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■ NOTRE DAME STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

Griffin and Szabo tickets prepare for Wednesday runoff

By DEREK BETCHER
Assistant News Editor

With the Matt Griffin/Erek Nass ticket receiving 34 percent of the vote and the Matt Szabo/Mary Gillard ticket garnering 33 percent, Friday's primary election for student body president and vice president was the closest in years.

Because none of the five tickets received a majority vote, Wednesday's run-off election between Griffin/Nass and Szabo/Gillard will determine which duo will become student body president and vice president.

"It's pretty inevitable that there's going to be a runoff," election committee president Jen Dovidio said. She explained that while a two-tiered election is common, such a narrow margin separating the top two vote-getters is notable; Griffin/Nass received 1113 votes to Szabo/Gillard's 1078 votes.

"We haven't had as close a race in the last five years," Dovidio said.

Griffin, Nass, Szabo, and Gillard now expect to focus their energies on the few remaining days of intensive campaigning. Both platforms anticipate another close contest.

"I'm glad the student body now has a clear-cut choice to make about the direction of student government," Szabo said.

One of the biggest distinctions between his ticket and Griffin/Nass's is in leadership style; Szabo has a dynamic style while Griffin offers a more reserved and more experienced approach. Also, Griffin/Nass's ticket features a comparatively more feasible but less aggressive platform than Szabo/Gillard's.

"There's a clear choice to be made," Griffin agreed. "Hopefully the run-off election won't be as close."

In addition to hoping for a decisive outcome, all of the tickets which ran Friday hoped for higher turnout at Wednesday's election. Only 41 percent of Notre Dame's nearly 8,000 undergraduates voted in the primary.

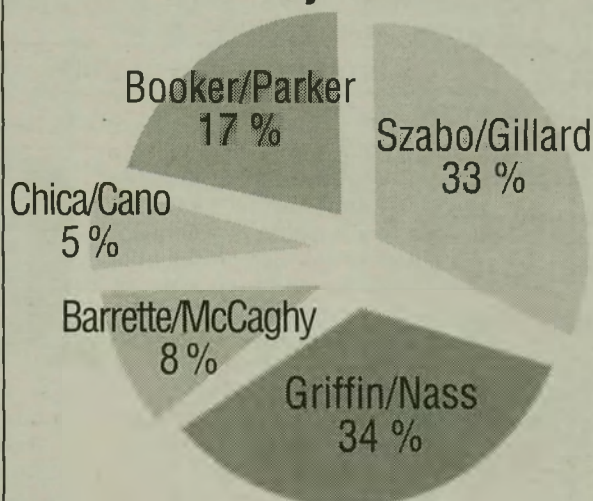
"If people don't know what student government does for them, how are they going to get excited about voting?" Nass asked.

"We're going to try to talk to as many people as we can and make them aware of the issues and their choices," Gillard said.

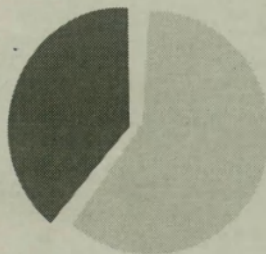
According to Dovidio, the pri-

■ ELECTION RESULTS

President/Vice-President Primary Returns



Student Body Voter Turnout 41%



Source: Student Government Election Committee

The Observer/Sue O'Kain

Off-campus students steer clear of polls

By DEREK BETCHER
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Just 26 of Notre Dame's 1650 students living off-campus, a scant 1.6 percent, voted in Friday's primary election. While off-campus students have traditionally voted in low numbers, last year's turn-out was four times higher.

Several reasons were speculatively cited for the drop.

"There were ten tickets running last year, and half of them lived off campus," explained Brendan Tobin, off campus co-president. "Look, these are off-campus students. Half of them don't even go to class on Friday," he added.

The decision to move the voting place from its traditional spot in the Huddle to the hallway outside of the DeBartolo computer cluster was greeted with the least equanimity.

Tobin explained that the decision to change venues stemmed from both a desire to catch students on their way to the C-1 parking lot and a confusion over who was responsible for polling off-campus students.

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Let the good times roll ...



The Observer/Mike Huma

Senior Regis Holzgreffe found herself surrounded by a mob of festive O'Neill Hall residents during O'Neill's first annual Mardi Gras celebration Saturday night.

Month of Ramadan marks holy season for Muslims

By LAURA PETELLE
News Writer

The Feast of Eid began Saturday night as the moon appeared, ending the Islamic month of Ramadan.

The month of Ramadan is the holiest month of the Islamic calendar. In the month of Ramadan, the archangel Jibreel (Gabriel) revealed God's Word in the Qur'an to Mohammed. Muslims believe that the Qur'an was revealed on one of the odd days in the last ten days of the month of Ramadan: the 21st, 23rd, 25th, 27th, or 29th.

"It is not known which night it was," said Noman Sattar, a Muslim and a graduate student at Notre Dame, "but there is a general consensus that it was the 27th." The night when the Qur'an was revealed is called Lailatul-Qadr, or the Night of Power. The Qur'an reads, "The Night of Power is better than a thousand months."

The month of Ramadan is somewhat similar to the Catholic season of Lent, a time of preparation, reflection and purification. There are five duties that a Muslim must perform called the Five Pillars of Faith: Shahada (affirmation), Salat (prayer), Zakat (almsgiving), Siyam (fasting), and Hajj (pilgrimage to Mecca). Ramadan intensifies all of these.

Perhaps the part of Ramadan that Americans are most familiar with — through such individuals as Houston Rockets star Hakeem Olajuwon — is the fast. The fast lasts from dawn until sunset and prohibits Muslims from even drinking water.

"The fasting is a total, absolute fasting," said Dr. Zia Chowhan, a Muslim who lives in South Bend. "It means refraining from anything that God, the creator, has commanded you to refrain

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Dorm fire cooks up scare for Saint Mary's students

By CAROLINE BLUM
Saint Mary's Editor

When students in Holy Cross Hall at Saint Mary's heard the fire alarm go off at 12:50 a.m. Saturday night, they thought it was just another security drill.

Except for the students on the third floor. As soon as they walked out of their rooms, they knew exactly why the alarm was going off.

"The scariest thing about the fire was that it was real this time," Patty Cronley, the resident advisor on-call, said. "I talked to many residents today

who told me that they were thinking about not going outside when they heard the alarm. That could have been very dangerous."

According to the security report, the fire started in a trash cart on the third floor, due to the "careless disposal of cigarette ashes." Although no students were injured in the fire, juniors Bridget Sullivan and Mary Barlo were treated on the scene for smoke inhalation. Property damage was minimal.

"I was getting ready for bed in the bathroom when I heard Mary (Barlo) screaming my

name," Sullivan said. "So I ran outside and I saw smoldering coming from the trash can. My first instinct was to run, but Mary knew what to do."

Barlo said she remembered thinking about that frightful warning she received freshman year.

"I remembered being warned that since the buildings at Saint Mary's are so old, they can go up in flames quickly," Barlo said. "So I just knew I had to do something right away."

Barlo went to grab the fire extinguisher. But by the time she got the extinguisher work-

ing, the smoke had transformed into a fire.

"We thought we had extinguished the fire," Barlo said, "but it started smoking soon after we thought we put it out. Finally we gave up because we heard the fire alarm going off and knew we needed to get out of the building."

However, some students, like resident advisor Stacey Bart, did not even wake up to the sound of the alarm. Bart, who had her five-year-old nephew staying with her for Little Sibs Weekend, awoke after the building was evacuated because

of the smell of smoke.

"The alarm stops going off after awhile," Cronley said. "I saw one girl come up from the tunnels and go to her room. She had no idea what was going on. I had to tell her to get out of the building."

The South Bend and Notre Dame fire departments also answered the emergency alarm, and aided Saint Mary's security in extinguishing the fire. Although the fire was quickly put out, students were prohibited from returning to their

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

Waiting for a leading woman

In their 25 years as students at the University, Notre Dame women have definitely influenced and changed the face of the campus in almost all aspects of student life. Their presence is simply unmistakable.

Allison Koenig
News Copy Editor

However, there is one feat to accomplish before Notre Dame women can truly call this campus theirs: a woman needs to be elected president of the student body.

Why has this not yet happened?

Sure, several women have run for vice-presidential positions. Junior Megan Murray is the vice-presidential office incumbent. However, the number of women that have actually run for president can be counted on one hand.

This year's candidates were a glaring example of an unfortunate demographic trend in student government politics. Three of the five tickets consisted of two white males. The fourth ticket was composed of a white male and a white female. The final duo was occupied by a black male and a white female.

Out of five tickets, only two women ran for office, neither of them for that of president. Additionally, a single sex ticket, for males, is considered to be standard. In recent history, there has not been a ticket composed of two females.

Does this trend indicate that Notre Dame students find women to be incapable of holding this esteemed office?

There is something wrong behind the representation of demographics at the University. (I could very well be writing this article about the lack of racial variety in student representation also.)

Take candidate Mary Gillard, for example. From a leadership and government involvement standpoint, she is more qualified to lead the student body than any of the nine candidates for presidential or vice-presidential positions. That includes her running mate, Matt Szabo.

Laura Parker, the other female running for office, was also more qualified than her running mate, Bobby Booker, from the same leadership standpoint. (Refer to last Thursday's Observer for a breakdown of the candidates' qualifications, platforms, and backgrounds.)

Why are these women, who are more experienced than their running mates, not running for president?

My intention is not to blame Gillard and Parker for the fact that women have never filled THE student leadership role at Notre Dame. I would be interested in finding out why they did not run for president, and what they themselves think of this rather sexist trend.

Or maybe "trend" is not the right word. Perhaps "gender relations rut" would be more descriptive.

The women's liberation movement came to this country over 30 years ago. Women came to the University of Notre Dame as students 25 years ago. How much longer is it going to take for a woman to come forward and lead the students?

Gillard and Szabo's campaign slogan happens to be, "This is our school. Let's take it back." To the women of Notre Dame, this is your school too. I pose the aforementioned questions and the challenge to go after the position that affirms your place at the University.

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■ WORLD AT A GLANCE

New Zealand gunman kills six, injures five

WELLINGTON, New Zealand
A man embroiled in a domestic dispute opened fire on his relatives and several passers-by at a ski resort Saturday, killing six people and wounding five, police said.

The man, described by residents of the village of Raurimu Spiral as a former psychiatric patient, was naked and unarmed when police commandos seized him. He emerged from a dense forest about 600 feet from the killing scene, two hours after his rampage began.

The suspect, Stephen Anderson of Wellington, made his first appearance Sunday in Taumarunui District Court, where he was formally charged in one death. Police said other charges against the 22-year-old Anderson were pending. Authorities earlier gave his age as



24.

Inspector Geoff Holloway said Sunday that police were in the early stages of building a picture of the accused and so far had uncovered had no evidence pointing to a history of mental illness.

The violence began with an argument during a family reunion. It appeared that the gunman's relatives, including his parents, bore the brunt of his rage, police said. But passers-by also were hit by fire from the 12-gauge shotgun.

The man's wife, father and four other relatives were believed to be among the casualties, Australia's Sunday Telegraph of Sydney reported.

It took authorities more than an hour to reach the village, 250 miles north of the capital, Wellington. The nearest police station was 30 miles away.

Police searched for more bodies in and around the village.

Kemp may run in 2000

WASHINGTON

Jack Kemp indicated Sunday that he is making preparations for a possible run for the White House in 2000. "I'll tell you this, my appetite is whetted," last year's Republican vice presidential candidate said. Kemp, appearing on NBC's "Meet the Press," said a concrete decision on a presidential candidacy would not come until after congressional elections in 1998. But the former congressman and government secretary said he wants to help shape America's vision for the future. "I'm looking forward to being a big part of that debate," he said. By the end of this month, Kemp said, he will form a political action committee to help finance his travels on behalf of Republican candidates. He said the PAC also will "lay the architecture nationally for the type of financial effort you've got to make if you are going to be ready to run." Kemp was Bob Dole's running mate on the GOP ticket that lost to President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore last November.



Police: Woman set roommate ablaze

INDIANAPOLIS

A woman upset over having to drive her drunken roommate home sprayed her friend with gasoline from a convenience store pump Sunday, then killed her by lighting the gas stream on fire, police said. Nicole Dickens, 22, died after suffering third-degree burns over 98 percent of her body, said Joe DiLaura, a spokesman for Wishard Memorial Hospital. Her roommate, Sherrell Russell, 26, was arrested and held on suspicion of murder, Marion County Sheriff's Col. Scott Minier said. Ms. Russell was angry because her roommate was intoxicated and had refused to drive her own car, Minier said. "The suspect is generally the passenger and she was upset that she was asked to drive," he said. "Her roommate apparently had had too much to drink." About 4 a.m., Ms. Russell asked a store clerk to call a cab for Ms. Dickens because she didn't want to drive her back to their apartment, Minier said. But minutes later, as Ms. Russell filled up the car's gas tank, she aimed the pump at her roommate and ignited the stream of gas with a lighter, Minier said. "It was basically like a flame-thrower, just a stream of fire," he said.

Love at first sight lasts for 80 years

SACRAMENTO, Calif.

For George and Gaynel Couron, love at first sight has lasted nearly 81 years. The couple, who celebrate their 81st anniversary April 10, has the nation's longest-lasting marriage, according to Worldwide Marriage Encounter, a group offering programs to improve communication between spouses. "That was the girl for me. I've had her for 80 years, soon to be 81," said Couron, who is 100. "I got the woman I wanted." "I got the man I wanted," his 97-year-old wife added. In 1916, Couron first saw his soon-to-be wife on the sidewalk after moving to Fort Dodge, Iowa. He brushed off attempts by his sisters to set him up on a blind date because he kept thinking about "that girl on the sidewalk." When he finally met Gaynel, at a carnival, she turned out to be the one his sisters tried to match him with. When they met again, he boldly said, "I'm taking you home tonight" and they were soon married. Fourteen children, 43 grandchildren, 75 great-grandchildren and at least 30 great-great-grandchildren later, Couron is surprised as anyone at his long life and his marriage. "I could say we behaved ourselves, but that just wouldn't go down very well with some people," he said. The couple lived independently until a few months ago. Although they are in relatively good health, Mrs. Couron suffered a mild stroke in December and one of their daughters stays at their home.

20-year officer makes it as painter

WASHINGTON

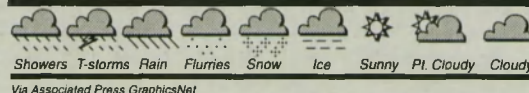
Davis Morton was a cop in the Washington suburbs for 20 years. He's been painting longer than he was policing, however, and the Arts Club of Washington has organized a show of his work — \$1,200 to \$7,000 each. "You know the Tastee Diner in Bethesda?" he asks, referring to a restaurant he used to pass in patrol cars. "That picture was sold to a collector in Vienna." That's Vienna, Austria, not Vienna, Va. — which like Bethesda, Md., is a Washington bedroom community. Morton travels to Europe every year and has sold about 20 of his paintings there. A few more are bought every year at auctions in southern France, he said. "There's an old police saying that as a cop you see the best people at their worst and the worst people at their best," he recalled. "It's not too bad an idea for a painter." Morton's oils are highly realistic. Although he works from photos he makes himself, he maintains his work is not photographic. "If a waiter from France looks better in New York, I'll put him there," he said in an interview. "Actually I'm a kind of surrealist," he said. "I use my dreams, but I don't dream about folding clocks like Salvador Dali" — the late Spanish whose floppy timepieces became a trademark of surrealism. Morton, 48, developed his police and painting careers at the same time. His only formal art training was an anatomy course at George Washington University.

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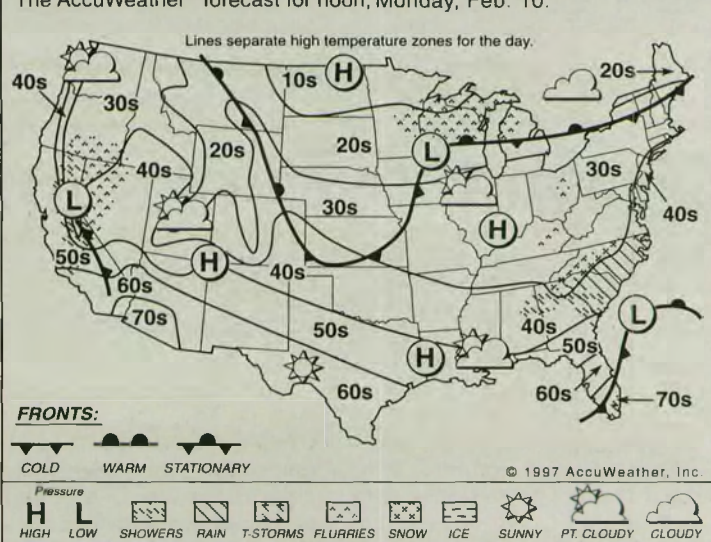
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Fairbanks	16	-4	New Orleans	60	38	Seattle	48	35

Professor succumbs to illness

By LAURA PETELLE
News Writer

Veronica Blasquez, the Galla assistant professor of biochemistry at Notre Dame, died late Wednesday in Dallas.

Blasquez, 40, died following a long illness. She had been on medical leave since December and had gone to Dallas for treatment. She is survived by her parents, two brothers, and five sisters.

Blasquez was born and raised in the Philippines. She received her bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of the Philippines in 1978. She earned her doctorate in biochemistry at Purdue

University in 1985 and then spent five years as a postdoctoral fellow in biochemistry at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. She joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1990.

Her research was in genetics, studying the effects of chromatic structure on gene expression.

Blasquez was liked and respected by her colleagues and students.

"She knew everyone's name," said Chris Doro, a junior in the College of Science. "She would always call on people by name. She cared. I was really impressed by her teaching. She was real, real good and

real, real tough. She was my favorite teacher last semester."

"From a chairman's point of view, Veronica was a wonderful, obliging colleague with a real strong concern for students," said Alexander Lappin, chair of the department of chemistry and biochemistry. "She was a superb teacher. She'll be missed greatly by the whole department but especially by the biochemists."

A prayer service was held Saturday in Richardson, Tex. She will be buried in Manila, the Philippines.

The College of Science will conduct a memorial service on March 18 at 10 a.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Berkeley priest contrasts welfare policy with ideals

By ELENA MILLNER
News Writer

Dignity and fundamental human rights should be the most important components of any welfare policy, according to Father William O'Neill.

"Commonweal or Woe? — The Ethics of Welfare Reform" was the focus of O'Neill's lecture Friday afternoon as part of a three-day series of speakers and panels titled "The Welfare Revolution and Catholic Social Thought."

O'Neill, associate professor of social ethics at the University of California at Berkeley, outlined normative goals for welfare reform that are rooted in the philosophy of Catholic social teaching.

"The motives of Catholic social policy," said O'Neill, "are to establish a social ideal of a common good."

Roman Catholic social teaching, as expressed by O'Neill, falls between the extremes of the notion of a collective society versus an individual-based society. He feels the distributive quality of a common good can enable society to gain a richer understanding of the individuals that comprise the wide spectrum of humanity.

A way to measure good welfare policy, according to O'Neill's interpretation of

Catholic social teaching, is to examine whether the action will enhance the lives of the people affected. Work created through welfare policy must permit families to live in dignity, O'Neill said. Fundamental human rights, he added, are a prerequisite for any policy.

O'Neill spoke of society's moral judgment of the poor when deciding which segments of the disadvantaged society to help. Referring to the Bible, O'Neill said that those Jesus aided were considered "undeserving" during Jesus's time.

"We speak of the deserving and undeserving poor," said O'Neill, "but not of the deserving and undeserving rich."

O'Neill established a set of moral criteria to evaluate policy. First, he said, children's rights must be legally protected. Second, policy must be comprehensible and must integrate the amount of latitude needed by states as they develop their own policies. Third, there must be social guarantees created that provide assistance such as educational opportunities and collaborative efforts between the public and private sector.

Finally, O'Neill said, "The participatory rights of those most affected by welfare policy must be honored."

Chemists conference hosted by Saint Mary's

Special to The Observer

"Women Chemists in Industry" was the theme for the second annual Women Chemists Symposium held this past weekend at Saint Mary's College. Dr. Christina Bodurow Hendricks, pharmaceutical project manager of the fluoxetine (Prozac) product team for Eli Lilly and Company, gave the keynote address.

In addition to the Hendricks presentation, other activities included a career planning workshop, demonstrations in both biochemistry and organic chemistry, and round table discussions.

The symposium was coordinated by the Saint Mary's College department of chemistry and physics and funded through the Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation and the St. Joseph Valley Section of the American Chemical Society.

In addition, information on career paths, educational needs, and other resource materials were presented. Friday evening, students

attended a supper with career mentors and alumnae.

In her project manager position at Eli Lilly, guest speaker Hendricks is responsible for the strategy, tactics and daily operations of a global, cross-functional team dedicated to the maximization of Prozac, Lilly's largest selling product and the third largest pharmaceutical product in the world.

Hendricks, who earned her doctorate from Princeton University in 1984, worked for Eli Lilly and Company in several positions prior to her current job.

She served as a global pharmaceutical manager, pharmaceutical and analytical chemistry department head and Ph.D. recruiter for Lilly Research Laboratories. Hendricks has served as chair of the women chemist committee of the American Chemical Society, and on the advisory boards of both the chemistry department at Princeton University and the industrial relations committee of the American Chemical Society.

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"It's not just not eating or drinking, but it's also refraining from all the evils and bad things that God has commanded you not to do. Not only that, but also in this month of Ramadan it means doing things that your creator, through revelation in the Qur'an, has commanded you to do."

"The basic philosophy — don't eat, don't drink, no lies, no cheating, keep all evils away — is denial of anything that may harm you spiritually," said Sattar. "And when we go hungry and thirsty, it's one way of thinking of the less fortunate, people who are hungry and thirsty."

Those who are traveling or sick are excused from the compulsory fast, though they are expected to make up the days missed.

Many Muslims, after the breaking of the fast at night, visit family and friends.

Ramadan is mentioned in the Qur'an, which reads, "Ramadan is the month during which the Qur'an was revealed, providing guidance for the people, clear teaching, and the statue book. Those of you who witness this month shall fast therein."

Further restriction and explanation is given elsewhere in the Qur'an: "Permitted for you is sex with your wives during the nights of fasting. ... You may eat and drink until the white thread of light becomes distinguishable from the dark thread of night at dawn. Then, you shall fast until sunset."

The Feast of Eid marks the end of Ramadan.

"The celebration is actually the prayer," said Chowhan. "The rest is on a personal basis — it's not something where there is glamour and dancing and a party and that kind of stuff ... it is not that kind of celebration."

"The celebration begins in the morning," said Sattar. "It's a day off. People get together with family and friends."

While the fast is undeniably difficult, "[Ramadan] reminds you each year that if you are a believer in this faith, then this is how it has to be," said Chowhan.

"It makes you a better Muslim, a better person," said Sattar.

Research from <http://www.holidays.net/ramadan> contributed to this report.

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rooms until the whole building was secured.

"Security had to check the carbon monoxide level on each floor before they let everyone back in," Cronley said. "Since there was a problem on the third floor, they had to spray to take care of it. The spray left a powdery substance in the halls."

Sullivan and Barlo were given oxygen masks as treatment for smoke inhalation.

"We inhaled oxygen for 10 minutes," Barlo said. "And then they checked our heart and lungs. We were coughing a little, but other than that we felt fine. We feel fine today."

As an alternative to standing outside in the cold during the

evacuation, Conley encouraged students to wait in the LeMans lobby instead.

"I was wearing flip-flops and shorts," Cronley said. "There were other girls with no shoes on or just their pajamas."

Forty minutes after the fire was extinguished, the lobby of Holy Cross Hall was reopened for cold students to stay while their floors were secured. The Inn at Saint Mary's opened two free rooms for third floor students, although most chose to sleep with friends instead.

According to sophomore resident Laura McGinty, the only visual evidence of the fire that exists in her section today is a dark black mark above the trash can where the fire occurred, and a white powder on the walls of a few students' rooms. And, of course, the smell.

Katie Drew, the resident advi-

sor of section three main, knows of no students around where the fire occurred who smoke cigarettes. She does think that because the fire was caused by a cigarette, residents could see some policy changes soon.

"There has been a lot of discussion about changing the smoking policy in the halls," Drew said. "This may give the action a push to make the halls smoke-free."

Cronley thought the fire also put an interesting twist on the recent smoking surveys that were distributed in the halls.

"I think it is very ironic," Cronley said. "Students just finished filling out surveys about their feelings toward smoking in the residence halls and whether or not they prefer more regulations."

The department of residence life has not yet released the results of these surveys.

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South Bend native wins Dooley Award

Special to The Observer

Kathleen Osberger, a South Bend native and a 1975 graduate, received the Notre Dame Alumni Association's 1997 Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Award.

Osberger is a licensed clinical social worker at the University of Chicago Hospitals department of psychiatry and holds master's degrees from the Maryknoll School of Theology and the University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration. She is active in community efforts on behalf of Central American immigrants and a volunteer therapist with the Kolver Center for the Treatment of Survivors of Torture.

After her graduation from Notre Dame, she worked in Santiago, Chile, and Chimbote, Peru, in service programs sponsored by the Congregation of Holy Cross.

From 1977-87 Osberger lived in New York's South Bronx, working as a pastoral associate. While living there she

helped found a community organizing movement, South Bronx People for Change.

From 1990-96 Osberger served as president of the Carmine Marine Tenants Association in Chicago's Uptown community. During her tenure she oversaw the creation of a limited equity cooperative which in 1994 allowed the Carmine Marine tenants to purchase their building from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the first such transaction in the nation's history.

The Dooley Award was established in 1983 in memory of the 1948 Notre Dame alumnus who became internationally famous for his devotion to the poor of Southeast Asia, his fondness for prayer at Notre Dame's Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, and his cheerfully accepted death at 34 years of age. The award is annually conferred on a Notre Dame graduate who has performed an outstanding humanitarian service.

Design earns national award

Special to The Observer

Jacqueline Moser, a University of Notre Dame senior, was a second place winner this year in the National Housewares Manufacturers Association's national student design competition. Moser is an industrial design major from Rochester, Minn.

Moser's design of a clip to secure skirts and pants onto

traditional hangers earned her a \$1500 scholarship, which she received at the International Housewares Show in Chicago in January.

Moser's product, which she named the "ZipHang," lets a person slide a garment easily onto a hanger from the side with one hand. The clips' flexible directional fingers grip the clothing securely, yet allow for easy removal from the center.

According to Down, Notre

Dame had seven entries in the competition. More than 200 product concepts were submitted by students from 17 schools. There were two first place winners, two second place winners, and three third place winners receiving a total of \$11,000 in scholarships.

Moser hopes to work for a design firm after she graduates in May. She has been contacted by two companies interested in developing the ZipHang.

Turmoil plagues Indian frontier

By ARTHUR MAX
Associated Press Writer

KOKRAJHAR, India
Joined by just a thread of land to the rest of the country, India's last frontier is an isolated region of rugged beauty — and constant turmoil. For 50 years, the Indian northeast has been tormented by separatist insurrection, guerrilla warfare and terrorism. Its inhabitants — nearly half of them from aboriginal

tribes — are still uncertain of their place, whether within India or outside it.

When some insurrections wane, others flare. Wars erupt among the tribes, even while those tribes battle the Indian government.

Factions fight rivals among their own people. Drug abuse and AIDS are rampant.

Even the elephant herds, the largest remaining in India, are in a perpetual struggle with poachers and ever-encroaching mankind.

Arms flow in from neighboring Burma. Guerrillas retreat to camps in Bhutan or Bangladesh. Indian intelligence sources claim banks in Bangladesh hold more than \$100 million extorted as "taxes" from the northeast region's merchants and tea plantation owners.

The rebels have no chance of defeating the Indian army. But the northeast's troubles are part of the centrifugal tugs on India's multitude of peoples, reinforcing fears of disintegration that have haunted it since the subcontinent was partitioned into India and Pakistan in 1947.

It is just as deadly as Kashmir, where a 7-year-long Muslim revolt against India has garnered international attention because of Pakistan's involvement and the threat that it could ignite a fourth Indo-Pakistan war.

Almost daily, someone is killed in one of the seven northeastern states. Yet the region is so remote that rarely do such acts of political violence draw national attention or concern.

An exception came Dec. 30, when militants of the Bodo

tribe blew up a New Delhi-bound train, killing at least 34 people near Kokrajhar in the state of Assam, 700 miles from the Indian capital.

The same week, two other explosions, also claimed by the Bodoland Liberation Tiger Force, sabotaged road and rail bridges, briefly severing land links to the northeast and demonstrating how vulnerable the territory is.

On Jan. 22, the Tiger Force announced a cease-fire, but rival Bodo groups did not respond to a government offer for talks.

Massacres have occurred in other northeast states as well. In Nagaland, ethnic Naga rebels walled off a bus and shot dead 30 passengers from the Kuki tribe on Dec. 9.

In Tripura four days later, tribal insurgents raided a non-tribal village and slaughtered 25 men, women and children.

The core of the unrest is migrations that threaten ethnic identities and upset a balance existing for hundreds of years, when tribal chieftains ruled once proud kingdoms.

Many tribal people of the northeast, whose Mongoloid features distinguish them from other Indians, feel themselves a people apart, ethnically closer to Southeast Asians.

But not all the rebels are from backward tribes. The most powerful guerrilla force is the United Liberation Front of Assam. It is drawn from people who identify themselves as Assamese, a racial concoction of southern and northern Indians and Mongoloid tribes, who have come to dominate the region's biggest state.

Beginning 170 years ago, British rulers imported Indian labor for their lush tea plantations.

More recently, poverty and war drove people from the deltas of Bangladesh to India's northeast — an estimated 5 million illegal immigrants from 1961 to 1991.

Fueling the resentment is a self-perpetuating cycle of under development. Rebels say the government strips the region of its resources — Assam supplies half of India's oil and 15 percent of all the world's tea — but plows little back by way of profits or investment.

Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda acknowledged recently that people in the northeast feel New Delhi treats them like a stepmother and pledged to provide basic services to bring the region "to the standard in the rest of the country."

Ideologies of the insurgents often are murky. Most groups want the "foreigners" expelled.

Some tribal insurgents want their own states within India that would give them greater self-rule and control of resources. Others want independence.

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Low fat ice cream will be introduced on Fat Tuesday

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Mmmmmmmmm — Haagen-Dazs ice cream is now low in fat. After three years of development, the world's leading maker of superpremium ice cream will introduce Haagen-Dazs Low Fat this Tuesday — that's Fat Tuesday — at a celebration in Tampa, Fla., one of the country's top 10 ice cream markets. The slimmed-down versions of vanilla, chocolate, strawberry and coffee fudge are already in Haagen-Dazs shops, and will be in grocery stores nationwide in April. The new stuff has fewer than 3 grams of fat per half-cup serving, about 80 percent less than the company's regular ice cream. Low fat vanilla has 170

calories, compared with 270 for regular vanilla.

Haagen-Dazs, a Minneapolis-based unit of Pillsbury Co., is the first superpremium ice cream maker with national distribution to make a low-fat version, following the lead of local and regional companies.

"We found over one-third of Haagen-Dazs ice cream buyers were also purchasing a competitor's low-fat ice cream," said Yvonne La Penotiere, the company's business team leader. "Those consumers were telling us they weren't terribly satisfied with what they were buying."

Haagen-Dazs will spend more than \$10 million to promote the low-fat ice cream — the most it has ever spent introducing a new product, Ms. La Penotiere said last week.

Election

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mary and run-off turnouts are usually comparable. In an average year, she added, 50 percent of the campus votes.

As in the past, though, there was a variable turnout from dorm to dorm. On the extremes, 78 percent of Carroll filled out ballots while only 34 percent of Planner voted.

While Szabo/Gillard and Griffin/Nass will continue to campaign, the three tickets eliminated in Friday's primary also have thoughts about the election.

"I would hope that all the people who supported the Booker/Parker ticket will show up Wednesday and vote for Szabo/Gillard," Bobby Booker said.

In explaining his ticket's endorsement, Booker said that he felt Szabo and Gillard are "the best personalities for the job."

While they didn't offer a formal endorsement, the Barrette/McCaghy ticket said that their emphasis of representation would best be met by the Szabo/Gillard ticket.

"We were a little disappointed that we didn't do so well," Barrette said. "Two real qualified tickets are running now," he added, foreshadowing the decision campus voters will have to make by midweek.

The Chica/Cano ticket did not have a formal position on redirecting their share of the vote total either.

"I don't think a lot of people, as well as ourselves, took [the election] too seriously," Andy Chica said, touching on an explanation for Friday's low turnout.

Both the Szabo/Gillard and Griffin/Nass tickets plan to emphasize specific points of the platform in the coming days.

"I think our focus on student rights sets us apart. I'm confident in our enthusiasm," Gillard said, indicating little shift in campaign style.

"I hope the student body realizes that now is the time for action," Szabo added.

Griffin and Nass indicated that they, too, plan to continue posting flyers and campaigning door to door.

"We're going to emphasize how our platform is do-able, obtainable, and is a service to the students," Griffin said.

State agrees to drop Cosby reward

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif.

Responding to Bill Cosby's request that no public money be used as a reward for information about his son's killer, Republican Gov. Pete Wilson on Friday withdrew the state's offer of \$50,000.

Lt. Gov. Gray Davis, a Democrat, had offered the reward last month when Wilson

was out of the country. He and Wilson are long-time political rivals.

Ennis Cosby, 27, was shot to death early Jan. 16 just off a freeway in Los Angeles. There have been no arrests.

Wilson spokesman Sean Walsh said Davis did not follow the governor's policy on rewards because it was not requested by the victim's family, law enforcers

or community leaders and because all leads had not been exhausted. Davis could not be reached for comment.

Several rewards — including one offered by Los Angeles County — have been dropped. But a \$25,000 reward from the city of Los Angeles, and rewards of \$200,000 and \$100,000 from tabloid newspapers — have not been withdrawn.



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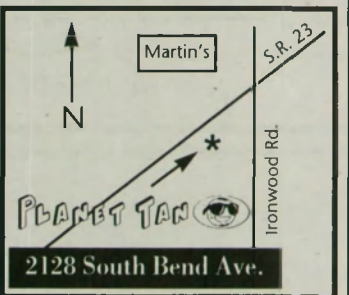
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Researchers lose cancer-fighting agent

By RICHARD COLE
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO
In a dark cave 100 feet below the surface of the Pacific, hidden in the tissue of a rare sea creature, scientists found one of the most powerful cancer-fighting compounds they'd ever seen.

They have not been able to find it again.

The discoverer, William Fenical of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, has returned repeatedly to the Philippine island of Siquijor in a vain

search for more of the chemical. "We've been looking for years, and still have never found it again," he says. "We find some creatures that look a lot like it, but none of the animals there had the right compound."

Researchers don't even know if the creature itself produced the compound, or if it was a byproduct of some symbiotic fungus or bacteria.

But the story, reminiscent of the 1992 fictional movie "Medicine Man," in which Sean Connery finds — and then loses — a cure for cancer in the

Amazon, may have a happy ending.

Researchers at the University of California-Santa Cruz saved some of the sample, and say within a few years they expect to synthesize the compound, called diazonamide A.

Fenical's team, working on a National Cancer Institute grant, made their discovery in 1991.

They collected samples of a rare creature called *Diazona chinensis*, a jellylike animal related to the sea squirt, which attaches itself to rocks and filters its food from the ocean.

The creature had been studied two or three decades earlier, but showed no promise.

This time, laboratory tests turned up something new.

"Much to our surprise and shock, there were enormous amounts of this new molecule, and the molecule had the ability to kill human colon cancer cells with very high proficiency," Fenical says. "It was very potent at very small doses."

He emphasizes that such test tube success doesn't mean the compound works in humans. That can only be determined by clinical trials, and many times such compounds prove too toxic for medical use. But the lab tests were exciting.

Diazonomide A was also exotic structurally, with an unusually rigid, compact form that interested chemists. Fenical sent some to chemistry professor Joseph Konopelski at UC Santa Cruz.

"My own interest was in the fascinating structure of the molecule itself," Konopelski says.

But when he tried to build a model of the molecule using plastic balls to represent its 99 atoms, it wouldn't work.

"The pieces don't fit — you have to jam them in," Konopelski said. "Nature seems to have gone to a lot of trouble to put this thing together."

No one is certain what role it plays in the sea creatures. It may help the soft-bodied animals repel predators, Konopelski said.

Fenical wanted more of the compound to run more elaborate cancer tests. Konopelski wanted to explore its chemical properties.

But despite repeated efforts by Fenical, including more than two months of actual search time over four years, none of the creatures they found contained diazonamide A.

So Konopelski stepped in with a \$500,000 American Cancer Society grant and began trying to synthesize the compound.

"This is the most challenging project I've ever been associated with," he says.

Slowly he has assembled pieces of the molecule, and believes the end is in sight.

"Our goal is to make enough of this stuff to test, and I believe we will succeed," Konopelski says. "I have two graduate students who are betting their Ph.Ds on it."

■ ECUADOR

Congress votes out president

By CARLOS CISTERNAS
Associated Press Writer

QUITO, Ecuador
Congress voted Thursday to remove President Abdala Bucaram for "mental incapacity," exasperated by a six-month stint in office in which the president sang and pulled political stunts while Ecuador fell into economic crisis.

Congress voted 44-34 to oust Bucaram, with two congressmen abstaining. Bucaram, a showman who cheerfully referred to himself as "El Loco," called the vote on his mental incompetence a "coup by Congress" and said he would not recognize it.

"The national government condemns this attitude," he said.

Congress named its leader, Fabian Alarcon, as interim president pending new presidential elections within a year.

Minutes after the vote, caravans of honking cars roared down the main avenues of Quito, celebrating the vote to dismiss Bucaram.

Heinz Moeller, a member of the opposition Social Christian Party, said it was the security forces' responsibility to carry out the congressional decision if Bucaram refused to step down.

As the session opened, the armed forces issued a call to national authorities to use "dialogue and cooperation" to resolve the political crisis.

The debate comes on the heels of a nationwide strike Wednesday in which up to 2 million people marched through the streets of this Colorado-sized South American country demanding the ouster of a leader they call corrupt and incompetent.

In his third television address to the nation in as many days Thursday, Bucaram (pronounced boo-kah-RAHM) said he would seek every legal recourse to stay in power.

"We are on the verge of a very dangerous confrontation that we must avoid," he said.

He told reporters later that the government will "vigorously apply the Constitution and the law to legally identify those trying to carry out a coup by Congress."

Opposition lawmaker Cesar Verduga called Bucaram's remarks a "veiled totalitarian threat."

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IMPLICATIONS

Is there such a thing as reverse discrimination?

Would someone please speak to my cousin Nina?

She lives in San Jose, California, a bright and energetic college-bound teenager. Like mine, her parents immigrated from the Philippines to the United States, and they worked hard to create a new life for their newly

Nina seethes when these minority groups denounce measures such as the recently passed Proposition 209, which repeals statutory language that required public universities to consider race and a host of other factors when making admissions decisions. She notes that if she were anything but Asian (which, I remind her, isn't such a terrible fate), her chances of admission would skyrocket.

What burns Nina most is that the unofficial numbers game — no more than a fixed percentage of Asians may comprise a given campus — actually worsens her chances than if no such program existed. Even white students have greater odds at admission than she.

So I try to reason with her. I ask her to reflect upon the American reality that made affirmative action programs necessary. I ask her to consider why so many Latinos and African-Americans are such vocal supporters of these programs, and she says that their reality is not hers.

And so, I ask Nina to think that perhaps her adamant rejection of affirmative action in principle is tantamount to a rejection of a Latino's or African American's reality, a rejection which leads that disenfranchised person to grow more embittered.

"But why can they not see that I, right now and as a result of this specific program, am a victim?" she asks. What can I say? "You, my dear cousin, will feel the regrettable though necessary side-effect of a well-intentioned program. Just as the Latino or African American was discriminated against and frustrated in his pursuit of the American dream, you shall find that a government-sanctioned mission is the unmaking of your own personal dream." Is this what I say to her?

Nina persists. "What do these affirmative action programs accomplish, anyway? If they are meant to instill respect of all people and teach responsibility on

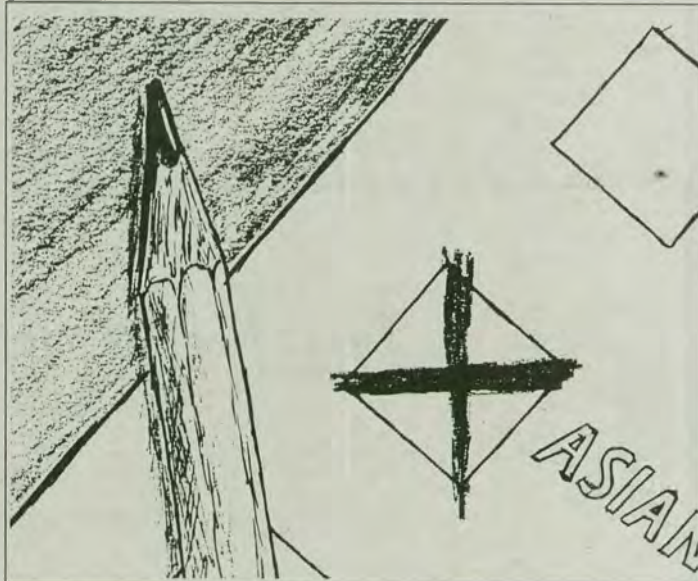
the part of the one given an opportunity, then the programs fail." Bigots will be bigots, she implies. Clearly she feels more enraged than ennobled, more color-conscious than color-blind.

So finally I say, "Please try to put yourself in the position of an African-American. What might his daily experience be? Do you know what it feels like to be scrutinized? In a position of opportunity, he is the object of doubtful eyes. And when placed in other, more mundane situations — at a convenience store, in his own car — the eyes forever search with suspicion. Shall it be no wonder, then, that there is anger in his voice? The anger is raw, in part because it is neither acknowledged nor experienced by so many and in part because the pain behind it is fresh and everyday."

She pauses before she counters, "But what good does that attitude do for me and for society?" I tell her that the African American might respond, "People will demean me and not view me as an equal regardless of whether I am actually qualified, so why don't I take this affirmative action-generated opportunity and run with it." But that attitude is no way for him or for a society to live, Nina says.

And finally we agree. I suggest to her that the America our parents envisioned is still a grand place to live and dream, but it is a complicated place. She echoes the feeling, and simply wishes that someone redress her wrong.

I am tempted to say that life is unfair, and that you must live with that, but I do



not say anything. I want Nina, like everyone else, to strive to do what she can, whenever she can, to forge communal ties amongst us, even when at our cynical worst we reject ties as 'impossible'.

Why do I say this? Because community matters. It may sound simple-minded and corny, but we cannot live well separate and alone. We can begin by speaking to one another, with honesty, concern, and openness. In our best moments, we all believe this is not only possible but right.

I tell my cousin that I further believe as the great novelist Toni Morrison believes: "We have to do something nurturing that we respect before we go. We must. It is more interesting, more complicated, more intellectually demanding, and more morally demanding to love somebody." She smiles and is moved but unmoved.

Would someone please speak to my cousin Nina?

Bong Miquiabas is a law student at Notre Dame Law School. His column appears every other Monday.

Bong Miquiabas

American family. They raised their children to cherish this country and its values, to stay optimistic and hopeful despite setbacks, and by all accounts, Nina has turned out beautifully, a child of loving sacrifice.

So why is she so surly at the moment? She tells me that her prospects for gaining admission into the University of California school of her choice are dim. Nina has performed well in high school, near the top of her class, and she has posted SAT scores that place her in the top quarter of college-bound seniors nationwide. So what is the matter?

It's the race-based admissions policy adopted by the California system, she tells me. Under the affirmative action program, students like Nina, who identify themselves as "Asian, Asian American or Pacific Islander" in ethnic origin, find that their chances at admissions drop precipitously.

As part of this program, Asian-descent students essentially compete amongst each other for admissions to allow traditionally under-represented ethnicities — Latinos, African Americans, and Native Americans — to enjoy a greater share of the coveted pie that is the University of California school system.

DOONESBURY

GARRY TRUDEAU



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Californians are a race of people; they are not merely inhabitants of a state."

—O. Henry

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

All should participate in Black History Month

Dear Editor:

My first real interaction with people of other races occurred here at Notre Dame. Coming from a small Southern community and mostly surrounded by people of my own heritage, it was indescribably exciting for me to not only interact with, but become true friends with Asian, Hispanic, Black, etc. students. It's hard to believe that I was once so ignorant and actually accepted certain stereotypes as true without knowing any better.

When I visit my hometown during breaks, I realize things about the community that I did not notice before. There are two greatly distinct communities, the black and the white, with limited interaction. But no one, black or white seems to care very much. I have always felt welcomed by the blacks in my community. And although I am white, I must say that, from my experience, most of the racial divide is a result of the attitude of the white community. The comments I hear from my white acquaintances are absurd and never

grounded, but they really believe them because they do not know any better and have never been taught differently. Because of this ignorance, the blacks

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are greatly restricted to a low status in the community. The whites simply do not realize that blacks and whites are equal, or perhaps some do not want equality.

It frustrates me to see the prejudice of a community that I was proud to be a part of, but it is encouraging when I

realize how much I have changed and have overcome the beliefs of such an environment. It did not take much for me to identify my misconceptions of other races and correct them. All I needed was someone to cross over that racial border and reach out to me.

Despite the wonderful friendships I have with people of other races, I feel rather excluded during Black History Month. Perhaps it seems a bit odd that I expect to be included, but Black History Month should be an opportunity for all of us to understand and appreciate the black culture, where our black friends come from and what they have experienced throughout their history. By celebrating this month together, we can better understand and appreciate each other and break down some of the racial barriers within the Notre Dame community.

I ask the black community of Notre Dame to extend a personal invitation to students of other races to share in the various events throughout the month, and I ask the non-black students to take

the time to learn at least a little bit of black history. Let us use this month to educate each other and to look at where we have been as a nation. Then learning from our past tragedies, let us work together for the advancement of all people.

MARY GRAHMANN

Junior
Off-Campus

■ CORRECTION

Robert Schmuhl's letter to the editor in last Friday's issue of *The Observer* inadvertently referred to the President's State of the Union Address as the "State of the United States" Address.

The Observer regrets the error.

Extolling the virtues of the Rebel Alliance

Dear Editor:

While I fully appreciate and acknowledge Chris Kratovil's love for the Star Wars Universe, I must admit there are a few points with which a fellow addict may disagree.

First, however, let me remark how wonderful and unique it is that we children of the 70s can become so passionate over Star Wars politics. It is a tribute to the success of Lucas' ultimate goal which was to create a "modern fantasy myth" in which we could all believe. Now on to the critique.

I feel it my patriotic duty as a Rebel sympathizer to point out some flaws in Chris' reasoning that the evil Empire is so in name only. First let's look at the examples he cites...

A) "The Empire blows up Alderaan." This differs from the Dresden and Hiroshima bombings in several ways. First, the number of people killed in Alderaan's explosion is far greater. Also, at least with Hiroshima (I'm not familiar with the circumstances surrounding Dresden's bombing), the bombing was forewarned. Citizens were given ample time to flee. Japan's formal government was consulted and warned. None of this applies to the Alderaan example. Comparing this to the destruction of "innocents" aboard the Death Stars is also suspect. Imperial workers are not slaves. Most of them probably joined the academy with the hope of working on the prime Imperial battle station. They had a choice to work for the Empire and are therefore just as guilty as Storm Troopers or Fighter Pilots.

B) "The torture question." Simply because torture is a part of the "quiet" military operations of today does not make it "okay" for the Empire. Torture of any kind is wrong whether ordered by Darth Vader or Sergeant Slaughter.

C) "The Dark Side." Simply labeling the Dark Side of the Force as "one side" of religious battle that needs to be subject to religious tolerance misses the point entirely. The Dark Side of the Force, as described by the Jedi Master Yoda, is based on anger, fear and aggression. It totally consumes one into selfish, evil action that we see in Anakin's change to Darth Vader. When one turns to the Dark Side, Ben tells us the one gives into hate. This is clearly not a religion deserving of tolerance, though perhaps the U.S. government would give a Dark Side training academy tax exempt status.

D) "Ewoks killed." I must agree here. Why not spend the money and make it a planet of Wookies as originally intended? The less Ewoks around the better.

E) "The Butchering of Uncle Owen and Aunt Beru." This sort of thing does not seem to be an isolated incident as Chris would have us believe. One would call the destruction of Alderaan "the denial of due process to civilians in wartime" no?

Now let's talk about some other incidents that Chris overlooked:

1) The "guardians of peace and justice for generations," the Jedi Knights, were hunted down and destroyed by the Empire's most sinister agent: Darth Vader. This was done as a first step in dissolving the Old Republic (in which the Emperor was a senator), and installing a new order.

2) Perhaps it was ordered by the same lieutenant that killed Luke's aunt and uncle, but the destruction of the innocent band of Jawas was pure evil, serving no military purpose. Instead, it was this military blunder that led to Ben and Luke figuring out that the Empire was hot on their trail.

3) Vader simply kills Imperial leaders that fail. Admiral Ozzel and Captain Neda were not guilty of anything that warranted death. See letter "C" above for an explanation for this one.

4) The Rebels win. Don't the good guys always win and the bad guys always lose? I thought that's the way it worked.

Thanks goes to Chris for getting my Star Wars mind whirring. I think he makes some good points, and I do think Lucas could've spent more time making the Empire more evil, but let's face it...you just can't root for Stormtrooper who miss Rebels at point blank range, while wearing armor that never seems to work.

CHARLES CAMOSY

Senior
Off-Campus

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to Chris Kratovil's article on Monday last.

Well you've done it now. I can understand trying to drug a Hyde Park duck (we do crazy things when we're in love) or chasing a large dog with a nine-iron, but this time you've gone too far. Questioning the moral integrity of Luke, Ben and Leia is too much to bear. According to my training in debate, allow me to argue your points in the order presented. First, your general arguments.

You argue generally that Lucas does not do an adequate job of explaining why the Evil Galactic Empire is so rotten (as if the word "Evil" in the title isn't enough!). I ask you to look at the film as the bona fide piece of literature which its magnitude demands. The movie picks up our space opera in Episode VI. For the Trilogy to make any sense at all, we must be astute enough to appreciate that the tale neither begins at Star Wars nor ends with Return of the Jedi. We must take the Empire's evil as an article of faith, a preexisting condition necessary to understand what comes before and after. Expand your mind. Perhaps Lucas should have given us some more background information. When? The medium of cinema has certain constraints which would prohibit such an in-depth explanation. Besides, the history is there if one only listens carefully enough.

Okay. On to your specific arguments.

A. The analogy between destroying Alderaan and some of the WWII campaigns is certainly compelling, but not completely accurate. Examine the relative forces. The admittedly atrocious events of recent memory were actions taken against established, hardened military foes of formidable strength. Japan was itself an empire, deeply entrenched, well-equipped, and committed to fighting to the last person. The rebellion was not a serious threat to the Empire. Vader and Tarkin were just trying to make an example out of a poor, peace-loving planet with no defenses. Heck, the best offense the rebels could mount against the Death Star was 30 wimpy stunt fighters — a strategy Han Solo himself called suicidal. Furthermore, the government of Japan was given opportunity to back down and warned that the Allies possessed a weapon of previously unseen strength. No such overture was made to Alderaan. The thousands killed by the Death Star's destruction is likewise a compelling argument, but consider that (1) an entire planet has almost certainly more inhabitants than a space station and (2) the rebels were acting out of self-preservation.

B. Torture of rebels is just plain wrong. Don't impose alternative value systems on the subject, just ask yourself deep down, "Is this a good thing?" Please recall that in the torture of Han that no questions were asked, the poor souls were merely tormented for spite. Not nice.

C. Dark Side versus the Force. Not an example of the need for religious toleration. The Dark Side is admittedly evil. They're proud of it! This has nothing to do with religion and everything to do with pure good versus pure maleficence. Furthermore, I submit that the omission of a term for "Light Side" or "Good Side" is intentional. It's just The Force in its pure, natural, intended form. Evil-doers like Darth Vader and the Emperor have perverted its power and used it for sinister purposes. The term Dark Side is a self-imposed term created to distinguish their brand of mutated Force from the original. The rebellion thus has an additional responsibility to stop these hooligans from using the Force towards evil ends.

D. Dissolution of the Imperial Senate. Since you seem to be fond of history, allow me to bring forth an analogy of my own. Recall how Hitler in 1938 put Gauleiter (regional governors) in charge of everything, backed up by the SS and SA (ironically, SA stands for "Sturmabteilung" or Storm Troopers). This is remarkably similar to Grand Moff Tarkin's statement in the film, "The Governors now exercise direct control. Fear will keep the local systems in line." We as Americans, should find this repression of self-determination utterly abominable. You're a government major for God's sake! You cannot possibly agree with this!

E. The Empire was mean to the Ewoks. Who the hell cares? We both agree that the only reasons Ewoks in their accepted form inhabit the Moon of Endor is because merchandisers saw a tremendous potential for the kiddies. You can go a lot farther with Teddy bears than with slime creatures. This is not a good pro-rebellion argument, and I didn't even think of it until you brought it forward.

F. Butchering of Uncle Owen and Aunt Beru. You pleaded no contest, and rightfully so. Let me throw the Jawas on top of that. They were slaughtered, too.

Sorry this has been so cursory, but I have class soon. Think it over. We rebels aren't conformist or mindless, we just are the same people who cheer for the A-Team, Superman, and John Wayne. Call us sentimental or pedestrian, but we win in Star Wars just like the Duke did in "Flying Leathernecks." We always win.

KURT WEISS

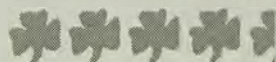
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How about an Oscar?

ENGLISH PATIENT

Directed by: **Anthony Minghella**

Starring: **Ralph Finnes and Juliette Binoche**



(Out of five shamrocks)

By **MIKE MCMORROW**
Accent Film Critic

One major risk that filmmakers and screenwriters run when trying to make a film that has a complicated and tangled plot is the idea that the

crash. Soon, we are introduced to a horribly burned man who is in a caravan of other wounded soldiers from the war. His situation being too hopeless to justify treatment, a nurse named Hana (Juliette Binoche) stays behind with him and cares for him in a monastery somewhere in Italy. He remembers almost



Ralph Finnes and Kristen Scott Thomas portray a couple brought together by unusual circumstances in "The English Patient."

vast amount of plot information will override the themes and emotions which the film is trying to elicit. Some movies are so unclear in their stories that the emotional impact is lessened due to a frustration the audience has with the basic substance of the movie, the plot. In Anthony Minghella's recent adaptation of Michael Ondaatje's novel "The English Patient," Minghella has completely pulled it off. This is an emotionally and intellectually overwhelming experience.

The film plays with time in an interesting way. It opens with a plane crash involving two people. The movie slowly reveals to the audience who these people are, and the events leading up to the

nothing, but the nurse begins reading to him his copy of Herodotus, the only possession he holds. These readings slowly remind him of his past, and it is through these reminders that his story is developed.

It turns out that this man is a Hungarian Count by the name of Laszlo d'Almasy (Ralph Finnes), who is a member of the Royal Geographic Society and is making maps of sections of northern Africa. Soon he meets a newly-wed, another member of the society, named Katherine (Kristen Scott Thomas), and there is an immediate mutual attraction. The suspense of whether or not these two characters will give in to sin is one of the great qualities of the movie. It



Photo courtesy of Miramax Films

Ralph Finnes stars as a mysterious patient of an English nurse in the recent adaptation of Michael Ondaatje's novel "The English Patient."

gets beneath the obvious "shallowness" of their desires and really examines the situation. The audience understands the chemistry working here, and the complexity of the situation. Like "The Bridges of Madison County," this is not just another sin-infested soapy melodrama.

The film gradually cuts back and forth between these two "pasts," and more is revealed about the situation. Hana and the "English Patient" get two visitors: Sikh, who is a bomb specialist, and the other a mysterious pickpocket named Caravaggio (Willem Dafoe). Hana falls for Sikh, but is afraid of getting too close because it seems that all the men that she lets get close lose their life. This problem has made a profound impact on Hana, and is the source for a battle between her heart and her conscience. Caravaggio, however, is a mystery - he has a big interest in the burned man because their paths crossed before in the past. Another suspense element that I will not ruin for you.

As I mentioned earlier, this story is very complicated (there is more information that has not yet been revealed here, for good reasons), the viewers are constantly drawn in and do not allow themselves to get frustrated. To begin with, the vastness of the setting is intoxicating. Much of the film is set in the desert of northern Africa, and it is quite the spectacle. It is simply a joy to look at, and the cinematography truly does do justice to the vastness of the story. Maybe even more importantly, the performances evoke feelings in the audi-

ence's members. Not only Hana's, but all the characters on screen. It is not often can a movie be found that offers multiple characters with whom the audience can identify. Here there is at least one side of each character that reminds us of our own desires, and it makes "The English Patient" not simply a movie that puts characters on screen whom we care about, but in a sense puts ourselves on screen. This is truly haunting.

The completeness of the story fits all the emotional parts together. In some ways, it is a mess because emotions are a mess themselves. When we finally get to the end, and form a synthesis for the film, it is almost like you will have never left the theater. And you should probably see it a second time (I still have yet to do this, and I will at the snite later this semester), to make even more sense of it.

"The English Patient" is generating a lot of Oscar buzz, and it has already won many critics' awards and the Golden Globe of Best Drama. It is the "type" of movie that the Academy voters love: rich cinematography, length, and that "epic" feel that everyone seems to like to talk about. Usually, I would say that those are certainly good qualities, but they should not exclude other films. In the case of "The English Patient," these qualities simply supplement the richness of the story. And the "Oscar qualities" really make the story stand out. Here is the classic example of how all aspects fit together.

And did I mention the score!?

RENTAL REVIEW

Video Pick of the Week

"SHE'S THE ONE"

By **JOE KRAUS**
Accent Movie Critic

"She's the One," a delightful, romantic comedy about the love lives of two brothers and their father is now available on video from Twentieth Century Fox. If you are looking for a light-hearted yet halfway poignant movie to pass your time with, this may be the film for you. Directed by and starring Edward Burns, this movie details the relationships between two brothers, Mick and Francis Fitzpatrick (Burns and Mike McGlone). These two have been raised in competition with each other their whole lives, and this spirit carries over into their love lives as adults. Along the way, these two receive well meant, but misdirected advice from their father (John Mahoney), who himself has no room to talk about successful relationships.

The paths of the two brothers could not be more dif-

ferent. Mick, the older brother ends up, as his ex-fiancee and mistress to his brother, Heather (Cameron Diaz), puts it, "the only white, English speaking cab driver in New York City."

Francis, on the other hand, ends up a Wall Street Tycoon who is married to his college girlfriend, Renee (Jennifer Aniston). However, big bucks and the perfect wife do not necessarily spell happiness and the dissatisfied Fran finds out. He turns to having an affair with Mick's ex-fiancee and ex-hooker, Heather. Mick, who is often ridiculed by his brother and father for being an unsuccessful do-nothing, seems to be the only one who finds happiness as he marries a cab fare, Hope (Maxine Bahns), that he picks up on the street one day. The story progresses to unfold the intricacies of each brother's marriage. In the end, not each Fitzpatrick man is happy, but they all, father included, learn a little bit about life and love.

The strength of this film lies in its montage and dialogue. The rapid quips and one-liners between the character help move this movie at a quick, though appropriate pace. The voice tone of each character

helps create the perfect image that Burns is trying to get across. Fran's loud, arrogant tone leaves the audience with no doubt who the pompous, yet insecure brother is. Mick's soft, yet direct voice asserts his character as the one with a little bit of common sense, though his decisions might not lead one to believe so. John Mahoney's crude and boisterous voice shapes him into the domineering, yet thoughtful father that he is.

The quick verbal exchanges are augmented by the way the conversation scenes are cut. Often, Burns would cut back and forth between two different conversations that were related to one another. This would help bring different storylines together until the end, where everything blows up.

All in all this is a thoroughly enjoyable film. It is no masterpiece, but it holds the attention of the viewer and is effective in dissecting the lives of two totally different, completely entangled people. If you are in the mood to laugh, enjoy a somewhat happy ending, and think a little bit too, this might just be a movie you want to think about renting soon.

Metro: New Cast, Same Story

METRO

Directed by: **Tom Carter**

Starring: **Eddie Murphy and Michael Rappaport**



(Out of five shamrocks)

By **DAVID WEATHINGTON**

Accent Movie Critic

Metro is an accurate title for this film because it is about as exciting as a ride on public transportation.

The predictable plot involves Eddie Murphy as a police officer who's best friend is murdered by an evil bank robber. Following several high speed automobile chases Murphy's character, Officer Roper, apprehends the villain and sends him to prison. After a less than suspenseful string of events, the criminal escapes from prison and attempts to trap Roper in his web by kidnapping Roper's love interest.

During the closing scenes Roper's partner is shot, his girlfriend is almost decapitated by a piece of heavy machinery, and Roper himself almost gets rundown by a car. Thankfully though, Roper, his girlfriend, and his partner all survive.

There are very few positive cinematic moments in this film, and the ones I could find did not result from Murphy's abilities. First, the characters were either poorly cast, with the exception of Murphy's partner, or stereotypical cop movie regulars.

Murphy attempts to play a tough cop with a thirst for danger and an edge. Unfortunately he comes off looking like a second-rate actor who couldn't quite get the timing on his lines down. Murphy gave some indication that his transition into pure action films will be about as successful as his attempt to break into the music world.

He often looks uncomfortable trying to adhere to the restraints involved in playing a serious character. Murphy often does not know which is wiser, scream-

ing his lines or playing it cool.

The few moments where Murphy shows a glimpse of his comic genius are greatly outnumbered by cop cliches and dirty looks. Murphy's girlfriend poses just as great a cinematic failure. She speaks with a thick, fake, English accent that has movie watchers gritting their teeth. Her inability to make the viewer feel compassion towards her weakens the closing sequence of the movie because nobody really cares whether or not she lives.

As I already mentioned the rest of the prevalent characters in the film appear as if they had been shoplifted from "Bad Boys" or "Die Hard." The only redeeming character is Murphy's partner, played by Michael Rappaport. He knows when it is time to be funny and when it is time to be serious. His character has a tough attitude, but he knows not to take himself too seriously. When he gets shot, tension arrives in the theater because without him this film would be unbearable.

Unfortunately, as bad as the casting appears it is considerably more interesting than anything else about the film. Cliches abound in this poor action film, making it seem as if the writer was too lazy to try breaking any new ground with his work. I felt as if the

director, Tom Carter, thinks all that is necessary for a good action film is a car chase, a shooting, and a hand to hand showdown between the hero and the villain.

Many of the sequences were poorly put together creating chains of events that were, to put it honestly, pretty stupid. Now for the worst part of all. If this movie was a school paper, it would receive a big, fat zero for being plagiarized. The list of films "Metro" stole scenes from is long and impressive. Some of these films include "Seven," "Beverly Hills Cop," "Cape Fear," "The Rock," and of course, "48 Hours." As you have

probably already guessed these are not improvements on the original scenes either.

Overall this movie proves deficient, if not completely inept, at fulfilling any of its responsibilities to the viewer. The directing is awful. The characters were not well created or well cast. The movie itself is just plain boring. To anybody who is thinking about seeing this film I would recommend renting "The Nutty Professor."



■ SOAP OPERA UPDATE

General Hospital

By **GENEVIEVE MORRILL**

Accent General Hospital Correspondent

Well fans this week made up for the slow ones. Court erupts as Alan decks Dorman. Alexis is optimistic about the verdict, the judge isn't buying it. Dorman makes a call to someone mysterious on his cell phone. Are the writers watching too much "Days?" Alan's hand may once again have nerve damage, but he's thrilled he defended his wife's honor. Monica rewards him with a night of passion, which thank God, we were not forced to watch.

A path is being worn to Laura's grave, Nikolas lays flowers, promising her the respect in death he never showed her in life. First Stefan goes to promise Laura the vendetta is over, later to meet Alexis. He's sick of his life, he wants to make her head of the family and leave town. Alexis reminds him that he has absolute power over everyone, and also Nikolas to consider. Stefan admits he wants Katharine, and that could destroy them all. He refuses to wait, he lost Laura that way.

Mac busts Tom for cheating, only to discover Luke. He wants to take him in, but Luke plays the grief card, Stefan shot Katharine and killed Laura. Mac's convinced, until Laura pops out of the closet to get Tom's help with her mother. Sonny arrives, joining the Spencers in persuading Mac. Then Taggart surrounds the house and tries to arrest everyone. Mac forces him to leave Laura and her mother behind. When Laura dissolves into tears, Lesley comforts her, but soon clams up again. Taggart interrogates the "Three Musketeers" about the shooting and the bombing. He has a good point, where did the corpse with Laura's wedding ring come from anyway?

Lucy gets the call from Luke. She's mad that he didn't trust her, but bails him out. Alexis sees him and speed dials on the old cell phone to tell Stefan, but he's incommunicado. Tom and Sonny get stuck in a cell in the basement, as Taggart conveniently "lost" their paperwork. Tom recognizes Sonny's claustrophobia and tries to treat it. His change into shrink mode, not appreciated, forces Sonny to threaten dismemberment.

Bobbie gets a call from beyond the grave, going into the mist to discover Laura. She decks the woman who put "her" son through hell. Laura reminds her that Bobbie is only Nik's stepmother, wrong answer. Bobbie defends her husband, she's a Cassadine now. Strike One. Nikolas is thrilled to see Laura and admits he loves her, calling her mother. When she reveals she went along with the plan, and that Lucky knew, his opinion takes a U-turn. He reminds her that she is a Spencer and he is a Cassadine. Then Bobbie throws her off the island. Strike two.

The General Hospital family is a little miffed at Laura's miraculous recovery, especially since she returned during the ceremony dedicating the hospital renovation to her and her mother. Strike three, you're outta here!

Stefan reveals his identity to Katharine and follows it with - Hey, I shot you. She is less than forgiving and is in the process of throwing his sorry butt out when Luke arrives. Will she reveal the truth? Or will the true Kathy be revealed, as she sucks Stefan of every penny he has?

Brenda goes to Ned for information on Miranda. He has nothing, so she decides to do the detective work on her own, and then rushes to Sonny. Evidently she had that same feeling in her tummy from Laura's funeral. What's that Lassie, Sonny's stuck in the well? I got one word for ya Bren, - cramps, take a few Midol and you'll never feel it again. After she leaves, the doorbell rings - It's Lois and the baby! At the same time, Harry is wrapping one final, explosive gift...

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THEATER AND HOME BLOCKBUSTERS

Top 10 at the Box Office

1. Star Wars - Special Edition
2. Dante's Peak
3. Scream
4. Jerry Maguire
5. Scream
6. Evita
7. Metro
8. The English Patient
9. Beverly Hills Ninja
10. In Love and War

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MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wake and Memphis prevail

By R.B. FALLSTROM
Associated Press Writer

COLUMBIA, Mo. Second-ranked Wake Forest denied Missouri a rare feat Sunday, getting 20 points and 20 rebounds from Tim Duncan and pulling away at the start of the second half for a 73-65 victory.

Missouri (12-11) upset top-ranked Kansas 96-94 in double overtime Tuesday and had a chance to beat the No. 2 team on Sunday. Wake Forest (19-2), coming off a loss to Duke on Wednesday that might have cost the school its first-ever No. 1 ranking, put this one out of reach with a 20-2 run at the start of the second half, taking a 55-33 lead with 13:49 left.

In the first game between the schools, Wake Forest had a 39-22 advantage in rebounding. Missouri outrebounded Kansas 43-37 on Tuesday.

Missouri kept the game close by making a school-record 15 3-pointers in 28 attempts, and at one point pulling to 62-55. The previous school record for 3-pointers was 13.

Jason Sutherland was 7-for-10 to tie the individual school record, Derek Grimm 4-for-5 and Danny Allouche 2-for-2.

Wake Forest also had a strong outside game with eight 3-pointers, four by Jerry Braswell.

During Wake Forest's run to start the half, Missouri ap-

peared overmatched both inside and outside. But overall, the Tigers frustrated Duncan, who had only eight points and got off only three shots in the second half.

Still, it was his third career 20-20 game and his rebounding total tied a season high.

Missouri's Tyron Lee got the first basket of the second half, scoring on a drive to cut the gap to two points, before Wake Forest took over with a mixture of inside and outside strength. Ricky Peral had seven points, Braswell had consecutive 3-pointers and center Loren Woods had five points, including a dunk and a three-point play, in the 20-2 run.

Braswell added 16 points, Tony Rutland 14, Peral 12 and Woods 10 for Wake Forest, 11-0 against non-conference foes.

Sutherland had 23 points for Missouri, going 7-for-13 from 3-point range, and Grimm had 18. Kelly Thames, who has a 13-point average, was 1-for-14 and had two points. Dibi Ray had 10 assists.

Duncan had 12 points on 5-of-6 shooting and eight rebounds in the first half as Wake Forest, after a slow start, took a 35-31 lead. Wake Forest outrebounded Missouri 20-9 in the half.

Missouri kept the game close by going 7-for-10 from 3-point range. Sutherland made all three attempts and Grimm was

3-for-4.

MEMPHIS 79 LOUISVILLE 59

MEMPHIS, Tenn. Cedric Henderson scored 27 points and Memphis jumped on No. 11 Louisville from the start Sunday for a 79-59 upset, the Cardinals' third straight loss.

Memphis (12-11, 6-3 Conference USA) never trailed and shocked the Cardinals (18-5, 5-3) by opening the game with a 16-0 run by taking advantage of a cold-shooting Louisville.

The Cardinals missed their first 10 shots and turned the ball over five times in the first 6 1/2 minutes. They were so unhinged early that Damion Dantzler's dunk bounced out of the basket during that stretch.

Louisville finished one of its worst performances this year, shooting 33 percent (18-for-54) compared to a season-high 58 percent by the Tigers 31-for-53).

Chris Garner added 19 points for Memphis, and Harry Allen had 17.

The Cardinals finally broke their scoring drought on Dantzler's bucket with 13:03 left in the first half, with Memphis leading 16-2.

The Cardinals then pulled themselves together and used a 15-0 run to get back into the game.

Kansas bounces back after tough loss

By CHUCK SCHOFFNER
Associated Press

AMES, Iowa
Losing was only temporary for Kansas.

Rael LaFrentz scored 21 points, and Jacque Vaughn and Paul Pierce led a key run at the start of the second half as the top-ranked Jayhawks withstood Dedric Willoughby's career-high 36 points and beat No. 6 Iowa State 69-62 Sunday.

Kansas (23-1, 9-1 Big 12) bounced back from its double-overtime loss at Missouri last Tuesday with a strong defensive effort that shut down the Cyclones other than Willoughby, who made a school-record nine 3-pointers.

The Jayhawks held Iowa State (16-4, 7-3) to one basket in the first eight minutes of the second half in rallying from a 32-28 halftime deficit. Then they relied on their defense again to hold off Iowa State while going six minutes without a basket late in the game.

With the victory, Kansas avoided losing consecutive games for the first time since a three-game skid in February 1994. Iowa State had won five straight since consecutive losses at Kansas and Colorado in

mid-January.

Vaughn scored 18 points for Kansas, while Pierce scored 12 of his 17 points in the second half and grabbed 10 rebounds. Kenny Pratt had 14 points and 11 rebounds for Iowa State, which played much of the second half without 6-foot-11 center Kelvin Cato, who fouled out with 6:25 left and Iowa State trailing 54-51.

Vaughn made a jumper and a 3-pointer, and Pierce scored the next six Kansas points as the Jayhawks began the second half with an 11-3 run to take a 39-35 lead. They led the rest of the way but never could break it open.

Kansas got the lead up to 51-43 on a follow-up basket by LaFrentz midway through the second half. Willoughby answered with a four-point play, and the Cyclones clawed back, cutting the lead to 54-53 on Shawn Bankhead's putback with 5:25 left.

But Iowa State, which shot only 29-percent in the second half, couldn't take advantage of Kansas' offensive struggles and let the game get away. The Cyclones managed only one point over the next 4:24, turning the ball over five times and missing three shots.

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■ MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Kentucky manhandles Villanova 'Cats, 93-56

By MIKE EMBRY
Associated Press Writer

LEXINGTON, Ky.

Ron Mercer had 23 points and 11 rebounds as third-ranked Kentucky dominated No. 16 Villanova 93-56 Sunday.

Kentucky (22-3) shot 55 percent from the field, including 8-of-19 from 3-point range, out-rebounded Villanova 42-17 and forced the visitors into a season-high 24 turnovers, including 11 by point guard Alvin Williams.

It was only the fourth time this season that Villanova (17-6) was outrebounded.

Mercer scored six points and Cameron Mills added five during an 18-4 run that put Kentucky in control.

Villanova fell behind 22-8 but

rallied to 24-16 on Williams' jumper with 7:47 remaining in the half. Mercer ignited Kentucky's spurt with a dunk off a rebound and Jared Prickett capped it with a layup off a turnover for a 42-20.

Villanova, which was averaging 16 turnovers a game, had 14 in the first half as Kentucky built a 44-24 lead. Kentucky scored 19 points off the mistakes.

Villanova got no closer than 48-30 in the second half.

All 10 Kentucky players scored. Mills and Nazr Mohammed each scored 11, and Allen Edwards added 10.

Chuck Kornegay scored 12 points for Villanova, which shot 48 percent from the field. Jason Lawson added 11 and Williams 10.

TEAM	RECORD
1. Kansas	22-0
2. Wake Forest	18-1
3. Kentucky	20-2
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24. Indiana	17-6
25. Iowa	15-5

Unranked Wisconsin topples Wolverines

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis.

Paul Grant was "too keyed up" to start against No. 13 Michigan, but he regained his composure in time to help Wisconsin pull off an upset.

Grant, from West Bloomfield, Mich., scored 19 points Thursday night as the Badgers topped the Wolverines 58-53.

"I'd been looking forward to this game all year," said Grant, who came off the bench for the first time in the Badgers' Big Ten season. "This is all about bragging rights back home and I knew this was going to be the only time I'd get to play against them. I was really pumped up."

Coach Dick Bennett said he felt Grant "was too keyed up the last couple days. I thought he'd be more effective off the bench."

Grant scored eight points to help Wisconsin (12-7, 5-5) to a 23-22 halftime lead. Michigan (16-6, 6-4) lost leading scorer Maurice Taylor when a Grant elbow caught him in the face. Having scored just two points, Taylor left the game with a possible broken nose.

"I didn't mean to knock him out like that," Grant said. "I was just trying to be strong with the ball and he just came up a little too close."

In the absence of the 6-foot-9 Taylor, Wisconsin outrebounded the Wolverines 37-19, including 19 offensive rebounds.

Sean Daugherty, who had 11 rebounds, "was everywhere," Grant said. "There was no better time to do it because this is probably the biggest

team we'll play all year. Sean did an incredible job."

Daugherty also scored 14 points. Ty Calderwood added 13. Louis Bullock led Michigan with 20 points.

"This is a hard loss," Michigan coach Steve Fisher said. "It was a game we steadfastly thought we could come in and win and we didn't. Obviously, it puts us further and further behind the front runners."

Michigan took a 38-37 lead on a jumper by Brandon Hughes with just under eight minutes remaining.

Grant put Wisconsin back in front 39-38 on a rebound basket, triggering an 11-2 run.

A key play in the run was a dunk by Grant, who got behind the Michigan defense and took a long inbounds pass from Sam Okey.

"We kind of decoyed them," Grant said. "I just acted nonchalant, like nothing was happening and they weren't expecting it. That was a big play for us."

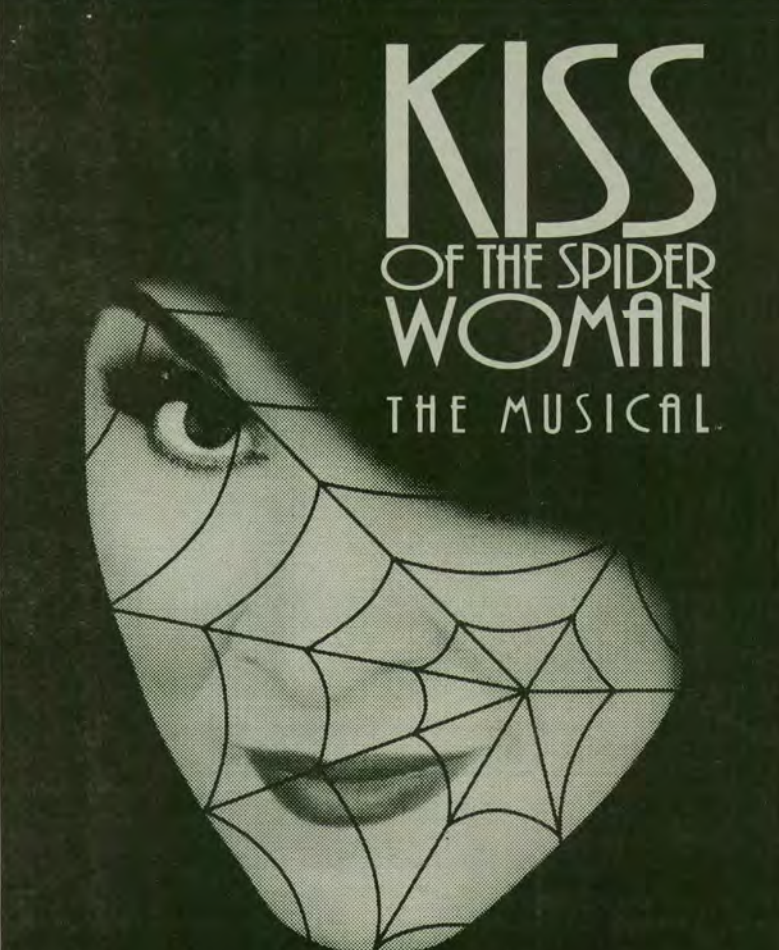
Michigan responded with a six-point run with Maceo Baston scoring the last four to cut the deficit to 48-46.

Calderwood and Bullock then traded baskets and Daugherty hit one of two free throws to give Wisconsin a 51-48 edge with 1:02 remaining.

Grant scored on a layup with 48 seconds left for a 53-48 lead.

The Badgers then preserved the lead by making five of six free throws.

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■ SMC SWIMMING

Impressive individual showings highlight meet

By STEPHANIE VILLINSKI
Sports Writer

From the reaction of the swimmers and divers after their meet against Hillsdale College on Saturday, it was hard to tell Saint Mary's lost the meet. There were six first place finishes for the Belles, and a school record was broken.

"I'm pleased with our performance," sophomore co-captain Tara Thomas said. "Hillsdale is our big rival, and we could have won the meet if we had a bigger team. They [Hillsdale] had three people for our every two."

Hillsdale used that advantage to defeat Saint Mary's 135-112. First place finishers included Shannon Kelleher in the 1000 free, Allison Smith in the 200 free with a time of 2:05.29 and in the 500 free with a time of 5:25.37, and Tara Thomas in the 200 back with a time of 2:24.87.

Freshman sensation Michelle Samreta swam another outstanding meet and continued to top her past performances. Samreta finished first in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:12.38 which is just off her school record of 1:12.32. However, she shattered her record in the 200 breaststroke. Her record had been 2:40.30, and against Hillsdale she finished with a time of 2:38.47.

"My state of mind and the way I prepared myself for the meet helped me perform so well," Samreta said. "I like being a part of a smaller team because we are close and it helps me to push myself."

The diving team was missing more divers than usual. Sophomore Katie Ryan was the only diver who dove against Hillsdale.

"Katie did a great job. It took a lot of guts for her to go out there and dive by herself," said swim-

ming coach Angela Addington.

Ryan believed it was challenging to dive by herself today, but thinks she is back in her rhythm after being abroad last semester. Ryan attributes her strong comeback to diving coach Dan Slattery.

"The meet was hard today because I had to force myself to take time. Dan helped me a lot in this meet with his encouragement. He has been very positive since I have been back," Ryan said.

The meet against Hillsdale ended the Belles regular season. The Belles saw a great deal of improvement during their season in areas such as speed, times, and team unity.

"I think the team unity got much stronger during the season," Addington said. "They all are helping to push one another, the swimmers are supporting the divers and the divers are supporting the swimmers."

As the team prepares for the Liberal Arts Invitational on Feb. 20, members of the team are going to partner up. The pairs are going to work on pushing and getting each other mentally prepared. The Belles are also going to have shorter practices.

"Our focus now is speed not endurance. Their bodies are broken down and we are where we need to be. We are going to use this time to taper down," said Addington.

Individual times have been the focus for the team because of their small size. Doing their personal best is what the Belles are working towards.

"We are working for our personal best times," Thomas added. "We can't score many points as a team. I hope to see some swimmers break more school records."

The divers are working on being confident in all their dives.

"Right now we are learning

dives we need for the Liberal Arts Invitational and polishing up are old dives," sophomore diver Sara Levandusky said.

The thing that has plagued the team all year is their small size.

However, Addington has talked with many interested incoming freshmen and transfer students. She has also given some of them trial practices. Slattery has also talked with a few diving

prospects.

"The team will be bigger next year so we will not have to deal with all the problems of having such a small team," said Addington.

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Senior point guard Beth Morgan experienced a shooting slump against the Huskies, as she scored just 8 points on 3-15 shooting.

The Observer/Mike Ruma

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the Domers to 18 percent shooting in the second half when UConn pulled away. The Huskies blanketed Notre Dame's all-time leading scorer Beth Morgan as she scored just eight points on 3-15 shooting from the field and she also came up dry from behind the arc on six attempts. In fact the entire squad came up dry from long range on 11 attempts.

In the first stanza senior center Katryna Gaither carried the load and kept the contest close as she had 15 in the first half. The Irish played right with the Huskies for the first ten minutes as the score was knotted at 15 before UConn went on a 7-0 run behind the shooting of Amy Duran who dialed long distance three times in the first an her way to 13 points on the afternoon.

Early in the contest senior forward Rosanne Bohman, who has been a big factor in recent Irish victories, was whistled for two fouls and was forced to spend most of the half on the bench. Bohman, limited to just 13 minutes of action on the afternoon, had three points on one for five shooting. In her place head coach Muffet McGraw inserted freshman Julie Henderson whose lack of big game experience showed as she missed several chances underneath.

The Huskies opened the lead to ten points by the half's end as the Irish went cold on a one for 11 stretch in which the hosts got their dynamic running game going leading to 14 fast break points.

Also contributing to the home team's first half lead was their

ability to overcome 31 percent shooting as they thrived at the free throw line picking up ten points on 16 attempts as the Irish made just three trips to the line in the first.

In the second half, Notre Dame's scoring woes continued as they could only muster six field goals on 33 attempts for just 18 percent. The Husky defense had McGraw's offense completely out of sync as they had only six assists and 20 turnovers.

Senior point guard Jeannine Augustin scored eight on three of five for the Irish but her mates in the backcourt did not fair as well. Junior guard Mollie Peirick, who started despite spraining her ankle last Thursday, was one of four from the field with four points. Sophomore Sheila McMillen, normally a dependable outside threat, was one for seven from the field and came up short from three point range on three attempts.

However, the Huskies found their touch in the second as they connected on half their shots. Early in the second Wolters continued to dominate inside opening the margin to as many as 26 while UConn's head coach Geno Auriemma received outstanding play from his backcourt as Duran had 15, Rita Williams and Big East Freshman of the Year candidate Shea Ralph had ten apiece.

The Irish will look to bounce back from this loss and start a new win streak as they have five Big East games remaining before post-season action begins as the beginning of March. Three of those five games are at the Joyce Center and the Boston College Eagles will be the first to visit this Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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Insight

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Past Irish hoop teams did not have a consistent work ethic. They did not get better.

Observing a strong work ethic on this year's squad may not be revelatory, but sometimes the simple things deserve attention.

Simple things that now have the Irish in the hunt for their first post-season tournament since a 1992 NIT berth.

Take Saturday for example.

If Pete Miller is not taking another charge in the lane, Derek Manner is emerging from a pack of four UConn players with a rebound.

If Manner, who doubles as a stunt man, is not electrifying the crowd with a tomahawk dunk, Marcus Young is with his alternative free throw style.

"There was a lot of blood out there today," said Manner who has probably donated a quart to Big East arenas this season.

For the Irish to win these conference games, opening a few blood vessels goes without saying. The Irish are the first to admit most Big East teams are quicker and more athletic, yet they've countered that weakness with determined play.

How else do you explain a 11-

9 overall mark, including a chance to finish at least .500 in the Big East by season's end?

Hard work.

Plain and simple.

After Connecticut head coach Jim Calhoun finished whining about Saturday's officiating, he even took time to notice this trend in Notre Dame basketball.

"They were aggressive when we beat them by 20 both times last year," Calhoun said. "I think after Georgetown, they're the most physical team in the league. They knock you down. They play great defense. They make you work for everything. I'm very impressed by them."

Notre Dame values that praise. And they value their work ethic. So much so that senior Admore White boiled down the reason for the blowout to Pittsburgh, the last Irish loss, to you know what.

"That's the first game all year that I can say we got out-competed," White said. "They played hard and aggressive and things went well for them. When you play hard, things go right for you."

Let's see here. Hard work+aggressiveness=success.

It's a problem the Irish have not always solved in the past.

"In past years, we played well against big teams, but played down to our competition,"

White added. "This year we play hard every game. We may not have the most talented team in the conference, but we play hard. That's what has carried us so far."

Carried them all the way to the brink of canceling spring break plans. An NIT bid would be the first since head coach John MacLeod's initial year at the helm.

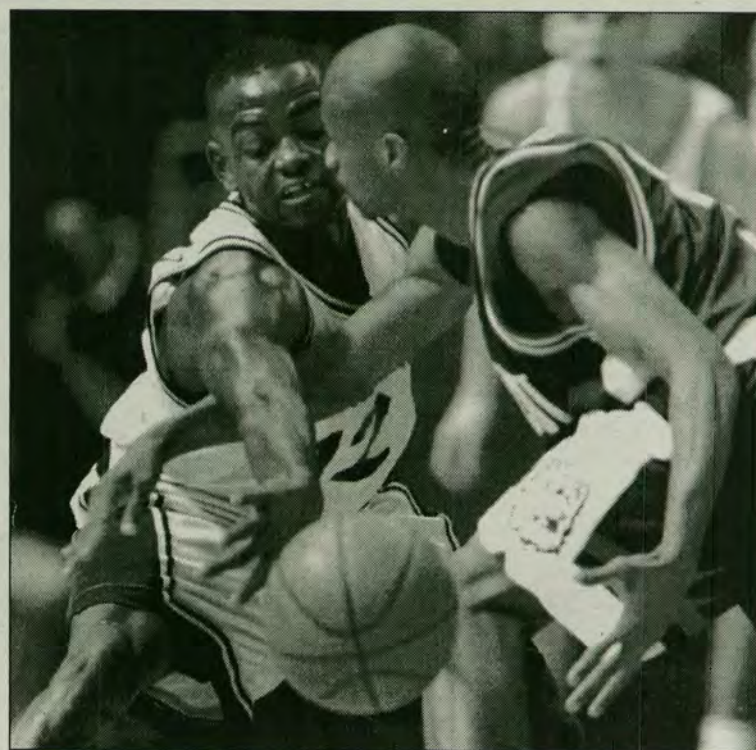
Once again, making the NIT may be disappointing at other Big East schools, but here it deserves attention.

"I think it's a great opportunity for us," White said. "In the back of our mind we're looking down the road, but we can't do that right now and assume we're going to win games. There's a great chance for us to make the post-season and the key is just taking each game one at a time."

Qualifying for any tournament that extends the Irish season is a step in the right direction.

"Every year so far it's been such an empty feeling when it's the last game and we know it's over," Miller said. "That's not a feeling we want to have this year. We've had it every year in our career and that's not the way we want to go out."

You can bet the Irish are going to work hard to prevent going out like that.



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Senior guard Admore White attributes the team's improvement to their tough play against all their opponents.

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something to prove this time around. This (win) gives us more recognition as far as us competing in the Big East."

Leading for most of the game, Notre Dame almost let it slip away at the end of regulation. After a Pat Garrity jumper extended the lead to 57-50 with 3:22 to play, the Irish were held scoreless for the remainder of the half.

"It was pretty unnerving there when we were up by seven and didn't score the rest of (regulation)," said Garrity.

UConn forward Kevin Freeman converted a pair of free throws and guard Ricky Moore added two more before forward Richard Hamilton tied the game with a three-pointer at the 1:30 mark of the contest.

Notre Dame held the Huskies in check for the remainder of the game and had an opportunity to win it but Admore White's 12-foot jumper sailed off the mark on the final possession.

"The shot at the end of

regulation was designed to go to Pat (Garrity)," White said. "But Pat wasn't open, so I decided to try to create a shot for myself. And I found an opening. I just missed the shot."

In the past, the Irish would have sputtered into overtime, demoralized from letting a sure-fire victory slip out of their grasp. But Notre Dame is beginning to surprise people, as the defending Big East champs found out on Saturday.

After controlling the tip, the Irish leaned on their star to help get something going for them in the opening seconds of overtime. And Garrity did not disappoint, slashing to the basket for a score and a foul that he turned into a three-point play.

"It's a killer in overtime when a team starts out with a three-point play because that's such a momentum change," said Garrity, who finished with 25 points and 15 rebounds.

"I was just glad I was able to put it in because I was missing some chippies down the stretch there," he added.

Following Garrity's bucket,

the Irish extended the lead to 62-57 when Phil Hickey, who contributed 12 points and seven rebounds, nailed a jumper with 3:40 left to play.

But the Huskies, who connected on 11 of 24 three-pointers to overcome a lackluster shooting performance (29 percent), did not roll over, tying the game at 62 when Monquencio Hardnett converted a four point play with 2:30 remaining.

With the pressure on once again, White stepped to the forefront. The senior point guard atoned for his earlier miss, drilling a three-pointer from the right side to all but bury Connecticut.

"In overtime, the play was designed to go to Pat again, but he wasn't open, so I just took the shot," said White. "And luckily for me, it fell. It was a key basket. We have to step up and make those kinds of shots."

A pair of free throws by Miller and Garrity secured the 71-65 victory for the Irish.

"This is a major confidence builder," said Notre Dame head coach John MacLeod. "To have lost this would have been a downer."



The Observer/Rob Finch

Junior Pat Garrity contributed 25 points and 15 rebounds in the victory.

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Stop by our 2nd floor LaFortune office to see what the Club Council has to offer you and your organization!

■ HOCKEY

Icers drop two games and fall into last place

By CHARLEY GATES
Sports Writer

The script for this weekend's crucial Central Collegiate Hockey Association games against Ohio State couldn't have gone any worse for the Notre Dame hockey team. They came into the pair of home games with possession of the final playoff spot in the league, a 1-point lead over the Buckeyes in the standings, and a 1-0 lead in the three-game series with the Buckeyes (via a 3-0 win on Oct. 25).

By virtue of two losses, 5-3 on Friday night and 4-3 on Saturday night, they left the weekend in dead last, trailing the Buckeyes and the final playoff spot by three points with only five games remaining in the season.

"Obviously, we're very disappointed," stated junior captain Steve Noble. "This was the worst case scenario."

On Friday night, in what head coach Dave Poulin later called the Irish's "poorest effort of the season," the Boys of Winter fell behind 3-0, rallied in the second period to come back within one tally, but then faded as the Buckeyes notched two third-period goals.

"That's not responding, that's what that is," Poulin said, referring to the level of the Irish's play. "It's not accepting the challenge that was ahead of us at all and it was evident right from the start." When asked what the turning point of the game was, he responded, "We were never in it from the start."

Midway through the first period, Ohio State began its rampage on a short-handed goal. Buckeye Chris Richards intercepted an Irish clearing pass and dropped the puck to Chad Power, who decked Eisler and gave the Buckeyes a 1-0 lead at intermission.

Ohio State scored two quick goals in the opening moments of the second period to surge ahead 3-0, but the Irish answered with two goals of their own in the next seven minutes.

Freshman winger Ben Simon hovered above the left circle after a pass from Noble, then wristed a shot at the net that eluded Buckeye goaltender Ray Aho and cut the lead to 3-1. Less than five minutes later, sophomore Craig Hagkull picked off an OSU pass and quickly fired a pass to the right wing for senior Tim Harberts. Harberts whistled a shot through the open legs of

Aho for the 44th goal of his career.

But the comeback was not to be. Forty seconds into the third period, Pierre Dufour broke the Boys' back with a goal that gave the Buckeyes a commanding 4-2 lead. He took a pass from Richards and skated down the right side before tucking a perfectly-placed shot into the upper corner of the net.

Ohio State scored again, but sophomore wing Brian Urlick answered to close out the scoring at 5-3.

"We just kept putting the pressure on them," said Ohio State coach John Markell. "They also had a few turnovers." Markell understated the amount turnovers. "We worked on passing all week," stated a stunned Poulin. "But you'd never guess it by the way we gave it away tonight."

On Saturday night, Poulin implemented major lineup changes, sitting junior forward Lyle Andrusiak (6 goals, 12 assists), sophomore forward Aniket Dhadphale (4 goals, 16 assists), and defenseman Benoit Cotnoir (5 goals, 10 assists). "We've had guys who haven't lived up to expectations," stated Poulin. "You're hear to play hockey, and you have a responsibility to do so."

Notre Dame responded, scoring two quick goals from freshman Joe Dusbabek and Andy Jurkowski to grab a 2-0 lead in the first period. Dusbabek picked off a pass at the blue-line and sent a shot into the upper right corner of the net. Jurkowski, a walk-on and converted defenseman, poked the puck into a wide open net after deflected shots by Troy Bagne and Ben Nelsen for the first goal of his career.

"I still don't think we came out better," stated Noble. "We didn't play as well as we could have."

The visitors answered in a hurry, as Buckeye senior Jarret Whidden scored at the 8:40 mark, and Power followed suit just 59 seconds later.

A pair of defenseman, Irish senior Ben Nelsen and Ohio State's Ryan Root, traded goals in the second period to tie the game at three. Root's goal came on a rare 4-on-1 break. Nelsen's short-handed goal came after a splendid pass from Urlick.

Late in the second period, senior captain Terry Lorenz flailed at the puck as he was falling down near the left side

of the crease.

Lorenz appeared to be sweeping the puck into the net when Root illegally covered the puck near the goal line. Notre Dame was awarded a rare penalty shot, which Dusbabek took. The CCHA's top-scoring rookie skated in on Aho before wristing a shot just wide of the right post.

"Joe's penalty shot was huge," analyzed Poulin. "But I'd put Joe right back there, and he'd respond. There's no question about that."

"A penalty shot is a great opportunity," observed Noble. "But it's one of the hardest things to do. There's a ton of pressure."

Dufour made the miss hurt in the worst way when he scored the game-winning goal midway into the third period. Richards dug the puck out of the left corner and fired a pass into the crease, where Dufour tapped it into the net.

What do the Irish, who have a difficult schedule (2 games against Michigan and one against Michigan State) and who need to make up three points in five games, do now?

"We have nothing to lose now," mulled Noble. "We just have to go out and play hockey."

"We go back to work," stated Poulin. "That's the only way I know how."



The Observer/Brandon Candura
Freshman Joe Dusbabek scored a first-period goal which gave the Irish an early lead in Saturday's contest.

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: singer Roberta Flack, golfer Greg Norman, swimming legend Mark Spitz, opera singer Leontyne Price.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): New beginnings are favored. Your feeling about someone is right on target. Be sure to find out more about an unusual employment situation before committing yourself to anything.

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to your decisive attitude. Family members react favorably to your new, more confident approach.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A tense situation requires a cool-headed approach. Your business allies are depending on your leadership; do not disappoint them. The love of your life could make a surprising revelation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Others rally to your cause because of your capable manner. Joining a social or business organization will bring multiple benefits. New contacts can easily develop into something worthwhile.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Teamwork helps you reach a goal quickly. Be sure to share the glory in a tangible way. A confidential arrangement could produce new financial gains.

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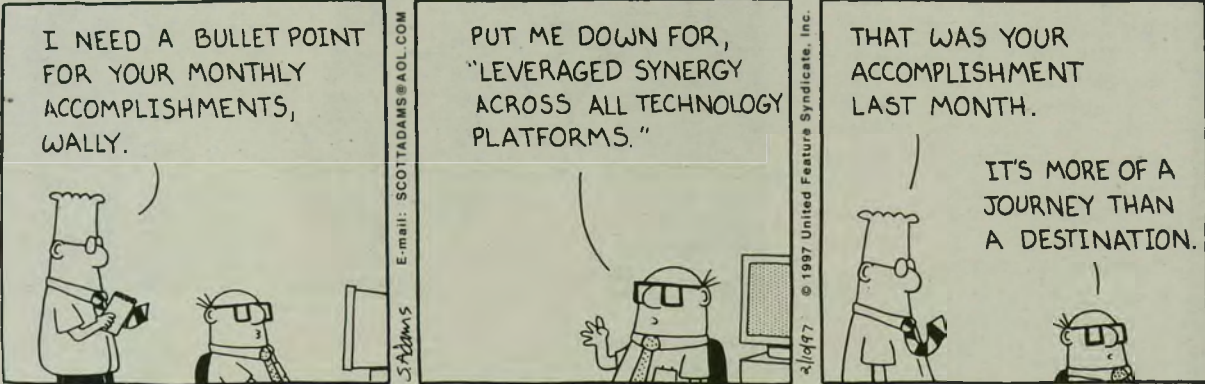
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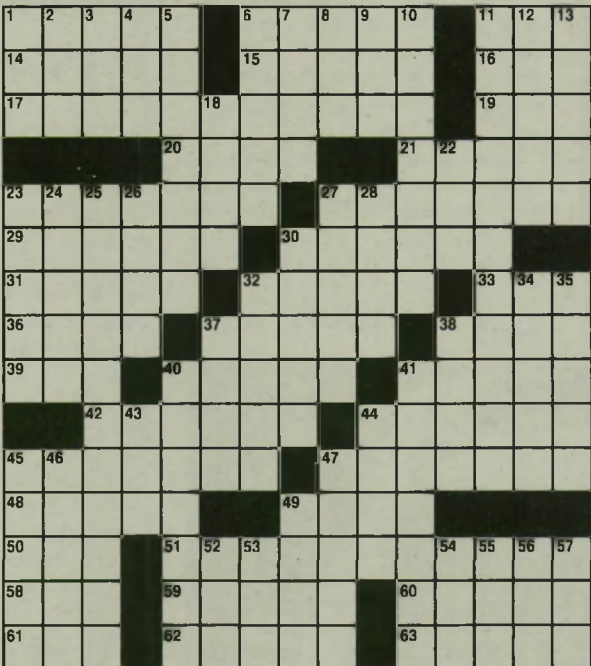
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■ Of Interest

24th Annual Summer Programs — ND-SMC Students are invited to attend a meeting tonight at 6:30 p.m. in Carroll Hall on the Saint Mary's campus. Program locations include London, May 21-June 20, and Rome, June 15-July 14. Travel opportunities are offered in Ireland, Scotland, France, Germany, and Switzerland, with courses in Business & Economics, Education, English, History, Italian, Justice, and Music.

"An Evening of Schubert Songs," presented by Sanford Sylvan & David Breitman, will take place at 8:00 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 general admission and \$2 student and senior citizens. For tickets or more information, call the Dept. of Music Publicity Office at 631-6201.

Residence hall contracts for 1997-98 academic year have been sent to the residence halls. In order to be eligible for housing in the fall, students must return the contract to the Office of Student Residences prior to 5 p.m., February 12, 1997.

Summer residence hall staff applications are now available in the Office of Student Residences, 311 Main Building, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Applications received prior to February 28 will receive priority.

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Split Decision

Men's squad outhustles Huskies in overtime, but the women's squad gets hustled by top-ranked UConn

■ MEN'S BASKETBALL



Senior Matt Gotsch and junior Pat Garrity try to stifle UConn's Hamilton in route to the basket.

The Observer/Rob Finch

By MIKE DAY
Assistant Sports Editor

Sometimes it's better to be ugly than good. While the saying might actually refer to luck, ugly is the only word that comes to mind when describing Notre Dame's play against Connecticut on Saturday.

An energetic crowd of 10,196 fans at the Joyce Center gritted their teeth and watched Derek Manner go airborne into the press section of the court, Pete Miller suffer a gash in his head at the final buzzer, and Marcus Young toss up a pair of underhanded, "granny" style free throws.

In the meantime, Notre Dame turned the ball over 26 times, allowed 24 offensive rebounds to the Huskies, and shot just 2 of 12 from the three point stripe.

Indeed, this one was downright ugly.

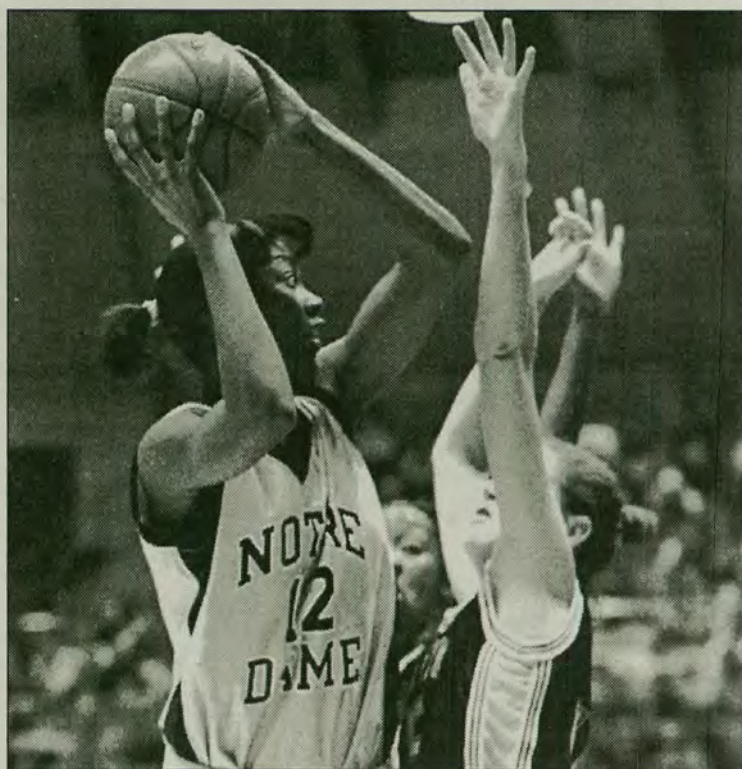
And yes, it was downright effective.

The Irish are slowly but surely gaining some recognition in the Big East. And as Saturday's 71-65 victory proves, they no longer have to play a perfect game to come out on top.

"Last year, they put it to us both times we played them," said Manner, who chipped in 10 points and seven rebounds. "We felt we had

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■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



The Observer/Mike Ruma

Despite the tough loss, senior Katryna Gaither contributed 15 points in the first half alone.

Huskies silence Morgan en route to a 72-49 victory

By JOE CAVATO
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's basketball squad faced a formidable challenge. They looked to upset the Connecticut Huskies who have won 22 in a row and made trips to the Final Four the last two seasons. Yesterday afternoon, they proved why they have gone 90-4 over the past three seasons as they turned away the fifteenth ranked Irish.

In a battle of the Big East conference leaders, the Huskies' win places them on top of the standings by themselves. The Irish saw their ten game win come to a halt as they fell to 20-5 and 12-1.

The Huskies, who beat opponents by an average of 30

points, shot just 39 percent from the field. They held the normally sharpshooting Irish to a dismal 27 percent from the field leading to a 72-49 win. The Connecticut offense was not at its peak performance as they had 21 turnovers but they controlled the game under the basket. They out rebounded the guests by 18 and also outscored them in the paint by the mark of 42-28.

Naismith Player of the Year candidate Kara Wolters had 16 points, ten rebounds, and five blocked shots as her 6-7 frame allowed her to simply shoot over Notre Dame's smaller defenders. But, the Huskies defense was the dominating factor leading to the 23 point victory.

The top-ranked squad held

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■ IRISH INSIGHT

Squad surprises Big East

The Notre Dame basketball team that beat Connecticut in overtime Saturday worked hard.

The Irish basketball team that beat St. John's last Tuesday night also worked hard.

The biggest surprise of the Big East has worked hard to take people by surprise.

So what, you say?

Every college basketball team should do nothing less than work hard. That's how a team gets better.



Joe Villinski
Associate Sports Editor

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The Observer/Rob Finch

Junior Derek Manner electrified the crowd with this tomahawk jam in the UConn game.

■ RECRUITING

Reports hint that Minor will not sign

Observer Staff Report

Though a formal announcement has not yet been made, it appears that tailback Travis Minor, the USA Today Offensive Player of the Year, will not become Notre Dame's 20th member of the Class of 2001.

The Baton Rouge, La.

native had narrowed his choices to Notre Dame, Florida State, Florida, and Louisiana State but published reports indicate that the Irish are no longer in the running.

Though National Signing Day was last Wednesday, Minor, and all other potential signees have until April to make a decision.

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