number of business practices that TMA alleges delay, deny or reduce payments to physicians.

For example, they claim the insurance companies "bundle" several physician services together to lower reimbursements and deny higher reimbursements for complicated medical cases in which doctors spend extra time and resources.

Ron Harr, a spokesman for Blue Cross Blue Shield, said he had not seen the lawsuit and

could not comment in detail, but he called it "shortsighted."

"We do everything we can do to keep health insurance affordable," he said.

Representatives of United, Aetna and CIGNA said they had not seen the lawsuits and declined comment.

Dr. Mickey McAdoo, president elect of the TMA, said the association and its individual members have been bringing their concerns to the insurance companies almost daily, but to no avail.

In addition to the TMA lawsuits, four individual physician

"We do everything we can do to keep health insurance affordable."

Ron Harr
spokesman for BCBS

lawsuits were filed against the companies seeking monetary damages on the same grounds. They cite claims not paid in full, interest due

for untimely or slow payments and payments never made but rightfully due.

The TMA lawsuits do not seek monetary damages; they ask that the court stop "these wrongful and financially punitive practices."

Managed care has been under legal challenge in several states.

Physicians' groups in New York and South Carolina have filed similar lawsuits this year. A federal lawsuit against major health care companies is pending in Florida by 600,000 doctors who claim they are routinely shortchanged on reimbursement claims through "institutionalized underpayments."

Energy bill favors SUVs, farmers

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Motorists can rest assured that their gas-guzzling SUVs won't be threatened by new energy legislation moving through Congress. And there's good news there too for farmers and wind turbine operators.

But environmentalists are in an uproar, and California lawmakers predict gasoline shortages and price spikes.

The impact of a broad energy bill passed by the Senate on Thursday can be expected to touch a wide array of people, industries and businesses — that is if it ever gets out of Congress. Although passed by a wide margin, 88-11, it must still be merged with a starkly different bill that the House passed last year.

After the Senate vote, President Bush appeared confident a compromise could be reached. Between the two bills, he said, there were "the elements of a comprehensive energy policy" that include "the major conservation and environmentally responsible production measures needed to reduce our reliance on foreign sources of energy."

This legislation "should increase our energy independence," said Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., although he made clear there were differences with the House. He called the Senate-passed bill "a far more responsible, progressive, consumer-friendly energy policy" than the House bill, which largely mirrored the president's priorities.

The Senate rejected Bush's top energy priority: oil drilling in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. That is

expected to trigger a fight with the House, which approved such drilling and whose Republican leaders have shown no signs of backing down.

The Senate bill calls for \$14.1 billion in energy tax subsidies ranging from help to refiners to meet sulfur-control regulations and reduce the cost of power from wind turbines to a credit for homeowners who want to buy a solar panel or put more insulation into their attic.

Overall, the tax benefits were about evenly divided between production and conservation and support for renewable energy sources, its supporters said.

The Senate's refusal to open the Alaska wildlife refuge to oil companies was one of the few victories for environmentalists over the six weeks that senators deliberated energy policy.

The disappointments ranged from rejection of even modest steps to improve automobile fuel efficiency to — in the final hours — stripping the bill of a requirement that the Energy Department impose the more aggressive efficiency standards for air conditioners that had been proposed by the Clinton administration.

"Finding environmentally friendly provisions in this bill is like looking for a needle in a haystack," complained Elizabeth Thompson, legisla-

tive director of Environmental Defense.

In rejecting a proposal to require automakers to meet a fleet average of 35 miles per gallon over the next dozen years, opponents of the measure argued that it would force manufacturers to stop making large cars and threatened suburban soccer moms with the loss of their sport utility vehicles.

The claims were rebutted by supporters of the fuel economy improvements, who argued the technology exists for cars to be more fuel efficient and still save the SUV. In any case, neither the House nor Senate

bills address the issue in any significant way, so the SUVs are safe no matter who's right.

The bill also would require more ethanol use in gasoline, resulting in a tripling of ethanol production to 5 billion gallons a year by 2012, a boon to farmers.

The ethanol mandate survived despite repeated attempts by senators from California and New York to have it removed, or at least phased in more slowly. When the Senate refused even to postpone its implementation for a year, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., accused farm-state senators of ignoring the harm that might come to California, where she said a lack of ethanol could produce gasoline shortages and price spikes.

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Catholics see child abuse as global

Associated Press

DUBLIN Catholics worldwide on Thursday welcomed Pope John Paul II's unprecedented summit with U.S. cardinals as a good start to tackling child abuse within the Catholic church, but court cases kept surfacing to remind the Vatican that this is a global scandal.

In Ireland, 70-year-old Morris Tobin, a retired member of the Christian Brothers teaching order, appeared in court Thursday to face 173 charges of molesting 25 schoolboys in the 1960s. More than 30 Catholic priests and brothers in Ireland have been convicted of sexually abusing children in the past decade.

"You'd think based on recent headlines that the church only has problems in America," said John Kelly, director of Irish Survivors of Child Abuse, which represents about 800 people abused in church-run schools and orphanages. "The pope needs to take a long, hard look at what his church has tried to cover up in Ireland, in Canada, in Australia, in his own Polish homeland — probably everywhere, if the truth ever comes out."

In many countries, church officials and Roman Catholic faithful were weighing the U.S. cardinals' words versus the policies on sexual abuse being adopted by their own clergymen. Some suggested the church's response looked like too little, too late.

"The Catholic Church does not

act unless the problem is already in great proportions," said the Rev. Robert Reyes, a parish priest in the Philippines, where another priest has been jailed on suspicion of raping a 14-year-old girl. "We don't realize the defect until it is too big to solve."

The Vatican has not offered a blanket policy for Catholics worldwide on whether they should report alleged abuse to church officials or civil authorities, leaving the advice to bishops.

In Puerto Rico, Archbishop Roberto Gonzalez Nieves said anyone who had been sexually abused by church officials should go directly to police. But he refused to comment on at least six cases in Puerto Rican dioceses under the jurisdiction of other bishops, nor on a case he announced last week in his own parish.

"It's better that complainants go straight to civil authorities because it creates an impression of impartiality in the church," Nieves said.

Newspaper editorials worldwide remarked on the unprecedented nature of the Vatican summit. Many expressed hope that the church would build momentum toward wider reforms.

"This was a landmark occasion, which ... has broken through the atmosphere of silence and denial hitherto marking the Vatican's approach to this issue," declared the Irish Times, the paper of record in this predominantly Catholic

nation.

"Dirty linen washed in public," read a headline in the La Stampa newspaper in Rome.

The rival Corriere della Sera newspaper credited the U.S. media's "daily hammering" for forcing the pope and his visitors to behave with uncharacteristic openness.

In Britain, an officially Protestant nation, the conservative Daily Telegraph warned that some of the church's sternest critics had an anti-Catholic agenda.

"A minority wishes to destroy the church and will use pedophilia as a handy weapon to do so," said the Telegraph, Britain's top-circulation broadsheet. It said calls for the church to soften its policy of priestly celibacy represented a "gross fallacy."

"A man does not become a pedophile for want of a wife," the paper said.

In Austria, too, church officials dismissed any connection between the priestly celibacy and deviant sexual behavior among a minority of priests.

"It must be mentioned that many cases of child abuse occur in families. There, the celibacy duty plays no role at all," said Bishop Egon Kapellari.

But the Irish Times questioned whether the church's policies on the priesthood could withstand a future wave of scandals.

It noted that ordinations had already fallen to unacceptable levels.

"The Vatican has clearly set its face against any move to change celibacy rules or to open up the question of women priests," the Irish Times said. "In the longer term it is likely to find these issues cannot be held at bay and may come to be seen as the most rational way to renew the church."

Twelve die in bomb explosion in Pakistan

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan A bomb ripped through a Shiite Muslim mosque deep in the interior of Pakistan's eastern Punjab province, killing 12 worshippers, all of them women, and wounding several others, hospital officials said Friday.

It's not known who planted the powerful device that exploded near midnight Thursday in Bukker, about 300 miles southwest of the federal capital of Islamabad.

The bomb was apparently planted near the section of the mosque where women pray, said Mohammed Nisar, a doctor at the only hospital in Bukker where the dead and wounded were taken. Mosques are segregated.

"The bomb was planted on the women's side and all the dead were women," said Nisar, who was contacted by telephone.

Police have not made any arrests, but Pakistan, and eastern Punjab province in particular, has been wracked by religiously motivated violence in recent years.

Previous attacks against Shiite Muslims have been carried out by members of the violent Sipah-e-Sahaba or Guardians of the Friends of the Prophet group, banned by

Pakistan's military president Gen. Pervez Musharraf. The organization reviles Shiite Muslims.

Since January, dozens of Shiite Muslims have been killed in Pakistan. Many of the deaths have been target killings and have occurred both in the Punjab province and in the country's southern Sindh province, of which Karachi is the capital.

During the last week in Karachi a Shiite Muslim doctor was shot and killed as well as the Shiite Muslim owner of a pharmacy. No arrests have been made in the two drive-by shootings. It's not known if the killings were

carried out by the same people or organization.

No one has claimed responsibility for any of the killings.

Previously Hasan Turabi, the head of a banned Shiite Muslim group, Tehrik-e-Jafria, blamed the upsurge in killings of Shiite Muslims on the return to Pakistan of militant Sunni Muslims from neighboring Afghanistan following the collapse of the hardline Taliban.

Turabi said the Taliban, a movement dominated by Sunni Muslims, espoused the same philosophy as Pakistan's radical Sunni Muslims, and harbored those who had killed Shiite Muslims in Pakistan. With the fall of the Taliban these radical elements returned home, he said.

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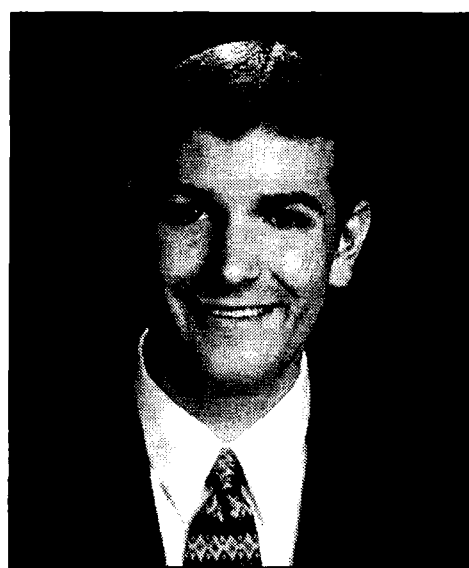
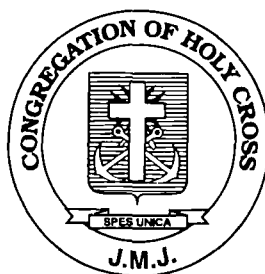
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U.S. government won't meet with Moussaoui

Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. Zacarias Moussaoui, the man indicted as a Sept. 11 accomplice, tried to speak with prosecutors about the death penalty and classified information but they refused, the government said Thursday.

Prosecutors said they were informed of the request Tuesday by a jail official, an indication that Moussaoui — who wants to represent himself in the case — already is trying to do so.

Moussaoui, however, cannot make that decision on his own. U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema said she would rule after Moussaoui, a French citizen, has a mental examination.

Moussaoui's court-appointed lawyers, who remain in the case for now, were informed of the request by government attorneys and have asked Brinkema not to allow the meeting.

The lawyers continue to file briefs on Moussaoui's behalf. They submitted a pleading Thursday contending the government misread the law by making this a death penalty case.

In a written motion, prosecutors said, "Although we believed that it would be legally permissible for us to speak with the defendant, we would not have contact ... without defense counsel present or without permission from the court."

Moussaoui shocked a court hearing Monday when he asked to represent himself, said he prayed for the destruction of the United States and Israel and accused his lawyers of conspiring with the government for his execution.

The request for a meeting with prosecutors demonstrates the

complications set in motion by his request, given the extensive classified information in the case.

If Moussaoui is allowed to represent himself, Brinkema would have to decide how to handle secret material that normally would be provided to defense lawyers with security clearances.

The government has said it would seek Moussaoui's execution if he were convicted of conspiring with the 19 hijackers.

The indictment says his activities mirrored those of the attackers, including taking flying lessons and expressing an interest in crop duster planes.

Public defender Frank Dunham Jr., still Moussaoui's lead defense lawyer, said the examination of Moussaoui should be far more extensive than the government proposed.

It must be determined whether he was thinking rationally so he could knowingly and voluntarily fire his lawyers, Dunham argued.

Prosecutors said a complete mental exam is not needed to find out whether Moussaoui was rationally able to consult with counsel and understand the proceedings against him.

"The defense apparently seeks to stretch the court's call for a competency examination into psychiatric consultation. ... This attempt should be rejected," the government said.

Dunham said Moussaoui's request to fire counsel "could be viewed as contrary to the best interests of an individual facing capital charges."

Moussaoui's lawyers said they should step down if their client was found to be thinking clearly — objecting even to the judge's suggestion they remain as "standby" counsel.

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United States prosecutors

Bush, House may clash over Israel

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Bush administration opposes extra aid to Israel at a time of delicate Middle East diplomacy, a top official said Thursday, setting up a potential clash with powerful GOP Rep. Tom DeLay, who supports \$200 million in hurry-up assistance.

In a second sign of party discord, House Republican leaders brushed aside pleas from Secretary of State Colin Powell and tentatively set a vote for next Tuesday on a resolution of support for Israel "in its fight against terrorism."

Several sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Powell told a closed-door meeting Tuesday with senior lawmakers from both parties that his peace efforts were at a delicate stage and that he hoped Congress would not inject itself into the issue.

A House resolution, sponsored by Majority Whip DeLay, R-Texas, and Rep. Tom Lantos, D-Calif., condemns "the ongoing support and coordination of terror by Yasser Arafat" and other Palestinian leaders. One source said Powell told the legislators that at least for now, Arafat's involvement in the peace process is essential.

Officials said it was possible the vote would be postponed and that the resolution's wording could change after discussions with the White House.

But the administration seemed adamant when it came to fresh aid for Israel.

Talking to reporters, White House budget director Mitchell Daniels said the administration opposes the extra aid now and wants it excluded from an

anti-terrorism package the House plans to begin writing next week.

"It's under review, but not right now and not in this bill," Daniels said.

Daniels said the White House opposes using the anti-terrorism package for items that are not needed immediately and that cannot be paid from other existing funds.

His comments highlighted an administration reluctance to do anything that would worsen U.S. tensions with Arabs, angry over perceived American bias toward Israel in its conflict with the Palestinians.

DeLay supports providing \$200 million for Israel in the anti-terrorism measure, said his spokesman, Stuart Roy. DeLay and Bush discussed the issue privately two weeks ago.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., has not decided whether to support additional aid for Israel, but any money provided would be economic and not military, said a GOP leadership aide speaking on condition of anonymity. While the administration opposes the money, Congress is strongly pro-Israel and wants to demonstrate that, the aide said.

President Bush sent Congress a \$27.1 billion anti-terrorism proposal last month that included no additional aid for Israel. Israel is already due to receive \$2.8 billion in military and economic aid this

year, more than any other nation.

The House Appropriations Committee plans to write its version of the anti-terrorism bill next week.

Rep. Nita Lowey of New York, top Democrat on the House Appropriations subcommittee that oversees foreign aid, said she and other lawmakers of both parties hope to include aid for Israel in that legislation. She provided no details.

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David Obey
congressman

But Democratic support for the aid seems uneven.

Rep. David Obey of Wisconsin, top Democrat on the Appropriations committee, said he opposed

the idea.

"I don't believe in Congress end-running the president on anything in the Middle East," Obey said. "On this one, we ought to follow the president's lead."

House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., was non-committal when asked if he thought Congress should provide more money for Israel, saying lawmakers "should work with the president."

Gephardt also signaled a desire to cooperate with the White House on the pro-Israel resolution.

"If the administration feels we need legislative action on any of this, all they need to do is say it and we will try to be cooperative," he said. "If they don't think we need legislative action, then we will try to

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Malaysia installs king

Associated Press

KUALA LUMPUR

In an elaborate ceremony broadcast to millions nationwide, Malaysia's new king was installed Thursday under a unique system where monarchs are chosen by their peers and take turns at the throne.

Syed Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamalullail, 59, underwent formal rites at the national palace, watched by government leaders and foreign dignitaries in the chandelied throne room.

During the ceremony, Syed Sirajuddin, wearing a regal black suit embroidered with golden thread, raised a traditional Malay warrior's dagger and kissed its hilt, symbolizing grandeur and power in his hands.

A trumpet blared as palace officials repeatedly shouted, "Daulat Tuanku," which is Malay for "Long Live His Majesty," to the rifle-crack of a

21-gun salute, followed by a police band playing the national anthem.

Syed Sirajuddin is Malaysia's 12th king under a rotational system created after independence from Britain in 1957 to spread the power among the sultans and rajas who had ruled over fiefdoms for hundreds of years.

Malaysia's kings do not inherit the throne. Instead, hereditary rulers from nine of Malaysia's 13 states meet every five years — earlier if a reigning monarch dies — and appoint a successor by secret ballot.

But political power resides with Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, who has led Malaysia for 21 years, and a parliament elected every five years.

Under changes instituted in 1990, the king can reject a parliamentary decision and lawmakers have to reconsider it. But if they pass it again, the bill becomes law.

French continue rally against Le Pen

Associated Press

PARIS

Hundreds of thousands of people marched in French cities Thursday in opposition to far-right presidential candidate Jean-Marie Le Pen, who blamed rival incumbent Jacques Chirac for encouraging the protests.

The marches were part of the continuing rise street protests following Sunday's first round of the presidential election, when Le Pen qualified to face the conservative Chirac in a May 5 runoff election.

Artists and anti-racism and political groups Thursday urged broader protests against Le Pen, while Muslim and Jewish leaders united behind Chirac.

Student-age protesters led Thursday's rallies after many universities canceled classes so students could debate the country's political situation.

Le Pen, leader of the National Front Party, told French radio that Chirac was behind the protests.

"I don't believe in spontaneity," Le Pen said on RMC-Info.

He said the protests "have been initiated by Jacques Chirac because he has draped himself in the flag of the Republic by calling, in a way, for popular support — including support in the streets."

Chirac, in a prime-time television interview Wednesday, praised the protests against Le Pen. Speaking on France-2 television, he urged protesters to show "determination" — but in a "dignified and reasonable" manner.

France-Info radio reported that 330,000 people marched across the country Thursday. Protests occurred in cities including Nantes and Brest in the west, Lyon in central France and Toulouse and

Aix-en-Provence in southern France.

As the protests swelled, Le Pen issued a statement saying he was the victim of a "campaign of hatred and lies."

Le Pen, a member of the European Parliament, also criticized what he called the "scandalous interference of prime ministers" from the European Union.

His fiercely anti-immigrant platform has been criticized by British Prime Minister Tony Blair and German Chancellor

Gerhard Schroeder, among others.

If elected president, Le Pen says he will move to cut France's ties with the European Union, restore border controls to limit immi-

gration and phase out income taxes. He opposes abortion, supports the death penalty and has been accused of being anti-Semitic.

In an interview published Thursday in the British magazine the Spectator, Le Pen denied being an extreme rightist.

"It's not me who has become extreme right. It's the whole of society which has become extreme left," Le Pen was quoted as saying.

He also said Chirac has been "formally crowned as the uncontested leader of the French Left."

"But I am the candidate of France — against euro-globalization," Le Pen was quoted as saying.

France's best-known intellectuals — including Bernard-Henri Levy and Andre Glucksman —

endorsed Chirac in a statement published Thursday in the newspaper Le Monde.

Jewish and Muslim leaders in southern Marseille also united behind Chirac, saying Le Pen was the "candidate of hatred and xenophobia."

Until last Sunday, France was preparing for a sleepy presidential race, with all polls predicting a run-off between Chirac and Socialist Prime Minister Lionel Jospin.

Bored with the top contenders, a record 28 percent of voters abstained. Chirac received nearly 20 percent of votes, Le Pen nearly 17 percent and Prime Minister Lionel Jospin about 16 percent.

At a campaign stop Thursday, Chirac said voters delivered their message clearly.

"The worry, the discontent, the demand for a new direction, I heard them ... and I want to respond," he said in Lyon.

He also said he was concerned about the extreme right in France.

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Jacques Chirac
French president

Human rights groups and political parties jointly called Thursday for weekend protests in major French cities.

Large protests also were called for Wednesday

to mark May Day, when Le Pen plans his annual march honoring Joan of Arc.

One anti-Le Pen group said its protest would begin on a central Paris bridge, where on May 1, 1995, a 29-year-old Moroccan man drowned after being pushed into the Seine by a group of National Front supporters at an anti-immigrant rally.

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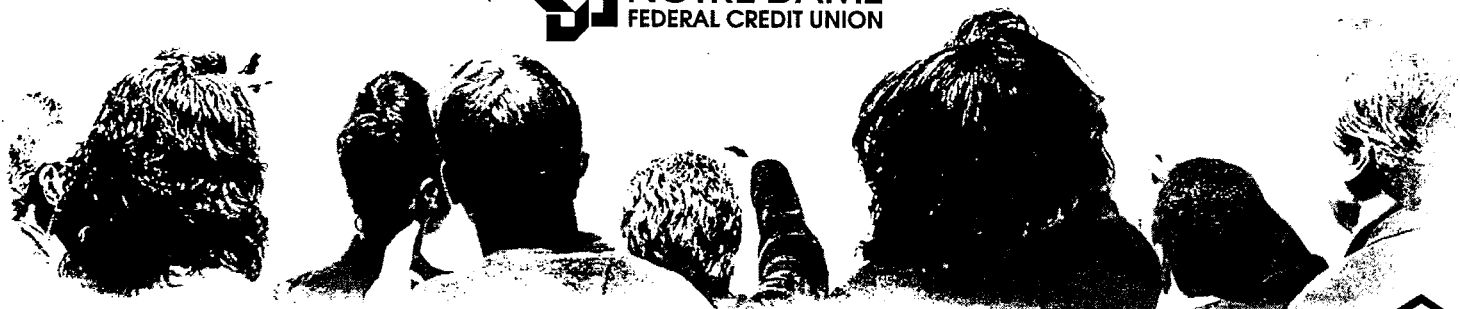
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Church can't tolerate sexual abuse

The Catholic Church took a commendable step forward on Tuesday when Pope John Paul II acknowledged that sexual abuse by priests is not only an American scandal but also a global issue that the entire Catholic Church needs to address. While the pope recommended a strong zero-tolerance policy for cases of sexual abuse in the Church, American cardinals issued a vague proposal Wednesday that failed to establish a clear strategy for handling sexual offenders, leaving victims unsatisfied and the Church at risk for future problems.

The cardinals presented a proposal not as severe as the plan the pope recommended. The cardinals' plan only addressed priests who have a history of sexual abuse and called a one-time offense a mere "fall from grace." This response is insufficient and irresponsible because it allows sexual offenders to go unpunished.

The cardinals' statement suggested the abandonment of Catholic moral teaching caused the sexual abuse scandal, but they need to go further. When the cardinals reconvene in Dallas in June, they must determine what motivates certain priests to commit acts of sexual abuse and find a way to prevent them from occurring.

While identifying and examining the roots of the problem is imperative, Church leaders should also invest effort in

eliminating sexual offenders from the priesthood. Any priest accused of sexual abuse in the past, present or future must face an internal investigation by the Church. The Church needs to dismiss any priest it deems responsible for sexual offenses, whether the accused is a repeat or first-time offender.

Furthermore, Church officials should recognize their moral and ethical obligation to turn over materials pertaining to sexual abuse allegations to the proper legal authorities. The Church is negligent if it fails to disclose information and thus hinders a decision to press charges, regardless of whether or not legal institutions decide to prosecute accused priests. Only the Church has the authority to dismiss or retain priests, but it is not in a position to determine legal guilt or innocence.

A zero-tolerance policy is the only way to enforce unambiguous and stringent guidelines for penalizing offenders if the Church intends to stop sexual abuse by priests. The Church cannot allow any room for mistakes in an issue this grave. It is time for American leaders of the Catholic Church to set an international example and establish a firm, universal position that announces the Church does not, under any circumstances, tolerate sexual abuse by its priests.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Protecting constitutional freedoms

Freedom of speech was in short supply in 1775 on the eastern seaboard of the United States and practically nonexistent elsewhere in the world. By 1789, freedom of speech was comfortably enshrined in the highest law in America and that law was being enforced. We might wonder if Michael Flannery is familiar with the events that transpired between 1775 and 1789. His letter yesterday casts doubt on his familiarity with the history of the subject he has taken upon himself.

Flannery couches naive, illogical assertions about the military as an institution, in respectful deference to the soldiers of the United States. One is left to wonder why, if he respects them so much, he has apparently opted not to familiarize himself with their historical role in our free society before condemning that role. It was no coincidence that freedom of speech went from suppressed to constitutionally protected in the space of 14 years. Our forefathers happen to have fought a War of Revolution which resulted in the establishment of an independent, constitutionally governed federation of colonial states.

They did not establish that independence through protest — protest had been tried to little avail. When protest was exhausted, our forefathers turned to force of arms. They held the peculiar conviction that freedom is worth fighting for.

Analyze the various effects of wars

throughout American history. Civil liberties suffer during times of great national distress or wars, and not just since 1945, which date you randomly cite as the beginning of "unnecessary" sacrifice by our fighting men. Wilson arrested dissenters during World War I; after the war he proposed the Fourteen Points.

Read them; freedom hardly suffered in their argument. Lincoln moved cannons into the streets of New York City to quell draft riots during the Civil War; Lincoln also delivered the Emancipation Proclamation and the Second Inaugural Address.

Lincoln, and Wilson after him, delivered constitutional government, replete with the Bill of Rights, on to their successors. They are part of a pattern, evident throughout American history. First, when civil liberties suffer, they suffer at the hands of civilian, elected authorities; tanks have never rolled into the streets of Washington D.C., and the military has never ordered itself to do anything to American freedoms.

Second, when civil liberties do suffer, at the discretion of democratically-elected representatives, the decline is temporary and brief. Flannery's convenient anecdote of a "blacklist" being compiled by Mrs. Cheney, is evidence of this pattern. You ignore the evident truth that Mrs. Cheney is the wife of an elected official, not in any way affiliated with the military other than her husband's place in the military chain of command. If she

is exercising her free speech to combat intellectuals whom she and her colleagues deem wrong, that is irrelevant to the military. That being the only anecdote you provide as evidence that civil liberties suffer during "every large-scale military operation," I urge you to consider the reasons why that may or may not be true.

In any case, the Constitution has never proved weaker than the judgment of individuals. Every generation has passed on our constitutional liberties, intact and strong, to their children. Those rights were not guaranteed until the United States fought to win them and hold onto them; they were not won by any other means than by blood, toil and tears.

That is where the military comes in. The Constitution would not have been passed on if our military had ever failed in its mission of national defense. Sometimes wars are fought that should not be; that is at the discretion of our elected civilian leaders. In every case where our national security has been threatened, it has not been the protesters but the United States military that has poured out its blood in defiance of the enemies of freedom. This nation of ours is the child and steward of our constitutional liberties.

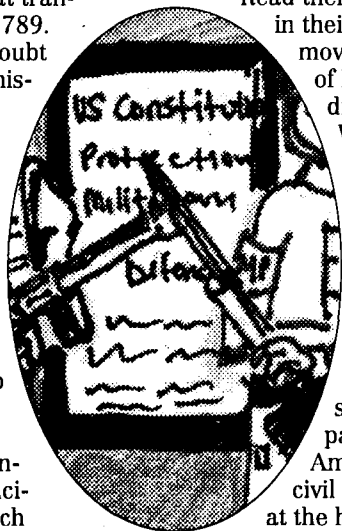
Do not be so naive as to consider that our enemies would now, or ever, allow our freedoms to endure. Our military is the last line of defense, and the guarantor of our nation. God bless the United States of America.

Padraic McDermott

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Morrissey Manor

April 25, 2002



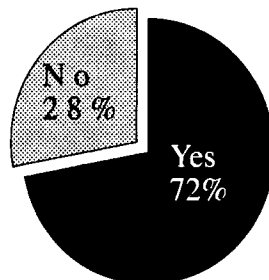
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"History is bunk."

Henry Ford
businessman

VIEWPOINT

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Bidding farewell to seniors

As inevitable as seasonal changes, classes of students march through educational institutions. With spring comes the departure of Notre Dame's class of 2002. This year's seniors will be known as the first terror-hardened graduates since Pearl Harbor and the last hard alcohol consumers on campus.

Today's seniors enter a much more unstable economy, more so this year than during the entire preceding decade.

They leave their Catholic Disneyland campus setting during a time of moral crisis in the Catholic Church. What lies ahead for them is not as bad as the 1970's raging Vietnam War nor as good as the booming 1990's economy. What lies ahead of them is what they make of it.

A wise father once told his son, "At the end of your life, it's not what you did in life that matters. It's how well you did it and who surrounded you."

The quote comes from a fictitious parent in a Disney movie, but it rings true as seniors prepare for the "real world." All of us cannot be president, discover the cure for cancer or make the largest financial contribution in the history of the University. Most of us never meet the president, can barely prepare tea and honey for an ill relative or miserably balance our checkbooks. Yet each of us



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makes an impact within our communities.

At the very least, Notre Dame students learn of community through the religious aspect of the University and the concentrated campus setting. If nothing else, osmosis develops an appreciation of the Catholic Church. How many times have students wondered why parish services could not be as personally rewarding as those on campus?

Catholics are saddened about the current crisis in the American Church community, but we should also be relieved that through an open dialogue it is being corrected. It can be a catalyst for change within the Church in less open countries throughout the world. It may also finally bring the debate regarding married and women priests to the forefront of the mind of the cardinal who will succeed Pope John Paul II.

A truly pure community is not one based on the Nazi pure-blood theory. Rather, a true community is one of inclusion. To achieve community everyone must embrace acceptance and reject exclusion. While an overwhelming majority of Notre Dame students as well as faculty are Catholic, the University has experienced its best moments when acceptance and understanding were the basis for its actions. It is a tragic commentary on the University's history that it took until this year to hire its first African-American head coach.

As a nation we are at our best when we embrace and understand others rather than selectively discriminate. Political campaigns tend to accent the nasty negatives in hopes of persuading voters to reject an opponent.

As individuals, we are most civilized when we are not hypocritical but tolerant. Those who say they are right and will not compromise have a false sense of community, one of selectivity and limitations. Those who think their god is the only god are examples of why Northern Ireland or Israel are such killing fields.

House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, recently told a gathering of evangelical Christians in Pearland, Texas, that two of his state's major universities no longer provide a "Godly education." He said, "Don't send your kids to Baylor. And don't send your kids to [Texas] A&M."

The problem, according to reports on the Internet, is that DeLay was expelled from Baylor. He was reportedly known as "Hot Tub Tom" for his frequent trips across the border to Mexico during his stay at Baylor. Maybe he thought that Baylor should have dealt with him sooner.

The keys to a successful life include the advice from the Disney father to surround yourself with good people and do well whatever interests you. It sometimes calls for bold action to create an atmosphere of community. The Pope apologizing to Muslims for past ills of the Church is probably the single most important act of community outreach in our time.

Successful persons are the ones who teach and encourage little leaguers rather

than pressure them to win. Successful persons are like my fellow Notre Dame classmate, not the one who contributed the largest single financial contribution to the University but the one who has no real job except playing the ponies. He and his heart of gold support disadvantaged, uneducated and poor neighbors in his modest midwestern town. Every month, another family or drifter spends time eating the equivalent of a feast and feels the warmth and love of my unselfish classmate.

The Class of 2002 will disperse throughout our nation and the world.

Many will become financially wealthy. Many will work in positions that they love. Most will not achieve fame outside their local communities, but that is a universe in itself where the smallest of gestures can be the most effective.

But if the Class of 2002 can collectively sift through divisive issues with a live-and-let-live attitude, they will be the greatest class to ever graduate.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Coverage of "Galileo" was simplistic

I was very frustrated by both the review of the spring Film, Television and Theater (FTT) mainstage, "The Life of Galileo," as well as the accompanying editorial charging departmental shows with blandness and a "general lack of proper theatrical focus."

I personally believe that all the conceptual choices came together in a subtle but centrally cohesive way to stimulate our understanding of the beautifully complex and multi-layered text, though I don't have the space to explain why here. But while I don't propose a wholesale rejection of the criticism — whether or not the choices ultimately worked is a subjective judgment — critics have a responsibility to provide intelligent and, wherever possible, objective reports about what their experiences were like so that readers can make a well-founded choice about attendance. The articles were so fraught with over-simplification and self-contradiction that the campus community was done a great disservice in this respect.

The review, for example, discussed "alienation effect," a central element of the show's aesthetic, as though it was a negative thing. Alienation effect does not merely use "overly philosophic or exaggeratedly straightforward lines and stage settings that [don't] appeal aesthetically," associating it only with a didacticism that is by implication unappealing to the average Notre Dame audience member. Actually, alienation has more to do with a way of seeing, with an ability to be self-aware of one's responses to what one witnesses onstage. The techniques used to accomplish this can be highly varied and, believe it or not, very aesthetically stimulating. Its intended use in a show

should thus not be used to frighten people away who perhaps aren't familiar with the term, as it appears to have been used (perhaps unintentionally) in the review.

In addition, the author appears to fundamentally misunderstand what it means to stage a text. He writes, "It is irrelevant if FTT agrees with the portrayal of Virginia [in the script] as weak, or not." Actually, as a theater artist, that is precisely the decision one must make. The text does not dictate its meaning clearly in black and white — it must be interpreted.

But the most frustrating element was the author's self-contradiction. While early in the article he claims that "the show is intelligently put together" and that "aesthetically, the show is a knockout," he goes on to claim that "the production has a number of dubious choices," with central elements that are "pointless," that the show is pulled "down into a bit of an incoherency," and ultimately that "while Brecht wanted his audiences to leave thinking, the audience of this production will leave wondering what the hell FTT was thinking." I can only wonder how the author hoped his readership could reconcile these polar statements.

The review and the editorial call for a more intelligent conceptualization of FTT mainstages. Perhaps that is a fair statement to make — but what is certain is that the campus community is in need of more intelligent criticism on behalf of The Observer.

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Inconsistencies in Pax Christi proposal

I would like to point out a couple of the inconsistencies in Pax Christi's ideas about the ROTC programs. These inconsistencies are generally focused on their idea that all ROTC students should be required to take a class on just war theory. Now, I think that if we are to force these cadets and midshipmen to take these classes, we should take a closer look at the motives behind this wish.

The class would supposedly educate them for tough moral decisions that they will have to make upon entering their careers in the services. The question I pose is this: Why would the University not require morality classes for every student at Notre Dame? Each and every student will be going out into the world and will be forced to make hard moral decisions at some point. While we, as students, are required to take two theology classes, these classes do not necessarily have to address morality or even Christianity. (Try taking Chinese Ways of Thought.) Why not make it mandatory for every student to attend Mass? Why not make every student memorize the Catechism?

The truth is that, as students, we are given the choice to learn about morality in the method that we feel best approaches our needs. A student that is an atheist can attend this school, meet every requirement, and leave with a high moral code without ever attending a single mass or writing a paper about the Catholic Church. Forcing the ROTC students to take classes on just war theory is a ridiculous proposal. Having the class available to the students is appropriate. Offering retreats for the ROTC students during which they can discuss issues of morality in the armed forces is appropriate. Having open forums where the ROTC students can go and discuss with professors and other students their concerns for the future is appropriate. All this has been done. However, forcing them to take a class on just war theory because they apparently can not possibly come to any kind of moral code without the help of the infallible Catholic Church makes as much sense as taking attendance at church.

To burst Pax Christi's bubble of ignorance, not every student at Notre Dame is a Catholic, nor should every student be. The ROTC students have every asset they need in order to learn more about just war theory and what kind of morality is expected of a Catholic during war should they wish to do so. In this, University President Father Edward Malloy has not failed them at all.

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Freshmen Shantha Ready and Tom "Doogie" Sutton rehearse for "Slop Culture," one of the four one-act plays being performed tonight as part of the "Freshmen Four."

The 4 freshman of the theatre

By C. SPENCER BEGGS
Scene Editor

Some remember their first time on stage as being paralyzed in a spotlight while playing a tree in a third-grade production of "The Wizard of Oz." Some never made it to the auditions.

Tonight, a group of students will get to put whatever theatre experiences they've had behind them and take the stage at Notre Dame for the first time.

"The Freshmen Four" or "The Frosh 4," consists of four short one-act plays where all the acting, directing and technical work is done by freshmen. Sophomores Justin Williams, Meg Ryan and Cheryl Turski serve as producers and resource persons for the show. Williams and Ryan each directed a play in the show last year and Turski starred in another.

"It was one of the best experiences of my freshman year and we felt if we didn't put it up nobody would," Turski said.

Though some members of the production have had previous theatre experience, the production is a unique opportunity for first-year students who are curious about campus theatre or were unsuccessful in getting a part in other campus productions to take a little bit of the campus spotlight in a learning and supportive environment.

"I tried out for these plays because I hadn't done theatre in months and it felt really strange," freshman Shantha Ready said.

This year's plays are all comedies. "Slop Culture," which is directed by freshman Steve Hoeplinger, is a humorous commen-

tary on the shared experience of the children of the '90s: hours upon hours of bad television. "Naomi in the Living Room," a comedy by Christopher Durang, is directed by Hallie Taylor. The show is a manic evening in the life of Naomi, an insane woman whose son, John, and his new fiancée have come to visit.

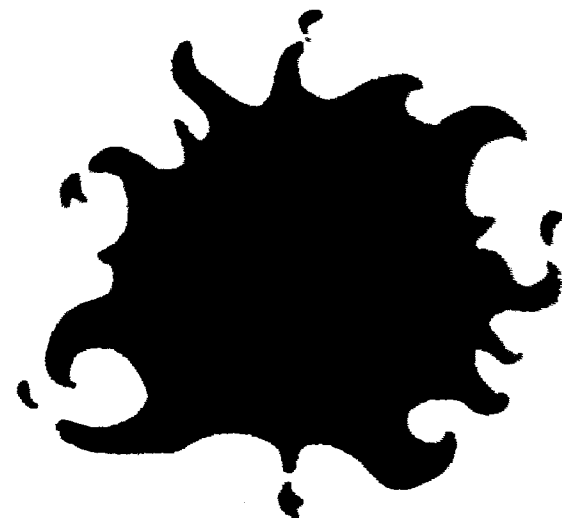
"Date with a Stranger," directed by Paul Sifuentes, is a candid peek into a date where a man and woman attempt to get to know each other through sexual innuendo and back-and-forth statements, counter-statements and retractions. "Time Flies," directed by Molly Topper, is the life of two mayflies that live for only 14 hours.

For the most part, the rehearsal process for the shows is laid back. The casts get very close because it is a learning experience for all of them. Hoeplinger thinks the rehearsal process has allowed him to apply and understand many of the techniques he learned in his "Acting: Process" class this semester, but he credits his cast with making the process a positive experience.

"It's been really easy because I tell my actors to do something and they usually do something better than I asked ... it's been a blast, and it's what I look forward to every night," Hoeplinger said.

"The Freshmen Plays" will be performed tonight in the Hesburgh Library auditorium at 7:30 p.m. General admission is \$3. Tickets will be available only at the door.

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After a 42-year haul, the longest-running musical on Broadway, "The Fantasticks," recently closed its doors on Jan. 13. However, the famous love story that has become so memorable in American society lives on. This weekend on campus, The Farley Hall Players will perform their own version of "The Fantasticks."

The musical itself is relatively simple and small. This is not "Les Miserables" with swarming crowds and intricate subplots. "The Fantasticks" is a clever and charming story filled with love, deception and eventually, renewal. In the words of Lizzie Bracken, the show's director, the production "is a great size musical for Farley Hall Players and is told in a simply beautiful way. The characters are interesting and provide a great opportunity for the actors."

The set is very plain, consisting of two chairs, an imaginary wall, a curtain backdrop that changes throughout the performance and a few props. This humble setting works well with the basic storyline and cast of eight characters. "There aren't many boundaries so every person involved in the production can be as creative as they want," Bracken said.

The musical starts off with an overture presented by the pianist, Lauren Prieto. Throughout the show, Prieto skillfully plays each melody. Her timing and rhythm keep the show going at a constant rate.

The short intro segues into "Try to Remember," perhaps the



Chris Scott as Bellomy talks to his daughter Luisa, played by D. next door, whose father is in cahoots with Bellomy to set the tw

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Expectations raised high one more time

It's spring and the usual signs that spring is here have hit campus — Pig Tostal, frisbee on the quad, snow and the Blue-Gold game.

This year, like every year, expectations are high as spring practice ends and fans look ahead to the fall. They're thinking that maybe, just maybe, this will be the year the Irish come home with a national championship.

Fans, coaches and players this year sound a lot like the they did last year.

Bob Davie had high expectations of his team last year.

"Things look pretty good and I think we have a good chance to be successful," he said at the start of spring.

He wanted to take his program to the next level.

Wide receiver David Givens also had high expectations last year.

"I think it's possible that we could win a national championship this coming year," he said. "... It's an attainable goal."

Unfortunately for last year's Irish, those expectations fell a

little flat. So it's something of a surprise that the fans are back on the bandwagon this year, talking about how many games the Irish will win and mulling over opinions about the new Irish head coach. Despite the 5-6 record last season, that little black rain cloud that followed the football team last year seems to be disappearing.

"There has been this cloud, I think I labeled it the Eeyore cloud, there is this sense that something is wrong, that something is not right, that we lost something," said Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham as his team began practice this year. "... That's the first thing we've got to create is a positive feel, a positive nature about this program."

That seems to have happened, at least for the fans. And they have a lot to expect this year.

There are expectations of the new head coach who is so different than head coach Bob Davie, the silent coach who is going to return Notre Dame to national prominence.

There are expectations about the new West Coast-style offense that promises to be more explosive and more exciting than the usual play up the middle. Expectations that have kept fans on the edge of their seat waiting to see who will line up behind center come fall.

There are expectations that Notre Dame will stun the nation in the Kickoff Classic on

Aug. 31 and that maybe, just maybe, the Hail Mary pass will really work this year.

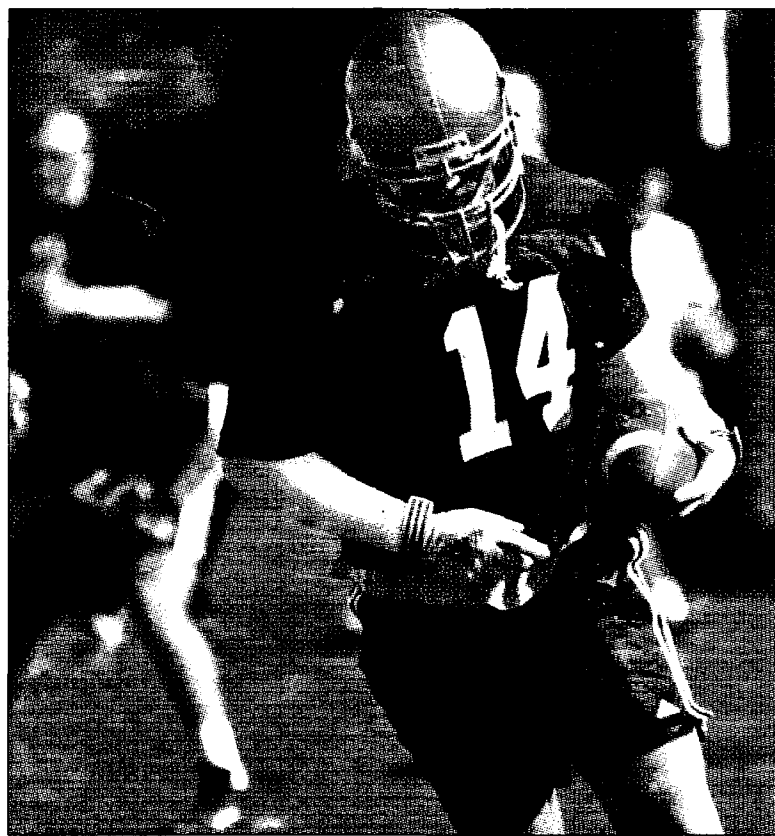
The coaches have high expectations as well. Willingham will accept nothing less than the pursuit of perfection. Wide receivers coach Trent Miles expects his players, who are adjusting to a totally new offensive scheme, to give up the excuse that they're learning and be successful today.

"I personally expect us to be good now," he said. "... I don't expect them to settle for [a bad practice], to just put it off as if 'I'm only learning.' That's bullcrap. Let's go out there and expect to be good right now."

So that's where things stand. Coaches, fans, players expect to go out there and be good right now. Saturday they'll see how realistic those expectations are.

As the Irish take the field on Saturday in front of somewhere around 20,000 fans, avid Irish watchers from all over the country will get their first taste of 2002 Irish football. They expect to see a preview of next season, from offensive plays to defensive schemes and special teams line-ups.

They expect to be able to spend the next four months talking about what the Blue-Gold game says about the fall season. Maybe if Carlyle Holiday or Matt LoVecchio takes more snaps, they can talk about who they expect to



RICO CASARES/The Observer

Rising senior tight end Gary Godsey pulls down a pass during spring practice. Having played quarterback, Godsey knows what it's like to take the field with high expectations.

be the quarterback. Maybe they can talk about who they expect to be the go-to receiver for those third-and-15 plays.

But there's something we all must keep in mind.

Our expectations may not be met. The 2002 season could end and they could be unfilled or they could be exceeded. Expectations are high. Now

it's just a matter of time to see if those expectations are placed on a team that can meet them.

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Quarterbacks

Which player will be taking the snap come fall is still up in the air. Carlyle Holiday was Notre Dame's man last year after sophomore Matt LoVecchio (bottom right) struggled in the first two games of last season, but LoVecchio started seven games as a freshman, including the 2001 Fiesta Bowl. Holiday worked well in a duck-and-run offense but it is still unclear how his passing game will develop. LoVecchio has had more experience with the pass and it is quite possible that he will line up behind center in the fall. Third-stringer Jared Clark pulled himself out of the running last week and moved to tight end.

Running backs

With the graduation of running backs Tony Fisher and Terrance Howard, the main running backs responsibility will probably fall on rising senior Julius Jones (top left). Fifth-year senior full-back Tom Lopienski should see some more carries, although the new offensive style will make less use of the run. Rising sophomore Ryan Grant (bottom left) and fifth-year senior Mike McNair may also make solid contributions to the Irish run game.

Offensive line

The Irish offensive line is probably the most experienced part of the team. Despite the graduation of Kurt Vollers, the Irish return five linemen with loads of experience — Jordan Black, Jeff Faine, Sean Milligan, Sean Mahan and Brennan Curtin. The line has two years of experience and looked as if it was really beginning to gel at the end of last season. Black, Milligan and Mahan bounced between positions but seem to have settled into place in spring practice. Rising sophomore Mark LeVoi could step in if one of those five gets injured.

Wide receivers

With the new West Coast-style offense, the wide receivers should receive some new national attention. After graduating David Givens and Javin Hunter, the wide receiver position wide open. Arnaz Battle, who did nothing extraordinary in his first year as a flanker, has spent most of spring practice on the sidelines nursing an injury. Rising

junior Omar Jenkins leads the returning receivers in receptions with seven. Ronnie Rodamer (top right), Lorenzo Crawford and rising sophomore Carlos Campbell have one each.

Defensive line

The loss of Tony Weaver and Grant Irons will be a blow to the Irish defensive line. Returning starters fifth-year senior Ryan Roberts and rising seniors Darrell Campbell and Cedric Hilliard will have to lead the defensive line, which suffers from a lack of depth. Rising junior Kyle Budinseck will probably step in place as starters.

Linebackers

With the exit of Rocky Boiman and Tyreo Harrison, Courtney Watson is the lone returning starter. The linebackers will have some adjusting to do, but the Irish have the numbers to fill the holes. Fifth-year senior Carlos Pierre-Antoine, rising junior Mike Goulsby and rising sophomores Corey Mays and Brandon Hoyte may be able to crack the starting line-up.

Secondary

The secondary is Notre Dame's strongest unit. With only Ron Israel graduating, the Irish have plenty of depth. Fifth-year seniors Donald Dykes and Shane Walton, rising seniors Glenn Earl, Jerome Sapp and Jason Beckstrom, rising juniors Vontez Duff, Abram Elam and Preston Jackson and rising sophomore Dwight Ellick can all make solid contributions. The leading safeties, who provide a combination of talent and experience, should begin to emerge on Saturday.

Special teams

Nicholas Setta will return for the Irish after being the leading scorer on more than one occasion last season, but will have to find a new holder with the graduation of Adam Tibble. Setta will be joined by classmate Joey Hidbold, who was the Irish punter last season. Who will return kickoffs and punts remains questionable but Jones and Vontez Duff, along with Walton and speedy wide receiver Matt Shelton, have seen action in practice.



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Willingham established his reputation because he relentlessly pushed a rich Irish football program back

Willingham's Coaching Career

1977 After graduating from Michigan State in 1977, Willingham stayed as a graduate assistant under Darryl Rogers.

1978 Willingham goes to Central Michigan to coach the secondary.

1980 Willingham returns to Michigan State as the defensive secondary and special teams coach under Muddy Waters.

1983 Willingham moves to North Carolina State as the secondary and special teams coach under Tom Reed.

1986 Willingham switches to the other side of the ball and joins the Rice staff as the receivers coach and special teams coach.

1989 Willingham joins Dennis Green at Stanford as the running backs coach.

1992 Willingham travels to the Minnesota Vikings with Green.

1994 Willingham replaces legendary coach Bill Walsh as Stanford head coach on Nov. 28.

2002 Willingham is hired by Notre Dame on New Year's Day and becomes the school's first black coach in any sport.

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A few days after Notre Dame hired Kevin White, the new athletic director received a lunch invitation from Donald Keough, former chairman of the Notre Dame Board of Trustees. During that first meeting with one of the most powerful men at Notre Dame, Keough told White something he would never forget.

"Here's what you have to do to be successful," White remembered Keough saying. "Whatever you do, you've got to learn to be able to hear the music."

White learned how to listen to Notre Dame's complex symphony of history, tradition and lore that echoed from the racks of candles at the Grotto to the locker rooms inside Notre Dame Stadium. High academic standards didn't stop Notre Dame from winning national titles in the past, and White saw no reason why they should in the present. Athletic expectations weren't lowered in the past, and White didn't drop the standards when he took over.

When you're at Notre Dame, you act a certain way, and with the way White conducted his orchestra, he made sure everyone understood that very clearly. If one instrument was off, White didn't hesitate to replace it.

That's why, less than 12 hours after the 2001 season ended, White fired former head coach Bob Davie and went looking for someone who could live up to Notre Dame's expectations. Someone who could restore credibility and respectability to a program accustomed to national championships, not sub-.500 seasons.

White wanted someone who could hear the music.

So he called Tyrone Willingham.

Crossing paths

Willingham and White first crossed paths at Central Michigan University in 1978. At the time, White coached the school's track and field team while Willingham, in his first college coaching job, worked with the Chippewas' secondary.

White saw how Willingham, even as a young football coach, demanded perfection from his players. He established a reputation as a coach who refused to tolerate laziness and held high expectations for everyone around him.

"I don't think anybody dared not to live up to his expectations," said Muddy Waters, who hired Willingham as secondary coach at Michigan State in 1980. "I think they respected him so much they wanted to do the best they could for him."

The two parted ways when Willingham left Central Michigan after two years for Michigan State. While White gained a reputation as one of the best athletic directors in the nation, Willingham emerged as one of the best young coaches in the nation because he demanded so much out of himself and his players.

"Nothing is acceptable outside of the pursuit of perfection," Willingham said. "Very few will be perfect, matter of fact, there is no player, no person, that I've been around that will be perfect. I know in most cases, I will probably fall short, but that doesn't diminish my desire, my enthusiasm to reach that goal."

The pair reunited in 1996 when both worked for rival Pac-10 schools. By the time the White joined Arizona State as athletic director, Willingham had a year of head coaching experience at Stanford, where several of White's former track athletes at Central Michigan worked as coaches on Willingham's staff.

"There were always these tentacles between Ty and myself," White said.

White's respect for Willingham was plainly obvious and he admired the way the football coach ran his program. And when White left Arizona State for Notre Dame, Stanford Athletic Director Ted

Leland made a light-hearted comment.

"I know you've got great respect for Ty, and at some point, you're going to try to hire Ty," Leland told White.

Little did he know how right he was.

Different frequencies

White had a short list of candidates he wanted to contact about the possibility of replacing Davie and Willingham was at the top. After announcing Davie's firing, White picked up the phone, dialed Leland's number, and asked for permission to interview Willingham. The next day, White made contact with the Stanford head coach.

"He was the guy that I felt I knew the best in terms of personal ego and reputation," White said. "I guess Ty's been on my list for a long time. I've always respected and admired and thought seriously about him. ... I've already come out of the closet. If I was at Arizona State, I would have tried to recruit him. If I was at Michigan, I would have tried to recruit him."

But something happened during the interview. The two just didn't connect.

White wanted someone who had a tremendous passion for Notre Dame, and he wasn't getting that from Willingham. White also said several people close to Willingham told him the Stanford coach was considering making a move to the NFL in the near future.

"It wasn't as gushing as I hoped it would be," White admitted.

But Willingham isn't a gusher. He fiercely guards his personal emotions. Every word that comes out of his mouth is carefully chosen. And when football is the subject, Willingham is deadly serious.

"He can loosen up now, it just depends on the situation and who he is around, but he loosens up pretty good," said Charlie Baggett, Willingham's college roommate. "But it does take a lot, and he doesn't come out of that very often."

Willingham shouted on one frequency how badly he wanted the job, but White heard only whispers on another frequency.

The two parted ways, and Willingham stayed at Stanford while White continued his search. A week later, Notre Dame hired George O'Leary, who didn't have a problem gushing to White about his love for Notre Dame, and the Stanford coach was all but forgotten.

Willingham didn't dwell on the missed opportunity. In three weeks, Stanford would play in the Seattle Bowl. So, just like he'd done his entire life, he focused on the task at hand and didn't think about anything else. Notre Dame had passed him by.

"I think there's a work ethic instilled in him from the time he was very young that when there's a job to do, you make sure the job gets done," said Indianapolis Colts head coach Tony Dungy, who worked with Willingham in Minnesota. "And that becomes the most important thing at that time."

Segregation

Lionel Tyrone Willingham grew up as one of four siblings in segregated Jacksonville, N.C., the son of a landlord who built his own rental houses and a schoolteacher who served as the first black woman on the local Board of Education. From them, Willingham discovered the value of hard work and opportunity.

"I wish everyone in the world could have had my parents," Willingham said. "They've been as good a role model and as good a coach in terms of the fundamentals they established within me."

Jacksonville wasn't exactly a hotbed of civil rights conflict during Willingham's youth, but he and his family could easily see the effect of segregation. Black families could only live in a designated area of the city and all black students in the county had to attend one school.

"We seldom thought of the racial problems when we were growing up," said Willingham's brother, Jerome. "It's a racial problem when you have to go to a

set school, but as a little kid the only thing you knew was that's where your friends were."

Willingham loved playing baseball and basketball with neighborhood children. But football was his favorite sport. While most of his friends played in the street or at the recreation center, Willingham would lie on his back in the front lawn throwing a football in the air, itching for his chance.

Jacksonville integrated when Willingham was 12. And as one of a handful of blacks in former white-only schools, Willingham quickly realized the only way he'd be able to take advantage of the few opportunities that came his way would be through hard work.

"It was two societies,"

Jerome Willingham

said. "As long as we were in our neighborhood, it was wonderful."

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high school, and he

only got into the game

because the starter was

injured. But unlike several

of his black teammates who

couldn't handle the lack of playing

time, Willingham never stopped practicing.

"Some players reacted by quitting,"

Jerome Willingham said. "He didn't. It

didn't seem to bother him. I never saw any

anger or frustration."

After working so hard to earn a spot on

the team, Willingham didn't want his foot-

ball career to end in Jacksonville. He sent

letters to more than 100 Division I colleges

asking for a chance to walk onto the foot-

ball team. Only two responded — Michigan

State and Toledo. Willingham chose Big

Ten powerhouse Michigan State, and

vowed to his parents he would earn a

scholarship so that they wouldn't have to

pay for his college education.

It was in East Lansing, Mich., where

Willingham first learned to listen to the

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k to national prominence.

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It took the walk-on just one season to take good on his promise to his parents to earn a football scholarship.

And the two-sport standout also distinguished himself on the baseball team and earned a spot on the All-Big Ten team his senior year.

But football was his first love, and he wanted to be perfect at it.

Every Saturday, Willingham would rouse his teammates out of bed at 7 a.m. for early-morning workouts. They'd be shak-
g off hangovers while Willingham, who didn't drink, ran at the front of the pack.

Willingham never complained about the lack of playing time he got in college. At one point, he was sixth on the quarterback depth chart. But he impressed his teammates and his coaches with his hard work and his no-nonsense attitude.

"He would do anything to help us win," said Darryl Rogers, who coached Willingham during his final year of college and offered him a graduate assistant position with the Spartans. "The players respected him because he wasn't kidding and he wasn't jacking around. What he was saying was solid and sound."

Willingham's hard work paid off when Baggett got injured. Willingham drove his friend to the hospital and then promptly took his spot on the depth chart, starting the final six games of the season at quarterback. He lost the starting job next season, but his teammates had seen enough — they voted him the team's most inspirational player.

"I'm constantly in the pursuit of perfection, and I want to be the best I can be and want to be perfect today," Willingham said. "But I qualify that by saying I am impatiently patient about that code. The impatient part is that I want to have it yesterday. The patient portion of it is that if I don't get it yesterday, I want it tomorrow."

Earning respect

Tomorrow came quickly for a former college athlete who wanted to coach football. He served a one-year stint as a graduate assistant for the Spartans before going to Central Michigan. Willingham then moved from Michigan State to North Carolina State to Rice, where he also jumped into an internship program with the San Francisco 49ers designed to help minority coaches move into the NFL.

There, Willingham got to know Dennis Green.

The two had coached on opposite teams and had been mutual acquaintances for several years. But Green, who worked with the 49ers, needed a racquetball partner in the morning. Since Willingham didn't mind waking up early, he agreed to play. The

two clicked immediately.

"We had that opportunity to get a feel for each other and to get a feel for what he thought on certain issues and what I thought on certain issues," Willingham said. "We had very similar minds."

A few years later, when Green was looking to fill a position on his staff at Stanford, he hired Willingham as the running backs coach. And when Green left for the Minnesota Vikings in 1992, Willingham followed him.

"I think there are a lot of people Coach Green could have picked," Willingham said. "I feel very fortunate that he picked me."

Those who have worked with both Green and Willingham saw similarities in coaching styles when Willingham left Minnesota for his first head coaching position at Stanford in 1995. Willingham opted to teach and instruct rather than scream and yell.

"He grew up under the Denny Green system and he's very similar to Denny in the way he approaches the program, his system, his philosophy and his values," said Irish secondary coach Trent Walters, who worked with Green and Willingham in Minnesota.

In practices, when a player makes a mistake, Willingham will raise his voice only once — only because it's necessary to get the player's attention. He motions for the player to come next to him and in low, controlled tones, calmly explains the mistake. He trades flashes of greatness for consistency and treats All-Americans the same as walk-ons.

Willingham wants to create a well-rounded person, not just a football machine. He evaluates success based on the physical, mental and spiritual development of his players. The poster boy for micro-managers, Willingham instructs his players on everything from how to read a blitz to how to hold a fork at the dinner table.

The result is lasting admiration for the head coach.

"I think he demands a whole lot, but everything he demands, he can do," said former Stanford receiver Troy Walters, now with the Indianapolis Colts. "He's a guy you want to go to war with. He's been in the same situations, he's had to overcome a lot of things, and he's had to work hard in life. You believe what he says and that he can do stuff because he's coming from the same situation."

"Just because he's not vocal with screaming and yelling doesn't mean he's not intense," Notre Dame receivers coach Trent Miles said. "He knows exactly what he wants, and he doesn't have to scream and yell to get it out of people all the time."

With respect came success. Willingham led the Cardinals to a 44-36-1 record over six years, a Rose Bowl berth and a top 10 BCS finish. He was selected Pac-10 Coach of the Year twice. Coaches longed to work on the same staff with the man who had a reputation for getting involved in every facet of the team without stepping on assistant coaches' toes.

But Willingham will have none of the praise.

"I don't see myself as being any different from anybody else," he said. "In the greater scheme of things, I'm just another man."

The second meeting

White didn't agree. It had been nearly three weeks since O'Leary resigned and White was reluctant to select another coach until Stanford's season was over. He wanted to talk to Willingham again.

Willingham certainly didn't expect another call from White. He remembered looking at the television on the morning of Dec. 14, the day headlines screamed across ESPN that O'Leary had been forced to resign as head coach of the Irish. But Willingham wasn't planning on fielding another call from Notre Dame.

"I didn't expect to hear from them again," Willingham said. "There was nothing that would lead me to believe that."

Mere hours after Stanford lost to Georgia Tech in the Seattle Bowl, White was on the phone asking Leland for permission to talk to Willingham again. He talked to the coach the next day.

"Ty, would you have a sincere interest in this thing?" White asked.

"Kevin, you made a mistake," Willingham said. "You should have hired me. I'm the guy. I would love to be at Notre Dame."

It was as if someone cranked the volume knob to full blast.

"I was looking for a gusher," White said after Willingham finally gushed. He had the same passion for Notre Dame as the fiery O'Leary — he just showed it differently.

Over the next day or two, Willingham evaluated the possible scenarios. He talked with nearly every major person involved in his life. He talked about the increased pressure at Notre Dame with his brother. He talked about moving to Indiana with his wife. He talked about the thrill of a new challenge with Dungy. And he talked with Leland.

"He was sort of, to me, casual about his interest in the job," the Stanford athletic director said. "Until he took it."

Suddenly, the two-year-old joke between Leland and White didn't seem all that funny anymore — at least to Leland. White, on the other hand, was giddy. It took nearly a month, but he finally found the man who could hear the music.

Facing the music

Notre Dame welcomed the new Irish football coach just as quickly as he left Stanford. The mayor of South Bend presented him with a key to the city. Fans praised the hire. Players welcomed him with open arms.

"He's got his hands in everything," Notre Dame center Jeff Faine said. "Offensive line, running backs, defensive backs, you feel like he's coaching everybody. I love it."

"The way he came across and the things he said, it was so easy to talk to him," said Irish kicker Nicholas Setta. "There was no hesitation. You knew the guys were going to have great respect for him and you knew it was going to be a great thing."

After the pomp died down, Willingham looked at Notre Dame community starved for football glory in the eye and promised he would win.

Pressure didn't matter to Willingham. He saw a challenge. He took the job. He won't change. Instead, he believes things around him will.

"His whole thing is that he's got to win there because that's the best college job in the country," said Baggett, who has stayed in weekly contact with his former college roommate. "It's a big challenge for him, but he's fired up about it."

Willingham is nearly settled into his new life at Notre Dame. He still lives out of a hotel room, but he already has his prized stereo system set up in his office. Sometimes, during the day, sounds of the Notre Dame marching band faintly resonate from Willingham's office.

"Other days, I might listen to gospel, rhythm and blues. But today," the head coach said with a grin, "today is my fight song day."

Willingham has heard the music. He knows what is expected of him. He understands that nothing less than perfection is expected at Notre Dame.

And he loves it.

"That's the goal, to be perfect," he said. "That's the goal, that's the joy. The chase is better than the capture. That, to me, is a great way to live as a person and an athlete, to be perfect, to be the best I can be."

What people are saying about Ty Willingham



Kevin White
Notre Dame
athletic director

"I guess Ty's been on my list for a long time. I've always respected and thought seriously about him."

"Whatever his assignment was, he was going to make sure it got accomplished and nothing was going to stand in the way."



Tony Dungy
Indianapolis
Colts head
coach



Courtney
Watson Irish
linebacker

"Coach Willingham picks and chooses his words very carefully ... He's not a real big talker and that makes what he says taken more to heart."

"Number one, he is a professional. He treats everyone with a great deal of respect. He allows you to do your job."



Buzz Preston
running backs
coach



Ted Leland
Stanford
athletic
director

"I think his emphasis tends to be on day-to-day effort and not flashes of brilliance."

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Coaches bring experience,

Mattison finds stability after riding coaching roller coaster

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No roller coaster had more peaks and valleys than the one Greg Mattison rode in December.

First, Bob Davie's firing left Mattison unsure where he'd be coaching in 2002. Then George O'Leary was hired, who in turn re-hired Mattison.

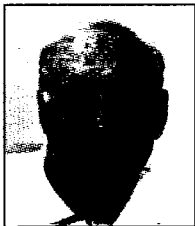
But just five days later Mattison was again thrown into limbo when O'Leary resigned.

Finally, about a month after Davie was fired, Tyrone Willingham offered Mattison a spot on his defensive staff — not as coordinator but as a defensive line coach.

"That's part of the profession," said Mattison, the lone assistant coach on Willingham's staff to be retained from Davie's staff. "You take what's given to you, you don't have a choice, you don't have to coach. When you decided to be a coach and coach at the big schools and the big arenas, things like that happen. It happens all the time."

Having a familiar face on the staff also made the transition remarkably easier for both the players and the new coaches.

During the winter months,



Greg Mattison
defensive line

Mattison helped the new staff become accustomed to Notre Dame. He provided a link for the recruiting efforts from Davie to Willingham. And the transition was easier for the players because Mattison knew their capabilities.

But more importantly, Mattison wanted to stay at Notre Dame so he could help coach the players he'd spent time recruiting.

"I've put a lot of time into these kids, and I've recruited a lot of them," he said. "I'm just thankful I get to work with a lot of them. You get real close to kids when you recruit them. You put a lot of work into them, you see them grow, and you want to be part of their successes."

While he doesn't want to compare working with Davie to his current job under Willingham, he said it has been easy to work with the new staff.

And without any specific coordinating responsibilities, Mattison can focus solely on coaching.

"Coordinating is something I've had the opportunity to do, and I like doing it, but I really like coaching," said Mattison, who served as defensive coordinator at Michigan in 1995-96 before coming to Notre Dame as defensive coordinator in 1997. "I really like spending all my time with the defensive line. That's what I was hired to do, and that's what I'll do."

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Walters finally finds himself at Notre Dame

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Life has a funny way of working out. That's something to which Notre Dame secondary coach Trent Walters can attest.

Nine years ago Walters worked under defensive coordinator Bob Davie at Texas A&M before Davie came to Notre Dame. When he arrived in South Bend, Davie wanted Walters to come with him and coach the secondary. And that left Walters in a tough position.

"I always wanted to coach here and one time I was at Texas A&M, Bob Davie [who had just started his first year as Notre Dame's defensive coordinator] was considering me for a position here and I thought about it, thought about it," Walters said. "My wife said, 'Why go to Notre Dame, why don't you just stay here at Texas A&M?' But just because it was Notre Dame I considered it."

Although Walters passed over Notre Dame in favor of Texas A&M, just weeks later he accepted a job with the Minnesota Vikings.

However, nine years later, he found Notre Dame calling again. When Walters heard former Stanford head coach Tyrone



Trent Walters
secondary

Willingham, who coached his son Trent, was on his way to Notre Dame and Minnesota head coach Dennis Green was about to be fired from the Vikings, it seemed like it was time to start looking toward South Bend one more time.

"Denny was in the process of leaving the Vikings and he said, 'Well this tenure is going to run off,'" Walters said. "He's the one who got to let me know ahead of time that he might be stepping down and that affected me to call Ty and start working on things. If you're going to be gone, then I'm going to be gone somewhere."

So Walters ended up at Notre Dame.

The Indiana graduate is back in the state, leaving in 1980 after coaching the Hoosier secondary for eight years. He began his coaching career with Indiana overseeing the freshmen and junior varsity team in 1968.

Now, 21 years after leaving Indiana, Walters knows that things have a funny way of working out. He's back in the state and, for the first time, at Notre Dame.

"You never know how things are going to work out," Walters said. "The Lord has a way of working things out and they'll fall into place."

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Denbrock makes the move to stay with quality coach

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It didn't take much coercion to get offensive line coach Mike Denbrock to leave his position at Stanford and follow head coach Tyrone Willingham to Notre Dame. Even though he had only coached with Willingham for that one year with the Cardinal, Denbrock already had reason enough to make the move to South Bend.

"The main [reason] is the type of person [Willingham] is, and the type of things he brings to the table as a head football coach," Denbrock said. "It's something that's hard to find out there. He's a guy that has the ability to focus a football program in the direction that it needs to go. He's just a quality individual — period. So, it made the decision easy when he asked me to come along."

While with the Irish, Denbrock will focus on working with the tackles and tight ends, while fellow offensive line coach John McDonnell will mostly work with centers and guards.

Even though teams in recent history at Notre Dame have had trouble putting together a dominant offensive line, Denbrock chooses not to dwell on that but to focus on the future and the resources at hand



Mike Denbrock
offensive line

now.

"I can't speak about anything that's happened in the past," he said. "I think we have some talented individuals up front that we're trying to mold into a unit that the University of Notre Dame is worthy of and can be proud of."

Denbrock comes from a very diverse coaching background that includes professional and collegiate coaching experience on both the offensive and defensive sides of the football.

Prior to his one-year term with Stanford, Denbrock coached a two-year stint with the Arena League Buffalo Destroyers, occupying the positions of assistant coach, defensive coordinator, offensive line and defensive line coach.

The bulk of Denbrock's experience comes from coaching at his alma mater, Grand Valley State, where he coached on the offensive side as coordinator, quarterbacks and wide receivers coach from 1992-95, but then switched to the other side of the ball from 1996-98 when he was defensive coordinator and linebackers coach.

It was at Grand Valley State that Denbrock got his first coaching experience as a graduate assistant in 1986-87.

Denbrock also coached two years apiece at Michigan State and Illinois State, working predominantly with the offense.

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McDonnell brings lifelong offensive line mentality to Irish

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He's done it nearly all his life. From his days as a tackle and four-year starter at small Carroll College in the late 1970s to his life now beneath the Golden Dome, first-year offensive line coach John McDonnell has always thought like an offensive lineman.

After all of these years, it's fair to say McDonnell has seen a lot and learned a good bit about how the position should be played.

"It's been too long ago as far as playing, but I think coaching — once you coach and play a specific position so long, you really start to think and see the things out there," McDonnell said. "That's what you try to relate to the players. You talk to one another and you understand one another, and you understand the situations out there."

With all of his experience, McDonnell hopes that some of his knowledge will rub off on those young players.

"You want to teach them what happens out there, so that when it comes to them on the football field, they won't get rattled, because they've seen it before and they've



John
McDonnell
offensive line

practiced it before, and they understand what's going to happen," he said.

McDonnell comes to Notre Dame after spending one year coaching under head coach Tyrone Willingham at Stanford.

"I feel very fortunate that Coach Willingham asked me to join him here," McDonnell said. "I think that this is an outstanding university, and I feel very honored to be coaching here and to be a part of what we're hoping to get."

Last season, the Cardinal ranked 23rd nationally in rushing, while averaging over 200 yards per game. With the Irish, McDonnell will concentrate on centers and guards while working with fellow first-year offensive line coach Mike Denbrock, who will handle tackles and tight ends.

McDonnell spent the majority of his career coaching at Washington State. From 1989-93, he served as the offensive line/tight ends coach and then from 1994-2000 he took over offensive coordinator duties in addition to coaching the offensive line.

McDonnell's experience also includes stints as offensive line coach at Weber State and alma mater Carroll College.

In addition, he served as head coach of Scobey High School in Montana for two years.

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class in quest for success

Preston pushes for victory on and off the field

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When talking about football, Notre Dame running backs and special teams coach Buzz Preston sounds a lot like head coach Tyrone Willingham.

Both expect the same things out of their players and have similar philosophies on football — they want their players to win in every

aspect of life. These similar beliefs may explain why Preston fits so well on Willingham's staff.

"I expect them to give their best every time and try to not only be good football players but good people," Preston said. "Hopefully, try to reach for everything they want, try to be everything they can in life."

What if his players do not give their best?

"That's not an option," Preston said. "I don't give up on kids. I don't ever think you should give up anyone unless they give up on themselves, that's the only way it's not going to happen. In coaching you're here to help young men grow in every phase of their life and that's what I feel very strongly about."

Preston started his coaching career at his alma mater, Hawaii, as a graduate assistant for three

years. He then headed to Southern Illinois in 1984 to become the wide receivers and defensive backs coach. From there, Preston went back to Hawaii as the special teams, wide receivers, defensive backs coach and strength and conditioning coordinator. During his time there, Preston helped lead the Rainbows to their first two bowl games in the history of the school's football program. He also was part of the 1992 Hawaii team that went 11-2.

After five seasons at Washington State and a year at UNLV, Preston was hired by Willingham in 1999 to be the running backs coach at Stanford. During his tenure there, Preston helped build a running game that led the PAC-10 in rushing for the first time in its history by notching 201 yards per game. In the first season after taking over, Stanford's running backs doubled their yardage from the year before.

During his years as a member of Willingham's staff, the two have developed a friendship that is strongly based on their beliefs about football and life.

"[My relationship with Tyrone Willingham] is one of a great deal of respect and admiration," Preston said. "He's a class act. He holds true to all the virtues that I feel that you have to have as a coach and what you want to do for young men and for the game. I consider him a friend and I've just been blessed to have the opportunity to part of his program."

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Buzz Preston
running backs

Miles focuses on coaching from the beginning

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

In 1986, Trent Miles played his last football game on a Thursday night. By Monday, the Indiana State graduate was coaching.

Miles, Notre Dame's newest wide receivers coach, had aspirations of playing in the NFL but wound up coaching instead of playing.

"I wanted to play pro football but that didn't work out and I realized my senior year that that wasn't going to work out," Miles said. "My last game was a Thursday night, an ESPN game and that Monday I became a coach."

Miles coached wide receivers with Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham last year at Stanford and followed him to Notre Dame this winter. Before that, he was at Green Bay as an offensive assistant, coaching wide receivers and doing quality control. But if you ask him now which he liked better, coaching in the pros or coaching college, his answer is pretty straight forward. "Coaching, just coaching," he said.

Miles, like most coaches, has

been all over the country coaching. He began at his alma mater Indiana State, moved to Fresno State, had an internship with the Seattle Seahawks and spent some time at the University of New Mexico and at the University of Oklahoma. He's coached on both sides of the ball, working with defensive backs and wide receivers and worked with a West Coast offense at Stanford and an option offense at Oklahoma. With that kind of experience, he's taken a little bit from each place he's been and come up with a coaching philosophy of his own.

"I've been able to pull a little bit of different philosophy from everybody," he said. "I was able to work with guys at different places, I felt like I made some good relationships."

And his coaching philosophy is as simple as what he likes to do.

"Win," he said.

Miles is a part of a transition for the Notre Dame offense, moving from an option-heavy game to a West Coast-style offense. But the Indiana native, who is finally back near his family, is ready for another coaching challenge.

"I always love a challenge," he said. "We're in this because of the challenges. If you didn't like challenges you wouldn't be coaching or playing."

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Trent Miles
wide receivers

Baer comes from Japan to Notre Dame

By JOE HETTLER
Assistant Sports Editor

Defensive coordinator Kent Baer did not begin his collegiate football coaching career in the United States, but overseas in Japan as the head coach of the Yokosuka Seahawks (United States Navy) team for four years.

Once he got back on to American soil, Baer coached linebackers at Utah State for 5 years, before being their defensive coordinator for three more years.

After eight more years at defensive coordinator for the University of California and Arizona State, Tyrone



Kent Baer
defensive
coordinator

Willingham hired Baer as the defensive coordinator of Stanford in 1995. Last year at Stanford, Baer's defense gave up only 109.6 yards on the ground, which was good enough to lead the PAC-10 conference for only the second time in school history. Surprisingly, from the staff Willingham assembled in 1995, only Baer remains with the coach at Notre Dame.

"I've been with [Willingham] longer than anybody now," Baer said. "I'm the only coach left on the staff when we came in, when we first went to Stanford, so we've been through a lot together. He's such a tremendous person, first of all. Not only is he a good person, a great family man, but he's a tremendous football coach."

Throughout his years of coaching, Baer has made some lasting memories, but one particular memory sticks

out in his mind most vividly.

"The [1999] Rose Bowl comes to mind right now," Baer said. "What a tremendous opportunity. I think that's number one, playing in the Rose Bowl, having the kind of year we had, representing the PAC-10 and being the PAC-10 champion was just a special time in my life and coaching career."

On the field, Baer wants his teams to be aggressive and shut down the opponents running game. However, Baer also pushes his players to become better people off the field as well.

"Hopefully [his players] walk away saying 'I learned something not only about football, but how to handle situations and about life,'" Baer said.

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Simmons and wife are a perfect match

By JOE HETTLER
Assistant Sports Editor

Linebackers coach Bob Simmons has been through more than most in his profession.

Four years ago he needed a kidney transplant. His wife happened to be a perfect match, and she donated a kidney to her husband.

"It was very much an unselfish act on her part," Simmons said. "It was just the true meaning of marriage



Bob Simmons
linebackers

is all about ... The joke is that she's always with me and that I married the right women."

While his role at Notre Dame is slightly different from his role with his old team, Bob Simmons don't mind.

The head coach at Oklahoma State for six seasons, Simmons took a year off in 2001 before being hired by Tyrone Willingham to be the linebacker's coach for Notre Dame this season.

Simmons compiled a 30-38 record at Oklahoma State and led the Cowboys to an Alamo Bowl appearance in 1997, while also collecting Big 12 conference Coach of the Year honors that season. Previously, Simmons had worked as outside linebackers and defensive line coach

at West Virginia and Colorado. At Colorado, Simmons helped lead the Buffaloes to a bowl game in all seven years he was there.

Simmons left Oklahoma State to become a volunteer consultant for the Big 12 conference.

Simmons has known Willingham for many years since his days at Oklahoma State.

"[At Oklahoma State], we developed, what I think is a real good relationship with him and he wife over the year," he said. "I've always had a lot of respect for Coach Willingham. He's always been a dynamic person with a great intensity for what he wanted to do."

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Diedrick returns from Canada to family

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

If Bill Diedrick didn't have a family, chances are pretty good he'd still be in Canada.

The current Notre Dame offensive coordinator spent two years in the Canadian Football League as offensive coordinator for the Edmonton Eskimos. Life was good for Diedrick, who coached in a league that featured high-octane offenses.

"As an offensive coach, it was a lot fun," he said. "I don't think I'd like to be a defensive coach."



Bill Diedrick
offensive
coordinator

The only problem was that Diedrick's family still lived in the United States. And after Diedrick's middle son, Justin, won a high school state championship, Diedrick realized he missed watching his sons play football.

So he took some time off coaching football to be with his family. But just one year later, he landed a job at Washington and in 1998 accepted the role of offensive coordinator at Stanford under Tyrone Willingham.

"He's the reason I wanted to go to Stanford and the reason I followed him to Notre Dame," Diedrick said. "I think when you look at how he's not only a wonderful, outstanding person he is exactly who he is."

Diedrick utilizes an offensive system that emphasizes balance between the run and the pass, a philosophy that evolved from his coaching days in the CFL. In Canada, teams could pass at will. But teams were

separated by their ability to run the football. And when Diedrick went to Washington, he added a running game to his wide open, West-Coast style of offense.

Now an established offensive coordinator, Diedrick doesn't feel the pressure he once felt early in his career to keep moving from position to position. Notre Dame is his reward for coaching for 30 years.

"When you're young, you feel like you need to move to keep moving ahead," he said. "As long as you can keep moving ahead and each opportunity is a higher level, you get forced to that. Once you get to this level and have an opportunity to stay at some place, that's really the goal of a coach. The last four years have been wonderful and I'm looking forward to a wonderful career here."

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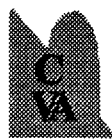
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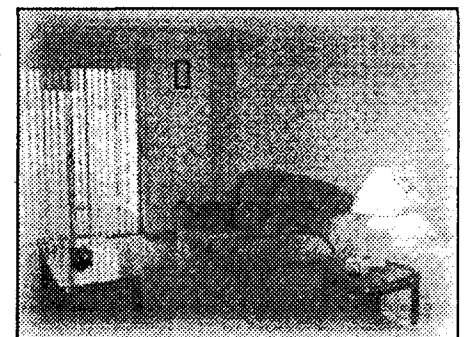
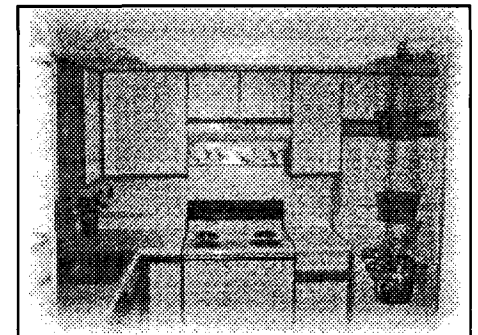
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The Fantasticks

most well-known song from the musical. With deep and powerful vocals, The Narrator (played by Zack Linnert) establishes one of the central themes of the play — to remember the good times, even through times of sorrow or depression. He sings, "Try to remember when life was so tender/ That no one wept except the willow."

Next, the Narrator presents the primary characters. Luisa, played by Devon Candura, is a beautiful, young, self-absorbed and self-proclaimed "princess." She desperately wants to try new things and discover the outside world. Matt, played by Matthew Curtin, is a little more experienced through age and education, and believes he knows everything there is to know. Ironically, the two hopeless romantics live right next door to one another.

Yet, their love does not come easy. The lovers' fathers have constructed a wall between the two properties and have organized a fake feud between the families. Comically shadowing Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," the lovers secretly meet against the phony wishes of their fathers and talk about their grand future.

"The Fantasticks"



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Director: Lizzie Bracken

Stage Manager: Becky Ford

Starring: Mary Beth Asmussen, Devon Candura, Matthew Curtin, Tommy Curtin, Zack Linnert, Molly McShane, Lauren Prieto, Meg Ryan and Christopher Scott

inside, the two proud fathers meet to discuss the futures of their children. They agree that their phony plan has worked thus far, but Matt must rescue Luisa so he appears worthy of her hand. Hucklebee tells Bellomy that he has propositioned a villain to appraise their situation and to abduct the innocent Luisa.

El Gallo, also played by Zack Linnert, is a greedy and sneaky character whose world revolves around money and deceit. He bargains with the two fathers on what type of "rape" Luisa should receive in the dark number "Depends On What You Pay." In 1960, when the play was originally performed,

there was much controversy over the subject matter and language in the song. Even in 2002, a viewer's initial reaction may be one of surprise or shock, but the carefree and confident performance of the song reassures the audience.

At this time, El Gallo introduces his partners in crime. Molly McShane plays the perpetrating poet, Henry, and Mary Beth Asmussen plays the incognito Indian sidekick, Mortimer. This criminal odd couple seems out of place at first, but their absurdity parallels the ridiculous deal made with El Gallo and the fathers.

Eventually, the time comes for the pretend attack to occur. All three of the criminals fall and play dead as Matt emerges as the hero of the night. The fathers are elated and publicly allow Matt and Luisa to continue their relationship. The closing scene of the first act shows the two lovers embracing as their fathers observe affectionately. Still, the Narrator asks the question, "Will it last?"

In the beginning of the next act, the question is answered with the tune "This Plum is Too Ripe." The classic lesson of "things being too good to be true" is taught as the characters realize things have changed. Luisa and Matt each have different perceptions of one another in the sunlight. After the song "I Can See It," Matt believes he knows the secrets of the outside world and leaves home in a hurry. Meanwhile, Luisa falls into a miserable state, sadly daydreaming each day.

Just as things seem like they could only get worse, the two fathers run into each other and reconcile their differences by starting up a conversation on vegetables. "Plant a Radish" is an entertaining song and dance number, which has the fathers kicking their feet and tipping their hats. At the same time, El Gallo has taken Luisa to the city and is trying to seduce her as Henry and Mortimer are torturing Matt.

Luisa and El Gallo next perform "Beyond That Road," a song that corresponds with "I Can See It." This time around, Luisa is trying to discover what the outside world holds. Zinnert's deep, serious and convincing voice bellows with the beautiful and clear voice of Candura. Shortly after, Matt and Luisa meet again and rekindle their romance. They realize that the happiness they were looking for in other places was false, and that in reality, what they were really



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Chris Scott and Tommy Curtin plot to make their children think they are feuding to get the kids to fall in love — all over their garden patch vegetables.

searching for was right next-door.

All in all, the production is a great success. The talent of the actors and their vocal skill is very impressive. At times, the show seems a little congested, with multiple things going on at once, but this is a result of the space limitations of the staging. Also, the ending is somewhat brisk, and the play seems to jump from confusion to instant happiness. However, the strong parts of the play, such as the amusing interactions between Luisa and Matt, and Bellomy and Hucklebee, make the production very worthwhile.

Perhaps the element that makes the musical so enjoyable, however, is its comic and witty take on love. Everyone can relate to innocent love, goofy friends and the dorky parental figures found in the show. To Bracken, "The Fantasticks" is about letting go of youthful illusions and finding the joy in reality. It's about growing up and learning all the terrible and wonderful truths about the world particularly those truths about love. It's an interesting story because I think everyone in the audience will be able to relate, but which character they relate to and why will vary quite a bit."

The Farley Hall Players will perform "The Fantasticks" this Sunday, April 28 at 3 and 6 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. Admission is \$5 and tickets will be available at the door. A special Farley Hall performance will be also take place on Saturday at 8 p.m.

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on Candura. Luisa is in love with the boy up.

After the lovers go

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Lofton's 3 RBIs lift White Sox past Indians

Associated Press

CLEVELAND

It was supposed to be tight between the Cleveland Indians and Chicago White Sox this season in the AL Central.

So far, it's not even close.

For seven games, it's been all White Sox.

Kenny Lofton had three RBI as Chicago looked like the team to beat in the division, winning their third straight against Cleveland on Thursday, 6-3 over the reeling Indians.

After sweeping Cleveland last week at home, the White Sox won the final three games of the four-game series at Jacobs Field to improve to 6-1 this season against the Indians.

The White Sox outscored Cleveland 46-18 in the series. Their lineup outthit the Indians (.310 to .212) and Chicago outpitched Cleveland (2.47 ERA to 5.61), too.

"It kind of lets Cleveland know we're not going to roll over for anybody this year," said Jon Garland (3-1), who cruised for five innings and won his third straight start. "We're going to come out and we're going to attack."

Royce Clayton hit a two-run homer off Ryan Drese (2-2) and was in on all four double plays turned by the White Sox, who have won 13 of 16 and have a three-game lead on the Indians.

Cleveland can't stop its slide. After opening the season 11-1 — 9-0 against the Central — the Indians have gone 1-9.

"I think if we played the Blue Sox right now we would lose," Indians right fielder Matt Lawton said. "That's the way it is sometimes and we're not doing anything right."

The Indians reshuffled their starting lineup, but didn't get

much going on offense, getting only six hits.

Cleveland is batting just .218 (69-for-316) and averaging 2.5 runs in its last 10 games.

"It's just not happening right now," Omar Vizquel said. "It's amazing. How does a team win 10 in a row and then lose seven in a row? We need to play consistent baseball."

Garland didn't allow a hit until the fifth inning, giving up three runs and four hits in 5 2/3 innings. He walked four, but got the Indians to hit into double plays after three of them.

"With the young guys we have out there we have to turn those," Clayton said. "Jon did a good job. It kept us out of some pretty good jams."

Keith Foulke pitched the ninth for his sixth save.

Manuel tried a new lineup, dropping Lawton from the lead-off spot and making several other changes. But the shakeup made no difference through four innings against Garland, who didn't allow a hit until Brady Anderson's bloop single with one out in the fifth.

Garland then walked Travis Fryman but got Russell Branyan to hit a grounder up the middle to Clayton, who was playing behind the bag at second and easily turned two.

Despite hitting into their fourth double play, the Indians put together a three-run rally with two outs in the sixth, closing to 5-3 and chasing Garland.

Jim Thome hit an RBI single, and Lawton, batting fifth for the first time this season, hit a two-run double. But lefty Damaso Marte came on and got pinch-hitter Milton Bradley to ground out.

Lofton, who was rested for the first time this season Wednesday, doubled in three

runs in the fourth inning to make it 5-0.

Red Sox 7, Orioles 0

As far as the Baltimore Orioles are concerned, Pedro Martinez already is back to peak form.

The three-time Cy Young Award winner made his second straight exceptional start, limiting the Orioles to one hit in seven innings as the Boston Red Sox avoided a three-game sweep with a 7-0 victory Thursday.

Martinez (3-0) had a season-high 10 strikeouts and held Baltimore hitless until Gary Matthews Jr. lined a clean single to right with two outs in the sixth. He walked one and hit a batter.

"Pedro has done this to a lot of other clubs," Baltimore manager Mike Hargrove said. "Good pitching will stop good hitting, and Pedro was awfully good today."

In his previous outing on April 19, Martinez allowed only one hit in eight innings against Kansas City.

Limited to just 18 starts last year because of tendinitis in his right shoulder, Martinez has given up just four earned runs in his last four starts after being tagged for seven earned runs in three innings against Toronto on Opening Day, dropping his ERA from 21.00 to 3.38.

"The day a no-hitter is going to happen, it's just going to happen," he said. "I'm not going to try to go look for it, or try to overdo anything. I'm just going to keep my poise and try to pitch my way through my injury and hopefully get better every day."

He may not have gotten the chance to complete the no-hitter, even if Matthews didn't get

a single. Martinez left after throwing 103 pitches, which was close to the pitch-count of 110 to 120 that pitching coach Tony Cloninger set for him.

"Tony told me afterwards, if I had gone to my pitch limit with a no-hitter going, I was going to be taken out," Martinez said. "So regardless of what the situation was going to be, we were going to stick to the program."

Martinez retired the first nine Orioles before walking Jerry Hairston leading off the fifth. He then retired six straight before hitting Brook Fordyce with a pitch starting the sixth. Two outs later, Matthews hit a 2-2 pitch several yards in front of right fielder Trot Nixon.

Martinez dutifully ran to back up third base after the hit, which drew groans from many in the crowd of 31,353. Martinez struck out David Segui to end the inning, then worked a perfect seventh before departing.

"He's throwing the ball well and he's still progressing very good. We like what we're seeing," Boston manager Grady Little said. "And we like the way he's feeling after these starts. The next time, he'll come back on five days for the first time this year."

Martinez said he isn't quite 100 percent, but on his way.

"Every day is a new adventure," he said.

Sun Woo Kim allowed one hit in the eighth and Willie Banks finished the two-hitter.

Nixon homered and Ramirez had three hits and two RBI for the Red Sox, who averted their first three-game sweep in Baltimore since 1974.

Boston got a run in the second against Calvin Maduro (1-

2) when Ramirez doubled and scored on a sacrifice fly by Brian Daubach.

Athletics 6, Yankees 2

After listening to three days of boos from the fans who once adored him, Jason Giambi left Oakland without a word.

Miguel Tejada hit a three-run homer, and Barry Zito pitched seven strong innings for his first victory of the season as the Athletics beat the New York Yankees 6-2 Thursday.

But the eyes and voices of the fans in the unusually large Coliseum crowd were again fixed on Giambi, who now knows just how much he angered those who watched him develop into a player good enough to be signed away by the big-market Yankees.

After dressing in a sharp cobalt-blue suit and tie that he wouldn't have been caught dead wearing in the other clubhouse, Giambi hugged the clubhouse attendants and departed without taking any parting words for the city where he was a beloved blue-collar hero.

"We knew when we signed him that he was tough," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "Coming home has been in the back of his mind since the beginning of the season. I think the anticipation is over with. I'm excited to watch him go from here."

Giambi, who left Oakland to sign a \$120 million, seven-year contract with the Yankees during the offseason, couldn't solve Zito's looping curve in the final day of the former MVP's only appearance back in Oakland during the regular season.

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NHL

Blues advance, grab series from Blackhawks

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS

For Brent Johnson, the end of his long shutout streak was no big deal.

He allowed three goals in the second period, but wore an ear-to-ear grin after the St. Louis Blues overcame a two-goal deficit to advance to the second round of the NHL playoffs with a 5-3 victory over the Chicago Blackhawks in Game 5 on Thursday night.

Johnson, in his first season as the starter, blanked the Blackhawks in Games 2, 3 and 4 and is one of only five goalies in NHL history with three shutouts in a playoff series. After 3 hours, 26 minutes and 45 seconds without allowing a goal, he gave up the three, the last two on consecutive shots, as the Blackhawks took a 3-1 lead.

Sure enough, the Blues rallied to tie it at the end of the second period.

Jamal Mayers' second goal of the playoffs at 6:23 of the third was the difference as the Blackhawks' first playoff appearance in five years was a short one.

Mayers, who scored a career-best nine goals in 77 regular-season games, snapped the tie by whipping a turnaround shot from the right circle that went between Passmore's pads. Ray Ferraro set up the goal by kicking the puck to Mayers from behind the net.

Mayers thought he surprised Passmore.

Keith Tkachuk made it a two-goal lead, scoring on a break-in with 4:04 to go.

Scott Mellanby got his third goal of the series for the Blues. Scott Young and Chris Pronger also scored for the Western Conference's fourth seed.

Steve Thomas ended Johnson's shutout streak at 4:34 of the second period, the Blackhawks' first goal in the series since Alexander Karpovtsev's game-winner with 3:10 to go in a 2-1 Game 1 victory. Kyle Calder and Steve Sullivan also scored for the Blackhawks, the fifth seed in the Western Conference, who totaled five goals in five games in the best-of-seven series.

Bruins 5, Canadiens 2

A high-scoring but relatively tame playoff series between the Boston Bruins and Montreal Canadiens turned ugly Thursday night.

With 1:17 left in Boston's 5-2 victory that evened the best-of-seven series after four games, Bruins defenseman Kyle McLaren caught Richard Zednik, Montreal's leading scorer, with a vicious elbow that knocked out the forward. McLaren was given a five-minute match penalty.

Zednik was motionless as he was treated on the ice for about five minutes then was removed on a stretcher and taken to a local hospital with a suspected concussion and facial injuries.

Montreal coach Michel Therrien threatened retaliation against the Bruins' top players in Game 5 on Saturday in Boston.

Ftorek refused to comment on the hit, but McLaren said he did nothing wrong.

The Bruins took a 3-0 lead in the first period on goals from



AFP Photo

The St. Louis Blues celebrate a goal in their 5-3 victory over the Chicago Blackhawks Thursday. The Blues took a 3-1 series win to advance to the second round of the NHL playoffs.

Stock, Bill Guerin and Martin Lapointe. Brian Rolston added a key short-handed goal in the second and Sergei Samsonov got a goal in the third.

Zednik scored both Montreal goals on power plays and leads the team with eight points in four games.

The nastiness started before the hit on Zednik. The Bruins sent Stock, a fourth-line tough guy, on for a power play with two minutes left to play and Therrien sent out his fighter, Gino Odjick.

The two squared off and were sent off for fighting.

The Canadiens were also upset with Guerin, who brought down defenseman Andrei Markov with an open ice knee-check in the second period. Guerin got two minutes for clipping. Markov finished the game, but is questionable for Saturday.

Both Therrien and Odjick compared McLaren's hit on Zednik to the elbow thrown by Tie Domi on New Jersey defenseman Scott Niedermayer during last year's playoffs, which resulted in an eight-game suspension for the Toronto enforcer.

NHL spokesman Frank Brown declined comment, but said the league was aware of the incidents.

Therrien and Ftorek had a shouting match at the benches and the game ended with more fighting in the final minute. A few fans among the jeering capacity crowd of 21,273 threw beer and soda at the Bruins bench.

Zednik looked to have taunted Byron Dafee after scoring his second goal of the game, perhaps hoping to put the Bruins goaltender off his game.

In Game 3 on Tuesday night, Dafee allowed three third-period goals in a 5-3 comeback win for Montreal.

There was no Boston collapse this time.

Red Wings 4, Canucks 0

Things are quite different for the Detroit Red Wings than they were a week ago.

Sergei Fedorov scored two of Detroit's four first-period goals and assisted on another as the Red Wings beat Vancouver 4-0 Thursday night for their third consecutive victory in the best-of-seven series after losing the

first two games at home.

Game 6 is Saturday in Vancouver.

The last time the Red Wings played in Joe Louis Arena, on Friday night, they were booed, cheered sarcastically and even offered suggestions via chants from their red-clad rabid fans when the Canucks took a 2-0 lead in the first-round series.

Just 4:02 into the game, Fedorov put Detroit ahead 1-0 with a slap shot between the circles, after Brendan Shanahan's shot rebounded off Dan Cloutier.

Then the Red Wings chased Cloutier and seemed to take the life out of the Canucks with two goals in a 1:57 span later in the period.

Dominik Hasek, who made 25 saves, played his third consecutive solid game for the Red Wings.

While the Canucks were failing to score on their third power-play opportunity, Fedorov carried the puck through the center of the ice then passed it to Mathieu Dandenault, who beat Cloutier for a short-handed goal from the right circle.

Chants of "Let's Go Red Wings" replaced the rants of "Shoot The Puck," from Game 2 when Detroit was struggling to score.

Boyd Devereaux's goal off another rebound gave Detroit a 3-0 lead and sent Cloutier to the bench after stopping just six of nine shots. He was replaced by Peter Skudra, who made his first postseason appearance since playing one playoff game for Pittsburgh two years ago.

The Red Wings essentially ended the game with their fourth first-period goal, which illustrated the type of night it was for their collection of future Hall of Famers.

Brett Hull backhanded a pass from the left boards to the front of the net, and Fedorov, with only his right hand on his stick, poked the puck past Skudra as the crowd went wild.

Vancouver president and general manager Brian Burke called a news conference to strongly criticize the officiating on Wednesday. After four games Detroit had a 17-16 advantage in power plays.



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NBA

Sixers' comeback fails, Celtics take 2-0 lead

Associated Press

BOSTON

Allen Iverson shook off the rust, but his Philadelphia 76ers couldn't shake off Paul Pierce.

Pierce hit the go-ahead 3-pointer with 1:36 left Thursday night to lead the Boston Celtics to a 93-85 victory over the 76ers and send the defending Eastern Conference champions to the brink of elimination.

"It's a whole different game in the fourth quarter because everything's on the line," said Pierce, who survived early foul trouble and 10 consecutive misses to score 11 of his 25 points in the final quarter. "That's when the pressure is on."

Boston took a 2-0 lead despite 29 points from Iverson, who missed the final 14 games of the regular season and struggled in the playoff opener. Game 3 of the five-game series is in Philadelphia on Sunday.

Antoine Walker had 24 points and 10 rebounds, and Pierce also had 10 rebounds as the Celtics pleased a raucous crowd and stayed perfect in the playoffs at the FleetCenter. The last time they made the playoffs was in 1995 — the final season of the Boston Garden and before Walker or Pierce entered the NBA.

The Sixers led 81-77 with 3:21 left to play when Tony Battie hit a basket and Pierce followed with a jumper — just his second basket of the half — to tie it. Pierce, who led the league in fourth-quarter points in the regular season, followed with a 3-pointer from the right side to give Boston an 84-81 lead it never relinquished.

Lakers 103, Blazers 96

Portland's state of desperation didn't

seem to faze the two-time defending NBA champion Los Angeles Lakers, who handled the Trail Blazers again Thursday night despite a late scare.

Shaquille O'Neal had 31 points and 14 rebounds, and Kobe Bryant added 19 points despite a poor shooting performance as the Lakers held off the Blazers 103-96 to take a 2-0 lead in the first-round playoff series.

The best-of-five matchup shifts to Portland for Game 3 on Sunday and a fourth game, if needed, Wednesday night.

Only six teams have ever come back to win a five-game series after being down 2-0 and just one — Dallas against Utah last year — has done so since 1994.

The win was the 18th in the last 19 playoff games for the Lakers, who are attempting to become the fifth team in NBA history to win three or more consecutive championships.

The Lakers are also trying to eliminate the Blazers from the playoffs for the fifth time in six years.

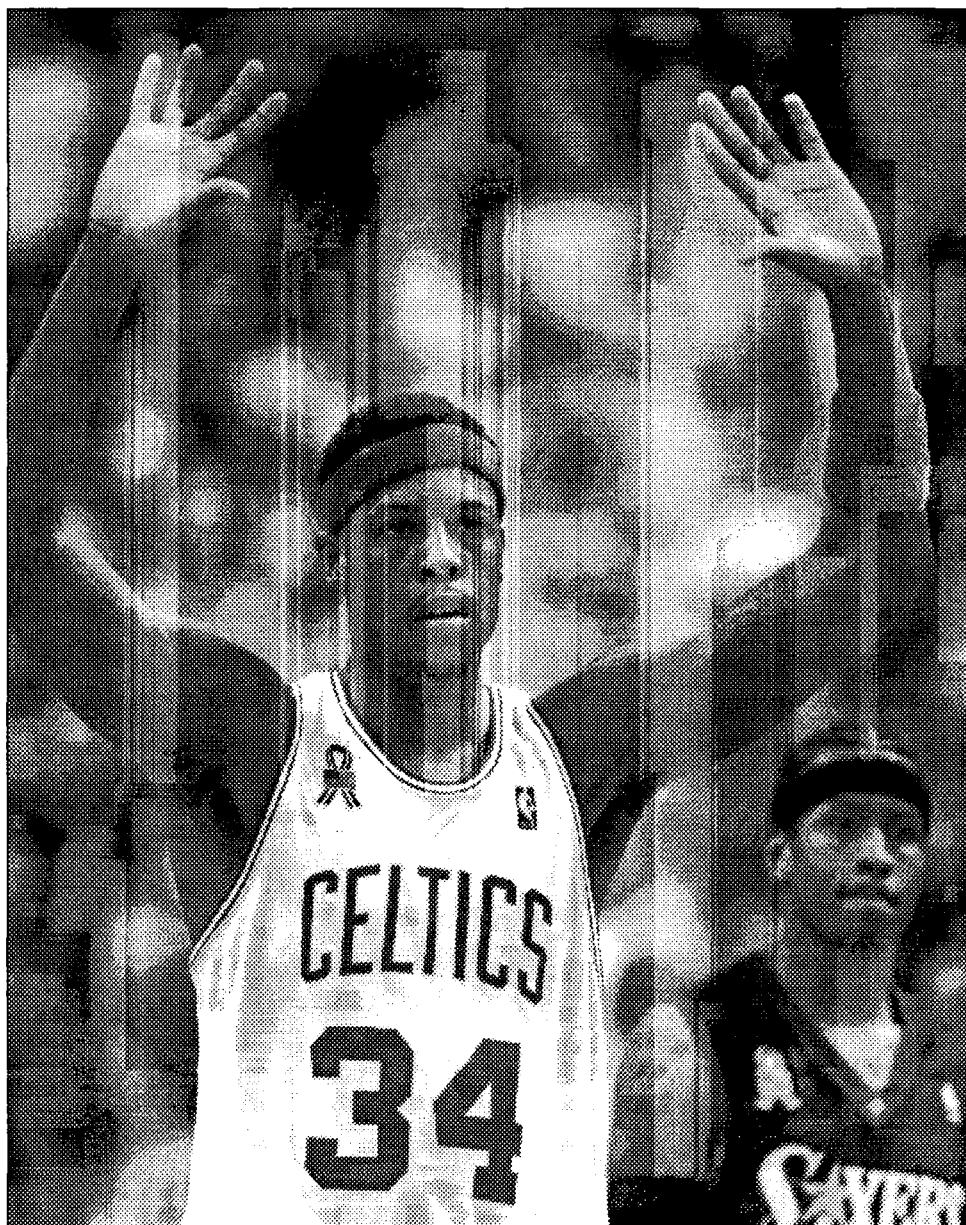
Before this game began, many fans in the capacity crowd of 18,997 began chanting "three-peat, three-peat" — just as they did in the final seconds of Game 1.

Two wins down, 13 to go.

Derek Fisher added 18 points and Rick Fox scored 13 for the Lakers, who outrebounded the Blazers 48-35.

Bryant was only 5-of-21 from the field and missed his last nine shots, but in the end, it didn't matter.

O'Neal, who was 12-of-20 from the field and 7-of-9 from the free throw line, seemed to seal the verdict by making consecutive baskets — the second a flying left-handed dunk with 8 1/2 minutes remaining that put the Lakers ahead 87-67.



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Paul Pierce of the Boston Celtics responds to the crowd at the FleetCenter as Philadelphia's Allen Iverson looks on during the fourth quarter of the Celtics' 93-85 victory in Game 2 of the NBA playoff first-round matchup against the 76ers Thursday night. Pierce scored 11 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles to play final 3 games

By NATALIE BAILEY
Sports Writer

Coming off two losses against Calvin Wednesday, the Belles enter their three final games of this season this weekend. The Belles will face Hope College today at 3 p.m., Ancilla Saturday at noon and Franklin Sunday at 1 p.m., all on their home field.

No. 3 Hope College will be the Belles' last MIAA contender. Sophomore first baseman Katie Frigge believes the will offer the most competition.

"Hope is in our conference and will be a tougher match for us," said Frigge. "But we will

have more fans and more support on our home field."

The Belles did not move from their seventh-place ranking after losing 5-0 and 6-0 in their doubleheader against Calvin on Wednesday.

Frigge cited a lack of focus for their underachieving performance.

"Our coach had just told us about his resignation, and we were all kind of flat and not really there; we weren't into it"

Katie Frigge
first baseman

"Our coach had just told us about his resignation, and we were all kind of flat and not really there; we weren't into

it," said Frigge.

The Knights took charge and set the tone for the games with a run in the first inning of the first game. The Belles showed some promise in the third when Erin Sullivan doubled to center

field and made it around the bases, only to be thrown out at home. After a dry spell, with four hits, Calvin got two runs in the fourth inning and then wrapped up the game with two more runs in the sixth. In the second game, Calvin earned two runs in the second, two in the third and the final two in the seventh.

Despite their two losses, the team plans on entering this weekend's games using the same starting lineup, perhaps with a little variation. Graneff fielded the games against Calvin with Libby Wilhelmy or Kristin Martin as the pitcher, Marnie Walsh as the shortstop, Frigge in left field, Katrina Tebbe in right field, Mandy Hayes at third base, Susan Kutz or Sandy Harmon as catcher, Lynn Lapshan at first base, Rebekah Solmos at second base and Sullivan in center field.

"Our biggest problem on Wednesday were the errors of not knowing where the play was at," said Harmon. "This weekend we have to get on the ball earlier and improve offensively. Just one inning makes the game."

After a trying season due to the weather, new coaching staff and tough competitors, the biggest challenge for the Belles this weekend will be to enter their games with courage, focus and confidence.

"Playing hard, playing like a team and having fun in our last games — I think that is what we need," said Harmon.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish bounce back to whip Wildcats

By CHRIS COLEMAN
Sports Writer

Maybe all the Notre Dame women's lacrosse team needed was a wake-up call to remind them that they are the 10th best team in country.

The Irish put Saturday's loss to Georgetown behind them in an 11-3 victory over Northwestern Thursday.

The women showed flashes of brilliance, holding a young Northwestern team scoreless for the last 36 minutes of the game and spreading the ball around on the offensive end; however the Irish continue to be plagued by turnovers.

"A win is a win, but we didn't go out and execute as good as we should have," said Danielle Shearer.

Execution may prove to be the difference in Notre Dame's final two games of the year. If 10-4 Notre Dame defeats Rutgers and No. 12 Vanderbilt, they are all but guaranteed a spot in the tournament.

"All we need is to win, and we are in the tournament," said captain Tina Fedarcyk. "They are definitely beatable teams, so as long as we come together and play our game, we'll be fine."

The Irish have come out slow in several games, and that's hurt the team. Three of Notre Dame's four losses have been by one goal in games where the Irish had mounted a comeback and had momentum

when time expired.

Players know they cannot afford another game like that.

"Approaching the tournament, we need to play our best and up to the level we know we can," Shearer said. "There are only two games left. We need to step up."

Shearer, who led the team in points against Northwestern with three goals and one assist, converted a pass from Eleanor Weille to open up the scoring.

Anne Riley, Alissa Moser and Meredith Simon, who each scored two goals, then gave the Irish a substantial lead. The Irish were up 6-1 when Northwestern scored two free position goals to make the game 6-3 at the half. Those goals were the last looks Northwestern would get all day.

"We held them scoreless for the whole second half, that's a good thing," said Fedarcyk who is one of the cornerstones on defense.

Kristen Gaudreau and Lisa Lombardi scored their first goals of the year during the second half of play. Shearer and Simon also added in to the all-Irish scoring party in the second half.

The women travel to face Big East opponent Rutgers this Sunday. Rutgers is 7-8 overall and 2-3 in the division.

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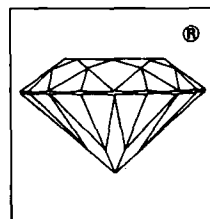
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Lustig opened the game by scoring the first five points for Project Mayhem en route to a 5-1 early lead for the third seed. However, Robster Craws were able to capitalize on Project Mayhem fouls to bring themselves as close as 17-14 late in the game.

Unfortunately for Robster Craws, hot shooting by Lustig, Luke Mueller, Jason Mayes, Doug Wilson and Brian Rush led Project Mayhem to a late run to seal the win.

No. 4 Lazy Boys beat a scrappy Irish Men squad, 21-17 in other round of 16 action.

Irish Men, playing without Irish assistant basketball coach Lewis Preston, could not match Lazy Boys height inside.

Jason Ditsch's strong inside-outside play helped Lazy Boys build a 20-12 lead before Irish Men mounted a last-ditch comeback effort.

Nick Williams' scrappy point guard play and Brian Kahn's shooting touch rallied the Irish Men to 20-15 before Tommy Walz ended the game with a free throw for Lazy Boys.

"We are a real fundamentally

sound team," Ditsch said. "Toward the end of the game, we started getting away from that and playing a lot of 1-on-1. When we went back to fundamentals, we were fine."

Williams' refused to use Preston's absence as an excuse for the loss.

Preston was away on a recruiting trip.

"We've won without him before [in the first round and the round of 64]," Williams said, but acknowledged that his team was vastly different without Virginia Military Institution's all-time leading shot blocker. "Without him, we have to play five guards."

In the last game of the night, No. 2 AdWorks All-Stars shot well from the outside and defeated cold-shooting NDToday.com, 21-15.

Jason Sullivan and Ryan Ostick shot well from the outside for AdWorks, while Carlyle Holiday, Abe Elam and Justin Tuck forced NDToday to defend inside.

"We were hoping that Sullivan wouldn't shoot well today," NDToday's Ali Tahmasbi said.

NDToday's zone would have posed a problem for AdWorks if it hadn't shot so well.

"That's the first we've seen all tournament," Sullivan said. "When you face a zone, you have

to shoot well and force them to come out of it. They never came out of it, so we kept getting good looks from the outside."

AdWorks' strategy on defense was to deny NDToday from getting any shots inside.

"We've got some great athletes that can basically shut down the point guards," Sullivan said. If a team does manage to get inside on AdWorks, Justin Tuck's shot blocking skills give the team a "security blanket," according to Sullivan.

With the inside denied, NDToday tried to hit long-range shots but couldn't find its shooting touch.

"I tried to shoot myself out of the slump, and it just didn't happen. That really hurt us," Tahmasbi said.

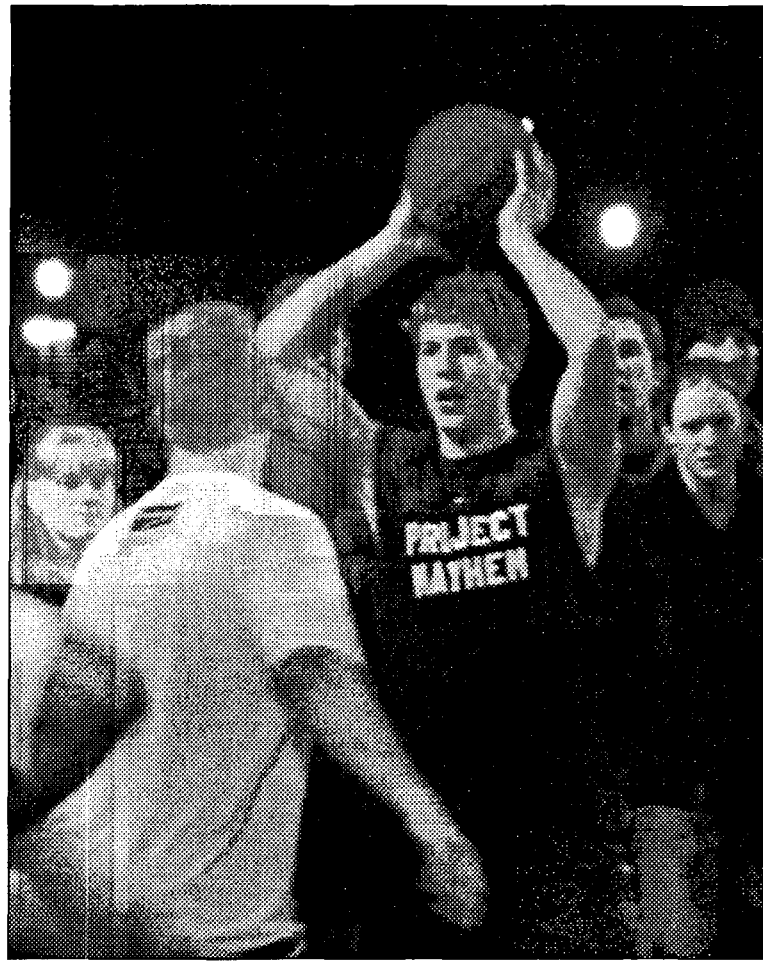
AdWorks will play No. 7 Mourning Wood today.

Notes

◆ Saturday's semifinal games are scheduled for 4:45 and 6 p.m. on Stepan courts.

◆ The championships begin at noon Sunday with the women's championship followed by the Hall of Fame game at 1 p.m. and the open championship at 2 p.m.

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BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

Knott Hall's Jason Mayes of Project Mayhem looks to pass the ball off in his round of 16 game Thursday. Project Mayhem defeated Robster Craws 21-16.

Bball

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"We knew they'd come out playing hard," said J.A.C.K.S' Kevin Muempfer. "They actually out-hustled us and played really well. Our size helped us and got them in foul trouble."

"They're a great team and would be favored on paper," said Team 524's Matt Parsons, "but there's a reason they play the games. We wish them good luck the rest of the way."

"We have the most rabid fans," added 524's Dan O'Boyle. "We were well-hydrated, which was key to our success."

The only lower-seeded team to

advance was No. 9 We Get Wet who defeated No. 8 seed 5 Degree Guarantee 21-18. Down 14-12, Wet went on a 7-2 run to take a 19-16 lead before holding on for the win.

"We stepped up our defense in the second half," said Wet captain Justin Funk. "We thought we could run on them early, but instead they ran on us. We were

more successful once we took our press off."

No. 5 mmm ... Cheese took an early lead then held on in the second half to advance over Kelly Kapowski 21-18. After Cheese took a 16-13 lead, Kapowski closed to within two on four occasions but could never get closer.

"Our offensive rebounds by

Tony [Carney] and Grant [Gholson] led to some cheap baskets," said Cheese's DJ Lipke. "We've been able to do that the last couple games."

Games continue in the elite eight beginning at 3:45 today on Stepan courts.

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WOMEN'S BOOKSTORE

Who's Getting Lucky Tonight? advances to final 4

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Senior Staff Writer

No. 4 Who's Getting Lucky Tonight? finally met its match athletically in No. 5 Tanned Mullets Thursday afternoon, but still pulled out a 21-15 win.

Lucky, with four current or former Welsh Hall interhall foot-

ball players, were challenged by the height and athleticism of five members of the Notre Dame women's soccer team.

"They were obviously great athletes," said Vanessa Lichon of Lucky. "Easily the most athletic team we have played in the tournament so far."

Both teams played strong pressure defense and looked to run

when they had openings. Lucky was a little more successful, in large part thanks to the gritty play of Lichon. With her team leading 7-6, Lichon went on a tear. She scored the next five points for Lucky to build a 12-10 lead.

Kelly Tulisak, Kate Morrell and Liz Wagner traded buckets with Alex Callan and Anna Benjamin of Lucky to get Tanned Mullets back within one at 14-13.

Lichon then drove through the lane and hit a one-handed runner to spark a 5-0 run for Lucky. Lichon and Callan each scored two, while Benjamin chipped in one.

Benjamin finished off Tanned Mullets with a jump shot from just inside the foul line a few possessions later.

The Tanned Mullets, named for women's soccer coach Randy Waldrum's unique sense of style, forced Lucky to shoot mostly from the outside. Mullets' tight 2-3 zone stopped Lucky's usually strong interior passing.

"We're not really strong shooters so we have to rely on defense," Wagner said.

The Mullets' strategy was in part aided by Lucky's downgraded roster. Post player Mary Murphy missed her second game in a row while attending her grandmother's funeral. Benjamin has filled in well for Murphy, but Lucky's lineup is much smaller without Murphy.

"It's tough playing against those packed in zones without our post player," Lichon said. "We are trying to play high-low with five guards."

Lucky advances to the final four to play No. 1-seeded Sindone's Slamming Divas. The Divas defeated unranked Almost Famous, 21-6.

Almost Famous was playing its second game of the day with it lost to the Divas after surviving a 22-20 game against the Sharks earlier Thursday afternoon. Because of the thunderstorms Wednesday, the Sharks and Almost Famous suspended play with the game tied 8-8. They continued the game Thursday.

The Sharks jumped out to a 17-11 lead and seemed to be in control of the game before Almost Famous made a run. Scoring eight of the next 10 points, it knotted the game at 19.

With the score tied 20-20 and headed for overtime, Almost Famous point guard Christa Gray drove the lane twice and hit running one-handers to win the game.

Despite trailing for most of the game, Gray said her team never lost confidence.

"All of our games have been close so we know we are never out of it," she said.

The second-seeded Hardcore Stokers advanced to the final four by running Team 7 into the ground for a 21-14 win.

The Stokers, led by point guard Katie Miller's defense and passing score most of its points on fast breaks and off turnovers.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish look to salvage some pride against Crimson

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's lacrosse team will be looking to shake off the disappointment of its last two games when they travel to Cambridge, Mass., to take on the Harvard Crimson Saturday at 1 p.m.

Two weeks ago, Notre Dame's offense sputtered in an 11-8 road loss against Army. That loss ended a three-game winning streak for the Irish in which they played their best lacrosse of the year.

Sunday's one-goal loss to Fairfield was even worse. After struggling most of the contest and finding themselves down six goals with six minutes left in the game, the Irish finally woke up.

Notre Dame staged a furious comeback, scoring five goals in three minutes to pull within one goal of the Stags.

Unfortunately, a six-goal

deficit proved to be just too much as the Irish fell just one goal short of tying the Stags and sending the game to overtime.

The tough defeat eliminated the Irish from playoff contention, and denied them a top finish in the Great Western Lacrosse League for the first time in four years.

For Notre Dame's seniors, the loss was especially difficult.

"I've seen the best and worst of Notre Dame lacrosse," senior captain John Flandina said Sunday after the loss. "The year before my freshman year was the last time Notre Dame didn't make the tournament. Last year, we made it all the way to the Final Four. This will be the first time in my career I won't be in the tournament. It's just embarrassing."

Even though the Irish know they will not compete in the NCAA Tournament this year, Notre Dame's pride is at stake

in their remaining two games on the road against Harvard this weekend and at home against Ohio State on May 4.

Head coach Kevin Corrigan hopes his team can correct its recent mistakes.

"I don't know if that last game revealed anything new or profound to us," said Corrigan. "Real simply, what we are doing in practice is going back to the fundamentals. You have to play hard and passionately every time you play."

Corrigan does not plan to make any drastic changes in these final two games. He plans to continue using the same lineups and player combinations that he has played all season. He is not looking toward next year yet.

"I don't have any major lineup changes planned," said Corrigan. "If I had somebody who could have helped us, they would have already been playing. I'm not looking at next year. I'm just looking for us to win these last two games."

If there is any team that can relate to Notre Dame's frustrating season, it is Harvard. The Crimson started the season on fire, opening their season with four straight wins.

Since their initial success, the Crimson's season has been nothing short of a disaster. Harvard has lost seven straight games to fall to 4-7 on the season.

Just like the Irish, the Crimson are hoping to end the



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Irish defenseman A.J. Wright looks upfield in a recent match against Hofstra. The Irish men's lacrosse team will look to rebound from two narrow defeats at Harvard on Saturday.

season on a positive note.

"They are a really interesting team," said Corrigan. "They are extremely talented, but they are 4-7. Even though they've lost against tough competition, they have not played as well as they would have hoped, just like us. I expect this to be a tough game for us."

Luckily for Notre Dame, starting attackman Matt Howell and starting defenseman Eric Simon have recovered from injuries and should be at full strength for Saturday's game.

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shambles. The team had gone 15-29 the previous year, had only four scholarship players and had failed to finish a season with a winning record for five consecutive years.

In just his first year, Murphy turned the Irish into a 39-22 team. The next year, the Irish won a school-record 48 games and advanced to the NCAA tournament for the first time in 19 years. In each of his next five seasons, the Irish would win at least 40 games, and made the NCAA tournament from 1992-94.

"I had taken over a program [at Notre Dame] that hadn't won a lot," Murphy said with a chuckle. "It was kind of fun being part of the rise, even though I wasn't the reason we got good. The reason we got good is because we had great kids."

But the Irish did soar under his leadership, from a baseball nobody to a team to be contended with on a yearly basis.

In 1992, at the height of his success as coach, national-power Miami offered him a lucrative head coaching deal, but Murphy turned it down.

"I still believed I had more work to do at Notre Dame," Murphy said. "The [new] stadium wasn't built yet. There were things to still get done."

Indeed, in 1993 Notre Dame built a 3,000-seat stadium for its baseball team. In each of those next two years, the Irish went 46-16, and fell just one win short of the College World Series in 1994.

After his third straight NCAA tournament bid in 1994, it was Arizona State that came knocking on Murphy's door, and this time, he was willing to listen. He accepted the position.

"In leaving for Arizona State, the time was right in my life," Murphy said. "I needed to do some different things and make some adjustments. But just because you leave Notre Dame, it doesn't mean that it doesn't have a lasting effect on you the rest of your life. It was a very special time in my life."

With the departure of one of its most successful coaches, Notre Dame had some giant shoes to fill.

Enter current head coach Paul Mainieri.

Mainieri picked up right where Murphy had left off, leading his Irish squad to a 40-21 record, the most wins ever for a first-year coach at Notre Dame.

"I'm glad that Coach Murphy left

because it gave me an opportunity to come here," Mainieri said with a smile. "It was a very big thing for me to get the opportunity to come to Notre Dame. I've worked very hard to try to continue the excellence that he had established and to try to improve upon it. I feel very proud of what we've accomplished in the seven-plus years at Notre Dame."

In those years, Mainieri has made a significant contribution to the Irish legacy. From 1995-2001, Mainieri and the Irish have stretched Murphy's string of 40-win seasons to 13, highlighted by appearances in the NCAA tournament the past three years and the program's first No. 1 ranking, which occurred during play last season.

"I knew [the team] was in very capable hands — those of the guy I recommended for the job and thought of as a tremendous coach and a friend," Murphy said of his successor. "With the success they've had, I see that they're always in there. I couldn't tell you the names or the exact stuff sometimes, but I can tell you they continue to be very, very good."

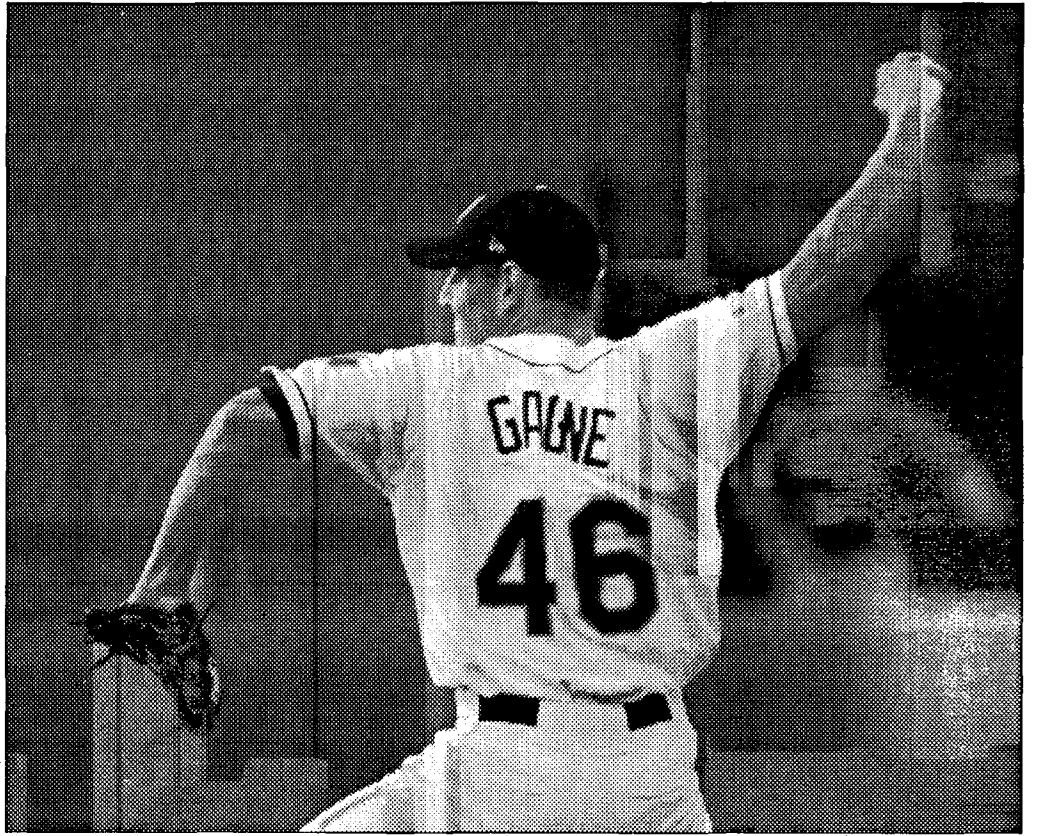
Now Mainieri is becoming a coaching commodity across the nation to teams hoping to lure him away from South Bend. Word was that several teams made some lucrative offers but were turned down by the Irish skipper.

"I can tell you this: I don't have any deep aspirations that there's a better job out there for me," Mainieri said. "I don't sit around and say, 'Boy, if only I could go to that school.' I don't have any feelings about any other school out there."

Although Mainieri was careful not to pull a Rick Pitino by guaranteeing that he would never leave, it seems safe to say that he feels very comfortable in his present position.

"You never say 'never' to anything," Mainieri said. "If I were to say that absolutely, unequivocally there would never be anything else, and then something blew you away with the opportunity or if you just wanted a new challenge at some point in your life, you don't want people to think you're a liar. That's why I never say 'never' to anything. But I can tell you that I don't have any other aspirations of any other job out there. I think I've got the best job."

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Junior pitcher J.P. Gagne hurls a pitch against Ball State earlier in the season. The Irish square off against No. 17 Arizona State in a doubleheader this weekend.

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California and a two-run victory at Oklahoma, the Sun Devils are 26-15 and 9-6 in their conference.

"We're real young this year, real young," Murphy said. "We are very inexperienced and very injured. It came at a bad time, but we're still hanging in there."

Arizona State is led at the plate by outfielders Andre Ethier and Jon Sheaffer, both hitting .367 on the year.

Even though the Sun Devils will prove a daunting opponent for the Irish, especially during a Big East break week, coach Paul Mainieri says his team relishes the opportunity to play such top competition.

"We are extremely excited about the opportunity to play Arizona State University because it's a school that has represented excellence in college baseball through the years," Mainieri said. "They represent great-

ness. That's where Notre Dame wants to get in the sport of baseball. They are to college baseball what Notre Dame is to football. From that standpoint, I think our players are very excited about that challenge."

Conditions around Eck Stadium Thursday were extremely helpful to hitters as a steady 20 mile-per-hour wind blew straight out to center field. With an Arizona State team that has been known for its power and the emergence of several long-ball hitters for the Irish, conditions could be difficult for pitchers during the two-game series.

"If this wind blows like it is today, it's going to be a bizarre game," Mainieri said Thursday afternoon. "There will be a lot of things happening, but I don't know who it will be an advantage to. I know that we get the last at-bat, and that's always important when the wind's blowing out, because they'll have to get us out in that last inning."

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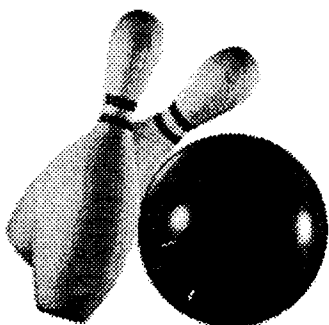
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TRACK AND FIELD

Men's and women's squads to race at Drake

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Senior Staff Writer

Both the Irish men's and women's 4x400-meter relay teams qualified to compete at this weekend's Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa.

But when they take the track, they face completely different odds.

The women's squad — comprised of sophomores Ayesha Boyd and Kristen Dodd, junior Kymia Love and senior Liz Grow — currently ranks near the top in the country.

While the team is confident it can come away from Drake with a gold medal, the focus is on running an NCAA Championships automatic qualifying time of 3:33.

"We should run a 3:33 and hopefully automatically get into nationals," Grow said. "We know our team's capable of doing it, so we just now want to get this out of the way."

The same team competed at Drake last season, beating a highly ranked Baylor team in the prelims before finishing fourth in the finals with a time of 3:37.83.

But, as Grow says, that was then, and this is now.

"We're a lot better team now, a lot faster and more experienced," Grow said, noting the importance of experience at a meet that is as competitive as Drake. "You kind of have to know what you're doing in order to get through that exchange safely and still run fast. Last year Ayesha Boyd knocked a girl off the track."

While the women are in a position to sit out the finals, the men's squad — made up of seniors William "Red" Croker, Nick Saracco, Mike Mansour and freshman Trevor McClain — was unsure a week ago whether or not it would even qualify for the meet.

But with a 3:14.75 time at the Missouri Invitational earlier this month, the team qualified.

Qualifying for the meet was especially gratifying for

Mansour, a Creston, Iowa, native who competed at the Drake Relays while in high school.

"It's something I've wanted to do all four years here, and to get the opportunity my senior year is especially excellent," Mansour said. "I'm running with some really great

guys. That makes it a special experience, too."

But when the Irish take the track Saturday with Arizona State, one of the best teams in the country, in their preliminary heat, the team is not going to back


down.

"Our first goal is to run the best time of the season and compete," Mansour said. "We didn't come here just to fool around or just run and call it a day. We're looking to compete with the best teams in the country, and that's why we're here."

The Irish have athletes competing in other events at

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Drake as well. Junior Betsy Lazerri is competing in the heptathlon, the only female athlete outside the relay team running for the Irish.

On the men's side, both freshman Selim Nurudeen and sophomore Napoleon Suarez competed in the 400-meter hurdles Thursday. Suarez finished seventh in his heat, finishing in a time of 54.22, while Nurudeen finished eighth in his heat in 56.72. Nurudeen also competes in the prelims of the 110-meter hurdles today.

Irish head coach Joe Piane has been highly impressed with Nurudeen's progress this season, even comparing him to former Irish All-American Errol Williams.

"Selim's consistent," Piane said. "He's doing very well when you consider he's only a freshman. He's running probably as well or better than Errol Williams did at the same stage."

The Irish distance squad is fielding a 4x1-mile relay group, with senior Pat Conway, sophomore Kevin Somok, freshman Eric Morrison and senior Luke Watson comprising the squad.

"It's a great field, and Drake is one of the most fun meets that we go to all season," Watson said. "A victory would be great. Other than that, we

just want to have a good time."

The Irish are also sending two field events athletes to Drake — junior javelin thrower Mike Madigan and senior discus thrower Derek Dyer.

Madigan, who sat out of competition last weekend to take the MCATs, is recovering from a sore elbow, so field events coach Scott Windsor thinks he took his tests at the right time.

"I think his elbow is better," Windsor said. "He got past the MCATs, he did okay. That weekend off actually turned out to be a blessing in disguise for him."

Dyer, who competed in California at the Mt. SAC and Pomona invitionals last weekend, is looking for consistency in the discus.

"He had between a 170 and 175 [foot] discus warm-up [throw in California], and he gets to the competition and it's like he tightens up," Windsor said. "He just needs to learn how to relax and let his body do what it's trained to do, and it'll do it. He's getting way too tensed up."

The rest of the Irish athletes compete at the Boilermaker Open at Purdue on Saturday, with events beginning at 9

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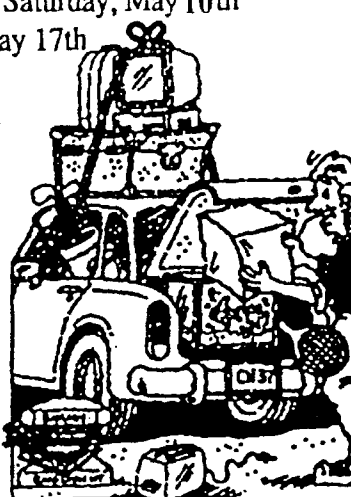
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WOMEN'S ROWING

Big East field up next for Irish rowers

By MARK ZAVODNYIK
Sports Writer

After a week off, the Notre Dame Women's rowing team returns to action this weekend at the Big East Rowing Challenge in Worcester, Mass.

Other than Miami and Villanova, the Irish have yet to face any Big East foes this year.

"This is a chance for our region to see others in the league," said head coach Martin Stone.

Over the past two weeks, the Irish have taken advantage of the opportunity to do some late-season training.

Head coach Martin Stone made sure that the Irish utilized the sunny weather by doing some rigorous work.

"We used the last two weeks to gain speed. We went through some of our most difficult training cycles," said Stone.

The Irish will enter teams in five of the six events in the regatta. Notre Dame will race the first varsity eight, the second varsity eight, two boats in the varsity four, the first novice eight and the second novice eight.

Notre Dame is seeded second in all of the races except the second varsity eight race, which they are seeded first.

"We are very excited; every boat has the capability of winning," said sophomore Jayme Szeftc.

Even though the Irish were ranked ninth nationally last week and No. 10 this week, they are not concerned about not getting more No. 1 seeds in this weekend's

regatta.

"Seeding is an inexact science. Everybody gains speed over the course of the season," said Stone.

However, this acclaim on the national level has had some effect on the team's training.

"Coach expects us to train even harder now that we are ranked in the top 10," said Szeftc.

There is more at stake at the Big East Rowing Challenge than just bragging rights. This is the first in a number of races that determines which teams get to race in the NCAA Championships on June 1 and 2 in Indianapolis.

"If we win, it helps solidify our chance for the NCAA Championships," Stone said.

The location for this weekend's race is an ideal for a big regatta. The teams will be racing at Lake Quinsigamond.

"It's a great traditional rowing course. They have had Olympic trials there in the past. It holds major races each year," said Stone.

With their earlier strong performances this year, coupled with intensive training, Stone and the Irish are feeling confident.

"I feel really positive. All of our boats have gained speed. There is no indication that we have slowed down at all," said Stone.

As with any other regatta, the Irish expect to win this weekend.

"We are going in to come out Big East champions."

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish hope to avoid letdown

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

After defeating a top-ranked opponent, all of the hard work is lost if the team suffers a letdown in its next game.

Coming into Thursday's game against 5-24 IUPUI-Fort Wayne, the Notre Dame softball team knew maintaining a high energy

level for the second straight game would be difficult.

"Games like today are very tough to play, especially after a big win," said head coach Deanna Gumpf. "We talked about it going in, and we knew it was

going to be hard. It's tough to really get excited and get up. We just had to take care of business today, and we did."

Using Liz Hartmann's second game-winning home run in as many games and senior Jenny Kriech's first career home run at Ivy Field, the Irish defeated the Mastodons 5-1. The victory extended Notre Dame's win streak to eight games and improved the squad's record to 29-13.

IUPUI-FW jumped on the board in the first with its only run of the game, off Notre Dame pitcher Carrie Wisen. IUPUI-FW third baseman Sonia Atienzo led off the game with a single. After Wisen struck out pitcher Mindy Pomeroy, shortstop Angela Grabczak drove a triple to the gap in right center, scoring

Atienzo and giving the Mastodons the early 1-0 lead.

The Irish came back in the bottom of the third to tie the game. Kriech sent a one-out single to left and stole second. She moved to third on Megan Ciolli's groundout. An error by Grabczak on Andrea Loman's ground ball enabled Kriech to score.

Coming right back in the fourth, Lisa Mattison reached on an error by Mastodon second baseman Tierni Green. Hartmann then sent a 1-1 pitch from Pomeroy over the left-

field fence, giving the Irish a 3-1 lead.

"[Batting] feels good right now," Hartmann said. "I feel relaxed, and I feel like my hands are flowing where they should."

With three wins in the past eight days coming on go-ahead hits by freshmen, the Irish are finally benefiting from giving the first-year players early playing time.

"For our freshmen to come in and do what they've done this year, is huge," Gumpf said. "And what that does, it just takes the pressure off everybody else. I think a big part of it is putting those freshmen into the fire like we did in the beginning of the year. So now, they have experienced everything. And it has really helped."

Kriech used her glove and bat

to seal the game for Notre Dame. Her diving catch on Mandy Jaffe's fly ball prevented the Mastodons from getting the leadoff hitter on base in the fifth.

Then in the sixth, Kriech made IUPUI-FW pay for their fourth error of the game. Second baseman Alexis Madrid reached the miscue by Nicole Stoppenhagen, the second shortstop on the day for the Mastodons. Kriech hit the 2-0 pitch over the center-field fence and finally got her home run at Ivy Field.

"I think Jenny had a great day," Gumpf said. "I think Jenny hit the ball, and she played great defensively."

Wisen went the distance for the Irish and improved to 12-4 on the season. The freshman gave up four hits, walked two and struck out 11 but didn't have her best stuff.

"I just don't think she [Wisen] was as sharp as she usually is," Gumpf said. "I think she just wasn't as sharp."

This weekend, Notre Dame plays its final Big East road games, with doubleheaders at Boston College Saturday and Providence Sunday. The Eagles are in fourth place in the conference, while the Friars are 4-12 in the Big East.

"They are both scrappy, and they are both good," Gumpf said. "BC just swept Syracuse, so that tells you right there [how good they are]. ... They are two good teams that are going to be pumped and ready for us. We have to go in there and just get after it."

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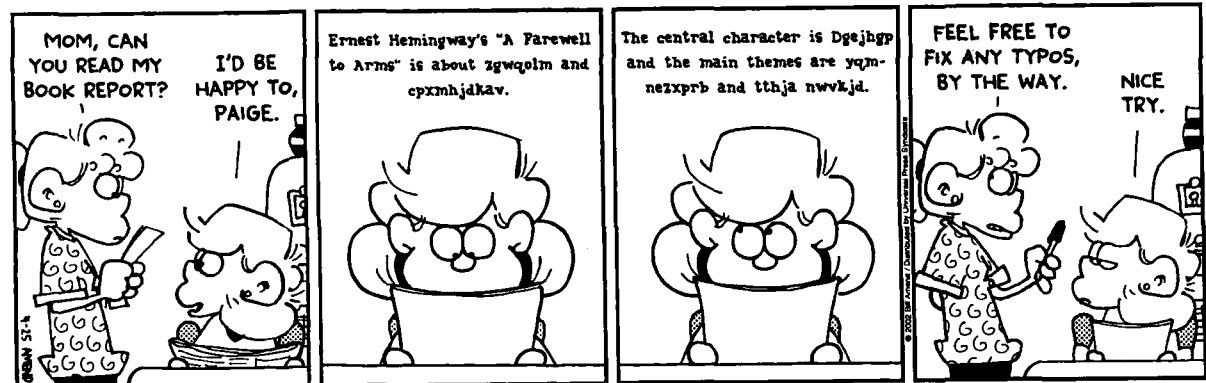
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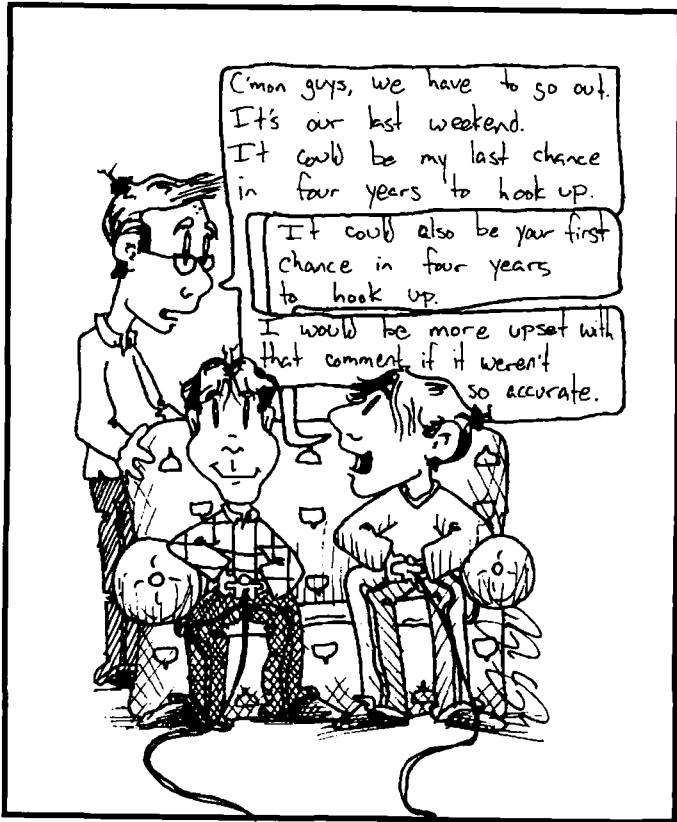
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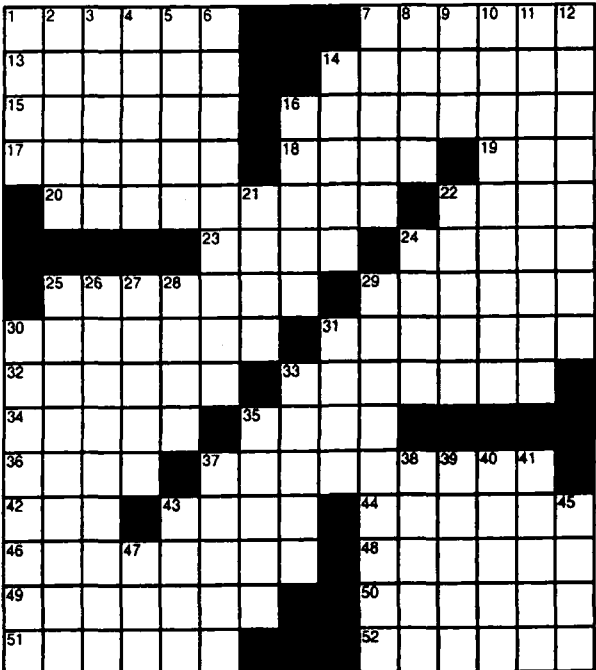
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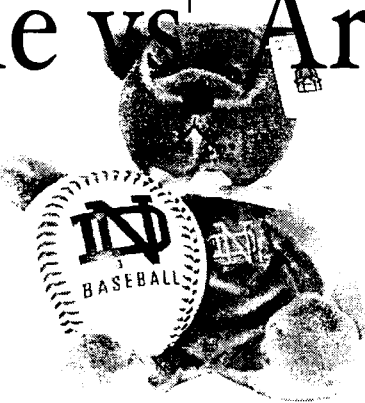
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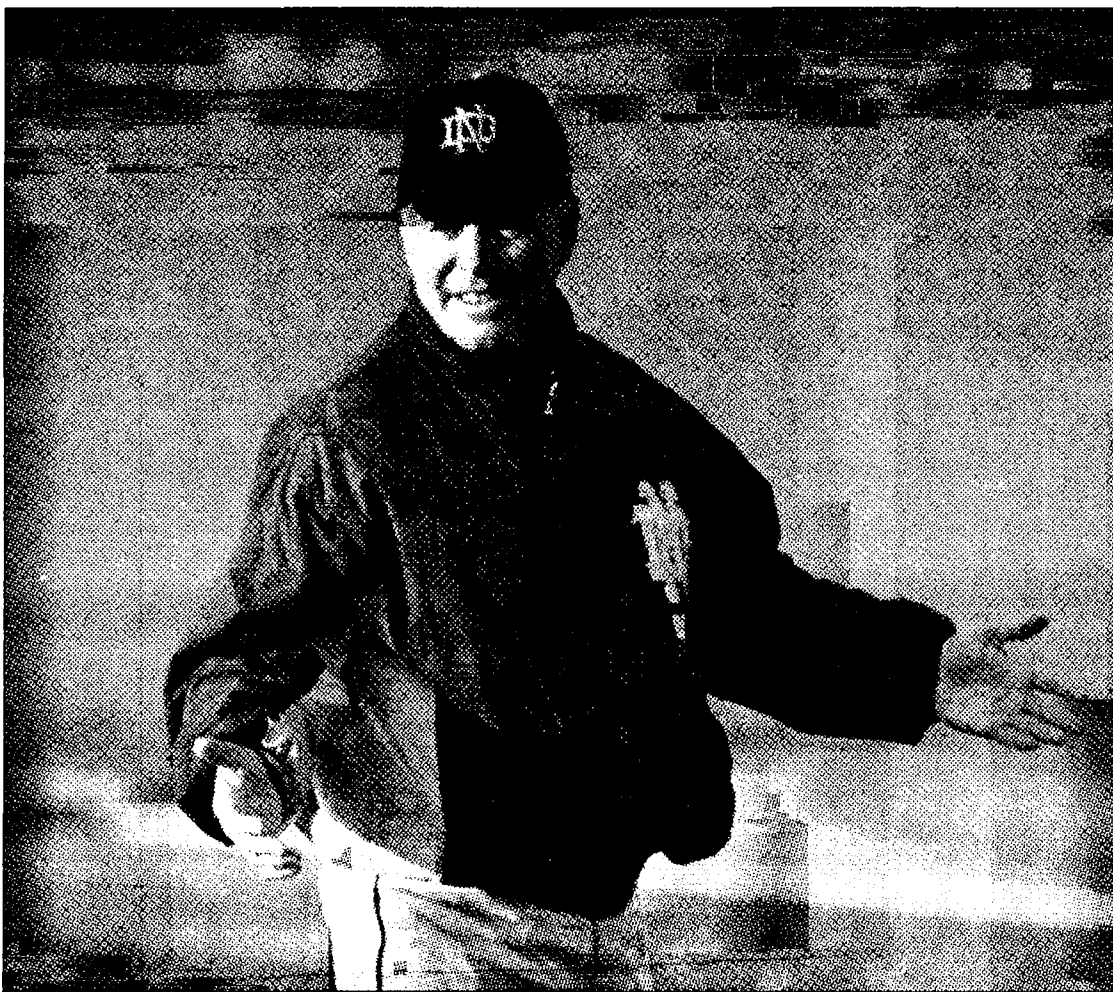
Today, the Notre Dame baseball team hosts 17th-ranked Arizona State, led by former Irish coach Pat Murphy. The game marks the first time the former Irish coach returns to campus after taking the head baseball coach job with the Sun Devils in 1995.

"I don't want [the games] to be about me," Murphy said. "I want it to be about the players. I think the most special thing about Notre Dame is the people that go to school here. That's what I learned from being here seven years. The people that go to school here are really special, and I want our kids to experience what it's like."

The Irish have been playing some of their best ball of the season, winning 11 straight and 20 of their last 22.

The usually powerful Arizona State squad has expe-

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BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

Irish head coach Paul Mainieri patrols the third-base line in a game this year against Chicago State. The Irish are looking to upset No. 17 Arizona State this weekend.

Quality coaches collide

Sometimes it seems like things just work out for the best.

Today the Irish baseball team hosts Arizona State — and former Notre Dame head coach Pat Murphy — for a two-game series against the 17th-ranked Sun Devils.

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It will be Murphy's first trip back to campus since 1995, when he became the first head coach in Notre Dame history to leave for another position.

"It's really special just to be back," Murphy said. "It's a special place in my life because it's done so much for me. Notre Dame has been a part of my life even before I coached here — just being a tremendous fan."

In 1988, Murphy took over a Notre Dame baseball squad in

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXI

No. 6 Splitters knock out SP Shockers again

By MIKE CONNOLLY
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Van Giles inside game opened up the Splitters outside shooters as the No. 6 seed beat No. 11 SP Shockers II, 21-14.

Giles consistently scored on the inside, picking up six points and demanding double teams almost every possession.

"Usually if I can start hitting some baskets, they have to start putting two people on me; then I can kick it out for open shots," Giles said.

While the Splitters moved the ball around effectively for open looks, the Shockers went cold early on and couldn't buy a bucket. The Splitters opened a 12-3 lead before the Shockers finally started scoring.

"They were a tough team. I give them a lot of credit but we just couldn't hit any shots early on," the Shocker's Ben Gilfillan said.

This is the second year in a row that the Splitters have eliminated the Shockers. Last year the Splitters beat the

Shockers in the round of 32.

"We were hoping for some revenge but it just didn't happen. They are a senior team so that's all right. We are all just sophomores. We'll be back next year," Gilfillan said.

The victory was in part a statement a game, according to Giles. He said his team, the pre-tournament No. 4 seed, was very upset about being dropped down to No. 6. Commissioners cited an ankle injury to Splitter's Matt Wolbeck as the reason for the downgrade in ranking. Wolbeck played Thursday's game with a brace on his ankle, but it did not appear to affect his game.

"Everyone keeps talking about the ankle, but you saw he played fine today," Giles said. "We are tired of hearing about the ankle."

The Splitters will face third-seeded Project Mayhem in the elite eight. Thanks to the hot shooting of Dan Lustig, Project Mayhem defeated What the Hell are Robster Craws?, 21-16.

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◆ Mourning Wood and Dime Pieces go to extra time for decision

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

While the top seven seeds were challenged in Bookstore Basketball action Thursday, all of them held form to advance in tightly contested games.

The most competitive game of the evening came in the No. 7 seed vs. No. 10 seed game where seventh-ranked Mourning Wood knocked off 10th-ranked Dime Pieces 23-21.

"It was a real good game," said Wood's Brett Gansen. "There were a lot of fouls. Matt Panzer and Steve Lickus came up big for us."

The game was tied at 10 before Wood rolled to a 15-12 lead. Pieces tied the game again at 17, but again Wood rolled off consecutive hoops to regain the lead at 19-17. That lead was short-lived as

Pieces quickly closed to tie the game again at 19.

With the game tied again at 20, both teams missed three opportunities to take the lead, including two missed free throws by Pieces. The tie was broken when Panzer hit a basket to give Wood a 21-20 lead. Pieces came back to tie it at 21 on their next possession before another Panzer basket gave Wood the lead for good. Lickus scored the final point in Wood's win.

"The game was fought hard to the end," said Pieces' Phillip Madonia. "We had our chances, but it was a great game. They just ended up with more points than us."

"We were a little bigger," added Gansen, "and our size helped us out in the end."

No. 1 seed black J.A.C.K.S. was challenged by Team 524 before advancing 21-17. Team 524 jumped to a 5-3 lead and tied the game at 11 before J.A.C.K.S. scored three straight to take the lead for good.

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- ◆ Baseball vs. Arizona State, today, 6 p.m.
- ◆ ND Softball at Boston College, Saturday, noon
- ◆ Football Blue-Gold Game, Saturday, 1:30 p.m.
- ◆ Men's Lacrosse at Hartford, Saturday, 2 p.m.

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