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Board responds positively to Lao's report

Topics include drunk driving, social responsibility and programming fund

By SHELIA FLYNN
News Writer

Members of the Board of Trustees responded to a student government report Thursday with positive enthusiasm and a round of applause, congratulating student body president Jeremy Lao and his team for their accomplishments and their efforts to address Board criticisms given in October.

Chief of staff Patrick Corker began the presentation, outlining student government's alcohol responsibility campaign. He said the effort will include the distribution of blood alcohol content cards, speakers and a drunk driving simulator machine during the week before spring break, and an advertising campaign encouraging students not to be "that guy"

or "that girl" in regard to excessive consumption of alcohol.

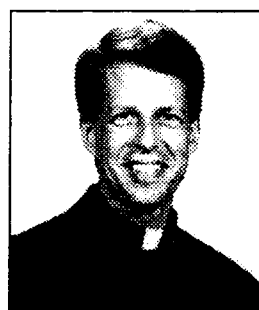
"Students on campus would benefit from knowing what their limits are," Corker said. "I don't think students are cognizant of that."

Lao and his team emphasized — and included in their report — that the campaign promotes responsible drinking and in no way tries to impose abstinence from alcohol upon students. Instead, their initiative focuses on collaboration with local establishments, cab companies and other institutions to ensure designated driving and responsible behavior.

The Board applauded the plan, which is



Lao



Poorman

in-depth and multifaceted.

"This is only a transitional student government, but this initiative is a first from student government," said Father Mark Poorman, vice president for student affairs.

The other Board members expressed approval and also voiced additional suggestions, such as cooperative planning with Notre Dame Security/Police and other bodies. Several members also expressed concerns about ensuring the continuity of such an alcohol responsibility program from year to year within student government.

"I can't imagine that there would be an administration that wouldn't want to pur-

sue this," Corker said.

Building upon the administration's emphasis on responsibility, Student body vice president Emily Chin then addressed the Board concerning social responsibility at Notre Dame. She outlined student government's role in the Church in Africa conference and showed a short video of Notre Dame students, including herself, visiting Nigeria as part of the conference.

"Americans don't really see the true, other side" of Africa, Chin said, citing the continent's "hospitality," "beauty" and "rich culture." She stressed student government's commitment to social responsibility and said she hopes for increased awareness on campus and continued participation in events such as the Africa conference.

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Campus Ministry gets creative with retreats

By MATTHEW SMEDBERG
News Writer

It begins at Freshman Orientation, with posters on residence hall bulletin boards advertising the Freshman Retreat. It continues with the Notre Dame Encounter and the Sophomore Road Trip. If you are a senior, man, woman, Asian, black, Latino, MBA student, gay, lesbian or bisexual, Campus Ministry has a retreat for you.

Campus Ministries offers retreats throughout the year attracting about 3,200 students, or more than a third of the undergraduate population. Each retreat is unique, according to Father Kevin Rousseau, director of freshman retreats. Rousseau said that the retreats do not contain a set format, though certain elements appear in all, such as presentations by the retreat director and his or her assistant leaders, as well as ice-breakers and small group discussions.

The retreats vary widely in length, size and scope. A freshman retreat, offered six times a year, lasts 26 hours and can accommodate up to 90 participants. The Man's Weekend, Campus Ministry's newest offering, lasts nearly two days.

The Man's Weekend is a unique event in many ways. The

first one, which took place last October, included a pig roast — but it is still geared towards developing the spiritual life of each participant. Students who attended the retreat spoke very highly of the experience.

"It was an awesome experience," said junior DJ DiDonna. "There was a good blend of spirituality and time to be alone, to pray, to relax. It was great to have the leaders give talks about what it means to be a man in the Church today, to have a chance to think about vocations, not necessarily as a priest, but just as a man. It was a very refreshing experience."

Rousseau said that student response coming out of retreats is overwhelmingly positive. He said that freshmen wish that their retreat could be longer, while seniors attending their first retreat wish they had done one sooner. Nevertheless, there is a certain amount of salesmanship involved in getting students to sign up. Rousseau said that his colleagues have had to essentially reinvent the women's retreat, because so few students signed up for it in previous years that several had to be cancelled.

Students from all religious backgrounds are invited to participate, he said.

"While the spirituality we offer in retreats is unavoidably Christian in nature, we do not

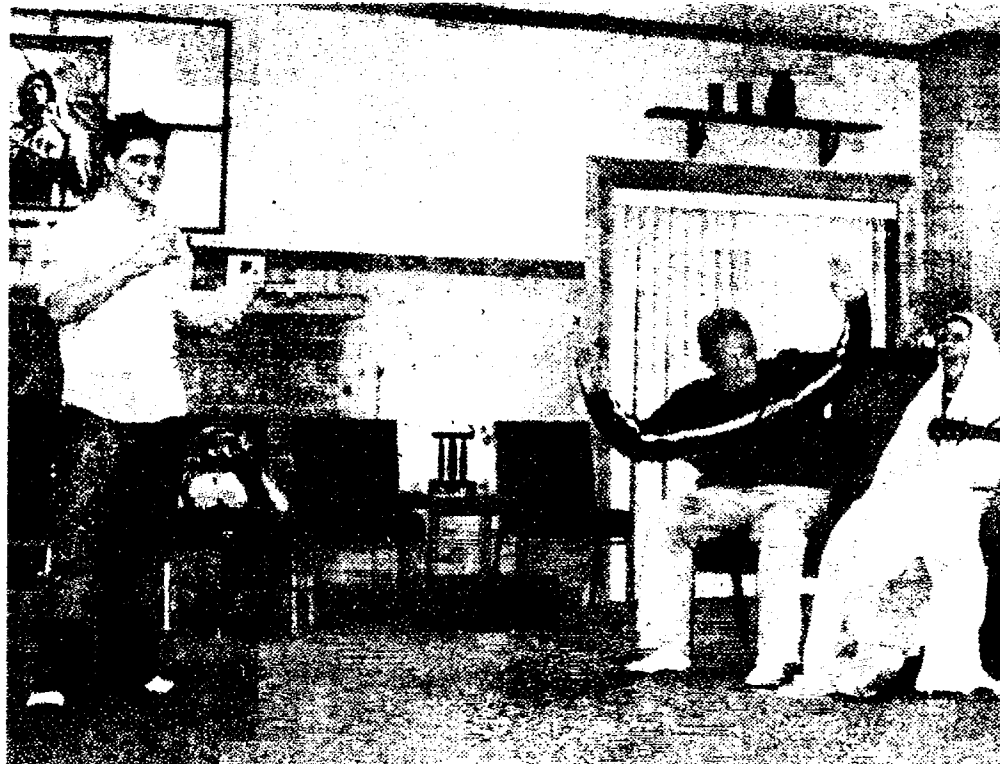


Photo courtesy of Vito Giovino

Participants act out a skit during a recent Notre Dame Encounter. The retreats attract students throughout the year.

concentrate on doctrinal issues, but on relationship."

In the retreats he has led, students whom he knew were not Catholic "asked some of the best questions" out of all students; he has had non-Catholics as leaders and presenters.

DiDonna said that, coming from a Catholic high school, he had been to many retreats before, but the voluntary nature of Notre Dame retreats meant that "a different crowd" participated. He said that, for someone

who is serious about deepening their relationship with God, whether Catholic or not, a Notre Dame retreat is ideal.

"Not every student will go on a retreat," said Rousseau. "However, we like to think of those who do as acting as a kind of 'leaven' for the campus. We hope that they will be better equipped to make good decisions."

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Housing surveys sent out

Students e-mailed surveys about future of on-campus housing

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
News Editor

Within the next two weeks, the Office of Student Affairs will be e-mailing 1,000 undergraduate students a survey about the future of residential life at Notre Dame.

The survey is the product of several months of discussion by a committee for the future of residential life, which consists of administrators, faculty members and students. The results of the survey will be used when designing and renovating residence halls.

Ann Firth, committee member and executive assistant to the vice president of student affairs, said the committee is dreaming big and these results will be crucial in determining the nature of the four proposed residential complexes that were outlined in the University's most recent 10-year plan. The committee, which formed as a result of this plan, has discussed several options such as co-educational housing, senior apartments and suite style living.

Firth said the University also intends to significantly renovate residential halls within the next 10 years once funding is available.

Committee members said the survey is a pro-active approach by the University to gauge student opinion and to lend credibility to future plans.

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Events planned for Black History Month

By ANNA GELHAUS
News Writer

A variety of cultural events, including lectures, readings and a film series, will occur throughout the semester to celebrate Black History Month, said Keith Lee, the assistant director for program develop-

ment for the Department of African and African-American Studies.

Lee said that his department has decided to schedule the events differently this year, spreading them out throughout the semester rather than concentrating them only in February. In addition, Lee said that the planned activities are

targeted toward a student audience.

"We have a lot of activities spread out through February into March and even April," said Lee. "We are trying to attract students and [thus our events are] very student focused."

As an example of the kinds of events that will take place, the

next installment of the department's co-sponsored lecture series Race in the Americas will occur Wednesday. José Saldivar, a professor of English and Ethnic Studies at the University of California, Berkeley will present a lecture entitled "Border Fillers."

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INSIDE COLUMN

Why me?

My aunt has been diagnosed with bone cancer. Her youngest child is four years old. What did she do to deserve this? I have weekly dinner with a group of elderly Holy Cross sisters who are in the late stages of Alzheimer's disease. What did they do to deserve this? I listen to a lecture by Jimmy Dunne, whose business lost a third of its employees in the Sept. 11 attacks. What about him — what did he do?

Katie Knorr

Illustrator

I think about the heartbreak I will feel after my boyfriend graduates, the incredible pain of not knowing what will happen to the connection we've made. What, I ask myself, did I do to deserve this?

This is only a glimpse of the pain I've encountered, and I'm just one person in a world of six billion. Tragedy — and sadness — are everywhere. We often wonder why, but we never find an answer. Yet I promise you ... there is one. And figuring it out will change you.

As I sit in my Irish Film and Culture class, a lecture about Yeats quickly shoots me a line that I will never forget. "Love cannot exist without pain," my professor says, "for if there's no pain, the feeling isn't real." It takes a minute to sink in. I ask myself, do I buy it?

Six hours later, I am sure that I do. My aunt's cancer whispers that life is precious, and always too short. The stories of love and life the sisters tell increase in volume after two years of listening to their repetition.

I listen to how Jimmy Dunne risked his entire business, but managed to send millions of dollars to the families of those who fell in the Towers. I realize that the tears I will cry in May will reflect some of the greatest love I've ever felt, and one connection that I know will never die.

I think back on the family I've been given, the opportunities I've had, the love I've encountered. And I'm sure that no tragedy, no pain, no sadness can lessen that. In fact, it serves not to break us, but rather to make us realize the full force of life, of love, and of experience. I've had all of these things, and so have you.

Now I guess all that's left for us to ask is...

What could we have possibly done to deserve it?

This article is dedicated to Jessica McManus Warnell, Luke Gibbons, Father Michael Baxter, Ed Kelly, Jackie Bachinsky, Lee Ann Moore, Queen of Peace Convent, Mark & Barb Knorr, Paul Green, and to all those people who know not just how to touch, but to hold, a heart.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Katie Knorr at kknorr@nd.edu.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT REALITY TV SHOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE ON TV?



Adam Kaufmann
Senior off-campus

"Celebrity Deathmatch."



Patrick Ross
Senior off-campus

"The Fluffer."



Paul Critser
Junior O'Neill

"Survivor: Gary, Indiana."



Kevin Boyle
Junior off-campus

"Bring back Man versus Beast."



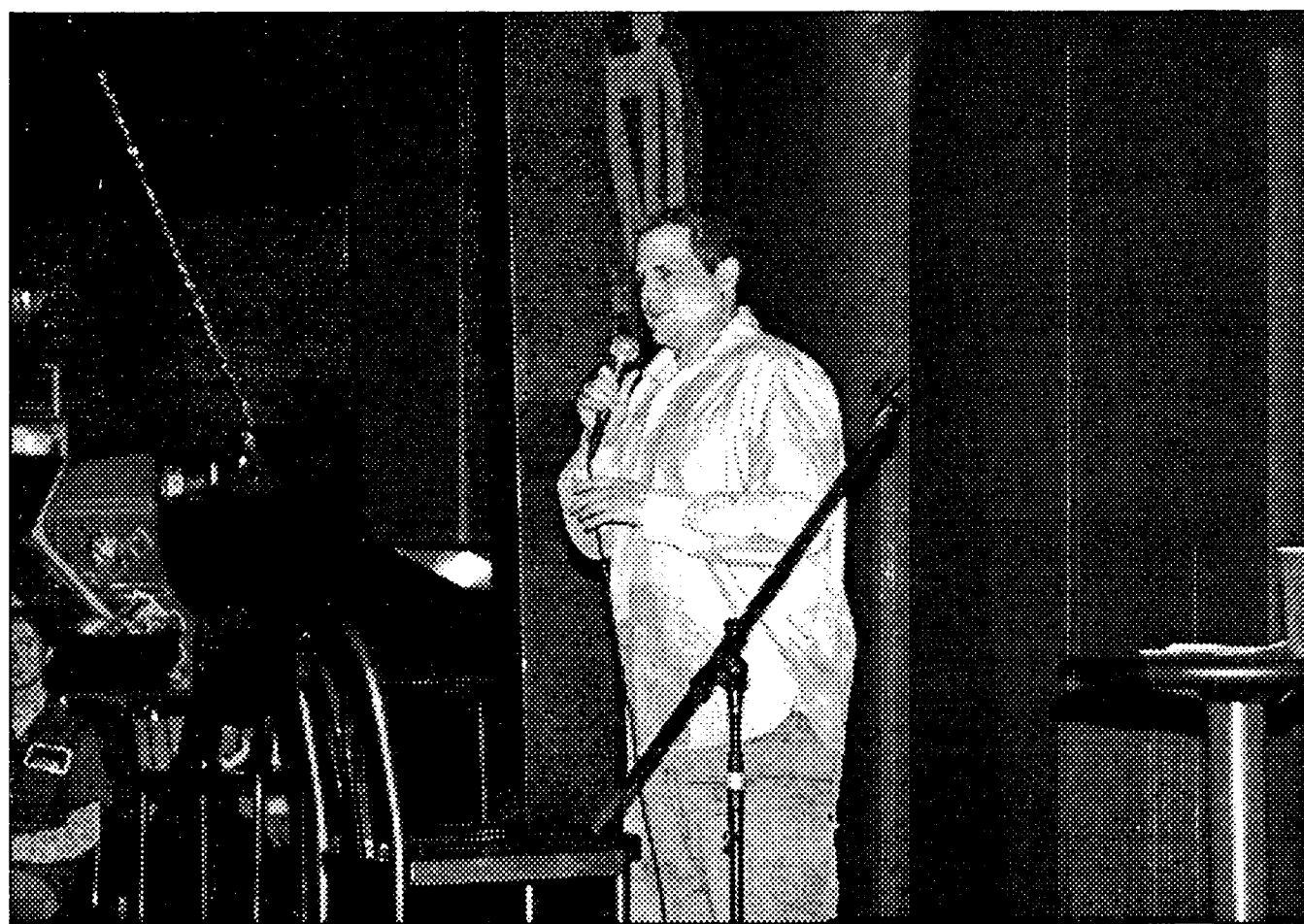
Brian Vilorio
Junior off-campus

"I just thought of this, Seven to eight people living in a house and taping them in the real world. It'd be new and awesome."



Katie Taylor
Junior Regina Hall

"True life: I go to an all-girl's school."



ANDY KENNA/The Observer

Jack Cowett, a Notre Dame junior and student comedian, performs Thursday at Legends.

IN BRIEF

FlipSide will sponsor ice skating tonight at the Joyce Center. Admission will cost \$1, while skate rentals will be \$3.

The Ahn Trio, a classical ensemble, will perform at 7:30 tonight in O'Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary's Moreau Center for the Performing Arts.

Comedians A.J. Jamal and Rick Colon will perform in Reckers tonight from 7 to 9:30 p.m. as part of the MSPS Comedy Show. The stand-up comedy show is free.

The Pasquerilla East Music Company will perform West Side Story today and Saturday from 7:30 to 10 p.m. in Washington Hall.

SUB will sponsor two showings of the movie Cold Creek Manor tonight and tomorrow at 8 and 10:30 pm.

Guitarist John Rush will perform in the LaFortune Basement Saturday night. Other LaFortune events include a Euchre tournament in the Dooley Room — the winner will receive two DVDs of their choice — and a pool tournament in NDEExpress for a DVD player. Both events will begin at 10:30 pm. The activities are part of FlipSide Takes LaFortune, and the organization will sponsor free subs, pizza and prizes until 1 a.m.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.

OFFBEAT

Trucker wins driving award after accident

MISSOULA, Mont. — A truck driver received his million-mile safe driving award in a hospital after getting injured in a crash.

Raymond Mattes, 53, of Post Falls, Idaho, was en route from Washington state to Ohio with a load of frozen french fries and planned to stop in Missoula on Saturday to pick up his award from Jim Palmer Trucking.

Before he could reach the company's yard, a sport utility vehicle skidded into the path of his tractor-trailer on Interstate 90 out-

side of town.

Mattes avoided hitting the vehicle by driving off the road and slamming into an embankment, the 18-year trucker said Wednesday before his release from St. Patrick Hospital, where he was treated for crushed vertebrae.

The SUV driver was seriously hurt, and two fellow University of Montana students were also injured, one critically.

Hooters job won't count as work-study

SAVANNAH, Ga. — A 17-year-old high school senior

working at a Hooters won't get class credit for her job because the restaurant, known for its waitresses in tight T-shirts and hot pants, is too racy, school district officials decided Thursday.

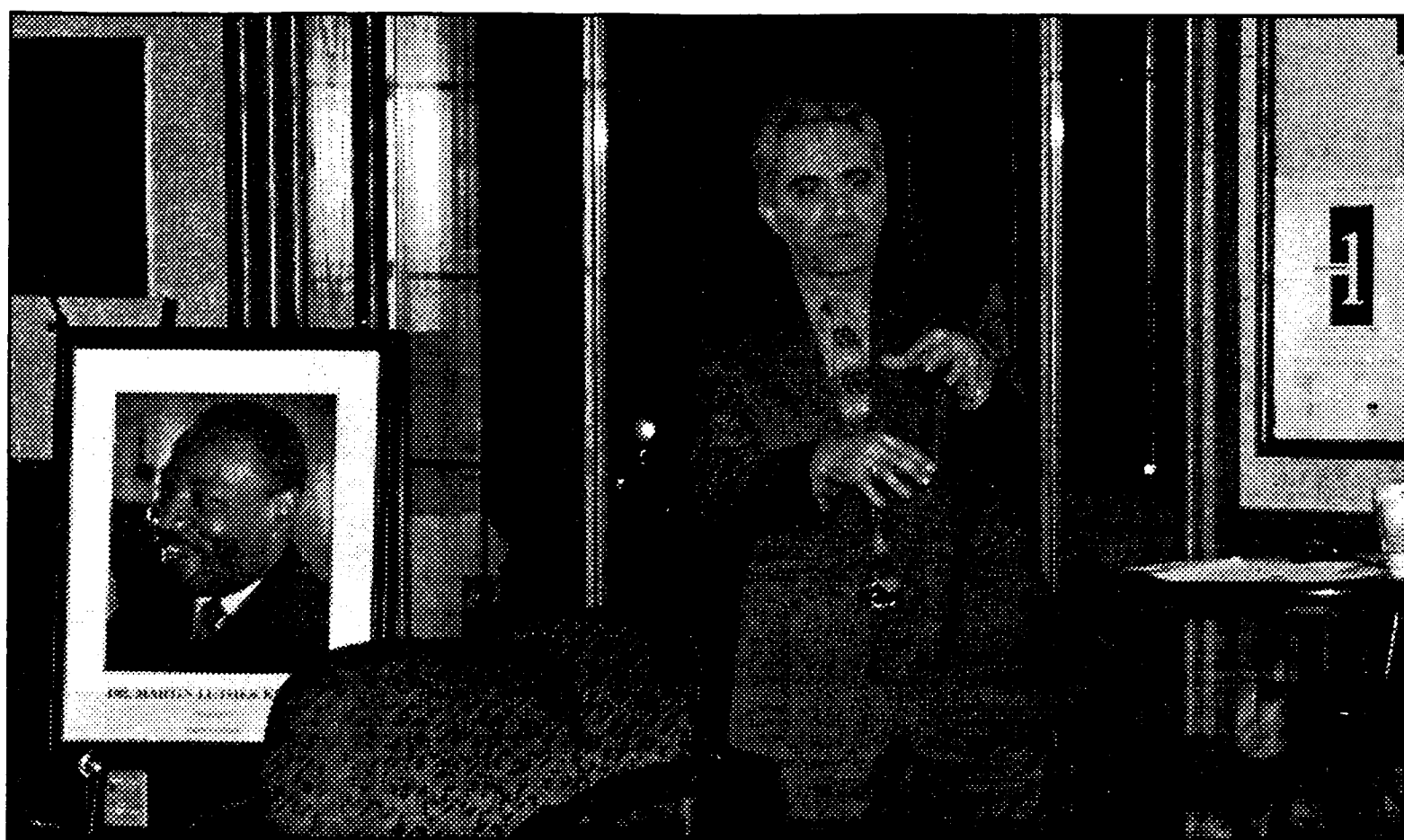
Laura Williams wanted her hostess job, for which she wears long pants and a collared shirt, to count as part of a work-study program that lets students leave school early so they can work for vocational course credit.

Williams plans to keep the job and give up the credit.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

LOCAL WEATHER	TODAY		TONIGHT		SATURDAY		SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY	
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J. Roberto Gutierrez, University vice president for communications, speaks at a campus town hall meeting. Other events are planned around campus to commemorate Black History Month.

Observer file photo

History

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Lee emphasized that the Department of African and African-American Studies aims for programs with an academic focus.

"We try to tie things into the academic mission of the University," he said.

The department is also looking to work in collaboration with other groups on campus in order to spread out and attract students, such as their collaboration with the Institute for Latino Studies in the Race in the Americas series.

In addition, Multicultural Student Programs and Services (MSPS) will hold their annual Blak Koffee House Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. The event is an annual celebration of black poetry and music.

Also, Saint Mary's will sponsor a poetry performance and reading with award-winning poet Sonia Sanchez Feb. 24.

In the final weekend in March, the recipients of the Erskine Peters Fellowship will arrive on-campus to participate in a panel discussion regarding black experiences in academia. The fellowship program is administered by the provost's office and the Department of African and African-American Studies and awards five black graduate stu-

dents a \$25,000 stipend and a \$2,000 research budget to complete their dissertation.

MacArthur Fellowship winner and black poet Jay Wright will be holding a reading towards the end of the month, sponsored by the Boehnen Fund for Arts, Creative Writing, Graduate School and Office of the Provost. The exact time and location has not yet been determined.

A six-part series of films sponsored by the Department of African and African-American Studies, "This Far by Faith", examined black spiritual life and recently concluded Wednesday.

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Survey

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"As we go forward and renovate, we want to make sure residential life is important," said Bill Kirk, committee chair and associate vice president for residence life. "You have to be sensitive to the student's needs."

Firth said that students who participate in the survey, which the Office of Institutional Research estimates should only take about 10 minutes, will be eligible for a drawing that includes ten prize packages. These packages include a laptop computer, season football and basketball tickets, flex point certificates and pizza parties.

Undergraduate students from each year, including those who live both on and off campus, will receive the survey.

Kirk said the committee wants to know what students opt to move off-campus so that future and renovated residence halls can provide amenities that will keep students on campus.

Kirk said the decision to review the character of residence halls and the nature of residential life was not in response to the growing trend of Catholic universities that have abandoned completely mandatory single-sex living arrangements.

"If you look at what's going around at other campuses, after they upgrade, you realize that you have to do something to make [residence halls] attractive," Kirk said.

Kirk said the aspects of residential life that students value

most — the stay-in-hall system, in-hall chapels and the small community — will remain, but that officials want to know what else students value and that the committee is remaining very open-minded about the range of possibilities that residential life could take at Notre Dame.

Kirk cited the creation of Legends, Reckers, the Coleman-Morse Center and the renovation of Hesburgh Library and the LaFortune Student Center as recent examples of where the University solicited student opinion in an effort to enhance campus life and said that this survey will continue that effort on a larger scale.

Keri Oxley, a senior and student member of the committee, said the administration is putting a great deal of energy into including students in this decision making process.

In addition to the surveys, student opinion will be gauged through focus groups. Focus groups will also target administrators, faculty members, rectors, assistant rectors and young alumni.

Kirk said these surveys and focus groups will be different in nature and composition than the ones used to create the revised alcohol policy that was announced by vice president of Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman in March 2002.

The committee expects to have survey results sometime this spring and the deadline for the first round of focus groups is March 15. Firth said the committee's recommendation report most likely will not be completed until fall 2004.

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Finally, Lao led his team in previewing a student programming endowment, which would allow an increased budget for big-name concerts and speakers at the University.

"We don't want to put the full burden of financing this on just student shoulders," Lao said.

The Student Union Board's current allotment ranges between \$30,000 and \$60,000, Lao said, and these funds are not adequate for luring the famous acts desired by students.

"The major challenge here is to have big signature events," Poorman said, adding that officials do "have a willing participant rate."

Board members suggested that, before student government finalizes its proposal and report for the Board's May meeting, representatives should compile a list of sample bands and speakers and their respective fees, differentiating between various entertainment levels.

"Come back to us with some ideas and price tags," one Board member said.

The Board also suggested that student government explore the option of finding sponsors to match funds that they, as a body, raise. Lao and his team said they will look into this idea of making the endowment more proactive and cooperative.

When one Board member inquired into using the stadium as an entertainment venue, Poorman said there is no specific prohibition against its use, but various other factors, such as the amount of necessary security and human resources, create difficulties.

"It's pretty complicated because it has a lot of other complications besides the money to host the concert," Poorman said.

Lao and his team said they would consider and incorporate the Board's feedback, and they said, in response to members' requests, they will send out more frequent updates to the Board before the May meeting.

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U-WIRE

Student political interest increasing

By TARA EDWARDS
The California Aggie

Various student organizations assembled at tables on the University of California-Davis quad on Wednesday, providing registration forms and information on their particular groups — and encouraging other students to vote.

A recent study shows that this sort of student political interest is increasing significantly. Students are discussing politics more frequently and are much more aware of current events, found a recent study conducted by the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA.

The study — The American Freshman: National Norms for Fall 2003 — reported that the number of freshman that discuss politics regularly has increased from 19.4 percent in 2002 to 22.5 percent in 2003. Student political interest has not been as high since 1993.

Some students said they believe that the college experience allows them to identify their beliefs and become more involved with political parties.

Others credited the increase in political awareness to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

"[Sept. 11] didn't start any new movement; it just

raised interest and strengthened groups," said UC Davis sophomore Cynthia Funes.

Some students said they pay more attention to politics because they felt stifled by the views they were taught before coming to college. Lindsey Krabbenhoft, a UC Davis sophomore who graduated from a conservative Catholic high school, said that the university has offered a broader spectrum of political views.

"There's more of a variety [of political groups] and they are more publicized," she said. "You find out about things easier."

Krabbenhoft also attributed her political interest to her belief that as students get older, they care more about what is going on in the country.

Funes felt that since high schools are much smaller than many universities, her political opinion didn't carry much weight. But once she started attending UC Davis, she said, she felt like she had more of a voice. She joined the National Organization for Women and found many individuals who shared her political views.

Since Funes is in a large organization that shares her views, she feels she can participate in outreach and have a stronger political impact.

U-WIRE

Voter independence affected by colleges

By ALEXANDRIA BURRIS
The Louisiana State Reveille

A New York Times columnist recently told a crowd at Dartmouth College that people with college degrees vote less independently.

David Brooks said rising education levels have helped shape modern politics and voting in the United States.

"The effect of this increasing education level for voters should be to make voters independent minded, open to argument, rational and sophisticated," Brooks said. "It's just the opposite."

He said the number of people voting independently decreases as the voting population becomes more educated.

Robert Hogan, a political science assistant professor, said Brooks' argument makes sense to him, because college-educated people tend to vote along party lines.

People with college degrees know more about politics, Hogan said.

He said strong Democrats and Republicans happen to be well-educated people who understand more about what they believe and what each political party represents.

Hogan said people who identify themselves as independent do not hold the staunch political positions of Democrats and Republicans.

There is a lot of evidence

that shows people who identify themselves as independent voters are more persuaded by political ads, Hogan said. It is hard to determine whether they are less educated than partisan voters.

In a Jan. 14 article in The Dartmouth, Dartmouth College's campus newspaper, Brooks said education leads away from independent thinking.

"The more educated you are, the more partisan you are, the less independently you think," Brooks said to the Dartmouth.

Hogan said he thinks Brooks is not implying that staunch party supporters are closed-minded or that independent voters are more open-minded.

He said partisan voters just have decided what they believe politically.

Krystal Williams, political science senior, is one of the many students who identifies her beliefs with a certain political party.

Williams is president of College Democrats at Louisiana State University.

She said she believes the political ideas people have are set in them.

Williams said her Democratic ideas were always a part of her because she came from a Democratic family.

But Williams said she did not realize she wanted to work in Democratic politics until she came to LSU.

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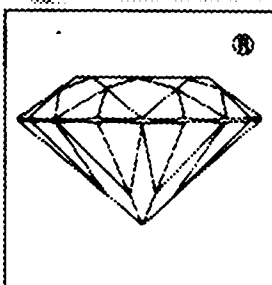
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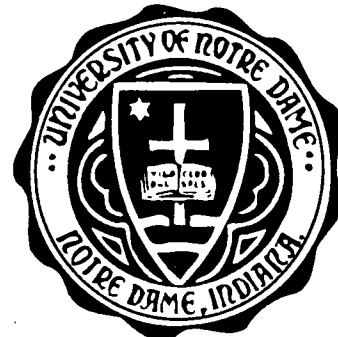


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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Trade talks stall over U.S. subsidies

PUEBLA, Mexico — Talks on the Free Trade Area of the Americas have largely stalled over South American demands for an end to domestic U.S. farm subsidies, negotiators said Thursday.

The prospect that the talks could fail — or result in a preliminary agreement so vague as to be meaningless — cheered an estimated 1,000 anti-globalization protesters who marched and briefly confronted police outside the hemispheric meeting of vice ministers in this colonial city, 65 miles southeast of Mexico City.

"There is an impasse," said Edgardo Lander, a member of the Venezuela delegation. "The sticking point, as always, is agriculture."

Summit establishes anti-terror center

BALI, Indonesia — Asian and Pacific countries on Thursday moved to step up the international campaign against terror with a new law enforcement center in Indonesia and legal commitments that would make it easier to extradite and prosecute terrorists.

Delegates at the two-day anti-terror conference on this bomb-scarred tourist island said they hoped the meeting would help keep the terror fight at the top of governments' agendas.

"This has been a historic meeting. This gives real momentum to the campaign against terrorism," said Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer, who laid a wreath Thursday at a memorial for victims of the October 2002 nightclub bombings on Bali that killed 202 people, including 88 Australians.

NATIONAL NEWS

Counselor convicted of abuse

MOBILE, Ala. — A former Roman Catholic high school counselor was convicted Thursday of molesting a 14-year-old student in 1991.

Brother Nicholas Paul Bendillo, who turns 75 next week, could get up to six years in prison on the charges of sexual abuse and enticing a child.

The former student, Clark Glenn Jr., now 27 and living in New Jersey, testified that Bendillo, known as "Brother Vic," had told him he was concerned about the boy's sex life and the development of his genitals. Glenn said Bendillo molested him and said it would help his condition.

Va. aliens denied in-state tuition

RICHLAND, Va. — Illegal aliens would be barred from attending Virginia's state-supported colleges and universities, and those already in school would be expelled under legislation that passed the House on Thursday.

The measure, approved on a 71-29 vote with strong Republican support, now heads to the Senate.

Gov. Mark R. Warner, a Democrat, vetoed legislation last year that would have forced illegal and undocumented immigrants living in Virginia to pay out-of-state tuition rates.

LOCAL NEWS

Ind. House passes pay raise

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana House passed legislation Thursday that could lead to pay raises for lawmakers, judges and prosecutors.

The bill, approved 62-33 and sent to the Senate, would establish a commission to set the salaries of legislators, trial and appellate court judges, prosecutors and statewide office holders such as the governor and treasurer. The panel would be appointed by leaders in the three branches of state government.

Under the proposal, none of the raises could take effect until July 2005, and the initial salary increase allowable for lawmakers would take their base pay from \$11,600 to \$18,544.

HAITI

Revolutionary army occupies city

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE — An armed opposition group seized control of Haiti's fourth-largest city Thursday, burning a police station, freeing prisoners and leaving at least four people reported dead and 20 wounded in clashes with police.

Members of the Gonaives Resistance Front began the assault shortly after noon in Gonaives, setting afire the mayor's home and then dousing the police station with fuel and lighting it while officers fled, Haitian radio reports said.

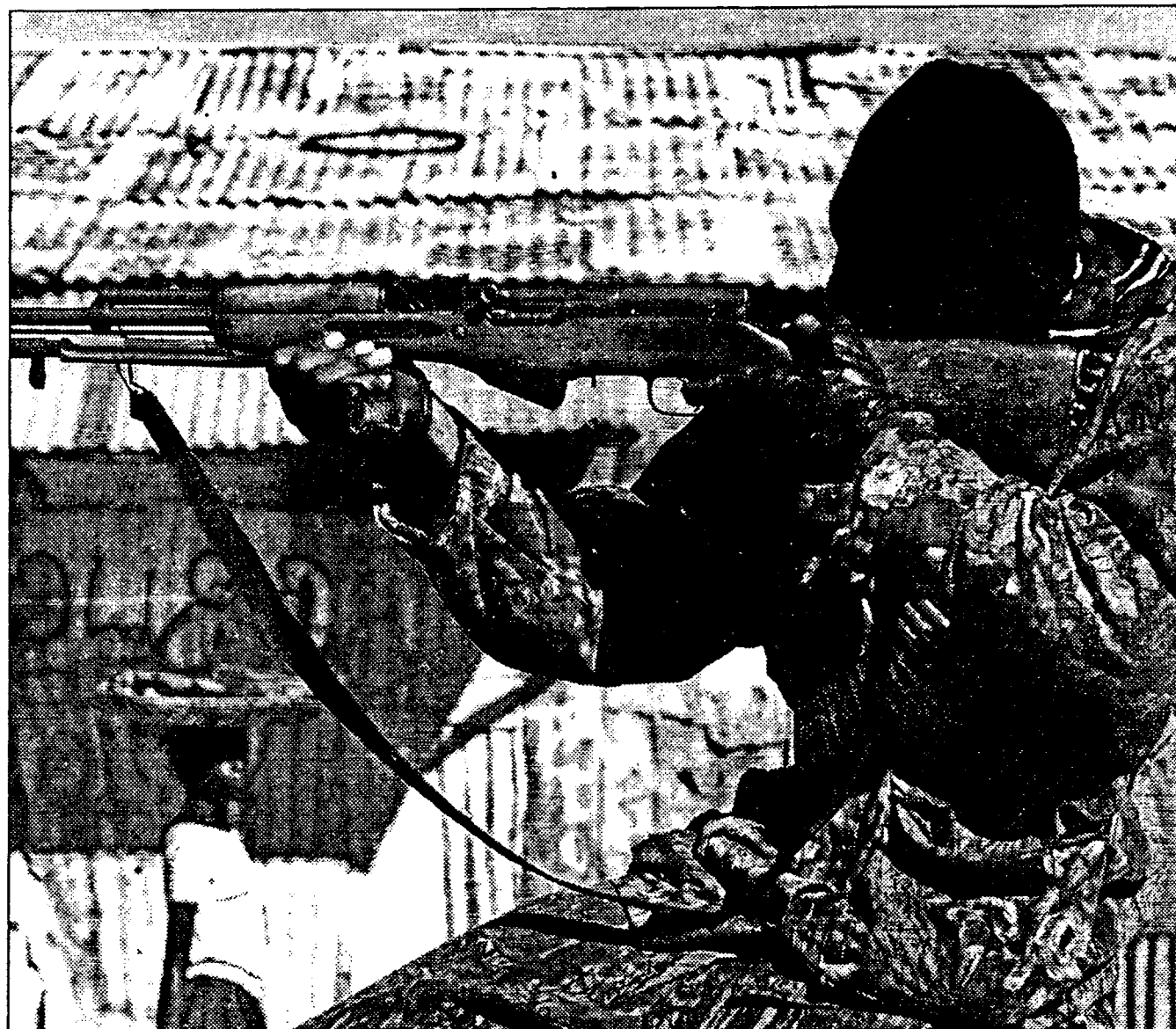
At least four opponents of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide were killed in gunbattles with police, Gonaives Resistance Front leader Wynter Etienne told Radio Vision 2000. Radio Metropole reported 20 people were wounded and more than 100 inmates were freed from the jail.

"Gonaives is liberated," Etienne told reporters in Gonaives. "Aristide has to go ... We've liberated the police station and freed the population" from Aristide's rule.

Etienne said the group aims to take control of other towns, while the government vowed to restore order.

The attacks "are terrorist acts undertaken by the armed wing of the opposition," government spokesman Mario Dupuy said. "The police will have to take measures to re-establish order."

Members of the armed group were once allied with Aristide but turned on him last year after their leader, Amiot Metayer, was found murdered Sept. 22. Metayer had long supported Aristide, but many of his followers now accuse



A soldier of the Gonaives Resistance Front, which has occupied the city of Gonaives, aims his rifle in a demonstration calling for President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's resignation.

the government of involvement in the killing.

Aristide has denied involvement, saying only the opposition stood to gain.

Members of the group set fire to both the home of Gonaives Mayor Stephan Moise and a gas station he owns, private Radio Kiskeya reported.

The group also set fire to a hotel where police often stay, according to one witness who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Roughly 200,000 people live in Gonaives and surrounding areas. The city — located 70 miles northwest of Port-au-Prince — has been the site of many protests led by Metayer's supporters, who recently changed their name from the "Cannibal Army" to the

Gonaives Resistance Front.

At least 55 people have been killed in the Caribbean country since mid-September in clashes between police, protesters and Aristide supporters.

Opposition leaders have demanded Aristide's resignation, accusing his government of incompetence and corruption.

Aristide has refused to step down before his term ends in 2006 and has defended his government, saying it has made progress despite many obstacles.

Dupuy, the government spokesman, said the armed attackers in Gonaives didn't have the support of most people in the city and linked the unrest to violence in the nearby Central Plateau,

where in the past year at least 25 people have been killed in violence blamed on a band of anti-Aristide former soldiers.

Thursday's clashes in Gonaives came a day after Bahamas Foreign Minister Fred Mitchell and Colin Granderson, assistant secretary general of the Caribbean Community, concluded talks with the opposition and met separately with Aristide.

Leaders of the opposition Democratic Platform said in a statement Thursday that during the two days of talks they sought to "explain why Aristide and his government have to go." The opposition leaders said they would "never engage in any kind of negotiation to maintain Aristide in power."

FBI expands ricin investigation

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Investigators expanded their search Thursday for the source of ricin discovered on Capitol Hill after intensive testing of a Senate office mailroom failed to turn up the deadly poison's origin.

The ricin was discovered in Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist's office. Law enforcement officials say no letter or note has been found indicating how it got there, who was behind it and whether the Tennessee Republican was the target.

"We're not at the point in time where we can say how it was delivered," said Michael Mason, assistant FBI director in charge of the Washington field office. "We have not found a hot letter."

Mail has been the primary focus of the probe since Monday, when an

intern found a small amount of ricin on a mail-sorting machine in Frist's office. But no further ricin or other evidence was in the stacks of letters nearby.

Because no answers have come from mail or items in the mailroom, investigators now must consider if the ricin was placed on the machine by someone or if it had spilled out of an older letter and been there for a long time. If so, investigators would have to trace the paths of these older letters, some of which may have been destroyed.

"We are taking a look at every possible angle," Mason said.

The discovery prompted the closure of three Senate office buildings, two of which reopened Thursday, and decontamination procedures for staff and Capitol police officers who were at the scene. Ricin is a highly

toxic substance with no known antidote. It can easily be made from castor beans.

Although no one has become ill from the ricin, nine staffers in Frist's office have been asked to submit two blood samples to Navy medical researchers, Frist spokesman Nick Smith said. The aides were told it was to see if they had developed antibodies to the ricin, which might aid in development of an antidote.

Investigators are interviewing people who visited the buildings before the ricin's discovery, as well as employees. They described everyone so far as cooperative.

One Senate aide who was questioned and spoke on condition of anonymity said he had not been contacted for a second round and knew of no other staffers who were being questioned again.

Blake trial postponed after lawyer relieved

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Robert Blake murder case was thrown into disarray Thursday when the judge relieved the actor's defense attorney because of "irreconcilable differences" with his client.

The action forced an indefinite postponement of Blake's trial, which had been scheduled to enter the final phase of jury selection Feb. 17. "I'm sorry," Superior Court Judge Darlene Schempp said after stunning the courtroom with her announcement. "I just did not have a choice in the matter."

Schempp set a hearing for Feb. 23, by which time she said she hoped Blake would find a replacement for Thomas Mesereau Jr.

Schempp spent nearly an hour in her chambers with Blake and Mesereau before announcing her decision. As they left court, neither Blake nor Mesereau would discuss the nature of the dispute that ended their relationship after some 14 months.

"I'm very, very sorry, that Mr. Mesereau left," Blake said outside court. "I am deeply, deeply grateful to him for saving my life."

It was Mesereau who won Blake's release on \$1.5 million bail after many months in jail.

Blake, 70, is charged with shooting his wife, Bonny Lee Bakley, 44, to death as she sat in a car outside an Italian restaurant where the two had just eaten dinner in 2001. Blake is best known for playing a tough-talking cop on the 1970s show "Baretta."

The announcement is certain to have a huge impact on the trial. District attorney's spokes-

woman Sandi Gibbons said preliminary jury selection that was done weeks ago must now be scrapped, and the new lawyer will have to digest reams of evidence in a short period of time.

"We had no idea this was coming," Gibbons said. "It's like being punched in the stomach. It's like having the rug pulled out from under us. We're a little shell-shocked right now."

Blake's original lawyer, Harland Braun, left in November 2002, followed by attorney Jennifer Keller in January 2003. His fourth lawyer could be the toughest to find.

"How can a new lawyer get up to speed with 60,000 pages of evidence?" said Mesereau's former co-counsel, Dana Cole. "And what highly capable lawyer is going to step into this hornet's nest?"

Sources close to the case who spoke on condition of anonymity said it was Mesereau's decision to leave the case, and that Blake wanted him to remain.

Cole, who won a dismissal of charges for Blake's co-defendant, Earle Caldwell, said he spoke to Blake after the announcement.

"I know what was not the reason," Cole said. "It was nothing pertaining to an evidentiary issue. And he does not want to represent himself. But it had to be something so significant that the judge would let them do this."

"It has to be an issue of client control or a colossal ethical issue," Cole said.

Blake said of his departing counsel: "I'm sure Mr. Mesereau will have a great life and a great career. I'm 70 years old. I've learned I have to go forward ... I wish him all the very best."

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Mesereau's former co-counsel

Witness e-mails excluded

Key witness in Stewart trial wrote disparaging e-mails

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The star witness against Martha Stewart testified Thursday that she had berated him at least twice and once even threatened to take her business elsewhere because she didn't like the telephone hold music.

The testimony by Douglas Faneuil came during cross-examination by a defense lawyer who sought to show that the young brokerage assistant may have been out to get Stewart.

Faneuil, who handled the questionable stock trade at the heart of Stewart's trial, confirmed that he wrote e-mails to friends describing tirades by the homemaking queen.

In one e-mail on Oct. 23, 2001, after handling a call from Stewart at Merrill Lynch & Co., Faneuil told a friend: "I have never, ever been treated more rudely by a stranger in my life. She actually hung up on me!"

Three days later, he wrote to another friend: "Martha yelled at me again today, but I snapped in her face and she actually backed down! Baby put Ms. Martha in her place!!!"

Shown copies of the e-mails in court Thursday, Faneuil said: "I believe I wrote those words exactly."

The e-mails emerged under questioning by a lawyer for Peter Bacanovic, Stewart's former stockbroker, who is accused of ordering Faneuil to give Stewart the tip that led her to dump all her ImClone Systems stock on Dec. 27, 2001.

Faneuil initially supported Stewart and Bacanovic's story that they had a deal to sell her

ImClone shares at \$60. Faneuil claims Bacanovic ordered him to tell Stewart the family of the ImClone founder was dumping his shares.

As the e-mails from Faneuil were flashed on a giant screen in the courtroom, Stewart maintained the same stoic expression she has held throughout the two-week-old trial. She did not speak to reporters as she left court.

Stewart has been mocked by pundits, comedians — even in a campy TV movie — for a fierce temper. The image is at odds with the calm, gracious image she has projected for years in her media outlets and her line of homemaking products.

Lawyers for Bacanovic have described Faneuil as "fixated" on Stewart while he worked at the brokerage, and were using the e-mails in hopes of convincing the jury he did not like Stewart.

Bacanovic lawyer David Apfel asked Faneuil whether it was true Stewart once said "something about how bad the hold music was. She told you she was going to leave Mr. Bacanovic and leave Merrill Lynch unless the hold music was changed."

Faneuil confirmed the account. Jurors broke up in laughter.

In one e-mail to a friend, Faneuil describes Stewart — apparently thinking she was speaking with Bacanovic instead — mocking someone who answered phones at the brokerage.

"This is not a joke!" he quoted Stewart as saying, just before hanging up. "Merrill Lynch is laying off 10,000 employees because of people like that idiot!"

Faneuil is the government's star witness against Stewart and Bacanovic, who are charged with repeatedly lying to investigators about why Stewart dumped her ImClone stock.

Stewart is accused of working with Bacanovic to obstruct justice and of deceiving investors in her own company, Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia.

Faneuil has already testified that Bacanovic ordered him on Dec. 27, 2001, to pass a secret tip to Stewart that ImClone founder Sam Waksal was trying to dump his shares in the company.

The young assistant has also testified that Bacanovic — without explicitly asking him to lie — repeatedly pressured him to back up his and Stewart's assertion.

Defense lawyers sought to discredit Faneuil as he took the stand for a third day of testimony Thursday, with Apfel trying to

introduce e-mails to show Faneuil and Bacanovic had a joking relationship at work for months after Stewart's stock sale.

One e-mail was a to-do list that Faneuil had prepared for his boss, on which he added that Bacanovic could call him any time with questions — "but not too early, hee hee." Another referred Bacanovic to an article describing a man having sex with a goat.

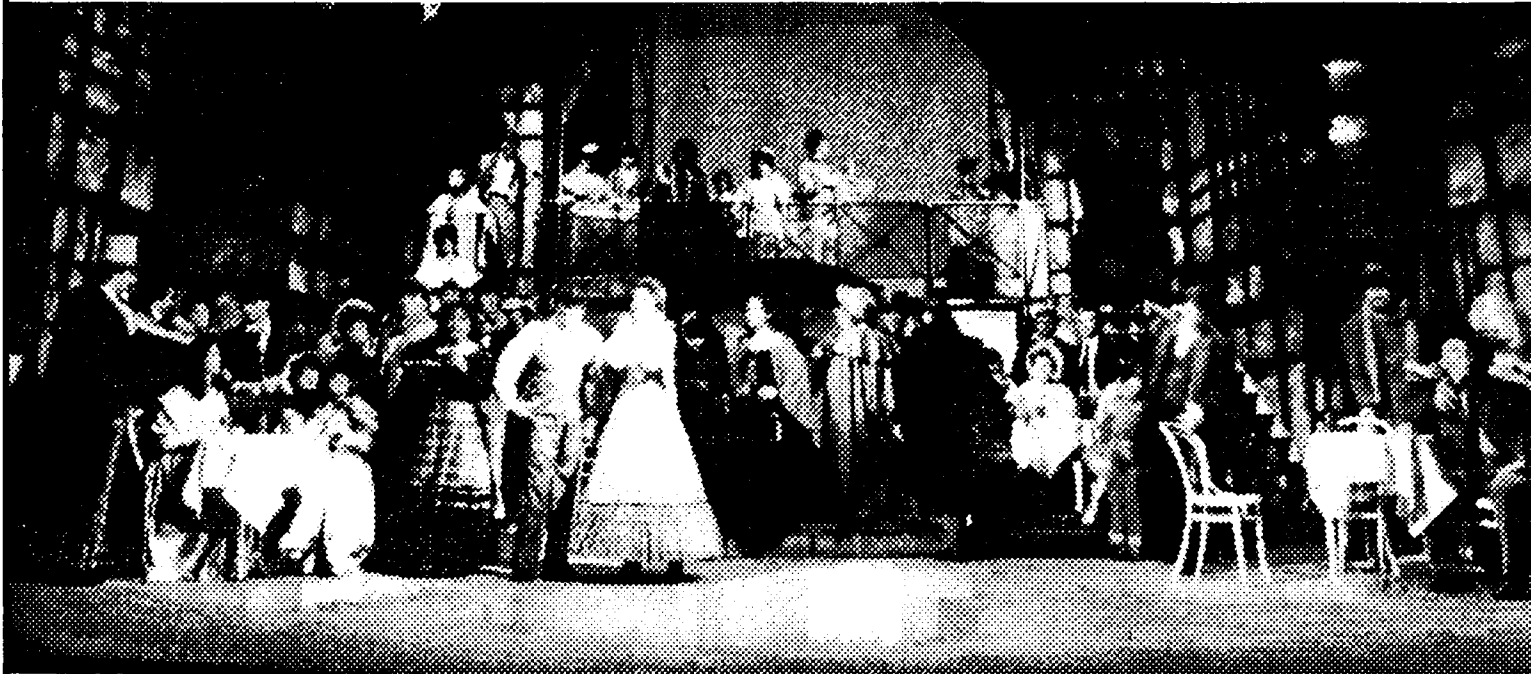
But Cedarbaum refused to allow the e-mails into evidence, and instructed jurors not to consider what they had heard.

Robert Morvillo, Stewart's lead lawyer, was expected to begin his own cross-examination of Faneuil on Monday. The trial will be in recess Friday.

"I believe I wrote those words exactly."

Douglas Faneuil
prosecution witness

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AMEX	1,205.46	-3.75
NASDAQ	2,019.56	+5.42
NYSE	6,544.28	+18.18
S&P 500	1,128.59	+2.07
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	10,464.60	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	4,384.40	-14.10

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CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-1.08	-0.26	23.82
INTEL CORP (INTC)	-0.33	-0.10	29.92
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-0.19	-0.05	26.96
LEVEL 3 COMMS (LVLT)	-12.48	-0.70	4.91
JDS UNIPHASE (JSDU)	-0.42	-0.02	4.74

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10-YEAR NOTE	+1.21	+0.50	41.74
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IN BRIEF

Toyota announces revenue jump

TOKYO — Even a weak dollar couldn't damp rising profits at Toyota Motor Corp., which reported a 60 percent surge in net income during the latest quarter on robust sales worldwide.

The world's second-biggest automaker, behind General Motors Corp., said Thursday its net profit totaled 286.4 billion yen (\$2.7 billion) in the October-December period, up from 179.3 billion yen a year ago.

Sales rose 8 percent to 4.39 trillion yen (\$41.6 billion) from 4.05 trillion yen, and the Japanese automaker raised its vehicle sales forecast for the current fiscal year.

The rising sales offset the impact of a strong yen, which hurts Japanese exporters by eroding the value of their overseas earnings. The dollar was trading at about 109 yen during the latest quarter, down from about 123 yen the same period a year ago.

National retail sales continue strong

NEW YORK — Consumers lured by record-breaking cold temperatures and clearance sales continued their spending spree in January, lifting sales well above expectations for many of the nation's retailers. Even those merchants who lagged the competition in recent months did well.

Some of the big surprises came from May Department Stores Inc., Sears, Roebuck and Co., and teen retailer Abercrombie & Fitch, all of which reported results that soared past Wall Street estimates. There were a few disappointments, including Talbots Inc., which blamed sharper-than-expected sales declines on its lack of winter inventory.

Pepsi reports strong fourth quarter

NEW YORK — Buoyed by strong gains in its Frito-Lay snacks unit and its North American beverage unit, PepsiCo Inc. posted a 30 percent rise in fourth-quarter earnings.

Net income stood at \$897 million, or 51 cents a share, at the close of the quarter, up from \$689 million, or 39 cents a share, a year earlier, the Purchase, N.Y.-based company said Thursday. Revenue rose 9.4 percent to \$8.07 billion from \$7.38 billion.

WALL STREET

Cisco, Ciena trigger NASDAQ skid

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A tentative forecast on business spending from Cisco Systems Inc. hit the technology sector hard Wednesday, and the Nasdaq composite index plunged 2.5 percent. The selloff dragged the rest of the market downward in volatile trading.

Cautious investors moved to defensive positions, with blue chip shares showing greater strength than more speculative tech and small-cap stocks. As earnings season winds down, some analysts say the market may be headed for a pause, but despite Wednesday's tech selling, investors don't seem ready to pull out in large numbers yet.

"Today, there's a lot of indecision. This market is as wimpy as I've seen in a long time," said Brian Belski, market strategist at Piper Jaffray. "But there's a lot of pent-up buying demand, lots of inflow into the market, so I tend to think it's too early to jump on the correction bandwagon."

The Nasdaq tumbled 52.07, or 2.5 percent, to 2,014.14 — its biggest one-day point loss since Sept. 24, when it closed down 58.02 at 1,843.70. The tech-heavy index was at its lowest level in more than a month, but was still up 0.5 percent for the year.

The Dow Jones industrial average finished down 34.44, or 0.3 percent, at 10,470.74, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 9.51, or 0.8 percent, to 1,126.52.

The Nasdaq's slump on Cisco's less-than-stellar forecast underscores that "a lot of good news is priced in, and any sort of disappointment can affect prices disproportionately," said Brian Pears, head



John Chambers, CEO of Cisco Systems USA, attended a meeting of the World Economic Forum Jan. 25. Cisco's poor earnings statement fueled a bad day for the Nasdaq.

equity trader at Victory Capital Management in Cleveland.

"Broadly speaking, I still feel pretty good; the economy is clearly growing at this point," Pears said, adding that he would be keeping an eye on the government payroll report due Friday. "I think the market's going to hold its breath until we get those numbers."

Corporate earnings have beaten forecasts overall and economic numbers have been consistently strong. A better-than-expected rise in factory orders for December, reported Wednesday by

the Commerce Department, offered further evidence that the recovery remains on track.

Cisco Systems dropped \$2.33, or 8.8 percent, to \$24.08, although its earnings beat Wall Street's expectations. Industry observers had watched the results for signs that businesses were investing more in tech, but the networking equipment company indicated any rebound in spending remains uncertain.

Another significant decliner in the Nasdaq was Ciena Corp., which plummeted \$1.30, or 18 percent, to \$5.99, after the

telecommunications equipment maker warned investors that its first-quarter revenues were likely to drop below forecasts. The company blamed the shortfall on the timing of a single order.

Tech stocks on the Dow also fell. Hewlett-Packard Co. skidded 72 cents to \$23.19, while Intel Corp. dropped \$1.34 to \$30.02 and Microsoft Corp. fell 28 cents to \$27.01.

McDonald's Corp. rose 26 cents to \$26.41 after Smith Barney raised its price target for the fast-food retailer, citing a franchisee survey that points to strong sales momentum.

AUTOMOTIVE

Dana taps Burns for top job

Associated Press

TOLEDO, Ohio — Auto parts maker Dana Corp. has selected the head of GM Europe to become its new chief executive officer and president, the company said Wednesday.

Mike Burns, 51, will replace former Dana CEO Joseph Magliochetti, who died Sept. 22 after developing pancreatitis.

Burns, president of GM Europe since 1998, will take over at Dana on March 1.

"Mike Burns has the leadership skills, depth of industry experience, international acumen, energy and personal qualities to lead Dana for-

ward," said Glen Hiner, Dana's acting board chairman.

Toledo-based Dana fought off an unwanted takeover bid last year.

ArvinMeritor Inc., a Troy Mich.-based supplier of shocks, struts, suspensions and exhaust systems, dropped a \$2.2 billion hostile takeover bid in November.

Dana has about 4,500 Indiana employees and operations in Andrews, Avilla, Churubusco, Danville, Fort Wayne, Syracuse, Elkhart, Marion, Mishawaka and Mitchell.

Dana, which makes parts such as brakes and axles, had struggled in recent years because of auto industry slowdowns.

Two years ago it began eliminating 11,000 jobs through plant closings and consolidations. Those reductions came on top of about 10,000 job cuts because of declining auto production and slow U.S. sales.

In October, Dana reported sharply higher third-quarter earnings, crediting its restructuring plan.

Dana sales totaled about \$10 billion in 2002, and it employs more than 60,000 people worldwide.

Dana's board also announced Wednesday that Hiner, the board's acting chairman since September, will continue in this role.

William Carroll, who was acting president since September, will retire in March.

Super Bowl halftime outrage continues

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The one-second flash of Janet Jackson's breast at the Super Bowl could end up putting the brakes on years of plunging standards in the down-and-dirty entertainment industry.

"This particular event might be, for the moment, the straw that broke the camel's back on the patience of the audience," said talk show host Carson Daly, a veteran presence on MTV, which produced the offending halftime show. "Tolerance of this sort of sexual imagery may have reached its peak."

Unlike other milestones of indecency — rock star Bono using the f-word on the 2003 Golden Globes, or Madonna and Britney Spears tongue-kissing on MTV — Jackson chose to reveal herself before the largest TV audience of the year.

And she did it precisely when federal authorities are mulling a crackdown on broadcast indecency.

The Jackson case could have a "galvanizing effect" on the move to toughen standards, said FCC Commissioner Michael Copps, who has complained his commission has been toothless in responding to complaints.

At the very least, he said, it punctures the argument of people who say that those who are bothered by things on TV just shouldn't watch.

"How do you turn off the Super Bowl?" Copps asked.

"There is going to be a national conversation on this," said Brent Bozell, president of the Parents Television Council, which has long complained about sex and violence on the tube. "I think what this has done is sensitized the public."

The fallout continued Thursday:

♦ CBS, already facing an FCC probe for the halftime show, said it would broadcast Sunday's Grammy Awards with a five-minute delay to allow time to edit out any offensive images. Jackson had been scheduled to appear on the show, but her publicist, Steven Huvane, said Thursday she would not attend.

♦ A banker from Knoxville, Tenn., filed a class action lawsuit against Jackson, dance partner Justin Timberlake, CBS, halftime show producers MTV and the networks' parent company, Viacom. Terri Carlin said the "sexually explicit conduct"

by the performers caused millions of people to "suffer outrage, anger, embarrassment and serious injury."

♦ NBC cut a scene from Thursday's "ER" that showed an elderly patient's breast, saying the current atmosphere made it too difficult for affiliates to air the segment.

♦ ABC said it would add a delay for its Feb. 29 broadcast of the Academy Awards. TNT also said it was considering a delay for the entertainment portion of the NBA All-Star Game, featuring Beyonce, OutKast and Christina Aguilera.

♦ The NFL cut a halftime production number by one of Timberlake's 'N Sync bandmates, JC Chasez, planned for Sunday's Pro Bowl in Honolulu, because Chasez's song contained the words "horny" and "naughty." He'll be replaced by hula dancers and local singers.

♦ AOL spokesman Jim Whitney declined to comment on reports that the company would seek a refund of the \$7.5 million it paid to sponsor the halftime show.

"Tolerance of this sort of sexual imagery may have reached its peak."

Carson Daly
talk show host

Beryllium found at plant

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The toxic metal beryllium has been detected in everyday production equipment at one of two government uranium plants, and it could be sickening plant workers, Energy Department officials said Thursday.

The beryllium was discovered last month in aluminum blades used to produce enriched uranium at the plant in Piketon, Ohio, said William Murphie, the Energy Department official who oversees cleanup efforts at the Ohio nuclear facility and a plant in Paducah, Ky.

Murphie said the agency had not thought the metal was present at the Ohio plant, believing it was only found in areas of the sprawling Paducah plant where old weapons work

had been performed.

"This was in fact a surprise to us," Murphie said Thursday.

The Louisville Courier-Journal first reported the discovery of the beryllium in its Thursday edition.

Murphie said USEC Inc., a Bethesda, Md.-based company that runs the government plant, made the discovery. He said it started testing work areas in Paducah and Piketon after the workers' union shared the results of screenings it had conducted.

More than a dozen current and former workers had beryllium sensitivity, Murphie said. Blood tests indicated their bodies have formed a reaction to the metal and they could develop chronic beryllium disease later. The scarring lung disease can be fatal.

One worker at each site test-

ed positive for the disease, Murphie said.

Murphie said the area in the Piketon plant where the beryllium was detected last month has since been cordoned off and similar steps were taken protectively at the Paducah plant.

He said further testing will be done at both plants.

"We're still just at the very beginning of the sampling program up there," Murphie said. "We may well find it in some of the other places."

Beryllium has been used to make triggers for nuclear weapons, nuclear plant rods and computer circuit boards. It is not dangerous in solid form, but its dust can cause serious respiratory ailments if inhaled. Government regulations call for tight controls and protection for workers from the metal.



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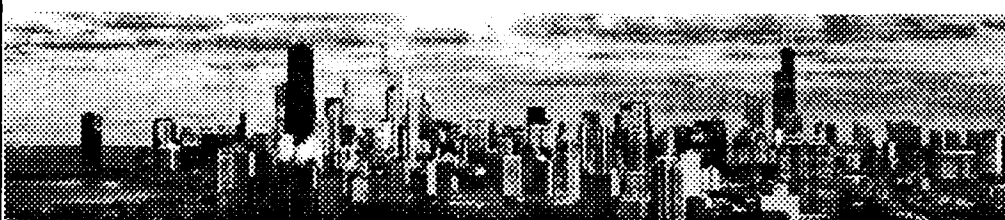
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Frist staffer to resign over leaked memos

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — One of Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist's key staffers will resign Friday because of an investigation into how Republicans gained access to Democratic memos concerning opposition to President Bush's judicial nominees.

Manuel Miranda, who worked for the Tennessee Republican on judicial nominations, has been on leave since late last month because of the investigation into how Democratic memos stored on a computer server shared by Judiciary Committee members ended up in GOP hands.

But Miranda, a former GOP Judiciary staffer who transferred to Frist's leadership office, offered his resignation and will leave Frist's office as of Friday, Frist spokesman Bob Stevenson said Thursday.

A message left at Miranda's home was not immediately returned. He told The Knoxville News-Sentinel on Thursday he resigned to spare Frist.

"I have departed so as not to distract the majority leader from pursuing the needed legislative agenda for the American people," Miranda told the Tennessee newspaper. "I certainly did not want to burden Senator Frist with matters related to my work on the staff of Senator Orrin Hatch."

He told the same newspaper in January that investigators were looking at work he performed for the Judiciary Committee before he joined Frist's office. "There was no stealing," he said. "No systematic surveillance. I never forwarded these memos — period."

Senate Judiciary Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, began the investigation in November after Sens. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., and Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., protested what they said was the theft of the memos from their servers. The memos, concerning political strategy on blocking confirmation of several of President Bush's judicial nominations, were obtained and reported on by The Wall Street Journal and The Washington Times.

Conservatives have talked up the memos as proof the Democrats colluded with outside liberal groups in their choices of which Bush appellate nominees to block.

Hatch, the Judiciary chairman, also placed an aide on leave late last year for improperly obtaining data from the computer networks of two Democratic senators. That aide, who has not been identified, has since left government work, officials said.

Senate Sergeant-at-Arms William Pickle has been working with the Secret Service and outside investigators since November to try and determine how the Democratic memos got to Republicans. A report is expected to go to Hatch's Judiciary Committee in about two weeks, officials said.

Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota said he would wait until that report is finished before deciding whether Miranda's resignation will satisfy Democrats. "At that time, we'll be in a better position to make an assessment of not only the investigation, but of the actions taken consequently," Daschle said.

Pentagon nixes 'e-voting'

Associated Press

Citing security concerns, the Pentagon has canceled Internet voting that would have involved as many as 100,000 military and overseas citizens from seven states in November, a Defense Department official said Thursday.

The announcement comes two weeks after outside security experts urged the program's cancellation in a scathing report. They said hackers or terrorists could penetrate the system and change votes or gather information about users. At the time, the Pentagon said it felt confident enough to proceed.

But Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz has since decided to scrap the system because Pentagon officials were not certain they could "assure the legitimacy of votes that would be cast," said a Pentagon official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The official said alternative voting systems will now be considered, possibly using the Internet as well. The official could not say when, if ever, such a system would be ready.

Accenture eDemocracy Services, the vendor that built the system, issued a statement indicating testing will continue.

"This is now an opportunity to demonstrate that the Internet is viable, valuable and secure enough to use for filing absentee ballots," said Meg McLaughlin, the Accenture unit's president. "We are confident that sending absentee ballots via the Internet is just as secure and reliable as sending them by mail."

Computer scientists were elated.

"We certainly share their desire to make sure that our military people have the oppor-

tunity to vote in the national election, but it's always been our contention that we're not doing them any favor by providing them an insecure system on which to vote," said Barbara Simons, one of four co-authors of the critical Pentagon voting report and a former president of the Association for Computing Machinery.

The Secure Electronic Registration and Voting Experiment, or SERVE, was designed to help overseas citizens vote in U.S. elections. Nearly one in three overseas soldiers registered to vote in the 2000 presidential election didn't receive ballots in time.

In a smaller Internet voting trial conducted that same year by the Pentagon's Federal Voting Assistance Program, 84 citizens submitted online ballots to Florida, South Carolina, Texas and Utah.

This year's \$22 million trial, also overseen by the Pentagon agency, was to have covered 50 counties in Arkansas, Florida, Hawaii, North Carolina, South Carolina, Utah and Washington. It would have been open to non-military Americans abroad and military personnel stationed at U.S. and foreign bases. Any Internet-connected computer running Windows operating systems, including at a cybercafe, could have been used for voting.

The system was to be ready for the general elections and possibly later primary states, though it had not been certified in time for use in Tuesday's South Carolina primary.

About 6 million U.S. voters live overseas, most of them members of the military or their relatives.

The report from Simons and three other experts on a 10-member Pentagon peer-review panel said Internet voting could not be made secure — at least using today's technology —

primarily because the Internet and personal computers are inherently vulnerable to hackers and viruses.

The experts specified these central risks, among others:

◆ There is no way to verify that the vote recorded inside the system is the same as the one cast by the voter.

◆ It might be possible for hackers to determine how a particular individual voted, "an obvious privacy risk."

◆ The system may be vulnerable to attacks from many quarters, some undetectable. Stealth programs as trojan horses that harvest data are sometimes installed on public computer terminals.

Doug Lewis, executive director of the Houston-based Election Center research group, said the Pentagon decision will likely set back Internet voting. Many states had been awaiting the results of the trial before committing to widespread online voting.

Michigan Democrats already have begun online voting leading up to Saturday's caucuses, which are run by the party and are thus not subject to election certification requirements.

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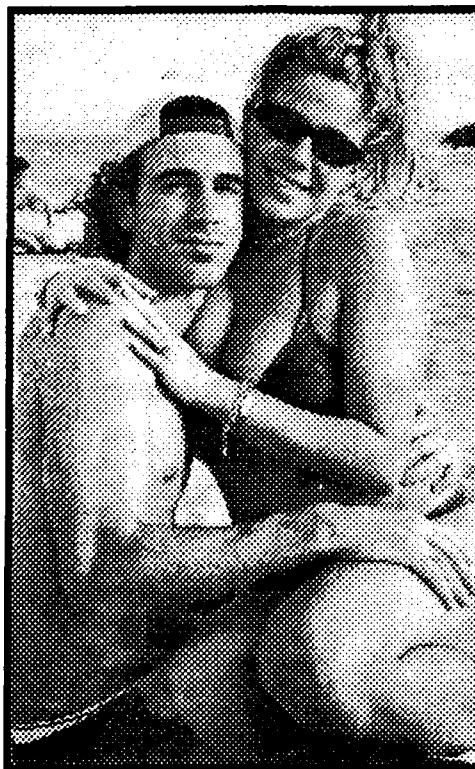
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UNITED KINGDOM

Donors may transmit CJD

Blood may pass on human variant of mad cow disease

Associated Press

LONDON — British scientists studying how the human form of mad cow disease is transmitted say some people could be passing the illness through blood donations.

Although it has not been proven that the brain-wasting variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease can be transmitted through transfusion, the scientists did find a case in which a blood donor and the recipient died of it.

In that case, the donor gave blood more than three years before he developed symptoms, the scientists said in their report in Friday's Lancet medical journal.

The researchers, led by Professor Robert Will at the National CJD Surveillance Center in Edinburgh, wrote that "although the epidemic of vCJD presently seems to be in decline, a proportion of the U.K. population could be incubating vCJD

and acting as blood donors."

The scientists based their study on records from United Kingdom blood services and the national CJD surveillance unit.

The report said 48 people had been identified as having received blood from 15 donors who later developed the variant disease.

By December 2003, all but 17 of the recipients had died but vCJD was the cause of death in only one case. The disease can only be confirmed during an autopsy by examining brain tissue.

"Our findings raise the possibility that this infection was transfusion transmitted," the report says, adding that infection also "could have been due to past dietary exposure" to BSE.

Scientists already believe people can get variant CJD from eating products from cows infected with a similar illness, bovine spongiform encephalopathy — BSE — or mad cow disease.

Statistical analysis indicated that the odds of the man not being infected by his blood transfusion were between one in 15,000 and one in 30,000.

In an accompanying independent commentary, Dr. Adriano

Aguzzi and Dr. Markus Glatzel from the University Hospital of Zurich in Switzerland, said, "the chance that this case is not transfusion-related is very small."

"Shocking as it may be," they wrote, "the finding that vCJD can be transmitted via blood transfusion is not surprising. Stringent studies in sheep show that prion diseases — such as CJD — "can be transmitted via blood, even if blood is collected in preclinical stages of prion disease."

Besides the transfusions, 20 units of plasma from people who later developed variant CJD were used to make blood products before 1998, when Britain stopped using British blood, the Lancet report said.

The scientists said that before 1998, "many thousands of individuals may have been exposed" to blood products "derived from pools containing a donation from an individual incubating vCJD."

So far, they said, no case of variant CJD has been identified as connected to exposure to such plasma products. The risks from plasma products are probably less than from transfusion, they added.

GERMANY

Rumsfeld: Relations with Europe normal

Associated Press

MUNICH — U.S. relations with Europe, severely strained by the Iraq war, are now "fairly normal," Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Thursday.

He has embarked on a three-nation European tour aimed in part at smoothing relations with Germany and other countries that were upset by the U.S. decision to invade Iraq and by postwar issues.

Differences between allies are inevitable, Rumsfeld said in an interview en route here from Washington, and he dismissed suggestions that a major diplomatic effort will be required to mend fences.

Rumsfeld flew here for a meeting of NATO defense ministers on Friday and for the weekend Munich Conference on Security Policy, which attracts officials, analysts and military leaders from around the globe.

Throughout NATO's 55-year history, he said, the trans-Atlantic relationship "has gone from little difficulties to things better, from little difficulties to things better — it's been a pattern over my entire adult lifetime."

"I would say the relationships right now are fairly normal."

Rumsfeld also said that although NATO may get more involved in Iraq at some point, "Its first task really is to do well [in] the Afghanistan task" of leading the International Security Assistance Force in Kabul, the Afghan capital, and managing civil aid teams in several provinces.

Rumsfeld said he expected Iraq to be a major topic of discussion during his two days in Munich. On Sunday he is scheduled to travel to Zagreb, Croatia, followed by meetings in London on Monday.

When he spoke to the Munich conference one year ago, Rumsfeld was critical of Europeans who favored giving United Nations inspectors

more time to determine whether Iraq possessed chemical, biological or nuclear weapons. Delay, Rumsfeld said, "could well make war more likely, not less, because delaying preparations [for war] sends a signal of uncertainty instead of a signal of resolve."

About one month later, U.S. forces invaded, toppling Saddam Hussein's regime. So far no weapons of mass destruction have been found in Iraq, and the head of the U.S. search team, David Kay, told Congress last week that it appears that the administration's prewar claims were erroneous.

The political backdrop to Rumsfeld's return to Munich is the Bush administration's struggle to get past the divisiveness and mistrust that remain among U.S. allies over the Iraq war and Bush's handling of its aftermath.

France, all NATO members — strongly opposed going to war last year, and the French and German governments are against committing NATO troops to Iraq in a peacekeeping role.

France and Germany also were angered at Bush's decision to prohibit them from bidding on postwar reconstruction contracts financed by the U.S. government. The White House later said it was reconsidering its position, but there has been no announced decision to allow French or German companies to bid.

The administration wants wider international support for its postwar efforts, including troop contributions. A number of NATO countries, led by Britain, Spain and Poland, have deployed troops to Iraq, but NATO as an institution has so far not taken a direct role in helping stabilize the country.

Some private analysts say there is a danger that as the United States tries to draw NATO into conflicts far from its traditional area of interest — inside the borders of Europe — the trans-Atlantic relationship that is the foundation of NATO could unravel.

Anthony Cordesman, a military analyst at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, wrote in a recent report that the Bush administration's effort to get NATO more directly involved in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere in the Middle East will "invoke countless aspects of the law of unintended consequences."

"While it is acting from selfish motives, the United States is defining tangible power projection missions far beyond the periphery of NATO for the first time since the end of the Cold War," he wrote.

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Student surveys commendable

Residential life is both a tradition and hallmark of Notre Dame. It fosters the family community that Notre Dame boasts about and the friendships that last long after students leave the University. However, traditions can sour when they have not been refreshed. The administration realizes that residential life at Notre Dame could fall victim to this fate and should be commended for seeking student input on the future of residential life at Notre Dame. Within the next two weeks, 1,000 students will be given the opportunity to reply to a survey about the quality of residential life and what changes they would like to see in the future.

Beginning last fall, a group of administrators, faculty members and students met regularly to discuss what the four proposed residential complexes that were announced in the University's 10-year strategic plan would look like. This committee understands that students must be consulted because they are the best sources for ideas to maintain the tradition of residential life.

Students constantly criticize the administration for neither consulting nor listening to them. This criticism turned to public outcry following the announcement of the alcohol policy changes in March 2002. Yes, students were consulted, but only through a limited num-

ber of focus groups.

But this is not a situation like the alcohol policy. The administration is making a concerted effort to genuinely gauge student opinion via wider surveys and more representative focus groups. Essentially administrators want to hear the voice of the students and in response students cannot overlook the opportunity to participate and must be honest and forthcoming. These officials do not have to seek student opinion, but they want to and that are enthusiastic about it.

These surveys and focus groups are examples of how the gap between the administration and students can be decreased; however, the administration must continue to work to foster closer ties with students. The responses that are given in the surveys and focus groups must be considered and applied to these future plans or students will lose faith in their administrators.

Notre Dame's effort to reach out to students in this matter is commendable. It is giving students the opportunity to help draft the blueprints for four proposed residential complexes, but more importantly it is letting students play a role in enhancing residential life for future students.

The Observer Editorial

Happy ValenHog Day

Scholars dispute whether Jesus intended to found a new religion, or merely proposed a reform movement within Judaism. It is unlikely that either action resulted from a drunken bet. That is the rumor that many claim as the basis

John Infranca

of L. Ron Hubbard's creation of Scientology. I do not feel qualified to determine whether this is true. It is clear that Hubbard created a religion, a task I deem beyond my abilities. Instead I have decided to create a new holiday, a task perhaps no less laudable. I call it ValenHog. ValenHog combines two of the least consequential holidays in existence: Groundhog Day and Valentines Day. It is a rejection of the extreme marketing of one and an attempt to retrieve the Earth-centered spirituality that is vital to the other. What follows is the brief history of ValenHog.

Most historians date the origins of ValenHog to a few centuries before the Common Era. Its celebration is recorded in now-destroyed Norse mythology, and references to ValenHog persist in Druid texts through the Middle Ages. Early celebration marked the end of the hibernation period of a mysterious figure known as the Cupinhog (Druid: Kupyinhagh). Known among other things for his fierce temper and intense virility, the Cupinhog's greatest concerns following months alone underground were romantic rather than culinary. While other creatures dined he went in search of love, armed with arrow heads formed from sharpened acorns. As might be imagined, he was often less than successful.

If he was unable to find love within a fortnight — a period of time known best to readers of Victorian novels — he returned to his hole, extending winter as well as his own sexual frustrations. This two week period of romantic wandering, marked by unseasonably warm weather, was known as "The Time Between the Frosts," which eventually gave rise to the American colle-

giate endeavor known as "Spring Break," representing an attempt to retrieve this experience, albeit at much greater expense and with the noted absence of furry woodland creatures.

The Cupinhog, whom archeologists believe to have stood about four feet tall, was covered in a very large amount of shaggy fur, which some credit for the later romantic connotations of shag carpeting. Common people would spend much time during this two week period chasing Cupinhogs with the hope of plucking a hair from the animal. It was believed that planting such a hair in one's field would promise plentiful crops in the coming spring. Others claimed that planting such a hair in the food of one's lover would intoxicate the person with passion for the plucker. Vestiges of this belief can still be found in restaurants throughout the United States.

As Christianity spread through Northern Europe, the ValenHog celebration came under attack. The Church joined with early greeting card manufacturers in assailing the beloved animal, believed to be lustful as well as illiterate and hence unable to write notes to those whose love he sought and therefore an unviable potential consumer for any developed marketing scheme. Eventually Cupinhogs were driven underground — metaphorically speaking, as they already lived underground — and many sought refuge in other parts of the world. It is widely believed that a number of Cupinhogs escaped to the United States, arriving long prior to the first human Europeans and establishing communities in the Pittsburgh area.

Soon the holiday of ValenHog was Christianized and later separated into two holidays: Groundhog Day and Valentine's Day. Still a small group of individuals struggled to keep alive the true story of the Cupinhog, revealing the mystery in various art forms. Keepers of this secret are believed to include the cartoonist Gary Larson, whose work, when held under a

black light, can be found to reveal renderings of the Cupinhog, often sitting, armed with bow and arrow, astride an unknowing cow. Other forces sought to destroy any record of the secret, including the Vatican, Hallmark, FTD, the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club, Health Department Restaurant Inspectors and Colonel Sanders. Their activities drove the Cupinhogs to relocate once again to a location that is now unknown, but where they are believed to reside with Jimmy Hoffa, Marilyn Monroe and Elvis.

Elements of the ValenHog tradition persisted into the 1960s. Most notable among these was the association of virility and romance with hair. Sean Connery — believed to be a keeper of the secret — and other factions made a valiant stance as the last of the hairy-chested leading men before finally succumbing to the forces of

Fabio and others who adorn the covers of Men's Journal and similar fare and who have consciously redefined late twentieth century romantic chest hair discourse. Hence as the result of clever marketing and abject rejection of the "sacred furry" ValenHog day has nearly faded from memory. Perhaps my pretension to the creation of such a holiday seems a

silly and ridiculous venture. I offer that it is no more so than the one billion greeting cards purchased each year for Valentine's Day. The four dollars spent on a piece of folded paper makes even textbooks seem reasonably priced. ValenHog at the very least aspires to creativity. That and a kiss on the lips from a lovelorn Cupinhog are perhaps all one can hope for this day. Happy ValenHog Day.

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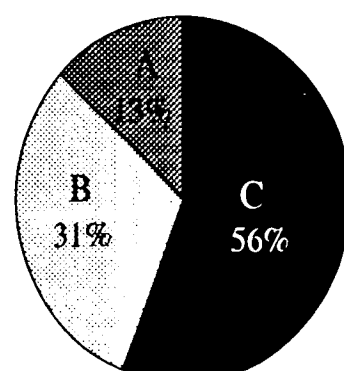
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

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John F. Kennedy
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GUEST COLUMN

What I know about racial preferences

In response to the recent spate of affirmative action articles in *The Observer* — some of which, I must say, were deeply disturbing — I felt the need to weigh in. At some level, these debates revolve around questions of racial preference, something I know a good deal about. Yes, I research, write and teach about race in the United States. But, perhaps more importantly, I'm an authority on racial preferences because, as a white person, I receive them each and everyday.

Tom Guglielmo

American Studies

Here's what I know. For starters, having substantial savings or wealth makes one's life a whole lot easier. I also know that, like most people, much of my wealth comes from what I inherit from family members. Because my ancestors never faced severe or systematic discrimination in buying a home, joining a union, working a quality job or receiving an honest wage they've had more of an opportunity to earn and save money — and to pass it on to me. This point helps explain why the assets of today's average white households are — “controlling” for income, age, occupation, and education — still \$25,000 higher than those of average black households.

I also know that, thanks to my whiteness, my job prospects are, on average, a good deal brighter than those of nonwhites. White men like me occupy the overwhelming majority of the most prestigious, powerful and well-paid jobs in the country. To quote a recent *Newsweek* article: “White males make up just 39.2 percent of the population, yet they account for ... 77 percent of Congress, 92 percent of state governors, 70 percent of tenured college faculty, almost 90 percent of daily newspaper editors, 77 percent of TV news directors,” and, I'd add, 95 percent of senior managers in Fortune 500 companies. Did someone honestly say “reverse discrimination”?

Why the preponderance of white men? An important reason is continuing racial discrimination in the job market. One recent experiment that involved college students posing as job applicants found that white ex-cons were more likely to receive interviews than African Americans with squeaky-clean records. In another study, economists at MIT and the University of Chicago responded to 1,300 help-wanted ads in Chicago and Boston by sending out equivalent resumes and randomly assigning “white-” and “black-sounding” names to each. The study concluded that applicants like “Greg Kelly” and “Emily Walsh” were 50 percent more likely to get called for interviews than “Jamal Jackson” and “Lakisha Washington.”

I also know that my whiteness greatly increases my chances of living in a nice, clean and safe neighborhood. Part of this, of course, has to do with my savings and employment options; chances are I can afford a better home in a better community. But there's more to the story. For one, government agencies and businesses are far more likely to place toxic waste sites and hazardous landfills near African-American and Latino neighborhoods and not next to mine. In addition, racial discrimination remains rampant in the housing market. Over the last decade, numerous studies by banks, academics and government agencies have found that African Americans and Latinos — when compared with whites of similar economic standing — have a harder time securing bank loans, are often quoted higher interest rates and are steered by real estate agents into particular (i.e., racially segregated) communities.

I also know that my whiteness improved my chances as a child of attending a quality school. Because local tax dollars fund America's public schools (with a few exceptions), all the economic advantages I've mentioned here make it far more likely that white schools — like the one I attended — secure the best equipment, most highly paid teachers and nicest facilities. Given that the Supreme Court outlawed school segregation a full fifty years ago, you might think the term “white schools” is something of an anachro-

nism. I wish you were right. The truth is today's schools are resegregating at alarming rates. According to a recent report from Harvard University's Civil Rights Project, “African-American and Latino students are now more isolated from their white counterparts than they were three decades ago, before many of the overhauls from the civil rights movement had even begun to take hold.”

I also know that should I, during the course of my life, experience any health problems, my whiteness will be an asset. Having reviewed over 100 recent studies on race and health, the Institute of Medicine concluded last year that “racial and ethnic minorities in the United States receive lower quality health care than whites, even when their insurance and income are the same.” Thanks in part to the conscious and unconscious biases of white doctors, Latinos and African Americans are less likely to receive appropriate medications for heart disease, to undergo bypass surgery or to receive kidney dialysis, transplants or the most sophisticated HIV treatments. They are, therefore, far more likely to die from numerous diseases. Race, in this case, is literally a life or death matter and whiteness the great immunizer.

Finally, I know that whiteness deeply shapes my everyday life — when I go shopping and security guards take my integrity for granted; when I'm driving on the highways and the police do not pull me over or eye me suspiciously for Driving While White; when I walk around the Notre Dame campus and am never forced, on account of my race, to feel out of place; when I enter a classroom and need not worry that some students might automatically question my qualifications for being here; and when I read *The Observer* without fear that some writers, on the basis of my whiteness, may seek to malign my intelligence, character and sense of self-worth.

Although this list of preferences is hardly exhaustive, I trust you get the picture. Whiteness pays. Whether it's my savings, income, health, home, education, job opportunities or everyday peace of mind, whiteness offers me and other whites countless seen and unseen advantages. Given this fact, I am continually dismayed and disheartened that the very term racial preference has become synonymous in popular parlance not with these widespread and longstanding white advantages, but with affirmative action, a relatively new and limited program designed to offset them.

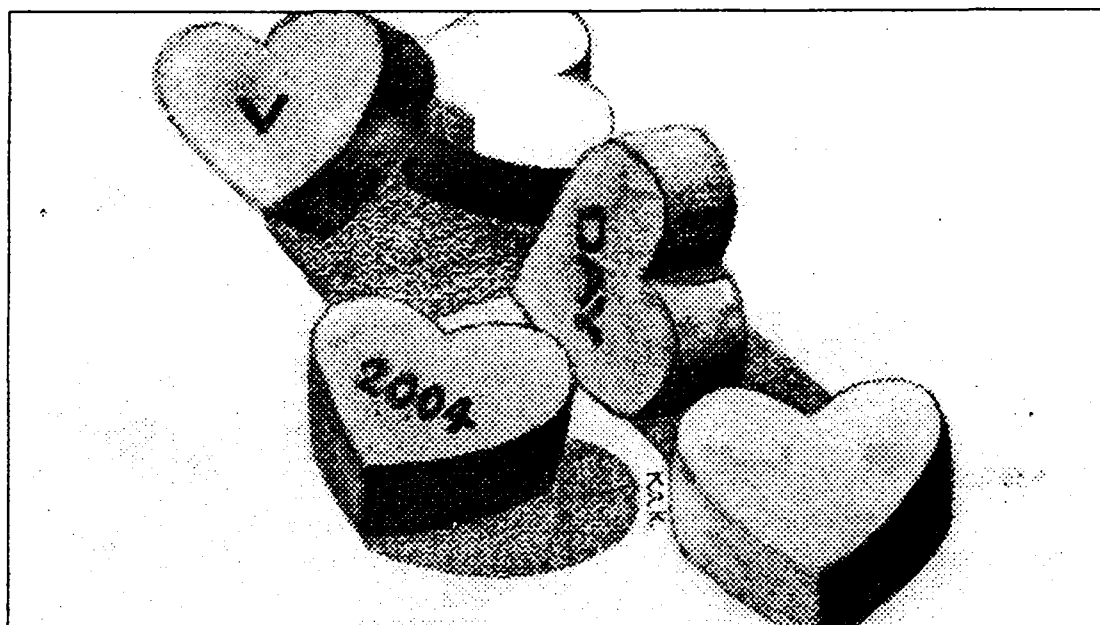
Indeed, this equating of racial preference with affirmative action is the great racial fiction of our day; the twenty-first-century version of “separate but equal.” It sounds plausible but is, in reality, profoundly and perversely misleading. Affirmative action doesn't “prefer” any one “race.” Yes, many universities, colleges, companies and government agencies do offer “minority” applicants some form of preference in the selection process. But preferences also go to many other groups, such as athletes, legacies, musicians, men in nursing, Catholics at Notre Dame, Italian Americans at the City University of New York and, of course, white women — the biggest beneficiaries of affirmative action — in workplaces all across the country.

Equally important, people of color should receive some “preference” in hiring, contracting and admissions decisions. In a country that for far too long has parceled out the lion's share of power and money, rights and resources to whites alone, how else can we ensure that all Americans receive some semblance of equal opportunity? If you've got a better solution, I'd love to hear it. But, in the meantime, let's preserve affirmative action and fight real racial preference. It's a fight we all win by waging, for while white privilege charms the few, a more equal America enriches us all.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Consistency, please

Ah, Notre Dame. A place where young minds come to search for new ideas, expose themselves to perspectives other than their own. A place where not just the physical landscape has beauty, but so too do our thoughts of common and uncommon, controversial and uncontroversial, Catholic and non-Catholic origin. Notre Dame must be more than simply a place where “children toss footballs” and “family and friends visit to see their darling sons and daughters and brothers and sisters,” as Ricky McRoskey's article points out.

McRoskey is apparently offended by the fact that his younger brother will have to be traumatized by the word “vagina” appearing in the dining hall. Rather than force such horror on this innocent mind let us rid the campus of these outlandish signs. I'd like to further this line of thinking. My younger sister has read *The Observer*, and I'd really rather her not be exposed to such excessive close-mindedness as displayed by McRoskey's letter. Let us rid the campus of this too. In fact, let us rid the campus of everything remotely controversial. McRoskey is right; our standards of appropriateness should be those of a ten-year-old.

But really, let's have some consistency. McRoskey's point about his inability to sell shirts with a beer logo on campus, or ones with “lewd or sexual slogans across them” is well taken. Clearly the signs saying “vagina” are similarly motivated, as a theatrical performance trying to end violence against women is as reprehensible as a student selling “lewd” shirts.

Since when is a college campus subject to censorship at the elementary school level? May we have a little appreciation for something with a noble cause and an original approach.

Ray Schleck
freshman
Keenan Hall
Feb. 5

Another rationale for Monologues

I find the “Vagina Monologues,” based on what I have read about the play by both supporters and detractors, to be totally classless and unintellectual as well. These criticisms have been aired quite well already, so I will not waste any more time on them. What I would like to do is defend the play from an angle I am quite certain nobody else has even considered.

Vocations. We all know about the vocations crunch and how it will probably get even worse in the years ahead. As a man, and having spoken to many other men about the issue, I can say with confidence that, for us, the biggest obstacle to the priesthood is the desire to marry. I think “Vagina Monologues” can effectively blunt this desire for many, if not most, men. If I were a Holy Cross priest teaching theology, I would drag my male students to this play, and then ask them afterward, “Now are you sure you actually want to get married?” This is not to say, of course, that most men are unaware that women have vaginas, and need to see this play to inform them of that fact. It is just not what men tend to consider primarily when they think of the fairer sex, or in such a crude and juvenile fashion. “Vagina Monologues” can fix that.

I think internet pornography can serve the same role, by the way. Watch enough of that, so disgusting and degrading and you will be far more likely to agree with the Church that celibacy is indeed the superior way of life. There is a danger with some men of getting addicted to that stuff, though, so if I were a recruiter for the seminary I would not promote it. The “Vagina Monologues,” like “Sex & the City,” is a safer alternative. Or have them read the “Wife of Bath” tale in Chaucer. That tale is difficult to understand, though, and perhaps a little bit above the heads of most college students today. No danger of that in “Vagina Monologues,” not intellectually anyway. The only part hard to understand is why female college students would produce and promote something so conducive to contempt for women.

Eric Mamrosh
alumni
Class of 1997
Feb. 5

Parking Rules

Yes, they also apply to you

Hello Notre Dame! It's time to learn something really important that will be good to know for the rest of your life. No, it's not metaphysics of weasels or advanced basket weaving. This, my fellow Domers, is a basic tutorial on parking.

Now parking is something that should have been learned naturally around the age of 16, or whenever a driver's license was acquired. It's a sad fact that many members of the Notre Dame community are inexplicably incapable of placing their cars in an at rest position correctly. I am willing to assume that this is due to no fault of students themselves. Perhaps you had no good parking role models. For example: your parents didn't drive, had chauffeurs or are wild dogs. So to make Notre Dame a more responsible parking community, let's run through some common parking misconceptions.

Rachel Ourada

"Sometimes I can't see the yellow lines in the parking lot — should I just park anywhere?"

Scene Columnist

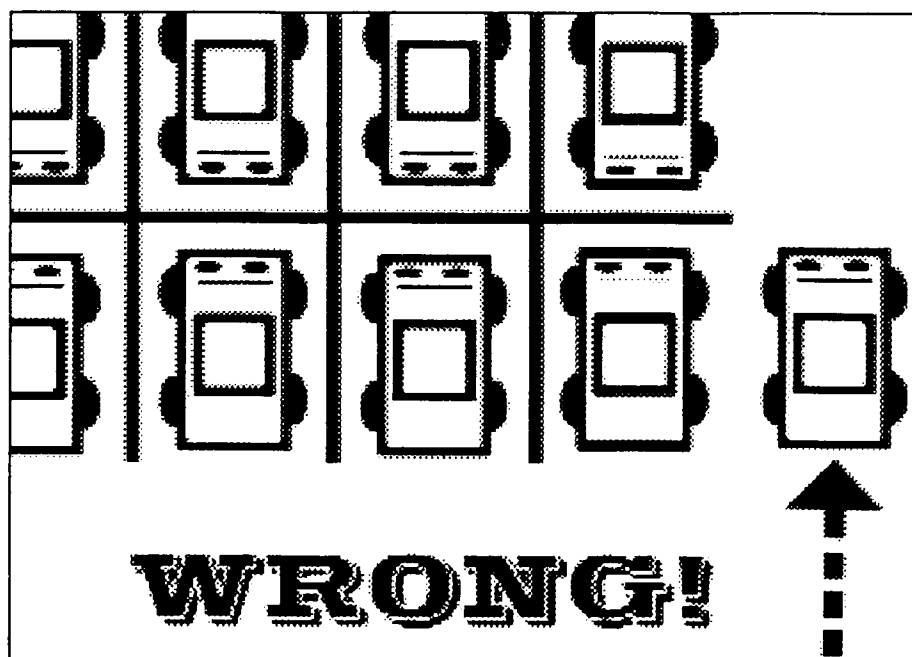
If there is a space between existing cars — you should park parallel to the other cars, not at an extreme angle. Also make sure that you are parking in an actual row — not the aisle.

"I'm really important! Can my car occupy more than one parking space?"

No.

"It snows a lot in South Bend, but I just don't understand why you can't park where the snow piles go from plowing the parking lot? And what do those crazy signs mean that say 'no parking January-March.' What if I just park behind the snow pile?"

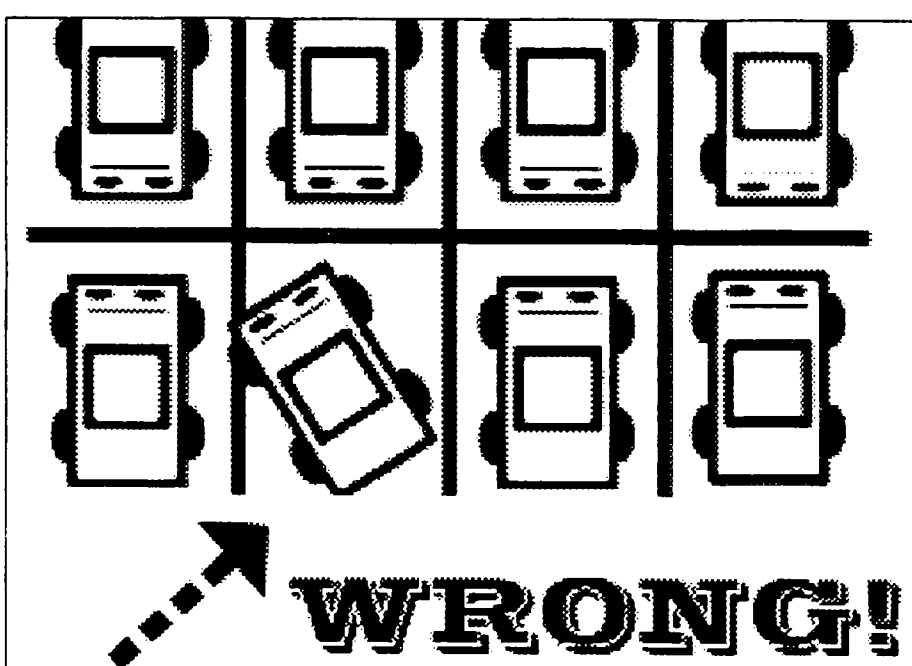
Whoa there, that's a complicated question. First off, it does snow a lot in South Ben, and this time of year, it's not going to get warm enough to melt all the snow anytime soon. That means that every time it snows there is more and more snow in the lot. To stop the entire thing from becoming a slushy mess, Notre Dame plows the aisles between cars. This is where the snow piles come in, as the snow from the aisles is pushed to these specially designated areas. Think of them as parking spaces for snow. If there is snow there, it's parked and there is no room for your car. As far as the signs go, Notre Dame assumes that its students can read basic English, which means if it says no parking, don't park there. Parking behind the snow pile is also a big no. If there's snow there, then you are not actually parking in the spot, you are in the aisle.



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"I'm in a big hurry/really lazy. Can I park anywhere my car stops?"

Ah, you are confusing parking with your car being at rest. Summer houses in the country have huge driveways so wherever your car stops, it's parked. This, however, is Notre Dame and there are not enormous driveways. Cars have to be parked in designated areas. This means no parking where other cars have to navigate the lot. So, no creating that special parking spot at the end of the row just for you. Lots are carefully organized to allow cars to both be at rest and navigate through the lot — it's not up to you to change them.



RACHEL OURADA/Observer Illustration

"I really want to find a parking space— is it polite to follow people around until they reach their car?"

Following people is, in most cultures, considered stalking. It creeps out the people you are following while at the same time makes you look like a big jerk. So please leave the pedestrians alone and just find an available spot.

I hope that this little tutorial will be a help to the Notre Dame driving community. If you need more help, try practicing at large parking lots — like the mall or Meijer. Take the time to park correctly in every available spot. And don't come back until you figure it out.

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By JON RETARTHA and RYAN RAFFERTY

Scene Writers

Rarely in pop culture is a remake of a classic work able to become a classic of its own. One of the only exceptions is "West Side Story," which brings its special twist of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" to Washington Hall this week. Performed by the Pasquerilla East Musical Company, the show has created a theater buzz unseen on campus for a very long time. The weekend shows sold out so quickly that they opened up Wednesday's final dress rehearsal for ticket sales.

"West Side Story" is a fairly strict adaptation of one of Shakespeare's greatest works. The setting is moved from Verona to Manhattan in the 1950s, and the rival street gangs the Jets and the Sharks replace the feuding families of Montague and Capulet. The lovers of this tale are Maria, sister of the Shark leader, Bernardo and

Tony, best friend of Riff, the leader of the Jets.

The two fall in love at a dance, which causes a great stir among the gang leaders. Riff does not want to see her sister get involved with one of their enemies, just as Bernardo does not want to see his best friend do the same. To complicate things, Maria has already had her marriage arranged for her, to a fellow Shark named Chino. What follows is a tale of love struggling to survive in a world full of murder and hatred. The story even goes a step further than Shakespeare in adding the extra tension of the ethnic struggles between Puerto Ricans and Americans in 1950s New York.

The concept of "West Side Story" came from Jerome Robbins and a novel written by Arthur Laments. Leonard Bernstein, the creator of many famous symphonies, ballets and musicals, composed the score. Lyricist Stephen Sondheim has also contributed to such famous musicals as "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," "Candide," "Gypsy" and "Into the Woods," which was performed last year by the Pasquerilla East Musical Company. His work also includes contributions to motion pictures such as "Dick Tracy" and "The Birdcage."

Robbins proposed the idea to Bernstein in 1949. Bernstein first wanted to set it against the backdrop of Easter and Passover with the main conflict arising between Jewish and Christian families. After meeting with Laments in 1955,



PAMELA LOCK/The Observer

'West Side Story' retells the story of 'Romeo and Juliet' through 1950s gang wars and racial tensions.



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The Sharks, a modern Puerto Rican equivalent of the Capulets, dress in vibrant colors to distinguish themselves from their rivals, the Jets.

SIDE STORY



ization. Santiago also displays the confident qualities of a womanizer, while at the same time being protective and caring of his sister Maria.

Natalie Martinez, in the role of Maria, has a simply beautiful voice that commands the stage whenever she is present. The role of Maria is multifaceted, and Martinez makes the perfect transition from being a wide-eyed girl with dreams of a better future to assuming the role of the love stricken protagonist.

Like Maria, the character of Tony, played by Jack Calcutt, is torn about his present life at the onset of the musical. Tony is reluctant to rejoin the Jets, but Calcutt's motivation stems more from having an unseen knowledge of what the gang life is all about, rather than from fear of the unknown. Calcutt beautifully balances that initial mature reluctance with his later infatuation with Maria.

KC Kenney plays Riff, the leader of the Jets who has finally gained respect for his gang by ousting another rival city gang. Kenney plays Riff with a zeal that reflects his war-hawkish qualities and his slight overconfidence. Kenney was also one of the producers of the show.

Jenny Radelet plays Bernardo's girlfriend Anita. She gives a powerful vocal and acting performance. She is Maria's only real confidant and is as torn as her friend over her connection with the Tony and the Jets.

Unlike the movie version, which obviously needed a realistic setting in order to make the story believable on screen, the Pasquerilla East Musical Company chose to reflect the original stage setting of the play and use a minimal amount of set design. The orchestra does not perform from a pit, but rather behind the set of scaffolding in front of a plain white canvas with colored lights on it. The only props are a few tables and chairs and a few moveable boxes. The absence of large decadent sets and props leaves as much room as possible open on stage for the elaborate dance numbers.

The costumes are timeless, but easily convey the identities of the rival gangs. The men are in jeans and T-shirts, while the women are primarily in dresses. The Sharks' costumes are lively and vibrant in order to reflect Puerto Rican influences. The men wear bright reds, oranges and yellows with black jeans and black sneakers and occasionally simple suits and ties. The women wear colorful Latin dresses with reds and whites and ribbons and lace.

The Jets' costumes are more muted and metropolitan, with blues, greens, and purples. The men wear blue jeans and white sneakers, along with sport coats and khakis. The women are always in pastel dresses that reflect the 1950s

style. The contrast between the costumes, and between the gangs, is stark when the cast members are together onstage.

It is fitting that the honor of having so many sold out shows goes to The Pasquerilla East Musical Company, the organization that was responsible for bringing musical theater back to Notre Dame. Starting in 1987, the University experienced a decade long drought of musical theater productions. Neither the Department of Music nor the the Department of Film, Television and Theater would sponsor such activities.

Then, in the spring of 1997, Kelly McGann, a resident of Pasquerilla East, worked with Student Activities to develop a campus group dedicated to musical theater, under a mission statement dedicated to "provide an outlet for musical and artistic expression and enjoyment, for Pasquerilla East and the University of Notre Dame community." The Pasquerilla East Musical Company first performed "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," a musical take on the biblical story of Joseph in the

Book of Genesis, in the fall of 1997. The production was a rousing success, and since then the group has gone on to stage productions of other several other famous musicals. In 1999, the Pasquerilla East Musical Company performed "Godspell," the story of Christ set in the psychedelic '60s, following it the next year with "Grease," one of the most staged musicals in history. "Guys and Dolls," performed in 2001 told the gangster-era story of dating, marriage, and gambling. The following year staged

"Damn Yankees," set in the golden age of baseball and telling the story of a baseball team with plenty of heart.

This year, the Pasquerilla East Musical Company has upheld their excellent tradition with yet another strong performance of a classic musical. The singing, acting and dancing all provide an exciting experience of authentic Broadway theater, 800 miles from the great white way. "West Side Story" is a tale about hatred, prejudice and vengeance, but above all these, it is a story about love overcoming all bonds. Shakespeare wrote his theater for the masses of his time, as stuffy as it may seem to many readers today. The P.E. Musical Company's production succeeds in taking that classic love story and bringing it to a contemporary audience with an excitement and enthusiasm that is hard to find in any other medium but musical theater.

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Maria (Natalie Martinez, right), Chino (Ramin Saghafl) and Bernardo (Lawrence Santiago) represent the Sharks.



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The Jets, representing the Shakespearean Montagues of "Romeo and Juliet," dress in muted clothes and colors in this weekend's performance.

the concept was changed to the one seen now in theaters. The musical opened Sept. 26, 1957 on Broadway at the Winter Garden Theater, later home to the musical, "Cats." It played there for 732 performances and then went on the road for ten weeks and returned to Broadway for 249 more performances. A 1980 revival on Broadway played for 341 performances.

Unlike many musicals, the film version of "West Side Story" is just as famous as its stage version. The film opened in October 1961 and was nominated for 12 Academy Awards. It went on to win 11 Oscars, including Best Picture, Best Supporting Actor, Best Supporting Actress, Best Director and Best Cinematography. The film also won three Golden Globes, including Best Picture, and won a Grammy for Best Soundtrack.

The soundtrack itself is one of the best parts of the show. The musical numbers of "West Side Story" are some of the most widely recognized pieces of musical theater in history. "Jet Song," "Maria," and "America" and "I Feel Pretty" are staples of the Broadway canon. The widely recognizable songs in addition to the large cast make the musical a popular choice for high school and college theater companies.

As for Notre Dame's own The Pasquerilla East Musical Company, the performances of the actors reveal the amount of hard work and effort that went into the production. Besides the lines and blocking of standard dramatic plays, the actors in "West Side Story" also had to rehearse the vocal numbers and learn the choreography to the several dance numbers that are interwoven into the storyline. Director Ray Areaux also acted as choreographer, with Lauren Prieto as music director and Beth Planalp as stage manager.

Lawrence Santiago plays Bernardo, the leader of the Sharks who is looking for a turf of his own for his Puerto Rican brethren. Santiago plays the role with a headstrong aggressiveness needed to convey his role of authority in the organ-

NHL

Canadiens defeat Islanders in close 2-1 game

Associated Press

MONTREAL — Rookie Michael Ryder scored the winning goal midway into the third period, lifting the Montreal Canadiens to a 2-1 victory over the New York Islanders on Thursday night.

Ryder, selected to play in Saturday's YoungStars game during the All-Star weekend in St. Paul, Minn., scored his 15th goal with a shot from the right side that went in off goalie Garth Snow's glove.

Ryder leads all NHL rookies with 39 points, three more than the Islanders' Trent Hunter, who will be his teammate Saturday.

Mike Ribeiro scored for the third straight game and Jose Theodore made 27 saves for Montreal, which won its third straight.

Justin Papineau scored a power-play goal for New York, which lost in regulation for the first time in seven games (4-0-1-1). Snow stopped 36 of 38 shots.

The Canadiens, seventh overall in the Eastern Conference with 64 points, opened a five-point lead over the eighth-place Islanders.

Sheldon Souray, who leads all NHL defenseman in goals with 15 and will make his first All-Star appearance Sunday, drew his 20th assist on Ribeiro's power-play goal in the first period. He'd never had more than 11 points in a previous season.

The teams each converted their first man-advantage opportunity of the game.

Ribeiro opened the scoring with his 15th of the season. With Islanders center Dave Scatchard off for hooking, Ribeiro banked a shot from behind the goal line into the net off the back of Snow's pants.

New York drew even when Papineau converted an opportunity 45 seconds into a double minor to Montreal's Richard Zednik for high-sticking Oleg Kvasha.

The Islanders kept it tied with a scoreless second period despite drawing three straight minors, which kept them short-handed over for 5:41 of the final 6:27 of the period.

Canucks 4, Devils 0

Brothers Henrik and Daniel Sedin set up goals for each other Thursday night and the Vancouver Canucks avoided a winless tour of the New York metropolitan area with a victory over the New Jersey Devils.

Dan Cloutier stopped 24 shots

in his third shutout of the season and Brendan Morrison and Trevor Linden added power-play goals. The Canucks head into the NHL All-Star break with six wins in eight games.

The only two losses in that span came this week against the Rangers and an overtime setback against the Islanders.

Vancouver, wrapping up a five-game road trip, outplayed New Jersey so badly that Devils fans were booing in the second period of what was only their second loss in seven games.

It was appropriate the Sedins did most of the damage. The twins have been on a tear in recent weeks. Daniel has three goals and seven assists in his last six games; Henrik has two goals and six assists.

The two combined with Mike Keane on a beautiful goal just 1:11 after the opening faceoff. Keane sent the puck from behind the Devils' net to the right sideboards. Daniel Sedin then made a quick cross-ice pass to his unguarded brother for a slam dunk into an open net.

Daniel Sedin got his goal at 3:51 of the second period. Henrik Sedin won a faceoff, retrieved the puck and sent a shot toward goal. Defenseman Brian Rafalski got a piece of the shot, but Daniel Sedin swooped in and slid the puck past Martin Brodeur.

Morrison got his 16th goal of the season later in the period with a great move around All-Star defenseman Scott Niedermayer and a backhand past Brodeur.

Linden scored in the third period, seconds after the first of two Devils in the penalty box returned to the ice. The point tied him with Stan Smyl as the Canucks' all-time leading scorer with 673 points.

Cloutier had a lot of help in keeping his shutout. Linden cleared Niedermayer's shot from the crease early in the third period and Ryan Kesler cleared Mike Rupp's rebound later in the period.

Cloutier's best stop came in the first period on a shot in close by Jamie Langenbrunner.

Flyers 5, Thrashers 1

Antero Niittymaki had 20 saves in the second start of his NHL career, helping the Philadelphia Flyers beat the Atlanta Thrashers Thursday night.

Simon Gagne, Mark Recchi, Sami Kapanen and Tony Amonte



Jeremy Roenick of the Philadelphia Flyers speeds by Thrashers defender Daniel Tjarnqvist on a fast break in the second period of Thursday's game. Philadelphia won over Atlanta 2-1.

scored in the second period for the Flyers, 5-0-1 in their last six road games.

Serge Aubin had a goal for the Thrashers, winless in eight games. Ilya Kovalchuk, voted in as a starter in Sunday's All-Star game, was benched in the second period after his turnover led to Gagne's goal.

Niittymaki, a 23-year-old Finn, won for the second straight night in place of Robert Esche, expected to miss at least three weeks with a sprained left knee. Jeff Hackett, Philadelphia's other experienced goalie, is sidelined indefinitely by vertigo.

After Gagne's goal tied it at 1, the Flyers broke open the game by scoring twice in 32 seconds. Recchi beat Pasi Nurminen over the shoulder from near the end line with the Flyers on the power play at 12:54, a goal that gave him an eight-game point streak.

Kapanen then sent a floating shot from the slot over Nurminen to give the Flyers a 3-

1 lead at 13:26, and Amonte completed the second-period rally when he was credited with a goal that actually bounced in off Atlanta defenseman Frantisek Kaberle with 42 seconds left.

LeClair completed the scoring with a wrist shot from the slot with 23.4 seconds remaining in the game.

Lightning 5, Predators 2

Pavel Kubina, Dan Boyle and Ben Clymer scored second-period goals and Cory Stillman added three assists, leading the Tampa Bay Lightning to a victory over the Nashville Predators on Thursday night.

Denis Arhipov kept Nashville in the game by scoring twice in the second period. Martin Erat and Vladimir Orszagh added two assists each for Nashville, and Martin St. Louis had two assists for Tampa Bay. The Lightning won their 15th road game, surpassing last year's total.

Kubina gave the Lightning a 3-

0 lead late in the second period by poking a backhand past goalie Tomas Vokoun. Vokoun has given up three or more goals in five of his last six games since being chosen to the All-Star team.

The goal came 2:01 after Boyle scored just nine seconds into Tampa Bay's second power play.

But Nashville scrapped back into the game as Arhipov scored after Erat circled behind the net and fired a shot that was deflected by Orszagh. The puck trickled to a stop just behind goalie Nikolai Khabibulin and Arhipov swept it into the open net.

He made it 3-2 after taking a pass from Orszagh just inside the blue line and putting it through Khabibulin's legs.

Clymer stopped Nashville's momentum and gave the Lightning a two-goal lead again by scoring off his own rebound with 37 seconds left in the period.

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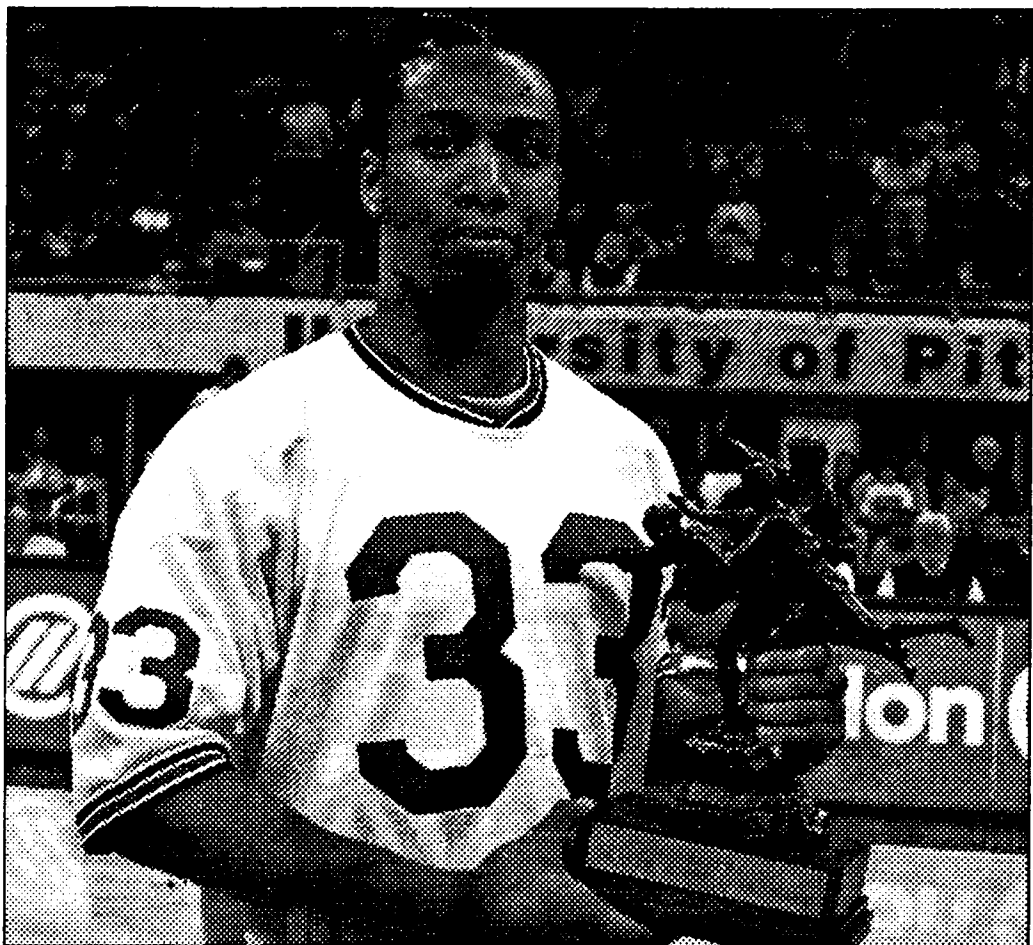
Hoping to get home in the snow.

When's Valentine's Day? Is it the same time every year?

Who cares. This is finally filled.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Pittsburgh's Fitzgerald eligible for NFL draft



Pittsburgh's Larry Fitzgerald accepts the Walter Camp Award for being the 2003 College Football Player of the Year Tuesday.

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Heisman Trophy runner-up Larry Fitzgerald, the Pittsburgh sophomore who set NCAA receiving records in his two college seasons, was declared eligible Thursday for the NFL draft.

The NFL's ruling came on the same day a federal judge opened the door for running back Maurice Clarett to also turn pro despite playing only one season at Ohio State.

Under league rules, a player must be in college for three NFL seasons before he can be drafted. Fitzgerald left the Academy of Holy Angels in Minneapolis, Minn., midway through his senior year in 2001 and transferred to Valley Forge (Pa.) Military Academy to boost his grades for college.

After spending nearly 1 1/2 academic years there, Fitzgerald signed with

Pittsburgh and immediately became the most productive receiver in school history. He owns NCAA records for consecutive games with a touchdown catch (18) and most TDs receiving as a freshman and sophomore (34).

The NFL determined Fitzgerald was eligible because he would have graduated from high school in 2001 had he not transferred and thus is three years past his senior year of high school.

Fitzgerald declined comment after learning of the NFL's ruling. His father, Larry Sr., said, "We choose to let them [the NFL] do what they do, and then we'll do what we do."

With numerous NFL scouts saying Fitzgerald likely will be a top five pick, his departure from Pitt was considered a foregone conclusion for weeks.

Pitt's offense would be in a rebuilding mode next season even if Fitzgerald returned,

with star quarterback Rod Rutherford, running back Brandon Miree and most of the offensive line departing.

"Whatever Larry decides, this university is going to support him wholeheartedly," assistant athletic director E.J. Borghetti said Thursday night. "The opportunity to be a top-five pick can be a fleeting one in the game of football. But education is important to Larry's family, and whatever he decides to do, he will still work to his degree. It was important to his [late] mother and to his dad and I know it remains a priority of his."

Fitzgerald's case differs from Clarett's. The Pitt star played two college seasons, while Clarett played only one. Clarett graduated early from high school in December 2001, and his lawyers contended that came before the end of the 2001 NFL season and thus made him eligible under the three-year rule.

The Clarett ruling, if it holds up on appeal, means high school football players and college underclassmen would be able to make the jump to the pros just as NBA, NHL and major league baseball players can.

Fitzgerald is not believed to have formally petitioned the league to be declared eligible. But his lawyer sent a letter to the NFL last month asking that his draft status be clarified.

The 6-foot-3, 225-pound Fitzgerald already has an NFL background. His father, a former college lineman, is a sports writer and radio-TV show host in Minneapolis, and his son was a Minnesota Vikings ball boy for several years while in high school.

While working in the Vikings' training camp, the younger Fitzgerald became friends with receivers Cris Carter and Randy Moss. It was Carter, a former Ohio State star, who suggested he consider Pitt.

Pitt coach Walt Harris is a former Buckeyes assistant coach.

With Fitzgerald's departure now imminent, the Panthers will be losing their most productive player since the days of Dan Marino and Tony Dorsett.

Fitzgerald won the Biletnikoff Trophy as college football's top receiver last season and the Walter Camp Award as the nation's best player. He was a close runner-up to Oklahoma quarterback Jason White for the Heisman Trophy, nearly becoming the first sophomore to win the award.

Fitzgerald, a first-team All-American, caught 87 passes for an NCAA-leading 1,595 yards and 22 touchdowns last season, making at least one touchdown catch in all 12 regular-season games. His record streak of 18 consecutive games with a touchdown catch ended in a Continental Tire Bowl loss to Virginia that wrapped up Pitt's 8-5 season.

As a freshman, Fitzgerald made 69 catches for 1,005 yards and 12 touchdowns in leading Pitt to a 9-4 record — its first nine-win season in 20 years. Pitt was 17-9 with Fitzgerald in its lineup.

Notre Dame Literary Festival Presents

Sunday, Feb. 8th:

4:00 p.m. Reckers Hospitality Room

Helena Maria Viramontes

Author of *The Moths* & *Under the Feet of Jesus*

7:30 p.m. LaFortune Ballroom

Jim Shepard

Author of *Project X*, *Vernon God Little*, *Nosferatu*

and his collection of short stories *Battling Against Castro*

Monday, Feb. 9th

7:30 p.m. Oak Room

Chuck Klosterman

Author of *Sex, Drugs and Cocoa Puffs: A Low Culture Manifesto*

and *Fargo Rock City: A Heavy Metal Odyssey in Rural North Dakota*

Klosterman also writes for *SPIN* magazine

Tuesday, Feb. 10th

2:00 p.m. LaFortune Foster Room

Chuck Klosterman Creative Writing Workshop

7:30 p.m. Oak Room

Alisa Valdes-Rodriguez-NY Times Best Selling Author

Author of *The Dirty Girls Social Club*

Wednesday, Feb. 11th

7:30 p.m. Oak Room

Frances Sherwood

Author of *The Book of Splendor, Vindication, Green*

and *Everything You've Heard Is True: John Hopkins among others.*

She is currently on faculty at IUSB.

10:00 p.m. Legends of Notre Dame

Jennifer Sands at Theology on Tap

(see information below)

Thursday, Feb. 12th

7:30 p.m. DeBartolo 141 (Reception in DeBartolo Hall Atrium)

Jennifer Sands

Author of *A Tempered Faith: Rediscovering Hope in the Ashes of Loss*

10:00 p.m. LaFortune Basement

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MLB

Burks signs one-year contract with Red Sox

Associated Press

BOSTON — Ellis Burks was let go 12 years ago by the Red Sox, who weren't sure he'd stay healthy and become a productive player. Now they've changed their minds.

On Tuesday, the team's former top draft choice finalized a \$750,000, one-year contract with Boston.

"It's like a fine wine — I got better with time," Burks said.

Now 39, Burks said his release from Boston crushed him but spurred him to adopt a work ethic that led to his best seasons while playing with four other teams. He's back in Boston looking for the championship that has eluded him since Little League.

Burks accepted Boston's offer over a proposal from Seattle. His choice was made after hours on the Internet, comparing the teams' pitching staffs and lineups.

He was selected by Boston in the 1983 draft and arrived in the big leagues in 1987.

"It was a lot of pressure on a young kid, to hear comparisons to Willie Mays," Burks said. "I put too much pressure on myself instead of relaxing and playing like I can play."

Burks was among a handful of black players on the team. Burks said he never had any problems on the Red Sox, but remembered being uneasy at times in Boston. He cited the infamous Charles Stuart case in 1989, which awoke racial tensions when a white man killed his wife, then blamed it on an unknown black man.

"The whole city was looking for a 6-foot-1 black man in a warmup suit," the 6-foot-2 Burks recalled. "So I didn't wear any warmup suits."

The organization has

changed in his absence. It has new owners, numerous minority players and a reputation for working together.

"That goes to show you, everything grows in time," Burks said.

Burks made the All-Star team and won a Gold Glove in 1990, when he hit .296 with 21 homers and 89 RBIs. He didn't match those numbers in 1991, then missed most of 1992 with a serious back injury.

In December that year, Boston let him go.

After the Chicago White Sox signed Burks, he committed himself to working hard and being a student of the game.

"A lot of times when you have something you love so dearly taken away, that helps you re-evaluate things," he said.

Burks also played for Colorado, San Francisco and Cleveland. His best season was in 1996, when he hit .344 for Colorado with 40 homers and 128 RBIs.

In 2002, his last full season, he batted .301 with 32 homers and 91 RBIs. Last year, his season was cut short because of a nerve condition in his right elbow that required surgery.

He figures to see time mainly as a designated hitter and right-handed pinch-hitter, and will compete for playing time with Kevin Millar and David Ortiz, both coming off good seasons. Burks also is prepared to play outfield and maybe first base.

"He's been an everyday player, and now he'd kind of coming down to the twilight of his career," manager Terry Francona said. "Like he said, he can still impact a baseball team."

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NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

UConn defeats Tennessee

Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — No matter who's ranked No. 1, Diana Taurasi and Connecticut know how to top Tennessee.

The All-American guard scored 18 points to lead the No. 4 Huskies to an 81-67 victory Thursday night, their fifth straight win over the top-ranked Lady Vols.

Ann Strother added 17 points for Connecticut, and Barbara Turner had 16 points and nine rebounds. Ashley Battle scored 11 points.

Connecticut (17-2) improved to 12-6 all-time against Tennessee (18-2) in a rivalry that began in 1995. The series has included three national championship games — all won by the Huskies.

The Huskies made a compelling case to return to the top of the polls for the second time this season. Connecticut was No. 1 until Jan. 5, after losing at home to Duke two days before.

The Huskies ran out to a 21-13

lead midway through the first half and never let go of the lead.

Each time Tennessee appeared to mount a rally, Connecticut would get an easy basket on a backdoor cut or come off a screen to hit a 3-pointer.

Tennessee looked out of sync on offense again without point guard Loree Moore, who is out for the season with a torn knee ligament.

And again Tennessee melted on defense in the biggest regular-season game in women's basketball.

The Lady Vols got as close as 67-63 with 6:28 remaining after Tasha Butts made two free throws, but Connecticut had a quick 5-0 run to go up by nine.

The Huskies outscored Tennessee 7-2 down the stretch to win their sixth straight game after losing at Notre Dame last month.

Reserve Tye'sha Fluker and Shanna Zolman each scored 14 points for Tennessee, which had its 11-game winning streak snapped. Shyra Ely and Brittany Jackson added 10 points apiece.

Connecticut often had several shots on each possession, grabbing 17 offensive rebounds and scoring 20 second-chance points.

The Huskies owe much of their success against Tennessee in recent years to Taurasi, who averaged 23 points in the previous six games she played against the Lady Vols.

Taurasi was 3-of-7 from beyond the arc, and the third made her the career leader at Connecticut with 230 3-pointers.

She hurt her back Saturday at St. John's and played only 12 minutes as a precaution, but showed no signs of problems against Tennessee.

Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma often complained about fouls not called on Taurasi, who fouled out with 46 seconds left.

After Turner picked up her fourth with 2:05 to go, Auriemma ran to the near sideline and clapped sarcastically in front of a small contingent of Huskies fans.

GOLF

Kuchar and Henry lead at Pebble Beach

Associated Press

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Matt Kuchar and J.J. Henry, who slipped from view after such promising rookie seasons, returned to the spotlight Thursday on a spectacular afternoon on the Monterey Peninsula with rounds of 7-under 65 for a one-stroke lead in the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

For Vijay Singh and Phil Mickelson, only the scenery changed.

Singh, closing in on the PGA Tour record for most consecutive top 10s, recovered from a difficult start with two remarkable birdies on his

way to a 5-under 67 at Poppy Hills. Mickelson, playing in the same group, continued his solid play with a 68.

"I had some putts that went in and some putts that didn't go in, just like it was for everybody," Mickelson said.

"There is only one PGA Tour."

Tommy Tolles
professional golfer

The AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am is renowned for its celebrity field, stunning views and greens so soft and bumpy that

only 6-inch putts are considered tap-ins.

On Thursday, it looked like a "Welcome Back" party for some of the leaders.

Kuchar, the former U.S. Amateur champion who had a charming run through the majors in 1998, won the Honda Classic two years ago but followed it up by finishing 182nd on the money list. Henry had two runner-up finishes as a rookie in 2001, but dropped into mediocrity the last two years.

The biggest surprise might have been Tommy Tolles, who shot a 66 at Pebble Beach.

Tolles, considered to be among the best young players when he nearly won the '96 Players Championship, watched his game slowly fall into disrepair until he was forced to play on the Nationwide Tour last year.

Getting back to the PGA Tour was a big deal. Starting his season with a 66, which included a chip-in on No. 17 that made him feel like Tom Watson, made it even better.

"On the Nationwide Tour, there were some tournaments you just didn't feel like this was a setting," he said. "I was out here seven years, and I know what it's like. You can get competition wherever you go. But the atmosphere just isn't the same. There is only one PGA Tour."

There's only one Pebble Beach, and Tolles really soaked it up.

It started on No. 1 with a birdie, "a typical AT&T 10-footer, bounced around and eventually went in," Tolles said.

Despite hitting his approach onto the beach and taking a bogey at No. 10, he plugged away and got close to the leaders by chipping in from about 40 feet on the par-3 17th. It wasn't anywhere near the spot where Watson chipped in to win the '82 U.S. Open, but Tolles felt just as good.

"The feeling is incredible, but when there's 500 or 1,000 people around to cheer for you, it's icing on the cake," said Tolles, who was lucky to see that many people all year on the Nationwide Tour.

"It's just so unexpected that you just have this, 'Oh, I want to do cartwheels or somersaults.' But I'm too old for that," he said.

Defending champion Davis Love III was in no mood for acrobatics, opening with a 3-over 75 on the toughest of the three courses, Spyglass Hill.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Duke beats UNC 83-81 in overtime thriller

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Mike Krzyzewski thought this was more than just one of the best games in the storied rivalry between Duke and North Carolina.

"I think you do it an injustice to say it was a great Duke-Carolina game," he said of the top-ranked Blue Devils' 83-81 overtime victory over No. 17 North Carolina on Thursday night. "It was a great game. You can't match the intensity level."

There was a buzz in the Smith Center minutes after the game ended. It was the noise a crowd makes when it's disappointed, yet still energized.

"You're told it's a rivalry and everything, but when you're on the court, the emotion of everybody — your teammates and the Carolina players — it's like you're giving it everything," Duke freshman Luol Deng said. "It was just a fight from both teams and Chris [Duhon] made an unbelievable play to win it for us."

Duhon's reverse layup with 6.5 seconds left in overtime gave Duke its 16th straight victory overall and fifth in the last six years on North Carolina's home court.

This one was over first-year Tar Heels coach Roy Williams, and the former assistant to Dean Smith left the court as did predecessors Bill Guthridge and Matt Doherty, losers at home to Duke.

"That was a big-time college basketball game and it's tough saying that when you're on the short end," Williams said. "If I could coach to the enthusiasm we had in the building, I'd be one hell of a coach."

Shelden Williams had 22 points and 12 rebounds for Duke (19-1, 8-0 Atlantic Coast Conference). He had two of his five blocks in overtime and also came up with a big defensive play in the final minute to force a turnover by the Tar Heels (13-6, 3-5).

"I told Shelden after the game, 'Your post defense was best when most people will have played their worst — the end of the game,'" Krzyzewski said.

Daniel Ewing scored 19 points for Duke, while Deng had 17 points and 12 rebounds, and J.J. Redick added 14 points.

Rashad McCants scored 27 points for North Carolina, including the 3-pointer with 13 seconds left that tied the game at 81. Sean May had 15 points and 21 rebounds for the Tar

Heels, but was 7-for-18 from the field and missed a number of close-in shots.

"I told the team we all could point to one or two plays that you could have made that you didn't make that would have made a difference," Roy Williams said. "We had a lot of opportunities early from 2 or 3 feet, and we just didn't make the baskets."

The sellout crowd of 21,750, most wearing "Turn It Blue" T-shirts, was loud all night — but it was roaring and shaking the floor when McCants' fast-break dunk with 5:45 to go gave North Carolina a 69-62 lead.

Duke then turned up the defense and went on a 10-0 run, taking a 72-69 lead on two free throws by Deng with 1:06 left.

"That was the pivotal point of the game because a lot of teams would have been run out of here," Krzyzewski said. "All of a sudden we had the lead, which I think was shocking. That showed our team played major, major manly minutes."

May scored on a rebound with 53 seconds to go, and Redick restored the three-point lead on a drive with 38 seconds left.

North Carolina called a timeout, and Jawad Williams hit his only 3-pointer of the game with 18 seconds to go to tie it. Ewing missed a 3 with 3 seconds left for Duke.

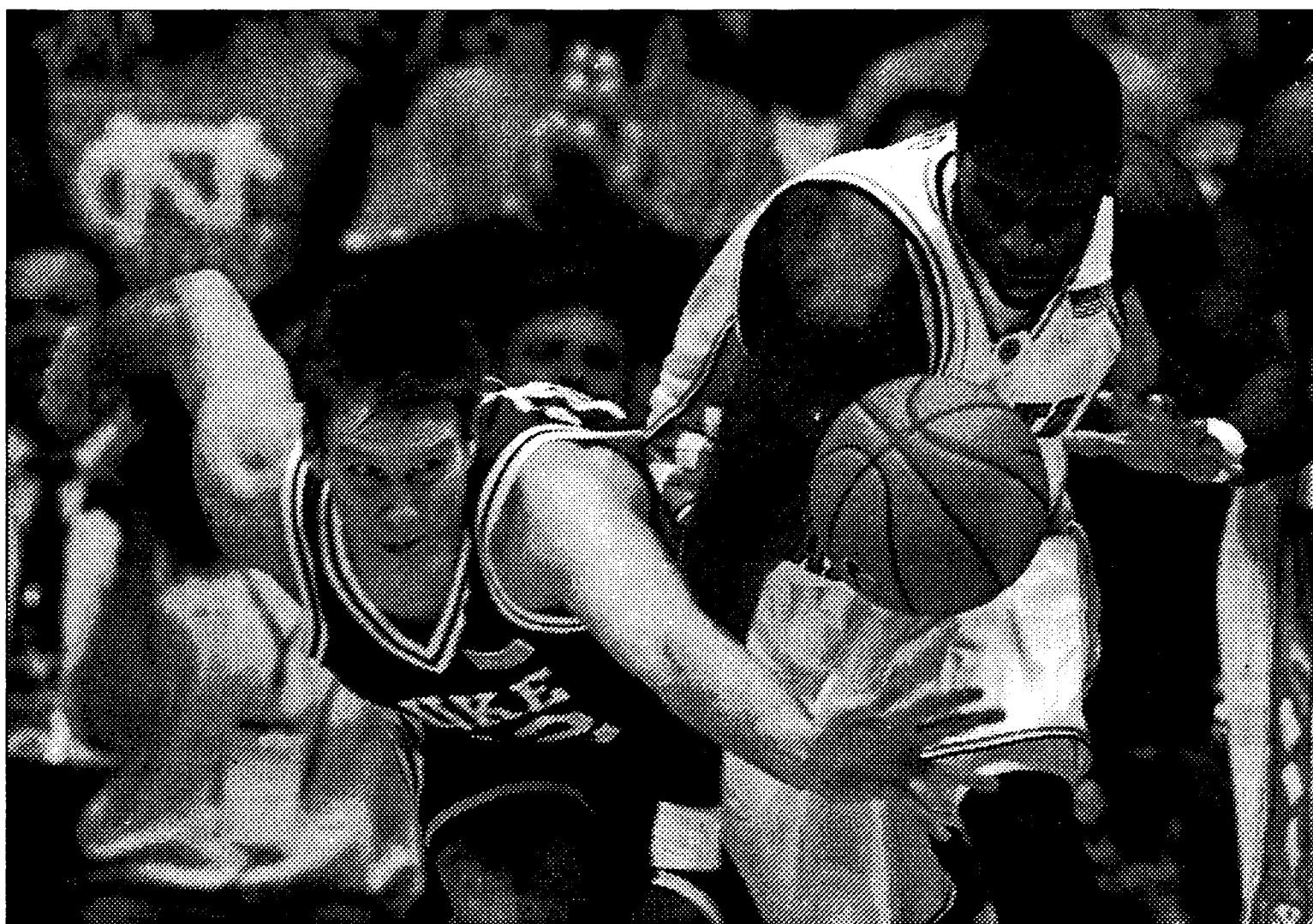
Shelden Williams was a force inside in the overtime. His defense forced North Carolina into a 35-second shot clock violation with 22 seconds left. Redick then made two free throws to make it 81-78 and McCants, who finished 2-for-4 from 3-point range, drilled the 3 that tied it and set the stage for Duhon's heroics.

"Those two shots they hit, come on," Krzyzewski said. "Those aren't shots kids are supposed to hit. Men do. They're the best team we have played."

Duhon said it helped the team's confidence that Krzyzewski didn't call a timeout after either of the tying 3-pointers.


"He told us he wanted us to win the game," said Duhon, who did. "I just kept going and it opened up and I was able to make the layup. I don't think anybody on either team could've handled [another overtime]. I tried to do both of us a favor."

Melvin Scott missed a 3 at the buzzer for North Carolina, and it was appropriate that Shelden Williams grabbed the game's final rebound.



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Duke's Shavlick Randolph battles UNC's David Noel for a loose ball in Thursday's game. Duke beat North Carolina in one of college basketball's most heated rivalries at the Smith Center.



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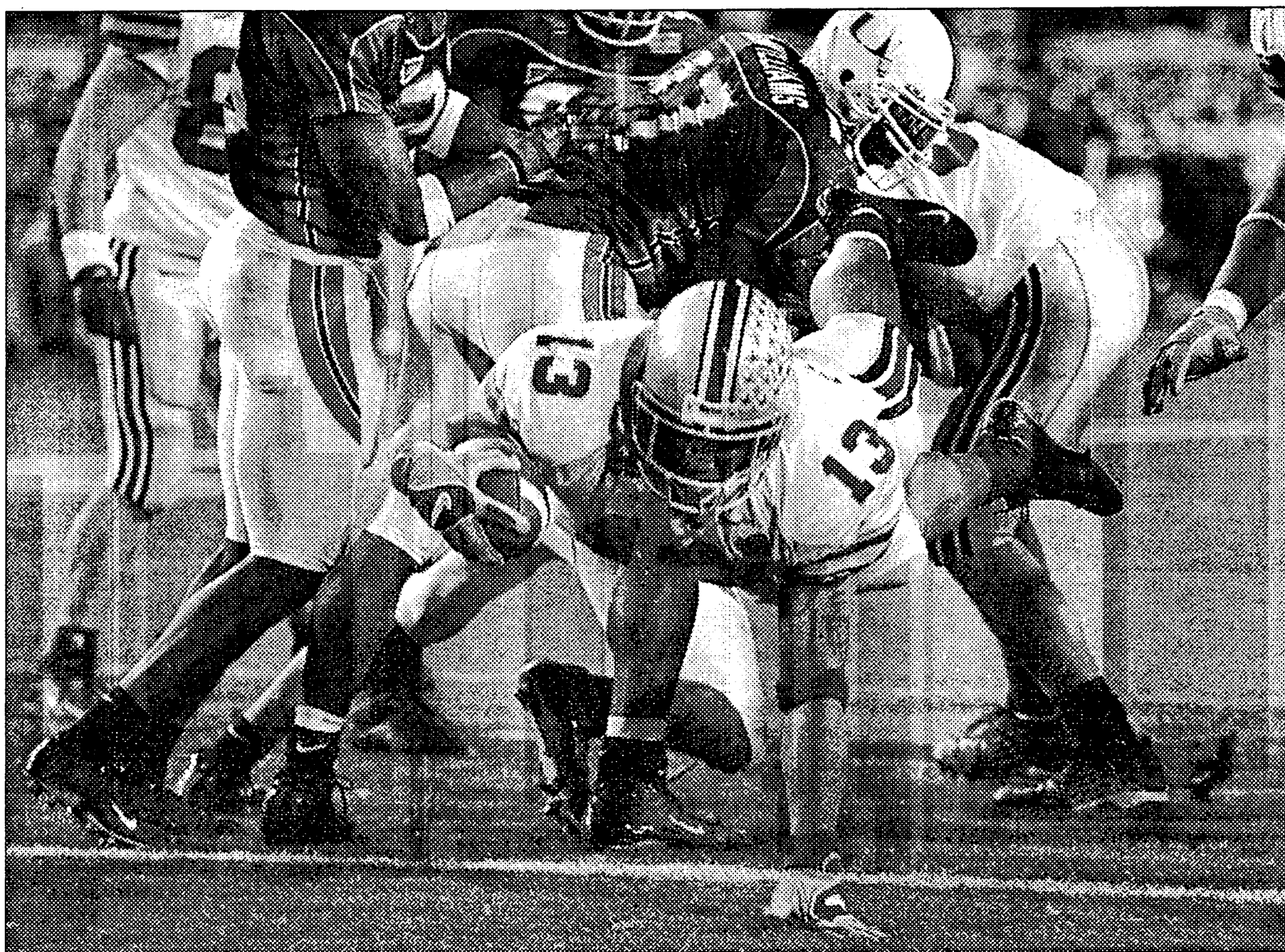
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5 Miami	5-3	16-3
6 Virginia Tech	6-4	17-4
7 Villanova	5-4	15-5
8 Boston College	4-4	15-5
9 Seton Hall	4-5	12-8
10 Georgetown	4-6	10-10
11 Syracuse	3-6	6-13
12 Pittsburgh	2-6	6-12
13 St. John's	2-7	8-12
14 Providence	0-8	4-15

NFL



Ohio State's Maurice Clarett scores the winning touchdown in last year's BCS national championship against the Miami Hurricanes. A federal judge ruled that Clarett could turn pro.

Clarett granted option of NFL draft

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A federal judge opened the door for Ohio State sensation Maurice Clarett and teenage football stars to turn pro, declaring Thursday that an NFL rule barring their eligibility violates antitrust law and "must be sacked."

U.S. District Judge Shira Scheindlin said legal issues are so clearly in Clarett's favor a trial is unnecessary. The NFL said it will appeal, and it will probably try to block the ruling before the April draft.

Clarett sued the league last year to challenge its

1990 rule that a player must be out of high school three years to enter the draft.

"I was pleased that the rule was brought down," Clarett said at a news conference. "It gives kids an opportunity to choose."

Clarett's lawyer, Alan Milstein, called it a "total victory."

Clarett declined to say whether he'll enter the April draft after his lawyers advised him that Ohio State has warned even a declaration to join the NFL would rule out any chance of returning to college ball.

Jeff Pash, the executive

vice president of the NFL, said the ruling left him "really surprised" but confident on appeal because its findings contradicted those of past court rulings.

The ruling, if it holds up on appeal, means that high school football players and college underclassmen will be able to make the jump to the pros just like their counterparts in the NBA.

Dozens of basketball players, including Kobe Bryant and LeBron James, have gone to the NBA straight after high school in recent years, becoming instant celebrities and signing shoe endorsement

deals that make them millionaires before the ink is dry on their high school diplomas.

"Somebody broke the rule for LeBron a long time ago. It's just another option," Clarett said.

Scheindlin wrote that the NFL rule "is precisely the sort of conduct that the antitrust laws were designed to prevent."

"One can scarcely think of a more blatantly anti-competitive policy than one that excludes certain competitors from the market altogether," she wrote. Clarett, a 20-year-old sophomore, played just one season at Ohio State.

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IN BRIEF

Lewis expected to announce retirement

LONDON — Looks like Lennox Lewis is ready to do what no heavyweight champion has done in nearly half a century: leave boxing for good with a championship belt around his waist.

The 38-year-old Lewis will hold a news conference Friday amid reports he will retire rather than risk his World Boxing Council title in a rematch against Vitali Klitschko.

Secretive to the end, Lewis was keeping his decision to himself. His trainer, Emanuel Steward, did not return calls. But Lewis has made no effort to meet a March 1 deadline set by the WBC to set up a fight with Klitschko, and the consensus among the boxing fraternity is that he will retire.

Lewis hasn't even told HBO what he plans to do. The television network paid him tens of millions to fight and has been waiting for months for him to commit one way or another to a

second Klitschko fight.

"We have had no contact with Lennox or his representatives," HBO Sports president Ross Greenburg said. "We're standing by."

Assuming Lewis does end his 14-year career, he will become the first reigning heavyweight champion to quit since Rocky Marciano in 1956. Muhammad Ali retired with the WBA title in 1978, but came back to lose fights to Larry Holmes and Trevor Berbick.

Pittsburgh's Fitzgerald ruled eligible for NFL draft

PITTSBURGH — Heisman Trophy runner-up Larry Fitzgerald, the Pittsburgh sophomore who set NCAA receiving records in his two college seasons, was declared eligible Thursday for the NFL draft.

The NFL's ruling came on the same day a federal judge opened the door for running back Maurice Clarett to also turn pro despite playing only one season at Ohio State.

Under league rules, a player must

be in college for three NFL seasons before he can be drafted. Fitzgerald left the Academy of Holy Angels in Minneapolis, Minn., midway through his senior year in 2001 and transferred to Valley Forge (Pa.) Military Academy to boost his grades for college.

After spending nearly 1 1/2 academic years there, Fitzgerald signed with Pittsburgh and immediately became the most productive receiver in school history. He owns NCAA records for consecutive games with a touchdown catch (18) and most TDs receiving as a freshman and sophomore (34).

The NFL determined Fitzgerald was eligible because he would have graduated from high school in 2001 had he not transferred and thus is three years past his senior year of high school.

Fitzgerald declined comment after learning of the NFL's ruling. His father, Larry Sr., said, "We choose to let [the NFL] do what they do, and then we'll do what we do."

MEN'S TENNIS

Irish face tough doubles test

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

No. 49 Notre Dame faces another tough match this weekend, as they face No. 53 Purdue at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

The Boilermakers will travel to Western Michigan on Saturday and then face the Irish on Sunday at 1 p.m.

With a 2-0 record and wins against Ball State and Butler, the non-conference match to Purdue is not to be overlooked. A key point of this match will be doubles.

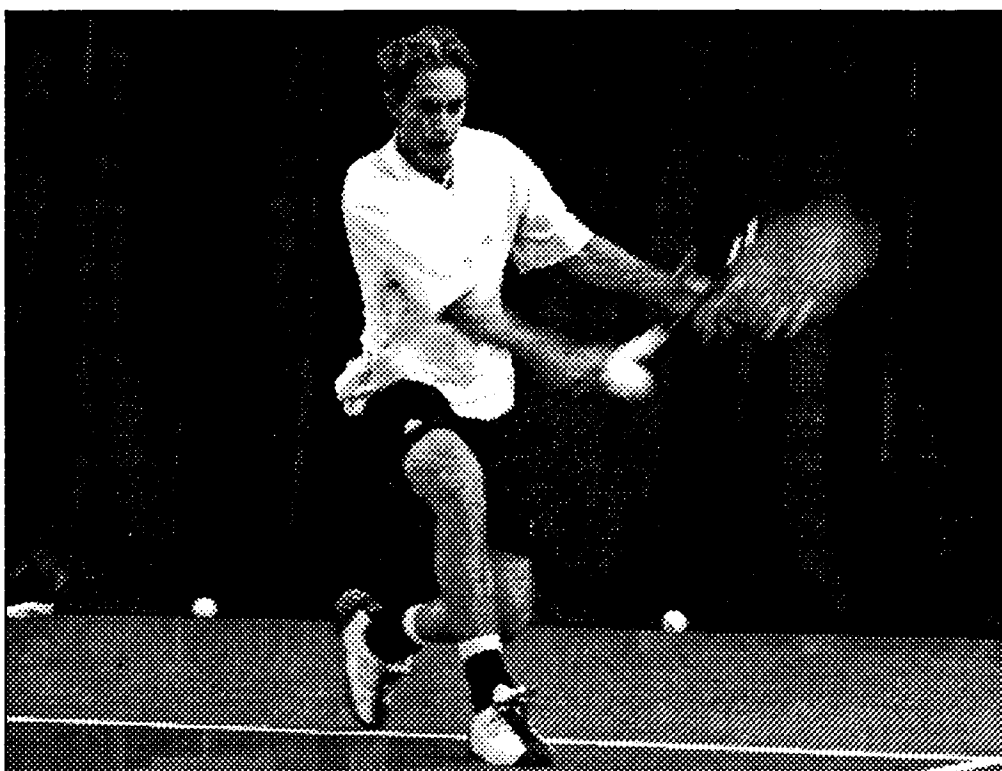
"Purdue always comes out strong when they play us especially in doubles," senior tri-captain Matthew Scott said. "[There's] always a tradition of really solid doubles; it was a focal point in practice this week."

Irish coach Bobby Bayliss emphasized the doubles play as well.

"We worked really hard on doubles," Bayliss said of his team's preparation this week. "Purdue just absolutely pulverized us last year in doubles matches — they won all three, and did so convincingly."

This year's matchup presents a special challenge to the Irish, as their No. 1 doubles team of Luis Haddock and Ryan Keckley will not be playing. Haddock will be playing for Puerto Rico in the Davis Cup and Keckley remains out with an ankle injury suffered against Duke. Ranked No. 18 nationally, Haddock and Keckley are also the No. 1 and No. 6 singles players, respectively.

"The good news is that this is one of the deepest teams I've



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Notre Dame will face tough doubles matches this weekend when they face off with Purdue at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

ever coached," Bayliss said. "We are filling their shoes with Matt Scott, who is capable of playing the No. 1 spot and is regaining the form he had. He played his best match in a long time against Duke, so I expect Matt to play extremely well."

Eric Langenkamp and Patrick Buchanan are also expected to see time to fill out the Irish roster. Langenkamp has yet to lose a match, and Buchanan won his singles match at No. 5 last year against Purdue in a 4-3 Irish victory.

Bayliss expressed confidence in the ability of his freshmen and in the bottom part of the lineup for this weekend's match.

"Usually, when you lose a couple of players it's catastrophic, especially at No. 1," said Bayliss. "We're a stronger team with them, but I don't think that

the task ahead of us is an impossible one."

Scott agreed, as he and his teammates are ready for a tough match.

"This is a very important match," Scott said. "We're just looking to go out there and take care of business. ... It's disappointing for us but I think presents a challenge and the team is ready to rise to the challenge and meet it."

But the Irish will have to do it without Haddock and Keckley.

"It's some great motivation to beat a Big 10 team without two key players, a third of our starting lineup," said Bayliss.

The Irish are set to face Purdue at 1 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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NBA

Iverson dominates in 76ers' home win

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — After ripping his team for having no heart, Allen Iverson showed they still have a pulse.

Iverson played one of his better offensive games of the season Thursday night, scoring 39 points to lead the struggling Philadelphia 76ers past the weary and depleted Los Angeles Lakers 96-73.

In a game that stayed competitive for only a few minutes,

Iverson had his way against defender Derek Fisher and repeatedly freed himself for mid-range jumpers and drives.

Iverson shot 15-for-29 from the field — missing his final four shots — and added six assists in one of the 76ers most lopsided victories of the season.

The Lakers, playing their fourth road game in five nights and extra tired after arriving in Philadelphia around 4 a.m., lost Gary Payton to an ejection in a first quarter in which they scored just 10 points — matching their season low set earlier this week at Indiana.

Shaquille O'Neal missed 11 of 13 foul shots in the first half, finishing 3-for-15 from the line with 17 points.

The Lakers were supposed to be joined by Kobe Bryant, who is

on the injured list with a lacerated finger. But Bryant defied coach Phil Jackson and did not show up, leaving the team wondering about his whereabouts until shortly before gametime.

Bryant's agent told the Lakers that Bryant would join them in Orlando on the fifth stop of their seven-game road trip.

Glenn Robinson added 26 points for the 76ers, who were ripped by Iverson two nights ago following a loss to Toronto — their ninth in 11 games.

"We don't play with no heart, we don't take a challenge," Iverson said during a 10-minute rant. "Guys don't take pride and compete."

After shooting off his mouth, it became clear

early that Iverson might be capable of shooting the Sixers out of their slump.

He scored six points over the final 1:05 of the first quarter to help Philadelphia to a 25-10 lead. The opening 12 minutes featured the quick ejection of Payton by referee Joey Crawford for arguing while Iverson shot free throws.

The Sixers led 44-29 at halftime behind 20 points from Iverson, and he reached 30 points with 3:35 left in the third quarter by hitting a 21-footer.

Iverson sat down for good with 4:02 remaining and the 76ers ahead 89-66.

"We don't play with no heart, we don't take a challenge."

Allen Iverson
76ers guard

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Belles look to knock off Hope

By STEVE COYER
Sports Writer

After a demoralizing 65-42 loss to Calvin (16-3) at home, the Belles will have little time to recover as they go on the road to play the best team in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Saturday the Belles (6-14) will face MIAA leader Hope (19-2).

The momentum from a critical win Monday against Olivet failed to carry over into Wednesday's game against Calvin. Despite a second half comeback, the Belles only shot 27 percent from the field and the 36-18 halftime deficit proved to be too much to overcome.

In the Belles 67-64 victory against Tri-State Jan. 24, Emily Creachbaum led the team with 26 points. However, in the last three games, Creachbaum has scored a total of 16 points, 10 of those points coming in the win over Olivet.

As a result, the bench has taken a more active role with strong efforts from Bridget Lipke, Anne Hogan and Bridget Boyce.

Against Olivet, the bench combined to score 33 points. As a result, the bench players saw nearly as much floor time as the starting five.

The Belles have had a problem with turnovers when they have played aggressive teams this year. In their loss to Calvin, the Belles had 23 turnovers and had difficulty finding open shots.

Hope's dominating offense will also provide a challenge for Saint Mary's, averaging 73 points per game this year. Hope has also held opponents to 34 percent shooting.

On the other hand, the Belles' offense has struggled this year and has averaged 58 points per game on 37 percent shooting.

Despite this, the Belles look to come away with an upset on Saturday.

"We just need to play together,



STEPHANIE GRAMMENS/The Observer
Saint Mary's hopes to upset Hope at home Saturday.

er, that's all there is to it," guard Katie Miller said. "We need to come out strong, win and have confidence in ourselves."

The Belles will play at Hope College Saturday at 3 p.m.

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ND SWIMMING

Irish hope for dual meet wins

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

The men's swimming and diving team hopes to secure a winning dual meet record for the seventh time in nine years when the Irish (6-7) play host to Cleveland State (9-2) tonight at 7 p.m. and Oakland (5-3) Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m. in the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

While the Vikings have won their last four meets, the Irish have taken 16 of the last 17 meetings between the two schools, including each of the last eight.

"Cleveland State is a chance for us to even our record," head coach Tim Welsh said. "So far they've been having an excellent season. One of the interesting match-ups will be some of their speed against what we hope is a lot of our

depth."

In addition to the Cleveland State match-up, Welsh stressed the importance of the Oakland match-up less than 24 hours later.

"It's very important for us to be able to race at night and then the following day," Welsh said. "This is set up for championship time, so we're eager to see that."

Last Saturday, Notre Dame won 11 of the 13 overall events to wrap up a 5-2 January with a 159-75 thrashing of St. Bonaventure (6-5) in the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

The meet's results were never in doubt as the Irish won each of the first ten events, including the top three spots in the first five.

"We're happy with how we swam this past weekend," freshman Chris Zeches said. "We know that with two more weeks of rest we're going to be ready for go for Big East."

Freshman Ted Brown (1,000-yard freestyle and 200-yard freestyle) and sophomore Jaime Lutkus (200-yard individual medley and 500-yard freestyle) both won a pair of races. Freshmen Tim Kegelman (50-yard freestyle), Zeches (200-yard backstroke) and Scott Coyle (1-meter diving), sophomore Tim Randolph (100-yard freestyle) and senior J.R. Teddy (200-yard butterfly) each contributed with an individual event victory.

The women's squad looks to take care of Oakland in its final tune-up before the Big East Championships when the No. 21 Irish (7-2) welcome the Golden Grizzlies to the Rolfs Aquatic Center Saturday at 1 p.m.

"They have a pretty good team and always have some strong swimmers in the sprint events, which should present a different type of challenge for us," head coach Bailey Weathers said. "It will probably be a little low key as compared to last weekend's meets, but still a lot of fun for the girls."

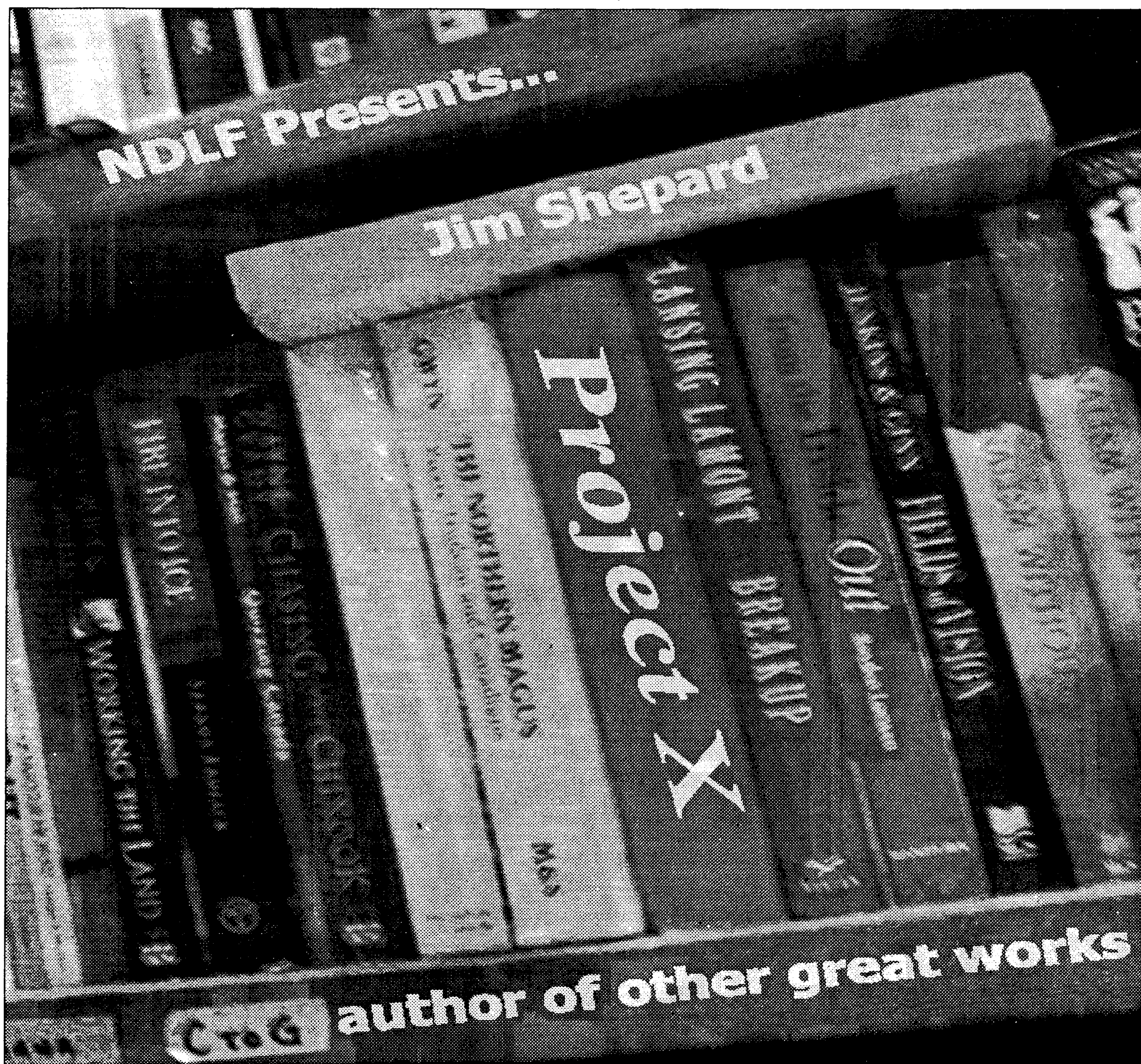
Last Friday, the Irish won 11 overall events as they defeated two Big Ten squads on the road in East Lansing, Mich. Seniors Danielle Hulick (100 backstroke and 50 freestyle), Lisa Garcia (200 butterfly and 200 individual medley) and Meghan Perry Eaton (1-and 3-meter board) and freshman Katie Carroll (100 and 500 freestyle), each posted a pair of event victories as the Irish trounced Michigan State and Ohio State, 160-138 and 194-105, respectively.

However, Notre Dame ran into trouble the following afternoon at home with No. 16 Michigan.

Dropping each of the meet's first three races, the Irish were never able to rebound as the Wolverines took nine of the 16 events en-route to a 166-134.

Following this weekend, both the men and women will set their sights on the Big East Championships Feb. 19 to 21 in New York.

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Grisham

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Grisham knew the school was looking for a replacement as head coach. He pointed the administration in the direction of then-associate head baseball coach Brian O'Connor, who for several years had been spoken of very favorably in college baseball circles as a young, talented coaching prospect.

"Over the past two or three years, Brian O'Connor got more and more recognition as a great baseball coach," Grisham recalled at the dinner. "This past summer, when Virginia decided to make a change, there were a few of us that thought we knew where to go."

The Cavaliers eventually lured O'Connor away from Notre Dame, with Irish head coach Paul Mainieri's blessing, and Grisham's ties to the Irish grew even stronger.

In fact, Grisham — for his part in helping steal O'Connor away from Notre Dame — joked that he felt obligated to speak at Thursday night's dinner.

"I wanted to be here tonight, because I feel like I owe you one, and because Paul [Mainieri] was gracious enough to invite me," he said. "Although I did not grow up an ardent supporter of Notre Dame, I have become a huge fan of this baseball program."

Part of Grisham's support has come recently with his ties to Virginia — a school that is considered a northern program when it comes to baseball. The author understands the plight of northern schools like Notre Dame in trying to overcome obstacles such as wintry weather conditions, a late start to the season and recruiting difficulties stemming from their northern locations.

"Over the years, it's been a rough adjustment for me as an enormous college baseball fan to belong to a northern school," Grisham said. "I've become very keenly aware of the unlevel playing field that exists

when it comes to college baseball, and I hope that some day soon we can get a common start to make all things fair for us northern schools."

When the Irish overcame these obstacles in 2002 — earning their first No. 1 ranking and a trip to the College World Series for the first time since 1957 — Grisham was there cheering them on for northern schools everywhere that face similar problems.

"The real wakeup call came two years ago, when we looked up one morning and Notre Dame was No. 1 in the nation," Grisham remembered. "That was a huge moment, not just for you guys, but for a lot of us that realized it can be done. And when Notre Dame went to Omaha, and Nebraska was there too, we had two northern schools. We became rabid Notre Dame fans, because they were winning."

Grisham concluded his speech with a hopeful message for college baseball fans about the growth of the sport in the past two and a half decades.

"It's become very rewarding in the past 25 years or so to see college baseball become such a popular sport," he said. "I think it's more popular now than it ever has been. The attendance figures go up every year. Attendance at the regionals and super regionals goes up every year, and crowds of 10,000 to 15,000 are not unusual at these events."

In his final message, Grisham appealed to local Notre Dame fans to take advantage of the Irish program and to support their team.

"You have great college baseball here. You have a wonderful program played by great kids and a wonderful coach," he said. "So I encourage all the fans to come out this spring and support the team, and I hope to see you in Omaha."

Notre Dame plays its first game Feb. 20, when the Irish take on San Diego State in Los Angeles.

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Meet

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junior Tiffany Gunn and senior Kristen Dodd. Both are members of the 4x400 meter relay team that ranks first in the Big East. Gunn is also currently in the top ten in the conference in the 500 meters, 60-meter hurdles and the 400 meters. Dodd has already qualified for the conference meet in the 200 meters.

Molly Huddle and Lauren King have had much success in the distance events so far this season. Last weekend at the Notre Dame Invitational, Huddle broke her own school record in the 3,000 meters while King sped to the second-fastest mile in the country so far this season with a time of 4:45.61.

Both Huddle and King are returning All-Americans in their respective events and should be among the top athletes to watch at the meet this weekend.

On the men's side, distance runners Eric Morrison, Kaleb Van Ort and Todd Mobley will be ready to compete for the Irish, while the weight-throwing tandem of Juan Alba and Chip Roberts should hold their own.

Morrison spent last weekend with the distance medley relay team at the USA Track and Field Boston Indoor Meet. Both Van Ort and Mobley stayed at home last week and qualified for the conference championships.

Freshman pole vaulter Dave Viken is confident in his team's abilities heading into one of the biggest meets of the year.

"We know we'll be facing some tough competition, but I feel the team is prepared and we'll be successful," Viken said.



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Kaleb VanOrt, left, and Todd Mobley run the mile Jan. 23 at a home meet this season.

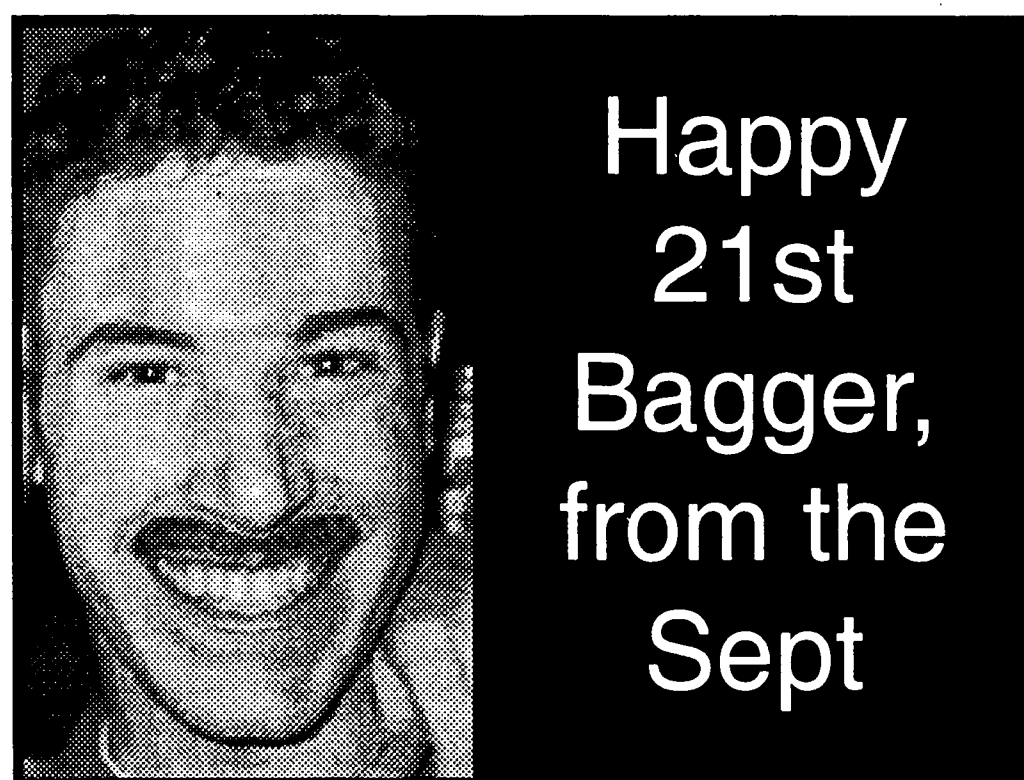
Viken has already qualified for the Big East Conference championships while his teammate, freshman Justin Oppel, won the pole vault in last week's meet.

The top sprinter for the Irish men is Selim Nurudeen. The junior has already qualified for the conference meet in the 60

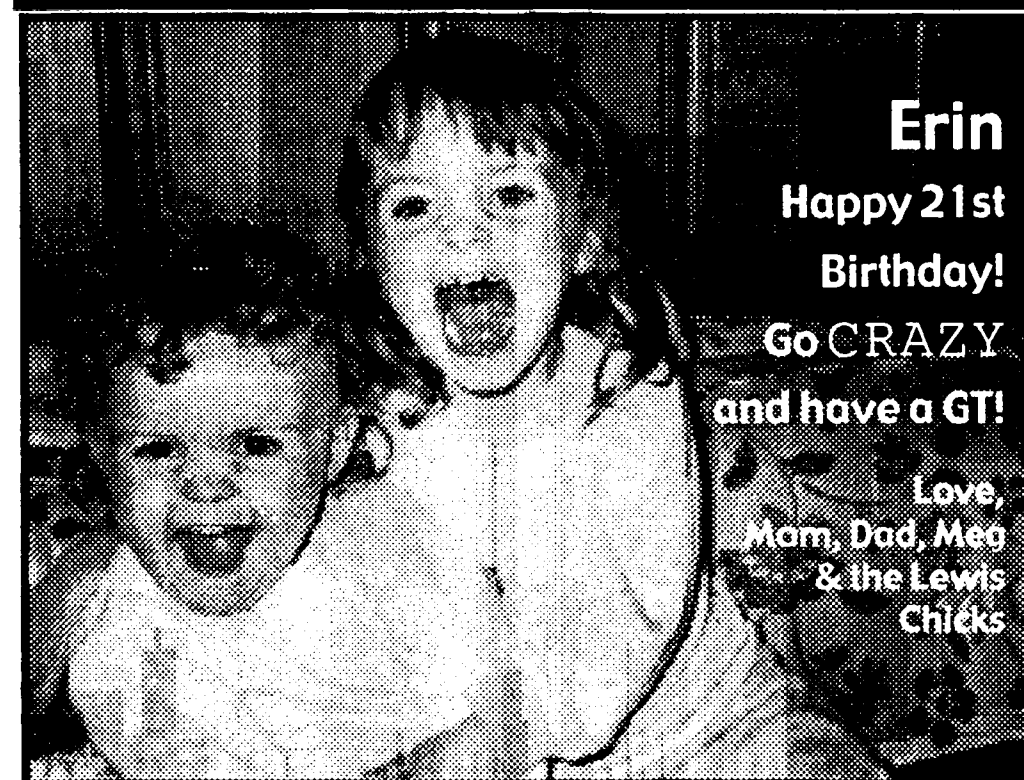
meters, 60-meter hurdles and the 200 meters.

Senior Godwin Mbagwu will also be a contender as he currently leads the Big East in the triple jump and ranks fourth in the long jump.

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Notre Dame travels to Miami of Ohio this weekend, where they face the CCHA leader in two games.

Hockey

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behind Ohio State and Western Michigan for fifth place, and two points behind third-place Michigan State and Alaska Fairbanks.

Notre Dame earned three-of-four points against Alaska Fairbanks last weekend, defeating the Nanooks 3-2 on Friday and tying 2-2 Saturday. The Irish have two games in hand on Alaska Fairbanks and one on Western Michigan.

"From top to bottom, this is as competitive a league as I've seen," Poulin said. "The group in the middle that's vying for home ice advantage in the playoffs — they're all right there close to each other. Even the teams in the weaker half of the league are good teams that can beat anyone."

The Irish will face a Miami team set on revenge for last season, when Notre Dame knocked the RedHawks out of the first round of the CCHA playoffs. The Irish fell behind in game one of the three-game series, dropping a 4-2 decision in Oxford on Mar. 14, but goalie Morgan Cey and the rest of the team rebounded to collect 1-0 and 5-0 shutouts over the final two games.

Notre Dame advanced to the

CCHA Super Six in Detroit, despite being the lower ranked seed (No. 7 to Miami's No. 6) in the first round and having to play on the road.

Special teams will likely play a large part in this weekend's series, with the Irish penalty kill currently on a three game (14 straight kills) streak. Miami boasts one of the top power play units in the CCHA, connecting at a 21.2 percent clip, and it will be imperative for the Irish to stifle that unit.

"This is the traditional clash of offense versus defense," Poulin said. "But the best defense against a good power play is to not take penalties. The discipline is a real factor because when you're killing three or four power plays rather than seven or eight, you're a lot fresher and you make better decisions on the ice."

The Irish offense that averages 2.73 goals per game.

"No matter where you play, scoring first is always a big part of getting a win. It's important to come out and get some confidence, and get your team up on its toes and moving in the right direction," Poulin said.

Face-off for each game is scheduled for 7:35 p.m.

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Road

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scoring average.

The last time these two teams met, March 1, 2003, the Irish escaped with a 62-60 win at home on Katy Flecky's two free throws with two seconds to play. So this year, the Irish are ready for a challenge.

"Overall, they're a great defensive team," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "They're terrific rebounders, and they're really athletic. They hold teams down. It's going to be a challenge for us."

The Pirates out-rebound their opponents by almost ten rebounds per game, as they average 41.7 rebounds to opponents' 31.9. Notre Dame, on the other hand, averages 37.2 rebounds per game.

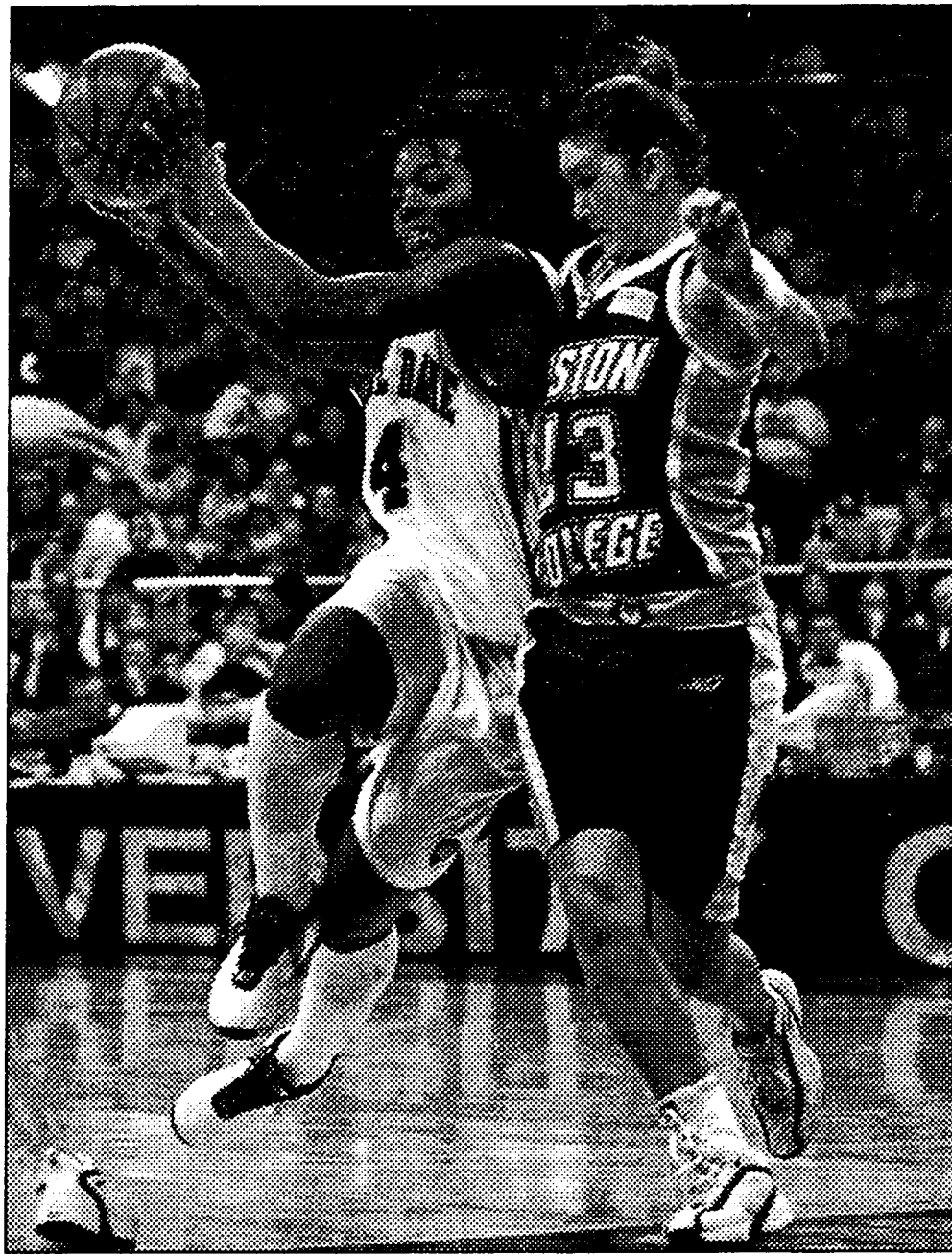
"We're going to work on rebounding," McGraw said.

The Irish hope to carry their performance at home on the road, as they are 10-0 at the Joyce Center this season. But after two road wins in the past two weeks, the Irish feel as though they have figured out how to play on the road.

"Winning the Syracuse and Miami games have really given us confidence on the road," McGraw said. "We've really got to stay focused. Every game is really important for us and the team knows that."

Notre Dame, led by Jacqueline Batteast (15 points, 8.3 rebounds per game) and Megan Duffy (11.4 points, 4.6 assists per game), has won 11 of their last 14 games since starting the season 3-4.

"We really took a lot of lumps early on, and we were fortunate that we were able to maintain our mental toughness because that was a long stretch," McGraw said. "I think this team has been really



Le'Tanla Severe drives against Boston College Jan. 31. The Irish travel to Seton Hall after winning six straight.

resilient this year."

The Irish success has been in large part due to their commitment to defense, according to McGraw. Players know that they will play only if they excel on defense, and McGraw has shown this throughout the season in her substitutions.

"Putting Monique Hernandez in the starting lineup was a huge sign that we're serious about [defense]," McGraw said. "The other people are starting to improve defensively. We're definitely starting our best defensive group. I think that by substituting, they're

getting the picture."

Notre Dame hopes to carry over their defensive intensity this weekend on the road, in what could prove to be another defensive battle.

"Seton Hall is another great team and a big test for us on the road," McGraw said. "That's going to be a big challenge for us to go out there. They're a great defensive team, so it should be another defensive battle, but it's one that we're looking forward to."

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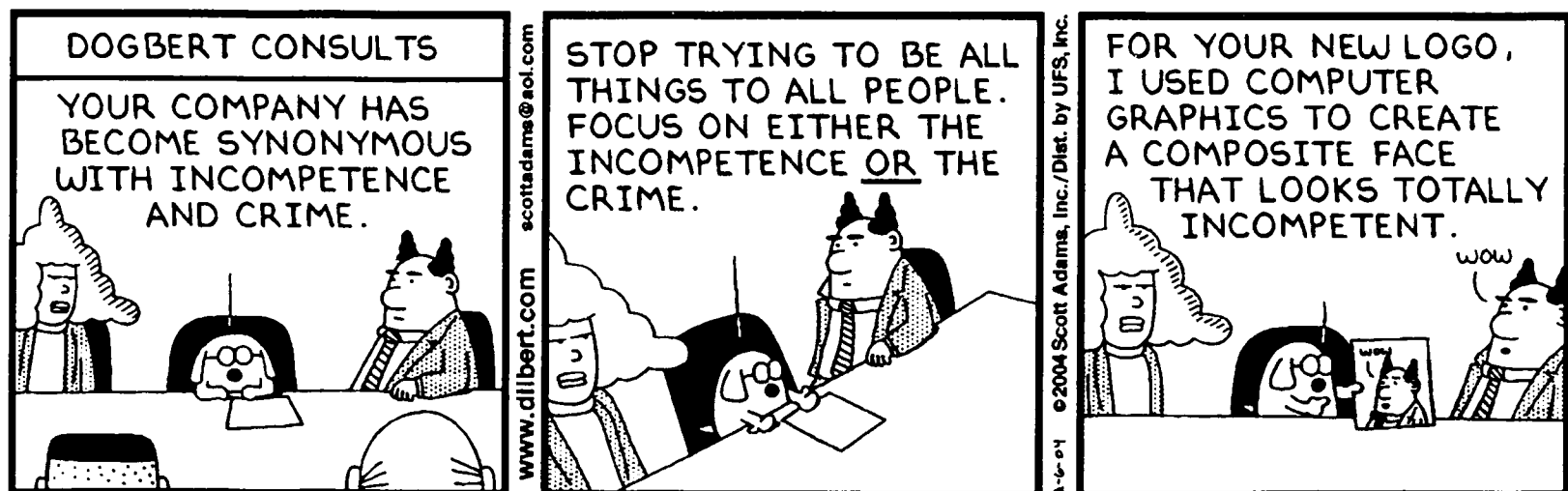
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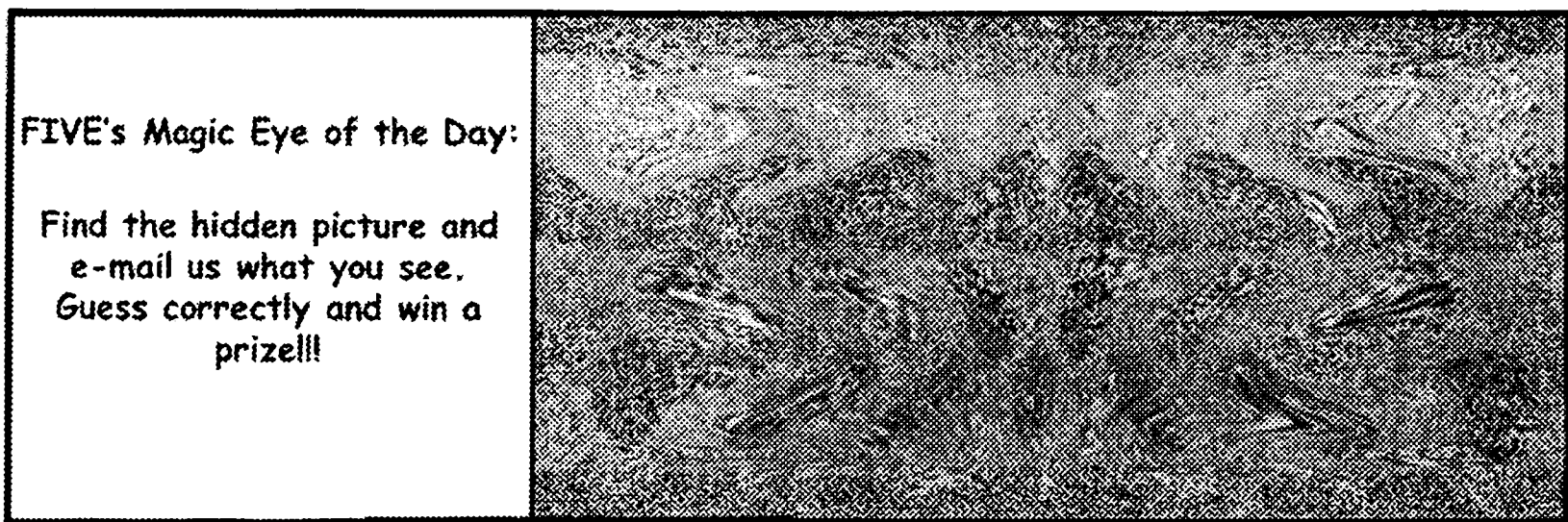
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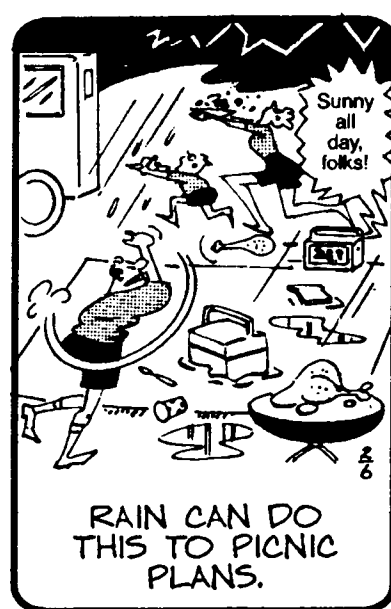
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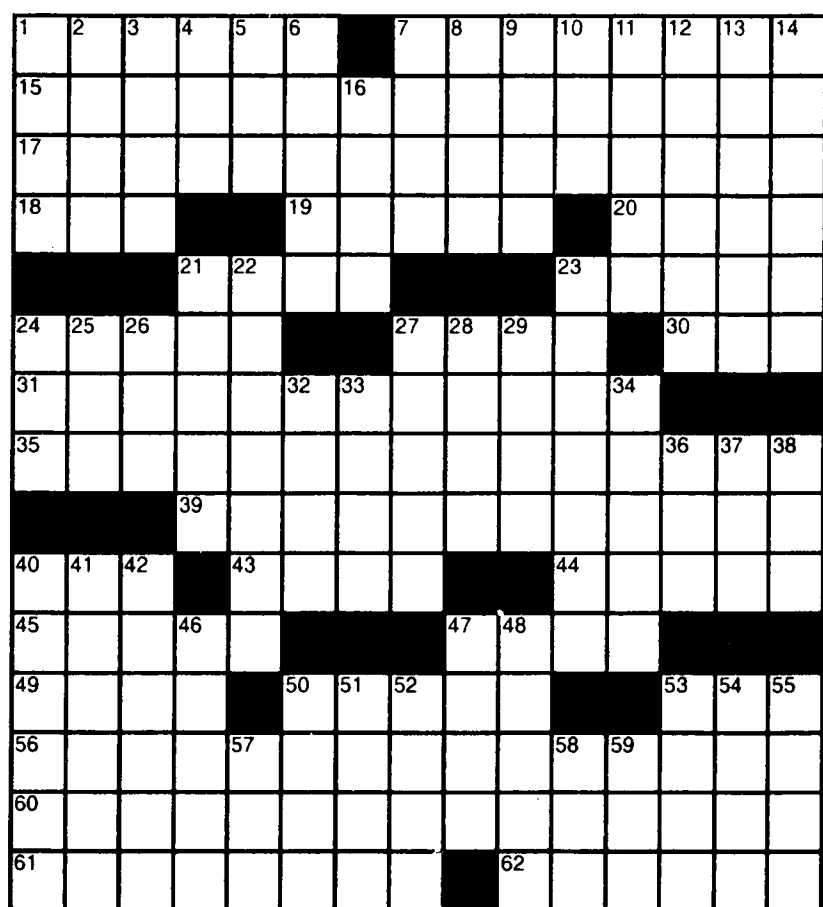
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 - 11 Get very hot
 - 12 Performance enhancer
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BASEBALL

For the love of the game

Grisham speaks of affinity for college baseball in opening dinner

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

The 2004 Irish baseball season officially got under way Thursday night as the team hosted the Opening Night Dinner with guest speakers John Grisham and former Notre Dame All-American Steve Stanley.

Grisham, a rabid amateur baseball enthusiast and recent follower of the Notre Dame program, talked about his love of collegiate baseball and the role the sport has played throughout his life in the rural South.

"College baseball is fun to watch, and that is one of the reasons it's my favorite sport," the author said. "I go to [the College World Series in] Omaha, Neb., every chance I get just to watch great baseball. The reason I love the sport is that its great baseball played by great players."

Grisham extolled the virtues of amateur baseball, especially on the collegiate level, for the great love and respect the players have for their favorite past time.

"These kids respect the game, they know how to play it, they respect their schools and they're proud of their schools," Grisham said. "That's why I love college baseball. It's a great game, played by great kids at great schools like this."

The author contrasted the devotion that players on the collegiate level have to the game and to their schools with the selfishness and "me-first" attitude that often arises in professional baseball.

"College baseball players hustle, and for somebody that is a fan of the game, there is nothing so rewarding as to watch a kid hustle," he said. "And there is nothing more frustrating than to watch professionals who will not."

"College baseball players play for the name on the front of the uniform, and not the one on the back. They love their schools. They respect the game, and that's the cornerstone of college baseball."

In the last few years, Grisham has developed several ties to the Irish baseball program. The attraction started in the 2000 NCAA



Author and avid college baseball fan John Grisham speaks at Irish baseball's Opening Night Dinner. Former Notre Dame All-American baseball player Steve Stanley also spoke.

Regionals hosted by Mississippi State in Starkville, Miss. The Irish were sent down South, and a scrappy Notre Dame team that would not be intimidated by the boisterous home crowd almost knocked the Bulldogs out of the tournament.

The two schools played three grueling games in 24 hours before the Bulldogs eventually triumphed with a ninth-inning

home run for a 10-9 win in the championship game. Grisham, a Mississippi State graduate, was unable to attend the regional that year, but he got a full report from friends and family about the feisty Irish team.

This past summer, with his son a member of the University of Virginia baseball team,

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ND TRACK AND FIELD

Irish host top teams at Invite

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

Many of the top track squads in America will meet in the Loftus Sports Center this weekend as the annual Mayo Invitational begins tonight at 7 p.m. The two-day meet will continue Saturday morning at 10 a.m., with the finals beginning at 2 p.m.

Notre Dame is expected to face off against strong competition on both the men's and women's sides. The meet favorite is Arkansas, ranked first in the men's poll and eleventh in the women's, according to Trackwire.com. Alabama, Georgia Tech, Wisconsin, Georgetown, Mississippi, Wake Forest, Maryland, Michigan State, Michigan, Butler, Ball State and Western Carolina headline the 63-team field.

The Irish women are have had success thus far, as they are currently ranked 21st nationally. They are led by

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Defensive Irish go on the road

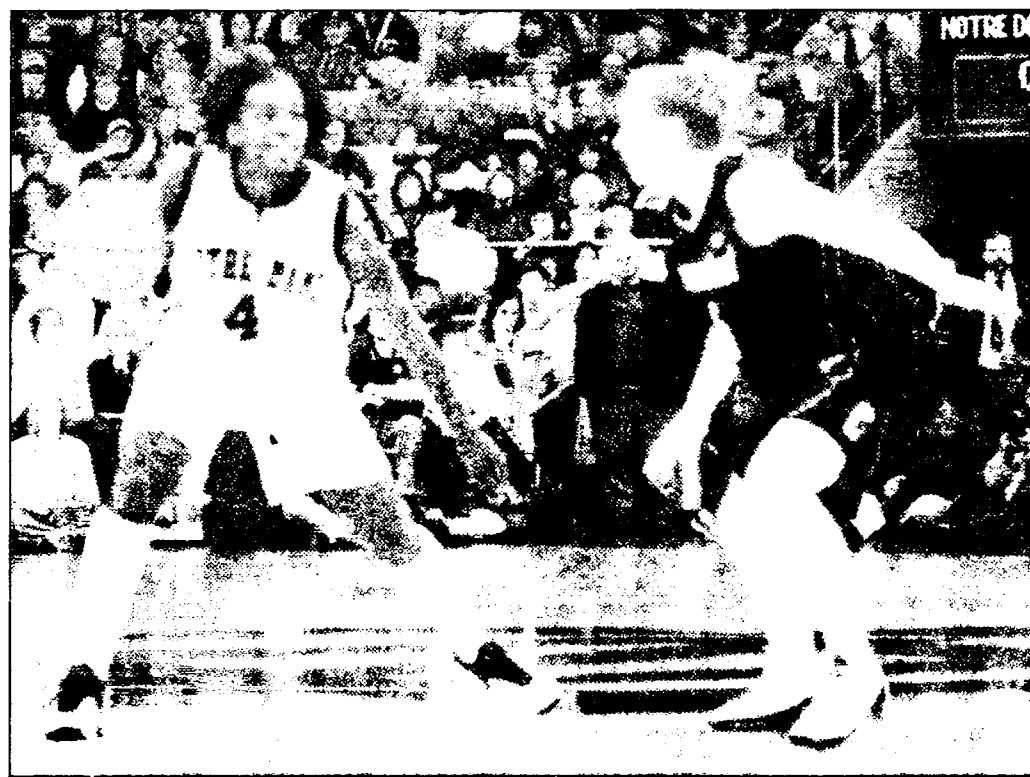
By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

No. 23 Notre Dame looks for its sixth straight win as the Irish go on the road to face Seton Hall Sunday afternoon.

The Pirates (12-8, 4-5 Big East) come off a 64-40 loss to Virginia Tech, but hold an impressive 7-2 home record. Their only losses came against No. 4 Connecticut and Pittsburgh.

Meanwhile, the Irish have played outstanding defense in their past eight games, holding all but one opponent to 50 points or less in their seven wins. Notre Dame defeated Georgetown Wednesday night 66-52, holding the Hoyas to a season-low 29.6 percent shooting.

But Seton Hall is a defensive-minded team as well, as they only allow 56.6 points per game. Offensively, they average



LeTania Severe looks to drive against Connecticut Jan. 13. Severe and the Irish hope to extend their six-game win streak.

61.4 points per game.

Junior Ashley Bush leads the Pirates in scoring, averaging 10.4 points and 6.4 rebounds

per game. However, she is the only Pirate with a double figure

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HOCKEY

Irish travel to face first place Miami

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame has made a habit of relishing in the David role this season. This weekend they'll face another Goliath.

The Irish (13-9-4, 9-8-3 in the CCHA) travel to Oxford, Ohio, to face first place Miami this season. The RedHawks (16-9-3, 13-5-2 in the CCHA) are currently No. 7 in both national college hockey polls.

"To play the first place team in your conference at this point of the season is wonderful," Irish coach Dave Poulin said. "We both play a similar style — a real upbeat, up-tempo brand of hockey. It should be a tremendous series."

Boston College, Maine and Wisconsin are three top-five teams that have already fallen

to Notre Dame this season. For Miami to become the fourth, Notre Dame will have to defeat a RedHawks team on a five-game unbeaten streak, including a sweep of traditional powerhouse Michigan State last weekend.

"I think that's why you schedule a tough non-conference schedule, is for situations like this," Poulin said. "I mean, Miami is the best team in the conference right now. I know that they claim they don't get much respect, but I know there's not one person in our locker room who doesn't respect Miami."

The RedHawks currently sit in first place in the CCHA with 28 points, seven points ahead of the seventh place Irish. Notre Dame sits just one point

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

MEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame vs. Purdue
Saturday, 1 p.m.

The Irish face a tough matchup against the Boilermakers' doubles teams.

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Notre Dame vs. Cleveland State
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Saint Mary's vs. Hope

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The Belles look to recover after a big loss to Calvin.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Duke 83
North Carolina 81

No. 1 Duke prevailed in an overtime thriller in Chapel Hill.

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The Canadiens defeated the Islanders 2-1. The Canucks, Flyers and Lightning were also victorious.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame vs. Pittsburgh

Saturday, 7 p.m.

The Irish look to get a big conference win at home.

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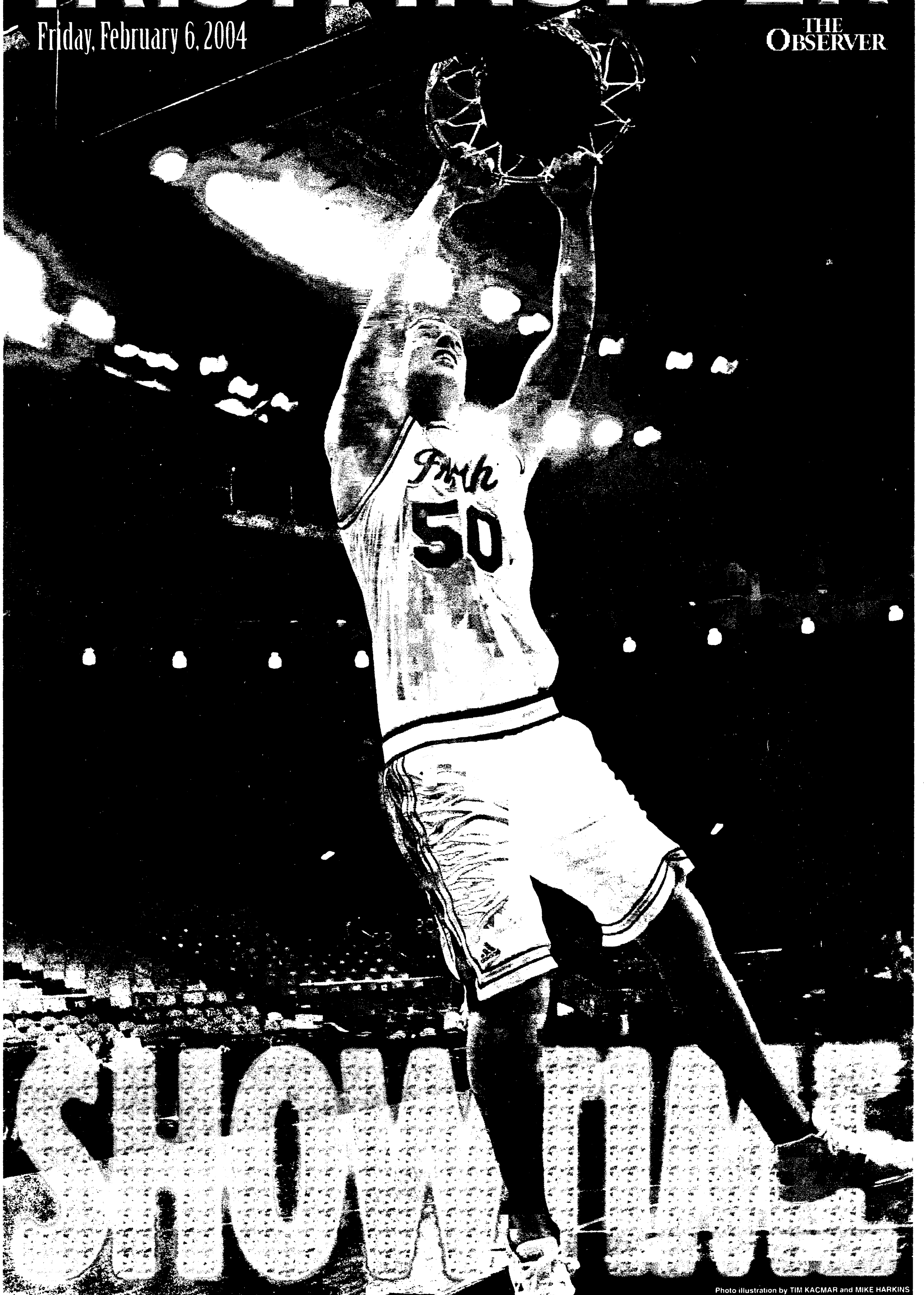


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February stretch make or break for the Irish



Notre Dame guard Torrian Jones drives to the basket against Miami's William Frisby Jan. 28.

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Mike Brey is not a coach normally given to using superlatives.

But ask the Irish basketball coach what he thinks of Notre Dame's February schedule, and Brey offers a weak smile.

"This is," he said, "the toughest February ever in this program's history."

Just how tough is the gauntlet the Irish must run? The month's first seven games are all against teams whose RPI rating places them among the nation's top 30.

After losing 76-69 to Boston College, the first team in that stretch, Wednesday night, Notre Dame faces a difficult stretch when they host Pittsburgh and Connecticut in a 48-hour span beginning Saturday.

Then, the Irish get the better part of a week off before hosting Seton Hall, but two days later, have to travel to Syracuse. Five days go by before the Irish have to play Connecticut — in Hartford, this time — and then host Providence. The murderous stretch concludes with a trip to Los Angeles to play UCLA.

It's enough to make any head coach whimper.

And with the Irish (10-8, 4-3 in the Big East) teetering on the brink of failing to qualify for the NCAA Tournament, the Irish have to manage to get several quality wins during

that span.

"It's another opportunity for us," Torrian Jones said. "It's going to do nothing but help us out. We're ready for the challenge, and we've shown glimpses of our talent this year."

Notre Dame's current predicament is eerily similar to the one the Irish faced in Brey's first year and Jones' freshman year. Then, the Irish had suffered through an unimpressive December and January and were poised on the proverbial N C A A Tournament bubble. But

Notre Dame reeled off eight straight wins to clinch the Big East West Division title.

The similarities are something Brey and Jones talk about privately, but rarely discuss with the rest of the team.

"We're a little younger this time around, and we have the talent," Jones said. "But the older guys have to step up and get that eight-game winning streak."

"Leadership is what we need most right now."

Brey isn't so optimistic, but he knows Notre Dame needs many quality wins to improve their tournament resume. Notre Dame's RPI rating is 82nd in the nation. Come Selection Sunday, teams who have an RPI rank around 40

are often considered bubble teams.

What's more, the Irish have yet to get a quality win this season. Notre Dame hasn't beaten a ranked team this year, and its most impressive win, RPI-wise, came Jan. 10 at Villanova, who is ranked No. 62.

All season long, Brey has defended the Irish against their tough schedule, saying that it wasn't important for Notre Dame to beat every top-level team on its schedule as long as they beat a few. But those wins have been lacking.

"This is a huge stretch for us," Jordan Cornette

"Nobody is thinking about the NIT."

Jordan Cornette
Irish forward

said. "We've got some tough teams ahead on our schedule. We haven't had any big wins yet. We've had some tough victories, but no good RPI wins."

But Notre Dame's players haven't given up. The Irish carry a two-game losing streak into Saturday's game against No. 4 Pittsburgh (21-1, 7-1) and then turn around Monday and host the No. 5 Huskies (18-3, 6-1).

"Nobody is thinking about the NIT," Cornette said defiantly.

He didn't have to add that the Irish have enough on their minds already.

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Every Friday, while hostilities continue in Iraq,
the 5:15 p.m. Mass at the Basilica will be offered for Peace.

*Peace is a gift from God but it is also the result of human efforts.
Please join us each Friday for this special Mass.*

On First Fridays, beginning this Friday, we will pray for and remember all who have died in the conflict in Iraq, especially innocent civilians, and we will pray, as well, for peacemakers and all who yearn for peace with justice for all God's people.

Listed below are the names of family members, friends and alumni of Notre Dame serving in the armed forces of the United States in the Middle East.

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John Paul Arsenault	Mike Conway	Col. Mark Gehri	Anna King	Andrew Mitchell	Michael Vanderlaan
John Baker	Pfc. Riley J. Cook	Richie Goller	Grace Lee	Josh Moskaitis	Dan Vanderlinden
Phil Barr	Salmon Cooper	Drew Hackey	Jamie Limongelli	Mark Patanella	Colin Welch
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Wally Bishop	Chris Davis	Nathan Hall	Shannon Manson	Tony Scardino	David Whitaker
Sean Brennan	Brig. Gen. Martin	Theresa Hansen	Pearse Marshner	Scott Spal	Jessica White
Christopher Brown	Dempsey	Shanon Holman	Jeff Mayer	Ryan Stillman	Andre Williams
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Andrew Casper	Casimir Drowleski	Bob James	Katie McCauldon	Francis Tisak	
Simeon Chelf	Chris Eden	Jason Jenson	Ian McEwan	Paul Tisak	

If you would like to have a name added to this list, please email
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Immediately after the Mass for Peace this Friday and every first Friday, Campus Ministry and the Center for Social Concerns will co-sponsor a round table discussion on a theme related to the conflict immediately after the Mass at the Center for Social Concerns. A simple meal will be served with conversation led by Assistant Theology Professor Margie Pfeil.

Please join us in prayer and worship at the Basilica, and for discussion and an exchange of viewpoints afterwards.

Defining his role

Timmermans works through frustrations to become a leader for the Irish

By MATT LOZAR

Associate Sports Editor

Tom Timmermans isn't your typical 6-foot-11, 270-pound center.

He wows fans with no-look passes and isn't afraid to shoot the 3-pointer from the top of the key.

But he also does the conventional big man things like dropping point guards with monster picks and being the main enforcer down low for the Irish.

"I enjoy that part of being physical. It's necessary in the Big East," Timmermans said. "But sometimes when I have an open shot from wherever it is on the floor, I'll take it."

It's a multi-dimensional role Timmermans has developed in his senior season with the Irish — a senior season that had a very good chance of not being this productive.

Frustrations abound

Timmermans played 31 minutes in Notre Dame's opening exhibition game against the Hoop Group. Timmermans played in only two of the next eight contests for a total of 15 minutes.

His back injury, which Timmermans said "just kind of sneaked in there," was forcing the senior co-captain to watch from the bench as the Irish dropped below .500 for the first time under coach Mike Brey.

Timmermans had worked in the off-season to cut down on acquiring quick fouls and getting into early foul trouble as he often did in his first three years at Notre Dame. He was trying to become a major contributor for the Irish.

But his back wasn't cooperating — and there was nothing Timmermans could do about it.

"It was definitely really frustrating," Timmermans said. "It's your senior year, you want to

play and you want to be out there, and then your body doesn't want to go."

Timmermans wasn't the only one frustrated. Combine Timmermans' injury with Rick Cornett's early season injury and freshman Omari Israel recovering from off-season knee injury, and Brey was limited to basically two big men.

Brey became so concerned about the lack of depth in the paint that he asked freshman tight end John Carlson to pull double duty and join the basketball team, even just to be a practice body.

"I was frustrated we didn't have him early this year," Brey said. "But he's an example of what a senior should do."

Timmermans worked with the coaches and the training staff not to rush back from the injury. After battling his back for about a month, Timmermans was able to ease his way back into the lineup at the end of Notre Dame's non-conference schedule.

By the time the Big East schedule rolled around, Timmermans was ready to go.

Breaking out

The opportunity for Timmermans to assume a major contributing role with the Irish began before the season started. When Brey answered questions about who his core group of players would be in 2003-04, Timmermans was one of those six players Brey always talked about.

The back injury was the only thing restraining Timmermans. When Timmermans was finally healthy entering Big East play, he played 10 minutes against West Virginia, 19 at Villanova and 24 at Pittsburgh. Then came Syracuse and its notorious 2-3 zone.

Timmermans broke it down perfectly.

"I've always been pretty good with the ball and making good

decisions," Timmermans said. "With Syracuse and their zone, the high post is going to be open with a lot of space and opportunities to make those kind of passes. I made the passes and other people knocked them down."

Timmermans camped out at the high post, which is always open in the 2-3 zone. As Notre Dame's guards got Timmermans the ball, he scanned the rest of the Irish offense and made passes rivaling those of the best guards in the country to the open players.

On that night, it wasn't just the passing ability of Timmermans that was on display. He registered career highs in points, assists and minutes while tying his career high in rebounds.

What Timmermans would display on a daily basis in practice became public and allowed him to become a Joyce Center fan favorite.

"In practice, I always knew he had a lot of talent," senior co-captain Torrian Jones said. "He had a nice shooting touch and dribble moves."

"Now you can see what he's capable of doing."

That unique package for a collegiate center Timmermans exhibited at Syracuse is something the Irish haven't had for a long time — a post player who will commit the hard foul, will thread the needle with a pass to hit the open man and isn't afraid to throw up a 3-pointer from the top of the key.

It's the on the court role Timmermans has grown into with the Irish.

"It definitely helps having somebody who can get the ball in the low post and pass it back out to someone who is spotting up," Timmermans said. "Being able to pass it out for a 3-pointer is very important."

Changing his dreams

When Timmermans was growing up in the Netherlands, he had a childhood dream.

It wasn't to be a Division I basketball player.

"I did do a little speed skating back in the day," Timmermans said with a smile.

Two factors kept Timmermans from pursuing that dream — he grew to be 6-foot-11 and speed skating was done outside.

While still in school in the Netherlands, he participated in school sports and developed an attraction for the game of basketball. He completed his high school career playing basketball for two years at a high school in St. George, Va.

In terms of his dislike of cold weather, the harsh climate in South Bend couldn't keep him away from a top school offering basketball and solid academics.

"I'm definitely not liking the snow up here, but with the school and the basketball program here, the climate can't do anything about that," Timmermans said.

Timmermans admits his time in the United States has changed him. His family says he has become "Americanized" and his Dutch isn't as good as it used to be.

Timmermans has become more mature over his four years at Notre Dame and that became evident when he earned the distinction of a captain in the pre-season.

Just like developing into a role on the court, Timmermans



TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Tom Timmermans passes around Syracuse's Hakim Warrick in Syracuse's 81-70 win at the Joyce Center.

knows his role as a captain as well.

"We have the voice in Torrian. I'm not always the one that pumps them up. But I will be the one that says something when it is quiet or when nobody is saying anything," Timmermans said. "I'll be the one saying, get the loose ball, do the physical stuff and lead by example the floor by doing that stuff."

Combine three previous years of waiting with the early-season

injury, and the result is a basketball player who never gave up during his career at Notre Dame.

It's something Brey can show to other players as something to strive for when everything isn't going the way one hopes.

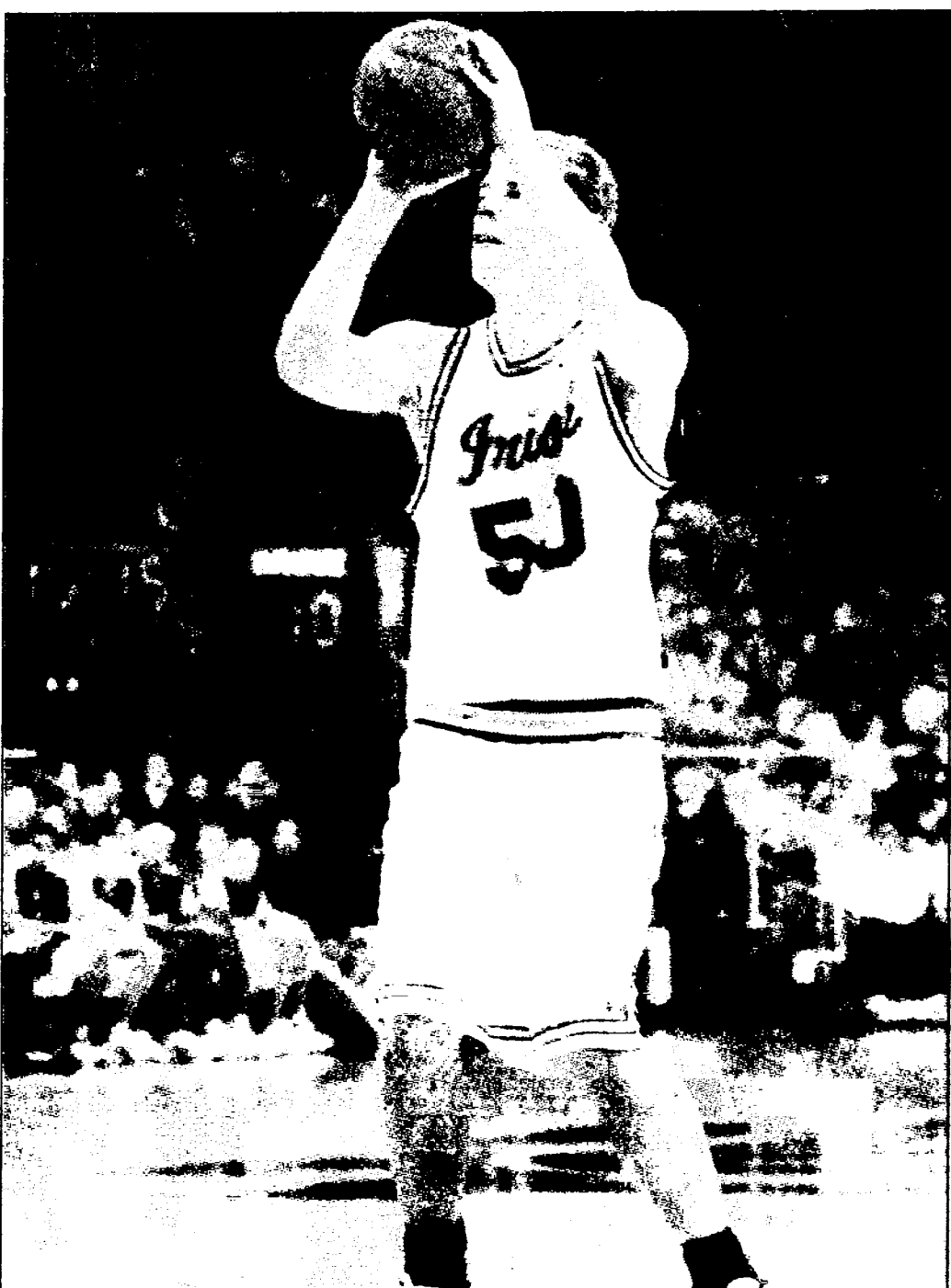
"He's a good example of how a player progresses in your program," Brey said.

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Tom Timmermans attempts a reverse layup around the Orangemen's Craig Forth.



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Tom Timmermans shoots from his favorite long distance spot, outside the arc near the top of the key.

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THE IRISH

	COACHING	STYLE OF PLAY	POST PLAYERS	PERIMETER PLAYERS	BENCH	INTANGIBLES
NOTRE DAME	Brey had led the Irish to three straight NCAA Tournaments in his first three years at Notre Dame. Yet he faces arguably his most difficult task this year in trying to get the Irish to make a fourth straight trip.	There's two themes here. Notre Dame often begins games trying to get the ball to Francis in the post. But as the game wears on, the Irish tend to move away from Francis and win games with their outside shooting.	One of the best big men in the Big East, Francis is a formidable weapon if he gets his hands on the ball. Cornette and Timmermans have both been playing well lately, as well, giving the Irish a couple options down low.	With Thomas struggling, Quinn has emerged as the center of Notre Dame's offensive attack. Jones gives the Irish a slashing, penetrating attack when he moves to the basket, and he's easily the team's most vocal leader.	The Irish have used largely a seven-man rotation all season long. While Cornette and Timmermans have done well off the bench, Falls has yet to emerge as the deadly shooter he was purported to be.	The Joyce Center can get rocking for big games, and Notre Dame's student section is one of the loudest in the league. However, the Irish have struggled at home this season.

THE OPPONENTS

	COACHING	STYLE OF PLAY	POST PLAYERS	PERIMETER PLAYERS	BENCH	INTANGIBLES
PITTSBURGH	In his first year at Pittsburgh, Dixon has kept the Panthers among the league's elite. Pittsburgh was undefeated late into the season, and many are projecting this team as a potential Final Four candidate.	The Panthers play a style of basketball similar to Notre Dame, where they use the 3-point shot to beat teams senseless. However, they also have a strong physical presence inside and often out-rebound their opponents.	Brown, Troutman and Taft compose the Panthers' inside game. All three are shooting over 50 percent from the field, and combined, they generate an average of 32 points a game.	Page is far and away the deep threat of this year's team. His range is equivalent to that of Irish graduate Matt Carroll's, but he can also create shots off the dribble. The freshman, Krauser, has performed well at the point guard spot all year.	The Panthers can go eight-deep with ease, and they have an interchangeable lineup that allows them to start different players on different nights with minimal drop-off. No bench player averages more than 10 points a game, however.	One of the league's toughest teams to beat at home, the Panthers have only played four games on the road this year. What's more, this team has a chance to challenge for a Big East title — something not lost on the Panthers when they play.
CONNECTICUT	Calhoun is easily one of the nation's most respected coaches, and year after year, the Huskies are always in the hunt for a Big East title. A large part of that has to do with Calhoun's effective leadership.	Pick your poison — this year's version of the Huskies will kill you inside with Okafor or outside with Gordon. Connecticut's strength is in its versatility of offensive weapons, and five players are averaging double-digit point totals since league play began.	There's no question Okafor is the Big East's best big man. The only question that remains is if he's the nation's best player. He shoots a whopping 61 percent from the field, averages a double-double each game, and has blocked 96 shots this year.	Gordon is an effective perimeter player, shooting 43 percent from 3-point range, but he is also a great point guard. He's complimented well by Brown, a slashing guard who picks the Huskies up on the rare occasion when Okafor and Gordon are off.	Connecticut can go eight or nine players deep, running bodies at opposing teams to tire them out. Their depth is one of their greatest strengths, and defense is a hallmark of Calhoun-coached teams.	Ranked No. 1 in the nation at one point this year, the Huskies are a team on a mission. Okafor's calm leadership helps guide Connecticut in close games, and the Huskies have only lost one game on the road this year.

THE ANALYSIS

	COACHING	STYLE OF PLAY	POST PLAYERS	PERIMETER PLAYERS	BENCH	INTANGIBLES
ND-PITT	Brey has been successful in the past, but he's struggled to help this young team find its identity this year. Still, his counterpart is benefitting largely from a wealth of talent — it's tough to say how much of an impact Dixon has had.	Pittsburgh typically kills the Irish inside when the two teams meet, mixing a punishing inside game with a deadly perimeter attack. Yet if Notre Dame is hitting their shots and Francis is a presence inside, the Irish can counter the Panthers.	For whatever reason, Notre Dame has had problems countering Pittsburgh's inside game. Francis has the offensive talent to score if he gets the ball, but defensively, the Irish have struggled. There's little sign that will change now.	If Thomas was playing well, this would go to the Irish. But his offensive struggles mean Notre Dame's guard are fairly equal to the Panthers' backcourt. It remains to be seen how effective the Quinn point guard switch could be.	Since Notre Dame rarely goes to its bench in a crisis, it should be little surprise that Pittsburgh has the edge here. While the Panthers bench isn't notable, it is a steady rotation that the Irish may have trouble countering.	With a difficult game against Connecticut looming, the Irish will be eagerly motivated to get a win. Their NCAA Tournament hopes are starting to slip away, and this game against Pittsburgh — who the Irish almost beat — is a must win.
ND-UCONN	Calhoun has made several trips to the Final Four, while Brey is still trying to get the Irish past the Sweet 16. Plus, while Brey is trying to sort out his team's struggles, Calhoun has the Huskies running like a fine-tuned machine.	It will be tough for the Irish to match up with Connecticut's inside-outside combo of Okafor and Gordon. Plus, Connecticut's deep bench will hurt an Irish team that relies heavily on its starters for minutes.	The matchup between Francis and Cornette and Okafor will be intriguing. Still, Okafor is an incredible defender and rebounder who has excellent basketball knowledge the Irish have yet to demonstrate.	As good as Thomas and Quinn can be when their shots are falling, the pair has yet to have good games in the same game. Jones may be called on to contain Gordon, but the Huskies just may be too deep for Notre Dame's guards to handle.	Again, there is little doubt here who has the edge. Connecticut's depth enables them to run bodies at teams, thus keeping the stars fresh down the stretch. The Irish, however, look tired in close games because they lack the bench support.	This is hands-down the biggest game in the Joyce Center this year. If the Irish faithful aren't rocking and the players aren't fired up for this game, they won't be at all. The key for Notre Dame will be their ability to weather the inevitable Huskie run.