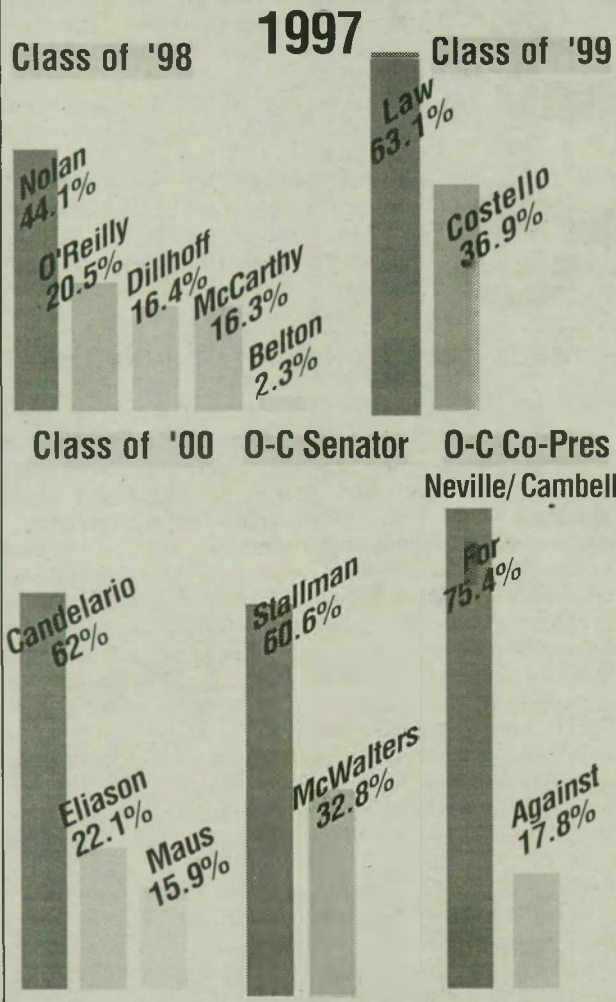


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Notre Dame Election Returns



Classes determine new officers

Low voter turnout continues to plague elections

By HEATHER MACKENZIE
News Writer

The tension finally ended last night for this year's off-campus and class officer candidates when election results were announced around 10 p.m.

The only election requiring a run-off is for the class of 1998 positions. The ticket consisting of Beth Nolan, Connie Dougherty, Bob Flannery and Brian McCarthy, receiving the majority of the votes cast, will face off in run-off with the ticket made up of Colin O'Reilly, Jon Steele, Catherine Monahan and Erik Burns in the elections on Wednesday. With 44 percent of the votes cast, the Nolan ticket had an edge over the O'Reilly ticket, who received 20 percent.

"We are excited, but we are not taking anything for granted," said Beth Nolan. "I think we have a great deal of experience that should really be bene-



The Observer/Katie Kroener
Off-campus and class officer candidates await election results with trepidation in the student government office last night.

ficial is we are elected. We are going to continue to campaign vigorously until elections on Wednesday."

With a platform promising widespread communication, greater alumni relations, and focus on campus issues, the campaign is not yet over for the Nolan ticket.

The O'Reilly platform focuses on senior activities. With a variety of senior class trips proposed and a promise of more class activities, the ticket highlights involvement.

Colin O'Reilly commented on the time constraints of the elec-

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Baxter urges conversation and religion

By SARAH CORKREAN
Saint Mary's News Editor

For Father Michael Baxter, an invitation to say mass in the home of the president of El Salvador 10 years ago was an honor of sorts. With soldiers holding guns lined up outside the presidential palace while he delivered the Palm Sunday homily, Baxter questioned what sense of community the people of war-torn El Salvador could possibly have.

As a continuation from last semester's conversation series on community, Baxter, a member of the theology department at Notre Dame, spoke at Saint Mary's College yesterday afternoon.

Noting the urgency to define community in a society where people do not share common traditional beliefs and practices, Baxter said that "finding an understanding of community is very thin. With so many planned communities such as business, gay and lesbian, and academic groups, there is no universally agreed upon

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The Observer/Katie Kroener
Notre Dame Security, Clay Township Firefighters and local police responded to a fire that engulfed sophomore Jason Hooks' truck last night.

Truck ignites en route to SMC

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN
Assistant News Editor

Shortly after 8 p.m. last night a student's pickup truck caught on fire at the intersection of Saint Mary's Drive and U.S. route 31.

Jason Hooks, a sophomore at Notre Dame who lives in Granger, was driving to Saint Mary's when loose wires under his dashboard joined and set the carpeting in his

truck on fire.

"I was driving along and the fire just came up from under my seat," said Hooks. "So I pulled over to the side of the road to avoid blocking traffic, jumped out, and tried to pat it out with my hands."

Hooks said that he then tried to jog into the Saint Mary's security office to report the

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Bourgeois denounces use of the 'School of Assassins'

By DAVID FREDDOSO
News Writer

Last night, the School of the Americas was unveiled before a crowd of 50.

An American military training camp, the School of the Americas is currently located in Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga. For over half a century, it has been taking in soldiers

from Latin America and instructing them in "counter-insurgency warfare."

According to Father Roy Bourgeois of the School of the Americas Watch, the SOA is a "School of Assassins."

In the last of six lectures given in celebration of Human Rights Week, Bourgeois called for the closure of the SOA, which he blames for much of

the violence that has occurred in South and Central America over the last 30 years.

Bourgeois said that he could tell that the school was corrupt by its alumni.

"The Pentagon," he said, "tells us that 10 'heads of state' have graduated from the school."

But what they do not mention is that these "heads of

state" have all come to power through violence and have then used their power to oppress the poor. Among these 10 heads of state to graduate from SOA, for example, is Manuel Noriega.

Of the three men responsible for the death of Archbishop Oscar Romero in El Salvador, two were graduates of SOA. Ten of the 12

responsible for a more recent massacre of nearly a thousand unarmed men, women, and children, graduated from SOA.

In addition, just recently, several major newspapers got possession of copies of seven SOA training manuals, some of which teach the use of tor-

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

Play ball!

Spring has sprung. Well, it's trying to, anyway. Spring break is behind us, morning television news programs balanced eggs last Thursday, and we've had some 50- and 60-degree days here in South Bend already.

The only thing left is for baseball to begin — that final, enduring sign of spring and the promise of summer. Former Commissioner (remember when there was such a thing?) A. Bartlett Giamatti wrote perhaps the most pleasant description of America's oldest professional sport:

"It breaks your heart. It is designed to break your heart. The game begins in the spring, when everything else begins again, and it blossoms in the summer, filling the afternoons and evenings, and then as soon as the chill rains come, it stops, and leaves you to face the fall alone."

But forget professional baseball for another week; it begins April 1. Today is a more important opener — Notre Dame's regularly-scheduled game against Western Michigan (the Irish played a game Thursday that was scheduled only the night before).

In my experience the past two years, attendance at Irish baseball games has been generally pathetic. The majority of the bleachers are filled with local residents, not students. This is good business since the locals pay for their tickets and students get in free, but it's a miserable show of support for a school that speaks so much of pride. It's a conditional pride, applying only to football and — at least this year — only 800 basketball fans. I guess if the games aren't televised nationally, it's not important enough to go.

What makes this situation really disappointing is that students still complain about "nothing to do in South Bend" when spring sports like softball, baseball and track draw a total of, oh, 82 fans in a weekend. Lacrosse does a little better but most of those in attendance are high school students in their varsity letter jackets.

Why people feel the need to watch another insultingly lame Rikki Lake show rather than spending free time in the spring sunshine is baffling. If you're going to be sitting on your butt, you might as well get out of the house to do it.

My endless babbling about America's Game will probably have no influence on most of those who read this column. So I'll spew out useless but convincing facts. Last year, the Irish Nine finished with a 44-18 record and made the NCAA tournament for the fourth time in five years. The point is, this team can compete, just like any other that wears the blue and gold.

I don't care what argument you try to bring against baseball — it's too slow, the players are greedy millionaires, it's too expensive. Wah. I can counter. Like, if it's too slow, you're too impatient and need instant satisfaction. And, hey, Irish baseball is free.

So don't try to tell me that there's nothing to do in South Bend. If you'd like to argue with me, I'll be behind home plate this afternoon.

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■ WORLD AT A GLANCE

'The English Patient' takes home nine Oscars

LOS ANGELES

The romantic war epic "The English Patient" won nine Oscars Monday night, including best picture, director and supporting actress.

Geoffrey Rush, the mentally disturbed concert pianist of "Shine," won best actor and Frances McDormand, the pregnant Midwestern cop in "Fargo," was named best actress at the Academy Awards Monday night.

Anthony Minghella won best director for "The English Patient," and its co-star, Juliette Binoche, claimed the supporting actress statuette.

Concluding his thanks, Rush gave special tribute to "the unstoppable David Helfgott — you truly are an inspiration." "Shine" told the story of the real-life Helfgott's struggle to overcome a mental breakdown.



The top acting honors won by others prevented a sweep by "The English Patient," a burn victim's tortured recollections of his misdeeds in time of war. But it was enough to put it among film among Hollywood's elite. The all-time winner was 1959's "Ben-Hur" with 11 Oscars.

"I'm so surprised," said Binoche, who, like many, thought the statuette would go to Lauren Bacall. "I didn't prepare anything. I thought Lauren was going to get it. And I think she deserves it."

Binoche portrayed the compassionate Canadian nurse in "The English Patient."

Cuba Gooding Jr., the football star who repeatedly asks his faltering agent to "Show me the money!" in "Jerry Maguire," won the supporting actor Oscar.

Coffee with Clinton to raise \$400,000

WASHINGTON

Democratic fund-raisers projected that meetings over coffee with President Clinton would each raise \$400,000 from big donors, according to White House records turned over to Congress.

Ledgers of political events, including coffee klatches, dinners and other appearances by Clinton and Vice President Al Gore, contain projections of how much money party fund-raisers hoped each event would yield. The ledgers were made available by a congressional source. The spread sheets, turned over to Congress by former White House deputy chief of staff Harold Ickes, show that each coffee klatch was generally expected to raise \$400,000. In the first two months of 1996, the ledgers show six coffees hosted by "POTUS" — White House-speak for president of the United States. All but one of the coffees hit their fund-raising target while the fifth yielded \$340,000 in donations. Total take: \$2.34 million. "To the degree the public ever believed it, these documents put to rest the fiction that they were anything but fat-cat fund-raising events," said Ellen Miller, head of Public Campaign, a nonpartisan political watchdog group.



Teens questioned in cult suicides

ST. CASIMIR, Quebec

Three drugged teen-agers found near the scene of a doomsday cult group suicide rejected an offer to take part in the deadly ritual, police said Monday. Five adult members of the Order of the Solar Temple, including the teen-agers' parents and grandmother, died Saturday in a house fire in St. Casimir, about 50 miles southwest of Quebec City. Four of the bodies were found in a bed, arranged in the shape of a cross. Firefighters found two boys, ages 13 and 16, and a 14-year-old girl in a dazed state in a nearby workshop. Quebec Provincial Police spokesman Real Ouellet said the teen-agers woke up Friday morning to discover their parents and other cult members had placed propane tanks, electric hot plates and fire-starters on the main floor of the two-story house. They realized what was happening and expressed their disapproval. The suicide was delayed until Saturday, when the youths rejected an opportunity to join the death pact, he said. Fanie Queze-Goupillot, 14, and her brothers Tom, 13, and Julien, 16, agreed just before the fire to take sleeping pills their parents gave them. "But it doesn't mean people have dropped out — we've just seen the proof of that." Police contacted authorities in France and Switzerland after the weekend fire to try to prevent any similar mass suicides.

Gator attack victim died of drowning

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.

A 3-year-old boy who was snatched by an 11-foot alligator died from drowning, a medical examiner said Monday. Adam Trevor Binford vanished Friday afternoon while playing in shallow water on the edge of Lake Ashby, 20 miles northeast of Orlando. His mother, Lorri Binford, said she heard a big splash and Adam disappeared. A trapper found the 450-pound alligator with the boy inside its jaws the next day, about a mile away. "His face was untouched," said Larry Bass, 33, Adam's uncle and the one called to the water's edge to identify the body. "He looked like he was asleep." An autopsy showed water in his stomach and lungs, said Dr. Ronald Reeves, chief medical examiner for Volusia County. The child's left arm was in the gator's stomach and his lower torso and legs were covered with bites. "I think he died very quickly, quicker than an ordinary drowning death," Reeves said. Adam's death is the eighth fatal alligator attack since the state began keeping records in 1948.

Three killed at McDonald's shootout

NASHVILLE, Tenn.

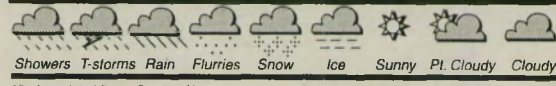
Three employees were killed during an apparent robbery attempt at a McDonald's restaurant, about two miles from another fast-food restaurant where two workers were killed last month. A fourth employee was in critical condition Monday with stab wounds. Police received a 911 call just after midnight from the restaurant in suburban Hermitage, but the line went dead. An officer sent to investigate looked through a window and saw a trail of blood. "Because all of the doors to the restaurant were locked, the officer used her baton to smash out the glass in one of the doors and entered the building," said Don Aaron, a Metro Police spokesman. Officer Tracy Holmes found three workers shot and lying close to one another in the rear of the restaurant. The stabbing victim was lying near the telephone. Police said money appeared to have been taken from the restaurant but would not give details. No arrests had been made, said Jodi Hudson, a regional marketing manager for McDonald's.

■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

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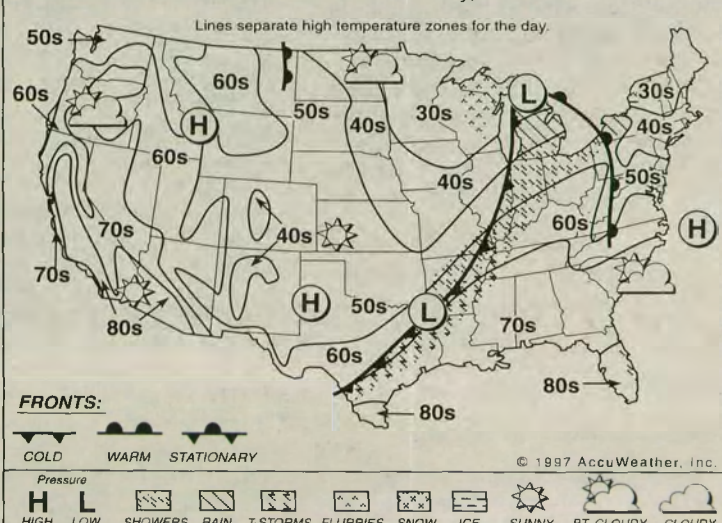
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Thursday	53	38
Friday	57	35
Saturday	45	32



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■ NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, March 25.



Atlanta	69	47	Jackson	78	45	Omaha	49	39
Bismarck	42	32	Las Vegas	82	54	Providence	44	22
Buffalo	38	17	Louisville	62	34	San Diego	66	58
Concord	36	8	Memphis	77	50	Seattle	54	36
El Paso	75	61	Norfolk	46	37	Tulsa	80	55

Logan Center faces depleted funds this year

By ALLISON KOENIG
Saint Mary's News Editor

Last week's Disability Awareness program at Notre Dame focused on the Logan Center, the community facility that sponsors activities and programs for mentally and physically handicapped people. The Center is located on the southeastern perimeter of campus, drawing many Notre Dame community members as service volunteers.

Over the course of the last year, the center has experienced "some challenging budget problems," according to chief executive officer Dan Harshman.

He was quick to add that possible solutions to the problem "are in the process of discussion," and that an official recommendation is not to be expected soon.

Eighty percent of the funds

for the non-profit Logan Center originate from various government sources. The other 20 percent is fulfilled by local efforts: through Logan Industries, fund raising, and other areas.

"As the government funds do not continue to grow, we must try to raise more funds privately," Harshman explained.

"Since the mid 1970's, there has been a growing list of programs that help fund Logan. A byproduct of that growth is our not needing to charge clients for services," he added.

A potential solution includes charging Logan center clients for use of the facility, and requiring family members to volunteer a number of hours at the center. Currently, clients access the facility and its services without any familial volunteer commitment or financial obligation.

This possibility of requiring

clients to pay fees does not sit well with community volunteer Elena Economakis, who feels that families of disabled people encounter enough emotionally and economically draining problems without being required to pay for services.

"It can be a vicious cycle of poverty," said Economakis of life as or with a disabled person.

Harshman maintains that although a larger time or monetary commitment may be required of clients and their families in the future, nothing has been decided yet.

"We don't wish to add extra burdens to (clients and families). We need to communicate to them what the needs (of the center are). Some don't understand what the real costs are," Harshman said.

The Logan Center has an annual \$8 million budget. According to Harshman, the



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The Logan Center may be forced to charge clients higher amounts for its services during this year in order to stay financially secure.

high percentage of government contributions cannot be expected forever.

Harshman indicated "a lot more general communication" with Logan Center clients and families as the current objective. "At the heart of it all, we

need to talk about expectations," he said. "We need to explain to patrons why we need their investment of time and money, and how they can do that. We need the community support; the government cannot do it all."

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■ CANCELLATION

The April 4th concert at Saint Mary's College featuring the "String Trio of New York" has been cancelled due to an injury suffered by one of the musicians in a recent automobile accident.

Those who purchased tickets for the performance may return them to the Saint Mary's Box Office for a refund.

Box Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for further information, contact the Saint Mary's Box Office at 284-4626.

■ IN MEMORIAM

On behalf of the student body, The Observer extends its condolences to the family of Michael and Cindy Parseghian, both members of Notre Dame's Class of 1977, whose son Michael passed away Saturday.

Michael, 9, the grandson of former Notre Dame head football coach Ara Parseghian, died of Niemann-Pick Type C disease, a rare genetic disorder.

■ SECURITY BEAT

FRI., MARCH 21

6:35 a.m. A University employee reported six broken windows at the Law School.

6:11 p.m. A visitor reported his car was broken into while parked in the Q-12 parking lot.

8:42 p.m. A visitor was transported to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of an illness.

10:14 p.m. An off-campus student reported the theft of his portable CD player and numerous CDs from the fifth-year study lounge in the architecture building. The items were left unattended at the time of the theft.

9:35 p.m. A Flanner Hall resident reported the theft of his coat from the North Dining Hall.

SAT., MARCH 22

12:10 a.m. A Keenan Hall resident was transported by Security to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of a sports injury.

2:12 a.m. A South Bend resident was cited for speeding on Eddy street.

SUN., MARCH 23

3:18 a.m. Three Alumni Hall residents were apprehended by Security inside the football stadium.

2:10 p.m. Security responded to a two-car accident on Juniper Road. There were no injuries reported.



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Election

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tion. "Getting the word out in a limited time was difficult, but we are going to continue to campaign," he said.

Receiving 666 of the 1055 votes cast within the class of 1999, the ticket consisting of Frank Law, Meg Samson, Emily Miner, and Jeff Winko was the election winner. With a platform promising open meetings in dorm basements and class support of Junior athletes, the Law ticket also plans to increase student involvement in class activities and events.

"This was a really short campaign and we worked really hard to get our platform out," said Samson, junior class vice president-elect.

"We are excited about this great opportunity," added Law.

For the class of 2000, the ticket comprised of Walker Candelario, Andrea Selak, Laurie Strotman, and Joe Kippels was the overwhelming winner, with 63 percent of the vote.

"We are very excited about the opportunity we are going to have," said Walker Candelario. "We put a lot of time and effort into the campaign. We are glad it paid off."

The Candelario ticket hopes to make more student involvement a major theme in the coming year. With more publicity and open meetings, they hope to generate exposure and participation within the upcoming sophomore class.

For off-campus co-presi-

dent, the unopposed Neville/Campbell ticket received 258 votes for the ticket and 61 votes against.

In the race for off-campus senator, Bob Stallman won, receiving 192 of the 317 votes cast.

"I want to make sure the off-campus voice is heard," Stallman commented. "Oftentimes they seem to be left out of student government. I want to make sure our rights and interests are preserved."

Jen Dovidio, the judicial council president, stated that the turnouts for these elections were comparable to this year's student body president elections as well as class elections in years past.

"The elections went really smoothly," she said. "The candidates and the hall judicial boards were really cooperative."

She noted that a central concern on campus is the relatively low voter turnout.

"Ideally there would be more access to the polls, but it would be really hard to control the elections if we handled the voting in another way," Dovidio said. "We currently have the best system in light of our resources."

Bourgeois

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ture and execution.

"We know more than enough about this school to call for its closure," he said. Bourgeois himself has been arrested twice for trespassing on the grounds of Fort Benning while protesting.

"This school is our way of keeping Latin America's military entrenched. Shutting down the school could help bring about peace and justice, and save lives," Bourgeois asserted.

Two weeks ago, a bill to close the SOA was introduced by congressman Joe Kennedy of Mass. This bill will soon come up for a vote in the U.S. House of Representatives, and according to Bourgeois, now is the time to act and show support for the bill.

"Letters to your members of Congress make a difference this time," he said, adding that he

was widely circulating a petition in support of the bill.

This marks the third time such a bill has been presented. Similar bills have been rejected, but as more information about SOA has been revealed, more and more support has been found in Congress to close it.

"Can we do it?" Bourgeois asked. "We think so. We know so... it will close, I have no doubt about that."

Bourgeois also took a moment to show how fundamental this issue really is by defending his involvement in the SOA Watch.

"People often say that priests should not be involved in politics. But we're not talking about politics here. We're talking about moral issues. We're talking about people being killed."

Bourgeois called on the students and faculty of Notre Dame to share in the task of human rights activism. But, "how important it is to integrate our activism with that solitude, with time for prayer?"

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fire. "Four cars passed me by on the way," he said. "I didn't even ask for a ride, I just asked that they get a hold of someone. But one girl even rolled up her window and locked her doors. Makes you feel good to be a student here."

The wires in Hooks' truck

were loose because his car stereo and amplifier had been stolen on Sunday. "A couple of days ago, someone broke into my car," Hooks said. "I left the wires alone so that the insurance company could take a look at it."

"The wires were left under the seat and not protected. By driving around, they probably connected with the springs of the seat and set the carpet on the fire," said Lieutenant Jim

Hummell of Clay Township Fire Department who arrived first at the scene. "This area is really a toss-up, it is really Portage Township, but we get all our calls through county 911."

By 9 p.m. the Fire Department had extinguished the blaze, and what remained of Hooks' truck was towed away by the nearby Amoco station.

■ CORRECTION

An enlarged quote in yesterday's edition of The Observer was incorrectly attributed to Rajit Basu. The actual speaker was junior Reggie Singleton. The Observer regrets the error.

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Racial attack injures Chicago boy

By HILLARY CHURA
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO

Three white teen-agers have been accused of pulling a 13-year-old black boy off his bicycle, beating him unconscious and then bragging to their friends they had taken care of blacks in the neighborhood.

Lenard Clark, found in an alley Friday night near the Chicago White Sox's Comiskey Park, remained hospitalized Monday in a comatose state with massive head injuries.

Police said race was the only motive for the attack in the mostly white Bridgeport neighborhood. Lenard is from the

Stateway Gardens complex across the interstate highway that separates a row of mostly black housing projects from the rest of the city.

Officers said the three teens pulled Lenard from his bike after a game of basketball, yelling racial slurs as they slammed his head into a building, kicked him and left him bleeding.

"He's 13, and they left him lying in the street," said the child's father, who did not give his name. "He was riding his bike and wasn't bothering anybody. It was a senseless act that should not have happened."

Neighborhood residents —

many of them white — helped police track down the suspects.

Frank Caruso, 18, Victor Jasas, 17, and Michael Kwidzinski, 19, were all released on bond on charges of attempted murder, aggravated battery and a hate crime.

Sgt. Marshall Andrews said the suspects, using a racial epithet, "bragged to their friends that they had taken care" of the blacks in the neighborhood.

None of the suspects had criminal records and two — Caruso and Jasas — are students at De La Salle Institute, a Catholic school that graduated Mayor Richard Daley and other prominent politicians from the neighborhood.

Housing experiment shows results

By ALICE ANN LOVE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

In Atlanta and Milwaukee, families with modest incomes are moving into public housing along with the poor. They're doing the same in Cleveland, Oakland and El Paso.

Five years ago the government threw away the rule book to allow cities to experiment with ways to revitalize their crime and poverty ridden public housing projects. Now the first results are coming in.

"The old way was to just stamp out these buildings, jam people in there and move on," said Kevin Marchman, assistant secretary for public housing at the Department of Housing and Urban Development. "We have to be more thoughtful and creative."

As part of the program, the agency provided \$2 billion in one-time grants to more than 50 local housing agencies to try to revitalize housing programs that have been declared by most a failure. The new approach envisions fewer public housing units and a relaxation of counterproductive, bureaucratic rules. As many as 40,000 public apartments are to be torn down with 20,000 units rebuilt.

Income limits and other restrictions on who can live in the projects are being eased, or waived altogether so people with jobs and improving earning power are able to move in and become neighborhood role models.

HUD also has let cities use up to 20 percent of their grants to improve community resources such as private, non-profit day care, job training and health care facilities.

Finally, the agency has

relaxed rules that previously prevented local housing officials from sharing management responsibility with private developers.

"We've given housing authorities, communities, and residents the opportunity to participate in the planning ... of public housing," said Marchman.

Affordable housing advocates, however, are withholding judgement. They say the results of some projects look suspiciously like gentrification. And they worry that ever-fewer homes will be available for those most in need.

"I haven't met anyone who would suggest concentrating poor people is good ... but if we have to make the strategic choice, our concern is that we serve the maximum number of low-income households," said Helen Dunlap director of the Washington-based National Low Income Housing Coalition.

Cities have promised to make up for low-income homes lost to the renovation efforts, but not necessarily by building more affordable housing. Instead, poor families will get vouchers so they can afford market rate rents in regular neighborhoods.

Marchman says a shortage of money prevents replacing all of the housing units that are being destroyed, but he adds that "many of the units coming down you would not want up" because of their condition and other problems.

Atlanta has pushed the experiment the furthest. There, the upwardly mobile are moving into new, \$1,500-a-month apartments at Techwood, formerly a crumbling, crime-ridden neighborhood of last resort.

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definition of community."

With individuals focused on specific groups that serve their particular interests, Baxter generalized that fact that people are less willing to talk specifically about Christian community and traditions.

Indicating that people seek communities when they experience genuine and deep longings to identify with others, Baxter said that people seek to engage in life in a mutual dwelling. Conceiving an image of themselves while including others, individuals then share identities when they enter into communities.

In questioning whether a Christian community is possible, Baxter noted that he has no definite answer himself. He does, however, find notions of community within daily interactions with people.

"We do not find community in prayer, but in liturgy being performed," he said.

In his experiences in traveling abroad to El Salvador with two other Notre Dame friends, Baxter witnessed community in a small village in the mountains where Archbishop Oscar Romero was murdered while saying mass.

"Seeing the people's commitment to their faith by coming to mass in a poverty-stricken area, and helping each other out in any way possible within their ability, is a true testimony to the way liturgy and community are one," Baxter said.



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Father Michael Baxter emphasizes the need for communication in a Christian communities.

"Many times I have a better appreciation for the Christian community when I engage in conversation with my friends and participate in social functions and volunteer at homeless shelters than when I sit in mass listening to the liturgy," said freshman Jonah Indriolo.

In his pursuit to define a Christian community, Baxter also noted the word "community" itself is so overused that it has lost meaning.

"To define community, one has to participate and engage in conversation with others," Baxter said. "By participating one opens up into the world of conversation with those that identify and is able to pay identify and pay more attention to those that are closed off in the world."

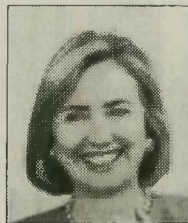
■ TANZANIA

Clinton visits African women

By SONYA ROSS
Associated Press Writer

DAR ES SALAAM
First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton says the triumphs and pains of women the world over

are a natural starting point for forging a new relationship between the United States and Africa.



Clinton

Today she was exploring both tragedy and triumph in Arusha, Tanzania, where an international tribunal is looking into crimes committed against women during the 1994 ethnic slaughter in Rwanda — and where 25 school girls are celebrating their conquest of Africa's highest mountain.

The girls, all students at the WeruWeru Secondary School, scaled Mount Kilimanjaro with virtually nothing but the desire to reach its peak.

During her visit to the international criminal tribunal for Rwanda, Mrs. Clinton was taking part in a discussion of sex crimes and taping a radio address on the issue to be broadcast in Rwanda.

The first lady praised Tanzania for "being gracious and hospitable" to refugees from Rwanda and other countries in the region that are marred by instability.

"It has been an enormous burden that you have borne," she said Monday. "The contribution that your country has been making toward peace and stability in this region and, indeed, in this continent are very well known and appreciated."

Those words meant a lot to the people of Tanzania, a poor but ambitious nation of 28 million people that is rich in natural resources — but whose people have a life expectancy of only 44 years.

Mrs. Clinton's visit drew throngs of curious onlookers along the road from Tanzania's airport into Dar es Salaam, the nation's center of government and industry.

"You will find our people extremely good-natured," President Benjamin Mkapa told the first lady when she paid him a courtesy call.

The overarching theme of Mrs. Clinton's two-week journey to Africa has been to point out some of the continent's lesser-known qualities in hopes of broadening Americans' knowledge

and whetting interest in investment here.

"It is a very important part of the world," Mrs. Clinton said. "We see so many of the leaders and the people in the countries we've visited really working hard on issues to improve their lives."

The first lady spent much of Monday discussing the status of Tanzanian women in a round-table discussion like one she conducted last week in Zimbabwe, where women told her they were chafing under a patriarchal social system.

Here the women were not as forceful, although they described similar problems — a need for better reproductive health care, a lack of education and jobs and a sense of helplessness in the face of sexual abuse.

"They do not know where to go. They do not know what to do," said Mwanaidi Majaar, an attorney. "Even those who do know where to go or what to do, they do not have the means."

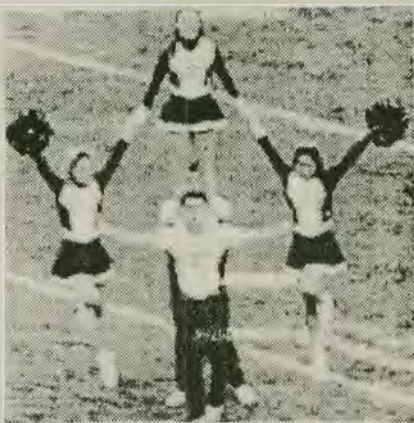
Mrs. Clinton said while women in the United States are not as dramatically restricted by laws or social custom, they still confront "cultural, psychological and social obstacles" that reduce their confidence in their abilities.

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Nation's TB cases hit historic low

By MALCOLM RITTER
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK
The number of new tuberculosis cases in the United States dropped last year to the lowest level since record-keeping began in the 1950s, the federal government announced Monday.

It was the fourth straight year of decline, suggesting the nation is recovering from a rise in TB from the mid-80s to 1992, officials said.

"We're on the right track toward the elimination of tuberculosis in this country," said Dr. Ken Castro of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "We now have the rare opportunity to eliminate tuberculosis in the United States."

However, he and others at a New York news conference cautioned against relaxing the fight against the disease, saying that's what made TB surge in the 1980s after a long decline.

Castro noted that 20 states and the District of Columbia showed no reduction or even had increases from 1995 to 1996, and that sporadic outbreaks of drug-resistant TB continue to be reported.

Last year's nationwide count of new TB cases was 21,327, down nearly 7 percent from 1995. That's the fewest cases recorded by CDC since it started national surveillance in 1953. Over the same period, the total population has almost doubled.

Officials credited programs that seek out people with infectious tuberculosis, diagnose them and make sure the patients take their full course of therapy. To be cured, a TB patient must take drugs for six months or longer, even after symptoms are gone.

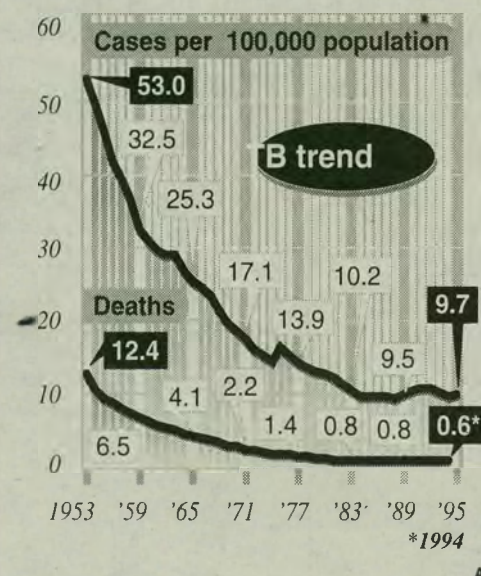
The TB case total in 1996 was about where it would have been a decade earlier if the TB resurgence hadn't interrupted years of decline, Castro said.

From 1985 to 1992, TB cases rose almost 20 percent, said Dr. Charles Felton, speaking on behalf of the American Lung Association. The

Tuberculosis in the U.S.

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reason is that federal funding aimed specifically at TB control had been replaced with general public health block grants to states, which led many states to cut back their anti-TB efforts, Felton said.

Congress restored much of the anti-TB money by 1992, he said.

"If we do not continue to support TB control efforts, we will face an inevitable rise in tuberculosis cases once again," Felton said. "And the next time, the fight against TB will be much more costly."

Among the areas reporting TB increases or no change in 1996 were the District of Columbia, up 36 percent, and Oregon, up 22 percent, Castro said.

He said it would take further study to determine why they and 19 other states bucked the nationwide trend. Many are probably still rebuilding their anti-TB programs, he said. And some may simply be getting better at detecting the disease, he said.

Castro also noted that an increasing proportion of this nation's cases is being found in people born outside the country. They accounted for 37 percent of cases in 1996, up from 22 percent a decade before, and two-thirds of them were born in Mexico, the Philippines or Vietnam, he said.

Part of that trend is due to an influx of immigrants, he said. Many people diagnosed with TB probably entered the country with harmless, latent infections of TB germs, Castro said. These infections can turn active after years of dormancy.

The best response is to support anti-TB efforts in other countries, he said.

The worldwide spread of TB has leveled off for the first time in decades, the World Health Organization announced last week.

WHO estimated that 2 billion people, or a third of the world's population, are infected with TB germs.

About 10 percent of people infected will eventually become sick.

CHINA

Trade agreement opens Gore visit

By JOHN KING
Associated Press Writer

BEIJING

With Vice President Al Gore on hand to celebrate, China signed lucrative deals Tuesday with Boeing and General Motors and agreed to allow the United States to maintain its Hong Kong consulate when the colony reverts to Chinese rule.

In an agreement worth \$685 million to Seattle-based Boeing Corp., China's civil aviation authority arranged to purchase five of the aerospace giant's 777-200 series passenger jets.

And General Motors Corp. said it was launching a \$1.3 billion joint venture with a Chinese automaker to manufacture 100,000 Buick Regal and Century sedans a year in China.

Clinton administration officials traveling with Gore hailed the agreements as evidence that China was becoming a more reliable partner — and as proof that the policy of engagement was bearing fruit.

Last spring, in a blow to Boeing, China ordered \$1.5 billion in planes from Airbus Industrie of Europe, delayed a \$4 billion aircraft deal with Boeing and other companies and chose a consortium led by British Aerospace and Aerospatiale of France as partners to build a 100-seat jetliner.

The trade announcements came as Gore opened two days of talks with China's leaders. It marked the highest-level U.S. visit in eight years — since then-President George Bush was here four months before the 1989 crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators in Tiananmen Square.

Premier Li Peng was attending the signing ceremonies with Gore, and the two were meeting throughout the day. On Wednesday, Gore was meeting with President Jiang Zemin to provide a framework for Jiang's state visit to Washington this fall.

Just inside the Great Hall of the People on the edge of Tiananmen Square, Li greeted Gore with a handshake and they stood stiffly on a platform while a military band played the Chinese and U.S. national anthems. Two young school children presented Gore and his wife, Tipper, with bouquets of flowers.

Li said he expects Gore's



'The nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction is a crucial goal of the United States.'

Al Gore

visit to enhance "the friendly relations and cooperation" between China and the United States.

"The improvement of our relations serves the interests of both peoples," he said.

Gore's agenda was crowded with areas of friction — disputes over human rights and U.S. access to Chinese markets, and American displeasure with China's sales of missile technology and weapons to nations the United States considers unfriendly.

"The nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction is a crucial goal of the United States," Gore told reporters after a meeting with Li.

But he said his overriding mission was to demonstrate the U.S.-Chinese relationship was maturing to a level of understanding that would allow cordial daily relations despite disagreements.

To make his case that it was time to take the relationship to a new level, Gore cited a Chinese poem from the Tang Dynasty, which ended 1,100 years ago:

"The sun beyond the mountain glows, the Yellow River seaward flows, but if you desire a grander sight, then you must scale a greater height."

Gore also sought China's help on two fronts: in convincing North Korea to join South Korea in formal peace talks, and in working to lower emissions of so-called greenhouse gases even as China relies on coal to meet energy needs soaring to match economic growth.

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■ AND IN THIS CORNER ...

'Star Wars': In pursuit of the hero within

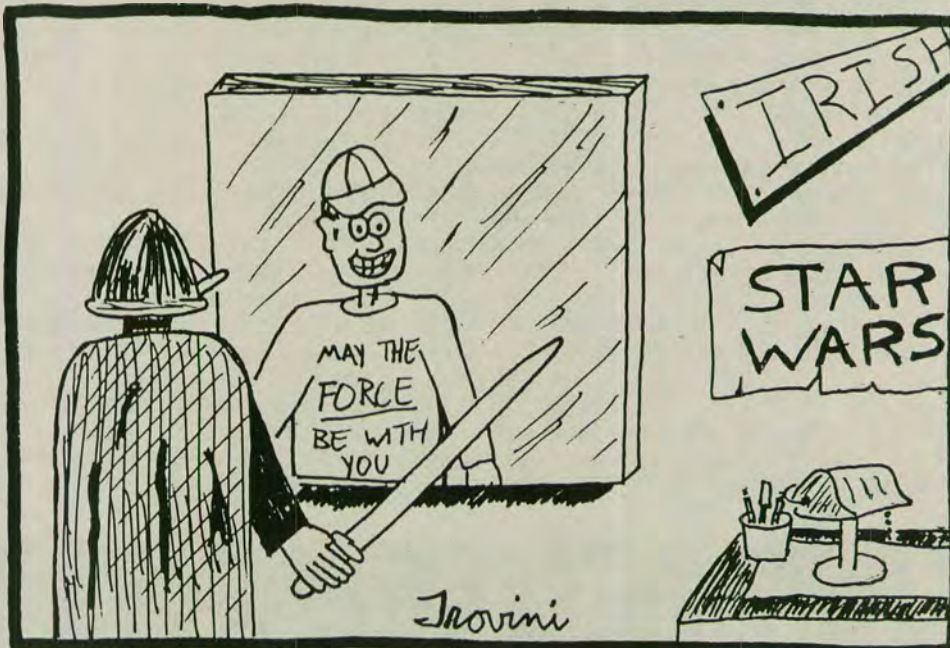
After having been delayed a week past its initial re-release date, "Return of the Jedi," the third and final installment of the "Star Wars" trilogy, hit the movie theatres at the Ides of March. Although "Star Wars" itself drew nation-wide sell-out crowds the first weekend of its re-release, "The Empire Strikes Back" and "Return of the Jedi" drew successively fewer movie-goers. Generally considered the weakest of the three in terms of both character and plot, the third movie in particular educes complaints

such a bad guy after all as he decides he needs a cause, besides himself, in which to believe.

But when the "great enemy" reveals himself as the hero's father in "The Empire Strikes Back," things become complicated. The movie raises the spectre of generational conflict to add to the previous dualisms of man against machine, mysticism against pragmatism: the hero must not simply battle "evil," he also has to battle the father he never knew and did not have to satisfy or to emulate while growing up as a child. Over the course of the last two movies, Luke must undergo the stages of denial, anger, resentment, hopefulness and acceptance as he battles for the souls of his father and his own — a battle which takes precedence over the surface battles of good versus evil.

In this light, what is the true conflict in the "Star Wars" trilogy? Light vs. dark, "good" vs. "evil," harsh artificial black-and-white order vs. joyous brown-and-green natural chaos? Or is the conflict less concerned with the external world and more with the internal?

In the first movie, Luke is thrust into the role of hero by circumstance, by necessity, and by what some call fate, and he finds that this role suits him well. In the second, he tries too hard to become that which he is not ready to be and, in paying the price, learns from his mistakes but becomes tainted by machines and loses his innocence. And in the third movie, Luke confronts not only the older generation which insists its descendants must follow in its hallowed footsteps, but he also must face the possibility of the darkness of fear and desire within himself drowning out his will to be an individual. Though he masters his own anger, even the brief eruption of these self-destructive impulses allows Luke to recognize this part of himself and to accept it, fully integrating his light and dark halves into the enlightened sense of I. And yet, he wants his father to survive. He refuses to abandon Vader to the dark, even



though he knows he has come too late and has already lost the father he never knew.

What is the audience to make of all this? I don't think it is too far fetched to see an extended meaning embedded within the trilogy. The story implores us to undergo ourselves the challenges of Awakening, Trial and Triumph. It is a story which demands personal interpretation and application, as all good stories do, rather than a simple dismissal with a wave of the hand as we turn off our temporary suspension of disbelief once we re-enter the "real" world outside the movie theatre.

"Star Wars" is, of course, a highly idealized trilogy of movies, which only makes it all the more appealing to the private imagination and sense of self. Everyone at some point has dreamed of being a hero, a princess, a warrior, a wizard or a savior. During the hour-long series of televised interviews of "The Making of Star Wars," to a person each of the actors and directors professing the influence of George Lucas's vision

described the movie as somehow larger than life. It is this sense of overwhelming power and grandeur that gave "Star Wars" the cultural impact it continues to wield two decades after it first hit the big screen. Its universal appeal lies in its ability for subjective incorporation, the personal recognition of aspects of the individual as it relates to society and the willingness and the need to strive for the ideals which make living worthwhile.

The "Star Wars" trilogy is not so much about the hackneyed adventure tales of "good" vs. "evil" as it is about the vindication of the construction of a healthy personality and of the triumph of the will. In these space operatic movies, we can see the triumph of the divided self over its own doubts, fears, worries and insecurities: the successful overcoming of the human soul.

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Matt Apple

about the renouncement of the dark side by Darth Vader and the chaotic antics of the bumbling, jangling, primitive Ewoks.

Perhaps more audiences feel attracted to the first movie because of its straightforward plot and patent heroic image. In "Star Wars," the men in black have their way for a while, a mentor passes his wisdom on, and the clash of clear-cut good guys and bad guys results in a decisive victory for the young hero. Darth Vader in the first movie has no relation to Luke Skywalker; he is merely another bad guy in need of fighting. The only major female character is a princess, a surprisingly laconic figure for having watched the wanton obliteration of her entire planet. Leia shows some resourcefulness during her rescue but afterward does not get into fighter craft with the men, instead remaining behind as support staff as befits her station. Guilt overcomes pride in Han Solo, who claims he only flies solo, and the selfish swashbuckler turns out to be not

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■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

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—Mark Twain

■ THE MIGHTY OAK

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Sean O'Connor



All of this "real TV" is way out of hand. The excited announcers come on and blare about death and tragedy with a zestful glee to a backdrop of chaos and snazzy graphics. It is only a slightly watered down version of "Faces of Death." Aircraft careening into the screaming stands at airshows and drag racing funny cars losing axles and flinging them into the crowd should not be graphically displayed with a revelrous attitude. But I guess this captures the attention of the public.

As we approach the fateful millennium, the public fascination with disaster is growing out of control. Films about meteors raining down on rioting metropoli, volcanoes erupting in L.A. and New York, California sliding away into the sea, and aliens conquering Kansas dominate the TV movie fare. Hopefully all such disasters will have happy endings like "Independence Day." The president and cropdusters flying F-16s could lead our counterattack, and all the world would be united in peace and brotherhood. I hope

Macintosh Powerbooks can interface with alien computer systems, as in the film.

What are the probabilities of a volcanic eruption in the middle of one of our major cities? Maybe geological impossibilities have a high rate of occurrence; I don't know. Maybe a volcano could burst forth on the Notre Dame campus; maybe near the Hessert Aerospace Research Center, or more disastrously, near the flag pole in the middle of South Quad. Hundreds of students on their way to DeBartolo would be consumed by rivers of lava.

Or maybe we could all suddenly and simultaneously spontaneously combust. The threat is very real. I think we have electrical impulses running through our bodies; so maybe we could just short circuit, so to speak. Just think, you could be sitting in math class working on integrals or those damned statistics and suddenly burst into flames. Nothing would be left except for a little pile of ashes on your seat. If you sat in the back of class, maybe no one would even notice, especially if you did not participate much.

Naysayers, take heed the story of this poor soul. A man's wife got up and left the room to go to the bathroom. As he sat there reading the morning paper, the room suddenly grew eerily cold. He jumped up and raced into the bathroom only to find the missus reduced to ash. After a period of intense grief, the man garnered a hefty life insurance settlement. Makes you want to buy spontaneous combustion insurance, doesn't it?

I also have an intense fear of alien abduction. The following chilling account forever cemented the reality of this perilous threat in my trembling head: Two fellows by the name of

Cletus and Tex were canoeing down a river one fine afternoon when something changed their lives forever. "Sure, we were smoking and drinking all day, but we lost two whole hours. They jist [sic] vanished from our noggins like cooling pie off the window sill. Then we find ourselves at this little bend in the crick, stuck in a log jam. We says to the park ranger, 'How'd we get here at this landing, what time is it?' He says, 'There's no way you boys could have floated that far down the river in two hours, water's too low.' But we seen a second ranger so we asked him. He was real funny looking. He says nothing, just turns his back and walks away into the woods real strange-like. And that's when we knew: the aliens had had us!"

Last night on "Baywatch Nights," Mitch Buchanan solved the case of several psychotic people, including one of his playboy colleagues, who had become infected with the blood of some devil worshiper guy and thus inherited said killer's sinister characteristics. After some mayhem and a little quick detective work, the crazed infected people were apprehended and all traces of the mass murderer's blood were cleansed from their systems, thus curing them. The smoke swirling about Mitch's feet and his purposeful stride towards the camera in the closing credits make me confident of his ability to always thwart the forces of evil.

Then there is the disturbing case of hauntings. Spirits of all sorts, their souls unrequited, trouble the living ceaselessly. As we approach 2000, I'll bet more spooks are about. On a reputable talk show, I heard the tale of the ghost of Tupac Shakur and his exploits. Two kids were watching TV in their apartment one afternoon when they

saw the shadow of a bald man projected on the wall. As there were no bald men residing in the household, the assumption was made that the shadow belonged to the ghost of Tupac. Further strengthening the already impregnable case, a small ball, like a little Tupac in appearance, according to one witness, was spotted on the window sill. My sympathy and a handsome check from the TV production company to these traumatized folks.

I guess this tale from another individual is proven untrue: "I looked up in the sky and I saw one star shining brighter than all the others, and I said to myself, 'That's Tupac, up in heaven, smoking a blunt.'" Apparently the person had sighted Venus.

But if the sighting had occurred Sunday night, the aforementioned star could have been Mars. Mars was unusually bright because of a lunar eclipse, and to add to the magic, a comet was visible to the naked eye. As I watched a dark shadow blot out the familiar cheery face of the moon, horror crept into my mind, and I thought perhaps our reckoning was off and the millennium was coming early. I spent a few worried hours watching and waiting and lo and behold, thank the heavens, the moon was again unmasked, the fatal red glow of Mars, the god of war, was muted, and I was assured that the world would continue for at least three more years. Or four, if you want to be really accurate, because the millennium actually dawned on January 1, 2001. So I guess everyone gets an unlooked-for bonus year.

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■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Is another sports facility really necessary?

Dear Editor,

I note with interest the structure which is taking shape to the north of the Joyce Center athletic complex, which I am told will house yet another "recreational facility." I wonder at the priorities of those here at Notre Dame who are in charge of the general allotment of funds. I would have thought that there already existed on this campus sufficient opportunities to exercise the body, and that a new place to play would be a low priority. Much more needed is the provision of office space to adjunct professors and graduate students, both of whom are inexcusably put into the position of teaching a full complement of classes, without adequate space in which to work or meet with students. Equally appalling is the campus network, which may be reached from off-campus only after midnight or before 10 a.m., because the number of phone lines reflects most likely less than 1 percent of those users who would wish to dial-in. It seems that the priorities of those in charge of the University budget are not my own. However, when I am meeting with students in Waddicks Coffee shop, working in my miniscule library carrel, or waiting hours to dial-in to the campus network, I take great consolation in the fact that the University administrators are ensuring that the glorious Notre Dame tradition is protected. Yes, we can all rest assured that this school will always be what it always has been: a good sports school.

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■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Policy for stability in the Middle East

Dear Editor,

The U.S. should be instrumental in assisting both the Palestinians and the Israelis in achieving a just and lasting peace. This is in our national interest. Stability in the Middle East based on a just peace is in the interest of the whole world. Unfortunately, the U.S. had monopolized the Palestinian-Israeli peace process by aggressively excluding any other power from "interfering." The latest veto cast by the U.S. in the Security Council, against a resolution sponsored by European countries that condemns Israeli plans to build illegal settlements in occupied East Jerusalem, is yet another proof of such a monopoly. Israel insists on this U.S. monopoly. Furthermore, the U.S. insisted that such a resolution is not constructive to the peace process for the following reasons: the U.N. resolutions are binding and the resolution is not conducive to the peace process. The U.S. did not publicly condemn the Israeli move but stated that the illegally proposed settlements are "unsettling."

We have seen the erosion of U.S. policy towards the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. During the Carter administration, settlements were referred to as illegal. During the Bush administration they were referred to as "obstacles to peace." Now, settlements are "unsettling." U.N. Resolution 242 requires that Israel withdraw from all occupied territories as a basis for a comprehensive peace (land for peace). The U.S., in agreement with Israel, interprets Resolution 242 as saying "withdraw from occupied territories" and not all territories. The U.S. reference to the occupied territories has changed from the occupied territories to disputed territories. In other words, the U.S. would agree with Israel's partial (in the future) annexation of some occupied territories and that Israel is an equal "claimant" to said occupied territories in future negotiations. East Jerusalem is no longer occupied East Jerusalem but "mostly Arab East Jerusalem." "Not for long," if the current Israeli government has anything to do with it. There are moves in Congress to recognize "Jerusalem" as the unified capital of Israel. The U.S. is saying that anything acceptable to the parties is acceptable to the U.S. No previous agreements or resolutions are binding.

This erosion of policy shows that the U.S. is no longer calling for a binding peace based on Resolution 242 but rather on a negotiated settlement where the Israelis are favored and where the U.S. is not demanding the implementation of any prior agreement or UN resolutions, including the Oslo Peace Accords. Binding resolutions and agreements are the only safe step for people that do not trust each other to start trusting each other. The U.S.'s stand is wishy-washy and certainly cannot be viewed as conducive to peace. Casting the only vote against a UN Security Council resolution does not build consensus in this world; it just alienates the U.S. from world public opinion in a negative way and certainly hurts the long term U.S. strategic interest in the area.

JOSEPH ARAMAN
Captain, Notre Dame Security Police Force
American of Palestinian descent

The Legacy of L

From hydrogen to HuddleMobiles, our La

By MARY BETH ELLIS
Accent Copy Editor

"And will rumors of a Student Union materialize into something concrete? The plans have been completed...."

— *The Scholastic*
April 24, 1953

It is errand center, office tower, a shortcut from God Quad to the Library. It is an air hockey arena, laundromat, and coffee house.

You know it.

You love it.

LaFortune.

Dedicated in 1953, "the living room of the Notre Dame community" is a schizophrenic catch-all building that is at once the virtual second home to a host of student leaders, a big-screen TV center, and a hand-warming why-don't-we-stop-in-for-hot-chocolate-and-buy-even-MORE-Officially-Licensed-Products-of-the-University-of-Notre-Dame stop for football weekend pilgrims.

More than quarter dogs used to ferment in the structure that now serves as LaFortune. If you take a glance at the Stonehenge entrance you'll see a grey concrete "SCIENCE" plaque slapped to the brick just over the doorway. Yep, this was where Knute took his chem classes.

So how did LaFun go from chlorine to Copy Shop?

Alumni.

Notre Dame abandoned the current LaFortune as a science hall in the early-1950s, and the building was emptied of all but the rumors that swirled about it as the future home of the new "student center." In October 1953, then-University President Father Theodore Hesburgh announced that Joseph LaFortune, Class of 1916, had donated enough funds to cover the renovation of the Science Building. Mrs. Ernest Morris — as in the Morris Inn — was placed in charge of planning the project. A variety of other sources kicked in over \$17,000 to fur-

nish the center.

During the spring semester of 1954, a group of Notre Dame students began stripping the Science Building of its partitions, shelves and showcases to make way for the ballroom and info desk. (LaFortune Fun Fact #1: The administration graciously donated the wood from the cabinets and dividers to the student body to be used for... drum roll please... class dance decorations.) The new student center was up and running by the following semester and renovated in 1987, again through donations from the LaFortune family.

LaFortune may have been established as a location to buy bags of stale Fritos and tissue paper-wrapped roses to hand to SYR dates in the '50s, but the history of its most famous component — the Huddle — stretches back even further.

As long ago as 1910, an enterprising member of the faculty, Brother "Leap" Leopold, took for his own a corner of the "play hall," a long-defunct building that

stood near the former Fieldhouse, and set up an ecclesiastical version of a lemonade stand. Notre Dame students quickly dubbed it "Leap's" in honor of its founder's nickname and began flocking to the snack shop for marshmallow cookies and lemonade between classes. Capitalism being capitalism.



Huddle workers from 1946, as pictured in Scholastic magazine.

Brother Lea-

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■ MONEY TALKS

Money management tips for travelers

By JUSTYN HARKIN
Money Talks Correspondent

This week's column is specifically directed to those brave students who will be studying abroad next semester. Although your date of departure may be a few months away, it is never too soon to start planning ahead. Fortunately, the international studies programs at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame are very good about making sure their students are well-informed about the customs and conventions of the countries in which they will be studying.

Expect to receive, if you haven't already, several packets of information regarding the country to which you are planning to go. One thing that these packets are not so good about (at least they weren't when I went abroad) is advice concerning the management of your overseas finances. Although you can expect to hear the conventional wisdom regarding travelers' checks and money belts, the information packets generally leave you to decide which method of money management is best for you.

First and foremost, plan on leaving your checkbooks at home. It is hard enough to find a place in South Bend that will take out-of-town checks, so don't think it will be any easier in Ireland or Chile. Another thing that you should also avoid is bringing all of your money over as United States currency. Even if the money you have saved over the summer is all you will have for the year, do not bring all of it with you.

Although the chances of getting robbed are slim, it can and does happen, and starting off on day one of your overseas adventure will be no fun without any money at all. If you insist on bringing all of your money over at once, at least buy travelers' checks, which are protected against theft, and do not change all of your American dollars over to foreign currency in the airport. The airport money changers charge a higher rate than most banks or other agencies.

Another reason why you might not want to change all your money over at

once is that doing so might cost you a lot of money if you plan to travel, particularly if you will be studying in Europe. If you plan on traveling to other countries during your stay, you will have to change currency each time you enter a new country. Money changers either charge a flat fee or a percentage of the exchange rate when you change money; either way the services they offer are not for free. The more times you change money, the more you pay. For example, if you change all of your American dollars to French francs when you first arrive, you will end up paying even more when you change those francs for Italian lira as opposed to just changing dollars to lira.

Perhaps one of the most important questions you will have to ask yourself before you go abroad is "What kind of spender am I?" — the way you handle your money will greatly depend upon the answer. Are you, for example, the kind of person that can make \$500 last for six months? Or do you better fit the description of a person who has Daddy's gold card and his advice to experience everything new? The amount that you plan on spending and even who's going to be paying the bills are, of course, also very important questions to ask before you go.

Another thing to consider is that your year or semester abroad will be unlike any other of your college career, and you may find yourself doing things you would never do at home. While you may be fairly conservative as far as money goes, you may never get a chance to go back to the place where you will be studying; so when somebody suggests a last minute trip to Oktoberfest or a wild weekend in Buenos Aires, you might actually

hear yourself saying "yes."

I have found that the best way to bring along a number of different to cover you fairly well. I am not that you don't have; rather, the us pected, last minute trip into the u ularly European ones, keep differ parts (Spanish banks, for exampl weekdays and are closed on Satu never closed. Having a credit card of the country you are in no matte you should have more than one accept certain companies. Your G you a lot of good when the only AT

The same idea holds true for ca your American checks are no goo cash station card won't work. Som eral foreign ATMs and it might be cash card for an emergency; howe a credit card.

The best way to manage your c your banking stateside. Although your credit from overseas, somet most trustworthy (When I was in school was emptied only once a we the job, it might be best to have t arrives, and you can then mail th don't charge interest.

Still another reason why credit c might be able to beat the money cards such as MasterCard and Vis cent of all cash withdrawals, w exchange. If you find that the loc cent (unlikely) or that 3 percent c which is usually about five U.S. card. Just remember though, if yo at the end of the month, you mig least they stop charging you once

La Fortune

LaFun has seen it all

soon expanded the operated merchandise to his

States entered World War II, dragging Notre Dame "Leap's" was bounced out of Quad sidewalk to make PX when the Army established its site on campus. Not one of the Army - they have books and all - Brother Leap the snack business.

PX was completed in 1918. After armistice was signed the Army went rolling and the University bought the building for \$50, replaced the building with a candy counter, and the general student public.

years later two private owners bought the building it "The Huddle," and (LaFortune Fun Fact #2: an attempt to cutesify

Notre Dame's football prowess, but as an homage to the little store's tendency to attract students as an area to... well... huddle.)

Following the outbreak of World War II, the University once more took over the former PX and faced the difficult task of meeting the student's needs during the age of ration coupons. The Huddle continued to thrive, however, and football posters, a soda fountain, and a juke box all put in appearances. Plans were underway to expand the building to include a seating area. The building became the LaFortune Student Center and down the quad a third

time to its present pizza-selling, Oriental food non-selling location.

Let's review, shall we?

1. Actual intellectual activity once took place in the building we now know as LaFortune.

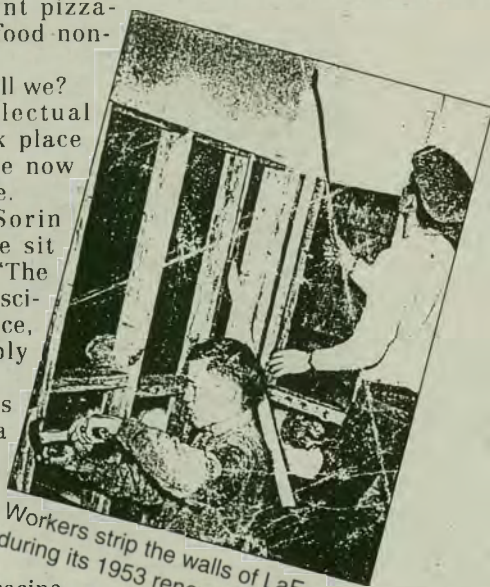
2. If Father Sorin knew that people sit around watching "The Simpsons" where science once took place, he would probably haunt us all.

3. There was actually once a religious on this campus known as, and I quote, "Brother Leap."

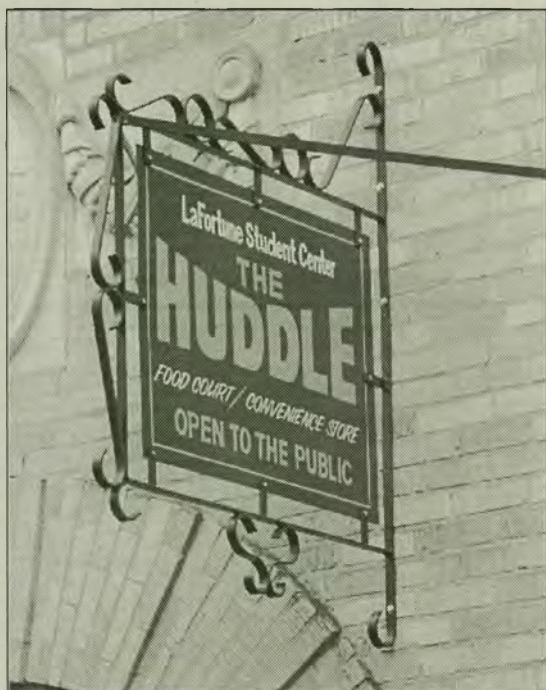
4. And he apparently had a recipe for some killer marshmallow cookies.

5. At some point in the past Notre Dame students actually exchanged hard physical labor in the current LaFortune in exchange for... wood.

6. As opposed to today, when Notre Dame students exchange hard typing labor in exchange for... the price of a single quarter dog.



Workers strip the walls of LaFortune during its 1953 renovation.



The Observer/Kevin Dalum

to handle unexpected expenditures is to use credit cards. One of each, in fact, ought to be used, however, advocating spending money on credit cards can facilitate an unknown. Whereas foreign banks, particularly hours from their American counterparts, are open from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. (Monday and Sunday), an ATM machine is available to insure that you have the currency at what time of day or night. The reason credit card is that some ATMs do not accept Gold American Express card won't do it. M in town only accepts Visa.

cash station cards. While it is true that if you travel abroad, that doesn't mean that your credit card companies such as Cirrus have several options worth your while to bring along your credit card. However, you will always be better off with

credit overseas is to have someone do it for you. You can certainly make payments on credit cards. Times foreign post offices are not the best. Toledo, Spain, the mailbox outside our building (if you can trust Mom or Dad with them pay your bill when the statement comes. Hopefully Mom and Dad

cards are the best way to go is that you can change them at their own game. Credit cards, for example, typically charge 2 percent per month with an additional 1 percent for the late fee. If the exchange rate is higher than 3 percent, your advance is lower than the fee. Dollars, go ahead and use your credit card. If you don't plan on paying your bill in full, it's as well to use a money changer - at least you leave their office.

■ MEDICAL MINUTE

One in ten women, of any age...

By LARRY WARD

Medical Minute Correspondent

Within the next year about 5,700 women between the ages of 40 and 49 will die of breast cancer. In fact, one out of every 10 women will develop breast cancer at some point throughout her life. Breast cancer remains the cancer that kills the greatest number of women each year, other than lung cancer.

In women, the breasts change after puberty and continually change until women reach menopause. This continuous change of the breasts is due to the constant fluctuation of various hormones within the female body. During puberty, women produce estrogen in large quantities. Due to estrogen production, the breasts rapidly develop stroma, a framework of connective tissue within the breast, and a system of glands and ducts. In addition, fat cells begin to build up within the breasts and consequently compose the bulk of breast tissue.

Throughout a woman's life, her breasts change monthly due to the phenomenon known as the menstrual cycle. Throughout the first half of the menstrual cycle, the ovaries release estrogen which causes new cells to grow in the glands, ducts, and other breast tissue. In addition, more blood flows to the breasts during the first half of the menstrual cycle. In the second half of the menstrual cycle, the glands in the breasts are bombarded with progesterone and estrogen. This bombardment causes the breasts to produce the precursors of breast milk. If the female does not become pregnant, the hormone level rapidly decreases and the body absorbs both the secretions and new cells that have been produced by the breasts. In addition, the transport of blood to the breasts diminishes considerably.

On the other hand, if the woman does become pregnant, the breasts will continuously enlarge and they may gain as much as a pound of weight. This excess weight is due to more cells being laid down in the stroma and fat cells being added to the breasts. In addition, if a woman becomes pregnant, the nipple and areola are apt to grow much larger.

With all of the constant changes going on in the breasts, it is no wonder that something could easily go wrong and a cancer could form. The most common sign that a woman has developed breast cancer is the appearance of a lump in one of the breasts. The lump is often painful or tender. Other signs and symptoms of breast cancer include clear or bloody discharge from the nipple, retraction of the nipple, a change in the contour of the breasts (i.e. one of the breasts is higher than the other), any flattening or indentation of the breast, or redness and pitting.

The tumors that will develop with breast cancer can often be felt by a self-examination of the breast. However, mammograms also have proven infinitely useful in diagnosing breast cancer. Mammograms can detect tumors that are one-eighth of an inch in diameter, while manual examinations cannot detect tumors that are smaller than a half-inch around. However, even mammograms cannot always serve a useful purpose in detecting cancer since some tumors are so aggressive.

For example, an aggressive tumor grows so quickly that by the time it can be detected with a mammogram, it is already likely to have seeded another organ with cancer. However, a ductal carcinoma in situ, which is found in the ducts of the breast, is an earlier and usually more treatable form of cancer. In fact, between 15 and 60 percent of these tumors can be detected by mammograms. Finally, an indolent tumor is such a very slow-growing tumor that it may take years to develop. It is considerably less dangerous than the fast-growing aggressive tumors, which means that even if the tumors are not detected until they can be felt by a manual exam, the patient still has a great chance for survival.

The primary treatment for breast cancer is surgery. The doctor will remove any lumps that she may find on the breast. This surgery can be accompanied with radiation therapy, hormone therapy, or chemotherapy. In addition, the doctor may decide to remove an area of the lymph nodes from the armpits in order to test for malignancy.

Radiation therapy is often used when the cancer has reached the lymph nodes in order to kill the cells that have escaped surgical removal. Hormone therapy can help stop a tumor from growing and in some cases can cause tumors to shrink. Finally, chemotherapy, anti-tumor drugs, can be used to rid the body of tumors. However, chemotherapeutic drugs are often toxic and cause many often adverse side effects.

It is recommended that all women who have passed puberty give themselves self-examinations on a regular basis. In addition, it is recommended for women who believe they have a lump in their breast or who have reached the age of 40 to see their doctor and receive a mammogram.

Larry Ward is a junior science pre-professional major originally from Johnstown, Pa. If you have any comments or suggestions about the Medical Minute, he can be reached via e-mail at Lawrence.A.Ward.25@nd.edu.

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WOMEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT

Volunteers ruin Connecticut's unbeaten season

By CHUCK SCHOFFNER

Associated Press Writer

IOWA CITY, Iowa

Connecticut's dream of an unbeaten season is over. Tennessee's recovery will continue in the Final Four.

Tennessee, the defending national champion, weathered a second-half rally after building a 15-point lead and beat No. 1-ranked Connecticut 91-81 Monday night in the Midwest Regional finals.

In the latest installment of a rivalry that has become one of the most intense in women's basketball, Tennessee (27-10) avenged a 72-57 loss to Connecticut on Jan. 5 and will play East Regional champion Notre Dame in Cincinnati on Friday night.

All-American Chamique Holdsclaw, keeping her poise after getting her fourth foul with 9:14 left, scored 21 points to lead the Lady Vols, who will make their third straight Final Four appearance and 10th overall.

They've come back strong after consecutive losses to Connecticut and Old Dominion left them 10-6 in early January. They still have a chance to become just the second repeat champion in NCAA women's play; Southern Cal won titles in 1983 and 1984.

Connecticut (33-1), the 1995 national champion, was denied a third straight Final Four trip and a chance for a second unbeaten season in three years.

Nykesha Sales led Connecticut with 26 points and Kara Wolters scored 17. Kellie Jolly, who did not play in the first game with Connecticut this season because she was recovering from a knee injury, added 19 points for Tennessee and Pashen Thompson had 15.

The Tennessee-Notre Dame game will be a rematch of the semifinals in the preseason NIT. Tennessee won that game 72-59.

Trailing at halftime for the first time this season and down 47-33 early in the second half, Connecticut got six points from Sales and five from Carla Berube in a 15-3 run that drew the Huskies to 50-48 with 14:26

left.

Rita Williams' steal and layup left Connecticut trailing 53-52, but third-seeded Tennessee responded. Holdsclaw leaped high to intercept Berube's pass and drove for a layup, starting a 9-0 run that stretched the lead to 62-52.

Connecticut got the lead back down to six before a 9-2 run that included a 3-pointer by Jolly put Tennessee up 73-60 with 4:01 remaining. Sales' 3-pointer pulled the Huskies within six again with 3:14 to play, but Tennessee scored the next seven points — four by Holdsclaw — to put it away.

Holdsclaw, a sophomore, was named the regional's most outstanding player. She scored 20 points in a semifinal victory over Colorado on Saturday night.

It was the sixth meeting between Connecticut and Tennessee since January 1995. Tennessee had beaten the Huskies only once previously, 88-83 in overtime in the national semifinals last year.

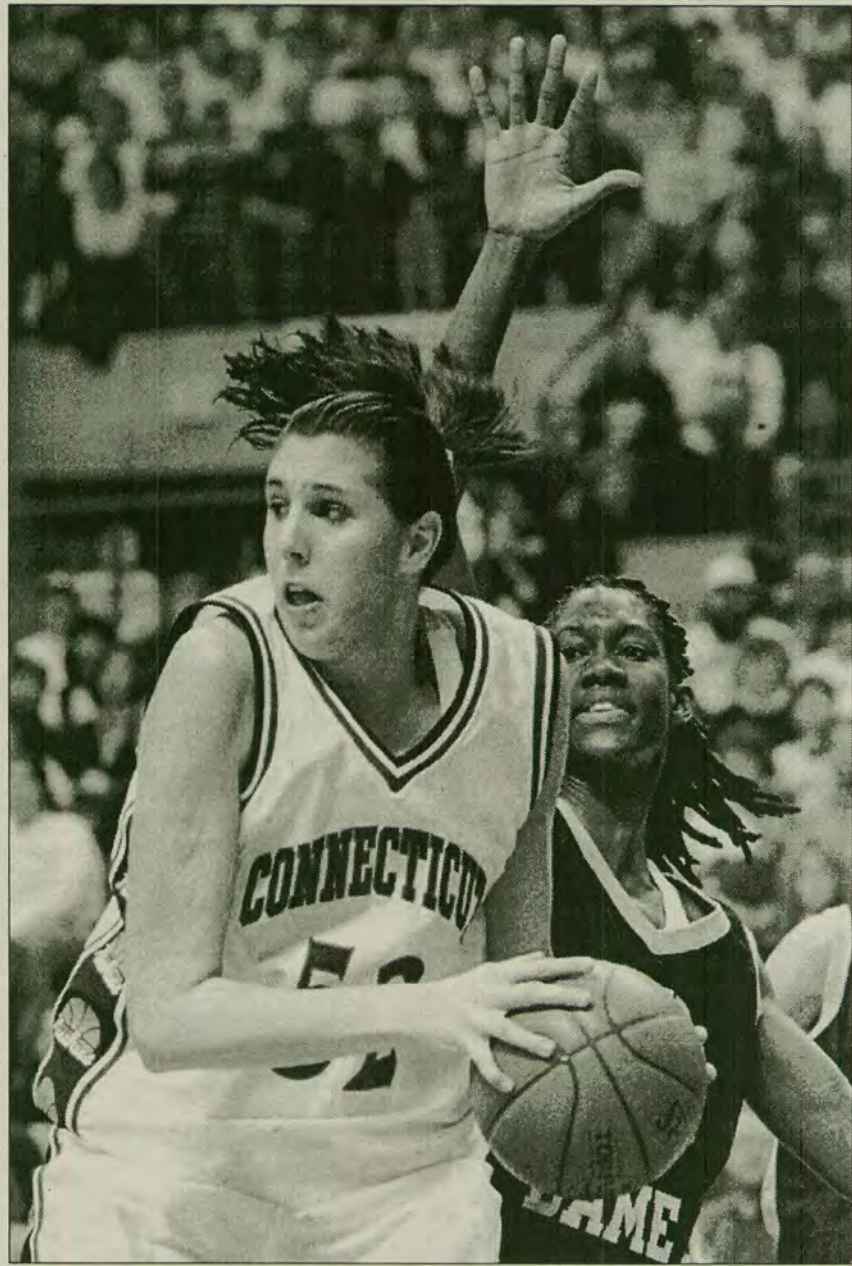
Tennessee dominated the first half with strong rebounding and solid defense that forced Connecticut to take outside shots the Huskies couldn't hit.

Connecticut also had foul problems. Wolters sat out the final 7:33 of the half after picking up her second foul on a charging call. Sales, a second-team All-American, was tagged with her second foul at 8:03 and played only 13 minutes in the half.

Tennessee scored three baskets after offensive rebounds during an 18-7 run that broke a 6-6 tie and put the Lady Vols up 24-13 with eight minutes gone in the game. Connecticut was playing catchup the rest of the way.

Reserve Misty Greene's 3-pointer made it 39-26 and Tiffani Johnson's three-point play after yet another offensive rebound gave Tennessee its biggest lead of the half, 42-27.

UConn got the lead down to nine with six straight points before Tennessee scored the final three of the half to go up 45-33. The worst off Connecticut had been previously at halftime was a two-point lead over Kansas, a game the Huskies won 85-64.



The Observer / Mike Ruma

Thanks to the Volunteers of Tennessee, the women's basketball team will not have to worry about Connecticut's Kara Wolters in Cincinnati on Friday.

Classifieds

The Observer accepts classifieds every business day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Notre Dame office, 314 LaFortune and from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 309 Haggard College Center. Deadline for next-day classifieds is 3 p.m. All classifieds must be prepaid. The charge is 2 cents per character per day, including all spaces.

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■ WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Trio makes strong showing at Championships

Brooks, Newell, Suddarth put Irish on map

By BILL HART
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's swimming team finished its season this weekend in the NCAA Championships at the Indiana University Natatorium in Indianapolis. The Irish were represented by three swimmers, the largest contingent in Notre Dame history.

On the first day, senior All-American Erin Brooks placed

23rd in the preliminaries of the 100-meter backstroke with a time of 56.08.

A pair of freshmen rounded out the Irish contingent. Shannon Suddarth placed 22nd in the preliminaries of the 100 backstroke with a time of 1:03.37, which broke her previous record set at the Big East Championships. Alison Newell swam the 100 butterfly in 55.98 to place 32nd in the preliminar-



Brooks

ies.

"Overall, we thought that they had done a good job on the first day," head coach Bailey Weathers commented. "It would have been nice to get someone into the final heat on the first day, but we knew that the events on Sunday were our stronger ones."

"Even though we all had good swims on the first day, we were all a little disappointed," Suddarth remarked. "However, our times made us want to try even harder on the second day, and I think the results show for themselves."

On the second day, Brooks led the Irish as she placed eighth in

the 200 backstroke with a time of 1:58.55 to earn All-America honors for the second consecutive year.

Earlier in the day, Brooks swam 1:58.14 to claim the seventh fastest time in the preliminaries. Brooks placed 10th in the same event in the 1996 Championships.

"On the first day, I wasn't all that pleased with how I did," Brooks commented. "I was hoping to get into the consolation heat, but things didn't work out. Even though I did better on the second day, I still feel some disappointment."

"Erin has helped us out a lot over these past few years," Weathers remarked. "She's brought a lot of notoriety to our program, especially through being an All-American two years in a row. She's one of the best swimmers in the country, and she proved it this weekend."

The two freshmen continued to impress, both taking high marks in their respective events. Newell swam 2:01.72 in the evening finals to place 13th. She placed 10th in the preliminaries with a time of 2:00.53 to break her own school record which she set in the Big East Championships.

"I was really nervous, this being my first trip to the NCAA Tournament," Newell said, "but that went away after my first event. On Sunday, I redoubled my efforts and it paid off."

Suddarth broke her school

record in the 200 backstroke for the second time on Saturday. In the preliminaries, she placed 15th with a time of 2:16.31 to break the school record which she set in the Big East Championships.

Later in the day, Suddarth improved with a time of 2:15.41 in the finals, placing 13th overall. The time avenged a loss earlier in the year against Miami's Kristine Tellegen in the 200 breaststroke at the Big East Championships. Tellegen placed 14th, behind Suddarth by only a quarter of a second.

"We were happy with how both Shannon and Alison did this weekend," Weathers said. "I think there were a lot of people on the team who could have competed this weekend, and got the consideration times they needed, but they were just short of the cut that the committee makes."

Overall, the Irish placed 25th with 19 points. USC claimed the women's title with 406 points. The end of the NCAA Championships brings to a close one of the most successful seasons in Notre Dame history.

"I thought we really accomplished a lot this season," Weathers commented. "We made a lot of big strides, and we had a lot of fun doing it. We would have liked to have more people compete this weekend, but we were happy with how we did, and we think that it shows promise for the future of the program."

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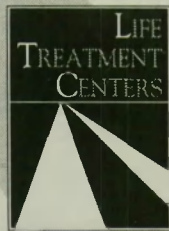
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■ BASEBALL



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Sophomore Paul Turco is one of many Irish players hoping to end the team's five game losing streak today against Western Michigan

WMU invades Eck as Irish look to end skid

By BRIAN REINTHALER
Assistant Sports Editor

The Irish will be looking to halt a five game slide as they officially open their 1997 home schedule this evening against the Broncos of Western Michigan. The 5 p.m. matchup will be the first of three home contests this week.

WMU returns 13 of 21 letterman from a 1996 squad that finished 17-34 and placed ninth in the Mid-American conference. The returnees include senior rightfielder Brent Sachs and junior hurler Billy Coleman.

In his junior year, Sachs hit .397 with four home runs and 21 RBIs. The right-handed Coleman went 5-6 in 1996 and struck out 66 batters en route to a 3.13 ERA. Coleman walked just 28 hitters in the course of the season.

The Broncos' pitching staff is bolstered by the addition of top newcomers Brad Block from Portage, Mich. and Eric Place of Olivet, Mich.

The 9-11 Irish are coming off of three straight losses to conference foe Seton Hall last weekend. The Pirates avenged a late season sweep from a year ago by battering the Irish

for 37 runs in just three games.

When asked what areas hurt the team in New Jersey, sophomore Paul Turco could not put his finger on one particular aspect of the games.

"It's tough to say that any one thing (happened)," the shortstop explained. "We just didn't do the things we needed to do to win. It was a pretty disappointing weekend."

Turco did acknowledge that the team would be dwelling on the losses.

"You've got to focus on any positives you can find," said Turco. "A guy like (Mike) Amrhein is just having a great season, and some of the guys (pitchers) threw some strong innings."

The Irish must accentuate those positives this week in order to regain some confidence for upcoming Big East games.

"We just have to forget about last weekend and start anew," Turco said. "The big thing is to not let (the Seton Hall series) affect us (this week)."

Notre Dame will follow up their game with the Broncos by hosting Northeastern Illinois at 5 p.m. on Wednesday and the Chippewas of Central Michigan at the same time on Thursday.

■ SPORTS BRIEFS

Bookstore Basketball — The final period for men's and women's teams to sign-up will be today from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in LaFortune. The sign-up cost is \$15 per team.

Tae Kwon Do — Students are instructed in accordance with World Tae Kwon Do Federation techniques. This semester-long course meets Sundays from 3-4 p.m. in Rockne Rm. 301. Students must register in advance at RecSports. The fee is \$20.

Cross Country Skiing — Rentals are available Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. The rentals are located in the Golf Shop. Call 1-6425 for more information.

Climbing Wall Orientations are available at the Rockne Memorial Sundays at 1 p.m. and Wednesday at 6 p.m. Sign up outside the wall.

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all participants. Bring your own racquet. Racquetballs will be provided. Refreshments will be served. Participants must register by April 10. There is a \$8 fee.

Christmas in April Benefit Run — April 12 is the date for this 5K or 10K run and 2-mile walk. All registrants will be awarded a t-shirt. The cost of the run is \$5 in advance and \$6 the day of the event. Call 1-6100 for more information.

Drop-in Volleyball — RecSports will offer Drop-in Volleyball on Tuesday's from 7-10 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

Casting and Angling Clinic — Clinic includes three sessions which meet on April 8, 15 and 17 from 6-7:15 p.m. Classes are held in the Joyce Center, Rolfs and campus lakes. Equipment is provided, but participants are encouraged to bring their own. The fee is \$8 for the class and is open to students, staff and faculty. Advance registration the RecSports office is required.

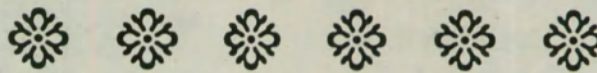
Notre Dame Pom Squad — An informational meeting will be held for the 1997-98 school year on April 3 at 9 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room in LaFortune. The meeting is not mandatory for next year's try-outs.

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■ WOMEN'S LACROSSE



Sophomore Kerry Callahan stung the Cardinal of Stanford with a barrage of five goals in the opening 23 minutes of action yesterday at Moose Krause Stadium. The Irish prevailed 19-13.

The Observer / Brandon Candura

Newest varsity squad continues to make noise

By FRED CHEW
and WRANGLER WHITMAN
Sports Writers

On a cold afternoon yesterday at Moose Krause Stadium, the women's lacrosse team turned up the heat and beat Stanford 19-13. With their second victory in three days, the Irish improved their record to 4-1, and are undefeated at home.

Kerry Callahan cashed in five goals, including three in a row at one point in the game, and added three assists in the first 23 minutes of play to spark the Irish to a 12-2 lead. Callahan was even in on the play of the day as the recipient and converter of a great Eileen Regan assist. This stretched the Irish lead to 9-2.

A quick start is becoming the norm for this high-powered offense.

"It is easy to score when the transition game is working as well as it was today. I was open and my teammates made some great plays to pass the ball to me on the move," said Callahan.

For the most part, the Irish dominated the Cardinal in the first 30 minutes of the game, but a mental lapse in the last three minutes of the first half kept Stanford within striking distance. They scored three quick goals and cut the Notre Dame margin to seven.

Coach Tracy Coyne was visibly upset with the Irish effort in the last two minutes of the half, and called a timeout with only 47 seconds left before intermission.

"Coach Coyne got us back on track during the timeout," said defender Megan Schmitt.

The timeout ebbed the Stanford flow, and the Irish led 12-5 at the break.

After a quick Stanford goal following the break, Notre Dame returned to their dominating form with crisp passing, which led to a Tara Pierce goal off of a great feed from Stephanie Fox.

"Our passing and transition game got Stanford off-balanced.

Their team was very good, but our combinations were working and we pressured them very well," said Coyne.

Leading 14-8 with 21 minutes left in the game, Callahan, Regan, and Fox again came up big, scoring three consecutive goals and wiping out any chance of a Cardinal rally.

Holding an apparently commanding 19-9 lead, the Irish again let up like they had at the end of the first half. The Cardinal took advantage, scoring four more quick goals, led by their star Alexis Patrizio, who ended up with six goals on the day. However, this was not enough as Notre Dame just had too big of a lead for Stanford to overcome.

"We played really well except the last three minutes," said senior captain Mara Grace, who scored three goals for the Irish. "When you get up a lot, you tend to lose focus. We need to learn to stay intense the whole game."

Notwithstanding a few quick Cardinal scoring sprees, the Irish excelled in their home victory over Stanford.

"I am not saying that we do not like to win on the road, but winning at home is great because we can share our success with our fans," said Schmitt.

After a successful homestand with victories over Denver and Stanford, the Irish hope to improve their 4-1 mark this weekend with games against Duquesne and Davidson.

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Big Dance

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she had 14 first half points and seven rebounds on her way to a 25 point, 16 rebound performance. Gaither's strong play in the paint helped the Irish push their lead to as many as 10 points in the first half, but strong play from George Washington's Tajama Abraham and Noelia Gomez kept their squad in the game as they each had 15 on the evening.

In the second half, George Washington's long-range bomber Lisa Cermignano came alive after being shut down by the Irish in the first. She had nine points, all coming in the second stanza. One of her three treys put her ahead for their only lead of the game at 39-38.

Their lead did not last long as the Irish responded with a 16-4 run. The Colonial post players couldn't keep Gaither off the glass as her persistence on the boards paid off on a bucket to give Notre Dame the lead for good at 40-39.

On the defensive end of the court, McGraw switched from their traditional match-up zone to a man-to-man. The switch slowed the Colonials' attack which gave the Irish a chance to pull away.

"When they took the lead, we switched to a man-to-man," McGuff said. "That was really the turning point, we started to stop them and were able to build on the lead."

McGraw received solid contributions from all of her role players as Morgan was held to just ten shots on the evening. Senior

point guard Jeannine Augustin drained a much needed trey and finished with seven points, six rebounds and four assists. Her backcourt mate, Mollie Peirick also got involved under the basket as she added nine rebounds to her five assists. Sheila McMillen came off the bench to chip in seven points, six rebounds, and four assists.

Rosanne Bohman complimented Gaither in the post with eight points and six rebounds. Freshman Julie Henderson and junior Kari Hutchinson, who was hampered with a broken hand several weeks ago, also gave McGraw solid minutes.

"The kids just found a way to win," McGuff said.

"Katryna and Beth did their jobs. I can't say enough about them," McGraw said about her All-Americans who were also named to the East Regional all-tournament team. "They continued to work really hard and everyone else did their jobs also. We've never looked ahead and we've just taken it one step at a time."

"This is unbelievable, it's the stuff dreams are made of," said an elated McMillen. "We've proved that we're better than a six seed and we definitely want to go to Cincinnati and give it our best."

Gaither echoed her teammate's sentiments.

"We want to go there and we believe we can do some damage. We're just going to go there and play hard. We've believed all along and we just need to keep on believing."

"We want another shot at UConn," McGraw said. "Hopefully they'll win tonight. We feel like anything can happen."

Journey

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ment in order to give that talent a rest.

Even the NCAA tournament has thrown the Irish some unexpected turbulence. The Irish offered the tournament a 27-6 record and a No. 13 ranking and received only a sixth seed in return.

But the Irish have made their way past the pot holes. They have paid their tolls and are driving their way toward Cincinnati and the Final Four.

And they are not about to slow down.

With Tennessee's upset of the year over undefeated Connecticut last night, the Irish are the lone hope of the Big East.

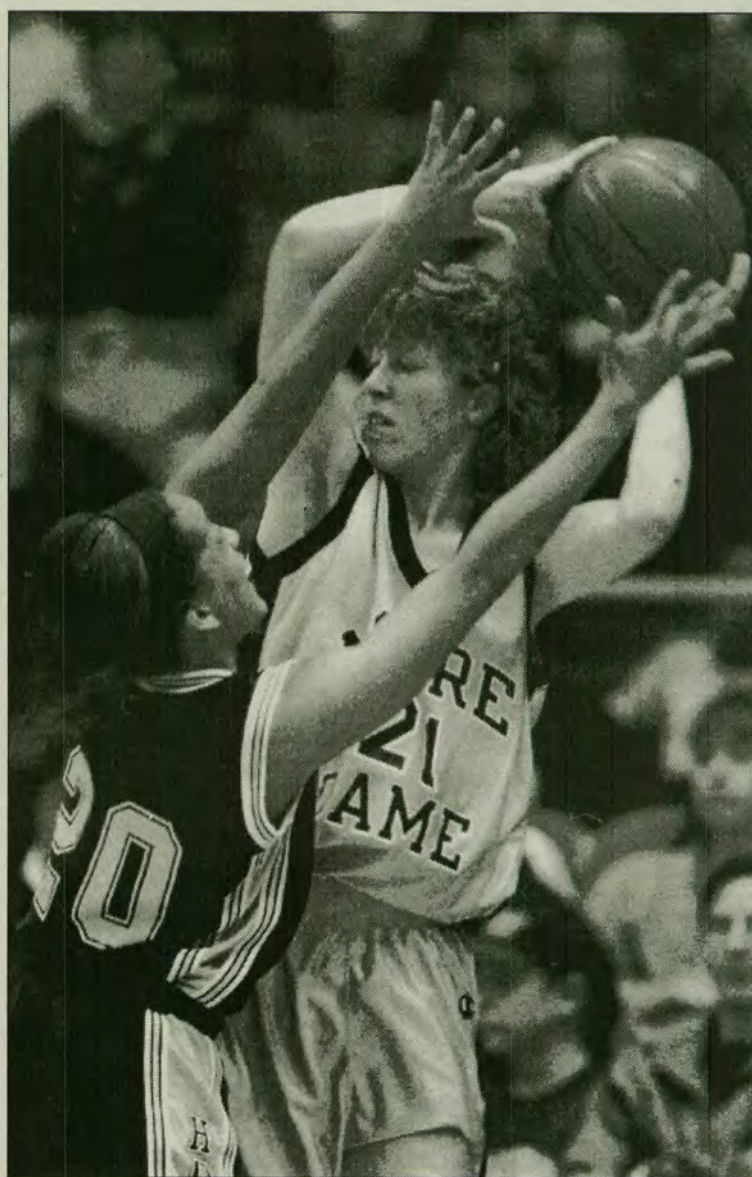
With their No. 6 seed, they are the clear-cut favorites of all those teams who are tired of being pushed around by bullies, namely Tennessee, UConn, and Georgia.

They have All-Americans Beth Morgan and Katryna Gaither taking turns in the driver's seat and a six other players fighting over the map.

With five seniors and two juniors, they know that this will be the last road trip they will take as the team they know themselves to be.

And although the road is still long, it appears to be considerably smoother as they won't have to face the Connecticut team that has beat them five consecutive times.

Despite the fact that the adventurous Irish hoped to have a chance to conquer the uncharted territory of beating



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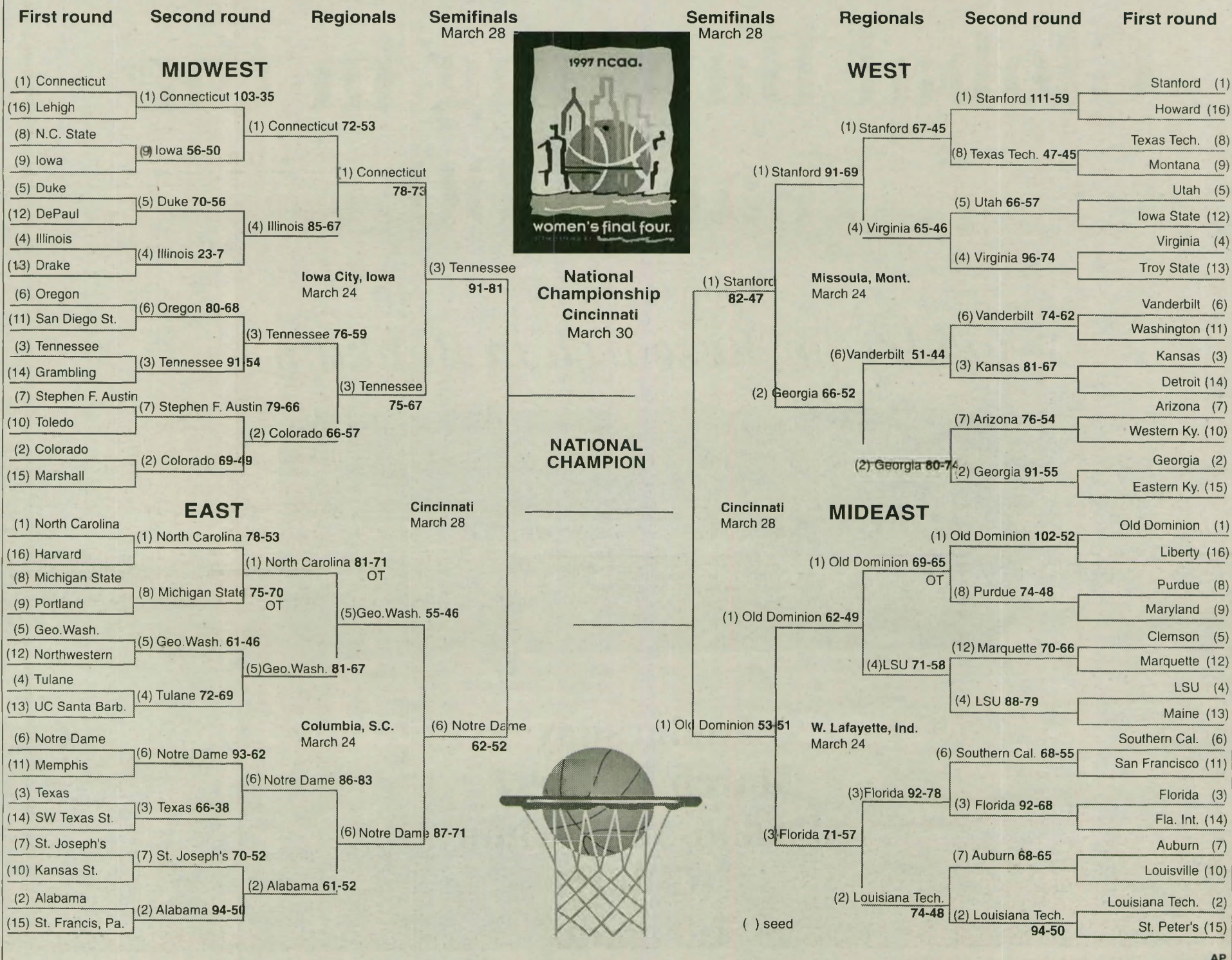
Beth Morgan played a key supporting role versus George Washington following her Sweet Sixteen heroics against Alabama.

Connecticut, they now will enter a neutral zone and face a team that is as new to the Irish as they are to them.

Yes, the map is charted and the car is packed.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



■ SOFTBALL

Ivy Field awaits as squad returns from trip

Irish aim to exceed .500 mark versus IU

By ALLISON KRILLA
Sports Writer

After a month-long road trip, the Notre Dame softball team finally heads home to the friendly confines of Ivy Field, playing host to intra-state rival

Indiana this afternoon.

The Blue and Gold carry an even 12-12 record into the double-header with the Crimson and Cream, after an outstanding cross-country tour over spring break.

Tournaments in Oklahoma and California brought much luck to the Irish, as the battle-tested team emerged with a 10-5 record for the trip.

"We've been able to practice outside on our field for the past

week," said coach Liz Miller. "It will be nice not to get on a plane to go to the game."

Indiana is a familiar foe to the 1997 squad. The Hoosiers routed the Irish in the Sun Devil Classic over a month ago, handing Notre Dame a 10-1 loss in their season-opener. Notre Dame will look to turn things around in their home-opener, though.

"We've made major steps since our first games, especial-

ly in terms of our consistence defensively. We know that we have to be ready for every play, every ball," Miller said.

Improved defensive play has given the Irish confidence, which has translated into an offensive outburst as well.

"We're now hitting over .300 as a team, much improved from the beginning of the season," said Miller.

Senior Katie Marten leads the team in batting average and slugging percentage, while fellow captain Meghan Murray has found her stroke again, contributing to the potent Irish offense of late.

The rest of the team has taken the pressure off of the seniors with powerful bats of their own.

"Kara McMahon has been

getting key hits, and Jenn Giampaolo's bat is coming around," Miller said.

Aside from the veterans' contributions, freshman Sara Mathison's offensive display during the recent road trip has paced the Irish.

She flexed her muscles, pounding out two homers during the campaign.

"Sara has been hitting the ball very well for us," said Miller.

Hurlers Kelly Nichols and Angela Bessolo will take the mound for the Irish today, with the first game scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. at Ivy Field.

As they look to avenge the early season five-inning loss to Indiana, the one thing they are sure of is that it feels good to be home.



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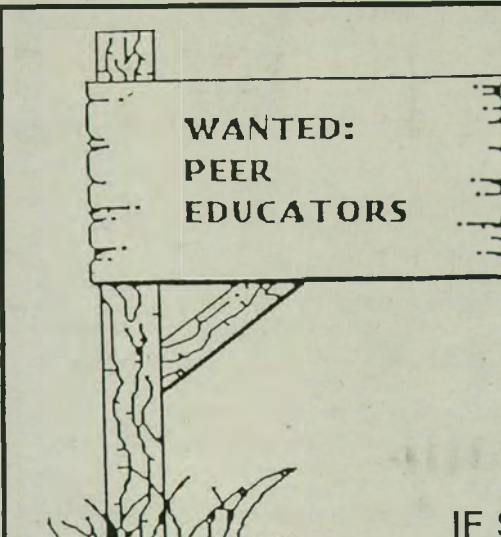
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Coach Liz Miller has been pleased with the efforts of third basemen Kara McMahon (above) at the plate this season.

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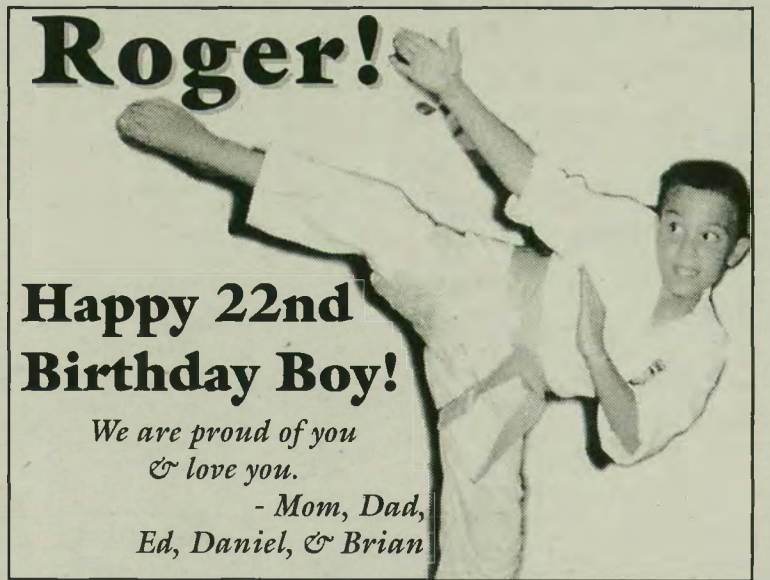
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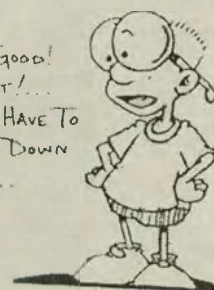
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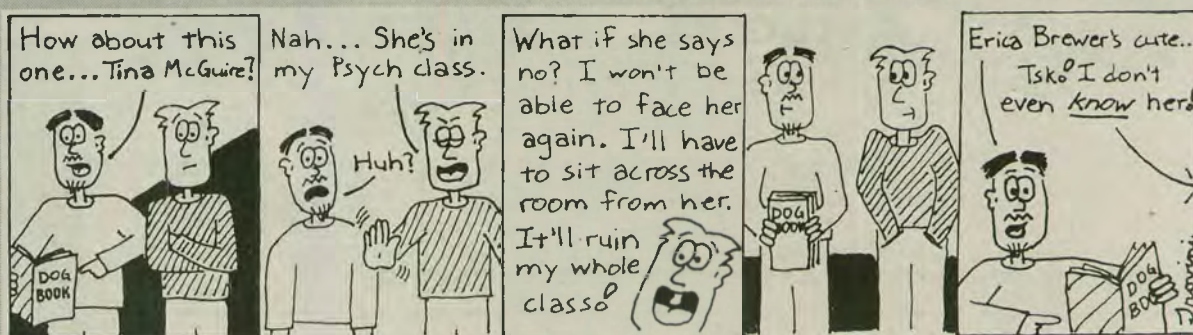
In each issue this week and next week, a selection from each of the four comic strips will appear here. Next week, a ballot will be provided at the bottom of this page so that you can submit your vote for your favorite comic strip.

A LONG WAY FROM SOMEWHERE

KEVIN TROVINI

A Long Way From Somewhere looks at the chaos and comedy of undergraduate life at Notre Dame. The strip centers around the life of A.J., a shy but friendly undergrad, and his outgoing roommate (currently unnamed). A.J. is always finding himself caught up in some wacky misadventure (often during his work-study position at the South Dining Hall) and tends to bring his unwilling roommate along for the ride. Whereas A.J.'s love life is perpetually cursed, his suave roommate has no problem with the opposite sex. These two soon develop a strong friendship with Amy, a charismatic biochem major, and William, the nerd across the hall. Other characters include: the ROTC guy, the Stadium Usher, Skippy the Squirrel, the DART machine, and the Talking Ethanol Cloud.

Kevin Trovini



MEN ABOUT CAMPUS

DAN SULLIVAN



Men About Campus is essentially a comic strip about that — a guy's perspective about Notre Dame. It covers everything, including ND "dating," the dining hall, SYRs, football games, the leprechaun and the weather. Of course, the strip will contain women — as for the moment the guys are just moving into their new place. And like the dorms, all campus comics have to contend with parietals, too.

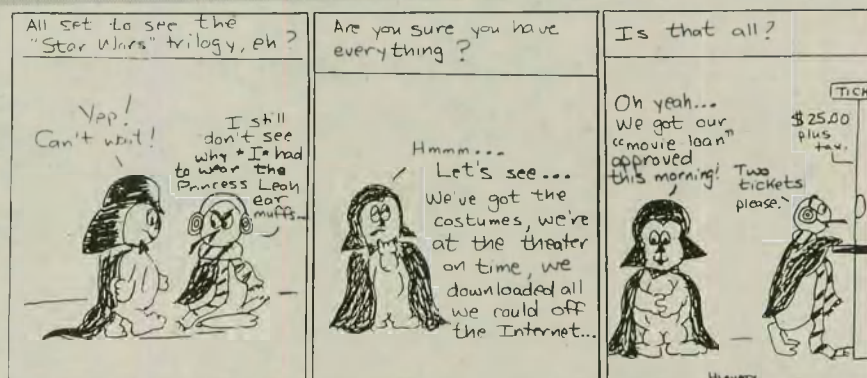
The comic strip also will address some of the politics of ND, such as the stance on gay and lesbian students, the ever-increasing number of sports edifices on campus, along with the basic humor which a group of four unique men eventually come up with.

Dan Sullivan

N.D.C.D. BLUES

The main characters of N.D.C.D. Blues are a nameless koala bear and a penguin, and the strip's setting will vary. In general, I will mock events happening around and to me. Since I am a Notre Dame student, obviously Notre Dame events will play a role in the strip's theme. But I'll also explore all aspects of my life here, which means I don't want to focus solely on Notre Dame. These first seven strips demonstrate this. None of them deal directly with Notre Dame, but of the events surrounding it. The jokes regarding the Huddle, the dining hall food, the sports teams, etc., have been done ad nauseam. I hope to put a slightly fresher perspective in this strip.

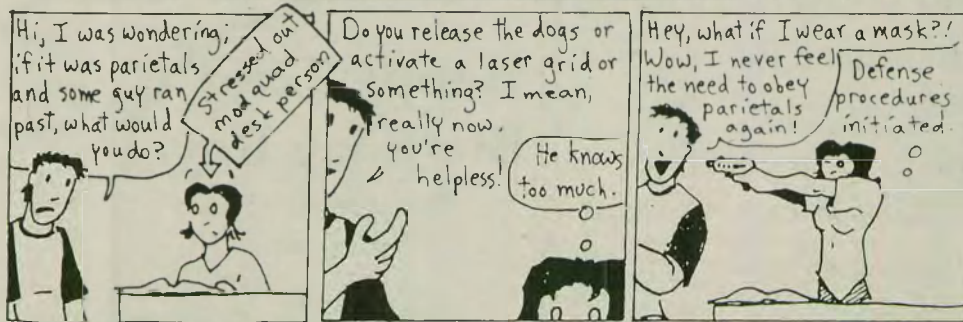
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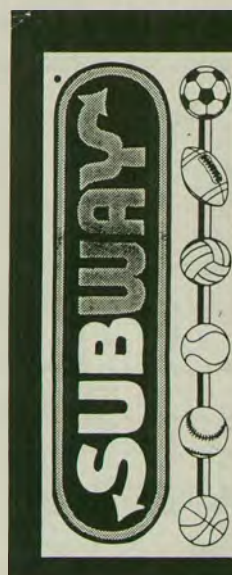


The strip is about Ron, Pete, and everyone else's crazy lives here at ND.

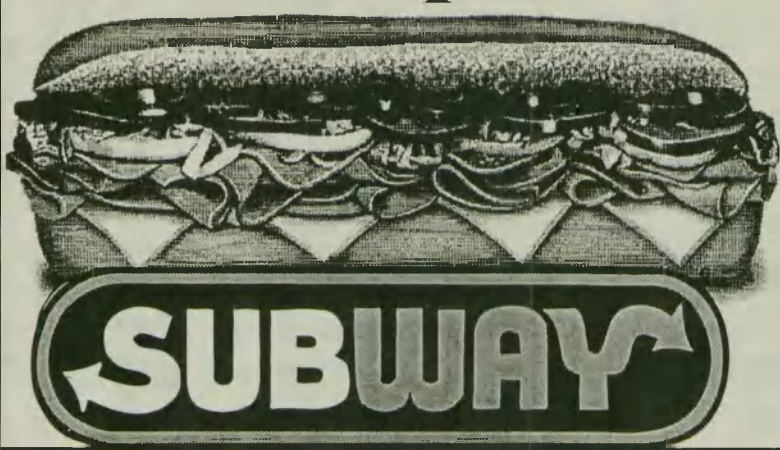
The Stars o' the Show:

Ron is pretty delusional, and Pete tends to be more sane, as does Lissa when compared to her roommate, Jen. Lissa is an engineer, and Jen is an architecture major, although that may change. Crazy Bill is the demented next-door neighbor of Ron and Pete; he's pretty messed up. The Two Giant Squirrels are friends of Crazy Bill on the Bookstore Basketball team. Lenny, a chupacabra, lives in Pete's pillow.

Jeremiah Conway



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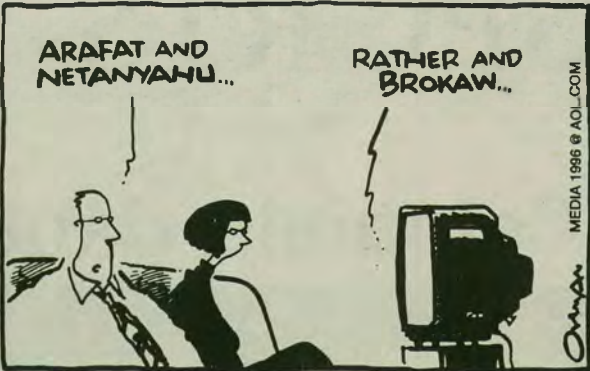
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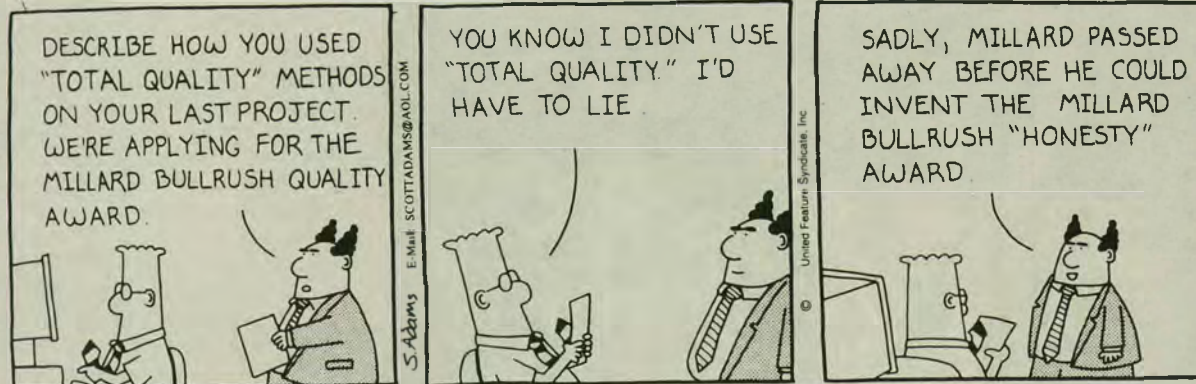
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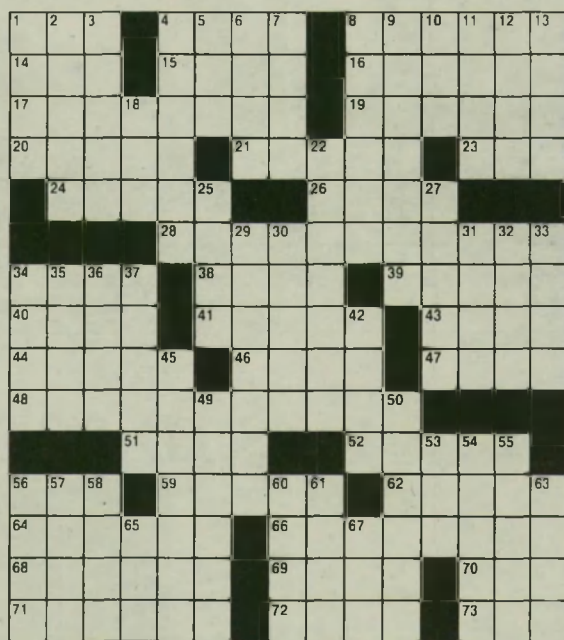
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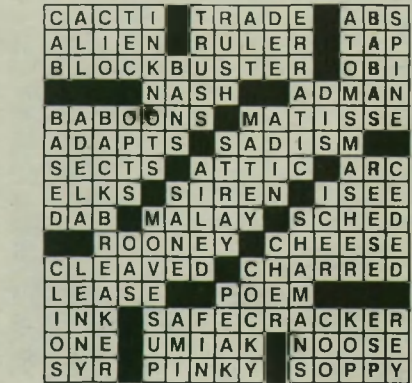
CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Anesthetize, in a way
 - 4 Same chain clothing stores
 - 8 Video game hub
 - 14 Play the part
 - 15 Zone
 - 16 Stops the tape temporarily
 - 17 "Little" extraterrestrials
 - 19 Passé
 - 20 Had a bug
 - 21 Inspirationalist Norman Vincent
 - 23 Before, in verse
 - 24 Home on the Black Sea
 - 26 Smart-alecky
 - 28 Pop duo with the album "Swamp Ophelia"
 - 34 Reply to a masher
 - 38 Satellite
 - 39 Bunk
 - 40 Actress Anderson
 - 41 Newton or Stern
 - 43 Actress Thurman and others
 - 44 Small choir
 - 46 Outfielder's cry
 - 47 Oct. precursor
 - 48 Drinks with gin, Cointreau and lemon juice
 - 51 Greeting at sea
 - 52 Undignified landing
 - 56 Hardly Mr. Right
 - 59 Facilitates
 - 62 Unpaid factory worker
 - 64 "All ---!"
 - 66 Some Gainsborough forgeries
 - 68 Ice cream parlor order
 - 69 Two-wheeler
 - 70 Sometime theater funder: Abbr.
 - 71 Be at
 - 72 French holy women: Abbr.
 - 73 Blow it
- DOWN**
- 1 Crazy (over)
 - 2 Pungent
 - 3 Inscribed column
 - 4 Leader called Mahatma
 - 5 Tattoo place
 - 6 Coop sound
 - 7 Psychologically all there
 - 8 Noted Harlem hot spot, with "The"
 - 9 Durham's twin city
 - 10 Bossy's chew
 - 11 Connors opponent
 - 12 --- John
 - 13 Isabella d' --- (Titian subject)
 - 18 Continental trading org.
 - 22 Khyber Pass traveler
 - 25 1941 Glenn Miller chart topper "You ---"
 - 27 Reverent
 - 29 Lets down
 - 30 "Let me repeat
 - 31 Where the Vatican is
 - 32 Giant hop
 - 33 Method: Abbr.
 - 34 Leisurely
 - 35 Ness, for one
 - 36 One doing a con job?
 - 37 Michelangelo masterpiece
 - 42 So-so grades
 - 45 Iran's capital
 - 49 Stinking rich
 - 50 Shopping binges
 - 53 Defensive tennis shot
 - 54 Have --- to pick
 - 55 One who's not playing seriously
 - 56 Home for la familia
 - 57 Go up against
 - 58 Word of warning
 - 60 Drops off
 - 61 Cut
 - 63 Pre-1917 ruler
 - 65 Fruit juice
 - 67 Hawaiian music maker



Puzzle by Elizabeth C. Gorski

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



Of Interest

Job Search Orientation for Juniors- This presentation is designed to give juniors an overview of the types of activities involved in preparing for the job search in their senior year as well as how the Career and Placement Services office can assist in the process. It will take place Tuesday, March 25, from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room of Lafortune and is presented by Kitty Arnold, Director of Career and Placement Services.

Arts and Letters Follow-up Sessions- ALPP today 5-6 p.m. in 108 O'Shaughnessy Hall. Romance Languages today 5-6 p.m. in 116 O'Shaughnessy Hall.

The New Music at Notre Dame Festival continues today with guest composer Ingram Marshall discussing his newly commissioned piano tiro "Rave," as well as other works in his compositional repertoire. The lecture starts at 4 p.m. in room 124 Crowley Hall. The talk is free and open to the public.

MENU

Notre Dame

North

Beef Noodle Soup
Chicken and Dumplings
Rotini Pasta Primavera
Hunan Sweet/Sour Chicken Tenders
Hilda's Mexican Rice

South

Country Fried Steak
Neapolitan Style Spaghetti
Baked Cod with Herbs
Eight Grain Bread
Glazed Apple Pie

Saint Mary's

Chicken Patty
Broccoli Cheddar Quiche
Macaroni and Cheese
Cream Cheese Pizza
Calzone

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■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Lady Irish handle Colonials, dance to Cincinnati

*Gaither boosts
ND to third
tournament upset*

By JOE CAVATO
Assistant Sports Editor

It wasn't as dramatic as their second round win over Texas. It didn't involve three-point shot heroics and a 22-0 run like their comeback win over Alabama. But it was the win that put the Notre Dame women's basketball team into the Final Four for the first time ever.

After upset victories over the third-seeded Texas Longhorns and the second-seeded Alabama Crimson Tide, the Irish added fifth-seeded George Washington to their list with a blue-collar 62-52 victory in Columbia, South Carolina. The win clinched the East Regional championship and sent the Irish to Cincinnati this Friday for the Final Four where they will play the defending champions, Tennessee.

"We struggled a bit tonight," said Beth Morgan who had 15 points on 5 for 10 shooting, "but we were able to come through in the end."

The Irish will head to the Final Four with a 31-6 record and with a lot of emotion and excitement. They are the first Irish basketball team in the Final Four since Digger Phelps took the men's squad to St.

Louis in 1978.

"We worked really hard and definitely earned it tonight," Irish high-point player Katryna Gaither said. "We finally get a trip to the Final Four. It's unbelievable."

Notre Dame is just the third sixth-seeded team in the women's NCAA tournament history to travel all the way down the road to the Final Four.

"What a great team," head coach Muffet McGraw raved. "You can never count them out. Everybody has played so well together."

"This is really exciting," assistant coach Kevin McGuff said. "Plenty of times we could have been knocked out, but our kids have just kept battling and battling. They have been so resilient and now we're going to Cincinnati to take our shot."

Morgan got things going right from the opening tap. After Gaither won the jump ball, Morgan took a pass from Rosanne Bohman and canned a three before five seconds had run off the clock.

The Blue and Gold crashed the boards and used a 28-19 first half edge in that category to overcome 12 first half turnovers. The squad went into the locker room with a 32-25 lead.

Gaither, who was named the East Regional tournament MVP, was simply too much for the Colonials as

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Senior Katryna Gaither drained 25 points and grabbed 16 rebounds, propelling the Irish into the Final Four for the first time in Notre Dame history.

■ IRISH INSIGHT

*Final Four a
reality despite
bumpy journey*

It has not always been an easy road for the Notre Dame women's basketball team.

Although its 31-6 record might not reflect too many road blocks, there have been some pot holes.

You know, those obstacles in the road that might go unnoticed but can be equally as damaging.

Take, for instance, the example of the 1995 Irish squad. Head coach Muffet McGraw said to ESPN yesterday, that they were as talented as the team she will lead to the Final Four on Friday, but because they did not have a conference like the Big East behind them, they did not receive the same recognition.

Or how about the fact that now that they have finally made it into a big-name conference, they have constantly been forced to sit in second place because of the seemingly unbeatable Connecticut Huskies.

Or that despite the talent-laden team the Irish boast, they have been plagued with injuries, even to the point at which the Irish had to play team manager Christy Grady during the Big East tourna-

Betsy Baker
Associate Sports
Editor

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■ FENCING

Krol, women lead fencers to second at NCAAs

By DAVID FRICK
Sports Writer

Four months ago, the fencing team made a promise that they would compete for a national title. Though they fell short by a small margin, the squad can hold no shame in finishing as runner-up for the second consecutive year to three-time champion Penn State.

By the third day of competition, the team found itself in fourth place, trailing by 180 points. But the will of a champion found itself determined to make up the deficit.

"We were down, but never gave up," said head coach Yves Auriol. "I'm very proud of this team. They gave their all."

The team battled on the third day in order to pull itself within 130 points and place itself in a position to win. The third place finish by senior sabre captain Bill Lester proved influential to placing the team within striking distance.

With the men's events completed, the strong women's team would be left to the challenge of making up the points. The women came through with a first place finish by freshman epeeist Magda Krol, as well as strong finishes by both foilists.

However, the margin proved too large even for these impressive finishes, as the team fell a mere six bouts short of beating mighty Penn State.

Notable individual performances included a sixth place finish by senior foil captain Jeremy Siek, a third place by Lester, a fifth place by sophomore sabreist Luke LaValle, a second place by sophomore foilist Sara Walsh, and a fifth place by sophomore foilist Myriah Brown.

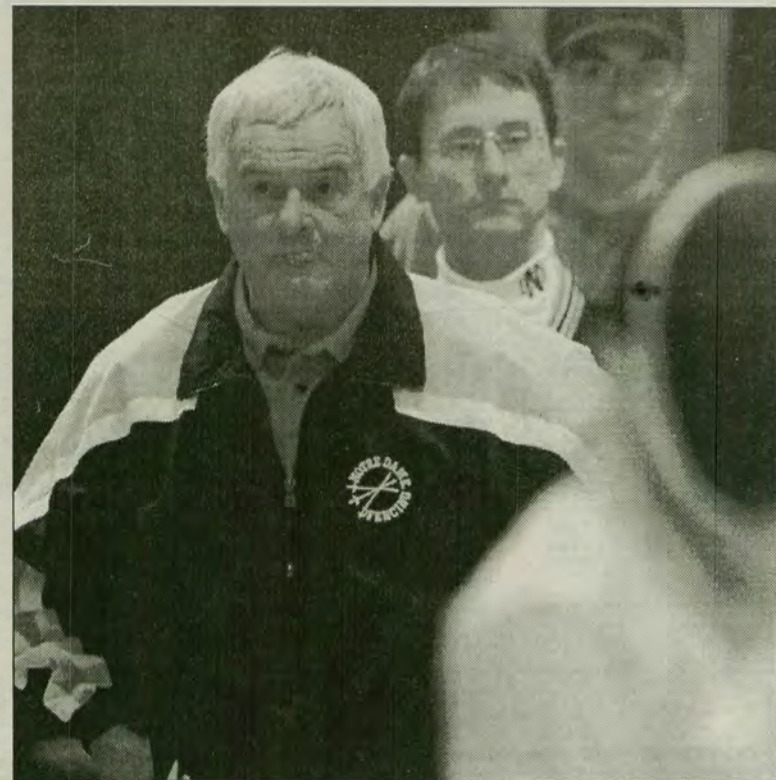
Nevertheless, the day belonged to Krol. A native of Vancouver, Canada, Krol has competed internationally, and won the title of Junior Canadian Champion. Krol blended this experience and immense talent to capture the individual title over 1996 champion Nicole Dygert of St. Johns.

The match came down to the final touch, with Krol winning 15-14. Krol was unavailable for comment as she will be competing in Spain in an international tournament this week.

Though the final team score did not turn out as wished, there was much the team could be proud of. A touch here and another there, and the Irish would have had their first crown since the 1994 campaign. Only through the enormous talent of Penn State would the team be denied.

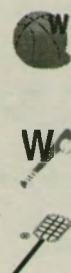
"We would've liked to win the championships, but you can't make mistakes when you're up against Penn State," said Auriol.

Due to travel difficulties, the team members were unavailable for comment when the story went to press. More coverage and players reactions will be included in tomorrow's edition.



Head fencing coach Yves Auriol had nothing but praise for his squad following their impressive comeback at the NCAA Championships.

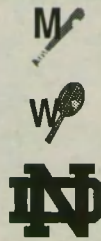
**SPORTS
AT A
GLANCE**



vs. Tennessee
at NCAA Final Four,
Cincinnati, March 28

vs. Indiana
Today, 2 p.m.

Men's vs. Hobart,
March 29



vs. Western Michigan,
Today, 5 p.m.

vs. Purdue,
March 29

Track and Field at
Sun Devil Invitational and
Purdue Invitational,
March 29

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