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Hammonds ticket claims Class of '97 election

Run-off stands despite last minute recount

By RUSSELL WILLIAMS
News Writer

Heading into Monday's elections to determine student body class officers and student senators, all one could predict was that Mark Leen and Joseph Lang would win Senate seats, as Leen and Lang ran unopposed in Districts Three and Four, respectively.

As expected, contests for sophomore and junior class offices will be determined Wednesday, when a run-off vote will take place. Peter Cesaro, Michele Costello, James Farrell, and Erin Herlihy will square off against Jay DeCoons, Karen Hilke, Joe Hand, and Dan Mullen in the race for sophomore class office.

This was the tightest race, and a recount was done late Monday night at the request of candidate Deanette Weiss. The Cesaro ticket garnered 242 votes versus the 249 votes for the DeCoons ticket. To avoid the run-off, the winner must

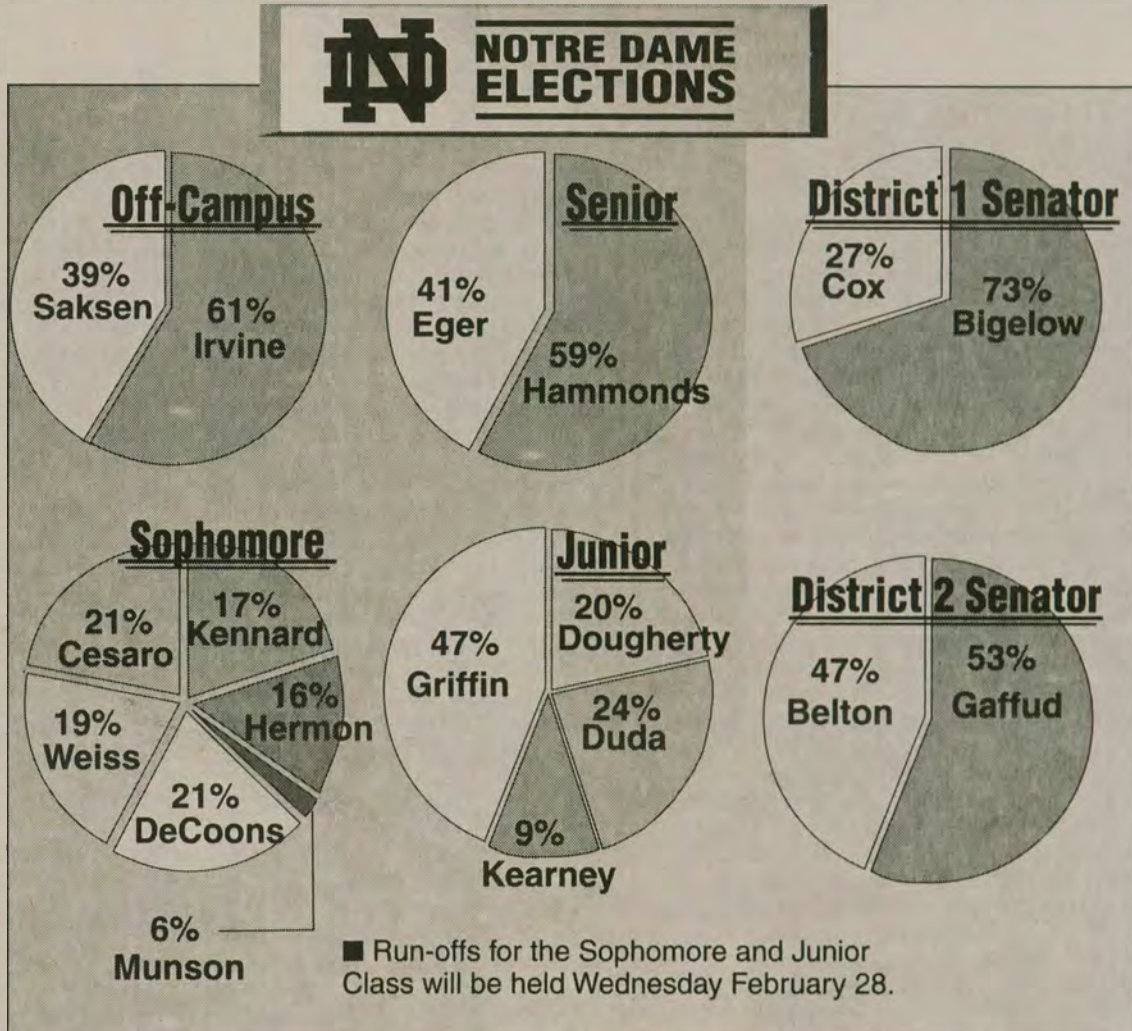
receive more than 50 percent of the votes cast. This was difficult, considering there were six tickets running in this race.

Weiss requested the recount after her ticket finished in third place with 218 votes. After the recount, her ticket had 231 votes. She insisted that her request was not an instance of "sour grapes." She said, "Our candidate for treasurer, Brian Lacombe, is a Fisher resident and we received very few votes in that dorm. We requested the recount simply because we suspected a mistake." Weiss and her running mates were correct.

"We were notified of a possible discrepancy, and the constitution requires a recount if two candidates are within ten votes of each other. To avoid a conflict we did the recount," said Student Government Vice President Dennis McCarthy. The recount did not change the participants in the run-off, though.

In the junior class race, the ticket of Matt Griffin, Anne Freedy, Beth Nolan, and Leon Stronsky will oppose Rick Duda, Becca Dalton, Sean Lynch, and Stacy McNulty.

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Spreading holiday cheer

Christopher Mullins and Jessica Ward signed students up for the X-Mas in April program yesterday. Sign-ups will continue today in the Hesburgh Library from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Survey to evaluate use of computers, networks

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN
News Writer

Two student-run organizations grew closer to the culmination of an effort to bring about change in the world of on-campus computing on Feb. 19. Student Government's Department of Intellectual Life and the Graduate Student Union's Graduate Computer Committee, with the support of the Office for Information Technologies, released an extensive survey to the student body asking questions about computer and network usage by students.

Jeff Squyres, the chairman of the Graduate Computer Committee and one of the au-

thors of the survey, said he hoped the poll would bring about positive change in the clusters and computing in general.

"There are really two goals with this survey," Squyres said. "First, we want to learn about the general computing trends of students on campus. Second, we want to find out how satisfied students are with the level of service."

The groups decided near the end of 1995 to circulate a survey, but it took until now to put it together.

"Different writing problems and questions had to be worked out over the last few

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Statistics show rising number of female smokers

Editors Note: This is the final part of a three part series exploring the use of tobacco at Saint Mary's College.

By MAUREEN HURLEY and LORI ALLEN
Saint Mary's News Editors

You've come a long way, baby.

According to health officials, Virginia Slims' slogan reigns true, as the trend in women smoking has moved through history from a form of social rebellion to an increasing social habit.

Statistics from the American Lung Association of Northern Indiana state that the age when Americans begin smoking is getting younger, especially among females.

In light of this fact, in a recent Observer poll, 67 percent of Saint Mary's women surveyed stated that they have tried smoking, with 38 percent declaring themselves as regular smokers.

However, 44 percent of those who say they are not regular smokers consider themselves "social smokers," who only smoke in bars, at social gatherings, or with friends.

On a national scale, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services cites 23 percent of women in America as smokers, steadily gaining toward the 28 percent of men smoke.

Smoking is becoming a major women's health issue, as research in the past decade has explored this increasing trend towards women smoking.



The death rate for women has gone up 452 percent over the years since women started smoking as much as men do. Furthermore, lung cancer currently causes more deaths for women than any other cancer, according to the American Cancer Society.

Coupled with gender issues, health officials state that starting smoking during high school or college is an added risk factor.

Individuals who start smoking between ages 15 and 24 are 10 to 14 times more likely to die of

lung cancer than the nonsmoker.

The American Cancer Society states that many students do quit after college, noting a trend that education level affects smoking rates. According to statistics, this is shown by a consistent decrease in smoking rates in groups with a higher level of education.

"Smoking is disgusting. I don't understand why anyone would even start," said Amy Johnson. "It smells, it's gross, and you can't breathe."

One anonymous smoker said, "I started to smoke because, basically because I was a stupid teenager who didn't know any better at the time. I have no strength to quit now, and I know I should. Smokers are rightly discriminated against."

However, smokers on campus cite various reasons for starting the habit, and reasons why they plan to continue smoking.

According to the American Lung Association, most women begin smoking in social situations or for social reasons.

"I just like smoking. My old boyfriend smoked, and so did all of his friends and all my friends," said Jill Fenstermaker.

Others view it as a habit. "It's just something to do with my hands, an oral fixation, I guess you could say," said Niki Janci. "I never really thought about the health effects."

Many misconceptions exist that lure women to smoking. According to Surgeon General

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

Education's Folly

Since it began, the Republican primary race has focused on the issues of jobs, workers' rights, and taxes. Left behind is the issue which provides jobs, improves workers' rights, and promotes an understanding of taxation: education.

Bill Connolly
News Copy Editor

This issue is the key to improving all of America's woes. An efficient educational system leads to a more informed public with citizens who can better serve their country and themselves. Yet, all of the key candidates for the presidency, including President Clinton, have ignored or only touched on the issue.

It's not like the educational system has improved, or even remained mediocre. Indeed, it is falling apart. Since it is at the core of America, the nation is breaking down along with it. Educational statistics tell the tale. In "The Index of Leading Cultural Indicators" by William Bennett, the folly of the American public school system is revealed. For example, while expenditures on public education have increased more than 200 percent since 1960, SAT scores have declined 73 points. Further, there seems to be little correlation between spending on education and achievement. The top state in SAT scores, Iowa, ranked 27 in the nation in expenditures on public schools in 1993, while the top state in expenditures, New Jersey, ranked 39 in SAT scores.

At the same time, discipline in public schools has gotten much worse over time. In 1940, the top disciplinary problems, according to teachers, were talking out of turn, chewing gum, and running in the halls. By 1990, the top problems included drug abuse, alcohol abuse, rape, and robbery.

The United States spends more each year per student on public education than Canada, Italy, France, the United Kingdom, and Japan. Yet the lack of proper education and discipline leaves American students behind students from the rest of the world.

Why has our educational system sunk to such a level? One of the main reasons is the increase of non-teaching staff as influenced by larger and stronger unions. Other reasons include the lack of a core curriculum between communities and the lack of community support for the growth of schools.

The best way to improve the system would be to allow parents to choose between public, religious, and private schools through tax credits. This would allow poor families to send their children to better schools. As a result, the competition between public and private schools would increase, forcing public schools to cut the unnecessary bureaucracy which currently overloads the system and takes away from what is most important: the growth of the student. Most importantly, tax credits would ease the burden on poor parents currently struggling to get their children through religious schools. For instance, in many inner cities, single parents often carry three jobs just to keep their kids in efficient religious schools. Tax credits would allow these parents to work less and pay more attention to their families.

The current system is wasteful and forces poor families, especially minorities, to work even harder than they should to pay both the tax for public schools and the tuition for the private school their child is attending. This change must occur soon, or else the core will continue to rot until America falls apart.

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■ WORLD AT A GLANCE

Israel mourns increasing number of bombing victims

JERUSALEM

With the wounds of two suicide bombings still achingly fresh, Israel had more tragic deaths to mourn today: An Arab-American smashed his car into a Jerusalem bus stop, killing two people before bystanders shot him dead.

Police commanders who rushed to the scene with hundreds of officers initially said they were dealing with a terror attack. But they later said the driver apparently lost control of the car and tried to brake, noting there were long skid marks on the street.

In addition to the two dead, 22 people were hurt. Police were questioning the two bystanders who had opened fire on the driver, but it was not immediately known whether they faced possible criminal charges.

The incident underscored the raw tension in Israel a day after Muslim militant suicide bombers blew themselves up in back-to-back attacks on a Jerusalem city bus and at a hitchhiking post for Israeli soldiers in the coastal town of Ashkelon.

A witness to today's car crash said a black Fiat Uno ran a red light at a north Jerusalem intersection at high speed and then smashed into the crowded stop, a gathering point for Jewish West Bank settlers returning home from jobs or studies in Jerusalem.

"The driver got out of the car and shouted 'Allah is Great' and then someone shot him," said a witness who would only give his first name, Eli.

Jerusalem police commander Arie Amit said the driver was a U.S. resident who was visiting the West Bank town of Ramallah and had rented the car for a week from a Jerusalem rental company.

Israeli terrorism

A list of attacks by Muslim militants in Israel since the signing of the first Israel-PLO peace agreement in September 1993:

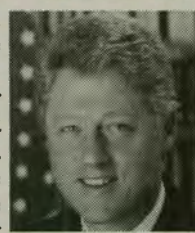
- Apr. 6, 1994:** Palestinian parks car rigged with explosives next to bus in Atula, in northern Israel. Nine Israelis killed, 45 wounded. Militant Muslim group Hamas claims responsibility.
- Apr. 13, 1994:** Palestinian blows himself up on bus in Hadera in central Israel. Six Israelis killed, 25 wounded. Hamas claims responsibility.
- Oct. 19, 1994:** Palestinian suicide bomber kills 22 Israelis, wounds 48 in bus explosion in Tel Aviv. Hamas claims responsibility.
- Nov. 12, 1994:** Palestinian suicide bomber on a bicycle in the Gaza Strip kills three Israeli soldiers. Hamas-related group, Islamic Jihad, claims responsibility.
- Dec. 25, 1994:** Palestinian blows himself up on bus in Jerusalem, wounding 12 Israelis. Hamas claims responsibility.
- Jan. 22, 1995:** Two Palestinians blow themselves up at the Beit Lid junction in central Israel, killing 21 Israelis. Islamic Jihad claims responsibility.
- Apr. 9, 1995:** Two Palestinians blow themselves up outside two Jewish settlements in the Gaza Strip, killing seven Israeli soldiers and an American. Hamas and Islamic Jihad claim responsibility.
- July 24, 1995:** Palestinian suicide bomber blows up bus in Tel Aviv, killing six Israelis, wounding 28. Hamas claims responsibility.
- Aug. 21, 1995:** Palestinian suicide bomber blows up bus in Jerusalem, killing four Israelis and one American, wounding more than 100. Hamas claims responsibility.
- Feb. 25, 1996:** Palestinian suicide bombers blow up bus in Jerusalem and soldiers' hitchhiking post in coastal city of Ashkelon, killing 24 Israelis and an American, wounding more than 80. Hamas claims responsibility.



Clinton honors the Braves

WASHINGTON

The 1995 World Series champion Atlanta Braves toured the White House on Monday and accepted belated congratulations from President Clinton for their "great season and magnificent World Series victory." The Braves, whose first invitation to the White House last year was canceled because of the crisis in Bosnia, interrupted their spring training in Florida to travel to Washington for the two-hour tour, reception and recognition ceremony. "The Braves have shown us the best side of professional sports, perseverance and hard work and a commitment that has endured over seasons," said Clinton. "There really does seem to be a spirit of teamwork that has worked for this team." The Braves won the championship last fall in six games over the Cleveland Indians.



Simpson takes the stand

LOS ANGELES

O.J. Simpson arrived today for his eighth day of testimony in two wrongful death lawsuits, and attorneys for the victims' families began questioning him. Simpson's marathon deposition testimony behind closed doors continued as plans were laid for his lawyers to question former Los Angeles police detective Mark Fuhrman. A judge in Idaho arranged for Fuhrman's deposition to be held at a secret site in that state on March 10. Sources say Simpson wants to face Fuhrman during the questioning. In West Los Angeles today, Simpson was being questioned by attorneys for the mother of Ronald Goldman and lawyers for the estate of Nicole Brown Simpson.

Industry responds to Internet Act

PHILADELPHIA

A coalition that includes computer industry giants Microsoft and Apple filed a federal lawsuit Monday to overturn a new law restricting indecency on the Internet. The lawsuit seeks to overturn the Communications Decency Act, which imposes a \$250,000 fine and up to six years in prison for transmitting indecent material that children could find it on the Internet. The Citizens Internet Empowerment Coalition argues that there are less restrictive means to protect children or other users from offensive material. "Enforcement of the act has been blocked temporarily by another lawsuit, filed by a coalition led by the American Civil Liberties Union. The law defines indecency as 'any comment, request, suggestion, proposal, image or other communication that, in context, depicts or describes, in terms patently offensive as measured by contemporary community standards, sexual or excretory activities or organs.'"

Deadbeat dad, militia surrenders

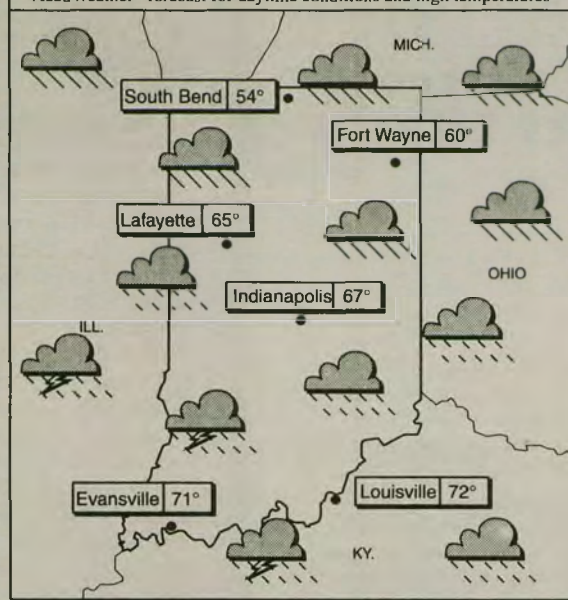
COUSHATTA, La.

A doctor wanted on deadbeat-dad charges surrendered Monday after a six-day standoff during which he rallied right-wing militia members to his home for fear FBI agents would kill him. Lynn Truman Crawford, 42, was taken to Shreveport for a hearing on charges of failing to pay \$70,000 in child support since 1985 in Missouri. The standoff began Feb. 21 when federal agents and sheriff's deputies went to arrest Crawford at his mother's rural house. Crawford refused to recognize the agents' authority. Authorities forced open a door to send in a dog, but Crawford's dog attacked the police canine and a deputy, the FBI said.

■ INDIANA WEATHER

Tuesday, Feb. 27

AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures



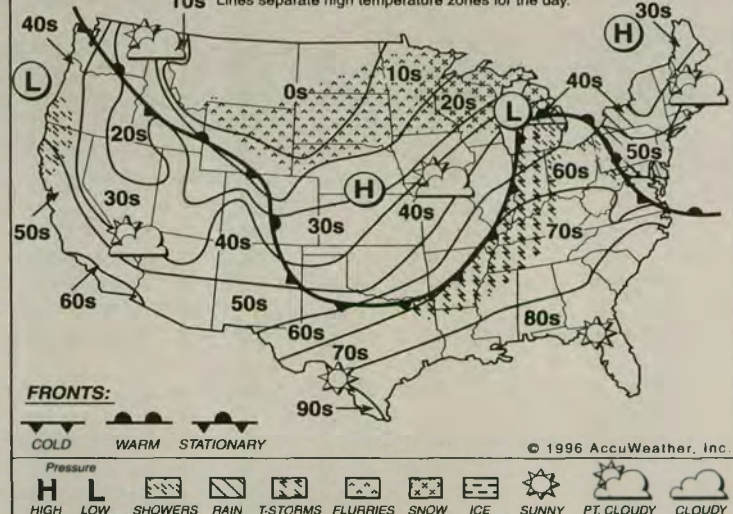
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■ NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, Feb. 27.

Lines separate high temperature zones for the day.



Atlanta	65	58	Chicago	25	23	Moose Jaw	-3	-15
Baltimore	63	49	Dallas	51	34	Nashville	47	45
Boston	51	40	Ft. Lauderdale	85	68	Philadelphia	58	45
Calgary	1	-11	Las Vegas	52	31	Princeton	56	43
Charleston	77	60	Milwaukee	26	24	Yonkers, N.Y.	56	43

Forum examines women's rights

Delegates explore recent changes in roles, stereotypes

By DONNA MIRANDOLA
News Writer

Women and men from throughout the world gathered in Beijing, China for the Fourth World Conference on Women September 4-14, 1995. With over 50,000 participants, this was the largest event in the history of the United Nations.

Sister Mary Turgi represented the Sisters of the Holy Cross as a participant in this world-wide event, and spoke about her experiences Monday afternoon in Haggar Parlor.

Turgi, a former Saint Mary's faculty member and current social organizer of Covington Community Center in Covington, Kentucky, explained the two meetings which comprised the Forum.

The first group that met was the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO). Over 30,000 representatives, mostly women, met in an open meeting which was held from Aug. 30 to Sept. 8. This was the group that captured the most media attention, and where the most sharing of cultures and ideas took place, said Turgi.

The "official" UN conference was held from Sept. 4 to 14. This was a formal congregation of 5,000 official government delegates.

"These delegates were not necessarily women, or people who knew very much about women's concerns," stated

Turgi.

During the overlapping time of the two meetings, the accredited NGO representatives had two missions.

"These groups needed to observe what the delegates were doing, but most importantly lobby the delegates. The groups would meet and decide what was or was not going well and strategize to influence their own delegations," said Turgi.

Turgi said, "We knew it wouldn't be easy. We did what we had to do. We got together to celebrate women and to strategize for what came next."

The job of the UN delegates was to approve the document, "Platform for Action." The platform not only addressed stereotypical concerns of women such as reproductive health and violent crime, but for the first time, the UN stated publicly that there is discrimination against women and that many times the discrimination starts in the womb.

The document also acknowledged that women do contribute resources to the economy.

"Women do much unpaid and uncounted work which is not reflected in a country's GNP. This idea is pivotal in welfare reform. Many countries say that women are not "working" and have no economic value. People who contribute to the economy should therefore be entitled to social services from the government," said Turgi.

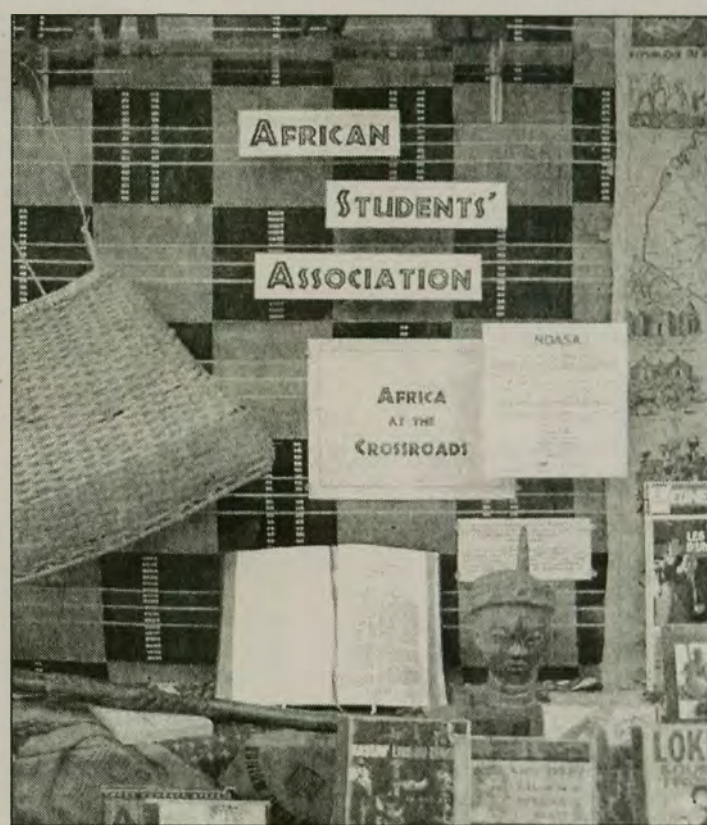
The UN declared that women's rights are indeed human rights. Human rights take precedence over religious and cultural customs. Therefore, practices such as genital mutilation and women dying on their husband's funeral pyres will now be seen

as in violation of the UN's definition of human rights.

Turgi came away from the forum with many lasting impressions and memories. She remembers the incredible sense of determination and organization of the women, especially since the site of the conference had been changed to 30 miles outside Beijing only weeks before the conference.

There was a deep sense of community and eagerness to communicate with each other despite language barriers, according to Turgi. The wide ranges of women of different cultures and economic backgrounds that came together to celebrate each other's customs and ideas is something Turgi will always remember, she said.

Turgi concluded, "It is important for young women to keep the global movement strong. We need to realize how similar the lives of women outside of the US are to our own. Issues of women from East Asia aren't very different from ones which are important here. It's a matter of being connected to women all over the world and ultimately, enhancing all of humanity."



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Exhibit debuts

The display, "Africa at the Crossroads" was unveiled yesterday. The exhibit, displayed on the second floor of Hesburgh Library, will run for three months.

Auction proceeds surpass goal

By DEREK BETCHER
News Writer

With the final proceeds doubling those of last year's fundraiser, Saturday's Fifth Annual Auction to benefit South Bend's Center for the Homeless was labeled a success by its organizers.

"It was extremely successful," said Tammy Oehm, the event's coordinator. "We exceeded our goal of raising \$100,000."

Oehm noted that the auction's hottest items were two armchair quarterback packages donated by Lou Holtz and the Notre Dame Football Office.

The packages entitled their purchasers to choose any home football game for 1996, and on that Saturday attend the team mass, dine at the team's pre-game meal, watch the game from the sidelines, and mingle in the locker room following the game.

"Those went for \$10,000 apiece," Oehm said.

The presence of Notre Dame

football players at the event, Oehm stated, was also well-received.

Former star Tony Rice and several of the team's current seniors were present Saturday evening.

"They just came on their own good will to mingle with the bidders and sign autographs for the people who attended. The Center really appreciates their help," Oehm said.

"On the whole, we had phenomenal volunteers. We had quite a few from the Notre Dame administration that helped out. I can't say enough about what a big help they

were, too," she added.

While nearly 450 people were on hand for Saturday evening's bidding at the Century Center, Oehm said that the day's silent auction saw some items slip away for reasonable prices.

"There were a lot of bargains at the silent auction. There were definitely some people who got deals on movie scripts and Hollywood autographs," said Oehm.

Proceeds for the event were entered into the center's regular operating budget.

"That money will be used to buy food and pay for other daily expenses," Oehm said.

CORRECTION

Yesterday's election preview article failed to include the platform of a ticket in the sophomore class election.

Jay DeCoons, Karen Hilke, Joe Hand and Dan Mullen promise class trips, a battle of the bands, a sophomore class retreat, a class dinner, and a class directory organized both by name and by dorm, among other plans.

Their ticket has advanced to the run-off, to be held Wednesday.

The Observer regrets the error.

The Observer

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Election

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Griffin's team picked up 427 votes versus 220 votes for the Duda ticket.

The race for senior class officers was won by the ticket of Bill Hammonds, president; Mike Schwartz, vice president; Dirk Koester, secretary; and Erin Purtell, treasurer.

Their platform, which stresses an injection of new ideas, proved to be popular with their classmates. The Hammonds ticket also wants to plan a Senior formal and class trips.

The Hammond group defeated the ticket of Mike Eger, Brian Zavislak, Tom Kali, and Peter Harrison 502 to 342. It was the second failed attempt to be a president this month for Eger, who unsuccessfully ran for Student Government President earlier this semester.

In the race for off-campus co-presidents, the ticket of Mike Irvine and Brendan Tobin defeated Sorin residents Alex Saksen and Michael Sweeney 206 to 130. Irvine and Tobin stressed the importance of better parking for off-campus students.

Tobin and Irvine were delighted about their victory and emphasized their desire to help their classmates. "We live off-campus this year, so we think we will be more able to deal with the parking problem," said Irvine. Tobin added, "We encourage all off-campus students to contact regarding their concerns. They can e-mail us or call us. We are open to suggestions."

The picture of the student Senate race was less blurry than the races for the sophomore and junior class offices. In District One, Shane McRann Bigelow scored a convincing victory over Ryan Cox, defeating him 426 to 157. In District Two, Sorin Hall resident Mike

Gaffud defeated Carol Hall sophomore Pat Belton 277 to 245.

Gaffud hopes to personalize all future commencement ceremonies, a hot topic of debate as of late. He also wants to improve communication between students and administration.

Gaffud's victory was sealed by the high level of support he received in Sorin, which had the highest voter turnout in District Two. "I'd like to thank all the guys in my dorm for voting," he said.

The winning candidates all expressed optimism with regards to achieving the goals on which they campaigned. Senior class vice-president Elect Mike Schwartz, who is currently junior class president, expressed a desire to increase the amount of trips to sporting events in Chicago.

"With the funds available, we should get tickets for Bulls, Blackhawks, White Sox, and Cubs games for class trips," Schwartz also indicated that a class formal "will not be hard at all" to accomplish.

In light of the close vote in the sophomore class election, the run-off should shape up to be very interesting.

The Peter Cesaro ticket will continue to run on what they describe as a broad and comprehensive platform. Included in this platform are increased participation in service projects.

Michele Costello, who is running on the Cesaro ticket as a vice-presidential candidate, said, "For example, we want to start a project with the Boys and Girls Club in which we would assist in painting a mural at the club along with the kids."

A tutoring program is another planned service project by the Cesaro. Costello said, "Our candidate for treasurer, Erin Herlihy, has already been working on a tutoring program with local schools. We want the class to get involved and

expand it to a four year program."

The Cesaro plan also includes a class barbecue and volleyball tournament at the beginning of the school year. "Our platform motto is something for everyone. We want to increase involvement," Costello said.

She also pointed out that the nearly 1200 freshmen who voted indicated that members of that class are willing to get involved.

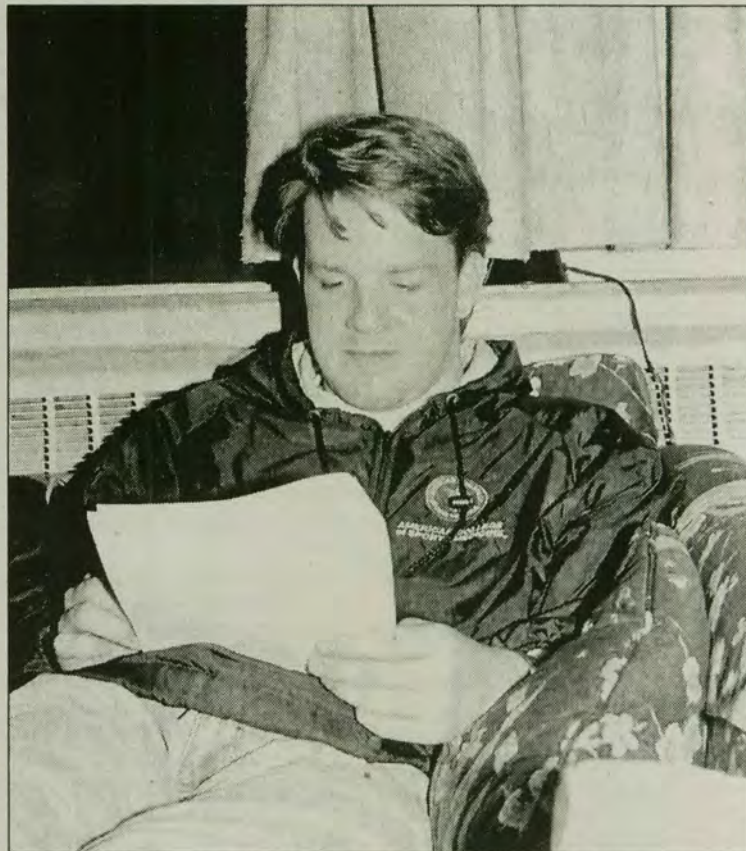
Grace resident Jay DeCoons sees his ticket as being "unique," the Sophomore class president-hopeful said, "Each person on our ticket is from each quad. We see this as an opportunity to unify the campus. Each member of our ticket would personally hear the concerns of the residents of their respective quad."

He plans to immediately implement new ideas, like a Sophomore class directory. It would list students both alphabetically and by residence hall. "We would also like to increase class retreats. It has been so successful so far, so we want to give everyone the opportunity to go on a retreat by increasing the number of retreats," DeCoons said.

Both the Matt Griffin and Rick Duda tickets in the junior class race stress unity on campus.

Duda's ticket is hoping to increase social activities and opportunities to take part in service organizations.

They also plan a "battle of the bands" fundraiser and party at the Indiana dunes to welcome students back to school. The Griffin team also looks to increase service work opportunities and plan to increase mailings to students abroad.



The Observer/Brian Hardy

Last week, the Graduate Computer Committee distributed about student computer and network usage.

Survey

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months," said Squyres. "We [Squyres and Jeff Catalina, the other author of the survey] had to coordinate the GSU [Graduate Student Union], Student Government and the OIT [Office of Information Technologies]. Meanwhile, the Laboratory for Social Research checked over the way we asked the questions."

The results of this survey will

be incorporated in the five-year plan for campus computing that is currently being assembled by the OIT.

"The OIT is very excited about students taking the initiative in providing opinions about the computer facilities," said Squyres. "It is very important to students in that it is a chance for them to essentially sit down with the administrators and tell them what should be changed for next year."

A computerized version of the survey is also available at: <http://www.cse.nd.edu/survey/>

Smoking

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reports, many individuals wrongly believe that smoking reduces urges to eat, and, in turn, many people are reluctant to quit in fear of gaining weight.

"I started smoking last year when I was dieting; not for health reasons, but to lose

weight, and I haven't quit. I enjoy it," said Sarah Thieneman.

Despite statistics against smoking, Saint Mary's policies give women the right to smoke in designated areas in the dining hall and residence halls. "I don't think smokers are discriminated against at Saint Mary's, but definitely in certain public places," said Thieneman.

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Film airs to heighten awareness

Special to The Observer

In a continued effort to increase awareness on campus, People in Support (PinS) and the English Department of Saint Mary's College will present a special showing of *The Celluloid Closet* tonight.

Based on Bito Russo's 1981 book of the same title, this documentary on homosexual images in the movies will be shown tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Room 105 of the Science Hall on the Saint Mary's campus.

Using a century's worth of film clips, it traces Hollywood's coded portrayals of the homosexual and the subtexts perceived by gay viewers, according to *People Magazine*.

Providing commentary in the featured film are actors, writers, and directors including Tom Hanks, Shirley Maclaine, and Susan Sarandon.

The Hollywood Reporter calls the film a "lucid, lovely yet profound account about how the movies have consciously and consistently denigrated homosexuals since the early silent films."

"Hollywood, that great maker of myths, showed straight people what to think about gay people and gay people what to think about themselves," said Lily Tomlin, narrator and co-executive producer of this film.

A discussion will follow the presentation of *The Celluloid Closet*.

MEXICO

Capital city suffers from crime epidemic

By BILL CORMIER
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY

Mexico City's crime wave swept up Jesus Navarro when a man jammed a pistol into his ribs and told him to get in his minivan with his wife and two toddlers.

"Daddy, who are these people?" his 3-year-old daughter asked.

"These are friends of mine," said Navarro, 33. "And we're going for a ride."

During that 45-minute trip last September, the three gunmen robbed the family of \$100 in pesos, a costly Swiss watch and a gold necklace. They then dumped the family unharmed on a dark street and sped away. The van was later found wrecked.

Mexico City — long considered relatively safe, considering it is home to 8.5 million people — has seen a sudden upsurge in crime over the past 14 months. Although the level of crime is still nothing to rival

that of many big U.S. cities, the epidemic has stunned residents.

The timing of the criminal surge coincides with the nation's economic crisis. Economic woes have thrown 1 million Mexicans out of work and pinched the paychecks of many others.

Now it is being blamed for helping to fuel the carjackings, burglaries, bank heists and muggings that have soared since 1994 in the federal district of Mexico City.

Between 1994 and 1995, premeditated murder rose 9.6 percent to 1,204 cases — more than New York's 1,182 homicides. Home burglaries shot up 41.3 percent to 6,822 cases, and business robberies were up 30.4 percent to 8,784 cases.

Non-violent auto thefts more than doubled to 35,116 in 1995 — still well shy of New York's 71,803 grand larceny auto thefts. But Mexico also saw a 69.8-percent jump in violent auto thefts — to 21,382 cases in 1995.

Roderic Camp, a political scientist at Tulane University in New Orleans and a frequent visitor to Mexico City, said the desperation of those hurt by the crisis seems to be fueling crime.

"I've always felt much safer in Mexico City than in Los Angeles, New York or Chicago," he said. "What has really increased in Mexico City is robbery and even robbery with the use of weapons: carjackings, accosting people on the streets."

Mostly, the criminals have stayed away from foreigners. As in many foreign countries, the U.S. Embassy advises travelers to watch their valuables and avoid desolate highways at night.

But few foreigners have been targets and the embassy has not changed its advice since the crime wave hit.

Nonetheless, headlines such as "Shotgunned to Death" and "They Broke the Bank Open With Hammers" are daily grist for tabloids. Ambulances rush daily to scenes of stabbings and shootings.

NORTHERN IRELAND

Peace talks fail to produce resolution

By SHAWN POGATCHNIK
Associated Press

BELFAST

Talks between IRA supporters and the British government, aimed at ending bombing attacks and creating a framework for peace negotiations, broke up without agreement yesterday.

The two-hour meeting between British civil servants and the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party was the first since the Irish Republican Army broke its 17-month cease-fire with a bombing in London on Feb. 9.

Sinn Fein had sought a guaranteed starting date for

negotiations. Britain said that would be unrealistic unless the IRA first guaranteed a lasting cease-fire.

"The British government was not prepared to give us a specific date when all-party peace negotiations would begin," Sinn Fein chief negotiator Martin McGuinness told reporters outside Stormont, the government seat east of Belfast.

McGuinness, a reputed former IRA commander, called the situation "very grave indeed."

Sinn Fein first sat down with a team of British civil servants in December 1994, three

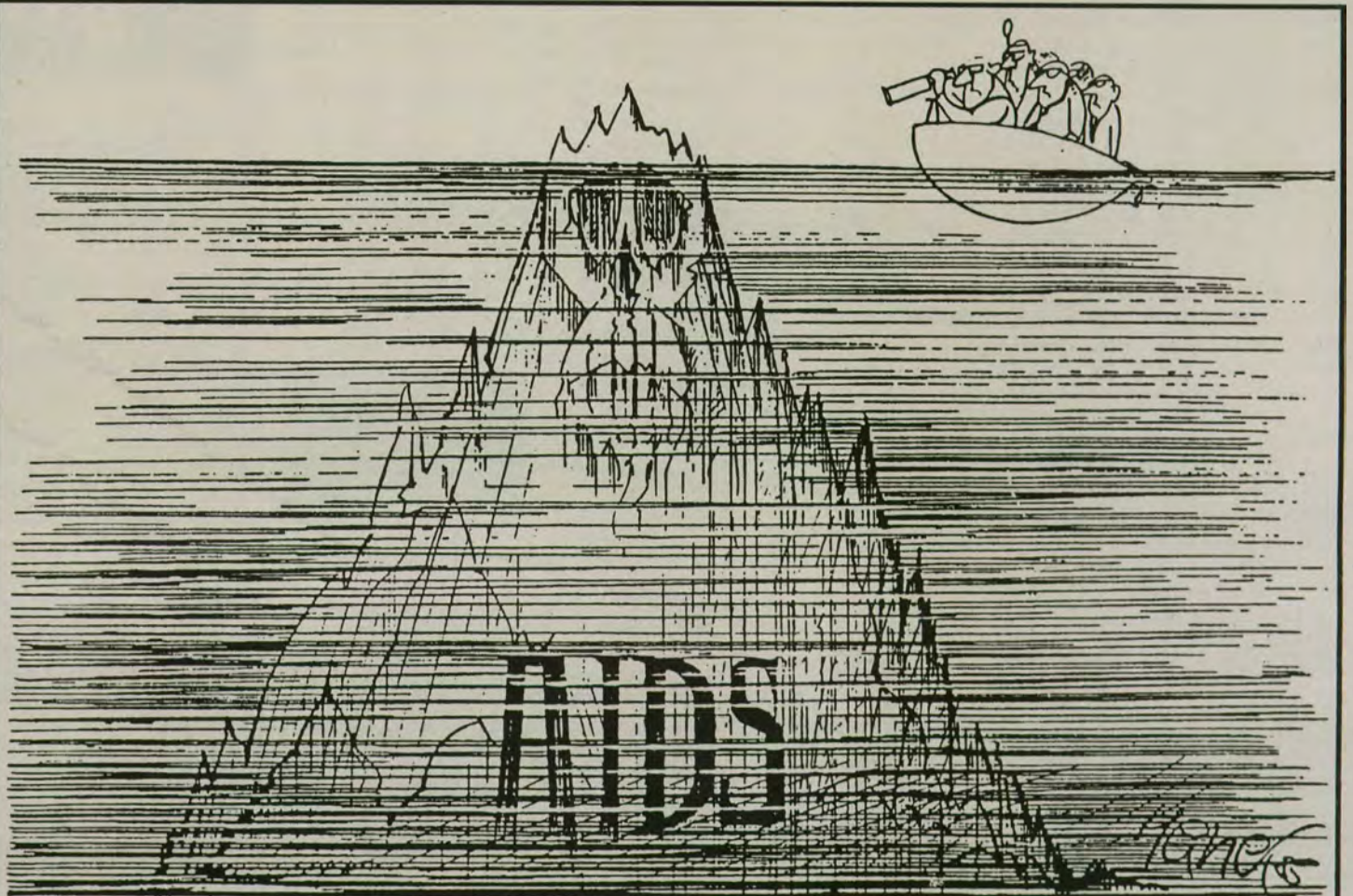
months after the IRA stopped its quarter-century campaign of violence against British rule. Those talks bogged down when Britain demanded that the Catholic-based IRA start disarming as a "confidence-building measure" for the province's majority Protestants.

Monday's meeting coincided with the arrival of another battalion of British soldiers in Northern Ireland, where the IRA has yet to strike, raising overall troop strength there to about 17,500. Soldiers resumed limited foot patrols in Catholic parts of Belfast on Friday.

Security for the British royal family also has been stepped up following reports that an IRA man killed by his own bomb in London on Feb. 18 had maps and other documents suggesting the IRA may have Queen Elizabeth II or her relatives in its sights.

The British never identify the civil servants who meet with Sinn Fein, but Quentin Thomas and John Chilcott have usually been among them.

Sinn Fein's delegation included Gerry Kelly, who was convicted of IRA bombings in London on March 8, 1973, that killed one person and injured about 250.



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U.S. foreign policy faces harsh criticism

GOP candidates attack Clinton's diplomatic record

By TERENCE HUNT
Associated Press

WASHINGTON

In a few short days, a deadly mix of missiles and bombs has jarred President Clinton's foreign policy, darkening a season of optimism with crisis and uncertainty. The Middle East, Northern Ireland and Cuba — all had been on the plus side of his presidency.

Now, the eruption of bloodshed by Muslim fanatics, IRA bombers and Castro's MIG pilots has thrust Clinton's foreign policy into the political crosshairs.

"President Clinton doesn't have the foggiest notion of how to deal with our enemies," Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole charged after the downing of two small planes carrying anti-Castro Cuban Americans. Those are stinging words in Florida where politics can be inseparable from a get-tough-on-Castro stand. Other GOP rivals had harsh criticism as well.

Even before the Cuba flareup, Clinton's foreign policy was under attack. Pat Buchanan has led the charge with his America First banner, vowing to impose tariffs on imports and build a fence along the Mexican border.

Further, Buchanan says it would be a "terrible, terrible mistake" to send American troops to the Middle East to serve on the Golan Heights, enforcing a hoped-for peace settlement between Israel and Syria, as Clinton has suggested.

Generally, foreign policy is not a burning topic in presidential races. Americans expect their presidents to stand tall on the global stage and deftly handle foreign policy problems. However, people start paying attention when American soldiers start getting killed. That was the administration's fear in sending troops to Bosnia — another move sharply criticized by Dole and others.

That's not to say candidates don't try to exploit a situation such as Cuba or other foreign policy problems.

"People will try to make hay out of this, just like Bill Clinton did with George Bush over Haitian refugees," said Michigan State University political scientist James Granato. "In any campaign you want to accentuate the differences or the perceived failures."

Clinton attacked Bush for turning Haitian refugees away

from U.S. borders. But after he was elected, Clinton embraced Bush's policy.

After a rough start for his administration, foreign policy has been a source of pride for Clinton, one that he talked up in last month's State of the Union address.

The White House handshake that Clinton engineered between PLO chief Yassar Arafat and the late Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has a prominent spot in Clinton's campaign video.

Sunday's suicide bombing in Israel shattered a six-month lull in terrorist attacks. It came at the opening of Israel's campaign for national elections May 29 and could give a boost to opponents of Israeli-Palestinian peacemaking.

Similarly, IRA bombings in London have seriously threatened the peace process. And the downing of the civilian planes by Cuba ended a period of relative calm between Washington and Havana that had seen slight progress on refugee issues and other matters.

In the Middle East and Northern Ireland, though, it may be that the setbacks are temporary — a bump in the road. With Castro, the United States has little or no influence despite decades of pressure.

The administration says foreign policy requires patience, discipline and steady leadership by the world's sole remaining superpower.

"The alternative, of course, would be to not care and to just pull up the drawbridges, come back home and be isolationist," White House press secretary Mike McCurry said. "And indeed, we've got some people who try to make that argument in this country."

Clinton steps up sanctions

By RON FOURNIER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Clinton slapped new sanctions on Fidel Castro's "repressive, violent, scornful" government Monday for downing two civilian U.S. airplanes. Republicans said the punishment was too mild and accused Clinton of "coddling Castro."



Castro

The president suspended charter travel to Havana, demanded reparations for the victims' families and gave qualified support for a Republican-backed bill that would intensify the economic crackdown.

Under pressure to respond swiftly to the attack against pilots of an anti-Castro Cuban-American group, Clinton said the incident "was a flagrant violation of international law."

"It is wrong," he said, "and the United States will not tolerate it."

Cuba said the shooting occurred over its airspace, and that its pilots were provoked. "This is not something that occurs out of the blue," said Ricardo Alarcon, president of Cuba's parliament.

The broad economic, diplomatic and political steps Clinton outlined were intended to isolate Castro's government further and inoculate Clinton against soft-on-Castro broadsides from his Republican rivals.

But what he did was limited: He needs approval from Congress or the United Nations to implement some proposals, and the president did not fully repeat a series of steps he took last year to ease Cuban sanctions.

One presidential rival, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, said Clinton "laid an egg."

"After months of moving the wrong way — toward coddling Castro — the president has yet to understand that the only way to deal with Castro's tyranny is with real firmness and pressure," Dole, R-Kansas, said.

Still, Dole said, while Clinton did not go far enough, "I support these measures as steps in the right direction."

In a brief statement to reporters, Clinton said he decided to:

- Ask Congress to compensate victims' families from \$100 million in frozen Cuban assets. The United States wants the United Nations to press Cuba for reparations, as well as to impose international sanctions.

- Suspend U.S. charter air travel to Cuba. Clinton loosened restrictions in 1995, and 120,000 people flew to Cuba from the United States.

- Expand Radio Marti, the U.S. propaganda network that broadcasts in Cuba.

- Order additional restrictions on travel in the United States by Cuban officials who live in America. He also imposed further limits on U.S. visits by Cuban officials.

- Seek compromise with Republican lawmakers on a bill that would dramatically expand sanctions. But he did not address the major sticking point: his opposition to a GOP provision allowing Cuban-Americans and others to sue in U.S. federal courts for compensation from companies that buy property expropriated by the Castro government.

"Saturday's attack was an appalling reminder of the nature of the Cuban regime — repressive, violent, scornful of international law," Clinton said.

Press secretary Mike McCurry called the sanctions "a price for outrageous behavior."

Though aides have said a military response is not being considered, Clinton said, "I am not ruling out any further steps" against Castro.

Republican reaction was swift and negative.

"President Clinton's response today was tragically insufficient," said Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart, R-Fla.

Rep. Robert Menendez, D-N.J., a son of Cuban immigrants, welcomed Clinton's actions but said "while those things are all good, the president simply didn't go far enough."

Clinton's decision followed a 75-minute meeting with his top foreign policy advisers. His political team invited Cuban-Americans to the White House for high-level meetings, hoping to avoid political backlash just two weeks before the Florida primary.

Republican presidential hopeful Steve Forbes accused Clinton of accepting "the illusion ... that you could make a deal with Castro."

"I hope that Bill Clinton has finally recovered from it," Forbes said.

The White House, knowing Florida could be vital to Clinton's re-election chances, bristled. "The president was swiftly responding to these events before any Republican opened his ... mouth," McCurry said.

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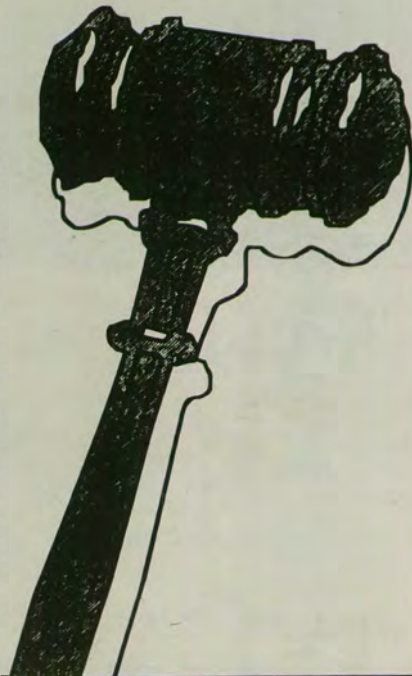
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Runaway satellite ruins ten-year shuttle project

By MARCIA DUNN
Associated Press

FLORIDA

Like a child watching a helium balloon slip from his hand, scientists looked on in distress as a half-ton satellite being towed by space shuttle Columbia broke loose and floated off into the black void, dangling 12 miles of frayed and curled cord.

For those who had devoted years and even a decade to the electricity-generating project, it was a cruel blow, all the more so because everything was going so well up until the accident.

"A lot of things were disappearing there," astronaut Jeffrey Hoffman, a Harvard-educated Ph.D. in astrophysics, said Monday. "We all did have a lot of hopes. We got about halfway there in terms of being able to deploy the satellite and to just what people's appetites for the incredible scientific investigations that could be covered. Scientists have lost a lot, and I deeply feel for them."

In a split second Sunday night, the cord and the instrument-packed satellite were gone forever, a \$400 million-plus experiment now just space junk.

NASA flight director Chuck

Shaw said it would be too dangerous to send the shuttle after the Italian satellite — the spaghetti-thin cord could wrap itself around the spaceship.

The junk poses no hazard to Columbia and its crew for the remaining 1 1/2 weeks of their mission, and it will re-enter the atmosphere and burn up within a month, officials said.

NASA officials refused to speculate what went wrong. But Hoffman reported that the frayed end of the cord remaining aboard Columbia looked as though it had been charred and melted.

The cord — made of braided copper, nylon and Teflon — broke off inside a tower that was being used like a fishing rod to cast the satellite into space.

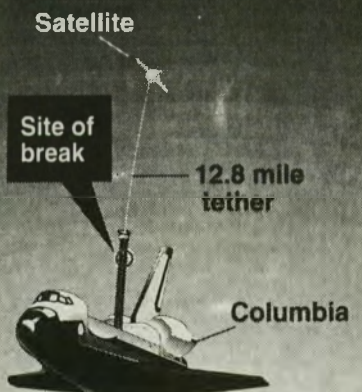
Italian scientist Marino Dobrowolny said the insulation may have been stripped away, exposing the copper wire. Data on the ground showed the equivalent of a spark or discharge, which may have occurred as the copper passed near metal on the deploying equipment, he said.

NASA immediately impounded all data associated with the U.S.-Italian project and established an investigative board.

Columbia and its seven astro-

Satellite breaks loose

The tether connecting a half-ton satellite to Columbia broke without warning Sunday and drifted away from the space shuttle, posing no danger to the seven astronauts.



NASA officials refused to speculate on what might have gone wrong pending a complete investigation.

Source: NASA; Aviation Week and Space Technology magazine

AP/Carl Fox

nauts were safe the entire time. It could have been much, much worse: If more of the tether had remained attached to Columbia, the cord could have whipped back and become entangled with the shuttle.

When Hoffman shouted the alarm, there were a few mil-

liseconds of "an adrenalin rush," shuttle commander Andrew Allen said. But within a second or two the astronauts realized they did not need to fear for their lives, given the location of the tether break and the speed at which the satellite was drifting away. Three of the crewmen, in fact, were asleep at the time.

"I got up in the morning and when I came up on the flight deck and saw the disappointed faces of my colleagues, I knew something wasn't quite right," pilot Scott Horowitz said in a space-to-ground news conference. "They said, 'Look out the window,' and the tether was gone."

"It was kind of like one of those really bad sinking feelings. You're hoping to wake up to this beautiful sight of this tether all the way up there and then do all this science, and there it was gone."

Depending on the cause of the problem, this could be the end of space tethers for the foreseeable future. Scientists had hoped to prove with this flight that tethered satellites could be used to power spacecraft and drop packages to Earth.

Until the accident, the tethered-satellite system had been working better than expected, generating up to 3,500 volts of

electricity as the metal ball and the cord swept through Earth's magnetic field.

U.S. and Italian scientists were overjoyed; after all, the first time the tethered satellite flew in space, four years ago, the cord jammed at 840 feet, and the combination generated a feeble 40 volts.

Then came Hoffman's startled shouts, not quite five hours into the experiment and with only a half-mile of tether left to be unreeled. As he yelled, "The tether has broken!" flight controllers and scientists stared in disbelief at their computer screens. Tether tension had dropped to zero.

"I felt bad," Dobrowolny said, "but then I recovered rather quickly because even though it was only five hours, we collected an enormous amount of data."

Nobie Stone, a NASA scientist on the ground, said the tether's success up that point made the loss particularly painful.

"I have a black Lab at home and if you take a piece of meat and you go by real fast and you get his attention, he looks at it but he really hasn't realized what he's missed yet," Stone said.

"If you hold it in front of him, he begins to drool all over the place because he has some anticipation."



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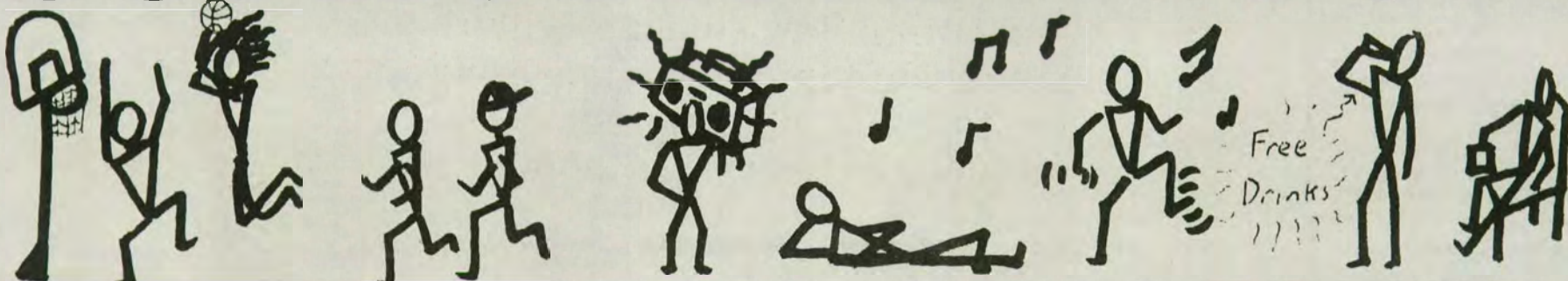
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Murdoch offers free air time

By JEANNINE AVERSA
Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Rupert Murdoch pledged Monday to provide free air time on his Fox TV network to leading presidential candidates this fall, including an hour on election eve. He challenged the other networks to do the same.

Calling candidates' dependence on political advertising "a cancer in our system which we must tackle," Murdoch deplored candidates having to devote more time to raising millions needed for TV spots.

Murdoch said that on Nov. 4, Fox would devote one hour of prime time — a half hour each for the Republican and Democratic nominees — for what he called a "straight and clean chance" to address the American public.

Murdoch said discussions were under way with Fox's more than 200 affiliates, which could refuse to run the segments.

However, he predicted the vast majority of them would agree to carry them, even if they do so "kicking and screaming."

Murdoch said he was offering the uncensored free time because "I just believe in it." But critics said he has other motivations.

"It's purely a scheme by Rupert Murdoch to get free digital spectrum. He's always making a major announcement to do something 'nice' when he wants something from the government or others," asserted Jeff Chester, executive director of the Center for Media Education, a TV watchdog group.

Murdoch denied such a link.

Fox and the rest of the TV industry are fighting a proposal by Senate budget writers to make them pay for extra channels they'll need to provide higher-quality digital television. Under current law, they get them free.

"I'm going to take what he did at face value," said Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass. But, he said, the more Fox and other networks do in the public interest the "better case they'll have to fend off" the budget writers.

Fox also would give the candidates up to 10 minutes of time to address 10 issues, which would be identified by the public. The spots, Murdoch said, would air three to four weeks before the general election during prime time, which runs from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. ET.

Fox also is prepared to offer additional free time to presidential candidates but only if ABC, CBS, NBC and other networks agreed to do so, Murdoch said.

CBS declined to comment, NBC did not immediately return a phone call for comment, and an ABC spokeswoman said her network is already providing ample time to candidates in its 47.5 hours per week of news programs.

The value of one hour of prime time on the Fox network would be about \$1 million, Murdoch estimated.

Dole changes tactics in search of victory

By TOM RAUM
Associated Press

MARIETTA, Ga.

Tired of coming in second, Sen. Bob Dole put a new campaign team in place Monday, saying his polls had been too rosy and his ads too negative.

"I want to start winning," he asserted on the eve of three Western primaries.

But Dole aides conceded it was unlikely the politically weakened Senate majority leader could expect a sweep on Tuesday in the Arizona, North Dakota and South Dakota primaries.

Campaigning in Georgia, Dole scanned the political calendar for comeback prospects

while his campaign announced the series of personnel changes, including naming a new chief strategist and a new pollster.

"We're getting into a very important month here," Dole told reporters. "The changes have been made and we're moving on. That's it."

Asked by a reporter in Marietta if Americans could expect to see "a different Dole" as a result of the shakedown, Dole wisecracked, "Flavor of the week."

Dole conceded he needed a win badly to stop commentator Pat Buchanan's surge. "I'm tired of coming in second," he said, explaining the staff changes.

One result of the shakeup: new, more positive ads designed by the new chief strategist, Don Sipple, will begin running in primary battleground states as early as Tuesday.

"Changing campaign managers is not Senator's Dole problem," former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander, another of Dole's opponents, said at a rally in Marietta. "Senator Dole's problem is that he doesn't seem to have one idea about where to take the country."

The staff reshuffling came after Dole defeats in New Hampshire last Tuesday and Delaware on Saturday.

For Tuesday, Dole campaign officials were not optimistic

about either Arizona — with 39 winner-take-all convention delegates, the biggest primary prize to date — or South Dakota.

On Saturday, South Carolina holds its first-in-the-South primary. A Dole defeat there, especially if he loses Tuesday in Arizona, could deal a lethal blow.

Dole continued to blame his poor showing in early primary states on the multimillion-dollar negative ad campaign waged by publisher Steve Forbes.

"Sooner or later we've got to get out of these states where he has spent a lot of money. Sooner or later, we'll be out of money," he said grimly.



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■ AND IN THIS CORNER

Zapped: Elimination of affirmative action leaves little hope

At the close of last week, the governor of Louisiana, Mike Foster, abolished affirmative action in his state.

What a way to end Black History Month.

I can't help but see a developing "conservative" trend in "racial relations" in the United States.

First, the Republican-controlled Congress demanded President Clinton eliminate affirmative action.

Matthew Apple

Next, the California Board of Regents voted to cancel the long-standing state university affirmative action recruiting policy, provoking wide-spread but ineffectual student protest.

And now, in the state that gave us Mardi Gras, jazz, and Dixie Voodoo Lager, a white, Republican governor has outright eliminated a program which costs a minuscule three million, amounting to about one percent of the Louisiana state budget, for "financial reasons."

Affirmative action has had its share of controversy over the past thirty years, but never before has the entire concept come under such concentrated fire. The majority of attacks claim to be in the interest of "fairness" in academia and the business world.

In conjunction with the anti-minority rantings of canny politicians which not only take advantage of barely suppressed "white" sentiments but also enflame them to dangerous proportions, this furor over affirmative action seems headed toward a nationwide LA-Watts reenactment. Some people on both sides

apparently want open confrontations, perhaps finding violence easier than constructive dialogue.

I myself have somewhat mixed feelings about the way affirmative action works today. Recent proposals that the scope of affirmative action be augmented to include all families under a certain economic level seems fair to me. Though there are plenty of white families living in poverty, there are many, many more black families living in much more dangerous conditions, and these families would still benefit the most from a new "economic action" program.

This "reformation" of affirmative action ought to quell the argument that the concept "discriminates" against whites — that is, if anyone in office bothered to take reformation seriously. No one in Washington seems interested in doing anything but attacking and slashing these days. Good-bye, Great Society.

On the other hand the supposed "degrading" nature of affirmative action confuses me. There is no question that many families need help. My family needs help. We rarely get any, but if we are offered it, we take it. This does not mean that we believe it utterly impossible to get ahead and therefore have stopped even trying; it simply means we recognize that we need all the help we can get.

Personal pride should not get in the way of practicality. The government cannot be held responsible for how people feel about themselves. That's what parents are for.

I've been told that affirmative action somehow "insults" black families by implying that they are otherwise unable to succeed in the "white world." Some claim that offering "undeserved" opportunities to black families enforces laziness or a mass "victim" complex. Some believe that affirmative action discourages self-reliance and lowers self-confidence, making black families too dependent upon the government.

The way I see it, the most important

aspect of affirmative action is not the precise numbers of minorities who are accepted into positions they might not otherwise receive, but the intangible.

Affirmative action's real benefit is the attempt to change cultural attitudes. At first it was deemed necessary to force companies to accept blacks as equals. It may be true now that this supposed coercion is no longer necessary, that equality is more a reality than it was

'Affirmative Action's real benefit is the attempt to change cultural attitudes.'

thirty years ago when affirmative action began.

Yet if this is true, why is there little change in the structure of American society? Why are there still racial dividers thrown up around the U.S., seemingly at random? Why are even blacks insisting that they prefer to segregate themselves, denying that people of different "races" can live together as equals?

I have to wonder why people still insist upon dividing themselves into neat and tidy categories as if they were mere objects and not human beings. I see nothing wrong with ethnic pride, but there's no reason why we should use our cultural differences as an excuse to hate each other.

Has affirmative action indeed been a failure? Even though it seems obvious that things have improved drastically since the mid-'60s, I honestly can't say for sure that affirmative action is in part responsible.

What affirmative action does do is provide a feeling of hope where previously there may have been little or none. Why

else would 7,000 people protest in Baton Rouge? Obviously, they felt strongly enough about affirmative action to organize against its dismissal.

Again, some would probably argue that these protesters were "weak" for demanding "whitey" give them money. I say that the outright banning of affirmative action, marginal though its monetary benefits may be, appears as yet another slap in the face from the white man in power.

Even if the Louisiana governor is not racist, even if Foster believes he did the right thing, by completely and suddenly eliminating the program instead of reforming it, he makes himself appear racist and sets an unsettling precedent.

The fact that ex-presidential candidate and KKK-leader David Duke supports Governor Foster does not help matters any.

No amount of legislation can change people's cultural attitudes, and simply giving away undeserved job opportunities on the basis of "race" may be unfair and/or unethical.

Still, it strikes me as odd that in a country where nearly half the population is called a "racial minority," well-respected universities can crow about a whopping 6 percent minority student population. And I have to wonder how many of those 6 percent were sought for academic reasons instead of money-making sports reasons.

There remain few hopes for economically disadvantaged youth of any color. Most hope to be the next Michael Jordan or Deion Sanders, blessed with the athletic ability to occupy people's minds with meaningless statistics rather than real problems this country faces.

With the affirmative action precedent set by Governor Foster, hopes for nearly unattainable sports careers may soon be the only hopes left.

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■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The law is not thrust upon man; it rests deep within him, to waken when the call comes."

—Martin Buber

THE JOY OF O

From dining hall 'stalkers' to computer
the ups and downs of unre

By AMY CRAWFORD

Accent Copy Editor

Names of Victims: for campus men:

Hot Scott
Ken Doll
Grape-Eater
Hot-n-Cold
Fun Fred
Bobsession
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"Every breath you take, every move you make..." When the all-too familiar refrain of this immortal Police classic reverberates over the radio waves, many listeners are bombarded with images of Sting, in his black and white glory, standing seductively over a bass and singing about the painful reality of unrequited love. For many, the words conjure up memories of past relationships gone sour or those never materialized; for others, such melodious phrases are an everyday reality.

In her article entitled, "Trespassers of the Heart," reporter Lynda Edwards defines stalking as "willful, malicious, repeated, strange, and unwanted contacts; persistent surveillance and following aimed at creating an overwhelming fear of harm." According to Edwards, such psychopathic stalkers have become an "American archetype," from the drifter obsessed with the movie star he's never met to the corporate workaholic fixated upon the colleague he barely knows.

Yet "stalking" can be used to describe any number of amorous pursuits, especially those devoid of such connotations of terror and violence. In grade school, such obsessive love was termed a "crush" and often meant little more than occasional encounters in hallways, during recess, or lunchtime.

Though collegiate life has brought many to a level of intellectual and social sophistication surpassing their earlier years, many of the same behaviors have survived, though now termed differently. At Notre Dame, this so-called "social stalking" can be a catch-all phrase for a variety of actions, from seeing someone occasionally on the quad to studying on the same floor of the library to determining his/her biographical information such as full name, home state, campus address and major field of study. Yet unlike its sociopathic relative, such behavior is completely anonymous and always without intention of harm or violence.

According to Becky*, a self-proclaimed "monogamous stalker," such obsessive love is without malicious intent. "I would never approach these people. There's no pestering, no phone calls, and no random visits to their dorm room. It's always just someone that I like," she says.

Many engage in social stalking as a means to learn more about a potential SYR or formal date. According to S.C., she and her friends engaged in an extensive search for the true identity of a Morrissey "Mystery Man." Weeks of research and surveillance were successful as the gentleman later escorted one of her friends to their SYR.

"It was a long and involved process, and it probably would have been easier just to have asked him face-to-face without all of the research and investigation," she says.

According to G.S., his initiation into obsessive love began when an interest in an architecture major spurned him to visit her at her studio. "It all began when I went somewhere knowing that special someone would be there," he says, "at that point I knew I was crossing the line."

Many social stalkers employ a complex web of "spies" and available biographical information in compiling the personal profiles of their figures of interest. Friends were cited by all as the most useful means of learning about a person's daily schedule, eating habits, and social activities while the dogbook and student directory were named integral components to any social stalker's arsenal.

"By using the directory, you but also who lives down the gaze at in the dogbook," Becky

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According to Becky, a quick umes about where he eats, obtains his food. "I pay atten next time I can get the same t she says.

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"They say--'tis better to have love lost than never to have loved at least I'm loving in my own strange w

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According to G.S., attention to mining a person's name and ad ple may not, such as if a girl is the back or some sort of dorm girl in class, I just pay close at her name."

Other students have employe ting to know their loved ones. several young men pretending telephone surveys. "We've as which bars they like to frequen out that night and where they'd Though obsessive love calls



Some people use the phone...



...others the



OBSESSION

For lab admirers, a look at quited love

can not only find out where he lives, hall. It's also nice to have a photo to adds.

also conducive to scoping with the enter, the Hesburgh Library, and the most social stalkers cite the dining hall as an open, densely populated arena

Most social stalkers agree that determining the type of food he eats so the type of food and stand by him in line,"

glance at her love's tray reveals vol- what he eats, and where he usually tion to the type of food he eats so the type of food and stand by him in line,"

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'Becky'

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fine detail proves beneficial in deter- dress. "I notice things that other peo- wearing a shirt with her last name on -associated gear," he says. "If I see a ention to the roll call in order to hear

I even more developed means of get- Nicole* and her friends have called to be psychology students conducting ked them if they're twenty-one and so we'd know if they would be going be," she says.

upon a wide variety of methods and



approaches, nearly all social stalkers have one commonality—their love is totally secret and always from afar.

"The biggest fear is that they will find out you're stalking them. I would simply die if it ever got out," Becky adds.

G.S. agrees. "I'm afraid to be set up with a few of these ladies," he notes, "I've looked at them so much that I'm afraid they'll say 'Hey, you're the one who's always staring at me.'"

Though most social stalkers remain physically distant and entirely secret admirers, some take their crushes a step further. Ann's * affection for a prominent member of the men's basketball team has made her a die-hard ND hoops fan for the last two years. "Last week I made my friend take at least five pictures of his butt," she admits. However, unlike her comrades in arms, her unrequited pursuits have brought her up close and personal with the man of her dreams. "On a crowded Thursday night at Senior Bar last semester, I walked by and brushed my hand ever so lightly across his back. He never noticed."

But self-proclaimed stalkers find the cycle a difficult one to break, often moving from one unrequited relationship to another in a destructive spiral of lust, love and loneliness. "I know it's wrong and I know I should stop, but stalking is all I've got," Becky states. G.S. agrees, "Social stalking has become a substitute for love, even though it's not a substitute by choice."

Moreover, according to Becky, obsessive love adds an exciting dimension to her humdrum academic routine. "For awhile last year I wasn't stalking anyone, but it was just boring. There was no one to look at, no one to think about, and no name to scribble in the margin of my notebook. Having someone to like makes going to class more fun," she says.

For the social stalking community on campus, the love-lorn continue to take it one day at a time, constantly looking ahead to future pursuits and helping others find love. "Now people come to me if they want to know information about a particular girl on campus," G.S. adds.

*Names have been changed to protect the obsessed.

...still others, the dining halls.



Dog Book...



■ MEDICAL MINUTE

Taking the bite out of sunburns

By LIZA NYKIEL

Accent Medical Correspondent

Believe it or not, there's a mere two weeks before spring break arrives. Preparations will be underway before you know it. Whether you're jetting off to Colorado to slalom down the cool, white slopes or to Cancun to lie passively on the hot, sandy beaches, one essential item you'll need is sunscreen.

If you don't feel like sitting on the beach under an obnoxiously big straw hat, sunscreen can be the only piece of weaponry in your arsenal against a week of unnecessary pain and agony. Getting a sunburn could really put a damper on your spring break plans, so in the event that you fry that first day, I've included the advice of some experts.

Any type of burn, whether it's from the toaster oven or the UV rays of the sun, can cause HUGE amounts of pain. The old standby aspirin can help relieve the pain, itching and swelling of mild to moderate burns. Two tablets every four hours will be a big help, so says University of Nebraska dermatologist and assistant professor of internal medicine Rodney Basler, M.D.

The same dosage of Tylenol will work, as long as your stomach can tolerate it. Anticipating the pain once you've initially gotten out of the sun and sensing that in four hours you're going to look like a cooked lobster, you can take the aspirin before the pain starts. This way, you might be able to take the edge off the agony.

Since you've actually burned your skin, the skin is inflamed, and much much hotter than normal, as anyone who has been burned can attest to. Try cooling the pain with one of the following methods. Standing right in front of a fan to heightens cooling. Cold water is the good 'ole standby. Dip a cloth into a bowl filled with water (and maybe a few ice cubes) and lay the cloth over the burn. Repeat every few minutes as the cloth warms up. Skim milk is very soothing, says Dr. Schreiber. Mix 1 cup skim milk with four cups water, and apply compresses for 15 to 20 minutes.

Oatmeal water can also be relaxing. Wrap dry oatmeal in cheesecloth or gauze, and run cool water through it. Discard the oatmeal and soak compresses in the liquid. An alternative to compresses, especially if you were bathing in the nude, or perhaps with a rather skimpy bathing suit, is a cool bath. Add more liquid to keep the temperature of the water at the desired level. A cup of vinegar or a few sprinkles of baking soda can soothe and relieve.

Afterwards, be sure to just let yourself dry off naturally—don't towel yourself off, as that will irritate the skin even more. Go easy on the soap, as soap can dry and irritate skin. Don't be thinking about soaking in that cool bath-water, as soap will only dry your sink out even more.

Although these compresses and baths can be relaxing, they can make your skin very dry. Moisturizers are the key to keeping your skin happy. Put your moisturizer in the fridge to cool it off. Look for hydrocortisone in your topical moisturizers of choice, such as Cortaid or Cortizone-5. Aloe vera is also a good ingredient that aids in the healing process. If the burns that you've inflicted upon yourself starts to blister, and inside the blisters a greenish or brownish fluid collects, you may have contracted an infection. Use an over-the-counter antibacterial ointment such as Polysporin or Bacitracin Sterile. Drinking lot of water is also very important, as the burn can severely dehydrate you.

Aside from being susceptible to the damaging effects of those sun rays, some people are sensitive to certain substances that make them even more defenseless against the sun, often developing burn-like dermatitis. There are certain drugs (i.e. antibiotics, tranquilizers, anti-fungal medications) soaps or cosmetics that have been found to "photosensitize" people.

In addition, oral contraceptives, diuretics and even PABA-containing sunscreens can have this effect. Even common foods can trigger a bad reaction. Recalls Dr. Rodney Baster, "Two young women I know tried to lighten their hair with lime juice. They didn't realize what a potent photosensitizer lime juice can be until they developed terrible dermatitis every place the juice had run down their face and arms."

Liza Nykiel is a senior biology major trying to keep her mind off spring break. Obviously, that plan is working real well.

■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Key, Gooden set to make their return for Yankees

Associated Press

When Jimmy Key and Dwight Gooden take the mound Tuesday, it may be the biggest moment of the spring for the New York Yankees.

After throwing in two batting practice sessions last week, Key and Gooden will continue their comebacks in the Yankees' intrasquad game in Tampa, Fla.

New York manager Joe Torre, who expects both two pitch two innings, has been impressed with what he's seen of Key and Gooden so far in camp. Now, however, he'll see them in game situations for the first time.

"I really don't foresee any problems," Torre said Monday. "Then again, pitching to hitters is different than throwing on the side or throwing batting practice."

The Yankees are planning to have Key and Gooden as part of a solid rotation which will

include David Cone, Kenny Rogers and Andy Pettitte. Both are eager to see how their comebacks are progressing.

Key hasn't pitched in a game since May 16, 1995, his last outing before undergoing shoulder surgery. Gooden is making his first appearance since being suspended in June 1994 for violating baseball's substance abuse aftercare program.

It's another hurdle," Gooden said. "I'm looking forward to it."

"I'm just continuing to throw and trying to build-up arm strength," Key said. "The arm feels good."

Red Sox

Jose Canseco was back at Boston's camp in Fort Myers, Fla., after missing one day because of a "legal" problem.

"I hope I don't have to miss any more time," Canseco said. "It was no big deal."

Red Sox manager Kevin Kennedy said he gave Canseco permission to miss Sunday's workout two weeks ago. Until this weekend, Kennedy thought Canseco might have to miss two days.

Still, the issue of preferential treatment for Canseco was raised. The slugger was also given permission to miss the team's first full-squad workout last Tuesday because of a charity golf tournament commitment the previous day.

Kennedy, who managed Canseco when both were with the Texas Rangers, said he does have a close relationship with him and admits that he does treat veteran ballplayers differently.

"Players like Jose, Mo Vaughn, Roger Clemens, have earned a special measure of respect," Kennedy said.

"I don't know if it's preferential treatment," Canseco said.

"I know Kevin and I have a respect for each other. Sometimes conditions happen that have to be taken care of. Kevin is very understanding."

Reds

Cincinnati signed free-agent catcher Joe Oliver to a one-year contract and released catcher Damon Berryhill to make room on the 40-man roster.

Oliver's deal is worth \$500,000, including incentives.

"I feel like I'm at home," said Oliver, 30, who spent parts of six major-league seasons in Cincinnati before being released in 1994.

Oliver was accompanied at a news conference in Plant City, Fla., by Jose Rijo, Eric Davis, Chris Sabo, Hal Morris and Barry Larkin — the other remaining players from the Reds' 1990 World Series championship team.

"We got 1990 back, and they better get it done," Reds owner

Marge Schott said.

Oliver signed with Milwaukee as a free agent, and hit .273 with 12 homers and 51 RBIs in 97 games for the Brewers in 1995.

Berryhill, 32, underwent reconstructive surgery on his right elbow last week is expected to miss the entire 1996 season.

Cardinals

Gary Gaetti seemed destined to be with St. Louis.

Almost 18 years after being drafted by the Cardinals, the team he grew up following as a youngster, Gaetti is anxious to begin his first season as a National Leaguer.

"It's real exciting. I'm just really thankful for the opportunity to come over here and be part of this," Gaetti said from the Cardinals' training camp in St. Petersburg, Fla.

"This is one of the highlights of my life."

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Driving alone through the
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The horror... The horror

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■ NHL

Great One close to being Blue

Associated Press

The St. Louis Blues may be on the verge of landing Los Angeles Kings superstar Wayne Gretzky. The only thing left to clinch the deal, according to reports, are the financial arrangements.

The "hockey part" of the deal is already complete and the players have been agreed upon, ESPN reported Sunday.

But a new contract for Gretzky must be worked out, ESPN said, and that could be the most difficult part. It apparently was the reason a trade wasn't made earlier between the Kings and New York Rangers.

Gretzky was expected to play for the Kings Monday night against Winnipeg.

"At this point, he is definitely playing," Gretzky's agent, Mike Barnett, said Monday morning.

The Rangers had reportedly offered the Kings Luc Robitaille and Ray Ferraro and about \$2 million in cash for The Great One. But the deal fell through when Gretzky presumably wasn't able to come to terms with the Rangers on his contract.

Gretzky is making about \$6.5 million this season. He likely would want a three-year deal worth \$21 million to remain as hockey's highest-paid player.

Gretzky has expressed a desire to stay in the sport for a few more years, particularly

for the opportunity to win a gold medal in the 1998 Olympics.

He would also like to add another Stanley Cup to his collection of four, which is the reason he is on the trading block these days.

Gretzky is unhappy with the way things are going in Los Angeles, and has asked the Kings to either upgrade the team so they have a chance to win a Cup or trade him to a team that is a contender.

Gretzky will be a free agent after this season, and if the Kings don't sign him they will risk losing him without compensation after the season.

Kings general manager Sam McMaster denied that any deal had been made with the Blues regarding Gretzky, but did acknowledge:

"We have spoken to the St. Louis Blues about a lot of our players in the last week, including Wayne Gretzky. We have stated before that we would entertain trade offers for any of our players, including Wayne Gretzky."

McMaster made the comments in an interview Sunday with The Canadian Press from Winnipeg, Manitoba, where the Kings play the Jets tonight.

Meanwhile, ESPN reported that a deal involving Gretzky and the Blues might be wrapped up as early as Tuesday and that he would be in a Blues uniform for their game Thursday night at

Vancouver.

And the Toronto Sun reported Sunday that Gretzky's trade to St. Louis was "on the verge of completion late (Saturday) night." The Sun added that "some last-minute technicalities could delay its announcement until Tuesday."

To acquire the NHL's career leading scorer, the Blues apparently will part with three prospects — Roman Vopat, Patrice Tardif, Craig Johnson — and a first-round 1997 draft pick.

Both Blues general manager-coach Mike Keenan and Blues star Brett Hull say they would be delighted to see Gretzky in a St. Louis uniform.

When asked about Gretzky as a player, Keenan said, "He's sure able to control the play when he has the puck. You can obviously see that."

When asked about the process of trying to acquire him, Keenan said: "It's only frustrating if you allow it be. It's kind of beyond our control. For most people in the league, it's been kind of fun because they're not involved."

Added Hull, a longtime friend of Gretzky's:

"I've thought about Wayne being in a Blues uniform ever since I was 21 years old."

Gretzky has 829 goals and 1,757 assists for his career, both NHL records. This season he has 15 goals and 65 assists in 61 games.

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semifinals against defending champion Andy Dicello.

Glennon reaggravated a shoulder which he had separated in the past, and had to fight the entire third round Sunday by punching with just his right hand.

"The doctor asked me how I felt and I said 'OK,'" Glennon said. "But I'll have to wait for sure until (Tuesday) morning to see if I can go."

For the remaining semifinals, now is when it starts to get a little tougher. Because of the general inexperience of the boxers this year, the second round tends to become uncharted territory, especially with the finals in sight.

"With the exception of a few upsets, you kind of knew who was going to win in the first round," Biolchini said. "But the semifinals give you your share of great fights."

The closeness of most of the quarterfinals emphasizes this fact. For many of the boxers, the main differences will be both mental and physical fatigue.

Probably one of the closest bouts of the evening should be Lucas Molina and John Kmetz in the 155-pound division. Molina, whose punches are as quick as they are hard, contrasts with his opponent, who calmly disposed of Mike Lofino in the first round Sunday.

One of the last bouts of the evening will feature sophomore Troy Phillips, the 195-pound champion a year ago, in the 200-pound class against Dan O'Rourke. Phillips earned a knockout in the second round when the two fought a year ago, but you never know what can happen over a year.

"They're both strong guys, and I know Dan has worked really hard this year," Biolchini said. "It'll be interesting to see how they do in the ring."

The same can be said of the remaining 57 boxers.

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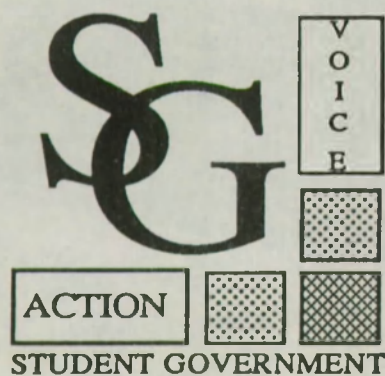
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■ NFL

Dallas loses another 'boy'

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
Associated Press

IRVING, Texas
Another day, another lost Cowboy.

Linebacker Dixon Edwards defected from the Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys to the Minnesota Vikings on Monday, and it wasn't totally unexpected.

Minnesota will pay Edwards \$10 million over four years, including a \$2.5 million signing bonus.

"It's ridiculous the way money is being thrown around," Dallas coach Barry Switzer said. "It can certainly fracture the esprit de corps of a team. The day of loyalty to a team is over. They go play for the dollar."

Edwards said he had no regrets about leaving Dallas, which traditionally has spent less money on linebackers than other defensive players.

"It was fun, but it didn't seem like it was tough for Dallas to

see me leave, so it's not tough for me to leave," Edwards said.

Edwards is the third Dallas defensive starter to leave this offseason, following cornerback Larry Brown, the Super Bowl MVP, and defensive lineman Russell Maryland, both of whom signed with the Oakland Raiders. Switzer said he wouldn't be surprised if linebackers Darrin Smith and Robert Jones also left.

When asked if he thought Dallas would be able to keep Smith, Switzer said, "I doubt it. There's just too much money out there people are willing to pay."

The Cowboys can match any offers to Smith, and it would cost another team a first-round draft pick to sign him.

"We'll just have to see on Darrin," Switzer said. Switzer said the Cowboys are paying the price for winning three Super Bowl titles in four years.

"We're paying for our success now," the coach said. "We knew it was going to happen.

This is nothing unexpected."

The Cowboys have lost 21 starters to free agency in three years.

The Cowboys only have about \$2 million remaining under the salary cap and owner Jerry Jones will likely renegotiate running back Emmitt Smith's contract. Jones paid out \$40 million in bonuses to keep most of the offense intact but the famed defensive depth of the Cowboys is being hit hard.

"We just have to find some players in the draft or at the low, bottom dollar of free agency," Switzer said. "This is not a great year for college linebackers, either."

Safety Brock Marion and offensive lineman Ron Stone are two other restricted free agents on the Dallas roster.

Other unrestricted free agents include quarterback Jason Garrett, punter John Jett, cornerback Robert Bailey, safety Scott Case, center Dale Hellestrae and special teams star Bill Bates.

O'Donnell wooed by Jets, Steelers

By DAVE GOLDBERG
Associated Press

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y.
Neil O'Donnell, whom the New York Jets are attempting to sign as the cornerstone of their rebuilding program, may now be leaning toward returning to Pittsburgh, the team he led to the Super Bowl.

While the Jets hope to have O'Donnell signed this week, talks have been heating up between the quarterback and the Steelers.

Steve Gutman, the Jets' president, continued to be optimistic — to a point.

"Negotiations regarding Neil O'Donnell are hot. They may even be red hot," Gutman said Monday. "But there's no way to say now how they're going to come out and when."

O'Donnell's agent, Leigh Steinberg, said Monday that he's willing to wait for further offers from Pittsburgh. He also continues to talk with the St. Louis Rams.

The problem for the Jets is they were 3-13 last season while the Steelers won the AFC title and came close to beating Dallas in the Super Bowl.

Those close to O'Donnell say he probably would take less to sign with a team that has a good chance of winning now rather than in the future.

O'Donnell is believed to be seeking a contract averaging around \$5 million a year and the Jets are offering more than \$4 million.

Pittsburgh's latest offer was \$12.4 million over four years, but Steinberg said talks were continuing and it appeared the Steelers might be approaching \$4 million a year.

Pittsburgh's attraction to O'Donnell is its success. Coach Bill Cowher has been talking to O'Donnell daily in an effort to lure him back.

The Jets offer O'Donnell a return to the New York area — he grew up in New Jersey. They also have added Ron Erhardt, his offensive coordinator in Pittsburgh, and are trying to sell him on their aggressive stance in free agency.

They unveiled one of those free agents Monday, left tackle Jumbo Elliott, signed from the New York Giants for \$14.8 mil-

lion over five years, including a signing bonus of close to \$5 million.

The Jets are also trying to get things done quickly, perhaps before Pittsburgh can come up with a deal that will approach theirs.


"We've either got to get it

done or move on to other things," said Gutman, who might attempt to deal for Washington's Gus Frerotte if he can't sign O'Donnell.

"There are a lot of issues that require action for us. If we don't sign Neil, it's not the end of the world for us. Nor is it for him."

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■ NBA

Green to continue streak despite injury

By MEL REISNER
Associated Press

PHOENIX
A.C. Green wasn't about to let a few missing teeth force him to miss playing in his 785th consecutive game.

After having his two front teeth knocked out from an elbow thrown by the Knicks' J.R. Reid in Phoenix's win over New York on Sunday, Green was fitted with a mask and expected to play Monday night against the Utah Jazz.

By playing, Green extended his streak for consecutive games among active players. His streak is the third longest in NBA history, behind Randy Smith's 906 and John Kerr's 844.

Reid, meanwhile, was suspended by the NBA for two games and fined \$10,000 — the stiffest penalty in league history for a flagrant elbow.

Reid was to miss the Knicks game Monday night against the Los Angeles Lakers and Wednesday's game against Sacramento.

"He ought to be fined and suspended," Suns coach Cotton Fitzsimmons said Monday. "Any time you take a cheap shot at somebody and put somebody out of commission, there definitely should be a fine and suspension."

These guys don't even notice a fine. You and I would notice the money, but they don't."

Suns trainer Joe Proski rigged a mask to protect Green's mouth, and Green, who missed the team flight to Salt Lake, caught up with the club later Monday.

Green was in his second season with the Los Angeles Lakers when the streak began Nov. 19, 1986, during a game against San Antonio.

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■ COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Kansas avenges loss to Missouri

By CRAIG HORST
Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Jacque Vaughn, the Kansas assist specialist who has suddenly turned into a scorer, had 17 points Monday night and the third-ranked Jayhawks turned back a Missouri challenge early in the second half for an 87-65 win.

Kansas (24-2 overall, 12-1 Big Eight) had a 53-35 lead trimmed in half when the Tigers scored the first nine points in the first four minutes of the second half. But Vaughn hit a 3-pointer and made a free throw as the Jayhawks pulled away.

Vaughn, who scored 20 points in Kansas' win over Kansas State last weekend, was backed by 16 points from Scot Pollard.

Missouri (16-12, 6-7) was unable to handle Kansas' press and fell behind 68-47 with about 14 minutes left after Pollard finished off a three-point play.

Sammie Haley led the Tigers with 12 points and Julian Winfield and Jason Sutherland added 9 each. Missouri, whose chances for an NCAA tournament bid were further damaged, finished with 24 turnovers.

The Tigers, who handed Kansas its only conference loss this season, may now have to win the Big Eight's tournament to make the NCAA field.

Kansas used a 16-5 run late in the first half to open a 51-35 halftime lead. Billy Thomas made a 3-pointer with 2:35 left in the half as the Jayhawks' lead swelled to 46-27.

The Jayhawks' defensive pressure and physical inside play continually frustrated the Tigers. Missouri coach Norm Stewart and center Simeon Haley were both assessed technicals in the half for protesting the officiating.

Departing Kansas seniors Sean Pearson and Calvin Rayford, honored before their final home game in Allen Field House along with T. J. Whatley, provided an immediate spark.

Pearson scored the first basket on a driving layup after the tipoff, and Rayford stole the ball on Missouri's first possession and drove the length of the court for a layup.

But despite 12 first-half turnovers, the Tigers hung with Kansas and gained a 17-17 tie with just over 13 minutes to play on a 3-pointer by Sutherland.

Losing program abandoned

By MELANIE BURNEY
Associated Press

CAMDEN, N.J.

The losingest team in college basketball history is no more. Rutgers-Camden's provost eliminated the men's team on Monday after 108 straight defeats.

The Division III Pioneers went 0-24 this season, their fifth straight losing season. Their last win came when they beat Ramapo College, 74-73 on Jan. 18, 1992.

"Losing 108 games — I can tell you that is demoralizing," Provost Walter K. Gordon said. "You've got to be in a situation where you have the hope of winning."

Gordon made the decision to eliminate the losing basketball program, despite objections by athletic director Wilbur "Pony" Wilson. The team has had three coaches since the streak began — including Wilson.

"I was against it," said Wilson. "That is not the solution to the problem."

Wilson took over as coach this season, but stepped down in January, citing health problems. He lost 50 pounds and his wife got worried when he would yell out the names of his players in his sleep.

The losses continued under Ray Pace, an assistant who replaced Wilson as head coach. Pace played for Rutgers in the 1970s, scoring more than 1,000

points over two seasons.

The Pioneers reached a new milestone Jan. 27 when loss No. 100 came in an 84-53 defeat by William Paterson. The team went 0-10 under Pace.

The losing streak thrust the small, urban college into the national spotlight. The previous record for consecutive losses by an NCAA men's team was 47 consecutive defeats, held by Rutgers-Newark, which went winless from 1983-85.

Gordon said the losing basketball team received more notoriety than the academic program at Rutgers-Camden. The college has about 4,900 students.

"The broader base of society doesn't give high grades to people who lose on an ongoing basis," Gordon said. "We're just talking about winning every now and then. You've got to be competitive."

Wilson said Rutgers-Camden should have focused on rebuilding — instead of eliminating the men's basketball program. He led the team to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics District 31 championships in 1972 and 1976.

"Records are made to be broken," Wilson said Monday.

However, Gordon said it seemed that an end was not in sight for the losing streak, especially since the college has no plans to offer athletic scholarships or lower entrance stan-

dards for athletes.

"I think four years is a reasonable amount of time to try to win a game," Gordon said. "There are times in life situations when you should give up."

The Pioneers could have won a game last season on a technicality after the New Jersey Athletic Conference ruled that Rowan College used an ineligible player and would have to forfeit its 85-56 win.

Wilson opted to keep Camden's record winless, saying he didn't want a "gift."

"A student currently enrolled in the college has never seen us win a game," said Gordon. "A student who played for the last four years has never played in a winning game."

Gordon said Rutgers-Camden may add a sport to replace the men's basketball team, possibly crew or volleyball. The college now has 13 intercollegiate sports.

Carolina mascot slain

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C.

The ram mascot for North Carolina's football team was probably killed when a major artery in its neck was severed, an autopsy found Monday.

The ram also received as many as 10 stab wounds to the chest and neck, had a large gash on the abdomen and had his left front limb hacked away, said Rich Miller, an assistant professor of pathology at North Carolina State's College of Veterinary Medicine.

Preliminary results found the knife wounds were delivered with enough force to have fractured a rib.

"It's difficult to imagine why anyone would maliciously attack an animal like this," Miller said.

Rameses the ram was found dead Sunday morning on his caretaker's farm after serving as the latest in a seven-decade line of mascots for only a year.

North Carolina mascots have been targets of pranksters since the rams were introduced in 1924.

In the past, students at rival schools kidnapped them before big games, but the animals have always been returned safely.

Sheriff Lindy Pendegrass told The Herald-Sun of Durham his office has "some suspicions" regarding a motive and suspects.

A white ram with horns painted sky blue, Rameses would lead the football team onto the field at the start of each game along with a cheerleader escort.

Robert Hogan's family has kept the rams since the tradition began in 1924. He told The News & Observer he is convinced the killing is not sports related.

Rusty Rogers was one of many North Carolina alumni repulsed by the ram's death.

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Fencing

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Sara Walsh and Myriah Brown were almost unstoppable, combining to win 41 matches.

"There were no surprises this weekend," said captain Mindi Kalogera. "It was a good way to the end the team season."

"The women's foil team were again at the top of their game," added assistant coach Mike Sullivan. "They don't just win, they dominate. The women's foil team has an attitude the whole team can use. They take it as an insult to lose three touches."

Notre Dame's other dominating fencing team, sabre, also contributed its normal results to the team tournament. Captain Bill Lester was undefeated and has not lost a match since the team's meet in Boston. Teammate Luke LaValle almost equaled Lester's performance, but lost two of his twenty-three matches.

Women's epee had a little harder time than its counterparts, as they lost to Northwestern but bounced back to win the rest of its eight matches.

"It went pretty well," said Claudette de Bruin, who had a 24-3 record during the tournament. "We had a lapse against Northwestern. We fenced everybody who will be (at the qualifiers this weekend). It was a good indication of what this weekend holds."

Jeremy Siek had maybe the toughest match of the weekend facing men's foilist Thorston Becker from Wayne State. Siek lost five touches to four to the fencer that was ranked number two in the world two years ago. "Jeremy fenced really well,"

praised Auriol. "He did really well against the German from Wayne State. He lost by one touch and had one questionable call against him."

Siek's loss to Becker was his only one of the weekend, but proved fatal as the foil team lost to Wayne State 5-4, and the combined men's team fell 16-11. Otherwise, the men's foil team fenced well. Paul Capobianco, John Tejada and Stephane Auriol came up with some clutch victories for the team in its eight other triumphs.

"We needed to win a few bouts (against Wayne State) and we didn't," explained Sullivan. "They knew if they dominated our epee team they could beat us. Our foil team lost a match or two that they shouldn't have."

Siek's crew were not the only one's to fall prey to Wayne State as the men's epee team was crushed, eight matches to one.

The trio of Brice Dille, Phillip Lee and Brian Stone tallied a majority of the team's victories, leading the team to a 7-2 record for the weekend.

"The epee guys have been struggling all year," commented Sullivan. "Lee and Dille were up against some tough fencers from Wayne State."

This weekend Notre Dame sends its best three fencers from each weapon to the NCAA qualifiers. From that competition the top four or five from each weapon advance to the NCAA championships.

"There are some fencers who do better as individuals than in team competitions," commented Auriol. "It's a different competition. You don't have to worry about the team, you only have to worry about yourself."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish scale Mountaineers

By TIM MCCONN
Sports Writer

The warmups are officially over now. It's time to get ready for the real thing: post-season play.

Before the Notre Dame women's basketball team could start to set their sights on their first ever Big East Conference Tournament - that begins March 2 - they had to take care of some last minute business.

The Irish had to travel to West Virginia Monday to complete their stellar regular season. Complete it they did. Their 73-55 shellacking of the Mountaineers gave the Irish a 20-6 record overall, 15-3 in the Big East. This also allowed them to finish their third consecutive 20-win season.

The Irish started out the game with a 16-6 run, and never looked back. By the half, they had built a 32-24 lead behind Katryna Gaither's 14 points in only 13 minutes of play.

The Mountaineers gave it their best shot to stay in the game. They shrunk the Irish lead to eight by halftime, and got it down to four when Talisha Hargis' layup made the score 36-32 with 18:25 left.

Despite these efforts, they could not sustain their level of play in the second half. Following a Jeannine Augustin steal and Beth Morgan layup, which made it 38-32, the Irish began their run. They raced out to an 18 point lead with



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Katryna Gaither scored 14 points in the first 13 minutes of the game to help ND beat West Virginia 73-55 in their final conference game.

9:11 remaining. The lead eventually got as high as 22 points, as the Irish shot a torrid 71.4% from the field in the last 20 minutes.

The team finished the game shooting 60.4%, including five of 10 from three-point land.

West Virginia's Lisa Szymczak tried to keep her team in it. She lit up the Irish for 25 points and 11 boards.

Notre Dame played the spread-the-wealth game again. Gaither and Morgan, as usual, led the Irish in scoring, with 20 and 19 points, respectively. Gaither shot 75% from the field, while she also contributed 14 boards for her 11th double-double of the season.

Mollie Peirick had eight points and eight assists, while Augustin also dished out eight

assists. Reserve Stacy Fields pulled down five rebounds.

Notre Dame will greatly benefit if their supporting cast continues to produce as they have been all season. This kind of play keeps opposing defenses honest, and their presence prevents the other teams from concentrating too much on leading scorers Morgan and Gaither.

Also, if the Irish want to have a legitimate shot at winning the Big East Tournament, they will have to cut down on the turnovers. In the contest with the Mountaineers, they gave the ball away an eye-popping 31 times.

Teams like UConn will not be handled as easily as West Virginia or Pitt, and the Irish cannot afford maintain this trend.

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■ TRACK

Irish shine against talented field

By JAMES BELDEN
Sports Writer

Competing against the elite brings out the best in everyone.

The Irish proved the old adage correct this weekend as they had a strong showing against some of the world's best track and field athletes at their Alex Wilson Invitational.

"We hosted a meet that was comparable to the NBA All Star game in terms of talent," coach Joe Piane stated.

Notre Dame's legendary "Rocket" Ismail had his five year 55 meter dash record

broken by Diarra Gusmare. His 6.14 shattered the old mark of 6.22 and was the second fastest time in the world this year.

The LaGrange track club sent some competitors who posed an incredible challenge to the Irish squads.

"Potential olympic runners from Suriname, S. Africa, and Kenya train with the LaGrange track club. They truly are some of the best in the world," Piane exclaimed.

The Irish men and women combined for six first place victories. Kelle Saxen took the high jump with her leap of 5-8,

and Erica Peterson won the 500 meters with a time of 1:13.46.

Kristen Dudas won the women's 3000 meters with 10:00.6, and the women's 4X400 relay beat the competition with their 3:48.20 time.

Berit Junker again met the provisional qualifications for the NCAA's with her victory in the women's 800 meters. She ran a time of 2:08.49.

"Berit is a great one. She's really made great strides this year, and she has become a better competitor," Piane praised.

Lamarr Justice took first in the triple jump with his leap of 48-11, and Brian McQuaid won the men's 500 meters with his time of 1:05.06.

Senior standout Mike Fleisch ran into some tough competition in the shot put from Steve Albert, who kept him from taking another first place finish.

"Albert was thirty-one years old and he was just huge. He came to the Alex Wilson to attempt to qualify for the indoor USA Track and Field Championships," Fleisch said.

The Irish now have their sights set on qualifying more individuals for the NCAA's. The men will look to add more while competing in the IC4A's.

The Irish are sending seventeen competitors to the IC4A's and all of them have the opportunity to keep their season going a little longer with strong performances.



Senior Mike Fleisch earned a second place finish at this weekend's Alex Wilson Invitational against internationally strong competition.

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six for 16 on the weekend while collecting 13 total bases in four games. Darin Schmalz outdueled Navy's Tom McLemore for seven innings, mixing speeds and hitting his spots to the tune of a five hit, no walk shutout.

"Darin Schmalz just threw a masterpiece," Mainieri said. "The pressure was all on him, and he responded like a champion. He pitches inside on hitters as well as any pitcher I've ever had."

Saturday saw the Irish wage a slugfest with Mainieri's former club, Air Force, who put up a valiant struggle before falling to the once again offensive Irish by a 12-8 mark.

Down 7-2 in the third, the Falcons exploded for four runs in the bottom half of the inning against freshman Chris McKeown, and eventually knotted the score at 7-7 on a Trey Hodges sacrifice fly in the fifth.

The Irish refused to let the Falcons jump out front, however, as they answered with five runs in the top of the sixth to put the game out of reach. Freshman left fielder Allen Greene broke the tie with a leadoff homerun to right field, and J.J. Brock, who had four RBI in the game, slapped a two run double into left field after the Irish had scored on an error and a passed ball.

In addition to Brock's performance, the Irish got four RBI from first baseman George Restovich, who collected a triple and a three-run homerun in the win. Fifth year senior Rich Sauget also aided the Irish cause, coming in for McKeown to throw two and a third innings of one-run ball.

"I had seen them do that for six years," said Mainieri of Air Force's aborted come back. "I knew they wouldn't give up. We got the offense when we

needed it though, and Rich Sauget did a great job out of the bullpen."

The explosive Irish offense, which tallied 27 runs on the weekend, was at its most anemic in Sunday's finale against Memphis, as they could muster only three hits in a 4-2 loss to the hometown team. Memphis starter Lonnie Glass threw five and a third innings of two hit ball.

Notre Dame scored their only two runs of the game when Mike Amrhein ripped a two run double off reliever Chad Harville in the sixth inning. Harville got Restovich and center fielder Rowan Richards to strike out to end the inning, and the Irish bowed out quickly in the seventh.

Senior Craig Allen took the loss for the Irish, dropping him to 0-2 on the season. Allen, who pitched four innings before turning the ball over to freshman Alex Schilliday, was touched for three runs in the first two innings on homeruns by David Miller and Ben Pennington.

"We had a chance to go undefeated in the tournament," commented Mainieri. "We ran into two quality pitchers from Memphis, however, and their pitchers simply beat our hitters."

While the close loss to Memphis ended the weekend on a somewhat sour note, the Irish weren't left hanging their heads. The three wins leave the team at .500 after their first two weeks of play, and they have shown signs of brilliance on the offensive end while receiving an outstanding inning from a pitcher who had struggled in his first outing.

"Overall I'm pleased with our performance this weekend," commented Mainieri. "We just need to get better on the mound, and we need to become more consistently aggressive at the plate. Overall, you can't be terribly unhappy about winning three out of four."

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Tuesday, February 27, 7:30 p.m.

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■ **MEN'S TENNIS**

Men drop three at Louisville tourney

By **JOE CAVATO**
Sports Writer

After getting off to a quick 6-1 start, the Notre Dame men's tennis team has hit a wrinkle in the middle of their tough schedule.

Over the weekend the team competed at the USTA/ITA national team indoor tennis championships in Louisville. This tournament features some of the top teams in country, such as national powers Georgia, USC, and Florida. The Irish went into Kentucky with a 6-1 record and came back 6-4.

In the first round the Irish battled number three Georgia but fell 5-2. The young doubles team of freshman Brian Patterson and sophomore Jakub Pietrowski won their third match of the season in three attempts, beating the Bulldogs' second-ranked combination of Eddie Jacques and John Roddick 8-6.

The teams of Mike Sprouse and Jason Pun team as well as Ryan Simme and John Jay O'Brien dropped their matches 2-8 and 8-9 respectively.

On the singles side the Irish earned points in the number one and two slots. Sprouse defeated another top opponent, this time the nation's eighth-ranked player in Georgia's John Roddick, 7-6, 6-3. In the second singles position Pietrowski battled Jamie Laschinger in a grueling three set match 2-6, 6-4, 7-6.

Simme and O'Brien were defeated by the 18th and 46th players as Georgia displayed depth that has them ranked in the top five.

The first consolation round matched the 16th-ranked Irish and 13th-ranked Fresno State.

The Bulldogs took a doubles point as Pietrowski and Patterson lost their first match of the season, 5-8. Kelly Gullet and Bryan Juinio clinched the doubles for Fresno State as they took just ten games to defeat O'Brien and Simme.

Senior Pun won the only point for the Irish as he defeated Gullet in the number

six singles position. The third ranked player in the country, Fredrik Giers, edged Pietrowski 6-4, 7-6.

Simme's and Patterson's matches went the distance as their opponents needed three sets earn the points. Simme fought with Blagr Pertrov as they split the first two sets 6-4, 4-6, before Pertrov took over and won the third and decisive set 6-0.

Both Sprouse's and O'Brien's matches were suspended after the Bulldogs scored their fourth point, resulting in the 4-1 final.

The 13th place contest saw a rematch of the Kentucky and Notre Dame match earlier this year. The Irish and Wildcats have split their last six meetings, all with a score of 4-3. Notre Dame took the earlier match-up in dramatic and thrilling fashion, but Kentucky got their revenge as the Wildcats defeated the Irish 4-3.

Kentucky got off to the quick start this time as they won the doubles point. The Pun and Sprouse duo took tough loss as Marcus Fluitt and Dan Spaner edged them 9-7. The Wildcats also got a doubles win at number three as Cedric Kauffmann and Ludde Sundin beat Simme and O'Brien 8-3.

Patterson and Pietrowski pushed their record to 4-1 as they overcame Ariel Gaitan and Patrik Johansson 8-3.

Sprouse suffered another set-back to Kentucky's Cedric Kauffmann, ranked seventh in the nation. Both of the senior captain's losses this season are to Kauffmann.

The Irish received great play from the lower part of their lineup as seniors Pun and O'Brien won both their matches in three sets.

Pietrowski pushed his record to 6-2 as he overcame Fluitt 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, one of the best servers in college tennis.

Nationally ranked Ludde Sundin outlasted Ryan Simme in one an extremely close and well played match 6-7, 6-3, 7-5. Wildcat Dan Spaner nipped Patterson in another tough and well fought match 7-5, 7-5.

■ **WOMEN'S TENNIS**

Key injury fails to stop Irish

By **KATHLEEN LOPEZ**
Sports Writer

The Irish have earned themselves a vacation. The women's tennis team has had a tough past couple of weeks, facing six nationally ranked teams and coming out victorious in five of the matches.

This past weekend Notre Dame, along with the other top fifteen teams in the nation, was at the National Indoor Team Tennis Championship. The Irish showed the nation its depth after injuries allowed several new faces a chance to play this weekend.

The Irish faced a tough first round opponent in top-ranked, undefeated Florida. The Gators overpowered the Irish 8-0 with a solid line-up featuring many nationally ranked players.

"Florida was a solid team," stated head coach Jay Louderback. "I think that we played well. They just happened to play a little bit better."

Unfortunately in this match the team suffered a casualty. The top singles player for the Irish, senior Wendy Crabtree, aggravated her achilles' tendon. Crabtree should be ready to play in future matches.

In Friday's consolation match, the Irish took on No. 12 South Carolina and dismissed the Gamecocks, 6-2. With the

loss of Crabtree the Irish moved freshman sensation Jennifer Hall to number one singles. Hall showed that she was a force to be reckoned with in her 6-1, 6-3 defeat of Heather Greene.

Senior Holyn Lord played at the second spot for the Irish and came from behind to beat Celine Regnier, 7-6, 6-2. The other freshman on the team, Marisa Velasco, had a solid performance as she beat Tobi Rakic, 6-3, 6-3.

Sophomores Kelley Olson and Molly Gavin also had strong outings for the Irish as they beat their opponents in two sets.

The Irish performed well in doubles. The number one doubles team of Crabtree and Lord dominated their South Carolina opponents, 8-1, capturing the match with the win.

"We were worried about this match and the one after it, because both teams were ranked ahead of us," stated Louderback. "In the end, we came through because of the big wins from Molly Gavin and Olson. Also Lord came up with a big win because she came from behind."

Then on Saturday the Irish took on the sixth-ranked California Bears. The match was tight all the way through, with a split in the singles

matches. Notre Dame finally clinched it by capturing two out of the three doubles matches.

"Cal was a tough team," stated Louderback. "Gowen came up with a big win, and Gavin played as good as I have ever seen her. With those victories, we got back in the match."

The Irish earned wins at the one, four and six singles spots. Hall defeated Amanda Augustus 6-2, 6-3 at number one singles. Then Gowen came through with a close win against Francesca La'o, 7-5, 6-1. At number six, Gavin quickly put to rest Marisa MacLennan, 6-1, 6-0.

The doubles matches were once again the key for the Irish. The team suffered a tough loss at the top spot as Crabtree and Lord were defeated 9-8. The Irish quickly rebounded with second-ranked Gowen and Hall defeating Nicole Elliot and MacLennan, 8-4. Olson and Velasco secured the team victory, by coming up with the close win over Kristina Donahew and Stephanie Tibbits, 9-8.

"Overall, this was a great weekend," Louderback said. "We had a tough schedule these past few weeks. This weekend was positive, all of these new players have gotten some playing time and played well for us. This weekend helped us with our depth."

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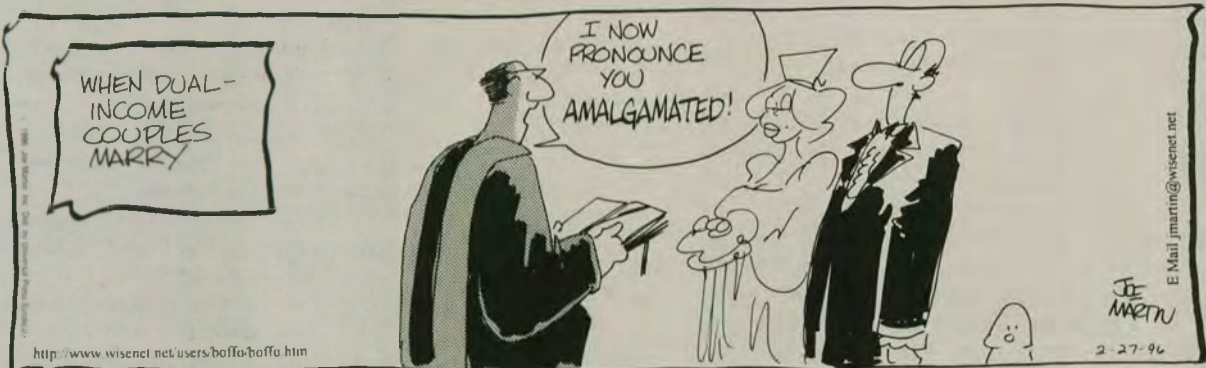
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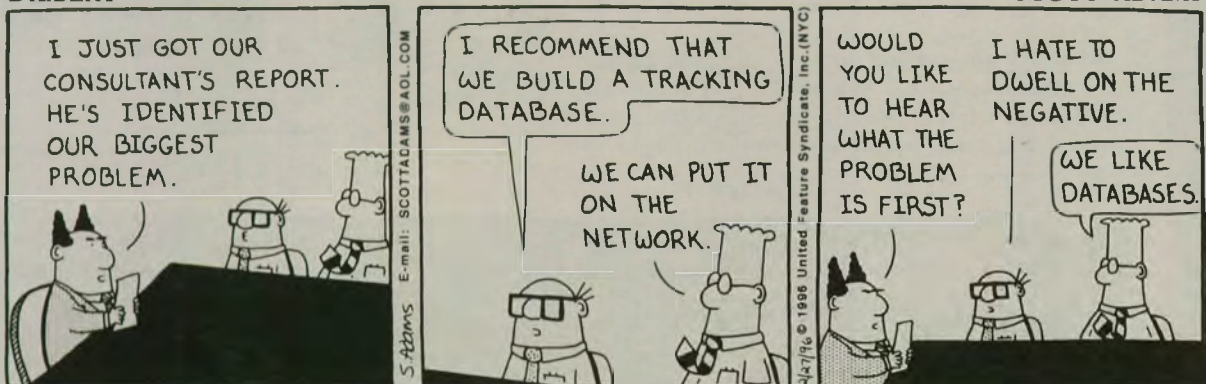
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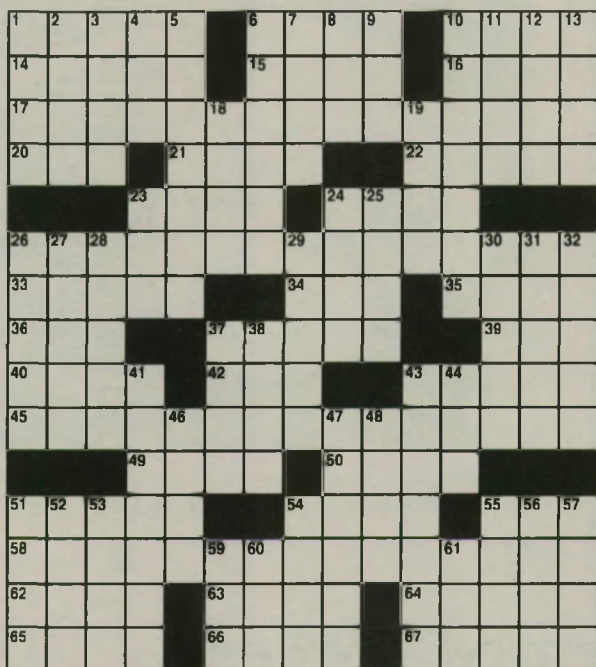


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Puzzle by Randall J. Hartman

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JEANE DIXON

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: New communication techniques will help you share your message with a wider audience. Think big and you will go far professionally! Financial backing will become available if you present a strong case. An inheritance or business windfall could make money worries a thing of the past. Listen to what is being said by people who have known you a long time. You need to be more practical where romance is concerned.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: actress Joanne Woodward, consumer advocate Ralph Nader, actor Grant Snow, presidential daughter Chelsea Clinton.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your creative flair and practical know-how attract positive feedback. Avoid taking risks with other people's money; rely on experts' advice. Behind-the-scenes developments prove lucky for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Keep spending under control. Positive influences help you solve a personal problem. Evening could be the happiest time of the day. Nurture romance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take the lead today and get things going just the way you planned. Some interesting developments will take place this afternoon. Find ways to economize. You want more money coming in than going out!

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be willing to change your plans. A loved one's needs outweigh your own. Put your interests on hold and lend a hand. Friends offer to help out in an emergency. Show your heartfelt appreciation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Guard against mix-ups which could result in annoyance or extra expense. Keep pushing a pet cause while you have

access to prominent people. Voice your gratitude if friends show you a good time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your partner or closest friend holds the key to settling a dispute. An increase in financial activity is indicated. Accept what cannot be helped. You need to learn from your mistakes, then move on.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Higher-ups take notice when you showcase your talents. Learn from a parent's experiences. Friends are eager to get together and celebrate.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A misplaced item is found in old clothing or behind a piece of furniture. Keep a diary of important family events. Be supportive of relatives who have dedicated their lives to a noble cause.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A brainstorming session with allies could result in a clever idea or useful agreement. Turn your attention to your private life. Lovers will see eye-to-eye.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your enthusiasm is contagious now. Others are ready to help you do good works! Take someone's "friendly advice" with a grain of salt. Trust your strong inner voice. A love relationship will gradually deepen.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A music program or holistic health treatment captures your attention. Maintain your composure even if co-workers get hot under the collar. All bets are off where a business deal is concerned. Avoid watching the clock.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A discussion which could have far-reaching effects, should not be postponed. A parent greatly influences your thoughts and actions. Someone's romantic intentions need to be clarified. Accept well-intentioned advice with good grace.

■ OF INTEREST

On Feb. 28, 1991 President George Bush suspended the ground war in the Gulf War. There will be a prayer service at 12 p.m. Wednesday at the Field House Mall to remember those who died in the war and those who worked to bring peace in a variety of ways as well as to pray for more creative non-violent means of resolving conflict.

John W. Borkowski from Hogan & Hartson in New Orleans will present a seminar entitled "Contemporary Legal Issues of Race in Public Education" today at 4:15 p.m. in Room 124 of the Center for Social Concerns.

Ralph R. Premdas from the University of the West Indies will be presenting a lecture entitled "Elections and Communal Conflict in the Caribbean: Consequences of a Change of Government in Trinidad and Tobago" today at 12:30 p.m. in C-103 Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

Tonight at the Cinema at the Snite "Waiting for Fidel" and "Easy Rider" will be playing at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. respectively. The cost is \$2.

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Bengal Bouts semi-finals up for grabs



The Observer/Mike Ruma

Johnny "Too Tall" Mele will face defending 165 pound champion John "You Won't Last as Long as My Name" Christoforetti in tonight's semi.

Anything is possible on this evening's card

By MIKE NORBUT
Sports Editor

Toby Biolchini wanted to get to the finals. But not this way.

The senior and President of the Bengal Bouts will not be boxing until the finals Friday night after his opponent for tonight's semifinals, Joe Leslie, was not allowed to fight.

"This is what we worked for all year," Biolchini said. "As a senior, I'm missing my opportunities in two of three possible fights. But, this is the card I've been dealt. Hopefully it'll all work out."

Leslie suffered a broken hand in his 135-pound quarterfinal victory over Brian Norton Sunday. He was promptly scratched from the Tuesday card, leaving only 28 bouts in the 15 different weight classes.

When it's all said and done, though, the number may still drop to 27. Senior Dan Glennon, who injured his left shoulder in his 145-pound quarterfinal win, may not be able to continue to the

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Freshman Mike McCurdy is the top seed in the 130 pound division.

66th Annual Bengal Bouts Semifinals

Best Bouts



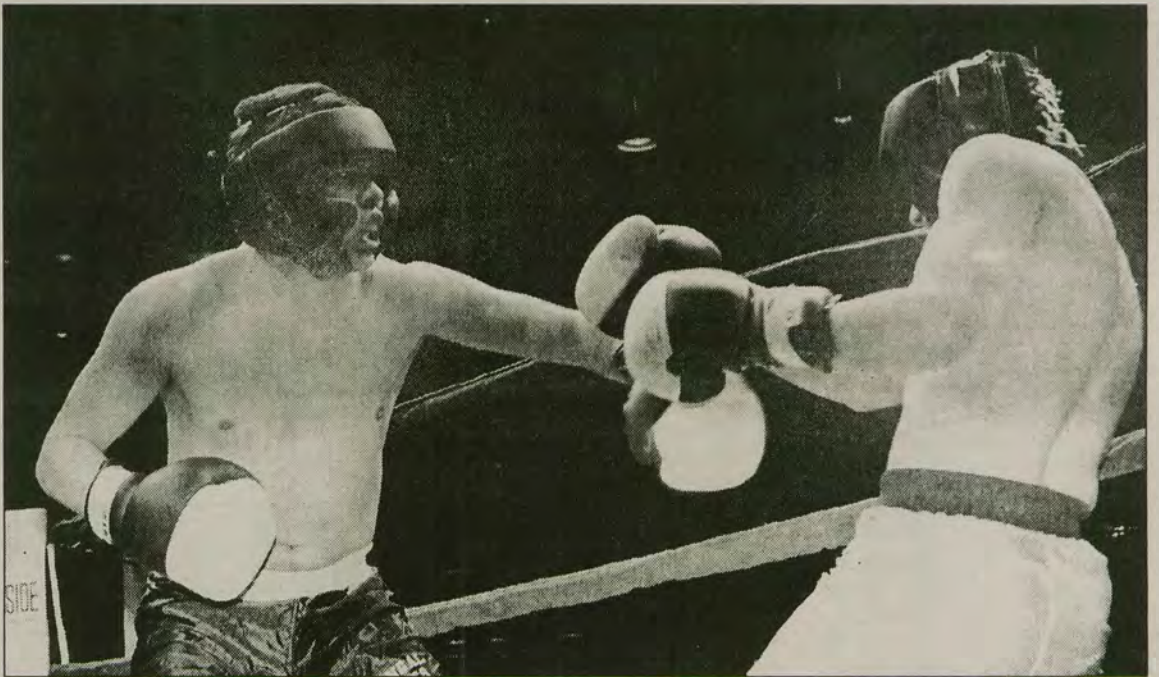
Damon Affinto vs. Fred Kelly-145 lbs.

Lucas Molina vs. John Kmetz-155 lbs.

Troy Phillips vs. Dan O'Rourke-200 lbs.

Semifinals: Today, 7:30 p.m.
in the Joyce Fieldhouse

Finals: 8 p.m. March 1 in the Joyce Arena



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Sophomore Lucas Molina (left) will battle second-seeded junior John Kmetz in the evening's 155 pound semi-final bout. The bout is expected to be one of the highlights of the night's card.

BASEBALL

Hot bats overcome Armed Forces

Irish take three of four in Armed Services Classic

By DYLAN BARMMER
Sports Writer

Three out of four ain't bad. The Notre Dame baseball team won three straight games at the Armed Services Classic in Millington, Tennessee this past weekend, before falling 4-2 to Memphis in the final game on Sunday.

The weekend started off well for the Irish (3-3), as they won back to back seven-inning

games, blasting Army 12-3 before squeaking by Navy 1-0 in the second game of the night.

The Irish dispatched Army behind a 20-hit offensive assault and a gutsy five inning, four hit performance on the mound from sophomore Christian Parker. Against the Cadets the Irish came out on the attack throughout the lineup, as seven different players drove in at least one run.



Parker

"All throughout the lineup everybody just swung the bat really well," commented head coach Paul Mainieri. "We were a lot more aggressive at the plate than we had been in the series against Georgia Tech, and it showed."

Perhaps the Irish were a little too aggressive in the opening game, as they needed every bit of offense they could squeeze together to sink the Midshipmen. The only run of the game came on a first inning moon shot over the left field fence by Irish first baseman Mike Amrhein, who went

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FENCING

Fencers dominate in NCAA tune-up

By WILLY BAUER
Sports Writer

It went exactly as planned. Notre Dame's fencing team repeated as Midwestern Conference champion last weekend at the Joyce Center, and are preparing for this weekend's NCAA qualifiers.

"After the tournament I

felt the team is not performing at its best," said coach Yves Auriol. "I hope the team is not fooled by trophies."

"It was a long competition," explained Auriol. "When you fence teams who aren't at your level and then fence tougher fencers you lose some concentration."

Once again the women's foil team was at the top of its game. The team swept its nine opponents with relative ease by an average score of 14-2.



Kalogera

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SPORTS at a GLANCE

Men's Basketball

vs. Miami, February 28, 7:00 p.m.

Women's Basketball

at Big East Tournament, Storrs, CT
March 2, TBA

Hockey

vs. Ferris State, March 2, 7:00 p.m.

Men's Tennis

vs. Michigan State,
February 28, 3:30 p.m.

Baseball

at New Orleans, March 1, 1:00 p.m.

SMC Sports

Tennis vs. Hope, March 2, 1:00 p.m.

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