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Ebersol intends to redirect Student Board

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
News Editor

April 1 marks not just the day that student government offices turnover, but the first day of a new Student Union Board that vows not to operate within the scope of student apathy but will be committed to revitalizing campus life.

Charlie Ebersol set mighty goals for SUB when he was nominated for SUB board manager and Student Senate approved him in March. Ebersol, who ran for student body president on a broad platform that included bringing top 40 performers and Saturday Night Live comedians to campus, previously was not a part of SUB and said in the student body president debates and following the election that he was not considering running for the top position at SUB. However, this changed shortly after the election when Brain Coughlin, director of Student Activities, approached Ebersol and said his programming platform would be a waste if he did not apply for board manager, Ebersol said.

"The more I thought about it, the more it fit with what I ran on," Ebersol said. "I ran for president because I thought student life could be better and [being] SUB manager will allow me to improve one facet



SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

Challe Ebersol prepares his staff of Kim Ziggich, Tai Romero and Lauren Meagher for Student Union Board turnover to take place on April 1. Ebersol hopes to energize and restructure SUB by making it a larger part of student life.

of it."

Ebersol is joined by former running mate Lauren Meagher who will be the controller. Tai Romero, former Student Union Secretary during Brooke Norton's presidency, will be the director of operations and Kim Ziggich joins the board as the programming director.

Ebersol said there is a level

of student life that must be maintained by SUB. He feels SUB has fallen apart in some ways because SUB's brand name died and people stopped associating it with big events. Ebersol added that SUB headed in a wrong direction when it accepted its downplayed roll and structured its programming to coexist with student

apathy.

With the condensing social scene on campus and more students going off-campus, Ebersol recognized a need to make student life a priority at Notre Dame. Ebersol intends to program the next year with several medium-sized and a

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Show's budget slashed

By JULIA MILLER-LEMON
News Writer

In its debut last August, "The Show" was quite successful, bringing in upwards of 2,700 student spectators.

Yet, organizers this year have met some resistance in obtaining the funding they asked for from Student Affairs.

Budget cuts made across the board by the University this year have prompted coordinator Tai Romero to turn to clubs, class councils and dorms to make up for the slack. Romero said the cuts weren't directly related to funding for "The Show," but that they were more a response to all departments undergoing budget cuts.

When questioned why "The Show" committee has had to look for so much outside funding, Romero said that the Office of Student Affairs has never

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College admissions plans for sizable class

By SARAH NESTOR
Senior Staff Writer

Saint Mary's admissions projects the class of 2007 to be similar in size to the past several classes, represent a range of states and countries and have strong academic quality.

Mary Pat Nolan, Director of Admissions, said she projects Saint Mary's will enroll a class of between 375 and 400 students, which is similar to last year's class of 2006 and only slightly smaller than the classes of 2004 and 2005.

According to Nolan, as of today, the accepted students represent 43 states and 19 countries.

"Typically, over the past 20 years, our classes have represented approximately 36 states and several countries. The majority of [students] historically come from the 13 state Midwestern region," Nolan said.

Nolan also added that the academic quality for the class of 2007, and over the past ten years, has remained strong. The mean GPA is 3.68 on a 4.0 scale and the mean SAT com-

posite score is 1150 and the mean ACT composite score is 25. Nolan added that she would know more about the class composition after the National Candidate's Reply Date on May 1.

"We have exceeded by a few percentage points the number of applications from last year and the year before," Nolan said.

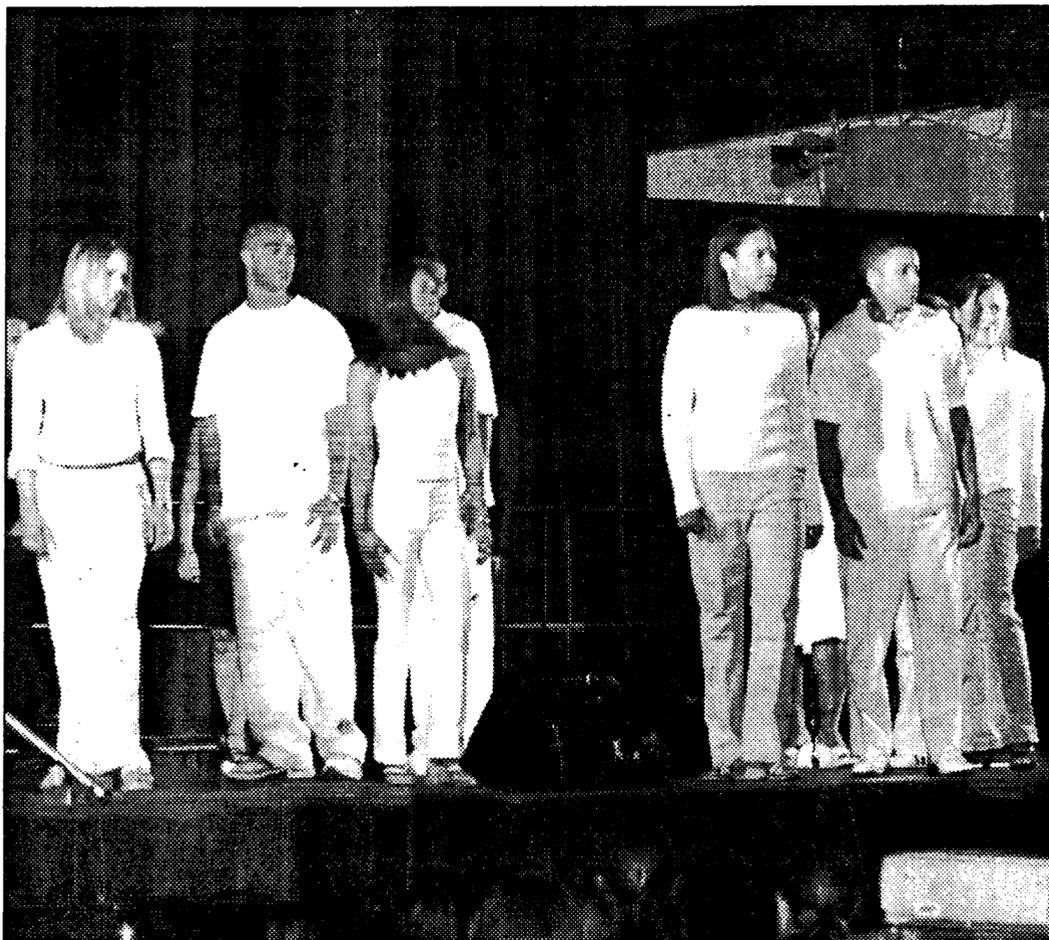
Nolan did give reasons that the class of 2006 may slightly be smaller in size. She said approximately 80 percent of students go to public institutions, and the number of students who consider a women's college has stayed constant over the past three years.

Nolan also said that the national economic situation is a factor, considering that unemployment and underemployment is high and personal income is basically flat. Another factor working against private institutions can be contributed to Federal aid flat funding and, in Indiana, the decrease in state aid.

However, Nolan and the admission staff continue to plan major on-campus visitation.

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STRUTIN' THEIR STUFF



MICHELLE OTTO/The Observer

Members of the Black Culture Arts Council presented a fashion show in the Stepan Center Saturday to display a portrayal of life at Notre Dame.

INSIDE COLUMN

Fifth Food Group

Movies such as "Animal House", "Van Wilder" and "Road Trip" all celebrated the party aspect of college life with their portrayal of one party after the next.

While this is not exactly true, at least if you expect to ever graduate and leave college, having an active college social life is an important part of the experience.

Sarah Nestor

Senior Staff Writer

Therefore, on any given weekend at colleges across the nation, you can find students heading to dorm parties, house parties or to their favorite local tavern, in search of the college students' aqua vitae and the fifth food group — beer.

With hundreds of beers to choose from around the world, students can each have their own favorite but college students tend to have their choice of one of four kinds: cheap, light, classic, dark and thick beers.

First, there are the cheap, or poor college student beers, which can usually be found in vast quantities at dorm parties. Usually these are beers that no one at the party has ever heard of and have names like "granny's best" or "spring light." However, the staple cheap beer popular with new beer drinkers is Natural Light, fondly known as "natty light" on campuses.

Next are the light beers, which are favored by female college students. Light refers not to its taste, but to its lower caloric content. Light beers have on average thirty to forty calories less than their regular counterparts. For this reason light beers are popular as college students also try to avoid the dreaded "freshman fifteen," or "junior fifteen," or even "senior fifteen."

Classic beers are lager beers, with the full caloric content, easily recognized because of their labels. Beers such as Budweiser, Miller Genuine Draft, Coors and Heineken all fall into the classic beer category. It is usually one of these beers chosen to fill the keg, as it is a safe bet that all party goers will drink these beers, even if it is not their favorite.

Another choice for the college student is dark beer or ale. Dark beer, while still clear, does not resemble the color of urine but more closely is considered to be amber. Students who consider themselves beer connoisseurs and, holding their cup aloft, often ask, "How can you drink that dirty water" to a passing friend holding a glass of Budweiser, more often than not drink these beers. Favored dark beers include Killians, Smithwicks or local house brews.

However, the darkest and thickest beers are known as stouts. These black brews are considered to be the yogurts among beers because they are so thick you almost want to eat them with a spoon. Brewed for only the heartiest of souls, stouts are considered by some to be the "manly man's" drink, guaranteed to put hair on your chest. The most popular of these being Guinness, the Irish brew recognized around the world for its tar black color and distinctive taste. Dark beer drinkers are most likely to be found at the nearest pub.

The varying tastes of the hundreds of beers brewed each year allow us enough choices so that we each could have our own different favorite brew.

Disclaimer: remember to drink responsibly!

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Coalition of students participate in walk against homelessness	Generals, Rumsfeld defend war strategies	Crude oil future falls slightly	Cartoon failed to appreciate purpose of Spring Visitation	A career in show biz	The end of the road
Members of the Notre Dame community came together over the weekend to raise over \$17,000 to combat homelessness.	The nations top generals and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld defended their strategy in Iraq against critics on Sunday.	Amid war jitters crude oil ended a little lower Friday as traders took profits on Thursday's gains.	Junior Jourdan Sorrel questions references that allude to spring visitation as a deception that "paints a false picture of Notre Dame."	Casting director Mike Fenton, who was involved in such films as "The Godfather: Part II" and "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade," gives advice to aspiring actors.	The Irish womens basketball team was knocked out of the NCAA tournament 66-47 by the Purdue Boilermakers on Sunday.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

- ◆ Round table discussion about students' voice
7 p.m. at Lafortune
- ◆ Lecture with Gregg Nebel
Task force on anti-sweatshop initiatives
7:30 p.m. at Hesburgh Center Auditorium
- ◆ Swing dance lessons
8:30 p.m. at Rockne Memorial, room 301

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- ◆ OMA celebrates Cesar Chavez Day
All day at Hagggar College Center, room 303
- ◆ Window on music
12 p.m. at Moreau, room 114
- ◆ Board of Governance meeting
4:30 p.m. at Hagggar College Center

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

No new information available from the NDSP crime blotter.

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Meatloaf, scalloped corn casserole, brown sauce, chicken gravy, whipped potatoes, petite carrots in honey-orange sauce, cherry cobbler, grilled tilapia, potatoes with spinach, baked potato, broccoli spears, oatmeal, sausage patties, scrambled eggs, fried potato triangles, steakhouse fries, Szechuan vegetable stir-fry

Today's Dinner: Roast top sirloin, zum zum potato salad, chicken gravy, whipped potatoes, peas and pearl onions, cherry cobbler, lemon-baked perch, rice valencienne, curried vegetables, cut corn, sliced carrots, broccoli, baked potato, bread sticks

South Dining Hall

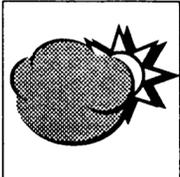
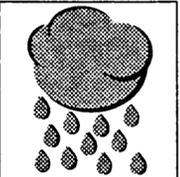
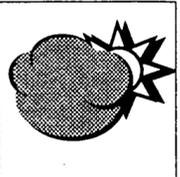
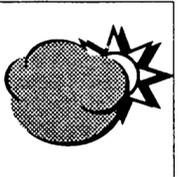
Today's Lunch: Hawaiian pizza, toasted pretzel sticks, cheese and vegetable pie, winter-blend vegetables, beef chop suey, cajun-baked pollock, roast top round, baked sweet potatoes, whipped potatoes, long grain and wild rice, cut corn, baked potato, broccoli cuts, peas, cut green beans, grilled ham and cheese on white

Today's Dinner: Potato pancakes, hot chunky applesauce, beef-stuffed peppers, tuna casserole, roast turkey breast, whipped potatoes, baked sweet potatoes, cut corn, bread stuffing, baked potato, broccoli cuts, peas, cut green beans, mashed potato

Saint Mary's Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Vegetarian paella, wild mushroom strudel, pasta, marinara, caribbean twice baked sweet potatoes, seafood international saute, grilled hamburger, grilled bratwurst, grilled cheese, french fries, BLT's, chicken breast teriyaki, vegetable lo mein, peas and carrots, deluxe pizza, cheese pizza, bread sticks, ham salad

Today's Dinner: Biryani rice with cashews, baked potatoes, broccoli cuts, fettucine pasta toss, sweet potato biscuits, tortellini, "dawg house bar," texas style briskett, lyonnaise potatoes, corn, chicken fajita pizza, cheese pizza, bread sticks, chimichangas

	TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 46 LOW 27	HIGH 43 LOW 38	HIGH 57 LOW 45	HIGH 65 LOW 58	HIGH 68 LOW 45	HIGH 62 LOW 38

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Peace conference examines Iraq war

By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

Undergraduates from 12 universities addressed issues relating to peace-building and conflict resolution in the Kroc Institute's annual Undergraduate Student Peace Conference held Friday and Saturday in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

Student organizers said this year's conference, entitled "Shadows of War, Visions of Peace," proved especially relevant in light of the war with Iraq.

"Back in the fall, it looked like [war with Iraq was impending]," said Emily Badrov, senior political science major and an organizer of the conference. The "Shadows of War" [was because] we could tell that something was about to happen. We wanted to have the conference be about [this]."

Students began preparing for the conference in October, discussing possible topics and themes for the conference. Upon deciding on this year's theme, organizers began to call for undergraduate papers through networking and advertising on the Kroc Institute's website.

Shabnam Siddiqui, a graduate student in political science and a conference organizer, said that the quality of this year's papers was impressive.

"The kind of papers we have gotten this year is much richer," Siddiqui said.

Panels of four to five undergraduates addressed issues relating to a wide variety of interests, including panel discussions ranging from "Opportunities and Challenges of NGO's and IGO's in Global Society" to "Religious Paths to

Peace" to "Innocence Lost: The Effects of War on Children." Each student had approximately 10 to 15 minutes to deliver their paper with another five minutes for questions and answers.

In a panel discussion entitled "Justifying War in the Modern World," presenters John Viano from Marquette University, De-Yuan Kao from the University of Chicago, Claire Carter from Indiana University and Notre Dame's Ky Bertoli, presented papers that related to just war theory and argued that the current war with Iraq did not meet this criteria.

Viano's paper, "War and Peace Revisited," argued for a need for greater information sharing among nations in order to better predict empirically the actions of countries. Such trust and complexity among nations, Viano argued, would remove much guesswork from international politics.

"The cause for peace is such that if we all recognize that we are insecure, we can do something about it that isn't violence," he said.

Kao's paper, "Why Intervene? A Comparison between the 'Two' Gulf Wars," discussed the evolution of U.S. doctrine regarding the use of force from 1980 to the present day and compared the use of force in the first and second Gulf Wars.

Carter's paper entitled "Is it just? Three Perspectives on the Moral Status of the Bush Administration's Proposed War in Iraq," compared the political

philosophies of Michael Walzer, Simone Weie and Albert Camus with respect to pacifism and just war theory and argued that the war with Iraq clearly violated the concepts of just war theory.

"This war is preventive, designed to respond to a distant threat. [There is] no pressing need to act in self-defense," she said.

Bertoli's paper, "What is Happening to Just War Theory," focused on the Catholic Church's views toward just war theory and the war with Iraq, illustrating the differences between the Church and the Bush Administration with respect to the war.

"[The Bush Administration says that] we are acting because the risks of not acting would be much greater. The Vatican stands starkly on the other side," he said.

In a workshop entitled "Resolving Conflicts with Other Americans

Over the Current War," moderator George Lopez, Notre Dame political science professor, addressed means of mediating discussion and resolving conflict between supporters and opponents of the war with Iraq.

"This is a war about ideas as much as it is about terrible killing," Lopez said.

Audience members shared many of their personal encounters with combating hostile viewpoints. A woman commented on her experiences passing through a hostile pro-war group while heading to an anti-war protest, and a man

discussed the conflict between himself, an opponent of the war, and his parents who support the war effort.

Lopez encouraged his audience to continue to discuss war theory with those who support the war rather than engaging in highly emotional arguments not grounded in theory.

"We have to find a way to . . . get away from the antiseptic treatment of war that we have," Lopez said. "We haven't in the peace movement been able to convey that war is no longer [a smart option]," he said.

Although some discussions and workshops addressed the conflict with Iraq, many focused on issues ranging from U.S. foreign policy, children's art therapy, education and psychology in peace-building, the role of the media in war coverage to the Israel-Palestine conflict.

"A lot of the issues [have been very diversified]," Siddiqui said.

In addition to student-led panel discussions, the peace conference featured presentations from Take Ten, a peace-building program for fourth through sixth graders led by Notre Dame volunteers and students from the Washington D.C. seminar, as well as a dramatization of Aristophanes' anti-war play Lysistrata. The conference concluded with a concert by Amnesty International.

Siddiqui said that the conference was intended for students to share information and network with other students interested in similar kinds of research.

"Over here [in America] the kind of intellectual understanding and dialogue that youth are involved in is particularly spectacular," she said. "Maybe the next breed of international peacemakers [are in the making]."

Undergraduate students, graduate students and staff members from the Kroc Institute assisted in the organization, planning and realization of the Undergraduate Student Peace Conference.

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Director named to Hall of Fame

Special to The Observer

Saint Mary's Athletic Director Lynn Kachmarik is one of two people slated for induction into the Collegiate Water Polo Association Hall of Fame's class of 2003.

Kachmarik is the first woman to receive the Association's highest honor. She will be inducted at the 2003 Women's Eastern Championship Awards Banquet at Harvard University on April 25.

Kachmarik enjoyed a stellar playing and coaching career that spanned more than 20 years at both Slippery Rock University and Bucknell University. She garnered All-American laurels in water polo all four seasons she played at Slippery Rock while also earning All-American status on the swim team.

Her success as a player was not limited to collegiate water polo. Kachmarik was a member of the U.S. Women's National Water Polo Team from 1976-86, serving as captain of the squad for six years. She was selected to the All-World Team in 1978. As a member of the U.S. team she competed in three World Championships and seven FINA World Cup tournaments.

While playing water polo on the international stage, Kachmarik began a coaching career in the college ranks. In 1982 she was named women's swimming coach at Bucknell University and in 1984 was appointed assistant coach of the university's men's water polo team.

In 1998, Kachmarik relinquished her duties as Bucknell's swim coach to start a women's varsity water polo program. In addition to her playing and coaching, Kachmarik resides in South Bend with her husband Scott and three children.

International Festival Schedule of Events

Monday, March 31

6:30-9:00 pm, Center for Social Concerns Café
Brazilian Coffee House and Samba Lessons
Brazilian Acoustic with Gilberto Libanio and Samba lessons from Hilma DeVasconcelos

Tuesday, April 1

3:30-4:30 pm, Montgomery Theatre, LaFortune Student Center
World Literature Readings I
International students and scholars reading poetry, lyrics and other literary selections in their native languages

7:00 pm and 9:00 pm, Montgomery Theatre, LaFortune Student Center
International Film, "Madadayo", Japan
Two showings of Akira Kurosawa's final film with special introduction and commentary

Wednesday, April 2

8:00-10:00 pm, McGlenn Residence Hall 23-hour Lounge
International Dating Game
Dating around the world in 2 hours! Open to undergraduate students only. Please write to ISSA.2@nd.edu to reserve a place

Thursday, April 3

11:00-4:00pm, Sorin Room 1st Floor, LaFortune Student Center
Cultural Displays and Demonstrations

3:30 -5:00 pm, University Village Community Center
Children's Day
Children's crafts, songs, games and refreshments from around the world

6:00 - 8:00 pm, Hesburgh Center for International Studies Auditorium
African Dance Troupe and Cultural Displays
The African Student Association presents an evening of entertainment and insights

8:00 pm, Center for Social Concerns Café
French Coffee House
Acoustic French with Fabien Feron, Cyril LeSage and friends

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Coalition of students participate in walk against hunger

By LINDA SKALSKI
News Writer

Members of the Notre Dame community came together on Sunday to participate in the 5K Homeward Bound Walk to Fight Homelessness, co-sponsored by Notre Dame Habitat for Humanity and 14 other non-profit organizations in Indiana, raising over \$17,000.

In addition to raising funds, the walk served to raise awareness about the problem of homelessness in the area, said Lindsay Lutz, walk chairperson.

"It is great that there are so many people from the South Bend community who came to Notre Dame to participate," sophomore Colin Dowdall said. "Habitat is really reaching out

to the broader community through this walk."

Walkers were motivated with a talk by Lou Nanni, vice president for University relations and former director at the Center for the Homeless, who put the event into a deeper context, giving faces to the faceless.

Nanni spoke about the broad range of people he saw walk through the doors at the Center for the Homeless, as diverse as a first round NBA draft pick suffering from a crack cocaine addiction, to a former Notre Dame security guard who broke down after losing his wife, to a pregnant 12-year-old girl.

"We're not just talking about people who fall through the cracks of society, but people who are born into the cracks of

society," Nanni said.

Nanni spoke about Ovetta, a homeless woman who does not trust the world and sleeps with men to feel loved for a moment. Ovetta writes her thoughts on paper, because she is so ashamed of herself that she cannot bear to hear her own voice.

"For as long as I can remember, life has been ugly and I can remember since I have been one and a half," Ovetta wrote. "I've had children, only to have someone love me for me with no exceptions."

Nanni said that Ovetta and other people who live in the stark reality of homelessness are asking for not simply a house, but a community. They are looking to feel a sense of intimacy that they cannot find

in their family or society.

"Homelessness is not homelessness, but rather a pathology of connectedness," said Nanni. "You are here in some small way to close gaps. You are not here to walk with the homeless, but to walk with the homeless."

Nanni pointed out how timely this event fits within the current world situation, and told the crowd to think not only of terror or war when they walked, but also of the war going on right here, and the struggles in their own backyards.

Recognizing the importance of community awareness that Nanni highlighted, coupled with the reality that houses are costing more as building costs go up, Notre Dame Habitat for Humanity hopes to make this

an annual event said Habitat for Humanity co-President Maria Manhohn.

All pledges collected by Notre Dame students, totaling approximately \$1,500 will go directly to Notre Dame Habitat for Humanity and will help to purchase materials for a house currently being built in South Bend, the ninth house in nine years built by the group. Other participating organizations included the YMCA Woman's Shelter, the Center for the Homeless, Habitat for Humanity of St. Joseph's County, Youth Services Bureau and La Casa of Goshen.

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been able to give all of the funding necessary, and that the difference between this year and last year is that the committee put a price tag on it to "increase student ownership of the event."

"The Show' didn't get as much funding as it wanted, yet Student Council wants to make it bigger than ever," said Joe Horton, CCC Service Division Chair. As a result, Romero and other "Show" organizers had to use outside venues, such as class councils and dorms, for funding.

Because "The Show" and Rally in the Alley fall on the same night, it would make sense that fundraisers would approach the Office of Student Affairs to allocate more funding to sponsor an event that would keep students on campus and not tapping kegs at Turtle Creek.

But that was not the plan of Romero and her commissioners.

"We didn't want to use 'The Show' as a non-drinking alternative to Rally. It's meant to be a welcome back activity for students," Romero said. "Giving everyone a chance to pitch in makes it a more campus-wide event. If you assume that 100 people from each dorm came last year, asking the dorms to donate \$500 apiece is basically asking them to subsidize a \$5 ticket price for their residents to go to the concert."

Only the current Sophomore Class Council has positively agreed to giving "The Show" committee the \$500 it requested. The Junior and Senior class councils have said that they will consider giving money after their councils hold one final fundraiser, an indication that funding from Student Affairs is low.

And while the University endowment is low due to the economic downturn of the past year, the Student Activities Fee and sales of "The Shirt" continued to rise this year. It is the Student Activities Fee and revenue generated from the sale of "The Shirt" that serves as the main source of funding for student committee and club-sponsored events such as "The Show." With the rise in the Student Activities Fee from \$65 for the 2001-2002 academic year to \$80 this past year in addition to the over \$250,000 raised by "The Shirt," funding for student activities shouldn't be low.

The Student Senate is scheduled to approve the proposed Financial Management Board's budget in the near future, but it will be several more months before student clubs and activities will get the funding that they had hoped for.

In the end, "The Show" will go on, but most likely not without some outside financial support from other organizations.

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few large-sized events.

"We are trying to be bigger in scope and intent than has ever been attempted by SUB," Ebersol said. "Instead of trying to make two events that are just huge we want two large events and three medium events — so that we don't put all of our eggs in one basket."

Ebersol intends to use the newly revamped Senior-Alumni Bar known as Legends for events and will keep traditional SUB programs such as an T o s t a l , S o p h o m o r e L i t e r a r y F e s t i v a l , C o l l e g i a t e B a n d F e s t i v a l ,

Acousticafé and the Loft Series; however, he will completely rework the Loft Series to make it more functional.

Movies that SUB offers will be marketed toward different dorm quads in order to increase attendance. The movie will be chosen by the dorms on a different quad each week and will be open for the entire campus to

attend.

Ebersol said he plans to have a Sinner and Saint Concert for Charity, an idea that was on his platform, which he claims will be larger in scope than anything SUB has done before. The concert would include top 40 performers. Ebersol wants to set the standard high here in order to show students what SUB and the campus can offer them next year as far as student life.

Additional concerts will be offered between late November and early December

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Charlie Ebersol
SUB board manager

February and early March. Comedians, along with traditional S U B events, will be offered between these concerts.

"Between January and March, it's cold — that's when you need to program the heck out of the University — when students are most apathetic," Ebersol said. "We aren't looking to do all huge events because we have a limited budget and time. We want to constantly provide programming."

Though Ebersol's goals may

seem lofty and expensive, he has the connections to bring the big name talents and said his staff strategically budgeted money without asking for an excessive amount of funds from the Financial Management Board. Ebersol said SUB will be looking for co-sponsors for events, but will no longer be the Student Union bankroll.

Ebersol denies claims that he became SUB manager for political reasons and has not considered running for student body president next year. He will focus on the next 10 months and then decide what his next option will be regarding student government.

Ebersol said he decided to take an active role in improving student life because he felt the ideals of the University's community, the faculty he had met and the friends he made within his dorms had buoyed him when he struggled at the beginning of freshman year with family problems and losing several friends in the Sept. 11 attacks. He wanted to give something back to the community that helped him.

"Right now SUB seems like a very good fit for me, but we will see," Ebersol said.

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a conversation with

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Generals, Rumsfeld defend war strategies

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The nation's top generals and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld defended their Iraqi strategy on Sunday against new criticism they had underestimated the opposition and started the war with too few troops.

Rumsfeld, whose confident, sometimes combative style is quickly becoming a focus of criticism, insisted Sunday that the plan to attack Iraq — which he called a good one — had originated with war commander Gen. Tommy Franks and been approved through the nation's military command, all the way up to President Bush.

"In fact, the president wanted to support the diplomacy in the United Nations. So he wanted things to flow in over a period of time," Rumsfeld said on ABC's "This Week."

"But everything that [the ground commanders] asked for is in process. It's all arriving," Rumsfeld said.

Rumsfeld said he could think of one instance, during the pre-war troop and equipment buildup, when he questioned war planners about their recommendation to call up one particular specialized unit as opposed to letting somebody else handle the job.

"The plan we have is his," Rumsfeld said of Franks. "I would be delighted to take credit for it. ... It's a creative and an

innovative plan, and it's going to work."

In Qatar, Franks likewise insisted the U.S. troop reinforcements now headed toward Iraq are not a reaction to the tough resistance from Iraq fighters, but part of a long-planned "rolling start" to the war.

And the nation's top general, Gen. Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, insisted along with Rumsfeld that some U.S. ground commanders who have expressed surprise at Iraqis' ferocity see only one part of the war, and not the overall situation, which they called good.

"Nobody ever promised a short war," Myers said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

"Others can have opinions, but I just would say we are executing the plan that the combatant commander [Franks] asked for," Myers said. "He's got exactly what he wants."

Last week, the Army's senior ground commander in Iraq, Lt. Gen. William S. Wallace, told reporters, "The enemy we're fighting is different from the one we'd war-gamed against."

A Senate Republican, Chuck Hagel of Nebraska, while not mentioning Rumsfeld by name, said he was "a little concerned" that Pentagon civilian leaders were not listening carefully enough to such views.

"When your battlefield commanders who are there, who are commanding the troops in the middle of the battle are saying



U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld looks at Gen. Richard Myers, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, at a Pentagon briefing Friday. Rumsfeld and top generals have been the targets of increased criticism as U.S. and British forces face stiff resistance in Iraq.

certain things, the civilian leadership at the Pentagon must be very careful not to be publicly dismissive of that," Hagel said on CNN's "Late Edition."

It is not the first time that Rumsfeld, a former fighter pilot, has faced criticism that he is too quick to dismiss the views of oth-

ers, including top generals.

Before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Rumsfeld had clashed with some Pentagon generals and members of Congress who accused him of failing to consult as he pushed for unpopular proposals to "transform" the military and close U.S. military

bases.

Once the war in Afghanistan began, however, Rumsfeld's confident, forceful performances during frequent televised Pentagon briefings made him so popular that Bush once jokingly called his 70-year-old defense secretary a sex symbol.

ISRAEL

Islamic Jihad: suicide attack a 'gift' to Iraqi people

Associated Press

NETANYA

A Palestinian suicide attacker wounded 30 people outside a packed cafe in northern Israel on Sunday — a blast the Islamic Jihad called "Palestine's gift to the heroic people of Iraq." The violence raised Israeli fears of more bombings as the war in Iraq intensifies.

The militant group said a vanguard of Palestinians has arrived in Baghdad ready to kill American and British soldiers in suicide missions. The claim came a day after a noncommissioned

Iraqi army officer driving a taxi detonated explosives at a U.S. checkpoint in Iraq, killing himself and four American soldiers.

The blast in the coastal town of Netanya was the first suicide bombing in Israel in nearly a month and involved five pounds of explosives studded with nails. It occurred during lunchtime outside the popular Cafe London on the downtown pedestrian mall.

Ten of the wounded were Israeli soldiers, including one who stopped the attacker as he tried to enter the cafe, police and the army said. The attacker

detonated a nail-studded explosive strapped to his body as panicked customers ran, overturning chairs and tables and shouting, "Terrorist! Terrorist!"

Islamic Jihad identified the attacker as Rami Ghanem, 20, from a West Bank village just across the porous line with Israel. The bombing affirmed "the unity of battle from Palestine to Baghdad in confronting the American-Zionist invasion which targets the entire Arab and Islamic nation," the group said in a statement.

The militants' support for Iraq appeared to be a departure from pledges

not to get involved in other conflicts. In the past 30 months of fighting with Israel, Islamic Jihad and its sister group Hamas have sent dozens of young men and a few women into Israeli cities, where they've killed hundreds with bombs and bullets.

Hamas also appeared to link the battle against Israel with the fighting in Iraq. Masked Hamas activists at a pro-Iraq march in the West Bank city of Nablus on Sunday posed before a large placard showing bloodied maps of Palestine and Iraq with a black-clad man strapped with explosives standing between them.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Family of suicide bomber paid \$34,000

Iraq gave \$34,000 to the family of an Iraqi army officer who killed four U.S. soldiers in a suicide attack, and the leader of the militant group Islamic Jihad said Sunday its volunteers had gone to Baghdad for similar bombing missions against the "American invasion."

Ali Jaafar al-Noamani, a noncommissioned officer with several children, was posthumously promoted to colonel and awarded two medals for the attack in Najaf that killed the unidentified Americans, Iraqi state television reported. His family reportedly was given a fortune by Iraqi standards: 100 million dinars, the equivalent of \$34,000. Iraqi Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan indicated Saturday's attack in Najaf was "just the beginning" and even raised the specter of terrorism on U.S. or British soil. "We will use any means to kill our enemy in our land and we will follow the enemy into its land," Ramadan said.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

New York man arrested for shootings

A man who allegedly wanted to harm people of Middle Eastern descent because of his anger over the World Trade Center attack has been arrested in a string of New York workplace shootings that left four people dead. Larme Price, 30, of Brooklyn, was arrested Saturday after admitting to the shootings in a telephone conversation with investigators, Police Commissioner Ray Kelly said Sunday. Police were charging Price with four counts of murder and two counts of attempted murder in the attacks, all of which came in Brooklyn and Queens.

Price, who is unemployed, contacted police and said he had information about the killings, Kelly said. When they called him to come in for an interview, he admitted to the killings over the phone and said he had been motivated by the Sept. 11 attacks, Kelly said.

Soldiers stranded in desert for a week

For a week, two American soldiers were stranded in the Iraqi desert. They survived — hungry, thirsty and tired, but eager to get back to their unit and back to the war. The two mechanics said they were stranded when their truck's clutch failed on the way to tow an officer's Humvee that had broken down as the division was traveling toward Baghdad. They said a staff sergeant had ordered them to wait, and said they would be picked up.

Data sheds light on Columbia disaster

Columbia's salvaged data recorder registered unusual temperature spikes in the left wing just seconds after the shuttle experienced the peak heat of re-entry, indicating the ship was mortally wounded before it began its descent. That makes the flyaway foam from the shuttle's fuel tank, during launch, an even stronger suspect for breaching the leading edge of the wing.

Couple to receive Laetare Medal

Special to The Observer

Peter and Margaret O'Brien Steinfels have been awarded the University of Notre Dame's Laetare Medal for 2003. They will receive the medal, the oldest and most prestigious honor given to American Catholics, during the University's 158th Commencement exercises on May 18.

"Peter and Peggy Steinfels live out and articulate a compelling response to the Catholic vocation," University President Father Edward Malloy said.

"As married people, as intellectuals and as children of the Church, their witness to the Kingdom has been splendid and exemplary."

Both Chicago natives, the Steinfels have been successive editors of *Commonweal*, an independent biweekly journal of political, religious and literary opinion published by Catholic laypeople. Both have earned national reputations as commentators on the Catholic Church in the United States.

Peter Steinfels graduated from Loyola University in 1963 and holds masters and

doctoral degrees in European history from Columbia University. While in graduate school at Columbia, he began work as an editorial assistant at *Commonweal* and had become associate editor before leaving the magazine staff in 1972 to take a position at the Hastings Center, a bioethics think-tank. While at the Hastings Center, he continued to write columns for *Commonweal*, returning to its staff as editor in 1979.

He left *Commonweal* again in 1988 to become senior religion correspondent for *The New York Times*, where his "Beliefs" column continues to appear. He has written articles and reviews in numerous other journals and is the author of "The Neoconservatives: The Men Who Are Changing America's Politics." He also is a former member of the American studies faculty of Notre Dame, where he was the visiting W. Harold and Martha Welch Professor in 1994.

Margaret O'Brien Steinfels also graduated from Loyola University in 1963 and holds a master's degree in American history from New York University. She wrote

film reviews for *Today* magazine before becoming a reporter and columnist at the *National Catholic Reporter* from 1969-71. In addition to her freelance writing, she was editor of the *Hastings Center Report*, executive editor of *Christianity and Crisis*, and editor of *Church* magazine before succeeding her husband as *Commonweal* editor in 1988. She resigned as editor earlier this year. She is the author of "Who's Minding the Children? The History and Politics of Day Care in America," and she gave the Commencement address and received an honorary degree from Notre Dame in 1991.

The Steinfels' were married in 1963 and are the parents of Gabrielle Hendricks and John Steinfels and the grandparents of Max Hendricks.

The Laetare Medal is so named because its recipient is announced each year in celebration of Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Lent on the Church calendar. "Established at Notre Dame in 1883, the Laetare Medal was conceived as an American counterpart of the Golden Rose, a papal honor which antedates the 11th century. The medal has been awarded annually at Notre Dame to a Catholic "whose genius has ennobled the arts and sciences, illustrated the ideals of the Church and enriched the heritage of humanity."

"Peter and Peggy Steinfels live out and articulate a compelling response to the Catholic vocation."

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Citizen sues Elkhart over religious display

Associated Press

GOSHEN, Ind. — A man who prodded the city of Elkhart into moving its Ten Commandments monument off public property is now challenging Elkhart County officials over a similar display.

On behalf of William Books of Elkhart, the Indiana Civil Liberties Union filed a lawsuit last week in U.S. District Court asking for a permanent injunction seeking the removal of a printed version

of the Ten Commandments erected Monday in the county office building.

On March 17, the three county commissioners voted to use a donated series of reprinted documents and flags in the building.

Ken Falk, the ICLU's legal director, said Books does not wish to speak publicly about the issue.

"It is extremely offensive to him that the county of Elkhart is sponsoring a display which violates the Constitution," according to the ICLU's complaint.

Class

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including Accepted Student Day on Campus on April 6, Spring Day on Campus on April 27 and Fall Day on campus held earlier this year.

"Annually, we have approximately 500 families participating in these formal events," Nolan said. "In addition, we will have approximately 800 families who will make individual campus visits during the year."

Nolan said that perspective students are always encouraged to visit, either for one of the large admission programs or to design a personalized visit. Nolan expects that between 200 and 250 families will participate

in this year's Spring Day on Campus.

"The President, the College's Administrative Council and the Budget Committee remains well informed on the progress of the formation of the class of 2007 by weekly updates from the Admission and Institutional Research offices," Nolan said.

"The College is planning on an entering class of 2007 to fall between the range of 375 and 400. Of course, we would like to expand that number and are working toward a higher goal than the actual number being used currently by the Budget Committee."

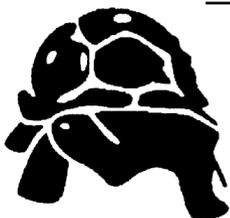
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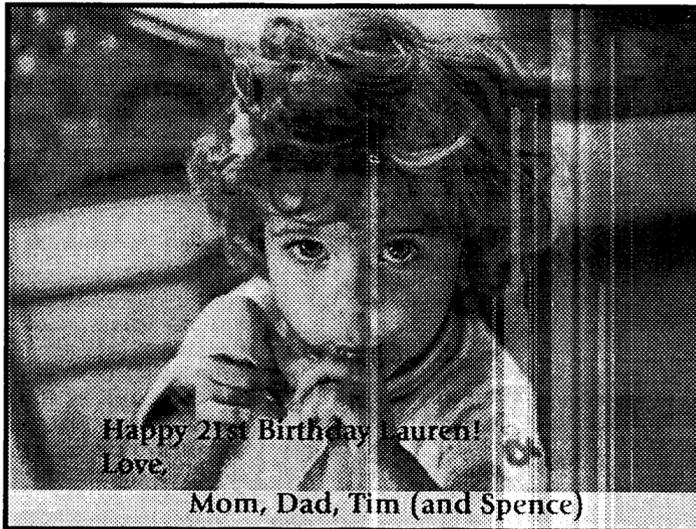
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Come join! This is the LAST meeting of the year, and we will also be holding officers elections. Don't miss it. **Pizza and refreshments will be served.**

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NASDAQ	↓	
1,369.60		-14.65
S&P 500	↓	
863.50		-5.02
AMEX	↑	
827.96		+3.64
NYSE	↓	
4,809.10		-20.61

TOP 5 VOLUME LEADERS

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
SIRIUS SATELLIT (SIRI)	-2.90	-0.02	0.67
HOUSEHOLD INTL (HI)	+0.11	+0.03	28.28
BOOTS & COOTS (WEL)	+9.21	+0.07	0.83
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-2.07	-0.28	13.22
NASDAQ-100 INDEX (QQQ)	-1.10	-0.29	26.08

IN BRIEF

Judge allows pension termination

A federal judge on Friday gave his final approval to US Airways' termination of its pilots' pension plan, clearing the way for the airline to emerge from bankruptcy protection next week.

The pension issue had been the last hurdle to the airline emergence. On Friday morning, the Federal Pension Benefit Guarantee Corp. gave its approval to the pension plan, and U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Stephen Mitchell approved it Friday afternoon.

AOL Time Warner overstates profits

AOL Time Warner Inc. indicated Friday that it might have to restate its financial results as much as another \$400 million because of accounting improprieties at its America Online division.

According to papers filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the SEC has notified the media company that it believes that two transactions involving America Online and Bertelsmann AG were accounted for improperly. Those transactions involve the dispensation of Bertelsmann's stake in AOL Europe. The company responded in the filing that it believes the deal was done correctly, and is "engaged in ongoing discussions" with the SEC.

Senate Republicans send aid to airlines

Senate Republicans agreed Friday on a \$2.8 billion aid package for the nation's airlines, much less than the industry says it needs to offset slowdowns caused by terrorism worries and the war with Iraq.

The package would extend the war-risk insurance that protects airlines from liability for injuries to passengers during war or an act of terrorism and would reimburse the airlines \$1.1 billion for security measures. It also would give the airlines a six-month break from passing on to the government the proceeds from a passenger security tax of up to \$10 per round-trip ticket.

Crude oil futures fall slightly

◆ Prolonged war in Iraq affects market

Associated Press

NEW YORK
Crude oil futures ended modestly lower Friday as traders took profits on Thursday's sharp gains posted amid Iraq war jitters.

Trading was subdued, as participants sat on the sidelines after the recent volatility and awaited fresh developments in Iraq and Nigeria, the market's twin concerns.

At the New York Mercantile Exchange, the May crude oil contract fell 21 cents to close at \$30.16 a barrel. The contract posted an overnight high of \$31.05 a barrel.

Front-month April gasoline and heating oil futures ended mixed ahead of Monday's expiration. April heating oil closed up 2.10 cents at 83.25 cents a gallon, while April gasoline closed with a loss of 2.08 cents at 95.39 cents a gallon.

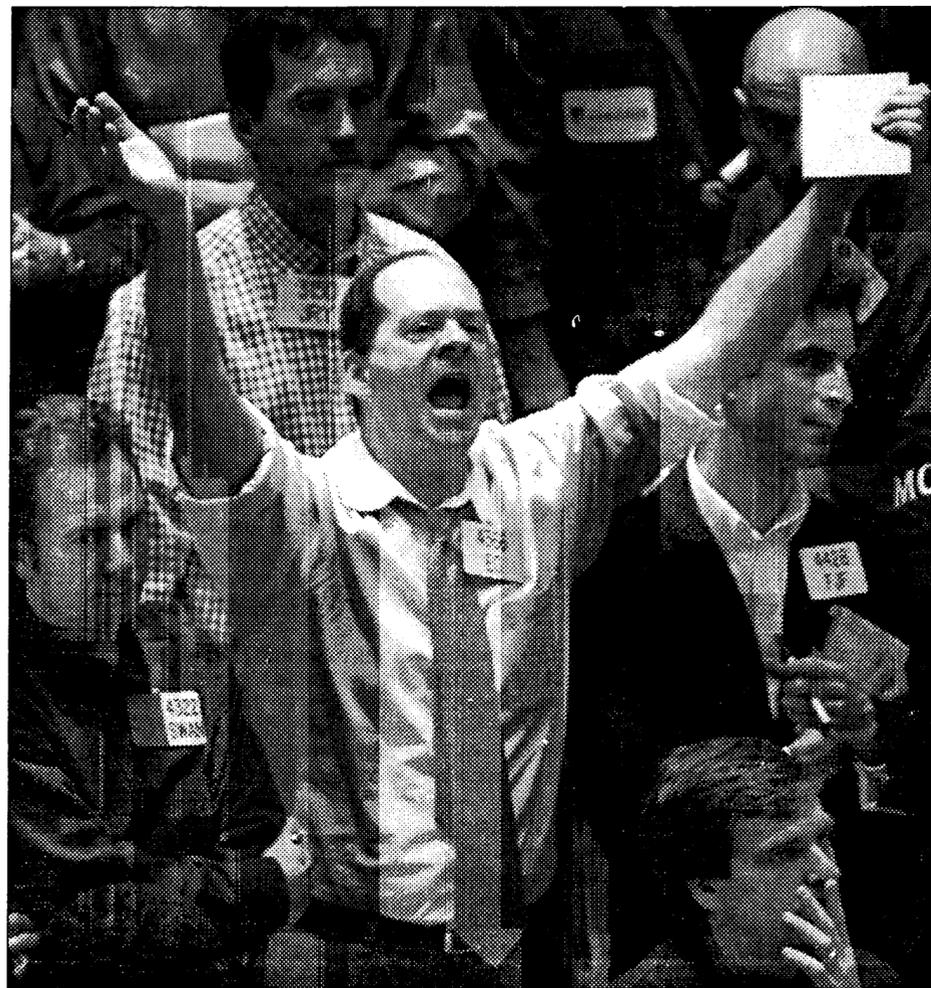
At London's International Petroleum Exchange, North Sea Brent blend futures for May delivery dropped 47 cents to \$26.35 a barrel.

Natural gas for May delivery fell 0.09 cent to settle at \$5.146.

Despite Friday's modest pullback, oil prices managed to end the week more than 12 percent higher, recouping some of the 30 percent decline that came on expectations of a quick war in Iraq.

Those expectations have all but evaporated in recent days, as allied forces face stiff Iraqi resistance as they advance toward Baghdad. Some coalition officials have acknowledged that they had underestimated the Iraqi military's willingness to fight, warning that the war could be longer and more difficult than many had hoped.

The prospect of prolonged military conflict has



Traders at the floor of the New York Mercantile Exchange trade oil futures in New York City on March 21. A prolonged war in Iraq has hurt the price of oil futures.

dampened hopes for a quick resumption of Iraqi oil output, which accounts for about 3 percent of global supply.

Iraq exported about 1.7 million barrels a day of oil through the oil-for-food program.

The United Nations suspended the oil sales program last week as allied forces prepared to attack Iraq. The Security Council voted Friday to resume the program once the American-led war winds down.

The resolution approved Friday gives Secretary-General Kofi Annan control over the humanitarian side of the program for the next 45 days. Annan said that the military situation will

determine how quickly the United Nations can return its staff to Iraq to begin distributing the aid.

The resolution does not address the oil sales side of program, an apparent acknowledgment of the uncertainty surrounding the state of the Iraqi oil industry.

"In terms of flows, we would expect that volumes would be erratic at best until a definitely more stable political element is in place," said Tyler Dann, an oil analyst with Banc of America Securities in Houston. "I would suspect tanker companies are going to be quite skittish about lifting oil from facilities that are anywhere close to Iraq until the war

is over."

Meanwhile, Nigerian oil output remained sharply curtailed two days after militants battling government forces in the oil-rich Niger Delta announced a cease-fire.

President Olusegun Obasanjo has ordered security forces to arrest ethnic militants, whose battles with rival fighters and government troops have shut down 40 percent of the country's oil production.

But ChevronTexaco, Royal/Dutch Shell and TotalFinalElf say the situation is not safe enough to return their staff to the region and have given no indication when they plan to restore production.

Dollar falls due to prolonged war

Associated Press

NEW YORK
The dollar fell against most major rivals Friday amid deepening anxiety about a potentially protracted war in Iraq, and as traders sought to limit their exposure to riskier assets ahead of the weekend.

"The war is going to take a few months," said Marc Chandler, chief currency strategist with HSBC in New York. "I think [the dollar] has adjusted to that," he added.

The greenback's across-the-board retrenchment was perhaps most noticeable against the euro, as the single currency climbed to within a hair of the \$1.0800 mark for the first time since March 17.

Dollar sentiment soured on a flurry of reports about Iraq, including Iraqi officials' claims that 51 people were killed when the United States bombed a civilian area in Baghdad.

In a sharply and carefully worded statement, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld Friday warned both Syria and Iran not to interfere with operations in Iraq and warned both countries that any such interference could be regarded as hostile acts.

In a reflection of how jittery traders have become about the dollar, it tripped to an initial run of global session lows against the Swiss franc and the euro early Friday in New York, as a report that a bridge in New York City had been shut down hurt an already jumpy, rumor-

prone market.

Police shut down the Williamsburg Bridge for more than two hours Friday morning after workers spotted three intoxicated men in a restricted area, officials said. The incident had no connection to terrorism, New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg said.

In late New York trading, the euro was quoted at \$1.0778, up from \$1.0692 late Thursday.

In late New York trading, the dollar was quoted at 119.70 yen, down from 119.97 yen late Thursday.

The dollar was quoted at 1.3698 Swiss francs, down from 1.3828, and 1.4714 Canadian dollars, up from 1.4632. The British pound rose to \$1.5754 from \$1.5648.



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CANADA

Mystery illness causes health emergency

Associated Press

TORONTO

A mystery illness with no known treatment continued to spread through Asia and Canada on Sunday, killing three more people and infecting many others as officials warned it may be more contagious than originally thought.

Hong Kong health officials said 60 more people had fallen ill with a deadly flu-like disease, more than half of them in one apartment complex, pushing the number of infections worldwide past 1,600.

Singapore's health minister, Lim Hng Kiang, said the disease may spread more easily than first believed, with some people found to be more infectious than others. Labeled as "super infectors," they can infect as many as 40 others, he said.

"We run the risk of a huge new cluster of infected people, which could start a chain reaction," Lim told a news conference.

The World Health Organization said severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS, has killed at least 54 people worldwide, with the majority of cases in Hong Kong and China. That figure does not include three more deaths reported Sunday, one each in Hong Kong, Toronto

and Singapore.

The International Ice Hockey Federation canceled the women's world championships scheduled to begin Thursday in Beijing.

Authorities have declared a health emergency in Toronto, located 50 miles from the U.S. border. U.S. health officials have reported 62 cases in the United States.

So far, four people have died from the illness in Toronto, the latest was reported Sunday. In addition, about 100 probable or suspect cases have been reported. Officials have closed two hospitals to new patients, and hundreds of people have been quarantined in their homes.

Another possible case turned up in New Brunswick on Canada's east coast, officials said Sunday, meaning the illness that originated in Asia may now reach across Canada. The New Brunswick case involves a school principal who recently traveled to China.

Other suspected cases are in Ottawa; Winnipeg, Manitoba; and on the west coast in Vancouver, British

Columbia.

The United States and Canada have advised people to avoid travel to afflicted areas in Asia, and the World Health Organization recommended that international travelers from Toronto and several Asian cities get screened for symptoms.

Singapore said it would station nurses at its airport to examine all travelers arriving from infected areas, while Canada planned to screen those traveling abroad from Toronto, although no system was in place Sunday.

Most of the Toronto-area cases are health care workers at Scarborough Grace Hospital and York Central Hospital who became infected while treating initial victims, all of whom had traveled in Asia or had close contact with other victims.

The disease has caused a run on surgical masks in the city and slowed business by as much as 70 percent at Pacific Mall, a Chinese shopping mall in Toronto's northern suburbs.

Kevin Wong, a worker at a

video store in the mall, said the public reaction seemed excessive, but was understandable. Some merchants also were taking precautions, wearing protective masks even though no cases have been linked to the mall.

"People are still coming to work but they're coming in later and leaving early," he said. "They don't want to waste their time when there's no one here."

U.S. health officials said Saturday that none of the antiviral drugs and other treatment they have tested are effective against SARS.

In Hong Kong where 13 people have died, Christians and Taoists held special services Sunday to pray for an end to the epidemic.

Most of the new cases reported Sunday came from Hong Kong's Amoy Gardens apartment complex, where a victim recently spread the disease, according to a Health Department statement.

Some frightened residents have moved out and medical teams have gone through the apartments to check for SARS, while some minibus drivers won't even stop there anymore.

In canceling the women's hockey world championships, the international federation said the spread of the illness to Beijing from southern China put the players at risk.

"We run the risk of a huge new cluster of infected people, which could start a chain reaction."

Lim Hng Kiang
Singapore's health minister

IVORY COAST

Soldiers battle looters

Associated Press

ABIDJAN

Fighting between government troops and armed looters in Ivory Coast's lawless west killed one civilian and wounded 19, an official in the rebellion-torn nation said Sunday.

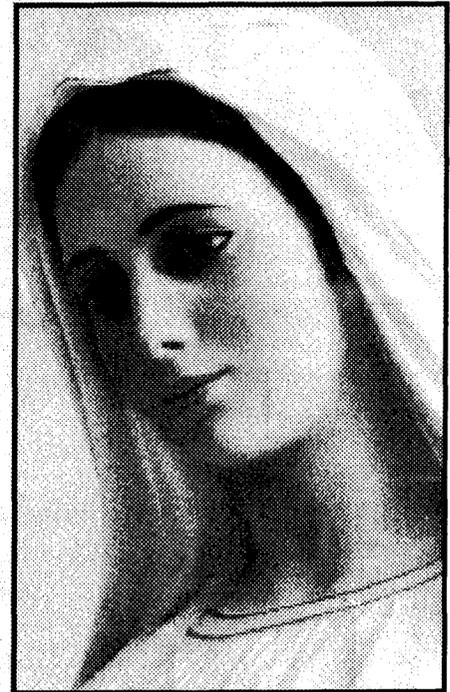
Soldiers attacked and chased off English-speaking fighters who were looting the village of Guiuebli on Saturday, Lt. Col. Philippe Mangou said. The village is near Ivory Coast's border with Liberia.

None of the soldiers or looters were reported hurt during the fight and no one was arrested. But Mangou said one woman was killed and 19 people were injured.

He said that the looters were mercenaries from Liberia, where English is spoken. He charged that they were hired by Ivory Coast insurgents whose six-month rebellion has divided the world's largest cocoa producer into government and rebel-held regions. Rebel leaders weren't immediately available for comment.

Our Lady's March 25, 2003 message to Mirjana in Medjugorje!

"Dear Children! Also today I call you to pray for peace. Pray with the heart, little children and do not lose hope because God loves His creatures. He desires to save you, one by one, through my coming here. I call you to the way of holiness. Pray, and in prayer you are open to God's will; in this way, in everything you do, you realize God's plan in you and through you. Thank you for having responded to my call."



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Jobless in South Bend

So my parents think I should have a job. So do I. I am almost 21 and my life remains an utter joke. If only it was so easy. If only I could rely on my average looks, my tender booty or my shapely thighs.

Hanson had something there. If only.

David Barrett

Notre Bum

I never had a problem securing babysitting jobs or paper routes. I was a sixth grade stud and a conscientious one at that. You say you need a little stencil work on your poster board presentation? I'm on it. How about a little shakalaka with that boom? Just give me a shot. I guarantee I'll make it.

I was money in the bank. My cursive was renowned. There was no question as to who would own the gymnasium on kickball day. People knew I could water plants, sell popcorn and woo their middle-school daughters. I was a standout, a perennial force in the annual spelling bee. People knew me. I knew people and what they wanted. I could get it done. I was no Boy Scout. I was a Webelo man.

But now, nearly a decade later, they just aren't seeing it. I've sent out nearly 40 resumes and received an embarrassing 3 responses. One was simply to notify me that I had the wrong address, the other two to remind me that they stopped accepting applications in February. Sure, my marks are mediocre and my extra-curriculars nonexistent, but I am deserving.

Same thing happened last summer. I showed up in Boston with a couple of roommates and a basketful of ambitions. I hit the streets with a pair of fresh khakis and an ironed brown polo. I hopped from bar to bar, Gap to

American Eagle, looking for an establishment worthy of my employment. Nothing. I skirted over to Rosie's Bakery, but apparently my booty wasn't fat enough. I humbly applied at the nearby fast food chains but found no love there either. I went home. To southern Maine I went. I would take up my past employer at the local lobster shack on his offer to re-hire me for another long summer.

Keds and ponytails awaited me. They sold me out for a payroll of pre-teens. What a loser. Luckily, I had a list of household chores prepared for me. I spent the duration of the summer washing the deck with a high-pressured hose, an infomercial buy and my dad's new favorite toy. It worked okay. I amused myself with a monthly stipend and trips to the public library to abuse the renovated educational movie rental section, all the while anticipating next summer and an enormous salary.

So here I am, stuck applying to jobs I don't want in order to make money and gain experience that I desperately need. I know it's cliché, but it's not quite as easy as it always seemed. Never mind the Big Five.

Underqualified as I may be, I applied to the Big Three: Alamo, National and Hertz. No word yet, but the fingers are crossed. It's not that I want to be parking cars for the rest of my life. I just need a legitimate job this summer. If that doesn't go well, I might be applying to Wendy's and McDonald's, the Big Two. I just always assumed the bachelor in economics and philosophy would carry me a little bit further than fast food.

Maybe I shouldn't worry just yet. We are currently in the midst of war and incredible economic uncertainty, and

people just aren't hiring. Confidence is not high. I repeat, confidence is not high. Every night I check the career center's useless Golrish home page for the latest job postings. Every night I struggle to determine whether Vima Gupta is a "Dear Mr." or a "Dear Ms." I try to convince COO Gupta that although my course selection does not reflect a passion for advertising, I'm his or her man.

I find myself cursing Notre Dame and its limited major offerings. I could have gone to Tufts and majored in something I actually would have liked and benefited from, like African funk or infectious diseases. Maybe I just chose the wrong major. Either way, I never thought I'd have trouble getting a connection with the vast network of generous, doting Domers. It isn't too hard. Simply hook this brother up.

Maybe I should harken back to those middle-school days once again. I was quite the entrepreneur. My brothers and I used to lurk in the bushes, just off the 18th fairway at the local golf course, waiting to sprint out, steal people's golf balls and take off. Like any dream job, it proved both lucrative and enjoyable. We'd sell them back, a day later, three for a dollar.

I'm going to give those 36 pending internships a couple of weeks. Wait it out. See what happens. But if nothing fleshes out, I might just be calling up my brothers with a business proposition.

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"All paid jobs absorb and degrade the mind."

Aristotle
Greek philosopher

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cartoon failed to appreciate purpose of Spring 'Vis'

Last Thursday's "School Daze" strip concerns me both as a diversity educator and student. For those that did not see the cartoon, the subject line makes reference to Spring Visitation Weekend and the supposedly deceptive tactics used by the admissions office in convincing students that Notre Dame is a metropolis. I challenge the cartoon artists and the campus community to look further than what is on the surface and create effective solutions in correcting the notion that Spring Visitation Weekend deceives students.

This is not the first instance in which the admissions office has been the topic of discussion in *The Observer*. In Jan. 2001, an *Observer* news writer published an article accusing the office of "deceptive diversity." In her article, Christine Kraly wrote that "Some students and administrators believe that the Spring Visitation Weekend, with its emphasis on multicultural students and activities, paints a false picture of Notre Dame."

She went on, adding that a percentage of students that enrolled with the University after the weekend returned in the fall to a different picture. The lat-

est cartoon strip is continuing in Kraly's footsteps. We need to understand the overall purpose and reason that Spring Visitation Weekend is important in creating a more diverse environment.

Cindy Santana, multicultural recruitment coordinator, states: "The main purpose for Spring Visitation is to bring students here who may not be fortunate enough to visit the campus on their own as well as high talent diversity students that may not be considering Notre Dame as their first choice."

I can attest that Spring Visitation was a main factor in my decision to enroll. Notre Dame did not actively recruit at our high school, and the only way I heard about it was through a local contact that was actively involved with the Black Alumni of Notre Dame. I would not have considered applying here if it were not for the open arms of the Black Alumni of Notre Dame and the admissions office in helping me consider whether this university was the best fit.

Many students such as myself are not fortunate to be from "feeder schools," schools that continually send a number of students to Notre Dame or whose students are recruited by the institution. In

effect, minority students may not learn about the institution except through different sources. They need the opportunity to experience campus life before making their final decision.

Granted, during Spring Visitation, more minority events occur than in any other weekend. However, this is not the only way that students can take advantage of the Notre Dame experience. It is explained when a student arrives on campus by their host that the weekend is not representative of the school year. Hopefully, the prospective student takes this into mind and participates in the scheduled talks from administrators, faculty and students as well as attends classes and the various ethnic events to sample the culture and environment of campus.

I noticed that when the weekend is over and students return in the fall, there are discussions of the Spring Visitation deceiving people, presenting the false sense of reality that Claire O'Brien's cartoon strip points out. Notre Dame is attempting to increase the percentages of underrepresented groups on campus, but needs help from the student population. Spring Visitation Weekend

is not the end all to the overall experience. Cultural events such as Asian Allure, Blak Images and Fiestang Filipino along with other events sponsored by the Multicultural Student Programs and Services and other departments occur throughout the academic year.

However, people should recognize there are ample opportunities to make campus a special place if you want it to be. I admit complaining at times that there is nothing to do on campus but recognize that we have the opportunity to raise the bar for those that come after us. What it all comes down to is whether we at Notre Dame desire for this to happen. A community cannot be rebuilt without a firm foundation. This can not be created without the combined dedication and efforts of every individual. However, the question is who will be the first to dig the hole in the ground so others can follow and create an institution that we can call our home.

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Bush muddies waters

How would you define clean water? The Bush administration seems to think that clean water contains leftover waste from mining operations, a wide range of toxic pollutants and is unfit for human contact. Anyone thirsty?

Clean water is water that is fit for human recreation; it is not water deemed hazardous to your health. In clean water, the levels of pollution are well within the safety standards of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). It is free of industrial waste. And it is safe to eat the animals that live in clean water.

Unfortunately, the EPA reports that more than one-third of surveyed rivers and half of all lakes and estuaries within the United States are too polluted for human recreation. And at least 44 states have a partial or statewide fish-consumption warning posted, which includes 100 percent of the Great Lakes, a large percentage of our nation's coastal waters and one-third of shellfish beds.

Despite this knowledge, the Bush administration continues to define clean water on terms that are not healthy for us or the environment. On May 3, 2002, the Bush administration decided to allow coal companies to dump leftover dirt and rock from mountaintop mining operations into streams and valleys. And on Dec. 20, 2002, the Bush administration let a proposal die that would have reduced pollution runoff into rivers, lakes and streams.

Now the Bush administration is seeking to further limit the waters protected by the Clean Water Act of 1972 because our waters are already so clean. If the Bush administration is successful, as much as 20 percent of our nation's wetlands could become polluted or destroyed. That's 20 million acres of wetlands, which help to filter drinking water, retain flood waters and support a wide range of wildlife. Destroying wetlands would result in greater pollution of our ground and surface water, making more waters unsafe for human recreation or consumption.

If you agree with the Bush administration's definition of clean water, then dive on in. If not, then go to www.cleanwateract.blogspot.com, click on the EPA link and tell our government not to jeopardize our health by limiting the Clean Water Act. But act quickly. The EPA will stop accepting comments on the proposed changes to the Clean Water Act on April 16.

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Things could surely be better

I shudder to think what would have happened had we not had the Electoral College in place for the last election. Had it not been for this antiquated system placed in our Constitution for the purpose of making sure that the uneducated people of 18th century America made the right choice in choosing their leader, then we would certainly have a different president. And, even more shockingly, we likely would not be in a war.

In response to Matt Somma's letter on Friday entitled, "It would be worse without Bush," which was more of a cheap attack on the character of Bill Clinton than anything else, all I can say is that things could be a whole lot better too.

In defense of Clinton, despite his personal shortcomings and poor judgment calls, he was one of the most intelligent world leaders in the modern era, as well as a seasoned politician and diplomat. The eight years of Clinton's administration were some of the most peaceful and prosperous within living memory. Not only were they peaceful years here at home, but abroad also, for the most part. Somma aptly decides to point out the bombing of the USS Cole, but fails to mention that it was also the most peaceful time in the Middle East. There were peace conferences between Israelis and Palestinians that actually made a short-term improvement in their relations.

Theodore Roosevelt's quotation, "Speak softly and carry a big stick," is taken completely out of context in Somma's letter.

Roosevelt spoke these words in reference to imperialism and the colonization of places like Puerto Rico. Teddy Roosevelt was not one of the largest proponents of words before war, as is blatantly

obvious when we examine the Spanish-American War. To imply that Clinton used too much diplomacy is ridiculous since most Americans would agree that war should be used only as a last resort in a desperate situation.

With regard to the cuts in military spending during the Clinton administration, this was inevitable. Of course spending to the military would be cut following the astronomical increases in spending during the Reagan administration. With military programs such as Star Wars during Reagan's terms, the only thing that could have possibly been done with military spending was to decrease it. Clinton was the first Democratic president after Reagan, so of course he was going to cut spending to the military.

On another note, it is asinine to argue the hypothetical situation of how another person would have reacted to and handled the Sept. 11 attacks. No one can say what Gore, Clinton or anyone else would have done if the situation had been theirs to deal with. Bush certainly rose to the occasion, so it is entirely possible that another would have done the same.

Furthermore, on the issue of Sept. 11 and its political aftermath, Bush and his henchmen found it necessary to "declare" a "War on Terror," which has led to our current military involvement in Iraq. The fact that the

United States "declared" a war on an idea is completely beyond me, as is our government's insistence on using Sept. 11 as an excuse to enter other countries and re-arrange their governments. Despite what some want to believe, it has not been proven that Iraq had any direct involvement in the attacks. In a recent

press conference, Bush actually cited Sept. 11 as one

of the reasons for mili-

tary involvement in

Iraq. Honestly, I

think that war was

unavoidable by the

time we entered

Iraq. We were

too deeply

involved not to

do anything.

However, if we

are there

because of the

U.N. weapons

inspectors, then

simply say that.

Let's have a real,

justifiable reason

for involvement.

In the end, when

Somma states that

Bush "chooses to make

war," he's absolutely right.

This is a man-made war that

was, until a few weeks ago,

avoidable. The belief that it is

necessary to make ill-founded,

poorly researched character

attacks about Bill Clinton is

ridiculous and completely unne-

cessary. Had the Electoral College

outcome reflected the popular

vote of the people of America,

things would be very different

now, though I'm not convinced

that they would be worse.



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March 28

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A career in

Casting director Mike Fenton from 'The Godfather' gives tips for

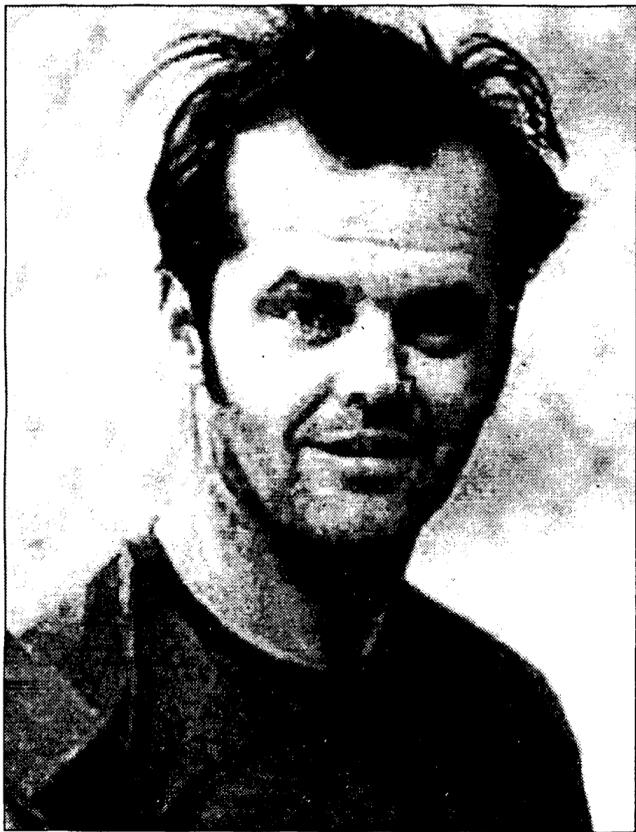


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Mike Fenton has worked with many of Hollywood's most famous actors and actresses including Jack Nicholson for "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" in 1975.



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A young Henry Thomas plays Elliot in "E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial" in 1982. The movie was one of Mike Fenton's earlier casting endeavors.

By LYNN TEDESCO
Scene Writer

What do all three "Back to the Future" movies, all three "Indiana Jones" movies, "The Godfather: Part II," "Chaplin," "Chinatown," "American Graffiti," "Beaches," "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" and "Young Frankenstein" have in common? If you're thinking it's an all-star cast, you're almost right.

The correct answer is one man: Mike Fenton. Fenton, a graduate from the Film School at UCLA, has been a prolific casting director for over 30 years. Having anticipated interviewing Fenton for over a week, I came to the conclusion that my questions for him would be very open-ended, and I really just wanted to hear what he had to say.

"Actually, Mr. Fenton, I'm not a regular columnist for the paper. I'm a film student at the University, and I had expressed an interest in becoming a casting director..."

"Why?"

Fabulous — I could tell right away that the interview was going to go well.

"So, what exactly does a casting director do?"

"I cast motion pictures."

I suppose I was asking for that one. "Okay ... but how does that work? What is the process like?"

"The process is a simple one, though complex when a director's in the mix."

His first comments didn't tell me much. After much probing, I finally managed to get him talking.

"The director actually makes the final decision. All I do is basically expose the director to the people that I feel are most right. Here's how it works. The director gets a script. He sends the script to a casting director. That's me. If I feel that I can become intimately involved with the script and I believe that I can do a good job casting it, I will accept the script and begin conversation with the director."

"We discuss the main roles and think of big names to fill the roles. From that point, I go to the studio and see who they would rather I cast. Then I go to those actors' agents and make an offer."

"The rest of the cast happens the same way. There's what we call a Breakdown Service."

"The script is sent to the Breakdown Service, and from there, sent out to all agencies. These agencies choose the actors that they represent who they feel will do the best job and send their pictures and resumes to me. We go through the process of bringing in the lesser actors to meet the director. The director then decides who reads."

I asked him how he got into the industry.

"Well, you know," he replied, "I grew up in this atmosphere ..."

"Oh, I see ... were your parents involved in the film industry?"

"Well, no, but you know, I grew up in L.A., so ..."

"Is there any particular film that you enjoyed casting the most? Anything you are most proud of?"

"We read the scripts before we start casting," Fenton said. "If we are not passionate about a script, we won't cast it."

He had little more to say about specific films or particular actors with whom I knew he'd worked. I asked him about how he came upon Robert DeNiro for "The Godfather: Part II", and how he found Jonathan Brandis for "Ladybugs."

His answers remained the same; "It's all the same process ... their agents contact us, the actors read, we make an offer ... In [Robert DeNiro]'s case, we'd seen him in "Bang the Drum Slowly". He read for the part. Francis [Ford Coppola]



Mike Fenton is one of Hollywood's premier casting directors. He gives tips on making a name in acting.

loved him."

Evidently, casual name-dropping makes a casting director feel like the epitome of cool. But, I finally got him talking.

"Any actors or directors with whom you especially enjoy working?"

"Well, you know, it's a business just like anything else," he said. "As far as the directors are concerned, the bottom line is, the directors make the movies. They create an atmosphere. When you work with Spielberg, Dante, Polanski, these are people who are consummate filmmakers and they create an atmosphere that allows the creative people on their staff to open their minds and go in directions that are real wide rather than very narrow. They investigate ideas and they make the process very exciting."

The casting ca

1973: American Graffiti

1975: One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

1981: Raiders of the Lost Ark

1983: A Christmas Story

1985: The Go
Back to the F1974: The Godfather: Part II
Young Frankenstein

1979: The Amityville Horror

1982: E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial
Poltergeist
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Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom

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Part II and 'Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade'
aspiring actors



Photo courtesy of www.hollywoodawards.com

...ler casting directors. His new video

have already been in other films before to satisfy the director and the studio.

"So where does the new talent come from? Many of the people who are going to be reading this article are probably wondering what they can do to get themselves into that small Hollywood circle. How can an aspiring no-name actor, for example, make an impression on you that is so powerful that they actually get a job?"

"For actors, the most important thing is to study and to continue studying," Fenton said. "Actors are very fragile people and they get caught up in a lot of scams and what I did, because I worked with them for so long, I did a DVD and a VHS that explains the process for actors when you're an actor."

"The series explains certain methods of presenting yourself. It will open your eyes as to how to get into the system and how to market yourself and the dos and don'ts of the business. Obviously, if you're Jack Nicholson, you don't need this. But it is a good introduction for an actor and a tool to which an aspiring actor will refer often. I can't really remember the name of it, but it's in bookstores already, and you can read more about it at www.mikefenton.com."

Had I known that he was selling a video from the beginning, the interview would've gone a lot smoother. But the video is, I'm glad I didn't know. I'm glad that the interview went the way it did. I learned a lot about Fenton, and about the film industry in general. Had I known about the video from the beginning, I would have been sold after five minutes.

He plays it down, but Fenton absolutely loves his job. He loves to talk about all the famous people he works with, and he loves to pretend that he thinks it's no big deal. But it is a big deal, and who better to get advice from on how to become an actor than probably the biggest casting director in Hollywood?

I have since been to his website and done some more research. I chuckled to myself when I thought about how he "grew up in the industry" and got his start in the mailroom at MCA Artists.

But like he said, "It's a business, just like anything else. You have to start at the bottom and work your way up." Fenton knows what it's like to start in film school and graduate with a mailroom job, and he wants to help those talented people be discovered.

His series is entitled "Mike Fenton's Actor's Workshop" — as if he actually

forgot what it was called. But that was all part of the plan. He wanted me to think he wasn't trying to sell his video. He wanted to casually name-drop famous actors and box office hits while playing it off like it was no big deal. He wanted me to see what a prolific and wonderful casting director he is without telling me that he thinks he's a prolific and wonderful casting director.

And it worked. He's right. The film industry is a business just like everything else.

"The agents are salespeople; it's all marketing," Fenton said.

Fenton has been on the receiving end of all this marketing and sales-pitching for over 30 years. He knows what works and what doesn't. He marketed himself to me the way actors have done so to him for his entire career. Who better than him to teach young aspiring actors how Hollywood works, what to put on a resume, how to get the audition and how to get the part? If you have ever had any serious thoughts about professional acting, visit www.mikefenton.com and read more about his workshop.

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The cast of "The Godfather: Part II" in 1974 brought back old cast members like Al Pacino and introduced Corleone newcomer Robert DeNiro.

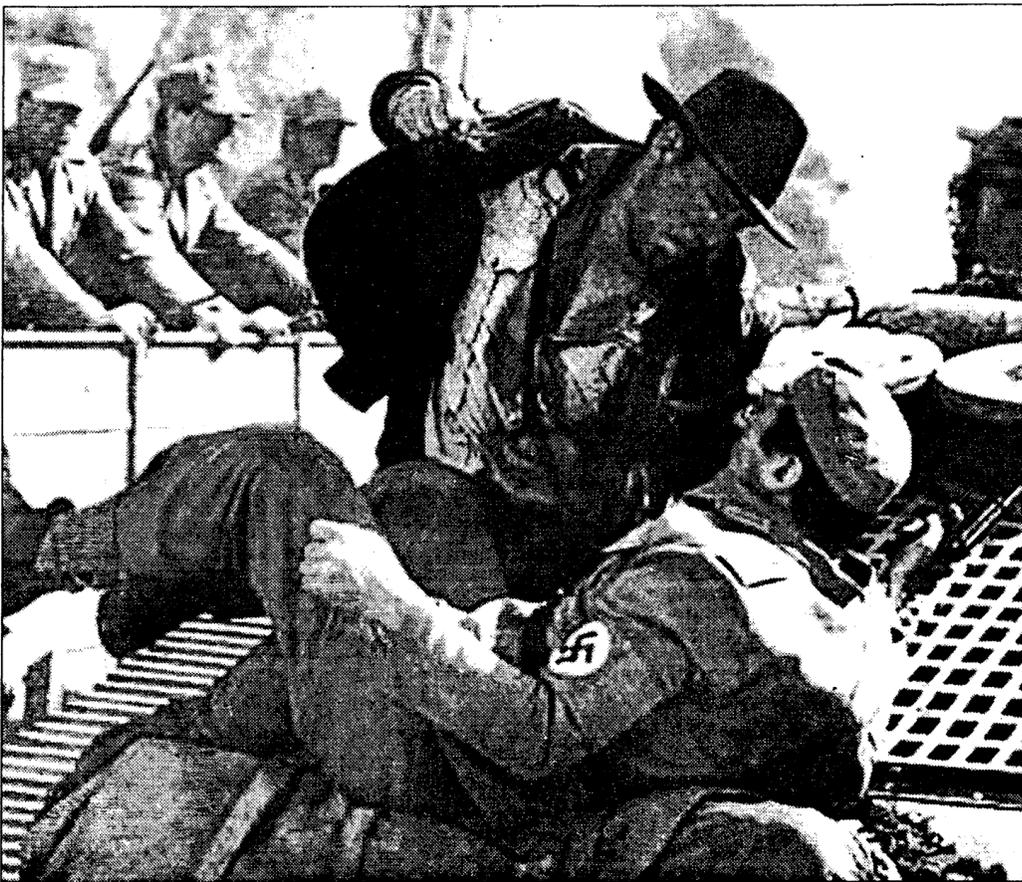


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Fenton's casting has helped make Blockbuster hits out of movies such as "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" in 1989, starring Harrison Ford and Sean Connery.

Career of Mike Fenton

1988: <i>Beaches</i>	1989: <i>Back to the Future Part II</i> <i>Turner and Hooch</i>	1990: <i>Arachnophobia</i> <i>Total Recall</i> <i>Back to the Future Part III</i>	1992: <i>Ladybugs</i>	1995: <i>Congo</i>	1997: <i>Excess Baggage</i> <i>Dante's Peak</i>	1999: <i>Muppets from Space</i>
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NCAA BASKETBALL

Sooners can't crack Syracuse zone, young stars

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y.

Carmelo Anthony cut the down the net, then stuck strands underneath his brand new white cap that showed the next stop for the Syracuse Orangemen: New Orleans.

The freshman sensation led the way, scoring 20 points and adding 10 rebounds to help knock off top-seeded Oklahoma 63-47 in the East Regional final Sunday.

Whether Anthony heads for the NBA or not, he will have at least one more game in his college career.

With Anthony stepping up from the start and Syracuse dominating with its 2-3 zone, the Orangemen advanced to their first Final Four in seven years.

Next weekend, the third-seeded Orangemen (28-5) will face Texas, the winner of the South Regional.

Syracuse's zone took over the game, causing the Sooners (27-7) fits inside and outside. The Sooners managed just three points over the final 8 1/2 minutes of the first half as Syracuse took a 30-20 lead.

Things got worse for Oklahoma.

Syracuse scored the first eight points of the second half to take its biggest lead on a jumper by freshman Gerry McNamara with 15:35 to play that capped a 22-3 run.

The last time Syracuse was in the Final Four was 1996 when it lost to Kentucky in the national championship game. The last time the Orangemen were in New Orleans for a Final Four they lost to Indiana in the 1987 championship on a jumper by Keith Smart in the final seconds.

Now, Boeheim gets another chance at that elusive national title.

Texas 85, Michigan State 76

As the final seconds ticked off, T.J. Ford dribbled to halfcourt, flashed the "Hook 'em Horns" sign to a sea of burnt orange in the crowd and hugged his grinning coach.

The star guard and the rest of the Texas Longhorns can celebrate all the way to the Final Four, the school's first trip there in 56 years.

Ford scored 19 points and had 10 assists in an 85-76 victory over Michigan State in the South Regional final Sunday, leaving the Longhorns as the only top-seeded team in the tournament.

The last time the Longhorns played in the Final Four was 1947, when the NCAA tourna-

ment field was only eight teams.

The loss kept Michigan State from appearing in its fourth Final Four in five years.

The last time only one No. 1 seed made the Final Four was 2000, when top-seeded Michigan State won the national title.

The Spartans had a 38-28 rebounding advantage but couldn't match Texas' 49-percent shooting and 29-of-38 effort from the foul line. Texas never trailed after leading 18-16 in the first half, and the Spartans didn't get closer than five in the second.

The Spartans tried to frustrate Ford by closing down the paint on defense and bumping him with larger bodies, especially 6-foot-5, 215-pound guard Kelvin Torbert, who had five inches and 50 pounds on Ford.

The tactic seemed to work, as Ford appeared frustrated when he twice tumbled to the floor.

"They were tough," Ford said. "They made me work for everything."

Frequent whistles slowed the game dramatically in the second half. Texas was in the shooting bonus with more than 13 minutes to play but couldn't sustain any momentum because of the frequent stops in play. Paul Davis converted a three-point play with 7:59 left, getting the Spartans within five at 66-61.

But they couldn't pull any closer, and the Longhorns kept getting to the line.

Kansas 78, Arizona 75

Nick Collison did it one game, Kirk Hinrich the next.

That's how it works at Kansas, and the payoff is a return trip to the Final Four.

Hinrich went from his least productive performance of the season to one of his best, scoring 28 points and blocking a 3-point attempt by Jason Gardner in the final seconds Saturday as the second-seeded Jayhawks beat top-seeded Arizona 78-75 to win the West Regional.

The victory was the 1,800th for Kansas — the third-most in NCAA history. The Jayhawks will play in their 12th Final Four, the fourth in Roy Williams' 15 years as coach.

Williams has a 417-100 career record and his .807 winning percentage is the best among active coaches, but he's never won a national championship.

This team appears poised and ready.

"I feel awfully good right now," Williams said with a big smile.

So much for that anticipated Arizona-Kentucky matchup in

the national semifinals next Saturday in the Superdome.

Instead, the Jayhawks (29-7) will face Marquette in New Orleans. The third-seeded Golden Eagles (27-5) stunned No. 1 Kentucky 83-69 earlier Saturday to win the Midwest Regional.

The Jayhawks blew leads of 16 points in the first half and 14 in the second, but did enough in the end to win.

The Wildcats made life difficult for Collison in this game, holding him to eight points and nine rebounds.

So Hinrich took over. Hinrich fell one point shy of his career high. He shot 10-for-23, including 6-for-17 from 3-point range, and added five rebounds, five assists, two steals and two blocks.

The defeat was a tough one for Arizona and 68-year-old Hall of Fame coach Lute Olson, who remained stuck at 499 victories in his 20 seasons as leader of the Wildcats.

Marquette 83, Kentucky 69

Dwyane Wade sailed high above a defense that had carried Kentucky all season, slamming the ball through the hoop repeatedly in a stunning upset few people expected.

Led by Wade's dazzling performance, the Marquette Golden Eagles emphatically ended the Wildcats' 26-game winning streak with a 83-69 victory Saturday to earn a trip to the Final Four in New Orleans.

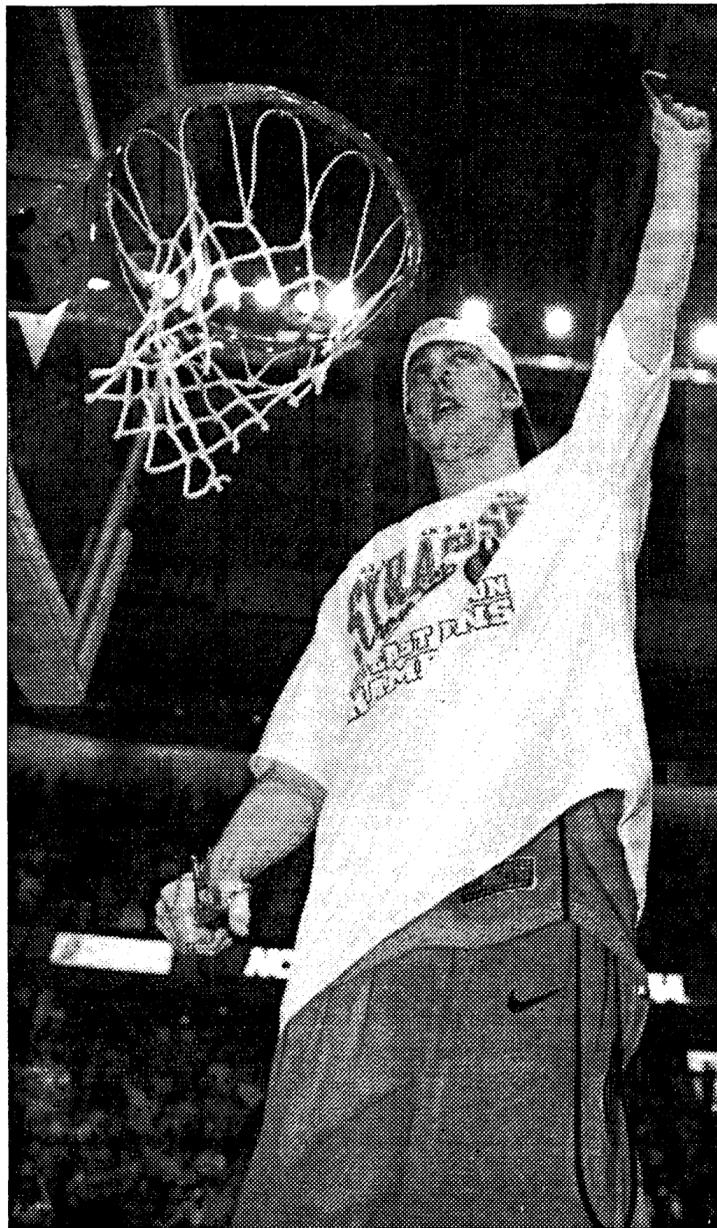
"I wanted to take Marquette to the next level, the same level as Al McGuire did," Wade said, referring to the man who coached Marquette to its only national championship, in 1977. "Maybe we don't have the talent as other schools in previous years, but we look at ourselves as an elite school," Wade added.

Cheered by a sea of yellow-clad followers, third-seeded Marquette's surprising rout in the Midwest Regional final gave the school its third trip to the Final Four and first since the team won it all.

If Wade keeps it up, the Golden Eagles might get another title. He showed again why he's one of the nation's top players with a triple-double — 29 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists.

"We had no answer for Wade," said Kentucky coach Tubby Smith, whose top-seeded Wildcats gave up their most points since a 115-87 victory over Tennessee State on Dec. 30 that started the long winning streak.

Wade recorded the third



Syracuse freshman Jerry McNamara cuts down part of the net after defeating Oklahoma to advance to the Final Four.

triple-double in NCAA Tournament history, and the first since Utah's Andre Miller against Arizona in the 1998 West Regional final. Magic Johnson did it against Penn in 1979 to get Michigan State into the title game.

Wade started slowly, looking for openings early when Kentucky tried to deny him the ball. Once he got started his teammates followed, and Marquette was off and running.

As he stood on the floor celebrating, Marquette's fans began chanting "One more year, One more year" to the talented junior, who is a top NBA prospect.

Now it's on to the Superdome, where Marquette will play Kansas in the national semifinals. The second-seeded Jayhawks beat No. 1 Arizona 78-75 to win the West Regional.

Kentucky's star guard, Keith Bogans, wore a protective brace on the left ankle he sprained in the semifinal victory Thursday over Wisconsin. He scored 15 points on 4-for-11 shooting in 24 minutes, but with his quickness hampered, the Wildcats simply couldn't respond to Marquette's offense.

Kentucky (32-4) closed to 12 points with 10:50 left and had a chance to cut it to 10. But after a great spinning move to the basket, Antwain Barbour was called for an offensive foul, sending Wildcats coach Smith into a dance of disgust.

From there, Wade was too much for the Wildcats to handle. After Scott Merritt hit a jumper, Wade scored Marquette's next 11 points with two three-point plays and a 3-pointer to put the victory away.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Rangers homer their way to opening day win

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif.

With World Series Game 7 winner John Lackey on the mound, ThunderStix in the stands and the Rally Monkey on the scoreboard, the Anaheim Angels started this season the same way they began last year — with a thud.

Alex Rodriguez, Juan Gonzalez and Michael Young homered, making manager Buck Showalter a winner in his Texas debut as the Rangers beat the World Series champion Angels 6-3 Sunday night in the major league opener.

Lackey was hit hard as the Angels dropped their fourth straight opener. Last year, they started off with a 6-0 loss to Cleveland and fell to a franchise-worst 6-14 before coming back.

After rousing pregame ceremonies that included the raising of the Angels' first World Series championship flag in their 42-year history, Young quieted the crowd with a three-run shot over the center-field wall off Lackey to give Texas a 4-2 lead in the fourth inning.

The Rangers rocked Lackey for five runs on eight hits in five innings. In his last outing, the 24-year-old right-hander became the first rookie to win the seventh game of a World Series in 93 years when he gave up one run in five innings of the

Angels' 4-1 victory over San Francisco on Oct. 27.

Ismael Valdes made his first start in an opener and got the win against his former teammates, allowing three runs on seven hits in five innings.

Ugueth Urbina, signed as a free agent over the winter, pitched the ninth for the save. He had 40 last season for Boston last year.

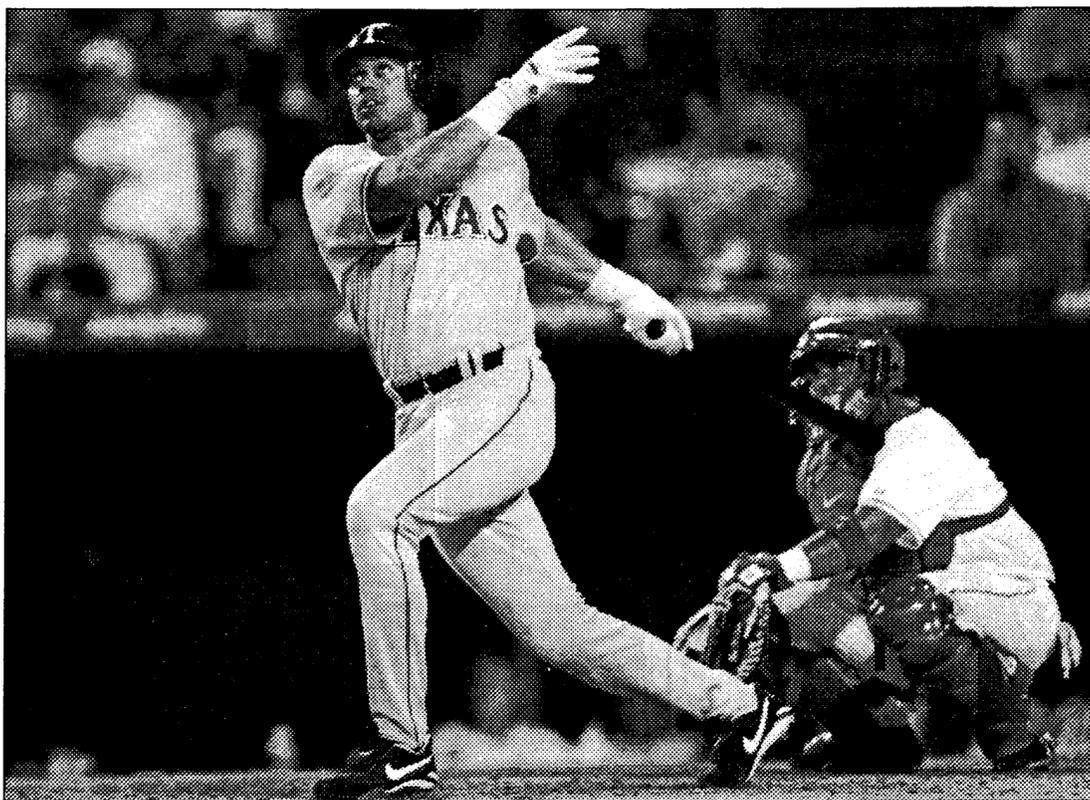
Texas relievers combined for one-hit ball over four innings.

The Angels' runs came on an RBI single by Brad Fullmer in the first inning, another run-scoring single, by Garret Anderson in the third, and Darin Erstad's RBI groundout in the fifth.

Rodriguez, hampered by a herniated disk in his neck this spring, made it 5-2 with a solo homer in the fifth. He began trotting almost as soon as the ball left his bat, and the ball landed deep in the left-field seats.

Rodriguez missed two weeks this spring because of the neck injury but played the final three exhibition games. He hasn't missed a regular-season game since signing a record 10-year, \$252 million contract with the Rangers on Dec. 11, 2000.

The homer was the 299th for the 27-year-old A-Rod, beginning his eighth full big league season. He went 1-for-5 and is 5-for-34 in season openers.



Allsport Photo

The Rangers Juan Gonzalez smacks a home run in the seventh inning of Texas' 6-3 victory over the Anaheim Angels Sunday to open the 2003 Major League Baseball season.

Gonzalez, coming back from an injury-plagued year, had a home run, double and single.

Besides the sea of red-clad fans in the sellout crowd of 43,525, there also was a strong red, white and blue theme. A

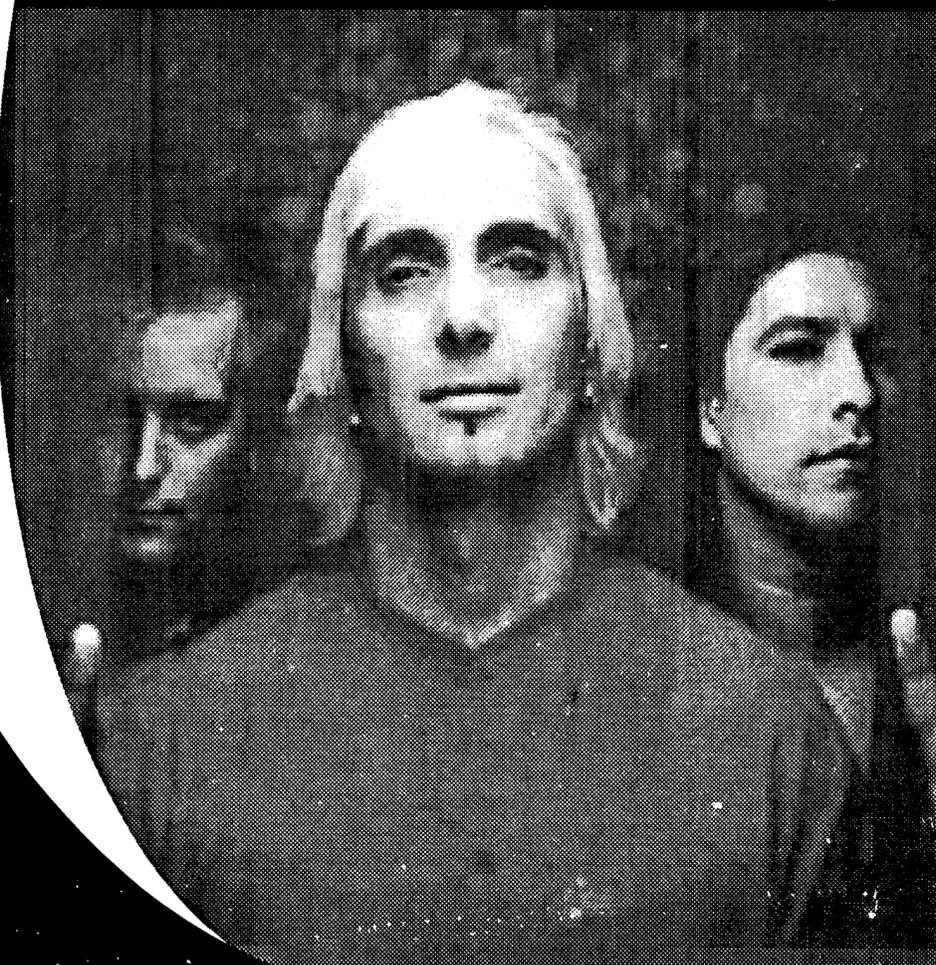
huge "USA" was mowed into the outfield grass, there was a moment of silence for U.S. servicemen and a flyover by Navy fighter jets. The national anthem was played by the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force Band.

Tim Salmon, the Angels' senior member, helped raise the World Series flag near the left-field seats. Jackie Autry, widow of former team owner Gene Autry, also participated in the flag-raising ceremony.

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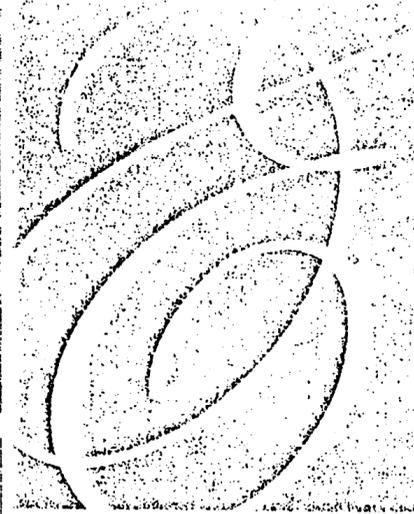
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Mens College Baseball

Big East

team	W	L	Pct.
Connecticut	3	0	1.000
Pittsburgh	2	1	.667
NOTRE DAME	2	1	.667
Boston College	2	1	.667
Seton Hall	1	2	.333
Villanova	1	2	.333
Georgetown	1	5	.167
Virginia Tech	0	0	.000
St. John's	0	0	.000
Rutgers	0	0	.000

Womens College Softball

Big East

team	W	L	Pts.
Boston College	2	0	4
Seton Hall	1	1	2
Rutgers	1	1	2
St. John's	1	1	2
Villanova	1	1	2
Virginia Tech	1	1	2
Syracuse	1	1	2
Pittsburgh	0	0	0
NOTRE DAME	0	0	0
Connecticut	0	0	0
Providence	0	2	0

Womens College Lacrosse

Big East

team	W	L	Pct.
Georgetown	2	0	1.000
NOTRE DAME	1	0	1.000
Syracuse	3	1	.750
Rutgers	0	0	.000
Connecticut	0	4	.000
Boston College	0	2	.000
Virginia Tech	0	3	.000

GOLF



Davis Love III watches his tee shot off during the final round of The Players Championships. Love earned his second Players Championships trophy by shooting an incredible 64.

Love wins second Players Championships

Associated Press

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla.

Davis Love III provided the charge everyone expected from Tiger Woods and delivered a performance every bit as dominant Sunday in The Players Championship.

Love pulled way with five straight birdies and closed with an 8-under 64 to match the best final round by the winner in the 30-year history of the tournament known as the fifth major.

It was the second time Love has won The Players Championship, and it could

be a huge boost to his confidence with the Masters only two weeks away.

Love finished at 17-under 271 and won by six strokes over 49-year-old Jay Haas and Padraig Harrington of Ireland, who shared the lead going into the final round but never stood a chance against such a barrage of birdies.

Even into the crosswinds, the most challenging in golf, Love blasted his drives down the middle of the fairway and stuck his approach shots close to the hole.

"You can't do that for 18 holes, and he did it," Couples said.

Love earned \$1.17 million from the richest purse on the PGA Tour.

Haas, trying to become the oldest winner of The Players Championship, settled for a consolation prize. He closed with an even-par 72, and his tie for second earned him enough money to move into the top 10 on the money list and qualify for the Masters.

Harrington made back-to-back bogeys early in his round and was never a factor. He also had a 72.

Robert Allenby had a 7-under 65 to finish at 278, a score that looked as though it might be good enough to win, with the wind starting

to howl and temperatures dropping. But Love made sure that wasn't the case.

"We got run over today," Haas said.

So did Woods. Despite two eagles, Woods hit three balls into the water and wound up with a 72 and a tie for 11th, the first time since the British Open that he failed to finish in the top 10.

Love, who won at Pebble Beach earlier this season, now has 16 victories in a career that many believe has not lived up to his talent. Love has struggled with a 54-hole lead, but he proved again to be dangerous coming from behind.

IN BRIEF

Cone returns to Mets

David Cone's comeback is almost complete.

After sitting out the 2002 season, the 40-year-old Cone won a spot in the New York Mets' rotation Sunday and will make his first major league start in 18 months Friday night at Shea Stadium against the Montreal Expos.

When Cone was invited to spring training, it seemed unlikely he would make the team. The Mets just wanted to see if their former ace had anything left. He sure did, surprising almost everybody with steady progress all spring.

The right-hander went 1-0 with a 4.40 ERA in five spring training appearances, including two starts. Opponents batted only .176 against him and he struck out 12 in 14 1/3 innings.

He'll start the fourth game of the season at Shea Stadium, where he's always been a fan favorite.

"The miles I had on my arm, I prob-

ably needed a year off," he said. "I'm thrilled to have come full circle, to finish where I started. I know I started with Kansas City, but I grew up with the Mets."

He won the AL Cy Young Award in '94 with Kansas City, threw a perfect game in '99 for the New York Yankees and owns five World Series rings. He is 193-123 with a 3.44 ERA, and he won 20 games as recently as '98 with the Yankees.

Agassi wins sixth Key Biscayne title

The first point went by in a blur: Andre Agassi tossed a ball into the balmy breeze and whipped a 117 mph ace.

His dominating serve made the rest of the match go quickly, too, and Agassi beat Carlos Moya 6-3, 6-3 Sunday in the final of the Nasdaq-100 Open.

With his sixth Key Biscayne championship, Agassi surpassed his wife, Steffi Graf, who won the tournament

five times.

Ranked No. 2, Agassi heads into the clay-court season as the player to beat. While No. 1 Lleyton Hewitt lost his opening match at Nasdaq, Agassi won his third title of the year and improved to 18-1, best on the men's tour. The streak includes his eighth Grand Slam title at the Australian Open.

"He played great," Moya said. "He didn't give me any chance at all."

Agassi has won a record 18 consecutive matches at Key Biscayne, where the hot, breezy weather and medium-paced hard courts work in his favor. Three-time champion Pete Sampras held the old record of 17 consecutive victories in 1993-95.

Agassi, who won his first Key Biscayne title in 1990 when he was 19, earned \$500,000 and completed a successful weekend for defending champions. Serena Williams won her second consecutive Nasdaq title Saturday by beating Jennifer Capriati 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.

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ROWING

Irish sweep in-state rivals at Indiana Classic

By CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG
Sports Writer

At Sunday's Indiana Classic, the womens rowing team finally applied its racing plan to a full 2,000-meter course, burning both Purdue and Indiana in every varsity race to claim bragging rights over its two in-state rivals.

Notre Dame's first varsity eight boat finished in 6 minutes, 37.66 seconds, 8.17 seconds ahead of Purdue. Indiana was third with a time of 6:53.08. In the second varsity eight, the Irish, with a time of 6:40.09, easily beat the Boilermakers by their largest spread of the day — 18.25 seconds. Indiana took last place with a disappointing 7:05.78 finish.

"I thought the second eight had a great race today," coxswain Kathy Long said. "We kept our focus on moving our boat the best we could in the fast current. We got an early lead against Purdue and Indiana, but we kept pushing ourselves to row even better. We have a very young crew in the second varsity eight, but we have an amazing spirit, and an

ability to adapt to conditions and learn from one another."

Notre Dame also won the varsity four race in 7:25.87. Indiana followed 4.5 seconds later with a 7:30.45 finish, and Purdue finally finished 16.92 seconds behind the Hoosiers.

In the second varsity four, the Irish collected first and third place finishes. Notre Dame's C boat finished first in 7:45.08. The Boilermakers were close behind with a 7:47.83 finish. The Notre Dame A crew finished a mere .92 seconds behind Purdue's boat, in 7:48.75.

The Irish, though content with their performance in this weekend's regatta, have not lost sight of the preparation needed for April's upcoming races.

"The Indiana Classic was a good way for us to enter into April's races," rower Casey Buckstaff said. "It allowed us to see how far we have come in the last few weeks but shows us how hard we need to work in order to gain speed for Iowa, Michigan State and Dayton."

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MENS LACROSSE

Irish hold off late surge

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

The No. 13 Notre Dame mens lacrosse team received a scare on Sunday from Great Western Lacrosse League opponent Denver at Moose Krause Stadium. The Pioneers scored eight goals on 13 shots and challenged the Irish late, but three goals from junior attackman Dan Berger helped Notre Dame get a 9-8 win in its first league game of the season.

With the victory, Notre Dame increases to 5-3 overall and 1-0 in the GWLL.

With starting goalie Stewart Crosland struggling, making two saves and giving up five goals, senior reserve Nick Antol stepped in and made three saves and allowed three goals in playing the final 22 minutes.

"Nick did a great job," coach Kevin Corrigan said. "We have a great situation in goal. We have a guy we believe in with Stewart Crosland, but we also have a guy like Nick Antol who came in today and made a huge difference."

Antol's play and strong

defense late in the game steadied a team that often had the lead but just could not seem to pull away.

"I didn't think we played great," Corrigan said. "I think we can and will play better. They continued to come back, and that can be disheartening to a team with less character. But I was happy with the way we reacted."

The Irish ran into a wall in the second quarter after building a 4-1 lead with two early goals from Berger and one from Walsh and freshman Matt Ryan. Denver held Notre Dame scoreless in the second quarter. The Pioneers' Scott Davidson then scored back-to-back goals at the 13:58 and 11:27 marks to tie the game at 4-4, one of four ties during the contest.

"I know we can do much better in terms of execution," Corrigan said.

The execution came primarily from freshman attackman Pat Walsh. Walsh scored two goals and had five assists, one of which came on freshman Matt Karweck's goal that put the Irish up 7-6 with 10.43 remaining in

the fourth quarter.

"Walsh had a huge game," Corrigan said. "His running mate, Matt Howell, went out [with an injury], and Pat responded. They were playing a zone, so it was not a game of individual match-ups. It was more situational, and that's where I think Pat's at his best."

Despite Walsh's efforts, Notre Dame had trouble putting Denver away. The Pioneers netted a goal off of a face-off just six seconds after Karweck's goal to tie the game at 7-7. But that would be the last tie of the game as junior midfielder Steve Clagget and Berger would each score to give the Irish the lead for good.

"We gave up two goals off of face-offs, which can be disheartening not just because of how quickly the goals are scored but because of our not being able to discourage that situation," Corrigan said. "Still, I thought we played extremely well defensively."

Notre Dame is in action next on Sunday at GWLL opponent Ohio State.

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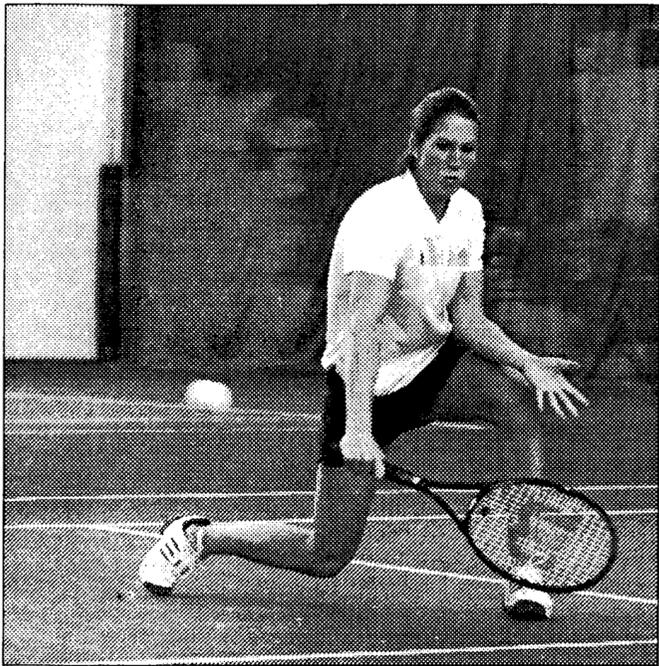
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ND WOMENS TENNIS

Connelly sisters help topple the Buckeyes



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Irish sophomore Sarah Jane Connelly returns a shot against Iowa on Friday, March 21.

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

For the third time in five days, the Irish beat a ranked Big Ten team as they topped No. 35 Ohio State 5-2 in Columbus.

Having conquered No. 55 Purdue, No. 28 Michigan and now the Buckeyes, the 48th ranked Irish will go for their fourth Big Ten victim Wednesday when they head to No. 17 Illinois.

Notre Dame faced an Ohio State squad that had won the doubles point in 12 of its last 13 matches. The Irish, with a doubles strength of their own, won at the No. 2 and No. 3 flights to go ahead 1-0 for the fifth consecutive match.

Then, in singles play, the Connelly sisters turned a potentially close match into a sure Irish win Saturday, which marked the eighth consecutive time a Notre Dame squad has defeated Ohio State.

With the Irish up 3-2, sophomore Sarah Jane Connelly, in her

seventh straight singles victory, delivered a 6-1 straight set win over Meaghan Colville to give Notre Dame the win. Then her sister, freshman Lauren Connelly, finished off Emily DeCamilla, 6-1, 7-5.

"It was exciting," Sarah Jane Connelly said. "It's good to finally start getting our confidence back as a team and beating the ranked teams, and hopefully getting our ranking up to where it should be."

The Connelly sisters also played a key role in securing the doubles point for Notre Dame. Lauren and junior Alicia Salas defeated Erica Fisk and Jackie Leskover in a tiebreaker to put the Irish ahead. The Salas/Connelly tandem has now won eight of its last nine matches.

Sarah Jane Connelly and freshman Kristina Stastny, playing together for only the second time, secured the first Irish win of the day when they defeated the Buckeye pair of Lindsey Adams and Colville, 8-1. Playing at No. 1

doubles, senior Katie Cunha and freshman Jennifer Smith were defeated 8-6 by Ohio State's Sadhaf Pervez and Lindsay Williams, 8-6.

Salas, ranked 77th, captured the first singles victory of the day with her 6-4, 6-2 triumph over Fisk. Then Cunha, playing at No. 3, topped Williams, 6-1, 7-5.

No. 53 Pervez, who is 14-0 while playing at No. 1 this season, gave the Buckeyes their first point when she upset No. 33 Caylan Leslie, 7-5, 6-2. Then Leskover defeated Stastny in the sole three-set match, 6-1, 1-6, 7-6 (7-0).

Now the Irish are preparing for their fourth Big Ten opponent within a week — and one of the nation's top squads.

"We're really confident, and we're playing well," the elder Connelly said. "We've had a lot of matches lately. Hopefully we can go upset Illinois."

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SMC TENNIS

Belles dominate Aquinas, Olivet in shutouts

By LISA REIJULA
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's tennis team overpowered its opponents over the weekend, sweeping both Aquinas College and Olivet College in easy 9-0 victories.

The Belles (8-1) crushed the visiting Saints of Aquinas (1-5) on

Friday. The 9-0 victory showed the all-around strength of the Saint Mary's team.

At No. 1 singles, Jeannie Knish defeated Aquinas' Kara Ferguson 6-0, 6-4. No. 2 Kristen Palombo won over Carly Goodwin 6-0, 6-3 and No. 3 Kaitlin Cutler beat Katie Kroft 6-0, 6-0.

At the No. 4 spot, Kris Spriggle

beat Sara Peterson 6-0, 6-1 and No. 5 Elisa Ryan was a 6-1, 6-1 winner over Ashley Rivers. At the No. 6 spot, the Belles' Miranda Mikulyuk defeated Sandy Brakel 6-0, 6-0.

The Belles swept the doubles competition as well. The No. 1 doubles pairing of Knish/Palombo beat the team of Ferguson/Goodwin, 8-4. No. 2

Cutler/Ryan won over Kroft/Peterson, 8-2. Aquinas' Conklin/Rivers pairing lost 8-5 to the Belles' No. 3 team of Spriggle and Lindsay Cook.

The Belles didn't waste any time against Olivet College in their MIAA conference opener on Saturday. The team recorded another dominant performance in the 9-0 shutout of the visiting Lady Comets.

The match took place indoors at Notre Dame's Eck Tennis Pavilion due to the cold weather.

At No. 1 singles, Knish was a winner over Stephanie Reed 6-0, 6-0. No. 2 Palombo also shut out her opponent, Stacey Way 6-0, 6-0, as did No. 3 Kaitlin Cutler, who notched a 6-0, 6-0 victory over Jennifer Rust.

At the No. 4 slot for the Belles, Ryan overpowered Dustin Slivensky, 6-1, 6-0. In similar fashion, Saint Mary's Miranda

Mikulyuk won her No. 5 match over Heather Boultinghouse 6-0, 6-0. In No. 6 singles action, Anne Knabel beat Olivet's Heather Walther 6-0, 6-1.

The Belles made quick work of the Lady Comets in doubles play. The No.1 team of Knish/Palombo won over Reed/Way 6-1, 6-1, and No.2 Cutler/Ryan defeated Rust/Boultinghouse 6-0, 6-1.

At the No. 3 spot, Saint Mary's Angela Sandner and Marta Dziekan dispatched Slivensky/Walther in a 6-0, 6-0 victory. The Lady Comets won only five games over the course of the afternoon.

The Belles are on an impressive winning streak, having shut out three of their last four opponents. Next up for Saint Mary's will be Bethel today at 4 p.m.

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Sweep

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Sollmann also struggled heading into the weekend, going 6-for-27 in his last six games. But the junior tri-captain made a solid statement to campaign for his third Big East Player of the Week honor this year with a 7-for-12 performance, including seven runs scored and four RBI.

But again, the story of the weekend for Notre Dame was dominant starting pitching. In the three games, Irish starters Chris Niesel, John Axford and Ryan Kalita went 3-0, pitching 19 innings and allowing only four earned runs on 11 hits, while striking out 23 Georgetown batters.

"It was a great weekend for us," Mainieri said. "We did what we had to do all week. We got another outstanding pitching performance from Ryan Kalita

[Sunday]. We had three really outstanding starting pitching performances, and any time you get that on a Big East weekend, you have to feel really good about it."

In the opener Saturday, Niesel was nearly unhittable for the Irish through six innings of the seven-inning game. The sophomore right-hander gave up only four hits and never allowed a Hoya baserunner past second, before yielding two Georgetown runs in the last inning. Niesel had nine strikeouts in the complete game victory to move to 2-1 on the season.

"It's too bad Niesel didn't get that shutout — I was really hoping he could get that for himself," Mainieri said Saturday. "Chris has been a really solid pitcher from the time he walked on campus. Sometimes he doesn't get the run support, and he has some bad luck in terms of

getting no-decisions.

"Today, he pitched that seven-inning game, and he was able to go the distance. He wasn't going to leave any doubts as far as getting a decision, but it would have been nice for him to get that shutout."

Niesel got some help from the two, three and four spots in the lineup in centerfielder Brennan Grogan, Edwards and right fielder Kris Billmaier. The trio was 9-for-12 with three runs scored, driving in all six Irish runs, as well.

"It definitely helps when you know you have a lead," Niesel said. "Then you can just go out there and pitch your own game and not have to worry about falling behind and losing, but it definitely helps when you get run support."

In the nightcap Saturday, the Irish jumped on top 4-2 after five innings, but used a nine-run sixth to shut the door on the Hoyas. All nine Irish hitters in the lineup crossed the plate

in the inning.

Sollmann had just about as good a game as a leadoff hitter can have, going 4-for-4, with four runs scored, three RBIs and three stolen bases.

The Irish right-hander Axford improved to 5-0 on the season with another strong start, working six innings and allowing two earned runs on three hits. The sophomore overcame some early control problems to strikeout eight Georgetown batters.

In the final game Sunday, the Irish steadily built a nine-run lead through the first four innings, from which they'd never look back.

The senior Kalita earned his tenth career victory — he has never lost a decision with the Irish — with six shutout innings.

The Hoyas would score their five runs on relievers Martin Vergara and Matt Laird with many Irish reserves in the

game. Notre Dame closer J.P. Gagne came on in the ninth and struck out the side to complete the three-game Big East sweep.

The Irish return to the field Tuesday against Detroit after only a day off from game action. That game begins at 5 p.m. at Frank Eck Stadium.

Notes:

◆ Notre Dame head coach Paul Mainieri got his 700th career coaching victory after Notre Dame's 6-2 victory over Georgetown. A ceremony with athletic director Kevin White and assistant athletic director Bill Scholl was held between the first and second games to commemorate the occasion.

"I get a little embarrassed when people tell me I've won 700 games, because I didn't do anything," Mainieri said after the landmark win. "Those [wins] were accomplished by the players, our other coaches and our trainer Mike Bean that really did all the work."

"I'll tell you this: I am proud that we've won 700 games here, because it's a lot better than losing 700."

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"We didn't knock the fences down at all, but it was a difficult day, and they did what it took to win."

Paul Mainieri
Irish coach

Practice

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team in 2003 for various reasons. Since four new players will be starting in the fall, the old adage of an offensive requiring chemistry to be good needs to be overlooked.

"There is a significant amount of turnover, so continuity, I hope, is not as important this year as we say it is in other years," Willingham said.

The weeks of winter conditioning end today as the players put on the pads and get back on the field.

"Our young men have worked hard and diligently this winter, and the coaches are eager to see exactly what that process has brought us this spring and out of the spring game," Willingham said.

Spring practice culminates with the Blue-Gold game held in Notre Dame Stadium April 26.

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the first half scoring eight of Notre Dame's last 10 points.

"It was a fun matchup to watch in the first half," McGraw said. "We kept going with her and she kept delivering like she has done in her four years. I'll be really sorry to see her go."

After two free throws from Ratay got the Irish within one at 30-29, Purdue guard Erika

Valek drained a 3-pointer with two seconds left in the half to send the Boilermakers into the locker room with a four-point lead.

"I felt the last 3-pointer of the half was really an important momentum switch for them. We had just cut it to one, and I felt we were right back in the game," McGraw said. "To be down four, that put a little more pressure on you coming out in the second half. I really felt the end of the half was critical."

The Boilermakers used the energy from that 3-pointer and went on a 16-2 run, which effectively knocked out the Irish.

"I thought there was a five-minute stretch in the second half where we just kind of got on our heels a little bit, and they took advantage of it," McGraw said. "I think they stepped it up a notch."

Notre Dame's defense gave them a chance to get back in it, holding Purdue scoreless for over eight minutes. During that

stretch the Irish couldn't take advantage, matching their game percentage in shooting — 4-for-12.

Ratay was the only Notre Dame player to reach double figures with 16 points. Valek scored a game-high 19.

As a No. 11 seed, Notre Dame was supposed to be one and done. Wins over No. 6 Arizona and at No. 3 Kansas State made them the tournament's Cinderella and put an uplifting finish on a rocky season.

"I'm proud of the team and

what we accomplished down the stretch," McGraw said. "I think we overachieved a little bit in the NCAA Tournament and showed a lot of growth throughout the season."

"To get to the Sweet 16, that is one more step forward for the team, and hopefully next year we can take one more step."

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MENS TENNIS

Hurricanes bowl over Irish

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

A win over Miami would have been a nice aide to helping the Irish enter the NCAA tournament, but the 25th-ranked Hurricanes stayed on top of the Irish Sunday as they delivered a 6-1 victory in Coral Gables, Fla.

The Hurricane win created confusion as to which team is number one in the Big East. Prior to Sunday's competition, Notre Dame had held that distinction, but with the Irish loss, the top three teams in the conference — Miami, Virginia Tech and Notre Dame — are all 1-1 versus each other.

Nevertheless, the Hurricanes did not let the prospect of seeding confusion in the Big East Championships dampen their desire to win, and they moved ahead early on with their winning of the doubles

point.

Andrew Golub and Colin Purcell, ranked 56th as a doubles team, commanded the No. 1 flight, 8-3, as they defeated the Irish duo of sophomore Brent D'Amico and junior Matt Scott. Todd Widom and Eric Hectman won 8-6 over Irish captains Brian Farrell and Luis Haddock.

Junior Ben Hatten and sophomore Paul McNaughton were bright spots for the Irish with their 8-4 win over John Hoyes and Luis Manrique. The Hatten-McNaughton pair obtained their first win in three matches together this season.

Scott, who has missed singles play in the last two Irish matches due to illness, gave Notre Dame its only point of the day. Scott, who has now won seven of his last nine matches, defeated Golub 6-4, 6-2.

Miami completely dominated the rest of the singles por-

tion of the match, with the exception of one set, won by D'Amico.

Playing at No. 1, Widom, ranked 14th nationally, defeated No. 122 Haddock 6-3, 6-1. The Hurricanes' Purcell beat junior Nicolas Lopez-Acevedo in 6-2 straight sets, and Hoyes defeated freshman Eric Langenkamp, 6-1, 6-2.

D'Amico won his first set against Manrique, 6-2, but he lost his second set and match tiebreaker.

Notre Dame was without the services of freshman Patrick Buchanan due to a wrist injury. Buchanan usually plays at No. 5.

The Irish have four remaining matches before the Big East Championship. Their next competition is April 6 at No. 54 Southern Methodist.

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MENS GOLF

Jack Frost plays role in Irish finish

By ERIK POWERS
Sports Writer

When the Irish approached the first tee Saturday, the Big Blue Course at the University Club of Kentucky was a slightly different hue. It was white. The morning precipitation proved to be a bad omen for Notre Dame, as inclement weather plagued the team throughout the weekend.

"On Saturday, we woke up to snow on the ground," freshman Scott Gustafson said. "It got warmer as the day went on, but on Sunday it was 25 degrees with 30 mph winds. The conditions were brutal. At the end we were worn down and tired."

The Irish got off to a strong start Saturday. Through 36 holes, the team was in 8th place out of the 15-team field. Notre Dame's play slipped during Sunday's final round, however. Four of the team's five members turned in their worst round of the tournament as the Irish slipped to 11th place.

Junior Bill McCaughan (82-80-77-239) was the lone member of the team that improved from his second round score, as he golfed his best round of the tournament.

However, Notre Dame's 11th place finish is misleading. The final standings were marked by several close finishes. Three shots separated five teams between seventh and 11th in the final standings. Only three strokes separated champion Vanderbilt from runner-up Indiana as well.

Notre Dame was also at a disadvantage, as McCaughan was replacing one of the team's top golfers in freshman Tommy Balderston, who was withheld from play so that he could rest his injured elbow.

Gustafson still had the best tournament of his career, leading the Irish for the third tournament in a row. After 36 holes of the

tournament, Gustafson was tied for second and trailed leader Heath Peters of Indiana by one stroke. Gustafson (74-72-79) finished tied for sixth in the 81-player field. Although the weather eventually wore him down, he credited the climate for giving him a mental edge.

"Being from Minnesota, I have played in a lot of weather like this," Gustafson said. "It kind of played to my advantage. I knew that no one was going to light it up and that I needed to just grind it out. The person with the most patience was going to win."

The next few days are important for another reason as well. If Balderston is unable to compete, the team's next hottest golfer may be given his spot. Coach John Jasinski has a deep roster teeming with golfers ready to fill in.

"It's up to Coach," Gustafson said. "There's no perfectly set lineup. There may be some qualifying in the next few days in order to find out. If so, [Ryan and Bill] have a slight edge over the rest of the guys."

The Irish resume play this Friday when they compete in the Border Olympics. In the interim, Jasinski wants his golfers to work on their mental preparation.

"[Jasinski] wants us to bring a little better attitude to the next meet," Gustafson said. "We know our talent. We can golf better and contend. We've struggled a little bit recently, but we can beat anyone if we golf at our highest level. We need to maintain an attitude like that."

The Border Olympics will take place at 8 a.m. Friday and Saturday at the Laredo Country Club in Texas. Thirty-six holes will be played on Friday, and 18 holes will be played Saturday.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Irish successful in all parts of country over weekend

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame mens and womens track and field teams wrapped up a successful weekend that saw the Irish travel all over the country.

At Western Michigan, where the majority of the team traveled, the Irish battled 38-degree weather and wind chills down into the teens that stopped many runners from competing. However, the Notre Dame throwers disregarded the cold, as Juan Alba enjoyed an eventful day, qualifying for the NCAA regional with a 50.77-meter discus throw. That distance was good enough for second place and also qualified him for the Big East Conference meet. Alba

did not stop there, however, as he qualified for the conference meet in the hammer with an effort of 50.00 meters, good enough for eighth place at the meet.

Freshman Megan Horn led the women, as she qualified for the Big East meet with a second place 12.8-meter effort in the shot put.

In the last of the conference qualifiers from Western Michigan, Mark Barber sprinted to a third place finish in the 110-meter hurdles, with a time of 14.99 seconds.

Meanwhile, while their teammates were struggling to stay warm, many distance runners competed at the Stanford Invitational in Palo Alto, Calif.

On the women's side, Lauren King and Molly Huddle ran together in the top section of the

1,500 meters, finishing fifth and sixth, respectively. Both King (4 minutes, 20.32 seconds) and Huddle (4:20.50), easily qualified for both the Big East and NCAA Regional meets.

A late Friday night effort saw one qualifier and two near misses. Vinnie Ambrico came close to qualifying for the NCAA Regional meet, but fell short in the 1,500 meters, taking eighth place in the B section with a time of 3:51.73.

Meanwhile, Ana Morales took 32nd in the women's 1,500 meters, with a time of 4:48.82.

John Keane, however, was another story for the Irish, as he took third place in section two of the 5,000 meters. His time of 14:16.53 was not only a personal record, but was also good enough to qualify him for both the NCAA Regional and Big East

meets.

Saturday saw more Irish runners qualify as well.

Eric Morrison led the way for the Irish, taking fourth in the top section of the 1,500 meters with a time of 3:44.16. His effort was good enough to qualify him for both the NCAA Regional and the conference meet. Kevin Somok took 17th in the same race, qualifying for the Big East meet with a time of 3:48.48.

In the last of the distance qualifiers, freshman Thomas Chamney ran to a 12th place finish in the top section of the 800 meters, qualifying for the Big East meet in 1:52.01.

Chris Staron and Godwin Mbagwu rounded out the field at Stanford. Staron took sixth place in the high jump, clearing 2.07 meters, good enough to qualify him for the NCAA Regional meet.

Meanwhile, Mbagwu took fourth in the triple jump (13.83 meters), qualifying him for the Big East meet as well.

With competitors in Michigan and California, the Irish also sent their best relays to Florida and saw them succeed. The women's 400-meter relay of Tameisha King, Kristen Dodd, Kymia Love and Ayesha Boyd took fifth in section one. Their overall time of 45.18 was good enough to place them fifth overall. The strong finish qualified the women for the NCAA Regional meet as well.

The Irish return to South Bend on Saturday, where they will compete in their spring opener, the only home meet of the season.

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WOMENS LACROSSE

Irish hold off Hokies to stay undefeated in the Big East

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

After Notre Dame's loss to Ohio State last Tuesday, Irish coach Tracy Coyne emphasized the importance of starting well and getting a lead. Her team did just that in taking the early lead and holding off Virginia Tech 16-13 in Blacksburg, Va.

The Irish used a balanced attack to knock off the Hokies for the third consecutive year, getting four goals and an assist from junior Meredith

"Teams can't scout us for one player and have to focus on everyone. They also can't shut down one player because everyone else steps up."

Meredith Simon
junior

Simon, while Danielle Shearer added three goals and three assists. Junior Abby Owen had two goals and two assists, while seniors Eleanor Weille and Anne Riley had three and two goals, respectively. The Irish evened their record at 3-3 (2-0 Big East), while Virginia Tech fell to 1-8 (0-3 Big East).

"Our attack has really been playing well the past couple games," Simon said. "Teams can't scout us for one player and have to focus on everyone. They also can't shut down one player because everyone else steps up."

After the Irish jumped out to a 4-1 lead early in the game on goals by Weille, Owen, Shearer and Weille, the Hokies managed to cut the lead to one on six different occasions, but never managed to catch Notre Dame. They cut the lead to 4-3 before the teams traded six goals to give the Irish a 7-6 lead. The Irish surged ahead before halftime, however, as Weille, Riley and Owen all scored again to make it 10-6 at the half.

"It was very important to get off to a good start," Simon

said. "It was a pretty important game because we wanted to stay undefeated in the Big East and really turn our season around."

Virginia Tech surged back in the second half, scoring four of the first five goals to close to 11-10. With the score 12-11 a few minutes later, the Irish finally put the game away as Simon scored twice

and Weille added her final goal to stake the Irish to a 15-12 lead. Freshman Mary McGrath provided the final margin with a goal in the final

minute. The Irish used two goalkeepers in the win, with senior Jen White making four saves and giving up seven

goals in 33 minutes and sophomore Carol Dixon making nine saves and allowing four goals in 27 minutes.

Having won their second Big East road game in as many tries, the No. 14 Irish will try to make it three in a row against No. 8 Syracuse on Wednesday night.

"This win was good for our confidence," Simon said. "We know we can win on the road in the Big East, so we just have to do the same against Syracuse."

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Senior Midfielder Danielle Shearer avoids an opponent in a game against Ohio State earlier this season.

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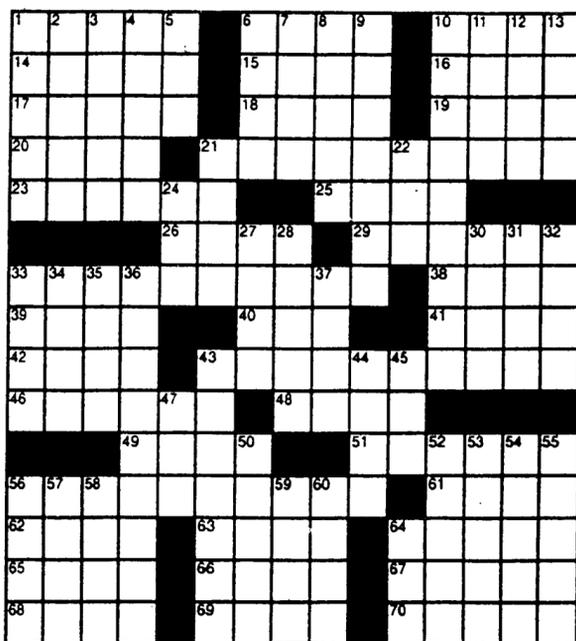
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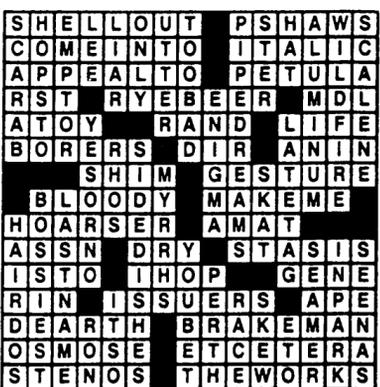


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SPORTS

Monday, March 31, 2003

WOMENS BASKETBALL

The end of the road

◆ Irish knocked out of NCAA tournament 66-47 by Boilermakers

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

DAYTON, Ohio
The "Storm" defense that got Notre Dame to the Sweet 16 held Purdue scoreless for a stretch of 6:03 in the first half and 7:50 in the second half. But the Irish could only muster 17 points of their own during those stints.

Unfortunately for the Irish, during the other 26:07 of the game, the Boilermakers outscored them 66-30.

Plagued by 33.9 percent shooting, No. 11 Notre Dame lost in the regional semifinals to No. 2 Purdue 66-47 at the University of Dayton Arena Sunday in front of 9,552 fans.

"I felt that we had a lot of great effort. I just think that they played better," Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw said. "I felt we played pretty good defense. Sixty-six points isn't too much to give up in a game like this if we could have

just put the ball in the hole a little bit more."

Coming into the game against Purdue, Notre Dame's leading scorer sophomore Jacqueline Batteast was 2-for-26 from the field in the NCAA Tournament. As her shooting problems continued with a 4-for-17 performance against the Boilermakers, Batteast focused on other areas to be a positive contributor for the Irish.

"I tried to be more aggressive on the other end of the court because I felt I could contribute more if I rebounded and went after loose balls," said Batteast, who had a game-high 12 rebounds. "I tried not to worry about that."

Down 16-7, the Irish used their defense to get back into the game, holding the Boilermakers scoreless for just over six minutes in the first half, but the offense shot 3-for-10 throughout Purdue's drought and only got the Irish within three.

Sensing her team was in need of an offensive lift, senior guard Alicia Ratay, in her last game in a Notre Dame uniform, kept the Irish close during the end of

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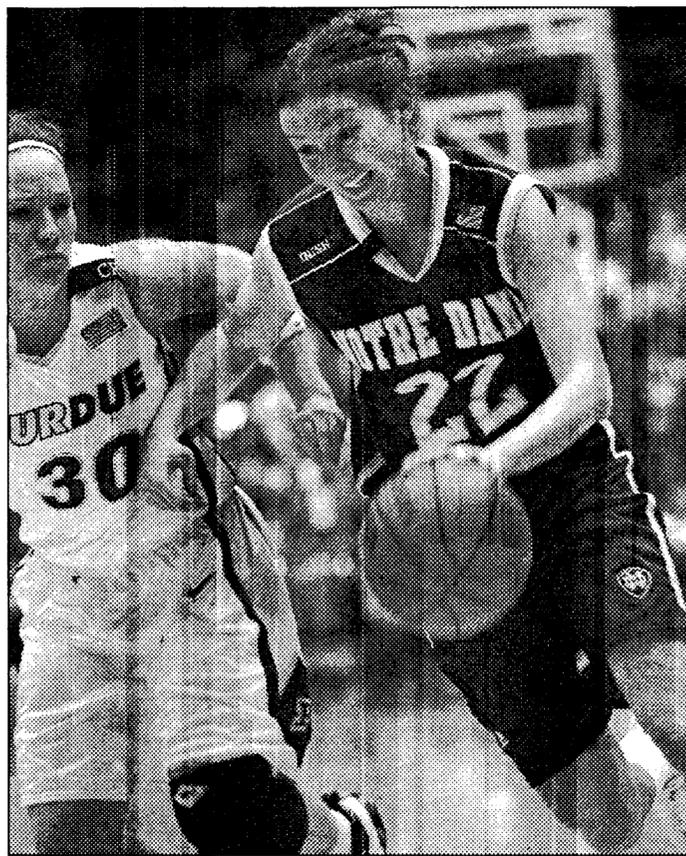


Photo courtesy of the South Bend Tribune
Senior guard Alicia Ratay drives to the basket in Notre Dame's loss on Sunday. She scored 16 points in the game.

FOOTBALL

Spring practice begins

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

It's the beginning of a new season, but the goal hasn't changed.

With spring practice starting today, Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham remains focused on his well-known emphasis — winning.

"Our focus for the most part remains very much the same," Willingham said. "It's to figure out a way to develop a football team to win its next football game."

Last year, Willingham and his staff came in with a fresh perspective and fresh attitude for the football program. In a short amount of time, the team needed to learn Willingham's system, which was a major change, especially on the offensive side of the ball.

Over a year has passed since Willingham implemented his system, and the players obviously have a better grasp at this time than a year ago.

However, the next step to further development isn't going deeper into the system, but going back to the basics.

"What we have to do is to become much better in all areas at just the basic fundamentals," Willingham said. "We have to improve our foundation, because in doing that, it gives us the opportunity to become a much stronger team as we go through the year."

"Now with the system in place, it gives them a better opportunity to really go back and focus on the things that are really important to execution."

Thirteen starters return from the 2002 team, which went 10-3 and lost to North Carolina State in the Gator Bowl. While these players have earned the right to be starters, Willingham wants to see those players accept challenges from their teammates and improve from that competition.

"Our goal is to have our best players on the field, and if we do that, then that can ensure us our best opportunity to be successful," Willingham said. "If you are our starter or if you are our All-American, then you should welcome the challenge of being the best that you can be. It shouldn't frighten you or cause you to become complacent."

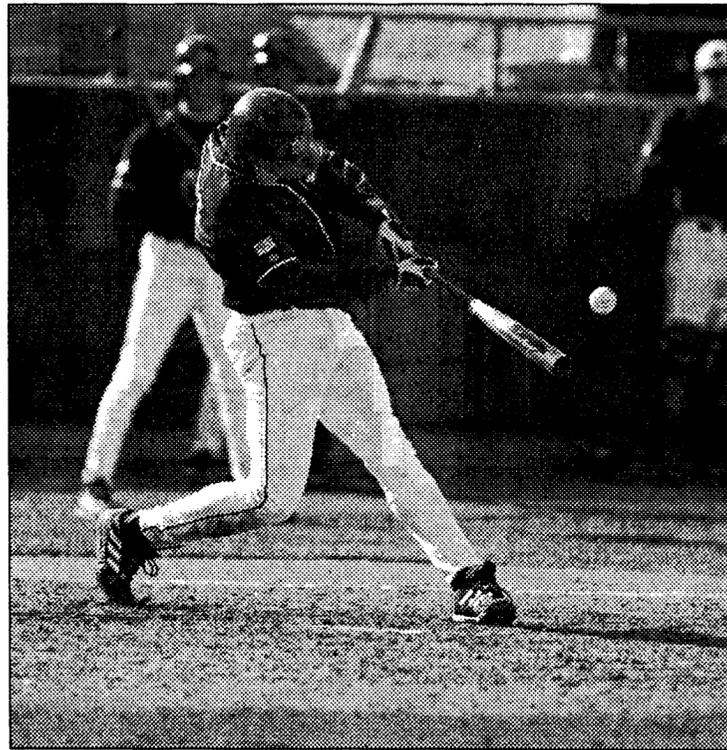
"It should energize you to be the best of the best."

Four of the five starters on the offensive line will not be with the

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BASEBALL

Irish sweep Hoyas into dog house



CHIP MARKS/The Observer
Junior catcher Javi Sanchez takes a swing this weekend in Notre Dame's three game sweep of Georgetown.

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The Irish opened home play in the Big East with a dominating three-game sweep of Georgetown (6-15, 1-8 Big East) this weekend.

Notre Dame, who improved to 17-6 on the season and 5-1 in Big East play with the three victories, had little trouble in putting away the Hoyas, 6-2, 13-3 and 12-5.

Despite the cold temperatures and strong winds blowing at Eck Stadium, several Irish batters were swinging hot bats in cranking out 31 runs on 37 hits as a team during the weekend.

"I was very proud of our guys. It was really tough conditions to play in quite frankly," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said after his team's doubleheader sweep Saturday. "It was pretty cold out there, and I thought our guys played pretty well. We pitched pretty well and played decent defense. We

didn't knock the fences down at all, but it was a difficult day, and they did what it took to win."

A couple of Irish batters who had fallen into uncharacteristic slumps at the plate used the weekend to get back on track.

Third baseman Matt Edwards, who entered the series two hits in his last 20 at-bats, jumped on the Hoya pitchers, going 6-for-11 with three runs scored and nine RBIs on the weekend.

"I had a little tough luck last weekend," Edwards said. "I hit the ball pretty well, but in these mid-week games, I really didn't even hit the ball that bad except for one bad game where I struck out three times. But I still felt comfortable the whole time, even though I wasn't getting my hits. Today, I just felt a little better than I had before and got some of the hits."

Second baseman and leading Irish hitter Steve

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

TRACK & FIELD

Several Irish athletes qualified for the NCAA regional.

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WOMENS LACROSSE

Notre Dame 16
Virginia Tech 13

The Irish used a balanced attack used to topple Hokies.

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MENS TENNIS

Miami 6
Notre Dame 1

The Hurricanes tied the Irish and Hokies for first place in the Big East.

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MENS GOLF

The cold weather hurt the Irish as they finished eleventh out of fifteen in a Kentucky tournament.

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WOMENS TENNIS

Notre Dame 5
Ohio State 2

The Irish toppled a fourth ranked Big Ten team.

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SMC TENNIS

Saint Mary's def.
Aquinas, Olivet

The Belles won two easy 9-0 victories.

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