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■ BUSINESS BEAT

Duke downs ND in case contest

By MICHAEL LEWIS
News Writer

Duke University's team of MBA students came out on top at Notre Dame's Invitational Case Competition, held March 23-25.

According to judges and other students, Notre Dame's team would have been second or third, but only the winner received recognition.

David Hennekes, a member of the Notre Dame team, said the competition gave the students a chance to see how they compared with groups from other schools. This was something they could not get out of the intra-university competition that determined who would represent Notre Dame at the invitational event.

Hennekes, Richard Crandall, Cheryl Reid, John Drumm and Geoffrey Rohrbacker comprised the winning team within the Notre Dame competition.

Crandall, Hennekes and Reid

participated in the inter-university competition.

Hennekes said three students prepared the case, two presented it and three of those five went to competition. The rules

answering questions," Paul Conway, supervisor of the event, said of Notre Dame's performance. "They had a good strategy for the presentation.

"The judges were apparently unaware of what their actual solution was, so they didn't communicate that well," he said, adding that "Ohio State was the best at answering questions."

Conway emphasized that different observers would likely disagree with his views of the schools' performances.

As for the winning team from Duke, Conway said he thought they did very well. He said they had a good presentation, a good strategy and a good set up of the problem.

"They presented the alternative courses of action, had a good plan for implementing their strategy and answered the questions well," he said. "I thought it was between Duke and [the University of] Maryland."

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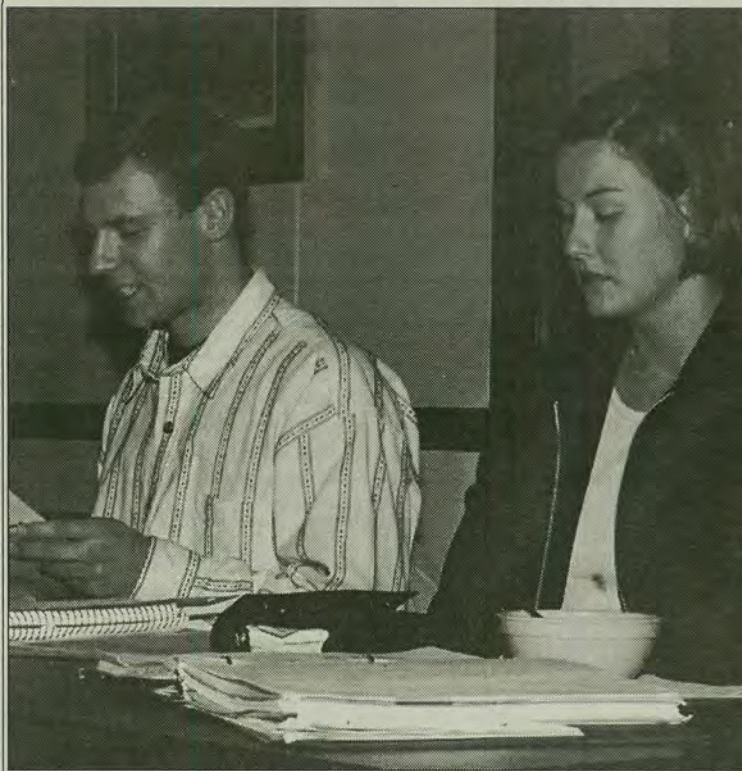
of the invitational call for teams of three members.

Regarding the benefits of the competition, Hennekes said, "Number one, the whole idea of case competitions is to learn how to analyze a situation and develop a solution in a short period of time.

"Just anecdotally, most of the students and judges said we were in third or second place," Hennekes said of his team.

"They were the weakest in

How to be Hall Presidents...



The Observer/Katie Soby

New Hall Presidents' Council co-presidents Mark Fennell and Katie Marchetti ran their first meeting yesterday. The council addressed upcoming events and described methods for being better hall presidents.

Final Four Action



The Observer/Brandon Candura

Katryna Gaither, seen here shooting over Pashen Thompson, was the second highest scoring player in the NCAA women's basketball tournament this year. She helped Notre Dame reach the Final Four for the first time ever, even though the Irish lost to eventual champions Tennessee. See back page and pages 22 and 24 for complete coverage.

Annual Fund helps with tuition woes

By ALYSSON COOK
News Writer

Attention Saint Mary's College students: Your tuition will not be increasing extensively next year.

Because of the Saint Mary's College Annual Fund — a program which solicits unrestricted monetary gifts from alumnae, parents and friends of Saint Mary's College — each student can breathe a huge sigh of relief.

The Annual Fund includes the Senior Leadership Campaign and the Reunion Gift Campaign. Last night, the committee members of the Senior Leadership Campaign met in Haggar Student Center to find out what it exactly they will be doing from April 7 to May 12.

"Before this evening, I was unaware of the impact that the alumnae donations have on the institution and the individual students," said Ashley Ratcliffe, a Senior Leadership Campaign member. "I am looking forward to giving back to Saint Mary's and encouraging my senior classmates



to do the same," she said.

Tuition and fees are the major source of income for Saint Mary's, yet they only provide about 80 percent of operating revenue. It is the Annual Fund that supplies the remaining 20 percent. The Senior Leadership Campaign plays a key role in that 20 percent.

This year's Senior Leadership Campaign is asking members of the class of 1997 to consider an annual gift of \$50 during the next three years. This total of \$150 is in recognition that the class of 1997 is Saint Mary's 150th graduating class.

"The \$150 might sound overwhelming when you look at all of

your bills, especially when you've just graduated and may or may not have a job yet," said Nellie Sanford Aranowski, Class of 1994 and human resources assistant at Bosch Braking System in South Bend.

"If you equate it to all the things you do and divide the \$50 a year by 12, it's not even a movie or a pizza," she said.

"We want to educate the younger alumnae to get into the habit of remembering Saint Mary's," said Mary Lou Mullen, assistant director of the Annual Fund. "Their contributions help the College to remain competitive in attracting the caliber of students that keep Saint Mary's ranked by U.S. News and World Report as number one in the Midwest Regional Liberal Arts Colleges and Universities category for the third year in a row."

Most Saint Mary's students benefit from the Annual Fund. In 1996-97, over 66 percent of all full-time students received need-based and/or merit based financial assis-

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Walsh: Real E.R. as exciting as on show

Physicians treat a wide range of patients and problems

By TOM MORAN
News Writer

The diversity of patients and symptoms encountered in an ordinary emergency room can rival that of those found in TV's "E.R.," according to Dr. Mark Walsh.

Walsh, director of Medical Education at St. Joseph's Medical Center, lectured last night on what it means to work in an emergency ward. Walsh, a Notre Dame graduate, is also an attending physician in emergency and internal medicine at St. Joseph's.

Walsh began the lecture by detailing the history of the emergency room. According to him, the modern emergency room came about as a result of the glut of general practitioners at the time of the post-World War II baby boom. As a result, he said, many boomers became medical specialists, and ultimately emergency medicine became a matter of using the skills of a vari-

ety of specialists to diagnose and cure patients.

He also credited President Lyndon Johnson's "Great Society" program, which furthered Social Security and Medicare. These programs ultimately freed up the funds that led to the development of most of the emergency medical technology used today.

Walsh next discussed the issue of who should or shouldn't visit the emergency room. He pointed out that in one study, 37 percent of the people visiting the E.R. were sent away because their cases did not require urgent care. This was caused, he said, by the fact that the E.R. is generally more convenient and quicker than conventional medicine, and also because it offers more medical expertise. He also noted that for the poor, elderly, or handicapped the E.R. is often their only option. "We are it," he said.

Walsh addressed the problem of long waits for medical attention, noting that 3 percent of patients eventually give up and leave the E.R., after waiting an average of 6.4 hours. Seventy-five percent needed medical care within the next day or two. However, he continu-

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

It's Easter, not Groundhog Day

This past Sunday the priest of the church I went to opened his Easter homily with a story about a first grade class he visited just outside of Detroit. He asked the kids what they thought Easter was, and he received some funny responses.

One kid told him that Easter was when his mom cooks that big turkey.

Another kid thought it was when they received presents and decorated the Christmas tree.

Finally a boy raised his hand and said that Easter was when Jesus died on the cross. They buried him in a tomb and rolled a boulder in front of it. After three days he rose, rolled the boulder away, and went outside. He saw his shadow, went back inside the tomb, and we had six more weeks of winter.

It was a funny story but also served to make a point about Easter. Most people do not understand exactly what it is we celebrate. I remember watching a television program once where a panel was discussing why Christians celebrate the death of Jesus. These types of misconceptions are what keep the business world from grasping the meaning of Easter enough to create a commercialized season out of it like they have Christmas.

Christmas is the biggest commercialized holiday in the world. Easter, despite serious attempts to commercialize, has remained low key. The Easter Bunny pales in comparison to Santa Claus; colored eggs are no match for presents; the joy and magic of Advent surrounding the shopping days is more appealing than Lent and the act of Lenten sacrifice; the intimacy of bringing the family together during the cold winter months outdoes the atmosphere caused by the unsure weather of the beginning of spring. These perceptions come from the clarity of one holiday and the mystery surrounding the other.

The idea of a child's birth is easier to grasp than His Resurrection. For this reason, the commercial planners of the world have had to leave the holiday of Easter alone for us to discover its meaning for ourselves. In its meaning, we find our purpose as Christians.

If we fail to grasp the importance of this holiday we are no different than those first graders. It is through the Resurrection of Jesus that we find our faith. Christmas is an important time, and a time to celebrate. But we need to remember that it was because He was resurrected that we celebrate His birth.

So, maybe Easter is not as fun as Christmas. I stood there in mass on Sunday thinking that it is probably better this way. Without the excess commercialization that surrounds Christmas, we can reflect on Easter's true meaning. By doing this we realize that we celebrate Jesus rising on the third day, not to see His shadow, but to prove that He overcame sin by conquering death.

This way, through the celebration of Easter, we solidify our faith.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.



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■ WORLD AT A GLANCE

Air Force cargo plane crashes in busy Honduran street

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras
A U.S. Air Force cargo plane overshot a runway, crashed into a busy street and burst into flames Tuesday, killing three of those aboard.

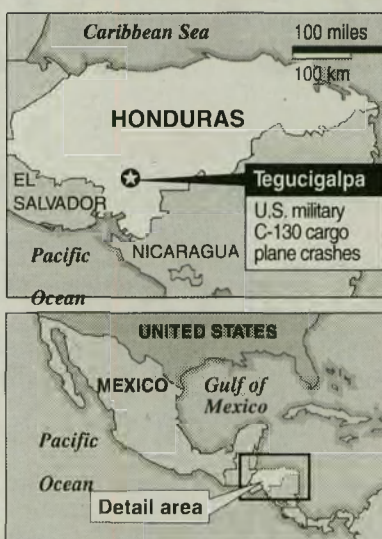
After touching down on the runway of Tocontin International Airport in the Honduran capital, the plane rose into the air again.

Then it dropped down again, went off the end of the runway and slid 200 yards and into the road, said Col. Fernando Soto, chief of the government civil aeronautics office at the airport.

The plane caught fire as it came to a stop on a major artery often crowded with cars and pedestrians and lined with offices, stores and fast-food restaurants. It wound up about 100 yards from two gasoline stations.

"I had just gotten off of a bus when I saw the plane was coming right at me," said Luis Montoya. "I ran desperately for the other side of the street. It is a miracle I am safe, but I am still frightened."

The spokeswoman for the U.S. Embassy, Marti Estell, said three people aboard the C-130 died and all seven others were injured. Their names were withheld pending



notification of relatives. No one on the ground was reported injured. Soto said it was not clear what caused the crash. The Air Force was investigating.

The plane was part of the 440th Airlift Wing based at General Mitchell International Airport in Wisconsin and was flying out of Howard Air Force Base in Panama. U.S. officials said it was carrying food and goods for U.S. servicemen based in Honduras.

The United States has at least 800 personnel based at Palmerola air base, 40 miles north of the capital. The three most seriously injured were taken there for treatment.

Col. Jose LaGuardia, chief of the Tegucigalpa fire department, said the plane spilled more than 4,500 gallons of fuel as it slid from the runway to the street.

Pedro Atala, whose farm equipment dealership was near the crash, said he gave first aid to some of the survivors. "I carried three of them to my offices and helped them there. Then I called the police and fire department," said Atala, whose white shirt was stained with ashes from the fire.

Clinton joke a real knee slapper

WASHINGTON

President Clinton announced today that press secretary Mike McCurry had torn a tendon in his leg and his job was now in danger. April Fools! Clinton made a surprise appearance in the White House briefing room just before McCurry's daily appearance to joke with reporters. Still hobbled from his knee surgery, Clinton deadpanned that McCurry had "made a fool of himself" by falling down and hurting his knee. "So until we can bring him back to full health, Chris Engskov is going to do the daily briefing today and he will be my press secretary during Mike's absence," Clinton said. Engskov, 25, is an Arkansas native who works in the press office. "I thought we ought to have a presidential secretary who doesn't have an accent," Clinton quipped. Getting into the spirit of things, reporters asked Clinton a series of lighthearted questions. Will McCurry ever get his job back? "I think McCurry's job is in real danger now," Clinton said.



Columbia launch may face delays

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.

NASA encountered several problems Tuesday as the countdown proceeded toward a launch of space shuttle Columbia, the largest one a coolant loop that was installed without thermal insulation. Engineers are trying to determine whether insulation needs to be added before Thursday's launch to prevent water in the line from freezing in orbit, NASA spokesman Bruce Buckingham said Tuesday. The installation, if required, would delay the science mission of a duration of one or two days. While the shuttle has flown before without the insulating layer on the coolant loop, Columbia's mission this time is longer than usual — 16 days. And Columbia's flying position could be a thermal concern, too, Buckingham said. Across the Atlantic, officials also debated what to do about a malfunctioning antenna at a shuttle emergency landing site in western Africa. Columbia, NASA's oldest space shuttle, is scheduled to blast off at 2:01 p.m. Thursday with seven astronauts who will spend most of their time conducting laboratory experiments. Good weather is expected.

Environmentalists go after Canadians

WASHINGTON

Environmentalists said they will ask an oversight panel to the North American Free Trade Agreement to investigate Canada's alleged failure to enforce hydropower regulations intended to benefit fish. Conservation and fishing groups in the United States and Canada said Tuesday the Canadian government is turning a blind eye to violations at hydropower dams in British Columbia operated by the government-run B.C. Hydro. Failure to protect the fish is a violation of the environmental side agreement to the NAFTA, which was signed by the United States, Canada and Mexico, said Patti Goldman, a lawyer for the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund in Seattle. While U.S. power producers are being forced to alter operations so as to reduce impacts on endangered Northwest salmon runs, the Canadian dams operate unabated, the complaint said. The complaint is to be filed Wednesday with the North American Commission on Environmental Cooperation, at its offices in Washington, Mexico City and Ottawa.

Hepatitis hits the lunch line

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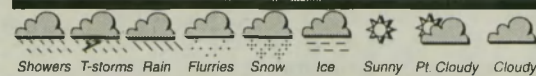
As many as 10,000 Los Angeles youngsters and adults may have been exposed to hepatitis A through possibly tainted berries that were also distributed to at least six other states. Frozen strawberry and blueberry fruit cups served last week in 18 Los Angeles public schools may have been contaminated with the virus that causes hepatitis A, school officials said Tuesday. The public health alert came from the U.S. Public Health Service, said Patrick Spencer, a school district spokesman. The berries were distributed by the Agriculture Department, he said. "This is surplus food coming from USDA," Spencer said. "Apparently it went to a number of states." Strawberries that may be tainted with the virus also were delivered to schools in Iowa, Arizona, Florida, Tennessee, Illinois and Michigan, where nearly 200 suspected cases of hepatitis A — a mild form of the virus — have already been reported. The only illnesses so far have appeared in Michigan, the Food and Drug Administration said.

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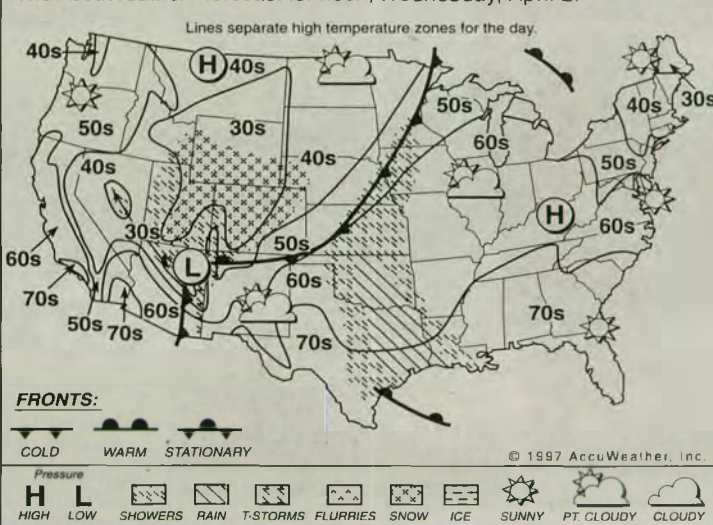
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■ NATIONAL WEATHER

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Atlanta	48	43	Denver	39	27	New Orleans	72	58
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ND increases tuition by less than last year's raise

Special to The Observer

Undergraduate tuition and room and board charges at the University of Notre Dame will increase 5.3 percent for the 1997-98 academic year, the eighth consecutive year in which the rate of the University's tuition increase has declined.

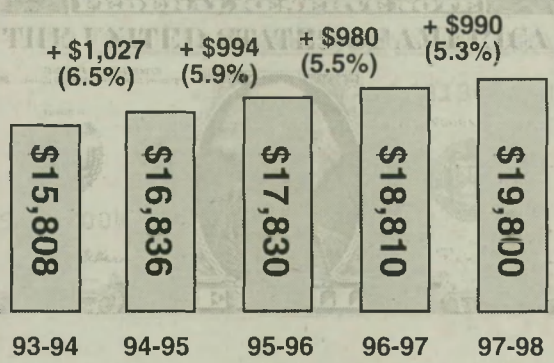
The increase of \$990 will bring tuition and fees to \$19,800. Room and board charges will rise \$260 to an average of \$5,020, for a combined cost of \$24,820.

In a letter to parents of 1997-98 undergraduate students, Notre Dame's president, Father Edward Malloy, discussed the University's continuing commitment to increase scholarship aid in order to keep a Notre Dame education "within the economic reach of all students who can benefit from it."

In the 1995-96 fiscal year, \$24 million was put into scholarship endowments, bringing the total market value of those endowments to more than \$330 million, Malloy wrote. The University will spend \$15.5 million for undergraduate scholarship aid this academic year, up almost \$3 million from a year ago and more than \$10 million since 1990 — a three-fold increase in that time.

Malloy added that tuition and room and board charges at Notre Dame remain below those of most comparable

Tuition Increases



The Observer/Melissa Weber

private universities. "Maintaining the quality of education at highly selective, private universities is an expensive endeavor," he wrote.

"Even at that, total student charges at Notre Dame in 1995-96 were below both the average (\$24,999) and the midpoint (\$26,148) in a survey of private colleges and universities. (Notre Dame) ranked 80th among 115 private colleges and universities in total student charges," Malloy wrote.

Graduate school tuition in 1997-98 will be \$19,680, and tuition in both the Law School and Master's of Business Administration program will be \$20,390.

Federation honors ND chef

By JOHN DeBOY
Assistant News Editor

If the recent accolades bestowed upon Denis Ellis are any indication, it appears that the future of Notre Dame Food Services looks bright — and a bit more cosmopolitan at that.

In late February Ellis, executive chef of Notre Dame Food Services, was presented with the American Culinary Federation's (ACF) 1997 Chef Professionalism Award for the Central Region.

The award, which was announced at the ACF's regional conference in Milwaukee, annually recognizes federation members who have made an exceptional contribution to cuisine in America.

As a recipient of the ACF's honor for the central region, Ellis is now a finalist for the group's national award, which will be presented this summer at the federation's national conference in Atlanta.

For Ellis, receiving the ACF award was both exciting and humbling.

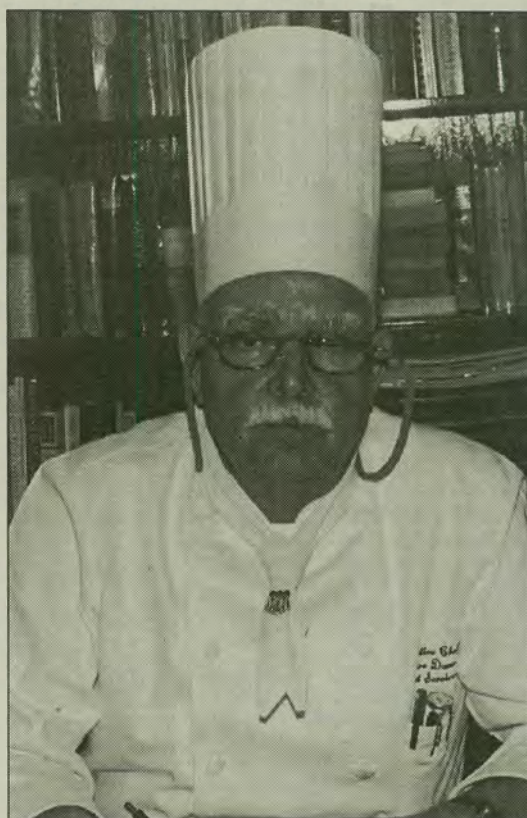
"To be recognized by my peers means a great deal to me," Ellis said.

"I was very surprised. It was a very humbling experience. I was sitting at a dinner table waiting for the announcement, and then I heard my name; it gave me a funny feeling in the pit of my stomach."

As executive chef of Notre Dame Food Services, a position which he has held for 10 years, Ellis is responsible for preparing recipes and overseeing menus for the more than 20,000 meals served each day during the academic year at Notre Dame.

Recently, the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine recognized the nutritional value of Ellis' menus by ranking Notre Dame third in the country for healthy campus food.

Ellis said he hopes to



The Observer/Katie Soby

Chef Denis Ellis was honored with the Chef Professionalism Award for the Central Region in February by the American Culinary Federation

continue his trend of recent successes by adding a more international flavor to his menus, a goal he aims to achieve in part through the planned renovation of South Dining Hall.

According to Ellis, the dining hall's new design will feature a food court layout, with different stations showcasing menus from various parts of the world.

"We believe that we will be a showcase for the entire country once the South Dining Hall renovation is complete," Ellis said.

"We've gone way beyond beef stew and macaroni and cheese."

"The infusion of cultures that's taking place around the world is a theme that will appear in our food services," Ellis continued.

"Students today know what is happening in the world, and they want to try different international dishes."

Ellis, who was born in England, began his career at the age of 16 when he took a position as a ship's kitchen boy.

He spent nine years with Canadian Pacific Steamships, eventually earning a promotion to senior sous-chef of the Empress of Scotland, the company's flagship.

In 1960 Ellis emigrated to Canada, where he spent 12 years with the Hotel Corporation of America.

Then, in 1972, he earned an appointment as executive chef of the O'Hare International Towers hotel at Chicago's O'Hare Airport, a position which he held for four years.

Before assuming his current position at Notre Dame in 1987, Ellis also spent several years at Azar's Food and Lodging Services in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Ellis is also a member of the American Academy of Chefs, and in 1994 an apprentice scholarship was established in his name by the local chapter of the ACF.

Comments? Questions? Answers?

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tance.

The gifts donated are essential in order that Saint Mary's faculty and academic departments remain competitive in their fields.

Money will also help to support purchase of computers, books and equipment, student services, career planning and placement, and the counseling center.

"When you give something, you don't expect to get something back," said Aranowski.

"It's when you realize that maybe you're helping someone who will come after you get to Saint Mary's that you receive the greatest gift."

Senior Leadership Campaign co-chairs Molly Sanford and Kelly Roman said, "Now that we are entering the real world, we are excited to be able to

give back to Saint Mary's as much as it has given to us. We also want to see how receptive our class is and if they have the same feelings we have."

"We belong to an incredible sisterhood and it is a powerful thing and an honor to be a part of it," said Jo Ann MacKenzie, director of planned and special gifts. "Our goal is to maintain Saint Mary's as self-determining and it is very important to the future of the College."

The announcement of the Class of 1997 gift will be at the Alumnae/Senior Brunch on Thursday, May 15. If the seniors make an initial payment before May 31, those who pledge will have their name listed in the 1997 Honor Roll of Donors in the presidential issue of the Courier.

"A tradition as rich as Saint Mary's is not an accident. It is deliberate," said MacKenzie. "We don't talk about survival because we are stronger than that."

Security auctions found goods

Observer Staff Report

Missing a bicycle, stereo, or camera? Looking for a used vehicle?

Notre Dame Security is holding an auction tonight to sell the items that have been turned in or recovered from various break-ins.

"We have all kinds of stuff," said Rex Rakow, director of Notre Dame Security. "Jewelry, calculators, CD players... anything that was found and never claimed."

Two old police cars will be auctioned — one Ford and one

Chevy Blazer; Rakow noted that they usually go to members of the community. "I think we did sell one to a student, but it's usually the area residents that bid on the cars."

The semi-annual auction is open to the public; according to Rakow, student attendance tends to be lower than that of South Bend residents.

"Sometimes, rival dorms show up and try to outbid each other, turning it into a competition or something," Rakow laughed. "But the turnout is always good."

He stressed the good condi-

tion of the majority of items up for bid. "The bikes are really rideable, and we have lots of them to sell," Rakow stated.

All items have been in the possession of Notre Dame Security since the auction in September 1996; Rakow encouraged anyone whose property was stolen or lost to come to the auction and replace it.

"People can get really good deals at this event," he asserted.

The doors of Stepan Center will open to the crowd at 6:30 p.m. tonight.

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ally defended America's medical system, because systems that attempt to move patients through too fast ultimately tend to skimp on important tests and miss serious medical problems.

Only in America, he pointed out, could an emergency room doctor be able to request CAT scans and radiology tests in the middle of the night.

In order to give an idea of what it is like to work in an E.R., Walsh described a variety of cases that he might encounter in a typical day.

Among these cases he described multiple victims of a car-crash, a 72-year-old cocaine-addicted pimp, a 16-year-old shot in the head and a lumberjack on whom a tree had fallen.

All of these, he asserted, were real patients of his, and the cases he described were an accurate cross-section of the diverse cases encountered in the emergency room every day.

Walsh also discussed the methods of diagnosis and treatment he used for these patients. They ranged from simple visual

inspections and quick treatments to complicated scans and invasive surgery.

What he continually explained was that without the complex medical equipment available in the modern E.R., a number of these patients' maladies would be overlooked and left untreated.

As for the televised version of the emergency room, Walsh gave NBC's "E.R." credit for its realism.

"With the exception of that crazy guy that [sleeps with] all the nurses, Clooney, it's a qualitatively accurate show... in terms of the cases that come in."

Overall, Walsh presented a picture of an emergency room as a hectic place, where he might treat over 30 patients in an eight-hour shift, and where his correct diagnosis and swift treatment often means the difference between life and death.

It is a difficult job, he said, and requires "gobs of humility" because of the importance of always being correct in treating patients.

Walsh finished by professing his love for his job.

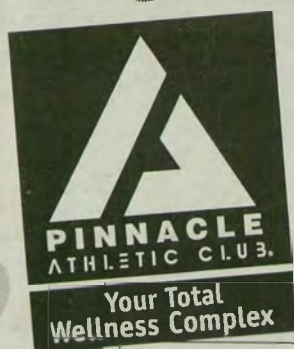
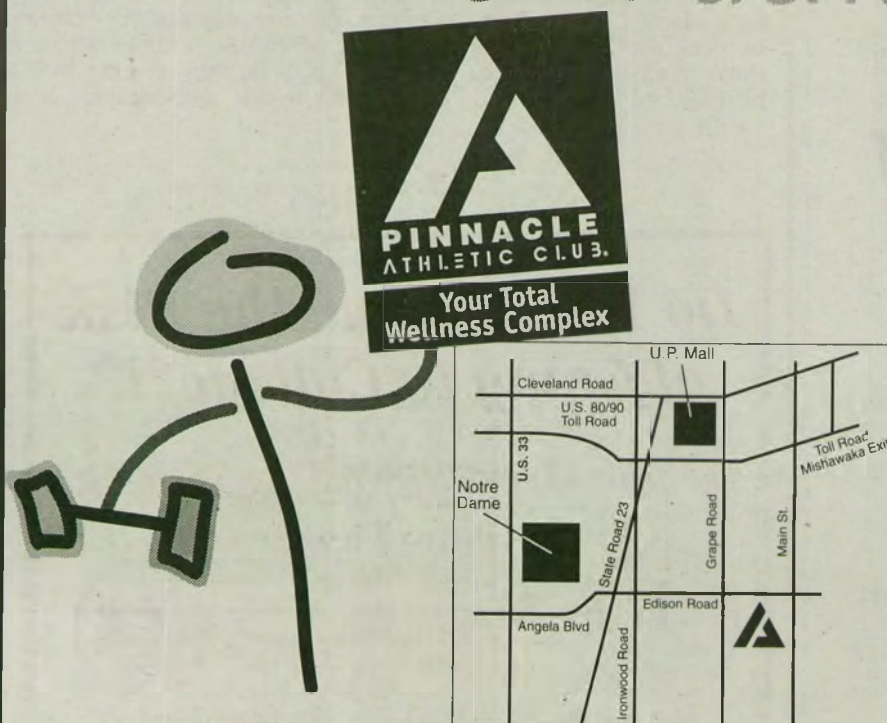
"I have unbridled enthusiasm for what I do... I love my work and I think about it all the time."

Walsh's lecture was the fifth in the "Mini-Medical School" series presented by the South Bend Center for Medical Education.

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■ ZAIRE

Rwandan refugees on verge of death

By DIANNA CAHN
Associated Press Writer

KISANGANI, Zaire
One hundred thousand Rwandans are camped in dense forest along a road in eastern Zaire, and rebels forcing them slowly southward are making it hard for aid workers to reach them with food.

U.N. officials say the relief workers' task is even more difficult than in November, when 600,000 Rwandans walked out of the Zairian forest and all the way home.

This time, the refugees have further to go — at least 300 miles — and rebels fighting to end President Mobutu Sese Seko's 31-year dictatorship are pushing them ever southward, despite their exhaustion.

The Zairian rebel alliance won't let the refugees near Kisangani, a major river port the rebels captured March 15. It insists the refugees turn around and go home.

"This is not only inhumane, it will also make it logistically impractical to reach them," Pam O'Toole, spokeswoman for



the U.N. refugee agency, said Tuesday in Geneva.

"If the alliance does not allow us to stabilize the health situation now, there may be very few refugees to return to Rwanda."

Near collapse after months of walking and deprivation, most don't have the strength to return home on foot, and the rebels have restricted food shipments to the area to keep the refugees from settling in.

The rebels ordered the 20,000 refugees closest to Kisangani to leave their camp four miles from the city on

Monday and move 12 miles south.

On Tuesday the rebels forced them still further away — some as far as 25 miles.

UNICEF worker Marie de la Soubiere said many of the children being cared for at the now-disbanded camp four miles south of Kisangani were in no condition to walk.

There are few very young children among the refugees because most died during their five-month trek through the forests of eastern Zaire, U.N. spokesman Fred Eckhard said in New York.

U.N. workers found the bodies of 50 refugees among the huts at the camp, Eckhard said.

The refugees are the last of more than one million Rwandans who settled in camps just across the Zairian border in 1994.

The people, mostly ethnic Hutus, had fled their homeland in fear of retribution for the Hutu-led massacre of a half-million minority Tutsis and moderate Hutus.

In November, Rwanda urged its exiled Hutus to come home and said they should not be afraid of the Tutsi-led government. More than 600,000 walked out of the Zairian forest and returned to their communities, taxing the tiny country's resources.

Two weeks ago, Rwanda's powerful vice president and defense minister, Paul Kagame, called for the 100,000 still in central Zaire to return as well.

But for now, it is up to the aid workers to care for the refugees. The cost is staggering. The U.N. refugee agency appealed last month for \$115 million for its work in the region.

The U.N. envisages returning the refugees to Rwanda by plane, truck and on foot, but there are many variables.

■ BURUNDI

Hutus, Tutsis clash; 140 die in violence

Associated Press

BUJUMBURA, Burundi
At least 140 people died in a week of clashes between government troops and Hutu rebels in southern Burundi, an army spokesman said today.

Major Mamert Sinarinzizi told independent radio Studio 10 that the number of dead in the fighting that began Wednesday had not been confirmed but that at least 140 people had been killed. The army sent a team to Bururi province to investigate, he said.

Chief army spokesman Lt. Isaie Nibizi said on state television today that the army sent in aircraft to end the violence. The military also said Hutu rebels killed five people in the Kinshama neighborhood of Bujumbura late Sunday. The victims were reported to be Hutus who had recently returned from refugee camps outside the city.

The rebels of the Hutu

National Council for the Defense of Democracy led by former Defense Minister Leonard Nyangoma have been fighting the predominantly Tutsi army since Tutsi paratroopers assassinated the country's first Hutu president in a foiled coup attempt in October 1993.

Since then at least 150,000 people, most of them civilians, have died in the violence in this central African nation.

Major Pierre Buyoya, a Tutsi who seized power in a coup last July, says he is willing to talk with the

rebels about power-sharing but only if they put down their arms first. With the exception of the four-month period when Melchior Ndadaye was president in 1993, Tutsis, who make up 14 percent of Burundi's 5.6 million people, have controlled the country since independence from Belgium in 1962. Hutus make up 85 percent of the population.



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What is the Executive Cabinet?

Chaired by the Student Body President, Matt Griffin, this group is made up of members of various student groups such as the HPC Co-Chairs, Class Presidents, SUB members, Club Officers, and others.

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Navajos fight for right to ancestral grounds

By PATRICK GRAHAM
Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX
The deadline for dozens of Navajo families to acknowledge that the land they live on belongs to the Hopi expired as protesters around the nation criticized the plan aimed at solving a century-old land feud.

Navajo families had until midnight Monday to sign leases acknowledging the rugged patch of desert in northern Arizona belongs to the other tribe. Those who didn't sign lose their claim to land that holds religious significance for them — and perhaps eventual eviction.

By late Monday, Navajos from more than 60 of the 80 affected homesites had signed the leases, also called "accommodation agreements," allowing them to stay on the land for 75 years, said Hopi tribal spokeswoman Kim Secakuku.

Estimates of how many Navajos live on the Hopi reservation range from 300 to more than 1,000.

"If they don't sign, they don't have any legal rights or legal protections," Secakuku said. "All we can say is we have tried to work with them. We have always been clear that [the accommodation agreement] will always allow them to practice their religion."

In New York, San Francisco and Flagstaff, there were rallies Monday to protest the plan.

More than 100 protesters took to the streets of San Francisco, beating drums and chanting to call attention to the plight of the affected Navajo families. In New York, demonstrators urged the United Nations — in vain — for an

independent investigation.

"These are subsistence people who have been denied basic human services," said Marsha Monestersky, a Navajo spokeswoman.

Demonstrators at each rally said the plan violates Navajos' religious freedom by requiring permits for certain ceremonies

and forbidding them from burying their dead.

"I do think these graveyard sites of my ancestors are the roots holding me there," said Robert Blackgoat, a Navajo in Flagstaff who refused to sign a lease.

"I can't leave the sacred songs and sacred prayers of my ancestors."

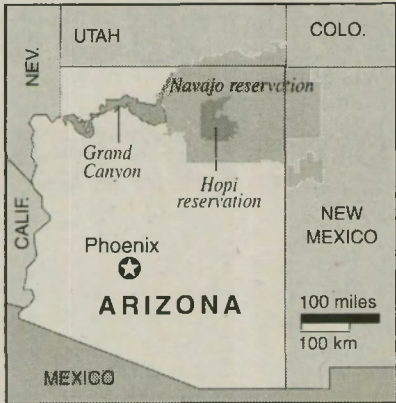
Navajos also contend that Hopi officials want them off their land so they can open it up to coal and mining interests, a charge Hopis deny.

The Hopis stand to get up to \$50 million from the federal government if 85 percent of the Navajos agree to the leases. The Hopis plan to use the money to expand their reservation by up to 500,000 acres.

The dispute began in 1882 when the federal government set aside 1.8 million acres for use by the Hopis and other Indians living on the disputed land, which was occupied almost entirely by Navajos who refused to move out. Hopis, however, says they were there long before the Navajo arrived.

Despite assurances from Hopi tribal officials that their religious beliefs won't be trampled with if they sign the leases, many Navajos are still afraid.

"The agreement sounds too good — they have this feeling they can't trust the Hopi tribe," said Ray Russell, who works for the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission.



McVeigh lawyers select jurors

By MICHAEL FLEEMAN
Associated Press Writer

DENVER

A prospective juror looked across the courtroom at Timothy McVeigh on Tuesday and couldn't believe the young man with the buzz cut, blue oxford shirt and quick smile could be a terrorist bomber.

"He looks like a nice kid," said the middle-aged woman. "It's overwhelming for me to think that this person who looks like the average type of person could do such a thing."

But the soft-spoken woman said she could still recommend death for whoever was responsible for the April 19, 1995, blast that tore apart the Oklahoma City federal building and killed 168 people, including 19 children.

As jury selection crept along — only 11 prospects had been interviewed after a day and a half — the woman was the latest prospect to reveal strong feelings about the case.

Her emotional questioning, however, gave way to the afternoon's heady questioning of one of the more colorful jury prospects: a philosophy professor who said he was willing to consider the death penalty "just as I'm willing to consider that we're all just dreaming."

A devout Roman Catholic and Rush Limbaugh fan whose doctoral thesis deals with the philosophical underpinnings of science and theology, he dazzled and dismayed the judge and lawyers with his highbrow — and sometimes tart — answers. Several times, he said he was being asked questions with flawed wording.

The most sticky issue centered on whether he would be willing to recommend execution. He said that he would be generally against the death penalty on religious grounds, but "I could consider death, also."

At the end of the questioning, U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch said: "We're done with this seminar."

The rest of the day was marked by highly emotional responses. Most of the comments, however, have dealt with the blast itself and its aftermath rather than the state of the evidence.

Only one prospective juror, an agent for photographers and artists, said she's already made up her mind that McVeigh's guilty, based on what she seen of media reports.

All but one of the candidates have said they would be willing to recommend execution — a requirement to serve on a capital trial in federal court.

Given the exhaustive interro-

gation of each candidate on everything from the government siege at Waco to the O.J. Simpson trial, it could take weeks to whittle the 350 prospects down to 12 jurors and six alternates.

Michael Tigar, the lawyer for co-defendant Terry Nichols, sat just behind a table filled with McVeigh's legal team. Nichols, who turned 42 on Tuesday, will be tried separately. No date has been set.

The courtroom was filled mostly with reporters. Fewer than a dozen bombing survivors and their relatives were present. In a theater 600 miles away in Oklahoma City, only 30 people showed up to watch a closed-circuit telecast of the trial.



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Futures bright for soybeans

By HILLARY CHURA
Associated Press Writer

Soybean futures prices soared Tuesday after the government revamped its estimates of current stocks, with the new figure pointing to possible shortages by summer. Corn futures also rose.

In other markets, coffee futures rose strongly a fourth session on supply anxieties, while silver futures fell.

The Agriculture Department said it overcounted soybean reserves held in Mississippi in its quarterly stocks report released Monday, boosting the figure by 2 percent. After reviewing the numbers, the agency said that as of March 1, there were 1.056 billion bushels of soybeans left nationwide until the next harvest, the lowest for that date since 1994.

The revision indicates the nation's soybean stocks are in serious danger of depletion by September.

"If demand continues at the current pace, prices have to go higher in old crop to ration demand," said analyst Steve Freed at ADM Investor Services Inc. in Chicago.

Domestic and foreign demand

has yet to fall off dramatically despite the highest prices for soybeans in nearly nine years. The USDA estimates supplies will fall to 20-year lows of 140 million bushels, or less than three weeks' supply. Many had hoped Brazil's record crop would cut into demand, but a series of port problems has kept foreign reliance on American soybeans high.

Corn futures rose in step with soybeans. With soaring soybean prices, farmers expect to plant huge tracts of that crop this spring, the USDA reported Monday. That has increased worries that the other crops will be overlooked at planting time, leading to tight supplies down the road.

Soybeans for May delivery rose 19 3/4 cents \$8.75 1/2 a bushel on the Chicago Board of Trade; May corn rose 3 cents to \$3.13 a bushel.

Coffee futures rose to the highest level in three weeks amid concern supplies could run out.

Shipments tightened greatly early this year but have risen in recent weeks as producers rushed to sell much of their harvest. Some investors believe producers have little coffee left

to export.

Andrew Gordon, vice president of Coffee Holding Co. in Brooklyn, N.Y., said there is still supply out there, but it will become tighter by midyear.

"If you don't buy now and pay whatever premium, you'll probably miss the boat," he said. "It's like musical chairs, where you have 10 chairs and 11 players."

Mexico and Guatemala had record exports in January and February, and Brazil and Colombia had healthy exports as well. March figures are not in yet, but analysts believe they should be strong, too.

Still, U.S. stockpiles currently are 30 percent lower than the same time a year ago despite a 90 percent jump in coffee futures since December. Supplies of quality arabica beans stored in warehouses owned by the Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa Exchange in New York at 44 percent below a year ago.

May green, arabica coffee settled 3.15 cents higher at \$1.943 a pound, the highest since March 12.

The stock market edged lower Tuesday after falling sharply in the previous two trading days.

Farms abandon acres for federal funding

By JOHN D. McCLAIN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

Farmers have offered to remove nearly 26 million acres from production and other uses in the government's multibillion-dollar conservation program, the Agriculture Department said Tuesday.

"Preliminary figures from the field show that we got approximately 301,650 offers for almost 26 million acres," Secretary Dan Glickman announced. But he cautioned the figures are preliminary and the final numbers may vary.

Glickman said 8 million acres were proposed for first-time enrollment in the Conservation Reserve Program.

The remaining 18 million are enrolled in contracts due to expire in September.

The 10-year program, which will cost \$1.9 billion a year, gives producers annual rental payments for establishing various kinds of protective cover on suitable farm property to protect and improve air, water, and soil quality and wildlife habitat.

Rents are based on local market rates and acreage is chosen to yield the greatest benefits, based on an environ-

mental index.

About 230 million acres — two-thirds of U.S. cropland — were eligible.

The largest acreages offered were in Texas, with 3.4 million acres; North Dakota, with 2.5 million; and Montana, with 2.3 million.

The Agriculture Department said it would notify producers by the middle of June as to whether their land had been accepted.

Officials initially expected to enroll about 30 million acres in the first offering.

The Clinton administration decided to reduce that by 2 million acres this fiscal year to provide the funds to pay a company \$65 million to abandon a gold mine near Yellowstone National Park.

Brian Johnson, a spokesman for the Council on Environmental Quality, which crafted the agreement with the Canadian mining company, Crown Butte Resources Ltd., has said 2 million additional acres would be funded next year.

But the administration proposal, which requires congressional approval, met with strong opposition from farm-state legislators.

Eventually, the program calls for enrolling a total of 36.4 million acres by 2000.

Engine manufacturer expects good market

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ind.

Cummins Engine Co. had good news and bad news Tuesday for shareholders: First-quarter profits fell about 15 percent, but dividends are going up 10 percent.

Earnings for the Jan.-Mar. period will approach \$1 per share, or approximately \$42 million, compared with the \$49 million profit, or \$1.21 per share, post-

ed during the first quarter of 1996, executives told shareholders gathered for the annual meeting.

Cummins will release complete financial results for the quarter later this month.

"We are more diversified now and business conditions are favorable in most of our markets at this time," said Chief Executive Officer Jim Henderson. "Our international revenues are 44 percent of our total. If business conditions continue, we expect higher earnings in the second quarter than in the first."

The Cummins board of directors Tuesday voted to raise the cash dividend that's paid each quarter for every share of stock in the company to 27.5 cents from 25 cents. Shares of Cummins stock were up 25 cents to \$51.50 in late afternoon trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

Cummins, which produces diesel engines for heavy- and medium-duty trucks, power generators and other markets, also will invest more than \$1 billion in new capital and product development by 1999, with half of the investment being made in southern Indiana.

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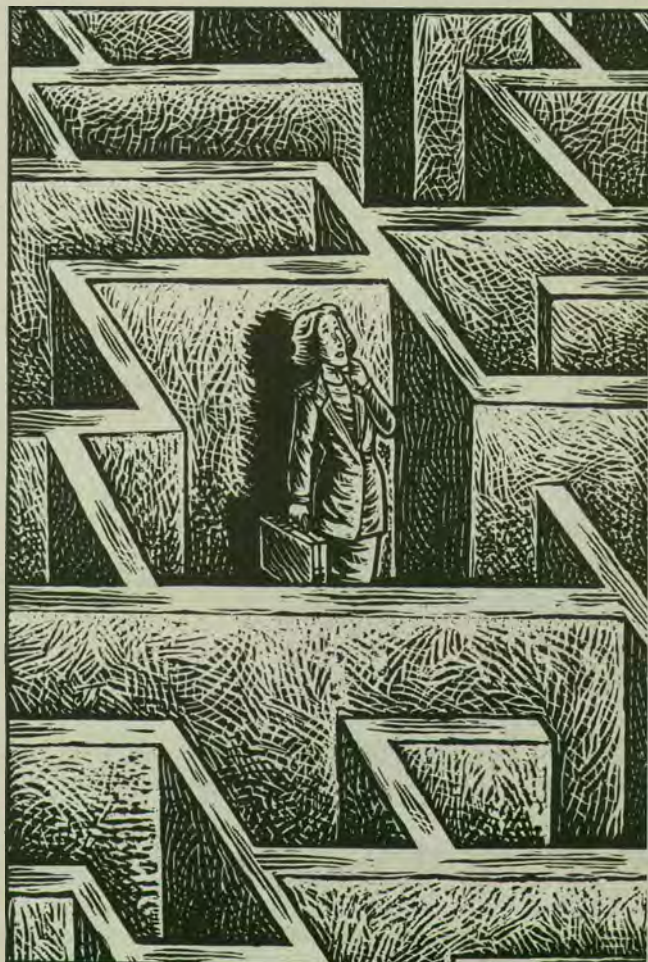
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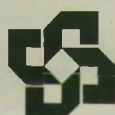
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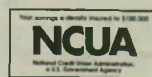
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'Trigger' molecule for breast cancer identified

By TIM WHITMIRE
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK
Researchers have isolated a molecule believed to trigger breast cancer, a scientist said Tuesday.

Levels of the molecule, mitogen-activated protein kinase — or MAP kinase — are between five and 20 times higher in cancerous breast tissue cells than in normal breast tissue cells, according to Dr. Craig C. Malbon of the State University of New York-Stony Brook.

The discovery, reported in the April issue of *The Journal of Clinical Investigation*, could

lead to new methods for early detection and treatment of breast cancer, Malbon said in a telephone interview with *The Associated Press*.

Malbon said the migration of MAP kinase into the nucleus of a cell signals the cell to begin replicating itself, causing cancer.

"The trip switch is this molecule and its migration into the nucleus," he said.

Previous research has shown that MAP kinase signals cells to proliferate, Malbon said. The new research, he said, established a link between extremely high levels of the molecule and the growth and spread of

breast cancer.

Malbon said elevated levels of MAP kinase also were found in the lymph nodes of breast cancer patients whose cancer spread to other parts of their body, making the molecule a marker for those so-called metastatic cancers.

The discovery could allow doctors to test for high levels of MAP kinase in breast cells, allowing detection of breast cancer even before noticeable tumors develop, Malbon said.

And it raises the possibility of breast cancer treatments based on "programmed cell death," he said. In such treatments, doctors would introduce to cancerous cells special molecules designed to "turn off" the MAP kinase cell.

In cases of early-detection breast cancer, such targeted treatment can be preferable to the more scattershot approaches of radiation therapy or chemotherapy, Malbon said.

The two-year study was fund-

ed in part by the American Cancer Society and involved examination of tissue specimens from more than 25 patients — some with normal breast tissue, some with breast cancer and some with other breast diseases.

An editorial in *The Journal of Clinical Investigation* called the researchers' discovery "an extremely exciting finding that has the potential of identifying an important therapeutic target."

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■ ISRAEL

Palestinians injured in two bomb blasts

By IBRAHIM BARZAK
Associated Press Writer

NEZARIM, Gaza Strip
Two bombs exploded near Jewish settlements in the Gaza Strip on Tuesday, killing the two Palestinian suicide attackers and wounding several other Arabs, police said.

Israel radio said the suicide bombers had apparently timed attacks to coincide with the normal travel schedule of school buses from Jewish settlements.

One of the blasts was first thought to have exploded next to a school bus leaving the Jewish settlement Nezarim, but a Jewish leader said the bus had been delayed.

"There was a huge blast," said Nezarim settler leader Shlomo Kostiner. "Luckily, the bus was still in the settlement for technical reasons and a ter-

rible disaster was prevented." Palestinian police commander Brig. Gen. Saeb el-Ajez said a suicide bomber exploded one mile from Nezarim, adding that no Israeli bus was in the area at the time of the explosion.

Israeli police officials said the second blast, near the Kfar Darom settlement, occurred when a cart loaded with explosives went off.

They said several Palestinians were hurt.

Palestinian police said two Palestinians were hurt.

"At 7:00 there was a tremendous explosion and the whole house shook," said Shela Shoshan.

The explosions were the first attacks in Israel since a March 21 suicide bombing killed three Israeli women at a Tel Aviv cafe.



Cult weapons found in local warehouse

By MATTHEW FORDAHL
Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO

Assault rifles and other weapons belonging to the Heaven's Gate suicide cult were discovered Tuesday in two rented storage sheds.

Four sheriff's detectives searched the sheds and uncovered the collection, the North County Times reported.

"Several assault rifles, shotguns and handguns were taken from the storage shed," an unidentified sheriff's official told the newspaper.

It was not clear how many weapons were found, or why the cult had them.

Thirty-nine cult members carried out a suicide ritual last week in their exclusive suburban hideaway in Rancho Santa Fe.

Lt. Jerry Lipscomb, the sheriff's lead homicide detective, would not confirm that weapons were found but told The Associated Press that any such discovery would not be significant.

"Weapons were not used in the death of any members of the cult," he said, adding there was no evidence the cult used weapons "either for hunting or criminal activity."

In addition to the weapons, deputies found trash cans, twin beds, exercise equipment and books stored in banana boxes in the sheds in Escondido, 30 miles northeast of San Diego.

Everything was taken to a

warehouse where it will be studied with other evidence.

The discovery came as authorities indicated the case was winding down.

And a week after the deaths were uncovered, the Spanish-style mansion where wide-eyed cult leader Marshall Applewhite and 38 followers took their lives stood vacant.

A road crew worked on Colina Norte, the dead-end lane leading to the home, but otherwise the low-key hum of luxury life had returned to the wealthy community in rolling hills a few miles from the Pacific Ocean.

Some cars on the main road slowed as they passed the blocked cul-de-sac, but there was nothing to be seen and they moved on through the lemon-scented landscape of citrus orchards, eucalyptus and pepper trees.

"People recognize that this was an unfortunate thing that could happen anywhere. Rancho Santa Fe is a pretty quiet town and it would take a lot to reform it," he added.

The cult had lived there since October, making little contact with neighbors. The car wash, however, was one place where they left a void.

Cult members would bring cars in just about every other day. Their vehicles were always very clean and usually needed only minor touch-ups.

"It was kind of a social event for them. They'd come down and talk," said auto detailer Jim Sarena.

Unexpected snow buries East Coast

By JON MARCUS
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON

New England towns had begun putting their plows away after a winter of below-average snowfall, and hardware stores had set up their displays of patio furniture. Then, April Fool!

Boston started digging out Tuesday after its biggest snowfall ever in April, a Nor'easter that blew away the tip of one of the masts on the USS Constitution, the sturdy frigate known as Old Ironsides.

Snow piled up nearly 3 feet deep from New Jersey into Massachusetts, shutting down airports, closing schools and knocking out electricity to hundreds of thousands of people, some of whom won't see their power restored for days.

"It's a practical joke. It's April Fool's Day," Christie Humphrey told her astonished 2-year-old son, Sam, as he looked at the snow in North Andover.

Strangers to the area thought differently.

"This is what I think of in a Currier and Ives print. It's just beautiful," said Joe Moore, a visitor from Oklahoma City enjoying Boston's Lexington Square.

Forecasters said the snow probably will melt gradually without causing any serious flooding when temperatures climb into the 50s and 60s by the weekend. Most of the winter's snow had already melted, and there has been little spring rain to soak the ground.

The huge storm blew rain, sleet and snow from Maryland to Maine beginning Monday. By Tuesday afternoon, 33 inches of snow had fallen at Milford, Mass.; 32 inches in upstate New York; 30 inches at Hopkinton, Mass., and High Point, N.J.; and 27 inches at Jaffrey, N.H.

Boston's trolley lines were closed for the first time in nearly two decades. Many colleges also were closed — including Harvard Law School, shut for the first time in nearly 20 years. Harvard students used cafeteria trays to toboggan down the snow-covered stairs of Widener Library.

Boston's Logan Airport stopped letting planes in or out on Monday afternoon and was closed most of Tuesday while crews cleared away 2 feet of snow. Many travelers were stranded at the airport.

Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge sent the National Guard to help dig out cars stalled in the middle of highways. About 1,000 Pennsylvania motorists spent Monday and Tuesday in their cars.

The 24 inches at Logan Airport made it Boston's third biggest snowfall on record, and the largest ever in April, the National Weather Service said.

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Grandmother-slaying teen begins road to recovery

By MICHAEL HILL
Associated Press Writer

KINGSTON, N.Y.

When her grandmother died, 13-year-old Wendy Gardner was supposed to have the last word.

Wendy had planned to say, "You beat me ... now it's your turn to get beaten." But she confessed that even before her boyfriend pulled the kite string around Betty Gardner's neck, plans had gone astray.

"Just do it," she said. Then she fled upstairs and lay down; she sang "Jingle Bells" to blot out the carnage below.

Wendy Gardner is polite and pretty with a round face and long brown hair. In school, she earned A's and B's. She plays the flute — pretty, sweet melodies — and keeps a diary.

In it, she has fantasized about ripping an old boyfriend's flesh to pieces.

The contrasts — darkness and innocence — are typical of this child of drug users: A prostitute mother who died after contracting the AIDS virus. A father who boasted of how his own father dropped dead during an argument between them, according to testimony at Wendy's trial.

Betty Gardner took both Wendy and her sister Kathy into her home in the Hudson Valley town of Saugerties. Wendy was 5, Kathy was 3; their grandmother was a widow who fervently believed in God and discipline, and sometimes the girls were slapped or paddled.

The prosecutor, Michael Miranda, said this was merely old-school discipline. But defense attorney Lisa Beth Older said there was actual abuse, much of it psychological.

Betty Gardner, 67, would tell Wendy she was going to turn out just like her mother. Once, Wendy was made to watch as

her grandmother kneeled in prayer and cursed God for leaving the girl with her, Older said.

Then, in October 1994, Wendy met James Evans. James was older — 15 — and he stole bikes and tortured cats, prosecutors said. Trial psychiatrists diagnosed him as a sociopath.

Before long, Wendy began skipping school. Her grades dropped. Wendy, according to Older, was becoming like James.

Dr. Kevin Smith, a psychiatrist who testified in Wendy's trial, said there was a logic to the relationship. James received affirmation for his behavior; Wendy — operating on the emotional level of an 8-year-old — had a rebel boyfriend to complement her own angry and rebellious feelings.

"They were truly a perfect match," he said. "It's like a lock and key system."

By Christmas 1994, Wendy had essentially lived with James and his mother for two weeks. Betty Gardner ordered her granddaughter home.

According to a confession Wendy gave days after the killing, the young lovers had other plans. They talked about marrying — on a boat, five miles offshore so it would be legal. They talked about killing Betty Gardner.

"If I kill her, will you love me?" James asked, according to Wendy's confession. "And I said 'Yeah, but I don't think you'll do it.'"

"Want to bet?" he asked. Wendy said James considered using a gun (they didn't have one); chopping her to death (too bloody); stabbing her (ditto).

They decided to snap her neck.

The night of Dec. 28, 1994, James went with Wendy to her grandmother's house.

According to Wendy, Betty

demanding that James leave. James lunged at Betty, and put her in a choke hold. He took out a kite string and pulled it with his foot at the base of her neck.

When he told Wendy to say her lines, she was too upset. So James said, "Remember this, bitch, you're never going to be able to hit her again."

Wendy and Kathy hid upstairs.

Later, Wendy and James had sex in the same room where Betty was killed. She helped James stuff the body into the trunk of Betty's 1984 Mercury.

The body stayed in the trunk for the next three days as James — who had no license — drove Wendy to buy video games, sneakers, candy and lingerie with some \$880 stolen from the dead woman. With the body in the trunk, and a teddy bear in the front seat, they went for fast food. They went bowling, twice.

Kathy was made to sit in the back seat sometimes. She did as she was told and stayed quiet. But three days later, she snuck out to a neighbor's house.

The neighbors called 911, but the operator wouldn't take the call — it wasn't an emergency because Betty Gardner was already dead. Then they called Saugerties police, who found the young couple in the Gardner house and the corpse in the trunk.

James Evans was convicted in July of second-degree murder and is serving a nine-years-to-life sentence.

Wendy's subsequent trial in February presented more nuanced questions: Was she under the influence of James at the time of the killing, or did she manipulate him?

Two years after the killing, a poised Wendy Gardner told jurors she loved her grandmother, the woman who tucked her in and kissed her good

night.

When she confessed, she said, she was merely telling police what they wanted to hear.

"I never literally meant I wanted my grandmother to die," she testified.

Smith, the psychiatrist, testified that Wendy was emotionally stunted and saw the murder plan as just the game.

And the demand to "Just do it"? Wendy told Smith it referred to showing some Christmas presents.

But the image of this defendant as a victim was undercut by the matter-of-fact tone in which Wendy discussed the crime on a tape played to the jury, and by testimony from her sister.

On Feb. 21, after nine hours of deliberations, jurors rejected the lesser count of manslaughter and found her guilty of second-degree murder.

Wendy cried and was led from court with a jacket over her head.

Ulster County District Attorney Michael Kavanagh has said he will not seek the maximum sentence of nine years to life when Wendy is sentenced Wednesday. She may serve as little as five years.

But barring a successful appeal, she will grow to adulthood in state custody, and it seems she's trying to make the best of it.

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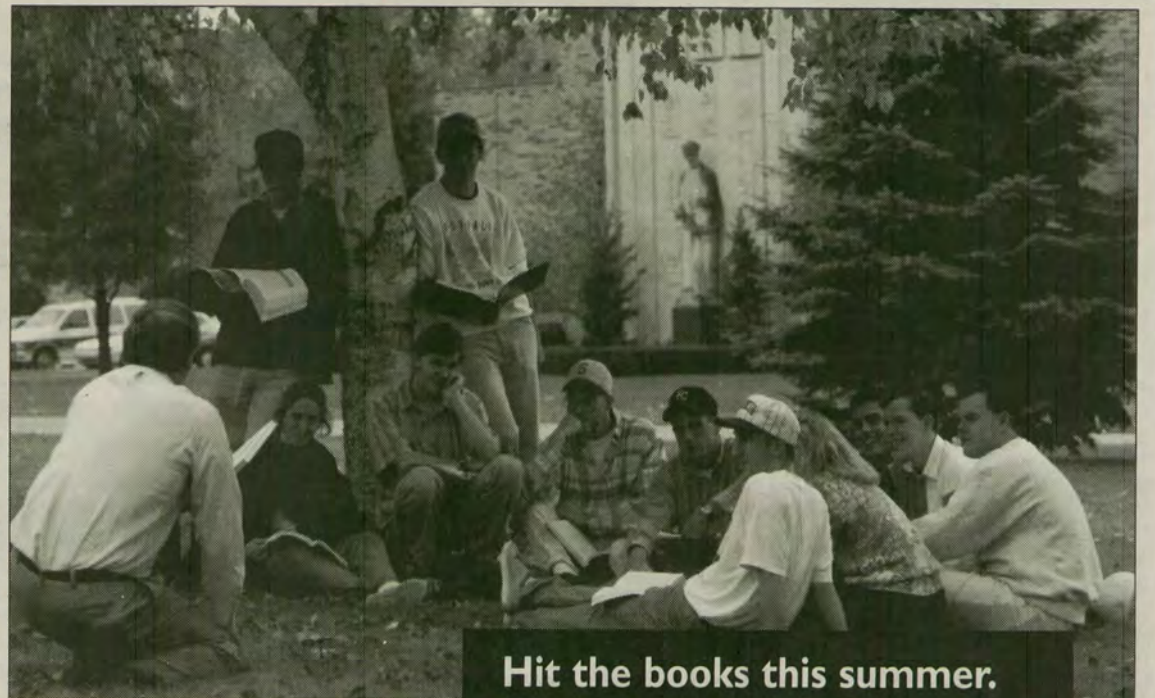
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Staff sergeant charged with sexual misconduct

By DAVID DISHNEAU
Associated Press Writer

ABERDEEN, Md. — Another instructor at the Aberdeen Proving Ground was charged Tuesday with sexual misconduct involving female subordinates, making him the 11th man charged in the ongoing sex scandal.

Staff Sgt. Marvin Kelley, 33, had improper relationships with six trainees and one female soldier stationed at Aberdeen, the Army said.

Kelley was also charged with two counts of obstruction of justice, five counts of failing to obey an order prohibiting such relationships, one count of making a false statement, and three counts of adultery, the Army said.

No further details on the charges were released. An Army spokesman Tuesday night did not know Kelley's race. The other 10 men charged with sexual misconduct at Aberdeen are black; most of their accusers are white.

Also Tuesday, the judge in

the court-martial of a drill sergeant facing 25 charges of rape denied a defense request to interview high-ranking Army officials who last fall called for "zero tolerance" of sexual misconduct.

Lawyers for Sgt. Delmar Simpson argued during a pre-trial hearing that comments made by Secretary Togo West and other Army officials made it impossible for Simpson to receive a fair court-martial and led Aberdeen commanders to charge him with rape when he may have had consensual sex.

"It is our sense that the Army needs somebody to hang rape on," said defense lawyer Frank J. Spinner.

But the judge, Col. Paul Johnston, said he reviewed newspaper clippings and broadcast news reports and did not believe they showed Army officials unduly influenced Simpson's court-martial.

Simpson, 32, is charged with scores of offenses involving as many as 28 female soldiers. If convicted, he could face life in prison. His trial begins next Monday.

Clinton attacks TV beer ads

By SANDRA SOBIERAJ
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WASHINGTON

President Clinton, who scored political points in taking on the tobacco industry, targeted liquor distillers' TV ads Tuesday.

"Liquor has no business with kids," he declared.

But even as Clinton argued he was protecting children and helping parents, he struggled to explain why his move against liquor ads — which stopped just short of recommending a regulatory ban — did not touch the far more pervasive television advertising for beer or wine.

He acknowledged that his aim, for now, is a return to the status quo last fall — before distillers lifted their 50-year, self-imposed ban on radio and TV ads. Vintners and brewers, a politically powerful lobby that spends millions of dollars in Washington, have freely advertised all along.

"I think we ought to start with the principle of no backsliding," Clinton said in outlining his request that the Federal Communications Commission study the impact of lifting the ban and make recommendations for possible federal action.

"We must do nothing — nothing — that would risk encouraging more of our young people to drink hard liquor," Clinton said in a Roosevelt Room ceremony with Vice President Al Gore.

Distillers voted in November to end the ban after Seagram's ran a limited number of ads in Texas. Ever since, FCC Chairman Reed Hundt has sought an official inquiry but the commission remained

deadlocked 2-2 on the question. Hundt hoped Clinton's announcement would sway dissenting commissioners James Quello and Rachelle Chong, and allow the investigation to proceed.

While saying he hoped the industry would voluntarily agree to stay off the airwaves, Clinton said that if the agency finds liquor ads harmful to youngsters, "I think the FCC has grounds to act."

Pressed several times to explain why beer and wine ads were left out of the directive, Clinton said: "I think the liquor industry itself once thought that there was a distinction to be drawn, if for no other reason than alcohol content, between beer and wine and hard liquor, which is why they observed this distinction for 50 years. ... I think they were right."

He appeared to leave open the possibility of broadening the FCC study, saying that "if there is no difference, if there are problems, the FCC can evaluate whatever evidence comes in."

But White House spokesman Mike McCurry later told reporters, "I'm not aware of anyone foreseeing a next step that suggests that you look at beer and wine. I think we're just taking it one step at a time."

Cracking down on tobacco industry ads aimed at children proved a good issue for Clinton in his re-election campaign. Tuesday's liquor announcement, which mostly reiterated past policy statements, was meant to reinvigorate a similarly good "pro-family" issue that Clinton first seized upon in a Father's Day radio address last year.

But distillers were quick to cry hypocrisy Tuesday. And some groups denounced any distinction between hard liquor's harm and the dangers

of beer drinking.

"Alcohol is basically alcohol," said Carolyn Nunnallee, president-elect of Mothers Against Drunk Driving. "When beer is the number one alcoholic beverage of choice among our youth, it just doesn't make sense that these beer ads would not be targeted also."

Elizabeth Board, spokeswoman for the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States, noted that the major national networks still refuse to run liquor ads and only 50 of some 1,000 cable stations have accepted ads since November.

By contrast, she said, beer commercials saturate the airwaves — \$2.5 billion worth since Clinton took office.

"If the administration is serious about children and wants to look at the issue of alcohol and advertising, we have no quarrel about that. But they cannot do it by ignoring 99 percent of the alcohol advertising on television," said Board.

Former Sen. George McGovern, spokesman for the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, agreed that "seductive" beer and wine ads posed the greater threat to young people, but said he understood the political reality Clinton faced in taking on broadcasters and the advertising and liquor industries.

"I've learned long ago you have to be satisfied with partial steps on an explosive issue like this," said McGovern, who lost a daughter to alcoholism.

On Capitol Hill, Rep. W.J. Tauzin, R-La., chairman of the House Commerce subcommittee on telecommunications, scrapped plans for public hearings on the issue. He is instead pursuing behind-the-scenes negotiations with industry representatives for voluntary restrictions on ad content and placement that would cover beer, wine and liquor alike.



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Fear of the apocalypse pervades modern media culture

When I was in fifth grade, my sadistic, twisted, complex-ridden schoolteacher thought it might be fun to spend a few days of religion class covering the fun-to-read and easy-to-understand Book of Revelation. Needless to say, after a collective protest from parents whose children couldn't sleep at night with visions emblazoned in their pre-pubescent minds of multi-headed beasts, plague-spreading devils on horseback and Catholic school

ping along behind the Hale-Bopp. Either way, it's over for us.

In the tradition of Sports Illustrated's weekly installments of signs of the apocalypse, I have come up with a few of my own. And you don't have to look up into the cosmos to see them, unless of course you are wearing black Nikes, have a \$5 bill and some quarters in your pocket, have your bags packed for Mars and are not afraid of a little friendly castration, in which case you might want to look up — the mothership might have a beam left for you.

The first sign on my "The end is approaching list" would undoubtedly have to be the impending doomsday otherwise known as graduation. T-minus 1.5 months to G-day 1997. The day when credit lines dry up, when bills with your name on them mean you actually have to pay them *yourself*, when you have to go out and get a, I can barely say it, ja, ja, job. And you thought the stuff in the movies was scary. When I walk out of the Joyce Center on that Sunday in May, diploma in hand, draped in my tacky gown and sporting my goofy tasseled cap, I'm hoping that the parking lot will open up and swallow me whole. Eternity holds more promise for an English major than the real world.

Another sign that something is out of order in the gentle balance of the cosmos is the enigma of the Notre Dame athletic programs. With our flailing football program trying to schedule St. Joe's for the 1997 schedule (the military academies proving to be all too mighty opponents) and the only sports bringing any pride to this campus being the traditional Fighting Irish fortes of fencing, women's soccer and women's basketball (no offense ladies, it's just a bit out of the ordinary), one of the biggest boys clubs in America is becoming the playground for its loyal daughters, marching onward to victory. Oh, I forgot about men's basketball, but if their success isn't a sign of the apocalypse, I don't know what is.

I am not alone in my end of the world anxiety — it extends beyond our little campus and has gripped the nation

through Hollywood and the media. Movie companies are spitting out endless reproductions of mindless natural disaster flicks and aliens destroy the world movies. Fires, volcanoes, twisters, man eating viruses, earthquakes, motherships laying waste to civilization, etc. And it's not just the movies — television shows are exploiting America's appoca-lust, cranking out serials about omnipresent UFO's and approaching doom in the next millennium, aliens coming to live in happy bliss on the third rock from the sun — speculation about the grandiosity of the future and its inevitable collapse is an insatiable market.

And I am begging for a respite from it all as I can only stomach so much of the fantastic. Blame it on my literacy or my disinterest in trailer-park mythology, but I have a hard time believing in the apocalyptic scenarios bombarding me at every turn. When was the last time seven twisters tore through your town on a Sunday afternoon? Seen any good dormant volcanoes in a highly populated area erupting lately? Sorry about that time the aliens came down to your farmhouse and abducted your wife, but who can you blame? Oh yeah, the federal government, because according to that guy from the FBI, they're all in cahoots.

Spare me. If the world doesn't end in the year 2000 (which I kind of hope it does, if for no other reason than to make Prince's "1999" a number-one hit yet again) we might will the world to end with our tremendous desire to discern and dramatize the way things are all going to come down. Some wacko is going to watch "Twelve Monkeys" enough times and figure out how to actually do it, and judging by the American penchant for apocalyptic fantasy, he'll probably think he's giving us what we want.

And if Hollywood isn't busy pumping out fresh sci-fi-adventure-destruction garbage, it's busy rereleasing old films to fill the artistic void left by such cliched and predictable drivel. From "Star Wars" to "The Graduate" to "The Godfather," production companies have made the wise decision to look in its closets for

work of merit, looking at the wasteland of modern cinema that is so ruled by the almighty dollar that it nominates such trite treasures as "Jerry Maguire" for best picture. I am a supporter of rereleasing the classics, but I lament such a development as well — when classics become contemporary, when they replace current creations instead of existing as a reference point for new and fresh work, they are evidence of the fact that ours is a culture which is becoming unoriginal, artless, meaningless — a stale society that is running out of stories to tell.

Look at television — we have replaced the art of storytelling, the art that is at the core of who we are and how we understand our existence, with "real life" stories. We don't want to write stories and construct our lives, we merely want to watch our lives through cameras that capture cops chasing criminals and twenty somethings experiencing growing pains in plush domiciles. The line between reality and story has become dangerously blurred in this age of multi-media, facts at your fingertips, the real deal in your face, straight from the front lines information explosion. The end is coming for a culture that has sacrificed its imagination, its creativity, its curiosity and opted for docudramas and downloaded facts and figures. Without story, reality is the most bitter of pills. An unoriginal world is one that might as well be over.

Twenty years ago, our world was closer to the reality of global annihilation than ever before, the threat of nuclear war hanging over every head, and yet the apocalypse was rarely discussed and never romanticized — perhaps because, at the time, the threat was more fact than fantasy. Now that the Cold War is behind us and our anxiety that we are going to burn up into piles of radioactive dust is assuaged, we have invented new enemies. We have found new threats to our survival in nature, plagues, and aliens. I will never understand why we have to be staring at death to feel fully alive.

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kiddies being dropped into the fires of damnation for forging their parent's signature on spelling tests, our lessons in the apocalypse came to an abrupt end.

But the damage had been done and my own fascination with the end of the world was born. I prognosticated at the age of 10 that the end would occur on New Year's Eve of the year 1999 at the stroke of midnight. It was simple — God, being the logical being that He is, would want to end things on a nice round number. But since then, I have rethought my calculations. I'm not even sure we have that long.

You heard it here (and a myriad of other places — street corners, soap boxes, and web sites all being hotbeds of apocalypse rhetoric): the end is coming! Prepare ye selves! The Heaven's Gate debacle should be proof enough that the apocalypse is around the corner. Not to be insensitive or write in bad taste (neither of which I have ever tried to avoid before), but an act of such unfathomable insanity suggests one of two things: either the human species is doomed because there is no limit to the capacity of individuals to refuse to use their brains; or Mr. La Tee Do was right, and we are all screwed because we missed the mothership bop-

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—Jacques Barzun



Get Your Hands Dirty with the Environmental Coalition



By NATHANIEL MARX
Accent Writer

Notre Dame's environmental organizations are busy getting ready for a week-long celebration of the natural world beginning this Sunday. The events of Earth Week '97 are being coordinated by the Notre Dame Environmental Coalition, a relatively informal board that has representatives from each of six environmental groups on campus. The coalition was first organized in October of 1995 by Karen Cardinal, current co president of the Recyclin' Irish.

Cardinal says that the coalition "increases dialogue between groups" and allows them to work together more efficiently in their efforts to increase environmental awareness and concern. "Our big objective this semester is Earth Week," Cardinal explains. However, the coalition also hopes to hold a joint festival in the fall when new members can be encouraged to join these organizations.

As the original environmental group on campus, Students for Environmental Action remains active in using education and service to spread information about the state of our environment and increase appreciation for the natural world. Among their accomplishments, president Brian Blank includes the creation of a program in which members teach elementary school students about conservation, recycling and endangered species.

Additionally, SEA has investigated issues of local importance such as the use of pesticide on Notre Dame's lawns and the presence of lead and other heavy metals in the paint of South Bend's older houses. Many of the upcoming Earth Day events are organized by SEA, including an Environmental Mass and a tree planting project on Sunday. Usually, around 50 students and volunteers plant between 1,700 and 2,000 trees on a local property. As part of their effort to inform the campus about environmental issues and club projects, SEA maintains a website at <http://www.nd.edu/~sea/>.

The Recyclin' Irish was originally a program run by SEA. It became a group unto itself due to its great success and growing size. Its self-proclaimed mission is "to maintain, improve and encourage the recycling initiative on the campus of the University of Notre Dame and beyond." The group is primarily responsible for the recycling of paper, aluminum cans, and other solid waste in each dorm and in other buildings on campus.

This is accomplished through environmental commissioners who oversee the recycling programs in their respective dorms. The Recyclin' Irish do more than handle trash, however. The group started the ShamROCK Greenfest, one of the outdoor events featured during Earth Week.

The Irish Outdoors Club promotes respect for nature through direct exposure. The club owns backpacks, tents, stoves, and other necessities for hiking and camping. Past excursions include mountain biking in southern Indiana and snowshoeing in Michigan. Irish Outdoors will host an Earth Week hike at Indiana Dunes on Sunday, April 13. President Eric Nielsen admits that "this year the club has been pretty much inactive." However, Irish Outdoors hopes to gain new members and become more active next fall. The joint efforts of the coalition should help.



Environmental laws and regulations are of primary interest to the Environmental Law Society. President Sarah Stancati worries that "care for the environment doesn't come through enough in the curriculum" of the law school. However, she says, "You cannot practice law without coming upon environmental law." The group hosts speakers and facilitates discussions that improve awareness of environmental issues. As part of the coalition's week-long Earth Day activities, the Environmental Law Society will present a panel of speakers on Thursday, April 10 to discuss controversial clean air regulations that have recently been proposed. Representatives will be on hand from the Indiana Health Department, the St. Joseph County Chamber of Commerce and the Green Party of Indiana. Stancati is quick to point out

that her group does more than discuss legal issues. The society organizes hikes and other events that allow its members, many of whom are hard-working law students, to simply enjoy the outdoors. The Environmental Law Society is not restricted to law students — graduates and undergraduates from all disciplines are welcome.

Engineers at Notre Dame also have their own environmental organization, the Terra Club. Also a sponsor of camping trips and outdoor activities, the Terra Club has taken a trip to Mammoth Cave in Kentucky. The club helps students interested in geology and engineering to find jobs, internships and graduate pro-

grams involving the environment. On Thursday, April 10, the Terra Club will be hosting an environmental career fair as part of the Earth Week celebration.

The final member of the coalition, Students for Responsible Business, is not a purely environmental organization. Nevertheless, Blank, the group's communications director, points out that ethical businesspeople "have to take into account environmental effects" of their decisions. Blank believes that the group's membership in the coalition allows them to share different perspectives and information on issues of importance to the environment and to business. Notre Dame is the first university to offer membership in this national organization to undergraduates as well as to MBA's.

Each of these groups is represented in weekly meetings of the coalition. Still, the coalition itself is not a university-sponsored club, and it has only one officer — Cardinal, the coalition's "organizer." Nevertheless, Notre Dame's environmental organizations place great value in the Environmental Coalition. Stancati notes that the coalition provides the broad perspective and motivation that the Environmental Law Society cannot supply on its own. Cardinal adds that the coalition "gives us a larger base off which to promote environmental awareness." Blank agrees that the different knowledge and opinions that each environmental organization brings to the coalition allows them all to "work together to get a better solution" to the problems of the natural world.

Earth Week '97

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■ ACCENT SPEAKS

By JACKIE MARTINEZ
Accent Copy Editor

It is the grassless, muddy, make-shift pathways we stamper through each day as we cut corners, scrambling to get to class on time. It is the frozen tundra wind whose stinging bite either takes out the unsuspecting victims in its path or causes them to conort their bodies to the best chill-repellent position. It is the trees whose leaves we trample over and whose branches seem to interrupt the flying path of frisbees and footballs on a sunny day. It is even the permeating stench of ethanol which, although unpleasant, strikes a familiar note and brings a somewhat comforting feel to the hearts of students as they return to campus from a semester break. No, it is not a call from heaven's gate made possible by the rapidly approaching Hiale-Bopp. It is ... the environment.

Whether caught up in cursing the never-ending five-month frost that seems to extract any ounce of happiness left in our hearts or blinded by the holy arrival of a ray of sunshine which miraculously breaks through the dense, dark sky which hovers over the Notre Dame community, Domers seem to have gotten lost in the shuffle of what it REALLY means to be environmentally aware. I mean, sure, there are those of us who recycle our Coke cans and have even made the BIG switch from aerosol to non-aerosol spray cans (Stop the presses!), but have our strenuous efforts to save

Mother Earth fallen short somewhere in our environmentally conscious lives?

The answer is, NO! Although loving the environment and preserving it for our children seems to be the new trend which has overtaken high school and college aged students alike, this common thread is something to be praised and not ridiculed. The only problem is, here at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College, how many of us are TRULY aware? How good of a job does our school REALLY do as far as pounding into our brains the importance of recycling and the necessity of purchasing items which are biodegradable? Aside from the recycling bins that dorms have enthusiastically promoted (placing them directly in the walking path of every student) and which have proven to be a success, what else have we done for the environment, whose ozone layer continues to deplete and whose landfills continue to plague our efforts to better the world?

Too often, our concerns seem to focus on the negative rather than the positive. I cannot begin to count how many alcohol seminars, alcohol educational meetings, and alcohol discussions I have been to, as well as informational meetings on stress handling and eating disorders. (I wouldn't be surprised if students turned to drinking or developed a disorder after being subjected to such attacks on our moral character and strength!) True, these are important issues which need to be addressed, but are we not firing of the same old concerns and accusations which force students to look down on themselves?

I have always wondered if, perhaps, it is such negative attacks that only further students' hopelessness.

Do we honestly think we are making matters any better by addressing a group of students, a majority of whom drink, that only weak, distraught, and unstable people need alcohol in their lives? I think not! What we need to do is show students the good that they are doing and that they can be doing more of it rather than concentrate on the bad in the world, if they take a better look at the good. And the good is the environment, our earth, our future. (Do I sense a poster?)

When we choose to tackle topics such as this, we choose to do something which can make us feel good about ourselves. It is true what they say — a little help can go a long way. In other words, we have successfully taken the first step in improving the turmoil which the environment is in by actively participating in its betterment.

So, the next time you sort through your discarded paper, neatly placing the colored, white, newsprint, and magazines in their appropriate bins, don't stop there. Ask yourself if there is something more you could be doing, aside from an excellent job of separation. If so ... do it! It will not only make you feel good about yourself but also about the earth you are helping to save.

It is the soft bed of grass you lay your blanket on to soak in some of the warm beating sun. It is the rocks you throw into the lakes after perfecting your form, hoping to ace a multiple skip. In a way, it is even the mutant squirrels who haunt the deep, dark crevices of the campus, randomly appearing wherever a morsel of food can be found. Yes, it is the Notre Dame campus, but it is also the environment of an earth that spreads much farther and which we can all save.

■ MLB

Indians begin with new look

By DENNIS GEORGATOS
Associated Press Writer

OAKLAND
For the most part, the Cleveland Indians' signature players from the 1995 AL championship team and last year's division-winning club are elsewhere as the new season begins.

Sluggish Albert Belle signed with the Chicago White Sox as a free agent. Bullpen closer Jose Mesa, charged with rape, is on trial and will miss at least the start of the year.

Kenny Lofton, Julian Tavarez, Jose Vizcaino, Eddie Murray and Carlos Baerga all have been traded in a series of deals that began last July.

So, it will be a new-look Indians team that opens the season Wednesday night against the Oakland Athletics, an over-achieving club last year that traded for Jose Canseco during the offseason to reunite him with fellow power hitter Mark McGwire.

The Indians are anything but patchwork, though. Paul Shuey, off a strong spring, assumes the closer role in Mesa's absence. Matt Williams, who hit 247 home runs in nine years at San Francisco, was acquired in

November and is the cleanup batter in place of Belle.

Marquis Grissom and Dave Justice, both integral parts of Atlanta's NL championship team, were acquired last week as part of the trade that sent Lofton to the Braves.

Williams and Justice said they and the other newcomers have been able to fit right into the locker-room mix and veteran teammates such as Kevin Seitzer have filled them in on the nuances of playing in the American League.

"Everybody's cool here," Justice said. "It's made for a smooth transition."

Added Williams "We've got a number of guys who have been around a long time, helping me out, who know how to hit. They're getting sick of me because I've been picking their brains as much as I can."

Cleveland's pitching remains strong and stable, with the return of Charles Nagy, Orel Hershisier, Jack McDowell and Chad Ogea.

Nagy, who went 17-5 with a 3.41 ERA and started the All-Star game last season, pitches opening night against Ariel Prieto, a star for the Cuban na-

tional team who is beginning his second full season with the A's.

"I'm excited, but not nervous," Prieto said. "I don't have nerves. I'm facing a good team but I'll have no problem. We're a good team too."

Two young catchers, George Williams and Izzy Molina, take over the catching job from Terry Steinbach, who left Oakland as a free agent for Minnesota. Likewise, Tony Batista is at shortstop for Mike Bordick, now with Baltimore. Scott Spiezio, after playing most of his career at third, has been moved to second.

Geronimo Berroa and Canseco are expected to split time at DH and in right field. Ernie Young returns to center and Jason Giambi is in left. Each of the four hit 19 or more homers last year.

McGwire, whose 52 home runs led the majors last season and helped Oakland set a team record with 243 homers, has been bothered by back problems this spring but is expected to be in the opening lineup.

"The hitters are ready to start the season," Oakland manager Art Howe said. "Hopefully, the pitching will be where we want it to be."

Expos walk away with first victory

Associated Press

MONTREAL

Montreal walked its way to the first win of the 1997 baseball season.

Pinch-hitter Sherman Obando drew a bases-loaded walk in the ninth inning Tuesday, giving the Expos a 2-1 win over the St. Louis Cardinals.

The Expos opened the year against the NL's Central Division champions before 33,437 at Olympic Stadium, the fourth smallest opening day crowd in 21 seasons at the ballpark.

Rondell White and Shane Andrews had two hits each for Montreal.

Willie McGee and Delino DeShields had two hits apiece for the Cardinals.

With the score tied 1-1 in the ninth, Rondell White led off with an infield single against reliever Rich Batchelor. Loser Tony Fossas relieved and Henry Rodriguez singled to right, sending White to third.

David Segui was intentionally walked to load the bases for pinch-hitter Andy Stankiewicz, who hit a grounder to third baseman Gary Gaetti. Gaetti quickly tagged out White for the first out with Rodriguez taking third.

Obando then worked the count to 3-2 before drawing the game-winning walk.

Ugueth Urbina pitched one inning for the win.

Trailing 1-0, the Cardinals tied it in the sixth when DeShields tripled and scored on a wild pitch by Expos starter Jim Bullinger.

Mark Grudzielanek's RBI single had given the Expos a 1-0 lead in the third off Cardinals starter Todd Stottlemire.

Stottlemire, making his second career opening day start and first for St. Louis, allowed a run and four hits in seven innings.

Tigers open season with late inning loss to Twins

By RON LESKO
Associated Press Writer

MINNEAPOLIS
It was a bad night on the bases for the Minnesota Twins. Pat Meares made sure it wasn't a bad night in the clubhouse, too.

Meares' two-run, two-out homer finished a four-run eighth inning as the Twins rallied from a five-run deficit on opening night to beat the Detroit Tigers 7-5 Tuesday.

The winning rally included one of three potentially costly baserunning mistakes for the Twins, who also lost first baseman Scott Stahoviak for up to four weeks when he broke a finger sliding into second.

"I guess if you're going to

make mistakes, make aggressive mistakes," Meares said. "We're not a team that's going to win every night on a three-run home run. We're going to have to take the extra base and put pressure on some of the outfielders to throw guys out. That was just a sign that we're going to keep pushing and keep pushing the entire game."

The Twins' rally also was a sign that the Tigers' pitching staff could be in for another horrible year.

Detroit, which set an AL record with a 6.38 ERA in 1996 en route to a 109-loss season, self-destructed again after taking a 5-0 lead on Melvin Nieves' three-run homer in the fourth and Tony Clark's two-run double in the fifth.

Starter Doug Brocail, cruising to that point, gave up three runs in the bottom of the fifth. Reliever A.J. Sager came on to pitch three scoreless innings, but Dan Miceli got whacked in the eighth.

"Any time you lose a game that you felt you played well enough to win, it hurts," said Detroit manager Buddy Bell, whose opening-day roster includes 18 new players from the 1996 opener. "The execution was there. Danny just left some balls over the plate and he walked a few people. You can't do that, especially in this ballpark."

Meares started Minnesota's comeback with a bloop triple to shallow center leading off the

fifth. He scored on a wild pitch by Brocail, and, after Chuck Knoblauch's double and Rich Becker's two-run single, Sager replaced Brocail.

But baserunning mistakes by Marty Cordova and Paul Molitor on the same play cost the Twins a chance to score more. With one out and runners on first and third, Matt Lawton hit a deep fly to left-center. Molitor tagged at third and should have scored easily, but Cordova was well around second and was doubled off first for the final out.

Molitor slowed nearly to a walk and touched home after Cordova was retired. The run would have counted had Molitor scored before the third out.

"We can't have that happen if we're going to win on a consistent basis," said manager Tom Kelly, a fanatic about fundamentals.

It happened again in the eighth.

Molitor singled off Miceli leading off the eighth, Cordova and Lawton walked to load the bases and Terry Steinbach — a New Ulm native playing his first game for the Twins — hit a broken-bat single to make it 5-4.

Newcomer Greg Colbrunn followed with a sacrifice fly, but Lawton was thrown out easily at third for the second out. Meares followed with his game-winning homer on a 3-0 count, a 404-foot drive to center.

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■ NBA

Bucks snap road losing streak

Associated Press

VANCOUVER

Glenn Robinson scored 10 of his 25 points in the third quarter as the Milwaukee Bucks snapped a five-game road losing streak with a 102-91 win over the Vancouver Grizzlies.

Robinson, coming off a 30-point performance in Sunday's 99-97 loss at Denver, sparked a 15-1 run at the start of the third quarter as the Bucks won for only the third time in their last 13 games. Robinson, who fouled out with 44 seconds left, has led the Bucks in scoring 30 times this season.

Sherman Douglas added 21 points and nine assists while center Andrew Lang, playing only his second game after missing more than a month of action, chipped in 12 points and nine rebounds as all five Milwaukee starters scored in double figures.

Rookie Shareef Abdur-Rahim scored 21 of his 26 points in the first half for Vancouver, which lost its fifth straight. Lee Mayberry, starting in place of Greg Anthony, scored a season-high 17 points against his former team.

Vancouver lost its NBA-worst 63rd game of the season and 20th of its last 21.

Minus center Bryant Reeves (tendonitis left knee), the Grizzlies were outmatched down. It didn't help Vancouver's cause when rookie power forward Aaron Williams, getting his first career start, picked up his fourth foul early in the third quarter. He eventually fouled out three minutes into the fourth.

Also, Grizzlies rookie forward Roy Rogers had to be helped off the floor when he fell awkwardly late in the fourth quarter.

After leading by as many as eight points in the first half, the Grizzlies fell behind for good when Douglas hit both free throws to make it 54-52 with 1:28 left in the second quarter.

The Bucks then put the game away at the start of the third quarter, going 5-for-7 to open a 70-56 bulge. The Grizzlies, meanwhile, missed their first seven shots, failing to score their first field goal until rookie Chris Robinson hit a 3-pointer with 6:03 remaining.

Vancouver went on an 13-5 run to cut the Bucks' lead to 96-88 with 1:34 left, but failed to get any closer.

The Grizzlies got to the free-throw line only 17 times, including three in the first half, compared to the Bucks' 32.

Milwaukee, in the midst of a seven-game road trip (its longest in nine years), is at Seattle on Thursday.

Van Exel leads Lakers past Sonics

Associated Press

SEATTLE

Back in January, Nick Van Exel promised he'd buy everyone on the SuperSonics a gift worth less than \$100 if the Lakers didn't win the Pacific Division title.

It was just trash-talk then, but the fourth-year guard is sticking with his boast. He backed it up by scoring 30 points in the Lakers' 99-97 victory over the Seattle SuperSonics on Tuesday night.

"If we don't win the division, I'll pay up," Van Exel said. "A lot of people wrote us off because of the injuries. Now but we're just trying to build up some momentum and get our team healthy."

The victory didn't come without a cost as the injury-riddled Lakers lost two more big men to injuries. Elden Campbell suffered a bruised right buttock in the first half and left in the third quarter, and Travis Knight suffered a bruised right knee in the first quarter and never returned.

Both are listed as questionable for Wednesday night's home game against Denver.

The injuries only seemed to strengthen the Lakers resolve. "We knew coming in that if they won, that pretty much gave them the division," Van Exel said.

Sonics coach George Karl had a 20-minute closed door meeting with Gary Payton after the game. When Karl met with the media, he was distraught.

"Why our minds are de-energized at this time is a concern," Karl said. "This is the third or fourth game in a row that our beginnings have stunk."

Hersey Hawkins had 19 points on 4-for-13 shooting and was dismayed with the way he and his teammates played.

"This was the most important game of our season to date and look how we played," Hawkins said. "We're so-called pros and we didn't play that way."

The Lakers won their fourth straight game and closed within a half-game of first place in the Pacific Division. The Lakers are trying to win their first division crown since the 1989-90 season.

Van Exel's free throw with 3.1 seconds left gave the Lakers a 99-95 lead that clinched the victory.

Los Angeles swept the Sonics in Seattle and won the season series 3-1. The Lakers will have the tiebreaker advantage if the teams finish the regular season with the same record.

Van Exel made 10 of his career-high 28 shots and also had six assists, six rebounds and five steals. Eddie Jones added 20 and Jerome Kersey 14.

Every time the Sonics threatened to overtake the Lakers, Van Exel responded. Gary Payton's two free throws pulled the Sonics to 90-89 with 3:40 left, but Van Exel hit a short jumper for a 92-89 lead. The Sonics never got any closer.

Los Angeles coach Del Harris was ejected for arguing a non-call with referee Joey Crawford late in the fourth quarter.

Shawn Kemp surpassed the 10,000 point mark in the first half. He came off the bench to lead the Sonics with 21 points and 10 rebounds. Payton and Hersey Hawkins had 19 points each.

Van Exel's layup gave the Lakers a 65-50 advantage, but the Sonics rallied with a 10-0 run after Campbell left the game. Kemp had nine third-quarter points as the Sonics closed to 71-68.

Byron Scott's 3-point shot with 10 seconds left in the first half gave Los Angeles a 50-39 halftime lead. Van Exel had 12 points and Jones 11 for the Lakers. Kobe Bryant scored nine on 4-for-4 shooting off the bench, and Van Exel had two baskets and an assist in a 9-3 run that closed the half.

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■ NBA

Jackson gives up final year

By JOHN F. BONFATTI
Associated Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA Temple center Marc Jackson will give up his final year of college eligibility to enter the NBA draft, sources told The Associated Press.

Jackson scheduled a 3 p.m. news conference at the school to make the announcement.

The Atlantic 10 Player of the Year, Jackson, a 6-foot-10, 270-pound junior, was the Owls' leading scorer and rebounder the past two seasons, averaging 16 points and nine rebounds last season.

He will be only the second Temple player to leave school

early. Junior Donald Hodge was drafted by Dallas in 1991.

Jackson could declare himself eligible for the draft and go back to Temple for his senior year, whether he's drafted or not, as long as he doesn't sign with an agent.

"We've sat down and talked about his options for some time," Temple coach John Chaney told the Philadelphia Daily News. "He has to make his judgment, based on what's the worse that could happen to him."

Most draft evaluators don't see Jackson as a first-round choice. Don Leventhal, in his most recent rankings, had Jackson rated as the sixth pick

in the second round, No. 36 overall.

But Leventhal's ratings don't include several other underclassmen who are expected to announce they will enter the draft, players who figure to be selected ahead of Jackson.

While first-round picks get guaranteed contracts, with this year's final pick in the first round guaranteed a three-year deal at about \$1.75 million, second-round selections don't.

Still, Jackson may have other, more lucrative offers in Europe if he doesn't make it in the NBA. Former Owl Derrick Battie, a solid, but unspectacular college player, made \$150,000 last year playing overseas.

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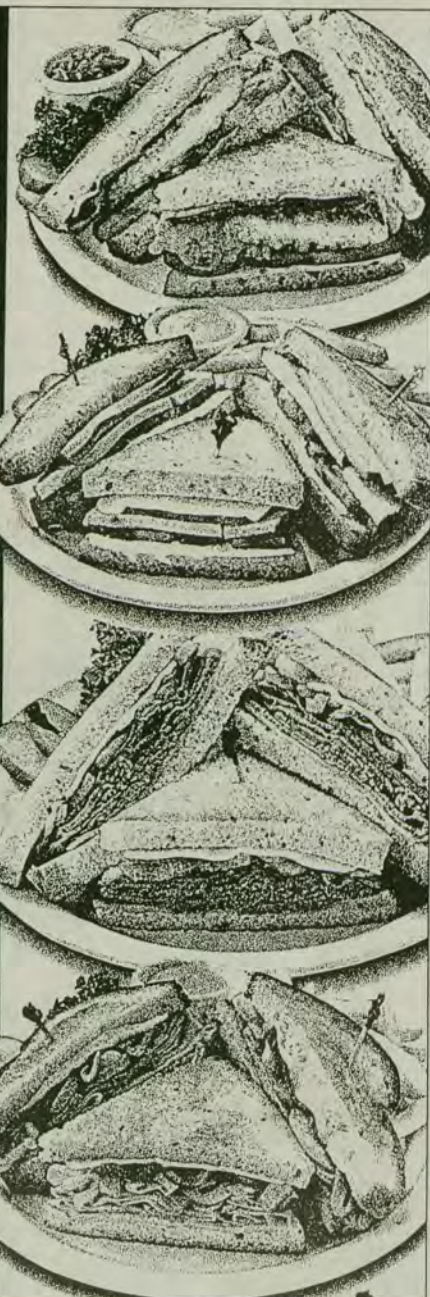
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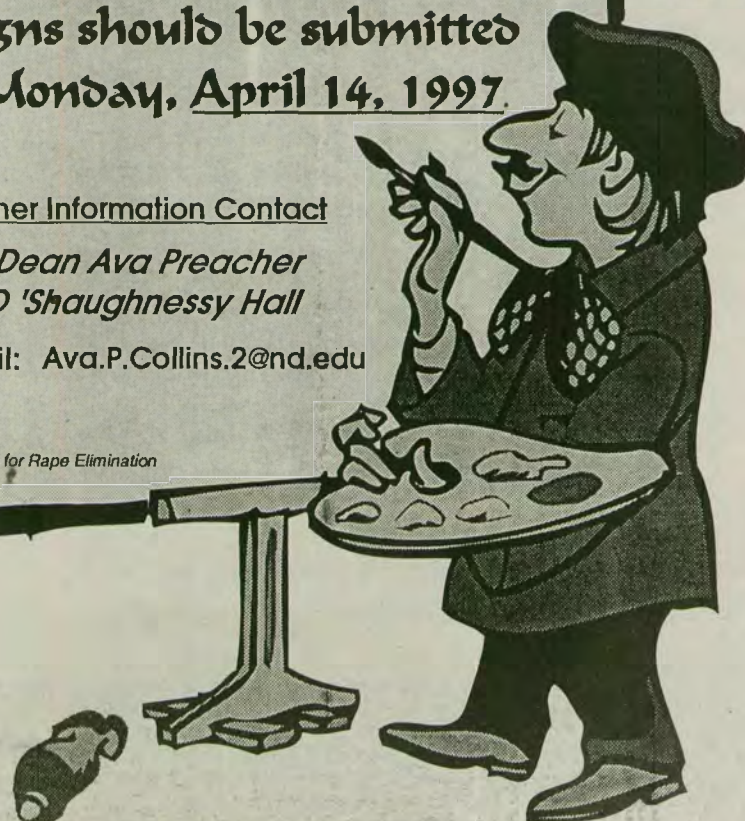
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■ WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish defeat Boilermakers but fall to Volunteers

By BILL HART
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's 12th-ranked women's tennis team had mixed results this weekend, defeating a local rival before falling to a national one.

The Irish began their week-end schedule by defeating Purdue 5-4 on Saturday at Eck Tennis Pavilion. The win ends

a three-game skid which began on March 9 with a loss to Wake Forest.

In singles play, four players each posted singles wins for Notre Dame. In the first match, Jennifer Hall defeated Purdue's Mary Beth Maggart. They played one set, 6-1, before Maggart retired from play. Senior Tiffany Gates lost a close third match in three sets, 2-6, 6-2, 6-3.

The Irish then swept the last three matches to jump out to a 4-2 lead at the end of singles play. Kelly Zalinski, Darcie Sweet, and Kelley Olson all finished off their opponents in straight sets.

In doubles play, Zalinski and Velasco defeated Purdue's Jennifer Embry and Shannon Tahany at No. 2 doubles, 8-0, to finish off the Boilermakers. The other two Irish duos lost

their matches.

On Monday, the Irish faced 29th-ranked Tennessee at the UT Varsity Courts in Knoxville. Despite a tight struggle, the Lady Vols squeezed out the win, 6-3.

The Irish were led by Velasco and Zalinski, who won the only matches of the day. Velasco defeated Margie Lepsi in straight sets, 6-2, 6-4, while Zalinski defeated Kristin Bachochi, 6-3, 6-0. Later on, the two teamed up to claim the only Irish doubles victory of the day, 8-3.

The turning point in the match came at No. 3 singles,

where Tennessee's Whitney Dill managed to come from behind to defeat Gates in three sets, 4-6, 7-5, 6-1. They iced the match when Manisha Malhotra and Lepsi, the nation's eighth-ranked doubles team, registered an 8-5 victory over Gates and Hall.

With the win, the Lady Vols improved their record to 12-7 and tied a season high with its fourth straight win, while the Irish fell to 10-8 on the season. Notre Dame returns home on Saturday to face William and Mary at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. The match begins at 3 p.m.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Expectations too high for this year's Wildcat team

By MIKE EMBRY
Associated Press Writer

INDIANAPOLIS

It turned into a season of great expectations for a Kentucky team that wasn't necessarily great. And the Wildcats nearly pulled it off.

Kentucky, returning two starters from its 1996 NCAA national title team, failed in its

bid to repeat as champions, losing 84-79 in overtime to Arizona on Monday night.

"A lot of people doubted us all year long, and we just kept coming up with ways to win and ways to win, and we kept advancing," said forward Scott Padgett. "And I think that shows the true heart of this team. I don't think we have anything to hang our heads about."

After a season-opening overtime loss to Clemson, the Wildcats (35-5) reeled off 13 consecutive victories before losing to Mississippi. They lost twice to South Carolina in the next 23 games before the championship game.

Tony Delk, Walter McCarty, Antoine Walker and Mark Pope were NBA draft picks from the championship squad. Derek

Anderson and Anthony Epps were the returning starters.

Kentucky had standout players in sophomores Ron Mercer and Wayne Turner. Mercer would develop into an All-American and Turner would emerge as a floor leader.

Anderson, the team's leading scorer, was having a stellar season when he went down with a knee injury on Jan. 18.

With Anderson's absence and opposing teams concentrating on stopping Mercer, other players stepped forward. In the end, Kentucky became a more balanced team.

Jared Prickett and Nazr Mohammed played solidly around the basket while Allen Edwards, Scott Padgett and Cameron Mills gave a lift with their perimeter shooting.

Baseball

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starting to come around."

The win over Central Michigan capped an undefeated three-game homestand for the Irish and gave them the confidence they were looking for as they headed into what was supposed to be a busy weekend with doubleheaders on the road versus Connecticut and St. John's.

The weekend certainly started well, as senior hurler Darin Schmalz limited the Huskies to just two runs on four hits over nine innings to record his third complete game of the season.

"That's just how Darin pitches," explained Wagner, who

has some experience catching the Irish ace. "You can always count on him to give you seven (strong) innings."

After jumping out to a 4-0 lead in the top of the first, Schmalz and the Irish experienced their only shaky moments of the day. Connecticut used a one-out homer, along with a walk and two other hits, to cut Notre Dame's lead to two.

This was as close as the Huskies would come for the remainder of the contest though, as Schmalz blazed through Connecticut's order for the next eight innings, allowing just one more hit.

"That's his style," praised Wagner. "He likes to go right after the hitters. He is a con-

stant pitcher."

Offensively, Wagner added a pair of doubles to his recent hot streak, leftfielder Allen Greene belted another home run, and catcher Mike Amrhein extended his hitting streak to 19 games with a fifth inning double.

The Blue and Gold played the Huskies to a 4-4 tie through three innings in the nightcap, before a storm washed away any chance of completing the contest. The squad faced more of the same after traveling to St. John's on Easter and two more potentially important conference wins went by the

wayside. None of the games will be rescheduled.

"It's never good to get rained out," Wagner commented. "Every game in the Big East is important. We want to dominate the Big East from here on out."

The team will be back in action this afternoon at Frank Eck Stadium as they take on regional opponent Eastern Illinois. The Irish shut out the 1996 Ohio Valley Conference champions 5-0 in the only meeting of the two teams last season.

The contest will mark the

first of nine consecutive home games for the Notre Dame, who has played all but four games away from South Bend this year.

"It's somewhat difficult to play on the road," said Wagner. "At home, you're familiar with your surroundings, you have your home fans, and you're able to relax. It's just more comfortable."

If things go well over the next week-and-a-half, the Irish can use their home field advantage to create a comfortable cushion between themselves and the ever-pesky .500 mark.

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championships by North Carolina last season, in the last three years the team boasts a national championship and two runners-up.

Even down to the women's lacrosse players. Although they have not quite had a chance to prove themselves, they fought their way to earning the title and amenities of being a varsity sport, and now are looking for the chance to get their names in the record books.

Overall, the Irish female athletes are making a statement. In fact, it is a bit unfair to refer to them as "female athletes." A football player isn't referred to as a male football player.

They are athletes, regardless of gender, race, or whatever.

Granted, male athletes are bigger, stronger, and often faster, and it will be a long time, if ever, before we will see women playing men on the college basketball court or soccer field. But women everywhere,

especially here at Notre Dame, want to be taken seriously and are backing up that desire with performances that can't be denied their merit.

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■ SOFTBALL

Irish win four, stand undefeated in conference

By ALLISON KRILLA
Sports Writer

It was spring cleaning time this weekend in South Orange, N.J., as the Notre Dame softball team swept two double-headers against Big East rival Seton Hall.

The Irish opened their conference schedule with a bang, defeating the 7-11 Pirates by an average margin of more than seven runs per game over the four game series. Improving its record to 16-12 overall and 4-0 in the Big East, the team put on an offensive clinic, while the pitching staff continued to dominate the opposition.

"(The games versus Seton Hall) were good for us to get more comfortable and gain confidence," said co-captain Meghan Murray. "Offensively

we stepped up and were able to consistently score runs."

Murray sparked the offense against the Pirates in the first game of Saturday's double-header, contributing two hits. Third baseman Kara McMahon and outfielder Liz Perkins also added two hits apiece for the Irish. Pinch hitter Amy Laboe's single in the sixth inning plated two runs, allowing the squad to end the game after the sixth, by virtue of the mercy rule. Kelly Nichols picked up the 9-1 complete game victory, her fifth of the season, by hurling a one hitter.

"It feels good to be the ones to end the game early, instead of having (the game) end early, from a losing perspective," said Murray.

In the final game of the weekend, Seton Hall tried to slow down the red hot Irish

team, but All-American Katie Marten went 4-4 with a triple and two RBIs to pace Notre Dame. The highlight of the 6-2 Irish victory came in the fifth inning when co-captain Murray and freshman phenom Sarah Mathison slammed back-to-back home runs. Mathison finished with three hits, as the Blue and Gold pounded out 12 hits as a team. Senior Joy Battersby picked up her third win of the season, allowing six hits and two runs.

Murray believes that her strong offensive performance and that of fellow captain Marten is a result of the team's ability to evenly distribute the work load.

"We (Murray and Marten) put a lot of pressure on ourselves," said Murray. "In the early part of the season, other

people stepped up to lead the team. It's good to have one through nine hitters that can become impact players. That's one of the strengths of this team."

Murray and Marten combined for five hits in the first game of the series on Thursday. A fifth inning explosion led to six Irish runs, and a large enough cushion for Angela Bessolo, who picked up her team-leading eighth win of the season with the 7-1 victory.

Marten also dominated the second game on Thursday, going 3-3 with two runs scored and one RBI. Perkins and Mathison each added three hits, including two doubles. Notre Dame demolished the Pirates' pitching with 14 hits, while ace Kelly Nichols com-

bined with Battersby for the 12-1 victory, allowing one run on four hits.

After a sub-par start, the Irish have been scorching of late, compiling a 14-5 record in their last 19 games, all on the road. Murray attributes the team's recent success to improved team chemistry, as well as a tough spring tournament schedule.

"It was great to play all the tough teams in the spring because these are the teams we'll face in the post-season," Murray said. "We know that they will improve, but so will we. It's a good bench mark for where we need to be."

Up next for the Blue and Gold are the Boilermakers of Purdue, with two games slated for tomorrow in West Lafayette.

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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.

Special Olympics—Volunteers are needed to help Special Olympic swimmers. Practices are at Rolfs Aquatic Center on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. For more info call Coach Dennis Stark at 1-5983.

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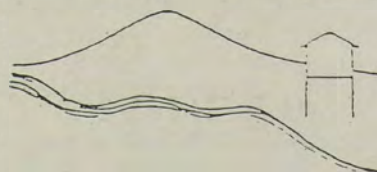
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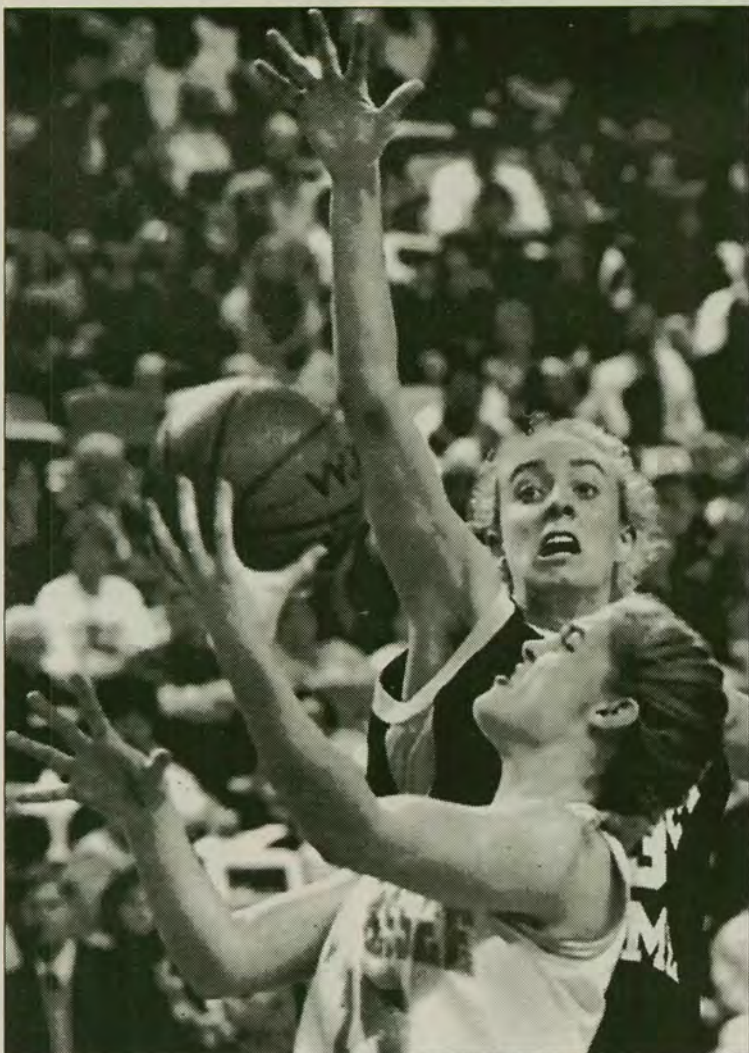
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Junior Mollie Pierick attempts to block the shot of Kellie Jolly.

Game

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Center Katryna Gaither was dominant in the paint as she had 14 points in the first half on her way to a team high 28.

Besides Holdsclaw's 13 for 25 performance from the field she drew the assignment of defending Morgan.

"I viewed it as a challenge defensively," Holdsclaw said.

"Going out playing as poorly as we played is disappointing but a good team will do that to you," Morgan said.

Tennessee extended their first half lead on a jumper by Holdsclaw with 6:14 left, but Rosanne Bohman scored four of her six points on consecutive trips down the floor and a layup by Gaither at the buzzer to bring the score to 29-28 in favor of the Vols.

Coming out of the locker room, the Volunteer defense continued to hound the Irish

ball handlers as Mollie Peirick and Jeannine Augustin had trouble with Tennessee's taller guards, who helped to cause 23 Notre Dame turnovers leading to 21 UT points.

"We've really been trying to emphasize our defense lately, and we played with a lot of intensity," Tennessee coach Pat Summit said. "We made a lot of big time plays on defense."

"I thought they had good pressure on the ball, and that's the key to good defense," McGraw said. "I thought that for 40 minutes they played very aggressively, and it was a great defensive effort on their part."

That defensive effort prevented Irish guards from being able to get the ball in the paint to Gaither in the first 10 minutes of the second half. Whenever Gaither got the ball in the post she usually scored or was fouled as she shot 10 for 15 from the field and 8 for 8 from the charity stripe.

The Volunteers extended their lead to seven points three



The Observer/Brandon Candura
Senior center Katryna Gaither struggles to wrestle a rebound away from Pashen Thompson.

minutes into the half, but three pointers from Morgan and Sheila McMillen brought the Irish back into the contest as they refused to go quietly.

The Irish got back to within three, but Holdsclaw took advantage of an Irish turnover and dialled long range herself to give her squad a bit of breathing room.

Morgan drained another three to bring the score to 45-43 with just over 10 minutes left in the contest. But if it wasn't Holdsclaw who

answered, it was Abby Conklin who was 3 of 4 from behind the arc and had 11 points, or it was Kyra Elzy who added 14 points of her own.

"We felt really good at that point but we just needed a defensive stop and some rebounds," McGraw said.

But the Irish could not stop the Volunteers down the stretch as they shot 52 percent from the field in the second stanza. They also beat the Irish off the boards as they took advantage of 20 offensive rebounds on

their way to a 43-34 edge in that category. The 14-point margin marked the largest lead the Volunteers had throughout the game as McGraw saw her team's remarkable season come to an end. But it didn't end without them proving themselves. McGraw commented on where she thinks her team ranks.

"I think this team proved that they are on of the best of the country and this season is something we are very, very, proud of."

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loss since grade school.

She wasn't about to let that change.

Already a two-time All-American, Holdsclaw only added to her growing legend by pouring in 31 points, as she led her Lady Volunteers to an 80-66 victory over the Cinderella Irish.

"She was a human highlight film," praised Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw. "I think she is the best player in the nation."

McGraw may have a good argument, especially when one considers the kind of success Holdsclaw's teams have had.

The 6-foot-2 Holdsclaw brought four high school state championships to Knoxville and hasn't let up since.

Tennessee's 68-59 victory over Old Dominion in the title game Sunday night marked the second time in two years that Holdsclaw, who tallied 24 in the contest, could call herself a "champion." In addition, she was named the tournament's most outstanding player.

But it was her dominating effort against the Irish that really cemented the award.

Not only did Holdsclaw lead the game in scoring, she chipped in a marvelous effort at the defensive end, particularly in the second half.

With 17:06 left, for example, Holdsclaw stripped Irish guard Mollie Peirick and raced to the other end and converted the lay-up. The four-point swing put the Lady Vols in front 37-30, marking their biggest lead to that point. She added three more steals in the second stanza.

The scorer also turned stopper, as the extremely athletic Holdsclaw did her part in putting the clamps on Irish star Beth Morgan. Though Morgan did manage 18, Holdsclaw provided a taller and quicker defender and frustrated Morgan throughout the contest.

"She's a great player and did a great job defensively," said Morgan. "She's got those long, lanky arms that seem to go forever."

But Holdsclaw's effort at the other end of the floor could not be overlooked either.

Fluid and able to create her own shot, the Astoria, N.Y., na-

tive was able to consistently get an open look despite the rather intense attention of the Irish defense.

Holdsclaw was 13-25 from the field and 5-6 from the line. She was especially instrumental early in the second half when UT took command of the game.

Leading by three at the 17:55 mark, Holdsclaw scored six

points in the next minute and a half as the Vols pushed a one-point half-time lead to six.

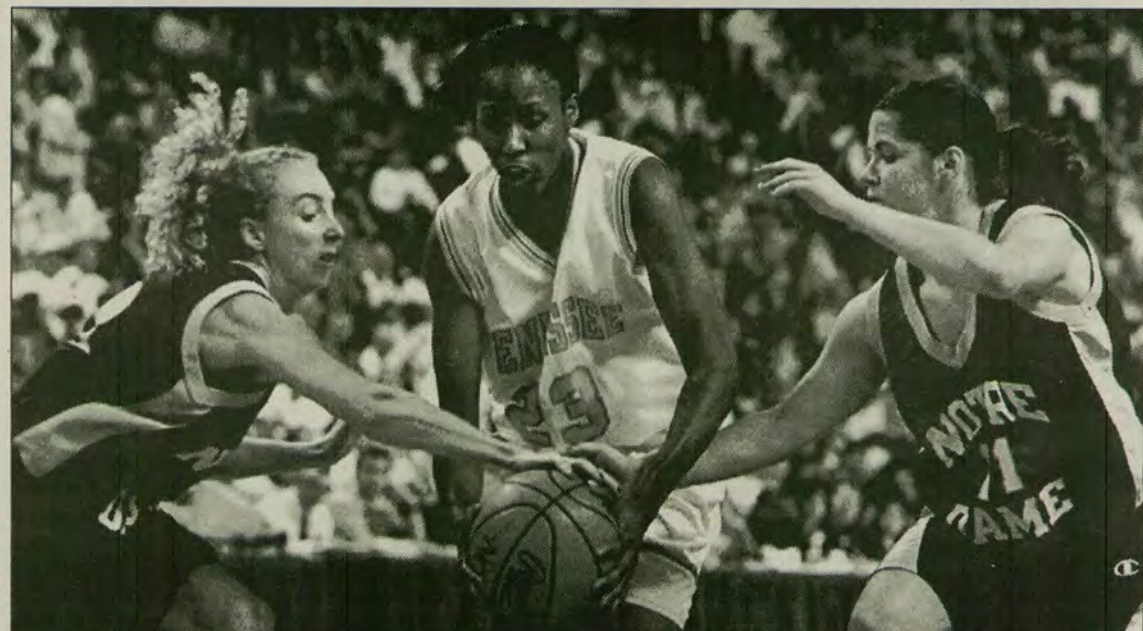
To combat the onslaught, McGraw soon shifted to a box-and-one on Holdsclaw, but even that was too little, too late.

"She's outstanding," said McGraw. "She's talented. She works hard. She can put the ball on the floor. She can shoot

it. She can do it all."

Teammate Abby Conklin was a bit more succinct in assessing Holdsclaw's impact on the Lady Vols with the tournament's best one-liner.

Responding to a reporter's question of where would the team be without Holdsclaw, Conklin shot back, "Spring break."



The Observer/Rob Finch
Despite the tough defense of Mollie Pierick and Jeannine Augustin, Chamique Holdsclaw scored 31 points.

■ IRISH INSIGHT

Luck of the Irish runs out

Last Friday night, the clock finally struck midnight for the Cinderella story of the Notre Dame women's basketball team. But before they were done they made history, and lots of it.

After their 80-66 loss to the eventual NCAA champion Tennessee Volunteers, head coach Muffet McGraw walked into the press conference room. Her opening remarks were not about the team's 23 turnovers or being beaten off the boards. They were words of pride in her squad's remarkable season.



Joe Cavato
Assistant Sports Editor

"We just finished the most outstanding run in the history of Notre Dame basketball," McGraw said. "I couldn't be prouder of these two people beside me (Beth Morgan and Katryna Gaither). I think that they're both All-Americans. They had tremendous seasons, tremendous NCAA tournaments. I can't say enough good things about the way they have taken our program from nowhere to the Final Four."

McGraw went on to comment on the character and heart of her team that overcame numerous adversities in many forms to finish the year 31-7.

"Although we're disappointed with our performance. I could not be prouder of these two or my team. I don't think there was any other team in the country that has been through what we've been through, and to win 31 games is an outstanding accomplishment."

Accomplishment is something that this team, particularly the seniors, know all about. Everyone knows about the school's top two leading scorers and first two 2,000 point scorers, All-Americans Morgan and Gaither. Morgan and Gaither combined with their classmates, Jeannine Augustin, Rosanne Bohman, and



The Observer/Brandon Candura

Irish senior forward Rosanne Bohman fights off Volunteer defender Niya Butts in an attempt to score in the semifinal battle.

Adrienne Jordan, to have the best four-year class record in Notre Dame history with a mark of 97-32, good for a winning percentage of .758.

The two years before the class of '97 stepped foot on campus McGraw's squads were trapped in mediocrity as they had marks of 14-17 in 1991-92 and 15-12 in 1992-93. Morgan saw the most action of her

classmates as she became only the third Irish freshman to lead the team in scoring while the team enjoyed a 22-7 record and earned its second NCAA tournament bid.

The following year the Irish had a 21-10 mark while winning two of their three games in the women's NIT. In its junior campaign McGraw's squad finished second in the

Big East conference and won its first NCAA tournament game over Purdue.

This year the Irish began with their best start ever, knocking off two top 10 teams in the WNIT, rising up to a program best seventh ranking in the polls.

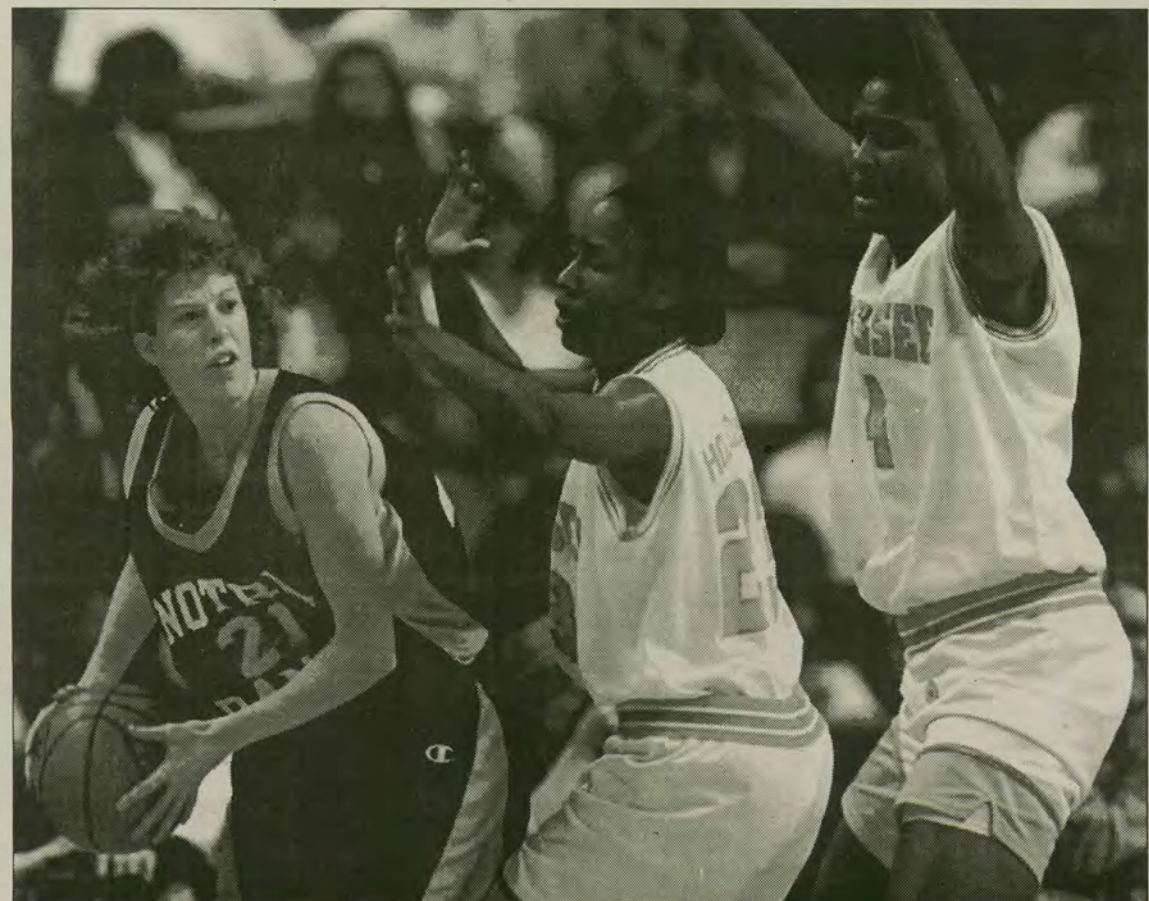
The Irish were rolling but then more injuries hit, and it looked as if the season full of so much promise might be in jeopardy. However the veteran squad refused to make excuses as the Irish bounced back from the injuries and several losses to unranked foes to regain momentum. They continued to make marks in the "W" column shattering the previous record for wins in a season of 23.

Their NCAA tournament run, eliminating the No. 3, 2, and 5 seeds, surprised everybody but themselves. It finally brought their accomplishments and tal-

ent into the spotlight that too many times has gone unnoticed by the national media as well as the students — who probably didn't realize how good this team really was.

"It was a great experience," Morgan said. "The Final Four is a great accomplishment of our team and our program. Going out and playing as poorly as we did is disappointing but a lot of players go through a program and don't get a chance that we did. I think looking back we're very proud of that."

As they should be, and now everyone knows how special a team this was as they were one of the Final Four. Despite their loss to the now five-time champs Tennessee, they will be remembered how McGraw will remember them and exactly how they should be — as winners.



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Senior guard Beth Morgan looks to pass out of the Tennessee double team in Friday's game.

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Katryna Gaither (left) found herself caught in a physical battle as the Vols were a force on the boards as well as on the perimeter as Sheila McMillen (below) and the other guards were hounded by an intense defense.

End of the dream



Notre Dame's first ever trip to the Final Four was cut a bit short as the defending champs knocked the Irish out of the tournament and ended their remarkable, record-breaking season.



Jeannine Augustine realizes that their NCAA run has come to an end.

Katryna Gaither and Rosanne Bohman (above) try to solve the mystery of how to defeat the now five time NCAA champs. Head coach Muffet McGraw (right) walks off the floor after she coached her team to the best season in the history of ND women's basketball.



Photos by Rob Finch

■ MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish defeat ranked opponent in overtime thriller

By CHARLEY GATES
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's lacrosse team didn't invent lacrosse (they left that to the Native Americans); they just perfected it. Twelfth-ranked Hobart was the latest victim of the men's rampage, falling 10-9 to the Irish in overtime on Saturday afternoon on a messy Moose Krause Stadium field.

"This was a great win for us," stated head coach Kevin Corrigan. "They were a team that was playing very well, and we beat them."

"Hobart was a strong team," sophomore attackman Chris

Dusseau agreed. "They had played two games before this — one well and one not so well. But they played very well on Saturday."

The game was a see-saw battle in which the lead changed hands seven times. Notre Dame began the scoring just 1:40 into the contest when junior midfielder Burke Hayes beat Hobart goaltender Mike Cullen for a 1-0 lead. Hobart notched the next two tallies, but the Irish came marching back to take a 3-1 lead on back-to-back unassisted goals by senior attackman Will DeRiso. Hobart, however, closed out the half with four decisive goals to nab a 5-3 lead.

"I wouldn't use the word 'concerned' to describe us at half-time," recalled Corrigan. "They were playing very well. The 'good' Hobart team definitely showed up. Their goalie especially was playing well."

Hobart goalie Mike Cullen finished with 16 saves for the Statesmen, a feat which DeRiso described as "phenomenal." "To get that many saves is incredible," he quipped. "He really had a tremendous day."

"We knew [at the half] that they were playing well," explained Dusseau, "but we were playing very well, too. We were getting lots of good opportunities; we were doing everything except scoring. But we knew that the goals would eventually

come."

And come the goals did, as the Domers scored four unanswered goals of their own. Sophomore midfielder Brad Owen initiated the run with 13:21 left in the third quarter. Goals from Dusseau, Stedman Oakey, and Ned Webster quickly followed — all came within 1:26 of each other, giving the Irish a 7-6 lead with 8:30 remaining in the third quarter. The lead changed hands several more times, but Webster gave Notre Dame a 9-8 advantage with four minutes left in the contest, but Hobart notched the game with 2:44 remaining and forced an extra stanza.

Notre Dame fortuitously headed into the overtime a man up.

"At that point we were just thinking, 'Let's end it here,'" observed DeRiso. "We were a man-up, which is an ideal situation in overtime, and we just wanted to give them no opportunities and to get a goal ourselves."

Notre Dame did not have to wait long. DeRiso tossed a no-look pass to Dusseau who quickly whipped a shot that deflected off Cullen and into the net for a 10-9 Irish victory.

"This was important for us," stated Dusseau.

"It was nice, but I don't look at games too carefully during the regular season," stated Corrigan. "Win or lose we still have Hofstra [Friday's opponent] on Friday."

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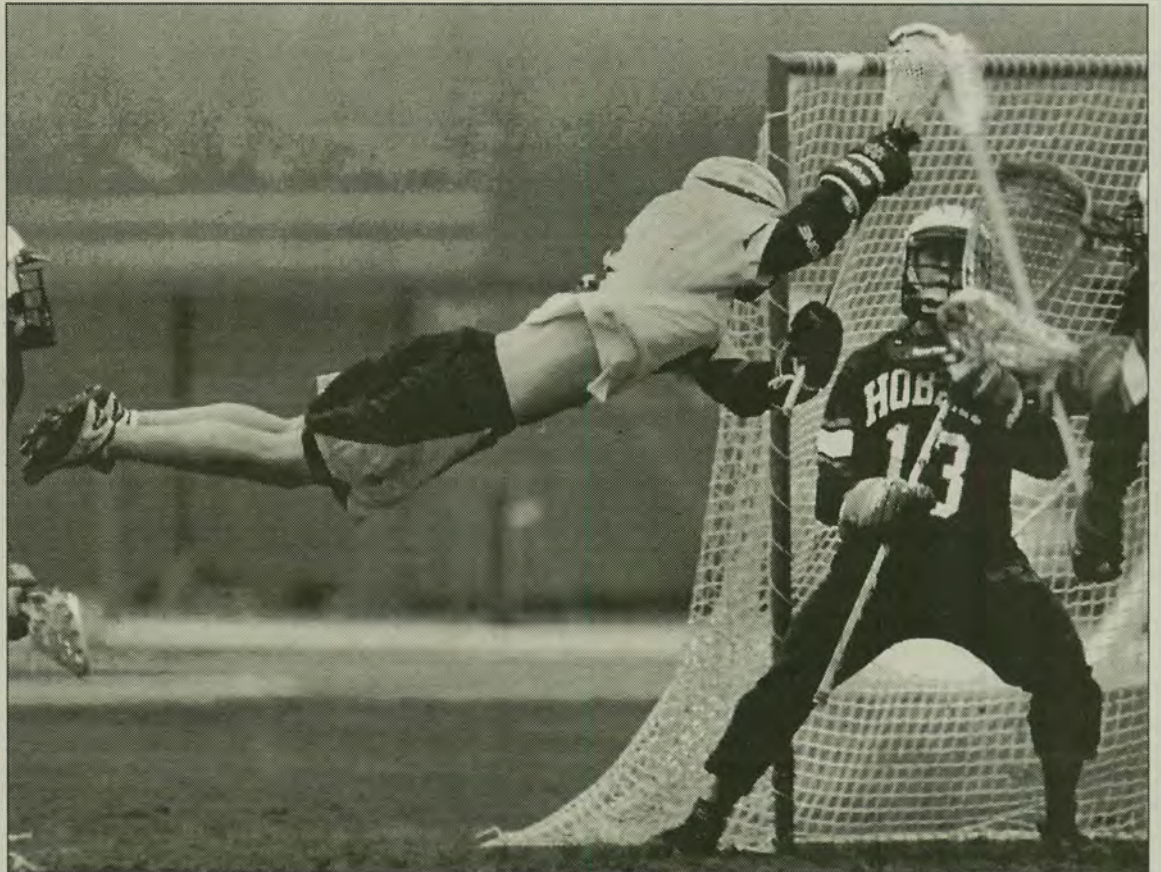
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Irish attacker Stedman Oakey dives across the front of the goal in an attempt to score in the Hobart contest. The Observer/Brandon Candura

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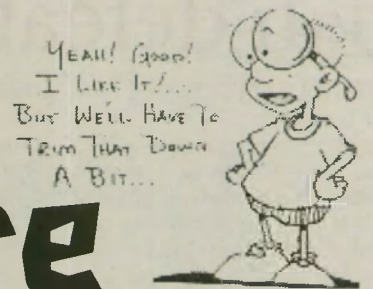
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Choose Your Own Adventure



Who will follow in the path of Dave Kellett and Ed Leader as the next cartoonist for *The Observer*? Each of these candidates has his eye set on being the next. And the decision is up to you.

That's right: your vote will determine which comic strip appears in *The Observer*.

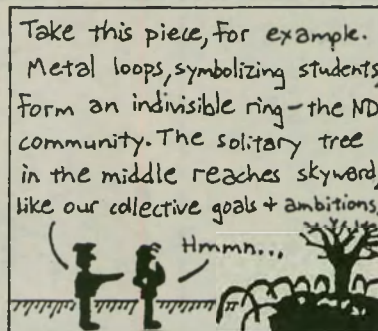
This week we continue our contest to find the next cartoonist. The ballots for voting will appear below this week. Clip, snip or rip them out during lunch and put them in the ballot boxes located next to the doors as you leave the dining hall. Ballots can also be dropped off at *The Observer*, 314 LaFortune.

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 roomie 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.

John Hlavaty



JOHN HLAVATY

THE LILYPAD

JEREMIAH CONWAY



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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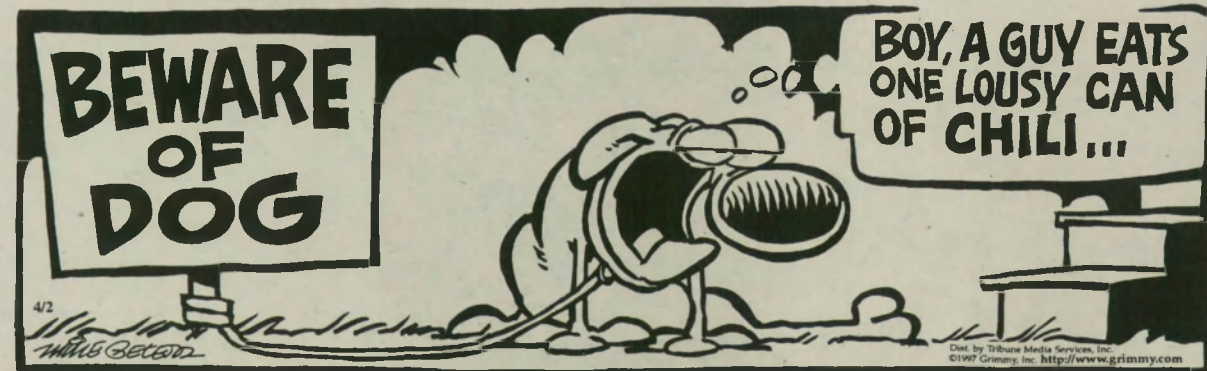
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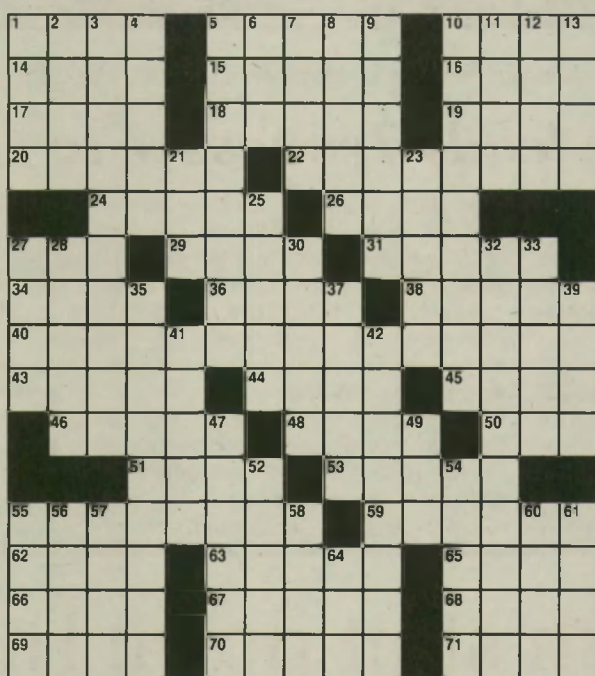
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- 5 J. — Hoover
- 10 — au lait
- 14 — Corporation (ammunition maker)
- 15 Jules —
- 16 — friendly
- 17 "Of — and Men"
- 18 " — the news today..." (Beatles lyric)
- 19 "Take — Train"
- 20 — basket
- 22 "The — Show on Earth"
- 24 "It's —!" ("See you then!")

- 26 Camus's "The — of Sisyphe"
- 27 — so on
- 29 Nick at —
- 31 — living
- 34 TV's " — & Clark"
- 36 Hippocratic —
- 38 On the —
- 40 Title for this puzzle
- 43 "Van Gogh in —"
- 44 "Que —..."
- 45 — River, N.J.
- 46 — the storm
- 48 Jay —
- 50 Jacqueline Kennedy, — Bouvier
- 51 " — Fiction"

- 53 British —
- 55 "The — Heart"
- 59 Mount St. —
- 62 — Canal
- 63 — finish
- 65 Get — the ground floor
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- 69 "... gathers no —"
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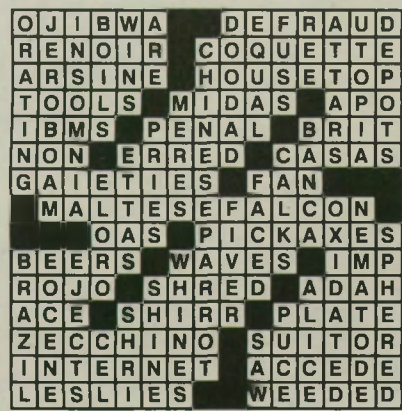
- 1 " — and Circumstance"
- 2 Et —
- 3 — Circus
- 4 Put — to
- 5 — notice
- 6 " — Rosenkavalier"
- 7 Cyclist — LeMond
- 8 — and a leg
- 9 Take the — (fly at night)
- 10 — competition
- 11 Arthur —
- 12 Legal —
- 13 Quod — demonstrandum
- 21 — Fleming
- 23 "Not —" ("Think nothing of it")



Puzzle by Martin Schneider

- 25 — Unis
- 27 — Romeo
- 28 Bête —
- 30 — Merman
- 32 — panty hose
- 33 Billy Joel's "Don't — Why"
- 35 " — in Seattle"
- 37 "Ready or not, — come!"
- 39 In — (actually)
- 41 The word —
- 42 Rock's Siouxsie and the —
- 47 Go down in —
- 49 Grand — Opry
- 52 Manufacturing —
- 54 — Howe
- 55 — player
- 56 "Cogito — sum"
- 57 "True —"
- 58 — Kett of the comics
- 60 — bene
- 61 In a — (agitated)
- 64 The old college —

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Courage will help you find success in business and happiness in love. Refuse to be bullied or nagged into doing something that does not feel right. Although teamwork is the key to swifter career advancement, there will be times when you must work alone. Next fall, focus on building a wider base of support. New alliances could mean higher profits! Give young adults an opportunity to find their own niche. Too much "guidance" can undermine self-reliance.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: model Paulina Porizkova, golfer Seve Ballesteros, Playboy founder Hugh Hefner, actress Keshia Knight Pulliam.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Funds held in common could be affected by a third party's actions. A younger person offers a friendly warning. Do not panic! You have the inside track.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): An inspiring sermon or talk could rekindle your faith. An interest in education grows stronger. Consider giving or taking a class in the arts. Romance heats up when you reveal more of your plans.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Romance takes a turn for the better. Although you do not have to blend in with the crowd, you should not try to offend people either. Avoid behaving erratically; loved ones will not understand.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Do not let a stubborn streak upset a family member's plans. Do everything possible to promote domestic harmony. Paying bills on time protects your credit rating. Be diligent.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your nesting instinct comes to the fore. Go ahead and host a wonderful reunion or birthday party. Sharing

the cooking and clean-up chores will give you more time to enjoy your guests.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Those who give more than they demand will eventually gain their heart's desire. Focus on removing an obstacle to your love life by peaceful means. Finesse, not force, is required. Speak from the heart.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A partner may be going through a period of transition. Encourage growth and self-knowledge. Although invitations come your way, you may be feeling shy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Welcome a reconciliation with a brother or sister. Vacation travel is possible. A stable home is of vital importance. Wear your heart on your sleeve; romantic partner will respond favorably.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Contentment is likely between partners as well as competitors. Emphasize good public relations. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): An excellent day for your personal and professional ambitions. You may be asked your opinion on a real estate venture. Settle a domestic conflict peacefully, compromising when necessary. Others admire your spunky attitude towards life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A relationship will bring you more than you bargained for. Luckily, you are in the mood for a challenge. Adventure beckons! Interesting people seek your company. Shake up your life in any way possible.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Try to forget past disappointments. An element of good luck seems to follow you today. A relationship improves when you feel self-confident again. Good-hearted actions produce a nice pay-off. Friends applaud.

■ Of Interest

North American National Casting Championship first-time video showing, filmed in Scarborough, Canada, in 1995. If you are an outdoors person and enjoyed "A River Runs Through It," you'll find this film equally educational and entertaining. The video will be shown today at 7 and 8 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library auditorium and again at 11 p.m. at the Nite Oak in South Dining Hall. The film demonstrates good casting techniques as taught in RecSports' casting and angling class. For more information about the class, contact RecSports at 631-8237 or 631-5100.

Justice Cruz Reynoso, vice-chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and on Civil Rights and former justice of the California Supreme Court, will speak at noon on Wednesday in the Notre Dame Law School courtroom. This is presented by the Hispanic Law Student Association. After the talk he will be presented with the second annual ND Hispanic Lawyer Award.

A public auction will be held on Wednesday, April 2, 1997, by Notre Dame Security/Police. The auction will take place at 7 p.m. and will be held in Stepan Center. Doors will open at 6:30. The property to be auctioned will include bicycles, calculators, watches, two vehicles, and other miscellaneous items that have been lost or abandoned on campus.

The USA lists will be posted the week of April 14 in Career & Placement Services so that seniors can find apartment/house-mates in new cities/states. The lists will remain up through the rest of the academic year, check them occasionally to see who's added on from week to week. If you have any questions, call Datie Wesolowski, 631-5200.

The CSC's Washington Seminar will hold its final meeting tonight at 6:30-8 p.m. at the CSC. This meeting is open to all. A panel of local educators, including the superintendent of the South Bend community schools, will join the seminar participants to dialogue.



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■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

March Sadness



Junior Kari Hutchinson looks on in despair as the dream of a national championship for the Irish fades in a 80-66 loss to the Volunteers. The Observer/Rob Finch

Holdsclaw dominates

By TIM SHERMAN
Senior Sports Writer

Entering Friday's NCAA semifinal matchup against Notre Dame, Tennessee forward Chamique Holdsclaw had not ended a season with a

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Experience leads Tennessee to victory

By JOE CAVATO
Assistant Sports Editor

In the battle of old versus new, it was proved that experience does pay off.

The Tennessee Volunteers, winners of five NCAA championships in 11 years and who have made 10 trips to the Final Four, simply had too many answers for Notre Dame. The Irish, who have won five NCAA

tournament games and were making their first trip past the second round, saw their dream season finally come to an end.

Chamique Holdsclaw, who poured in 31 on the evening, and a seasoned Tennessee squad that has the experience of playing 18 top 25 teams on the year, were simply too much for the Irish who saw their season end with a 31-7 record.

In the first half, both offenses

struggled as the Irish shot 35 percent from the field compared to the Vols who shot 32 percent and the 4-4 score with 14 minutes left in the stanza resembled a grade school score rather than a NCAA semifinal.

A relentless Volunteer defense held Notre Dame sharpshooter Beth Morgan to 1 for 9 from the field for just three points.

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■ IRISH INSIGHT

Women's sports on the rise

There's a trend forming in the sports world. If you don't know about it, ask any of the Notre Dame women's basketball players. Or for that matter, any of the female athletes at Notre Dame.

Betsy Baker
Associate Sports Editor

From a universal level to right here in South Bend, Ind., women's athletics is gaining momentum.

Starting with the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta and looking forward to this year's inaugural Women's National Basketball Association, the female athlete has begun to receive unprecedented recognition.

Don't think for a second that it is undeserved either.

Following the '96 games in Atlanta in which the United States won the medal count with 101 medals (Germany was second with 65), the United States Olympic Committee elected the U.S. women's basketball team as the Team of the Year. The women hoopsters barely edged out the "Magnificent Seven" women's gymnastic team (who can forget Kerri Strug's dramatic finish to win the team gold?) by one vote.

It doesn't end there.

In third place was the gold medalist women's softball team, and in fourth, the gold medalist women's soccer team. Remember that the category wasn't WOMEN'S Team of the Year, just Team of the Year.

The same is true here at Notre Dame.

While the male athletes are working hard to maintain the outstanding tradition created long ago, the women are creating their own.

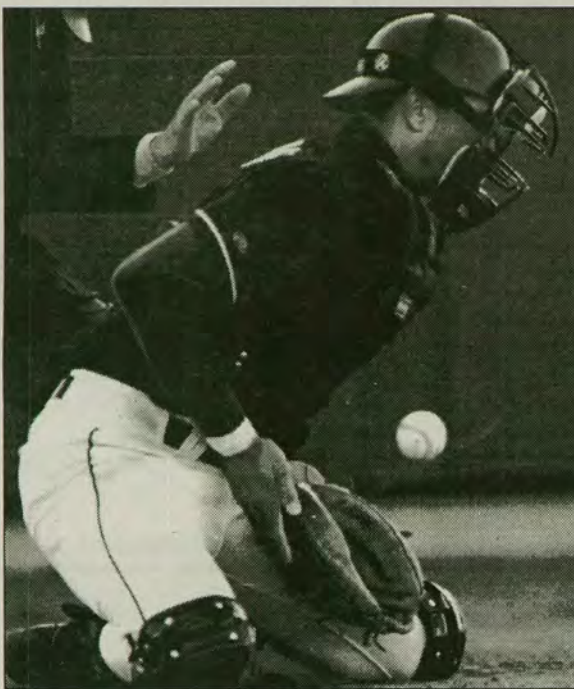
Although Muffet McGraw's squad lost to national champion Tennessee in the semifinals, the team completed a historical season for the program and Irish basketball in general.

A week and a half ago, the Irish fencing team placed second at the NCAA national championships, and leading the way for it was freshman Magda Krol, national champion in the women's epee division. Right behind her was sophomore All-American Sara Walsh, who placed second in women's foil championship for the second consecutive year.

Add the women's soccer team to that equation. Although the Irish were edged out of back-to-back national

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■ BASEBALL



Senior catcher Mike Amrhein is currently in the midst of a 19 game hitting streak. The Observer/Rob Finch

Irish shut down Huskies

By BRIAN REINTHALER
Assistant Sports Editor

There is good news and bad news.

The bad news is that three of Notre Dame's four scheduled Big East contests were canceled due to rain. The Irish had been looking forward to those games, both as a measuring stick for their progress thus far, and as a means to improve their 0-3 conference record.

The good news is that the squad took advantage of the one game that they were able to complete, shutting down the Huskies of Connecticut, 7-2. Due to a 14-9 victory over Central Michigan last Thursday, Saturday's win over Connecticut gave the Irish a four-game winning streak, which equals their longest of the season.

On Thursday, centerfielder Randall Brooks became the second player in eight days to tie the Irish record for most hits in one game. Brooks' five hits keyed yet another offensive explosion

for Notre Dame, as the team broke the 10-run barrier for the third consecutive time and pounded out 19 hits against the Chippewas.

The other major highlight from the contest came in two parts from the bat of sophomore Jeff Wagner. Wagner, who won Big East Rookie of the Year honors last season and started strong in 1997, fell into a bit of a slump in recent weeks. However, the sophomore slugger has begun to pull it together.

Wagner went yard for his second and third home runs of the year and was four for five with six RBIs on the day.

"I started off the season well," noted the designated hitter, "but I developed some bad habits." Wagner attributed his turnaround to seeing the ball from the time it leaves the pitcher's hand.

"When I was in the slump," said Wagner, "I wasn't seeing the ball. I've been working hard on it though and it's

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