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Fire causes \$75,000 damage at the Inn at Saint Mary's



A fire moved through two floors of the Inn at Saint Mary's Thursday, damaging four rooms. Water damage affected another 10 to 12 rooms.

By M. SHANNON RYAN
Saint Mary's Editor

A fire ripped through two floors of the Inn at Saint Mary's Thursday afternoon, causing \$75,000 in damage, said Clay Township fire chief Tim Shabbel.

Clay Township fire department responded to the emergency call at 2:01 p.m. German and Harris Township squads and the Notre Dame Fire Department were called for back-up within six minutes. The squads had the fire under control within 35 minutes, Shabbel said.

The fire began on the second floor, after plumbers "sweating the pipes" ignited insulation in the pipe casing within the walls. It spread quickly into the third floor and damaged about four rooms.

Ten to 12 other rooms were damaged by water, Shabbel reported. Water also seeped through the ceiling into the first floor, causing additional damage.

"There was considerable damage," said captain Tom Quarandillo of the Notre

Dame Fire Department. "I would not be surprised if it would be more [than \$75,000 worth in damages]."

Most of the damage took place in bathrooms on the second floor where the fire began.

"The rooms were typically very wet and debris was all over," Quarandillo said. "We had to knock out some walls and water damaged some ceilings."

Upon arrival, firefighters noticed smoke coming from the windows. No other signs of fire were evident on the outside since the building is mainly concrete, Shabbel said.

After extinguishing the fire, firefighters remained for more than four hours "sorting out details," Shabbel said.

Guests at the Inn were evacuated immediately.

The second and third-floor south wings have been shut off, and occupants in those rooms are staying in the north wing.

Louis Christian, manager of the Inn, declined comment.

Two cemeteries, 150 years of tradition

Notre Dame graveyards provide final resting place for local legends

By FINN PRESSLY
News Writer

Whether driving up Notre Dame Avenue or walking along Saint Mary's Road, most visitors encounter one of Notre Dame's two graveyards: the Holy Cross Community Cemetery or Cedar Grove Cemetery.

The Community Cemetery opened in 1845 on what was once known as "St. Mary's Island" — the elevated land between the lakes that is presently occupied by Columba Hall. The "Island Cemetery" served as the final resting place for all clergy in the area, while the Cedar Grove Cemetery was used for the lay congregation.

In 1857, following the orders of Father Basil Moreau, the deceased nuns were exhumed and relocated to the graveyard at what was then known as Saint Mary's Academy, according to the Aug. 15, 1895, edition of *Chronicles of the Congregation*. The remains of the priests and brothers were also removed and reburied in a tract of land in nearby St. Aloysius Grove, where they remain today.

The move to the new Community Cemetery was completed in 1868, when Father James Dillon became the first person to be officially interred there, according to a 1961 map of the cemetery.

The headstones that face Saint Mary's Road are actually those of distinguished lay professors such as James Edwards, Joseph Lyons and Albert Francis Zahm, brother of Father John Zahm.

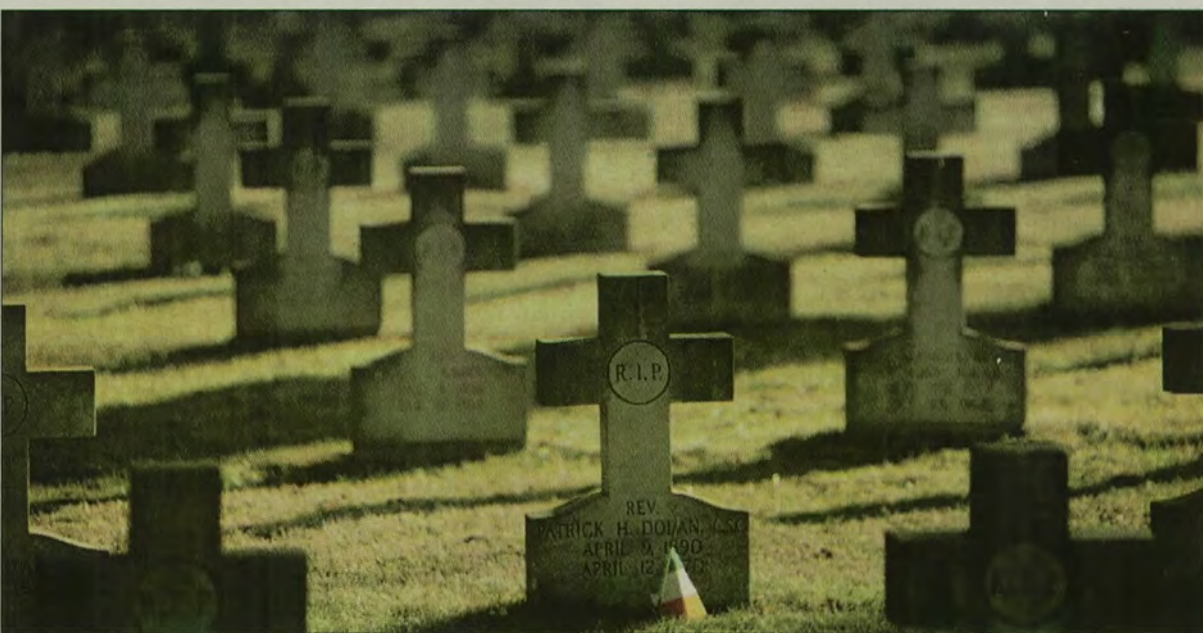
The rest of the cemetery is made up of orderly rows of identical concrete crosses. The crosses were originally

cast iron with painted information, but concerns over upkeep and the possibility of sinking ground caused officials to replace them with engraved concrete crosses mounted on concrete bases.

Father Edward Sorin's grave is among the sea of headstones, located at the head of the graveyard under a large wooden crucifix and flanked by army chaplains Father William Corby and Father Cooney. According to the June 1906 edition of *Scholastic Magazine*, Sorin's grave was once marked by a "magnificent marble statue of the Redeemer resting on a pedestal that ... is the rival of any like piece of art in the country."

While the Redeemer has since been removed, one piece of statuary does remain. A marble replica of Michelangelo's *Pieta* honors those Holy Cross clergy who died overseas in missions to Bangladesh and the Philippines.

Cedar Grove Cemetery occupies 25 acres of land along Notre Dame



The headstones in Notre Dame's two cemeteries bear the names of Sorin, Dillon, Zahm and many other members of the Notre Dame family.

Photos by Kevin Dalum

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INSIDE COLUMN

Beyond Boxing

"There are some things women just shouldn't do," a sexist acquaintance said to me once. "Boxing is most definitely one of them."

He doesn't know the women I know.

Since October, more than 100 women at this University have pushed themselves to the limit for a sport that has typically been off-limits. They learned not to assume that because they are female they could get by with knees-on-the-ground, "girl" pushups or do less stomach crunches because they are "weaker" than the men. They learned jabs and powers and hooks; they shrouded their hands in smelly wraps and hid their grimaces when their hands hit the cold, petrified sweat of the boxing gloves.

They are a team, even in a sport that rewards individual effort.

There is a certain novelty attached to the idea of women wearing boxing gloves in this country; the thought conjures visions of perky blondes in spandex tittering "punch-and-one-and-two-and-three!" to perky music in a perky aerobics room. This farcical attempt to turn women's aerobics into cute, manageable parodies of a sport that is traditionally male-dominated is popularly called "aeroboxing."

This is nothing close to what goes on at our boxing practices.

The Notre Dame Women's Boxing Club is perhaps the largest collegiate women's boxing club in the country. There are no tryouts, no qualifications; you are allowed to be there if you possess the desire to be there. And there is nothing cute or perky about it; sometimes practice requires a sheer will to survive.

I'm sure I could dazzle you with the physical feats of this group of amazing women; how ladies who didn't think they could run a mile were doing 200 pushups in a blink by the end of the season. I could describe the hundreds of crunches and jumping jacks, the endless rounds of shadow boxing, the arm-circles, the drills. I could tell you what goes on at practice, but you could never really understand unless you did it yourself.

This sport isn't about a bunch of femi-nazis getting together to prove that they are just as good as men. They don't want to beat each other up or lose weight. They aren't trying to pick up the guys who are training for Bengal Bouts with them in tandem, nor do they need to earn their respect. The reason that the Women's Boxing Club exists is because there are enough women on this campus who are not afraid to try something new, who keep trying even when that task seems too difficult for them. They want to learn a sport, not look cute and giggle in their workout clothes.

Boxing has made me a stronger person, yes, but also a more confident, relaxed person. I did something I never thought I would be able to do. I wasn't all that good at it, but instead of feeling like a failure, the captains and my teammates only encouraged me to keep trying until I mastered the punch or the block. Seven rounds, 800 crunches, 200 pushups and 700 jumping jacks after the fact. I always felt satisfied with myself, even if every muscle in my body ached in the morning. And I met so many others who felt the same way.

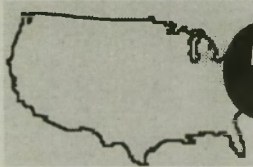
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Outside the Dome

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Wisconsin sweatshop protest reaches three days

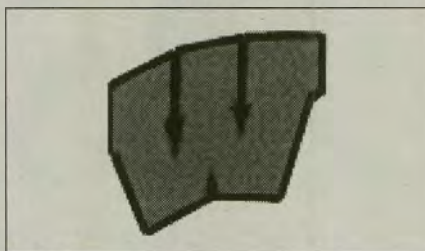
MADISON, Wis.

"David Ward, who's your neighbor? We say no to sweatshop labor!"

So chanted a group of more than 200 protesters at the Bascom Hill rally Wednesday. The bleary-eyed sweatshop activists — tired after a two-day sit-in — energized their fight against what they call UW-Madison complicity toward sweatshops.

Thursday marks the third day of the student sit-in, as the activists continue to press Chancellor David Ward to agree to a stronger apparel licensing code.

The sit-in has gradually increased in size, with nearly 60 students now occupying the hallway outside of Ward's office. The students say they will stay in Bascom until Ward agrees to sign a written statement agreeing to three main code additions, namely: immediate, full disclosure of factory



locations, mandatory living wage; and a concern for women's rights.

Today, the group said they hope to arrange a meeting with Ward to outline the major differences in their proposed codes.

Ward met with students briefly Wednesday, saying his opinion of the proposed Collegiate Licensing Code has not changed. Ward said he spent the morning updating developments in CLC codes at other universities. The chancellor released his official statement again Wednesday,

saying he is only "amplifying and clarifying" the stance he took last Thursday.

Ward said he plans to push the CLC to include full disclosure of factory locations within the code. If it is not added to the code within a year's time, Ward said UW will withdraw from the code and CLC.

"I will now insist on full public disclosure," he said. "If not included within a year, it's over and the university will withdraw any involvement with the code or CLC itself."

In addition, Ward said he considers offering a living wage to be a priority in the code's development. However, he said the CLC universities should be allowed time to research the economies of countries where the apparel factories are located, so an official means of calculating a living wage can be established.

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Students support same-sex marriage

STORRS, Conn.

The Undergraduate Student Government became one of the first student governments nationwide to support equal civil rights for same-sex marriages. In a vote of 23 to 6 Wednesday night, the senator's approved a "Marriage Resolution," written by the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, a gay advocacy group, that says "the state should not interfere with same-gender couples who choose to marry and share fully and equally in the rights, responsibilities, and commitment of civil marriage." More than 20 students and faculty turned out for the USG meeting to speak in favor of the passage of the resolution, including Professor Tim Saternow. Saternow, who is a homosexual, was the victim of an on-campus hate-crime last year, when the sign on his office door was set on fire. "Right now I'm faced with my rights as a professor," he said. "Straight faculty and staff get more pay and benefits than gay faculty and staff simply because of marriage. It's a civil rights issue."

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

Faculty considering strike

KENT, Ohio

The Kent State faculty union will meet Friday to discuss the potential of a strike after a 14-hour negotiation session late last week. The Kent State Chapter of the American Association of University Professors will meet for a normal negotiation session and a strike advisory meeting Friday. This follows nine months and 62 negotiation sessions. "I do not believe that the strike talk is helpful to the university as a whole," James Louis, chief negotiator for Kent State administration, said. "It certainly has no impact on my negotiation team. It will not force the team to make any concessions or increase the speed of the negotiations." The Action Committee of the AAUP-KSU scheduled the meeting last month after the 57th negotiation session with the University. The committee established a Strike Preparation Subcommittee whose members will be announced at the meeting.

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

Trustees pledge not to change on frats

HANOVER, N.H.

Chairman of the College's Board of Trustees Stephen Bosworth '61 said Wednesday the Trustees are prepared to weather any and all opposition to their plan to eliminate single-sex fraternities and sororities from the College — and it appears the Board will have quite a fight on its hands, as approximately 1,000 mostly Greek students gathered in protest Wednesday night in front of College President James Wright's Webster Ave. home. In an interview with The Dartmouth Wednesday, Bosworth echoed statements Wright made Tuesday regarding the firmness of the Trustees' plans for an overhaul of social and residential life at the College. "This is a decision which the Board took with due consideration," Bosworth said. "We are fully behind it." Wright told The Dartmouth Tuesday the initiative "is not a referendum on these things. We are committed to doing this."

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Man cited in frat window-falling incident

LINCOLN, Neb.

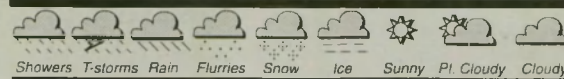
University Police on Tuesday cited the man who provided beer to the 20-year-old sophomore who later fell out of a third-floor Chi Phi Fraternity window Feb. 1. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln, along with the national Chi Phi Fraternity, has completed its investigation into the incident that led to Kara Bliven's fall, and actions against the fraternity are expected to be announced early next week. Bliven was released from the hospital Tuesday after being treated for several broken ribs, a broken arm and pelvis and having her spleen removed. Last week James Griesen, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, said the university would do anything it could to help Bliven return to school. The night of Bliven's fall, Jan. 31, she and many Chi Phi Fraternity members were drinking at a house initiation party held off campus. Interfraternity Council president Michael Consbruck said.

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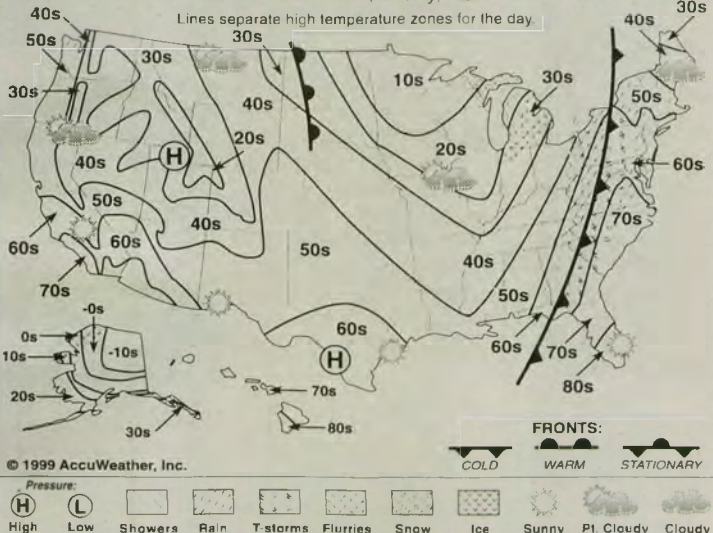
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NATIONAL WEATHER

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Dallas	54	31	Miami	82	64	Trenton	64	36
Denver	54	28	Richmond	75	38	Tulsa	52	28



Senior Brian Gaffney prepares to hand over his crown as King of Mardi Gras at O'Neill's Mardi Gras celebration Thursday. This year's winner is sophomore Geoff Heiple.

The Observer/Liz Lang

Gaus, Janowsky win Dooley

Special to The Observer

Dr. David Gaus and Erik Janowsky, cofounders of Andean Health and Development (AHD), a non-profit organization which seeks to modernize and improve health care in Ecuador, have received the 1999 Dr. Thomas Dooley Award for outstanding service to humankind from the Notre Dame Alumni Association.

Gaus, a native of Milwaukee, graduated from Notre Dame in 1984 with a degree in business administration. After graduation, he worked for two years in Quito, Ecuador, at the Working Boy's Center, a family

development project serving poor families around the capital city. Having become interested in medicine, he returned to Notre Dame for preprofessional studies and to work as assistant rector in Zahm Hall from 1986-88. He received a medical degree and a master's degree in public health and tropical medicine from Tulane University in 1992. He served a residency in family medicine at the University of Wisconsin at St. Luke's Hospital in Milwaukee and was a member of the medical faculty at Wisconsin for two years before moving to Ecuador in 1997. Gaus and his wife, Elizabeth, have two children, Gabriella and Christopher.

Janowsky, a native of South Bend, graduated from Notre Dame in 1987 with a preprofessional arts and letters degree. Following graduation, he went to Ecuador as a Peace Corps volunteer to work in fish culture and gardening projects in the Amazon region. Returning to the United States, he received a master's degree from Tulane University in

1991 and then spent a year in Honduras working with street children.

In 1992 he returned to Tulane to obtain a doctoral degree in Latin American studies and international health at Tulane's Graduate School for Latin American Studies and School of Public Health. In 1996 he conducted study of public health development for the urban poor and homeless children of Ecuador and moved there permanently two years ago to work on a health care project in the rural town of Pedro Vicente Maldonado.

Together, Gaus and Janowsky founded AHD, a non-profit organization that promotes and develops new systems of health care financing, delivery systems, community training and community-based research in Ecuador. Father Theodore Hesburgh, president emeritus of Notre Dame, chairs AHD's board of directors and the organization receives support from many Notre Dame alumni in Ecuador.

■ CORRECTION

Samantha Snyder, ND/SMC Right to Life co-president, was misquoted in Thursday's paper. Roughly 140 students attended the 1998 March for Life in Washington, D.C. The 1998 event marked the 25th anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion.

The Observer regrets the error.

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Cemetery

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Avenue.

"We've recently expanded. We've moved into the old golf course [and added] three or four acres," said Tim Mosier, sexton of the cemetery.

Though the construction of the new bookstore and visitors' center have expanded campus borders within yards of the cemetery, it was once a considerable distance from the front gates of campus, which were once located near present-day Hurley Hall.

The first man to be officially interred in Cedar Grove was William Richardsville, who died March 28, 1847. Since then, nearly 15,000 people have been buried beneath the namesake cedars, Mosier said.

"There's a lot of fairly famous people here," he said.

Alexis Coquilliard, the first white settler in the area, is buried there, as well as Pierre Navarre, the French-Canadian fur trader for whom South Bend's Navarre Park is named.

Former basketball coach and athletic director Moose Krause is also buried there, as are numerous assistant football coaches, Mosier said.

Joining this hallowed gathering takes more than just a Notre Dame diploma, however.

"You would have to be a Notre Dame employee, staff



This statue of the Sacred Heart watches over a Notre Dame cemetery.

member, or somehow affiliated with the University," said Mosier. "Anyone from professors to the guy who cuts the grass [can be buried here]."

"Alumni are not eligible," he added, "Otherwise, we'd be full."

In the center of the cemetery is the diminutive chapel built by Brother Francis Xavier Patois, a member of Sorin's original retinue. Patois, who

also built coffins, designed many of the original buildings on campus, including Old College, the Log Chapel, Brownson Hall, and the present-day Earth Sciences building.

The chapel is only used twice a year, when parishioners from Sacred Heart celebrate Memorial Day and All Souls Day services, Mosier said.

■ SECURITY BEAT

Monday, Feb. 8

12:53 a.m. A Howard Hall resident was transported to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of an illness.

2:50 p.m. Security responded to a two-car accident on Holy Cross Drive. There were no injuries.

6:15 p.m. An off-campus student was issued a citation for exceeding the posted speed limit on Juniper Road.

Tuesday, Feb. 9

4:30 p.m. Security issued a citation to a South Bend resident for driving with an expired license plate.

9:25 p.m. A South Bend resident was issued a citation for exceeding the posted speed limit on Juniper Road.

Wednesday, Feb. 10

2:15 a.m. An off-campus student was issued a citation for exceeding the posted speed limit on Edison Road.

9:30 a.m. Security transported a University employee to the University Health Center for treatment of a shoulder injury.

8 p.m. A Lewis Hall resident reported the theft of her locked bike from a bike rack at Rolfs Sports Recreation Center.

10 p.m. A South Bend resident was issued two citations for exceeding the speed limit and driving while suspended.

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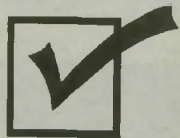
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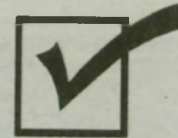
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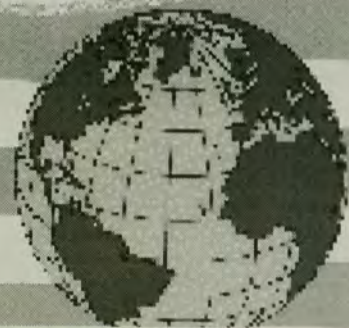
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Unabomber cuts book deal

NEW YORK

Unabomber Theodore J. Kaczynski has landed a book deal to tell his story and will give the proceeds to his victims' families, the publisher said Thursday. "Truth Versus Lies" will be "an attempt to tell the other side of a one-sided tale that was spun by his family and his attorneys in their attempt to save him from the death penalty," said Beau Friedlander, publisher of Context Media. Kaczynski is serving a life sentence for 16 bomb attacks that killed three people and wounded 29. He pleaded guilty last year in Sacramento, Calif., to avoid the death penalty. As part of that deal, he also agreed to turn over any future earnings to the victims' families. After Kaczynski tried unsuccessfully last year to pitch a book to more established New York publishers including Simon & Schuster, Friedlander wrote to the former mathematics professor in prison.

Couple bilks Medicaid

ALBANY, N.Y.

A couple that ran an autistic group home bilked Medicaid out of more than \$750,000 and spent the money on items ranging from Star Trek memorabilia to mail-order degrees, state officials say. "They used fake bank documents to start the not-for-profit, then they created a sham board of directors to run it," Gary Masline, a spokesman for the state Commission on Quality Care, said of Joseph and Mary Ann Fricano. The Fricanos, both 52, created the Special Needs Program Inc. in Chatham, about 20 miles southeast of Albany, in 1994. They then misled the agency with fabricated personnel manuals.

'The Scream' thief escapes from prison

OSLO, Norway

It's enough to make a lawman scream - the man jailed for stealing "The Scream" escaped while on an outing. Paal Enger, who was serving a six-year sentence for the 1994 theft of the painting, was among a group of inmates from a minimum-security prison who were on an educational trip to Oslo's international airport Wednesday and managed to slip away. "The Scream," by Norwegian Edvard Munch, depicts a ghastly figure standing on a bridge, clasping its head against the background of a lurid sky. The painting, widely reproduced on T-shirts and even adapted into an inflatable figurine, is a Norwegian national treasure. Many were shocked when it was stolen from the National Gallery in Oslo. The painting was recovered undamaged three months later in a sting operation that included assistance from Scotland Yard. Enger was one of four people convicted in the theft.

KOSOVO

Albanians mourn massacre victims

ASSOCIATED PRESS

RACAK

Their caskets draped in red-and-black Albanian flags, 40 ethnic Albanians were buried Thursday on a snowy hillside in front of 10,000 mourners, nearly a month after their killings shocked the world into action on Kosovo.

Women wept over lost sons and husbands. Old men struggled through the slush with their canes. A choir sang a traditional Albanian hymn, "Farewell," as the brown wooden caskets were lowered into muddy graves.

After speeches, the mourners had a minute of silence and shouted "Lavdi!" - Glory! - before silently walking away.

The burials took place 26 days after the bodies of 43 ethnic Albanian villagers were found in a gully following a Serb police attack of this village southwest of Pristina. The Serbs subsequently recovered 40 of the bodies but delayed releasing them to relatives.

"We wanted to take part in the funeral and to share the grief of families who had their loved ones killed," said Beqir Rushti, who had walked with four friends from a village six miles away. "And we wanted to show our enemy that our people want freedom."

More than 2,000 people have died and hundreds of thousands left homeless in a year of fighting in Kosovo, the southern province in Serbia, the main republic in Yugoslavia.

William Walker, the American diplomat who heads the monitoring team, has accused Serb forces of the Racak massacre. The



Crowds gather to show respect to the victims of the massacre. Forty Albanians were killed as the result of a Serb police attack.

government claims the victims were Kosovo Liberation Army rebels killed in battle.

Walker told the mourners there was "no justification for what happened here in Racak. The graves before me represent the madness, the waste, the futility of unrestrained violence."

Later, the official Yugoslav news agency Tanjug denounced Walker's speech as "inappropriate to the occasion or to his position" and accused him of favoring ethnic Albanian rebels.

Messages of condolences also were read from prominent ethnic Albanians, including Hashim Thaci, part of the ethnic Albanian delegation to peace talks underway in Rambouillet, France.

"Racak and Rambouillet are directly connected," Walker said. "We must not lose sight of this hope for a better future."

Walker spoke after threatening to leave when two

armed KLA rebels pushed their way toward him. Glaring at his Albanian interpreter, an angry Walker said, "Tell them to put the weapons down or I walk." The gunmen handed their weapons to another guerrilla, who carried them away.

As they left the burial site, some mourners were overheard expressing fear of arrest by Serb police.

Later, the Serbian Media Center, which represents the Serbian government, said an ethnic Albanian family reported that two of its male members were abducted on their way home from the funeral.

The burials ended a weeks-long dispute over the bodies, finally returned late Wednesday from the morgue in Pristina following two weeks of autopsies and bureaucratic haggling.

Serb authorities had insisted on releasing a few bodies

at a time, apparently to avoid a highly publicized funeral during the Rambouillet talks.

From early in the morning, people streamed down a snow-covered dirt road to the now-uninhabited village, where the coffins lay inside the small mosque before burial.

Men of all ages, many wearing the traditional white skullcaps of Albanian elders, lined up in front of the mosque to pay their final respects.

Outside, groups of women wearing white headscarves sobbed softly as friends and relatives sought to comfort them.

"I want my family to be strong and bear this grief," said Shefki Nur Hyseni, 89, whose son, Haqif, was slain. "He was my only son. I must now take care of the rest of my family. But I don't know how. We don't even have a roof over our heads."

Shampoo ingredient may block HIV

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON

Scientists have spent years hunting spermicide-type gels to help women block the AIDS virus during sex. Now they're studying whether a common shampoo and toothpaste ingredient might work — and also offer protection against cervical cancer.

Sodium dodecyl sulfate is the first topical agent ever shown to kill human papillomavirus, or HPV, the sexually transmitted infection that causes cervical cancer, Penn State University researchers announced Thursday.

Like many chemicals now being tested, it also seems to block HIV, the AIDS virus. But the extra cervical-cancer protection has researchers intrigued, and the National Institutes of Health cautiously hopes that first-stage testing in women could begin later this year.

"We're excited about the broad-spectrum nature," said Dr. Penny Hitchcock, NIH's microbicide chief. The HPV protection is particularly intriguing because "it's been a lot

harder for us to find anything that works with that."

"But we're cautious," she stressed, because researchers have lots of work — including turning the ingredient into a usable vaginal gel — before initial testing in women could begin.

The work is important because 5,000 American women and 250,000 women worldwide die from cervical cancer every year. HPV is thought to be the most common sexually transmitted infection. It is often without symptoms, but can cause genital warts as well as lead to cervical cancer.

"If you could eliminate (HPV), you could potentially prevent all those cancers," said Penn State microbiologist Mary K. Howett. Howett discovered the action of sodium dodecyl sulfate, or SDS. In addition, HIV is increasing rapidly among women worldwide.

Microbicides are gels or films that women would insert into the vagina before sex to protect against sexually transmitted diseases.

Currently, women's only protection is condom use. But, so far, no microbicides have panned out. A study just

found that the popular spermicide nonoxonyl-9, long thought the best hope for an anti-HIV gel, doesn't protect after all.

Scientists now are studying whether other spermicides or chemicals could work instead. But no experimental microbicides have shown any effect against HPV, the cervical cancer virus.

In the February journal Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy, Howett reported that in test-tube studies, SDS inactivated both the AIDS and herpes viruses. Like other experimental microbicides, SDS is a detergent that dissolves the fatty coating that holds those virus together.

But the cervical cancer virus is coated with tightly packed proteins that detergents can't dissolve. SDS, however, also is a "denaturing" agent that picked those proteins apart, Howett said. After it worked in test tubes, she injected human cells with the cancer virus or with SDS-treated virus and then implanted those cells inside mice. The treated human cells grew normally with no evidence of HPV infection.

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■ ITALY

Women lawmakers protest rape ruling

Associated Press

ROME Women lawmakers wore jeans to Parliament on Thursday and Italy's highest appeals court was accused of sexism after ruling it is impossible to rape a woman wearing jeans.

"If we go on like this, every woman that doesn't wear a chastity belt will have the 'right' to be raped," said Sonia Viale of Parliament's equal opportunities commission.

The Court of Cassation ruled Wednesday it is impossible to take off tight pants like jeans "without the cooperation of the person wearing them," and it said it is impossible if the victim is struggling.

Baggy jeans aren't popular in Italy, and many women prefer tight pants.

The decision overturned the 1998 conviction of a 45-year-old driving instructor in southern Italy, Carmine Cristiano, for raping an 18-year-old student. A lower court had sentenced Cristiano to two years and eight months in prison, but the appeals court said the girl must have consented to sex and sent the case back for retrial.

The court also questioned why the victim, identified only as Rosa, waited several hours to tell her parents she'd been attacked.

"It could be seen as a manual for aspiring rapists," the Rome daily *Il Messaggero* fumed in a front-page story. "Jeans: An alibi for rape," read a sign held up in Parliament by five jeans-clad lawmakers.

Alessandra Mussolini, a deputy of the rightist National Alliance who led Thursday's protest, called the ruling "shameful" and said it "offends the dignity of women."

"Women are already scared of reporting rapes, this just makes it worse," she said.

Massimo D'Alema said he could not comment on the ruling as prime minister. But he said, as a private citizen, he expressed "solidarity" with the female lawmakers.

Protesting lawmakers called on women all over Italy to join a "skirt strike" and wear jeans, and the anchor of a popular television show known for her chic dresses donned a pair of denims.

"We thank the court for having enriched women's wardrobes with a new garment. To the business suit and the little black dress, we can now add the anti-rape outfit: a comfortable and resistant pair of jeans," said union official Stefania Sidoli.

A housewives federation ridiculed the court by offering a prize to any designer who comes up with "easy-off jeans," and it planned a march in dungarees to the Justice Ministry.

Although many were upset at the ruling, Federica Snider, a 17-year-old in Rome, agreed with the three-judge panel. "It's impossible to rape someone wearing jeans. You've got to really overpower them," she

said.

The ruling also drew attention to the makeup of the appeals court, which has 10 female justices and 410 men.

"Nothing can be done. Justice in the court is in the hands of men, often elderly, with old ideas," a veteran female justice, Simonetta Sotgiu, told the newspaper *La Repubblica*.

She denounced the ruling as setting a dangerous precedent. "It paves the way for the rape of women in jeans," she said.

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MEMBER OF THE PARLIAMENT'S
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the rape of women in jeans," she said.

■ RWANDA

Police arrest former official

Associated Press

ARUSHA, Tanzania A former Rwandan official suspected of taking part in the 1994 genocide in Rwanda has been arrested in Kenya, U.N. officials said today.

Kenyan police on Tuesday arrested Eliezer Niyitegeka, a former information minister in the extremist ethnic Hutu government, at the request of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

More than 500,000 people, mostly minority Tutsis and politically moderate Hutus, were killed during the three-month government-orchestrated slaughter that began April 6, 1994. Police picked Niyitegeka up at his home in

the Kenyan capital, Nairobi, on a tribunal warrant. He was taken today to Arusha in north Tanzania, where the U.N. tribunal is located.

"In keeping with our tradition of effectiveness in the arrest of high-ranking persons accused of genocide in Rwanda, the Kenyan police at our request arrested Niyitegeka," tribunal spokesman Kingsley Moghalu said.

Niyitegeka served in the interim government formed after President Juvenal Habyarimana was killed on April 6, 1994, when his plane was shot down by unidentified assailants as it prepared to land in the Rwandan capital, Kigali.

The killing began immediately afterwards and ended

three months later when Tutsi-led rebels defeated the army and forced the government to flee.

The human rights organization African Rights said Niyitegeka replaced Faustin Rucogoza, one of the first moderate Hutus killed, and then went to his own home region in western Rwanda to encourage Hutus to kill Tutsis. African Rights said he also broadcast many inflammatory speeches on the radio.

Niyitegeka is the 11th top genocide suspect to be arrested in Kenya. Tanzania's neighbor to the north.

Seven others, including Jean Kambanda, the former interim prime minister, were arrested in July 1997.

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Jury finds gun makers liable

Associated Press

NEW YORK

A federal jury Thursday found several gun makers responsible in three area shootings for letting guns fall into the hands of criminals. Other manufacturers were cleared.

The only damages awarded were \$560,000 to the sole survivor of the shootings, who was seriously wounded, and his mother.

Steven Fox, 19, and the relatives of six homicide victims sued the gun industry in federal court in 1995. Fox was shot in the head by a bullet accidentally discharged by a friend, who had bought the gun on the street. The bullet remains lodged in his head.

The class-action lawsuit sought unspecified damages from an industry that generates sales of \$2 billion to \$3 billion a year.

Like some of the lawsuits brought against Big Tobacco, this one accused the gun industry of negligently marketing a legal product. The case also was closely watched by several cities trying to recover the costs of gun violence.

The jury found 15 of the 25 gun makers that were sued — including Beretta USA Corp., Colt's Manufacturing Co. and Jennings Firearms, Inc. — distribute their product negligently. Smith & Wesson Corp. and

Sturm, Ruger and Co. were among those cleared.

Afterward, both sides claimed victory.

"I thank God, we absolutely won," said lead plaintiff Freddie Hamilton, whose son, Njuzi, was slain in 1993. She predicted the verdict would bring a "new phase" of litigation against the firearms industry.

Plaintiff attorney Elisa Barnes said: "It was an incredible victory. ... All of the hard work has been worth it."

Industry lawyer James Dorr called the result "a defense verdict in all respects," and John Renzulli, whose clients include Glock, Inc., said "it completely makes no sense."

During the monthlong trial, the plaintiffs argued handgun makers oversupply gun-friendly markets, mainly in the South, aware that the excess guns flow into criminal hands via illegal markets in New York and other states with stricter anti-gun laws.

The plaintiffs' lawyers accused the defendants of dumping handguns onto the black market like "toxic waste," making no effort to identify and discipline dishonest distributors.

Lawyers for the defendants insisted their responsibility ends once they sell to licensed distributors. They said the job of policing traffickers should be left to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, which has never

required gun makers to track their products to the street.

Dorr told the jury it was unfair to "hold the manufactures of a lawful, legitimately sold product responsible for acts of outlaws who are totally outside their control. ... The case is simply wrong."

The gun makers also asserted that in most of the shootings the plaintiffs never presented evidence conclusively linking the weapons used to harm their relatives to specific defendants.

The plaintiffs countered that the "chain of title" is irrelevant, instead accusing the entire industry of creating a widespread risk with negligent marketing — a concept known as collective liability.

"This huge pool (of handguns) is like toxic waste," the plaintiffs' attorney, Elisa Barnes, said in closing arguments.

Relatives for the victims testified, and attorneys presented statistics on weapons sales, the average age of guns used in crimes, and other aspects of the gun trade.

A key plaintiff witness, former Smith & Wesson Corp. executive Robert Hass, was too ill to appear but testified by deposition that gun makers took a see-no-evil approach to criminal use of their deadly products. And an economist testified that 90 percent of the handguns used in crimes in New York City in recent years came from southern states.

Testifying for the firearms industry, Chicago-based economics consultant Gustavo "Chip" Bamberger said plaintiffs' arguments about oversupply of guns relied on insufficient data and flawed statistics.

Brewery criticized over beer name

Associated Press

BOSTON

Several people have complained that a local beer is in poor taste — not for how it goes down but because of its name: Boston Strangler Stout.

Back Bay Brewing Co., which makes beers with names tinged with local color — such as Boston Massacre Lager and Tea Party Porter, is thinking about finding a new name for the Strangler Stout in light of the negative reaction.

"We want to try and do the right thing, to be sensitive to the victims' families," general manager Jim Lee said Thursday.

Relatives of the Strangler's victims said Back Bay should have considered their feelings before naming the beer.

"It's something we had to live with and it keeps being brought up, it still drives us crazy," said Casey Sherman, a television producer whose aunt, 19-year-old Mary Sullivan, was assaulted and murdered in her apartment by the Strangler in 1964.

The Strangler, one of the nation's most notorious seri-

al killers, killed 13 women between 1962 and 1964. His victims generally were sexually assaulted in their apartments and frequently bound with their own clothing.

Albert DeSalvo, a factory worker, claimed to have been the Strangler. While

authorities lacked evidence to bring him to trial in the murders, he was convicted in 1967 of sex offenses, assaults and armed robberies and sentenced to life in prison. He was stabbed

to death in his cell in 1973.

"This was just a terrible time," said Edward Brooke, who led the investigation into the crimes as Massachusetts' attorney general. "It's not something you want to be reminded of when you're drinking beer."

Back Bay marketing director Kristen Toli said the company generally names beers after notorious events in Boston history, but never with malicious intent.

The Strangler Stout is only served seasonally and won't be available after next week. As for whether it will reappear next year, Lee said: "We'll have another 11 months to decide."

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Senate nears impeachment vote

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
With acquittal assured, the Senate talked its way through a final full day of closed door deliberations Thursday at President Clinton's impeachment trial, set for climactic noontime votes Friday in the case that one Democrat called "this sordid saga."

Sen. Olympia Snowe of Maine became the fourth Republican to declare her intention to vote to acquit on both charges, following the lead of other moderates who broke party ranks a day earlier. "In my heart and in my mind, I believe to a moral certainty that my verdict is just," she declared in a written statement.

A two-thirds vote is required to convict the president and remove him from office, and there was no chance of that happening. Instead, whatever suspense lingered at the end of the five-week trial was whether either article of impeachment would attain a bare majority — a psychological threshold that had no bearing on Clinton's fate.

Republicans have a 55-45 majority in the Senate.

A steady stream of lawmakers came forward Thursday to announce their intentions for the roll calls on perjury and obstruction of justice, dividing largely along party lines on presidential guilt or innocence but offering nonpartisan condemnations of Clinton's behavior with Monica Lewinsky.

"There can be no doubt that President Clinton's conduct has made a mockery of most of his words, or that his example has been corrosive beyond calculation to our culture and to our children," said Oregon Republican Gordon Smith, who said he would vote to convict.

"No one, not any senator in this chamber nor any person in this country, will look at this president in the same way again," said Democrat Dick Durbin of Illinois, who said he would vote for acquittal on both charges.

Sen. Joseph Lieberman said he had concluded that Clinton's "wrongdoing in this sordid saga does not justify making him the first president to be ousted from office in our history."

The Connecticut Democrat had commanded nationwide attention last September with highly critical words about Clinton's behavior at a time the White House still hoped to avoid congressional action.

For all the expressions of disgust, a formal effort to censure the president appeared all but dead, a victim of Republican opposition. Democrats said they would make an effort to force a

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post-trial vote on the Senate floor, and failing passage, would draft a statement of condemnation.

Three Republicans, Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, John Chafee of Rhode Island and James Jeffords of Vermont, announced on Wednesday they would not vote for conviction on either article.

Sen. Slade Gorton of Washington has announced he will vote against the perjury charge, but in favor of the obstruction charge.

Susan Collins, like Snowe a moderate Republican from Maine, has yet to disclose her decision.

Another moderate, Smith from Oregon, stepped forward during the day to say he would vote for conviction.

"I refuse to say that high political polls and soaring Wall Street indexes give license to those in high places who act in low and illegal ways," he said.

Among Democrats, Senate aides said the only question was whether Robert Byrd of West Virginia, a longtime party leader, would break ranks and join Republicans in voting to convict.

Controversy broke out over a report that Clinton had vowed revenge on House Republicans at the polls in 2000.

"It is deeply troubling that the president views closure of this constitutional process as an opportunity for revenge," said

Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss.

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart didn't deny presidential anger, but said, "I can't think of a worse, more dumb strategy than going after people based on whether they were a House manager or not."

"You look at the House managers and the vast majority are in safe seats or unopposed seats," he said. The 2000 election is 21 months distant, and Clinton has promised a strenuous effort to help Democrats regain control of Congress. The trial had only a few hours to run.

Chief Justice William Rehnquist made the trip from the Supreme Court in his limousine Thursday, as he has for each session since the trial began on Jan. 8, and a few moments later the Senate's doors were closed for deliberations.

At the start of the day, the third devoted to private deliberations, Lott said 37 senators had yet to speak, each given 15 minutes under 19th century Senate impeachment rules. Senators are prohibited upon pain of expulsion from disclosing what was said, and few details emerged.

But several senators issued written statements during the day.

"The House managers failed to establish that the president's conduct amounts to 'high crimes and misdemeanors,'" said Sen. Jack Reed of Rhode Island.

Sen. Wayne Allard, R-Colo., saw the case otherwise. "When President Clinton chose not to 'tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth,' he put himself above the law. He violated his oath and undermined the rule of law which he had sworn to uphold."

House counsel attacks Senate

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Grudgingly resigned to President Clinton's acquittal, the Republican lawyer who directed the House impeachment inquiry called the president's trial a "sham" and said Thursday that House prosecutors "were cut off at the knees" by the Senate.

"I feel there was no fair trial. There was no constitutional trial in the Senate. I think that the constitutional system has been irrevocably harmed," David Schippers said in an interview on the eve of a vote that senators in both parties agree will acquit the president of perjury and obstruction of justice.

Schippers, the GOP investigative counsel for the House Judiciary Committee when it staged the impeachment inquiry, said the 13 Republican lawmakers who

prosecuted the case "did everything we could with the minimal tools they allowed us to use."

He criticized senators for settling for videotaped testimony instead of allowing witnesses to testify live. "They refused to let us prove our case," he said.

The former federal prosecutor, a hardened veteran of organized crimes cases, was selected by the House Judiciary Committee chairman, Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., to investigate whether Clinton's efforts to conceal an extramarital affair amounted to impeachable offenses.

Though a Democrat from Chicago, Schippers quickly became a lightning rod for criticism by Democratic defenders of the president. He recently was the subject of a supermarket tabloid report that suggested he had an extramarital affair.

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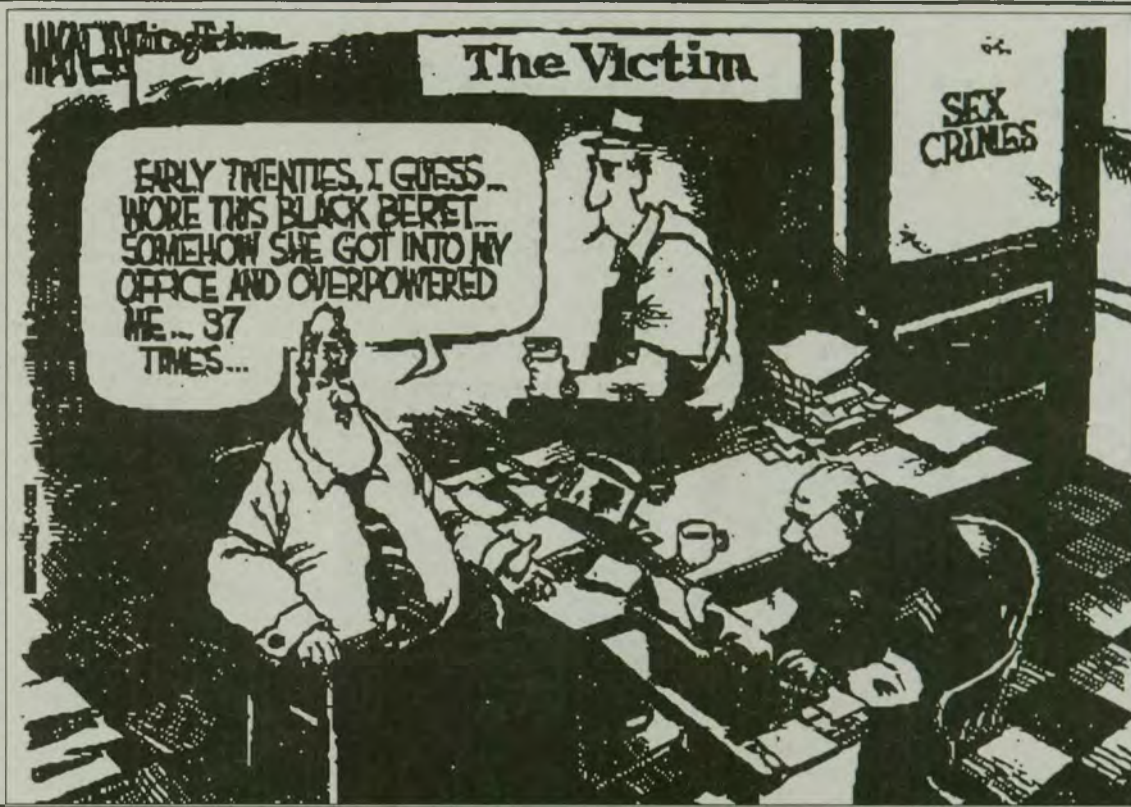
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Notre Dame Student Not 'Getting Any'

Roommates and Sectionmates concerned, Natural Light Stock Plummets

NOTRE DAME, IN

University of Notre Dame student Mike Harrigan hasn't "gotten any" thus far in the '98-'99 school year, according to sources.

Mary Beth Ellis

Harrigan's roommate, Matt Wills, confirmed the report late last night by mentioning to a member of their section during a euchre game that, "The deal with Harrigan, man, is that I think he just needs to get some. He never gets any, you know."

Harrigan, a sophomore finance major from a suburb of Chicago, got some in the fall semester of his freshman year immediately following a Lyons SYR when he hooked up with "some chick named Sarah or Lisa or something," according to Harrigan.

However, despite attending three SYR's and the McCandless Hall formal since then, Harrigan hasn't even come close to getting any, even though he keeps a supply of Natural Light in his refrigerator for just such an occasion.

The Lyons chick was unavailable for comment.

"I just don't understand," says Harrigan of his current non-getting-any status. "Maybe I'm not getting them drunk enough."

Harrigan, whose dogbook description characterizes him as liking music and sports, is kind of cute.

"If I were a girl, I guess I'd hook up with Harrigan," says sectionmate Tim

Ladd, immediately adding, "Not that I'm gay or anything, not that there's anything wrong with that if you are."

Ladd then referred to Harrigan as "a nice guy" who can sometimes be a jerk if you hang out in his room playing Jedi Rouge Squadron too long.

Harrigan, legendary amongst his sectionmates as the guy with a vintage Charlie's Angels poster on the door to his room, thought that he had potential of getting some from a Saint Mary's student he met at Irish Connection last Thursday before Harrigan mentioned that in the Notre Dame student body presidential elections, he had voted for the ticket who proposed that all Notre Dame students receive their football tickets before Saint Mary's students in order to ensure superior seats.

Harrigan believes this may have annoyed the SMCer.

"I kind of said, 'It's totally unfair that some of you guys get better tickets than those of us who are real Notre Dame students. What do they expect us to do, get to the stadium before kickoff so we can sit where we want?'" Harrigan says, recounting the pivotal conversation.

"And she was like, 'That's needlessly discriminatory and can only serve to damage relations between the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's communities. No one really sits in their assigned seats anyway. It doesn't make that much of a difference.' And then I was all, 'Oh s—t, maybe I shouldn't have said that. I think she may have thought I was kind of a prick.'"

The Saint Mary's student in question, whom Harrigan later identified as Regina resident Amy Taylor, confirmed Harrigan's impression. "I was kind of

thinking of asking him to my next SYR, but after he said that I crossed him off the list. Who would want to buy a perfectly good shot glass for a guy who thinks something like that? Screw him."



Harrigan blames his comments on the illegally purchased beer he had consumed earlier in the evening.

Not getting any at Notre Dame is a fairly common occurrence, assures University Health Services counselor Jeff Torrence. "Most Notre Dame students aren't getting any," he says. "When I look out my office window and watch the students go by, I say to myself, 'Now there's a group of people not getting any.' Mike's situation is completely normal."

Torrence suggested that Harrigan's chances of getting some might increase if he moved off campus, joined the Irish Guard or invested in Air Supply's Greatest Hits.

Harrigan seems encouraged by Torrence's Air Supply recommendation. He attempted to elaborate upon the idea by wondering if it would be helpful if he played it in the background as he and a member of the opposite sex hung out after a dance watching a movie or something, possibly "Austin Powers."

"Maybe a hook-up would kind of flow from there," he says hopefully.

Wills, however, is doubtful. "Chicks don't buy that stuff," says Wills, who recently got some after attending the birthday party of this guy he knows from Alumni. He has not contacted his co-hook-upper since briefly asking her what was up as they passed each other in front of South Dining Hall on the Tuesday following the incident. Yet Harrigan holds out hope.

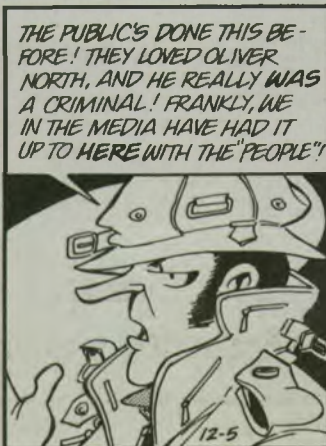
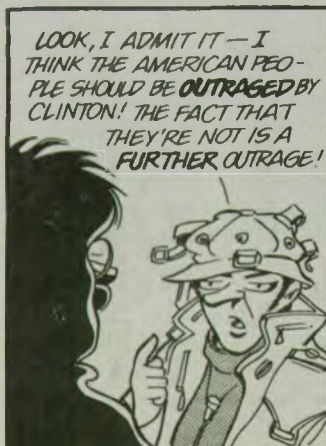
"Somewhere, there's a girl out there who might let me get to second base," he says. "I just have to get her on a night when she doesn't have any food in her stomach and starts out the evening with Jell-O shots."

Mary Beth Ellis is a senior at Saint Mary's College who is majoring in English writing and political science. She apologizes in advance if it turns out that there is a Notre Dame student out there who is actually named Mike Harrigan.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

'Love is only the dirty Ltrick played on us to achieve continuation of the species.'

— W. Somerset Maugham

■ SUPER HIGH INTENSITY TRAINING FOR THE MIND — VALENTINE'S DAY SPECIAL

Why Males' Lips Bleed and why we Like Snow

A male and a female meet on North Quad and embark on love's journey.

To start the relationship, the male and female have a beautiful date. The night ends with a nightcap in the male's dorm room. The near future:

Female: Adheres to the "three-day rule," by which she can make no con-

dinner at a beautiful restaurant. At the restaurant they are seated together on the same side of a booth. An attractive couple of the same age strides toward them on the way to their table.

Female thinks: Look at his chest!

Male thinks: Look at her chest!

No advantage. They both kept their mouths shut. Still FEMALE 2-1.

Later in the evening, an absolutely smokin' female walks in and turns every head in the place. I mean, she is SEUH-MOKIN'. The kind of girl who makes you bite down HARD on your lip when she walks by. She's got curves in places most people don't have places, legs up to her neck, and an ethnic look that you can't quite place — you just know you want to be on the next plane to wherever she's from in the hopes she has a little sister.

Female: "Look at everyone else looking at her. Thank God I don't have the kind of man that just snaps his neck around at every hotty that walks in here. Just look at all those guys craning their necks just to get a look. Thank God you're different. You probably don't even think she's ... Oh, My God, Honey! Your lip is bleeding! It's gushing blood!"

Advantage: Female was blathering again. Male controlled himself. TIE GAME 2-2.

The potential lovers decide to throw away 33 years of opposite-sex-watching-Super-Bowl-together-futility, and watch the Super Bowl together anyway. As the commercials come on, the male watches intently, but they have watched football before and the female knows that she's allowed to talk during commercials.

Female: "Do you ..."

Male: "Not now."

honey — the commercials are on."

Female: "But you said ..."

Male: "I know, but these are the Super Bowl commercials. They're different. Just let me watch."

Female: "So these commercials are more important than me?"

Male: "Trust me, honey: You don't want to make me make that choice."

Advantage: Female. Male needs to educate before snapping. FEMALE 3-2.

Some time goes by and Easter comes up. They split ways. The first thing heard coming home from school when their parents haven't seen them for 4 months:

Mother to daughter: "Have you met anyone yet? When are you going to meet someone? When are you going to get married? I want grandchildren. When are you going to have kids?"

Father to son: "You haven't had any kids since the last time we saw you, right?"

Advantage: Male. The father asks once, breathes a sigh of relief and puts a lid on it. The mother calls and continually asks the daughter's answering machine after she goes back to school. TIE GAME 3-3.

After Easter there is an end-of-the-year formal. As males have a tendency to do, the male has too much to drink. But he makes it through the night upright even though he can barely see straight. The time comes to part ways.

Male: "G'nte, I had a wunde ... wondr ... great time ... you wr the grst date ev..."

Female's Best Friend (to whom the male is speaking): "Um, I wasn't your date. Your date's over there."

Advantage: Female. People drink too much, don't they? FEMALE 4-3.

Right before summer, they need to decide if they're going to try to carry the relationship on or not. The female decides to make a big leap. Out of nowhere she makes a pronouncement

that, for her, is a big step. The male's mind is preoccupied with moving out and other things.

Female: "Eddie, I love you."

Male: "I love you, too Sarah."

Female: "MY NAME IS LISA!"

Advantage: Female. Mistaken identities twice in just a few weeks? Ouch. FEMALE 5-3.

Summer comes, and the male has the good fortune of living right near his girlfriend's best friend. The cat of the girlfriend's best friend needs somewhere to stay for a few weeks while she goes and gets her internship set up.

Female: "Well, Snuggles could stay with you, couldn't he? I mean, C'mon,

he's the same color as the rug in your living room. Wouldn't Snuggly-Wuggly just look adorable in your living room?"

Male: "Wouldn't Snuggly-Wuggly just look adorable in my blender?"

Advantage: Male. The only good cat is a dead cat. FEMALE 5-4.

The summer passes uneventfully, but they both change over the summer. They are still feeling each other out for the changes when they enter a particularly heated political debate. The topic is affirmative action and the subject of feminism comes up:

Female: "A woman can do anything a man can do."

Male: "OK, Miss Equality, name for me all the female Presidents."

Advantage: Female. This one's kind of self-explanatory. He needs to count to 10 before speaking when emotions run high. FEMALE 6-4.

The realize they've both changed over the summer, so they decide it's best to part ways. Right after a "Let's just be friends" talk, they decide to walk campus to talk about some of the

Now that they've broken up, they decide that they have too much past and what-not to throw the relationship away and not be friends, so they try the honesty thing on for size. The female tries on some new slacks and wants "an honest opinion."

Female: "Be honest."

Male:

"Yeah, right."

Female:

"No, really. Be honest. Do these pants make my butt look big?"

Male:

"Honestly?"

Female:

"Yeah."

Male:

"Nope. The pants don't make your butt look big. But the fact that your butt is big makes your butt look big."

Advantage:

Male. But the friendship is pretty much over at that

point. See, she said "honest." He heard "honest." But they are apparently two very different words. He was speaking English, she was speaking Female. This is America, after all, so we'll go with English. FEMALE 7-5.

The only thing left to explore are the irate letters to be written to The Observer in response to this column.

Female: "I have no sense of humor, and I think that you are, um, demeaning toward women. I have nothing more to say, but I will drone on for 800-1000 words anyway saying the EXACT SAME STINKING THING. And I really hated that part at the end of your column where you made the female write the exact same letter I am now writing."

Male: "Will someone please date me? I really have nothing to say, but I will seize this, and any other opportunity, to make myself look like I care about how females on campus feel. Of course, if I actually did care how the females on campus feel, I wouldn't need to write this letter, but, like I said, WILL SOMEONE PLEASE DATE ME?"

No one gets any points for such a display of public idiocy.

Females win, 7-5.

See, gals, we've shown that it's easier to be female nowadays — we males may be a little clumsy with words, but what comes out of our mouths isn't necessarily what's in our hearts.

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Spencer Stefko



tact with him for three days, or else he might think that she wants him. The fact that she *does* want him is apparently pretty irrelevant.

Male: Thinks it is perfectly normal to not wash the cup that the girl drank from, sleep with it each night and carry it with him wherever he goes until she returns his myriad of phone calls — which, of course, she won't until the three days are up.

Advantage: Female. I don't like mind games, but fetishes are even worse. FEMALE 1-0.

Once the three-day probationary period is up, they admit to each other that they had fun.

They decide to go out again the next week. Well, actually, they go to school at ND or SMC, so they actually are going to stay in and call it "going out." They choose the movie "Braveheart" so he can watch people break stuff and she can watch the love storyline. The first snowfall of the year begins to fall.

Female: "Look at the beautiful snow. There are so many parallels between human life and the life of the snowflake. Each snowflake is unique — just like humans. Both snowflakes and humans have their fate controlled by so many external factors. Have you ever thought about how we're just like snowflakes? Look, honey, it's starting to lay on the ground. Like a mantle of white ... blah ... blah ..."

Male is thinking: Cool! I can write my name in the snow! Wait. Hold on. Wait until she leaves.

Advantage: Male. She was blathering. He thought before acting. TIE GAME 1-1.

The male controls himself, and eventually gets to write his name in the snow. He spends the rest of the night cussing his parents for naming him with a name with an "i" in it because it's so difficult to dot an "i" while writing one's name in the snow.

A few weeks and a few dates pass and they are talking about their plans for the weekend in the dining hall.

Female: "You know what tomorrow is, don't you?"

Male: "Yeah, Friday!"

Female: "Yeah ... and that means ..."

Male: "Couches on the Quad, baby! I'm finished at 12:35 and I'll be kickin' it on the quad by 1:00!"

Female: "And our anniversary ... right?"

Male: "Anniversary? Yeah, right. C'mon, what are we, married?"

Advantage: Female. One can't be expected to remember the anniversary of everything, but he blew it with the marriage thing. Every time there's a "..." in a female's sentence, any intelligent male should be searching every depth of his brain for anything to fill in the blank. FEMALE 2-1.

He tries to make it up to her with

'Every time there's a "..." in a female's sentence, any intelligent male should be searching every depth of his brain for anything to fill in the blank.'



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■ THE COMMON GOOD

Concentrating in Catholicism

The University's mission statement holds that Notre Dame "seeks to cultivate in its students not only an appreciation for the great achievements of human beings but also a disciplined sensibility to the poverty, injustice, and oppression that burden the lives of so many."

Todd David Whitmore

The aim is to create a sense of human solidarity and concern for the common good that will bear fruit as learning becomes service to justice. Unfortunately many (perhaps most) of the University's students do not know the Catholic tradition regarding justice, solidarity, the common good, the "option for the poor," and other related concepts that guide the tradition's thinking on the social order.

Notre Dame is not alone in this lack of knowledge and practice. This is why John Paul II poses the rhetorical question, "It must be asked how many Christians really know and put into practice the principles of the church's social doctrine." It is also why the American Catholic bishops answer that "our social heritage is unknown by many Catholics. Sadly, our social doctrine is not shared or taught in a comprehensive way in too many of our schools." This is a serious problem given that the "sharing of our social tradition is a defining measure of Catholic education and formation."

In order to help remedy this problem, the College Council has passed a proposal for a new Concentration in Catholic Social Tradition, which is to begin formally next fall term. The Concentration is an interdisciplinary program that provides undergraduates the opportunity to study the Catholic social tradition from a variety of perspectives, including but not limited to those of theology, philosophy, economics, history, sociology, government, and anthropology.

It will be open to undergraduate students from all schools and colleges. This is in keeping with the claim in the University's Mission Statement that the "Catholic character of Notre Dame as an academic community depends upon the seriousness with which the religious dimensions of all human learning are recognized, given priority, and explored throughout the University."

The Concentration in Catholic Social Tradition involves fifteen credit-hours of coursework including a core course (three credits), three electives (each three credits), and three one credit colloquia/social concerns seminars. The core course will have three components: 1) The close reading of classic texts of the Catholic Social Tradition, particularly but not exclusively the papal and conciliar documents from Pope Leo XIII's *Rerum Novarum* to John Paul II's *Centesimus Annus*. Other texts will

include source documents (for instance, writings by Thomas Aquinas and Augustine) and contemporary appropriations (for instance, writings by liberation theologians and neo-conservatives); 2) Immersion in professional context. Each student will find a placement in a location similar to that student's anticipated profession.

The student is to take three hours per week to observe, interview, and to the extent possible participate in the life of the setting. For instance, the students can observe a law or architectural firm or a medical practice. Here, the student will keep an ongoing journal as a "pastoral ethnography" of the setting (an interpretation of the practice in the setting in light of the Catholic Social Tradition); and 3) Final project: each student is to articulate or construct a setting in his or her anticipated profession in light of the Catholic Social Tradition (for instance, imagine and construct what a law firm/health clinic/ad agency would look like if it practiced in light of the Catholic social tradition). The electives will be chosen by the student in consultation with the Director from among courses offered in the University. The one-credit seminars will be devoted to the critical reading and discussion of one or two major works each semester. Social concerns seminars are one-credit courses lodged first within the Department of Theology and often cross-listed with other departments.

Four characteristics will mark the Concentration in Catholic Social Tradition and give further specification to its content:

1. In keeping with the Catholic social tradition itself and the University's Mission Statement, we will emphasize both what the mission statement calls the "disciplined habits of mind" and the "disciplined sensibility" in service to justice. We will accent the first through an offering of course-

valuations into critical conversation.

2. With regard to the disciplined mind dimension of the Concentration, we will foster a spirit of interchange reflective of the Catholic ideal of civil society. In doing so, we will present

response to the Catholic social tradition. This is all the more the case if avocational voluntary service is allowed to stand side by side with a professional practice that knows little or nothing of the norms of the Catholic

social tradition.

Allowing such a bifurcation would constitute a failure in the mission of the University. A concentration in Catholic Social Tradition will provide one means of fostering a life among Notre Dame's students that integrates the personal and the professional. The emphasis on service through professional life is particularly important at Notre Dame because its graduates often move on to take positions of high-ranking leadership and considerable power that impact the lives of many persons in a broad spectrum of social spheres, including in politics, law, business, education, the media, and the military.

4. In keeping with the Catholic social tradition's attention to the full range of social



the Catholic social tradition in a way that cuts across the divide between "conservatives" and "liberals" both as these options are defined in intra-ecclesial disputes and as they are presented in American public discourse. The Catholic social tradition's contribution to contemporary debates is reflected in the fact that it is not reducible to any of these polar options. We believe that making this contribution depends in large part on staying in conversation with all parties.

Here we follow John Courtney Murray, who defines a civil society as that place where persons are "locked together in argument." It is in this spirit, for instance, that I have set aside one of my upcoming columns for Michael Novak to respond to my argument on neo-conservative economics and have also invited him to a campus setting that allows those attending to join in the exchange (Mr. Novak has requested a specific date, which I have granted, and I am now waiting for a response.).

3. With regard to the disciplined sensibility in service to justice dimension of the Concentration, the primary emphasis will be on service

through professional vocation, with secondary, though significant, emphasis on voluntary avocation. This is the case for two reasons. First, there are already resources for undergraduates at Notre Dame to participate in voluntary service. Second, avocational voluntary service, while laudatory, by itself constitutes an insufficient

spheres (science and technology as well as business, politics, and culture) the concentration will seek to involve all of the colleges of the University. The charter "Report of the College of Arts and Letters Committee on Concentrations" (June 24, 1982), writes of a "longstanding recognition that the world is not neatly divided into disciplines...In fact, the disciplinary boundaries may lead to a kind of intellectual parochialism among our students." The concentration in Catholic Social Tradition seeks to take these insights a step further by involving the whole university. While the administration of the Concentration will be centered in the College of Arts and Letters, we will seek to have representation of all of the colleges/school in three ways. First, we will seek to have liaisons to the committee in every college/school in the University. Second, we aim to have courses cross-listed from as many colleges as possible.

Third, as stated above, the Concentration and the courses it offers will be open to students from all of the colleges to the degree that their majors permit the curricular time to pursue it.

In short, the Concentration in Catholic Social Tradition will challenge you, the undergraduates, by posing to you, from the perspectives of a wide array of disciplines, these questions: For those of you who are Catholic, will you enter your professional lives Catholics? And for those of you who are not Catholic, will you enter your professional lives influenced by a set of values consonant with those put forth by the University in which you have spent such formative years? To put the matter in terms appropriate to a Catholic university, will you understand and practice your professional as well as personal life as a vocation?

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work and course requirements that is every bit as intellectually rigorous as the best programs at Notre Dame. We will address the latter by offering the opportunity for and in some cases requiring service learning and internships where the students are called upon to bring the Catholic social tradition and their service/internship obser-

Parents Invade SMC



This weekend, Saint Mary's College sophomores celebrate their parents with a weekend in their honor



By KRISTI KLITSCH
Scene Editor

About 18 years ago, a group of students on Saint Mary's Sophomore Class Board approached the administration with the idea of bringing together sophomores and their parents for an official, school-sponsored weekend.

The weekend, entitled Sophomore Parents' Weekend (SPW), would be the complement to Junior Parents' Weekend at the University of Notre Dame, and would be open to any Saint Mary's sophomore, said Georgeanna Rosenbush, director of Student Activities at Saint Mary's.

The first weekend was promoted as a follow-up to orientation weekend, and included a talent show, academic open house, educational programs, a class mass, President's reception and social dinner/dance, said Rosenbush.

The event proved to be a huge success, and SPW soon became an annual tradition for the sophomore class. "Sophomore Parents' Weekend is the oldest and most official college weekend at Saint Mary's," said Rosenbush. "At one point we had more than 1100 total people [students and their parents combined] participating."

This year more than 150 students and their parents will participate in the SPW activities, said SPW chairperson Marie Kahn. The theme of the weekend is "The Gifts: Roots and Wings," stemming from the quotation: "It is said that we need roots to ground us, feed us and help us grow and wings on which to fly."

The weekend will kick off this evening, as students and their parents have an opportunity to tour the College Football

Hall of Fame.

Saturday begins with an academic, parents and faculty a chance for a social setting.

"I think that the academic opportunity for parents to meet their daughter gives professors a chance to get

'MY PARENTS LOVED IT. THE PROFESSORS AND GET TOGETHER AGAIN.'

side the classroom," Kahn said.

On Saturday afternoon, sophomores and parents will participate in the "Afternoon Games and Tea," said Kahn.

A class mass will be held at 10 p.m., with Father Joe Ross presiding over student participation, including ministers and gift bearers.

Following the mass will be a downtown at the Century Center. Father Eldred will greet sophomores and their parents. A dinner will be served at 8 p.m., followed by a formal dance.

Sunday morning students can



Opposite Page: *The Sophomore Parents' Weekend at Saint Mary's gives parents the opportunity to meet each other and spend time with their children during the long stretch between the beginning of second semester and spring break.*

Above Right: *Student body vice-president-elect Angie Little makes a round of introductions.*

Photos by Manuela Hernandez

Above center: *Heather Showalter and her parents enjoyed the events at the 1997 Sophomore Parent's Weekend.*

Photo courtesy of Heather Peoples

The Greatest Gifts:



Roots and Wings

Sophomore Parents' Weekend
Saint Mary's College

Schedule of Events

Friday the 12th
College Football Hall of Fame (Optional)

Saturday the 13th

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Academic Open House at the
Reignbeaux Lounge Le Mans

12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Lunch (on your own)

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Afternoon Games and Tea at the
Haggar Parlor

4:30 p.m.

Mass at the Church of Loretto

7 p.m.

President's Reception at the Century
Center

8 p.m.

Dinner/Dance at the Century Center

Sunday the 14th

8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Continental Breakfast at the
Stapleton Lounge

fast in the Stapleton Lounge, or simply relax with their parents.

Registration packets will be available at the Haggar College Center front-desk today from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and will include a personalized picture frame commemorating the weekend. Kahn and her committee began planning for this year's SPW last year, and she is excited and anxious for the weekend to begin.

"It has been really fun planning SPW. I think that it will be a wonderful opportunity for parents to get to know their daughter's friends and for parents to get to know parents. Except for moving in and out, your parents usually don't get to see your friends," Kahn said.

Emily Junius, a junior who helped in the planning of SPW last year, agreed with Kahn.

"It was just a great experience," she said. "My parents really enjoyed meeting my friend's parents. It is a great tradition, and I am happy that I was given the opportunity to help plan the event."

For Erin Hall, last year's SPW chairperson, watching the weekend run so smoothly made all the planning worthwhile.

"I think that last year we had a great turnout. Everything went pretty smoothly, and we had no major problems," she said.

"My parents loved it. They loved meeting my professors and getting to see the campus again," Hall added.

After months of careful planning, budgeting and preparing, Kahn and her committee are ready for the parents to arrive.

"Hopefully everything will go well," she said. "I know my parents can't wait to arrive."

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the Century Center, fol-

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■ MEN'S TENNIS

Netters look to upset No. 10 Duke

By NATHANIEL DeNICOLA
Sports Writer

Notre Dame men's tennis team will look to stifle its two-game losing streak Saturday as it hosts No. 10 Duke.

In the past two weeks, the Irish have sustained losses to No. 7 Texas and No. 26 Kentucky, each time falling just short 4-3.

"Those were two tough losses in a row," said junior all-American Ryan Sachire, "but by no means are we discouraged."

Not only have the 24th-ranked Irish proven they can compete with some of the nation's top teams (both losses Texas and Kentucky were decided in the last match), but they also have history on their side, having defeated a higher-ranked Duke team for two straight years.

As head coach Bob Bayliss explained, "The tradition of this match is an exciting one, the play is always very competitive."

Fierce competition has been no stranger to the Irish this season.

"Duke has a very talented team. I expect another match like Texas", said Bayliss. "Though we will have to play hard to get there."

Leading the charge into battle is third-ranked Sachire, who will attempt to continue his domination at No. 1 singles where he will face either all-American Doug Root or LSU transfer Pedro Esudero.

Sachire is coming off two

impressive performances, first capturing the consolation championship at the Rolex National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships on Saturday then downing 27th-ranked Carlos Drada of Kentucky on Tuesday.

Coupling the attack at No. 2 is senior co-captain Brain Patterson, who accounted for the second singles win in the match against Kentucky.

"With Sachire undefeated and Patterson 4-1 in the dual match season, we are very strong at the top of our lineup," said Bayliss.

Matt Daly, Casey Smith and senior co-captain Andy Warford solidify the No. 3-5 slots and sophomore Mark Overdevest will replace an ill Andrew Laffin at No. 6.

This will be Overdevest's first dual match appearance, but coach Bayliss is not worried, "It's difficult to put someone in this position, but Mark has been working hard and as a result playing well."

If the match this Saturday mimics the duel against Texas, every match, set, game, even bounce of the ball will be crucial, a theme all-too common for the Irish this year.

"A win against Duke would give us a lot of confidence that we can win the big match," said Sachire.

Having flirted with dramatic upsets and possibly a top-10 ranking, the Irish are anxious to realize their tremendous potential.

This Saturday they have their chance.

■ NFL

Cooke regains control of 'Skins

Associate Press

ASHBURN, Va.

On the eve of free agency, NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue on Thursday night stepped into a power struggle involving the Washington Redskins and declared president John Kent Cooke in charge of the team.

Tagliabue's move came after trustees of the estate of Cooke's late father demanded final authority for any and all dealings, leaving general manager Charley Casserly and coach Norv Turner powerless and the team in danger of losing several key free agents.

Commissioner Tagliabue today confirmed that current Redskin management retains full authority to direct the operation of the team, including player and coach employment until the sale of the Redskins is approved by NFL clubs," read a statement from the league.

"The commissioner acted after learning that the special committee of the trustees for Jack Kent Cooke's estate recently denied management the authority to re-sign certain players."

Casserly, whose hands had been tied by the trustees at the bargaining table, immediately got on the phone and reopened negotiations with quarterback Trent Green and others. He also cut disenchanted quarterback Gus Frerotte, saving the team a \$1.25 million roster bonus that would have been due at the end of the month.

"It means we have the go-ahead to operate," Casserly said. "We've done that. We've talked to Trent Green's agent. We'll be on the phone at 12:01 tonight talking to other free

agents."

The Redskins' future remains in limbo, however, as NFL owners consider whether to approve the sale of the team to a group headed by brothers Howard and Edward Milstein and Daniel Snyder for a league-record \$800 million. The trustees of the late Cooke's estate agreed to sell the team to the Milstein-Snyder group on Jan. 10. Three-fourths of the NFL team owners must give their consent.

The buyers, trustees and many within the Redskins

expected at this meeting."

Signs of a tussle between the trustees and the Redskins management have been evident for days as the team made no progress in re-signing priority free agents Green, linebacker Marcus Patton, receiver Leslie Shepherd and center Cory Raymer. Then the annual pre-free agency press conference was canceled Thursday with just two hours' notice.

"Under normal conditions, we could have reached a deal by midnight," said Glenn Schwartzmann, Shepherd's agent. "They would have loved to be able to do that, but obviously the circumstances have been a little bit complicated."

The NFL's statement said the Redskins' current plans regarding player signings "appear to be consistent with past practice at the Redskins. ... They offer no basis for concluding that current management is in any way acting other than in the best interests of the club."

In a letter to the trustees, Tagliabue advised that they should not "make any changes or restrict in any way" John Kent Cooke's current status or authority to manage the Redskins.

The Redskins also tendered customary offers to several restricted and exclusive rights free agents, including running back Stephen Davis and safety Leomont Evans.

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CHARLEY CASSERLY
GENERAL MANAGER, WASHINGTON REDSKINS

organization were hoping that approval would come at an owners' meeting next week in Atlanta, but that meeting was canceled Thursday. The next scheduled meeting of the full ownership is March 14-18 in Phoenix.

Some owners have said they would have preferred that Cooke's son, John Kent Cooke, purchase the team. But the younger Cooke, who has represented the Redskins at league meetings for nearly 20 years, was not able to outbid Milstein and Snyder in a months-long action conducted by the trustees.

"The NFL's finance committee meets Monday Feb. 15 in Atlanta to continue its review of the Redskins sale," the NFL statement said. "No committee recommendation on the sale is

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Valentine's Day**

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■ NFL

Vikings prepare to sail into free agent waters

Associated Press

The Minnesota Vikings conquered free agency last season by signing all their high-priced, high-quality players.

Now they'll have to do it again.

As the free agent signing and trading period begins Friday, the Vikings, who finished 15-1 before being upset by Atlanta in the NFC championship game, have seven starters who are unrestricted free agents and not a lot of money with which to work.

That's because most of it went last season to defensive tackle John Randle, offensive tackle Todd Steussie, running back Robert Smith and wide receiver Jake Reed, to whom the team committed \$93 million. They've since re-signed quarterback Randall

Cunningham and offensive tackle Korey Stringer, who could have become free agents this year.

"That's the way you like to do it, particularly when you can keep people of that quality," Buffalo general manager John Butler said.

"You know what your own players can do — on and off the field. You're never sure when you bring in new people. But that doesn't mean you won't look to plug holes or be forced to let people go because of the cap."

Right now, teams are looking to rid themselves of players whose salaries exceed their value. This year's salary cap is just short of \$57.3 million, \$5 million more than last year.

Quarterback Jeff George, his \$5 million salary and his questionable attitude, might be out

of Oakland.

The Carolina Panthers dropped two of their originals — defensive lineman Mike Fox and oft-injured linebacker Lamar Lathon; San Francisco is likely to dispose of cornerback Marquez Pope and running back Terry Kirby and is restructuring other salaries. Buffalo saved \$4 million by ridding itself of veterans Quinn Early and Wayne Simmons and New Orleans has made it known it won't re-sign troubled quarterback Kerry Collins, picked up from Carolina last season.

There's also an X-factor, the new Cleveland Browns, who went cheap in the expansion draft, leaving them close to \$40 million to spend on free agents, meaning they can outbid almost anyone. For example, they are reportedly ready to bid \$5 million a year for defensive end Chad Bratzke of the New York Giants, a number the Giants probably won't try to match.

The deepest position in free agency is wide receiver, headed by All-Pro Antonio Freeman of Green Bay, who is likely to be given a franchise player tag to protect him. Cincinnati did the same this week with Carl Pickens, whom they may trade

for the two first-round draft picks that come with that tag. Arizona might do the same with Rob Moore.

Others available include J.J. Stokes of San Francisco, Sean Dawkins of New Orleans, Charles Johnson of Pittsburgh and Leslie Shepherd of Washington. The 49ers' Terrell Owens, a restricted free agent, might be the most attractive and could go because San Francisco is nearly \$30 million over the cap and probably can't match a pre-emptive offer from a team with money, like the Browns.

The success of the Vikings contrasts with the way other teams have thrown money around with little result. For example, Seattle spent millions on big-name free agents for the second straight year, but finished 8-8, costing coach Dennis Erickson his job. One problem: the revolving door game in which the Seahawks lost center Kevin Mawae, who went to the New York Jets and became the hub of their vastly improved offensive line.

That's what makes free agency risky.

Many players are improved by the players around them, like wide Alvin Harper, a stand-

out in Dallas playing opposite Michael Irvin. He did nothing after signing in 1995 with Tampa Bay. Bratzke, a good but not great player whose 11 1/2 sacks came in part because All-Pro Michael Strahan played the other end, could be a player whose performance diminishes elsewhere.

What the Vikings do might turn on what happens with Brad Johnson, who began last season as the starting quarterback, got hurt twice and never got his job back from Cunningham.

Johnson, due a \$1.15 million bonus March 1, may be traded to Baltimore, coached by former Minnesota offensive coordinator Brian Billick. He's by far the most attractive quarterback available in a market that includes Collins, and veteran backups like Rich Gannon of Kansas City and Steve Bono of St. Louis.

That would provide cap room to sign those Vikings who can leave — three quarters of the team's secondary, Pro Bowl linebacker Ed McClellan, defensive linemen Derrick Alexander, Jerry Ball and Jason Fisk, fullback Chuck Evans and third-down back and kick returner David Palmer.

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■ MEN'S SWIMMING

Irish challenge Milwaukee's best

By WES RICHARDSON
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's swim team will have its last chance to break even on dual meets today when it faces the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

The team's record is 3-4, and the Irish are the strong favorites to win. This is also the last meet before the Big East Championships, to be held Feb. 25-27 in Uniondale, N.Y.

Despite beating host Wisconsin-Milwaukee 1083-921.5 at the Bill Ritter Invitational in January, the Irish are not going in overconfident.

"We've always been able to beat them pretty handily, but they've gotten better every year, and this is their best year," co-captain Steele Whowell said. "We can't overlook them because they do have some speed."

An unexpected challenge has also arisen, according to Whowell. One of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's best swimmers did not compete in the invitational, but will be competing today.

There are also differences between dual and invitational meet formats that will affect scoring.

"It's more important to win events," Whowell said of dual meets. "We can't outscore them by getting second or third place [in individual events]."

One fact in particular has plagued the Irish men this season: They have no divers. Wisconsin-Milwaukee will have three divers each competing in two events, putting Notre Dame at an immediate 32-point disadvantage.

Despite these challenges, many team members are looking forward to improve their personal best times in events they do not normally swim.

Timing is also a factor. With championships less than two weeks away,

today's meet is the last opportunity for the team to prepare in a competitive race.

"It's a final chance to race and tune up. I can't think of anything but good reasons for this meet," assistant coach Jonathan Jennings said.

A large part of preparing for a meet as important as the three-day championships is decreasing the distance swum in practice while increasing the intensity and periods of rest. Today's meet comes in the middle of the team's taper. This will aid in preparation for championships, according to Jennings.

"As you get faster through your taper, it's good to race at [meet] speed," he said.

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STEELE WHOWELL
SWIMMING CO-CAPTAIN

"We're starting to taper seriously this week, so hopefully we'll swim faster than normal," Sean Casey said.

The last dual meet between the two teams occurred less than one week before the last Big East Championships. The scheduling for this season is closer to ideal, according to Jennings.

Today, the Irish will need to keep Wisconsin-Milwaukee from winning the 50- and 100-yard freestyle. The sprint events have given Notre Dame trouble in the past, and team illnesses have made this problem worse. Notre Dame will need to take advantage of its strength in distance and 200-yard events to make up the difference.

■ NFL

Eagles' Marmula inks new deal

Associated Press

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The Philadelphia Eagles resigned defensive end Mike Marmula to a four-year contract worth between \$11 million and \$12 million plus incentives.

Marmula 25, missed all of last season injuring his knee in the second exhibition game.

He was the seventh pick of the 1995 draft but never recorded more than eight sacks in a season.

But Tom Modrak, the Eagles' director of football operations, said Thursday that the team looked at all the available pass-rushing ends, "and Mike has as much ability as any of the guys who are in that group."

Marmula started 45 games during his first three NFL seasons before suffering a torn anterior cruciate ligament and torn cartilage in his right knee during the Eagles' second preseason game against Pittsburgh.

Modrak said Marmula will be ready in time for training camp this summer.

"His progress, his rehabilitation, has been very positive ... He's been great, he's worked extremely hard. He seems to have a better appreciation of what football means to him. Mike's hungry," Modrak said.

Marmula, who was scheduled to become an unrestricted free agent on Friday, said he's gratified that the team has offered

him another chance.

"It let's me know this organization wants me to be here. And I want to be here. This is my home. I'm getting married in June and want to start a family here," Marmula said.

Marmula will be paired with defensive end Hugh Douglas, who had 12 1/2 sacks last season and was one of the few bright spots on an otherwise dismal team.

The Eagles also announced the signing of fourth-year linebacker Dana Howard.

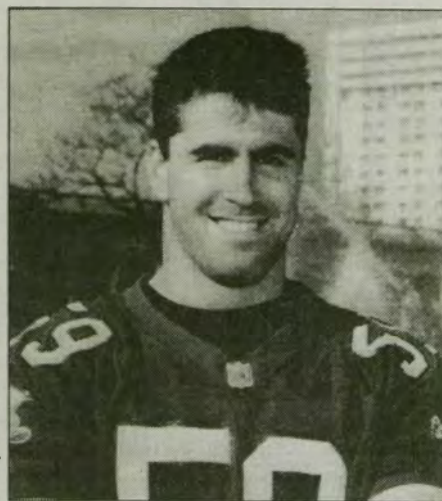


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feated in 1994, he did it without a single all-American.

Auriol's coaching success lies not only in his reputation, which helps pull in top recruits, but also in his ability to shape talented beginners into all-Americans.

Junior epeeist and all-American Magda Krol attributes Auriol's success to three factors:

"Number one is his reputation. The way athletes view him and their opinions of him," Kral said. Second, the way that he is able to give lessons. How he works one-on-one with all of us. And third, his results that is what really proves to be a good coach. Not only does he import good athletes, but he can make good fencers out of pure beginners. He has proven all those things."

One might believe that such a successful coach and motivator would be a screamer, but Auriol is quiet.

"He is a real laid back guy," freshman epeeist Brian Casas said. "If you are doing bad he doesn't come out and express his anger. He expects a lot of you. He doesn't say a lot but he expresses a lot."

Auriol's laid-back style seems to be working just fine as he continues to pile up victories and pull in top fencers. This year's freshman class has four fencers who could qualify for the NCAA tournament. Auriol's reputation plays a big role in recruiting.

"One of the reasons that I came to Notre Dame was the reputation of the coaching staff among students and athletes," Krol said.

With top recruits and excellent coaching ability, Auriol's success should continue for years to come.

"He is a shining star of our athletic department," DeCicco said. "And quite frankly, I can't see our athletic department being as successful without him."

Tennis

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worked hard, and we feel that we are ready for Duke," said Hall.

Following right behind Webb's footsteps are other very capable players for Duke. No. 2 player Megan Miller, who was missing from Duke's one loss to William and Mary this year, will be ready to go, as well as Karen Goldstein and Kristen Sanderson.

Key players for the Irish will be Velasco and Michelle Dasso, who is coming off a stellar performance at the Rolex National Indoor last weekend.

Most importantly, though, might be the play of the doubles teams. Coach Jay Louderback is looking for them to close out tight matches, which could ultimately put Notre Dame over the top against Duke.

Friday and Saturday may be the most important days, however. If the Irish hope to complete the weekend undefeated, they cannot overlook Ohio State and Clemson.

The Buckeyes are much improved from last year, and much better than their No. 59 ranking, according to Louderback. Coming off their 7-2 upset of No. 35 Marquette and 5-4 loss to No. 26 Tennessee, the Buckeyes will have confidence.

"They play very hard, and they always seem to play well against us. They really fight for every point, so our girls will not be able to look ahead to Duke when playing on Friday or Saturday," said Louderback.

Ohio State's top four players are freshmen and sophomores. Last year, freshmen at the No. 1 and 2 spots beat the Irish. This year, the singles appear to be ready for victory.

Clemson, usually a very talented team, has been hurt by injuries this season. Notre Dame now does not know what to expect from the Tigers.

"They've had good athletes in the past, but this year, it's hard to tell who's going to play for them," said Louderback.

"We know that both Ohio State and Clemson are good, solid teams, so we can't overlook them," said Hall. "They both will be ready to come in and play well against us."

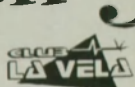
No matter how this weekend turns out, though, the Irish will be able to take something away from it.

"Playing a top team like Duke, you'll take something away from the match whether you win or lose, especially the young players," said Hall.

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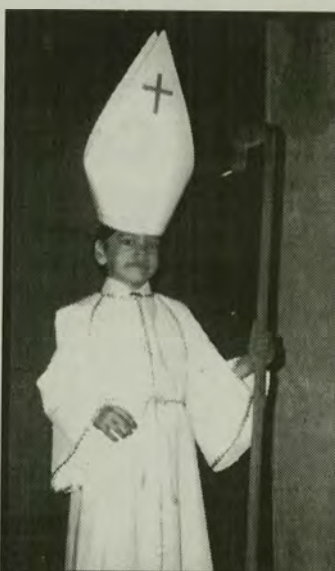
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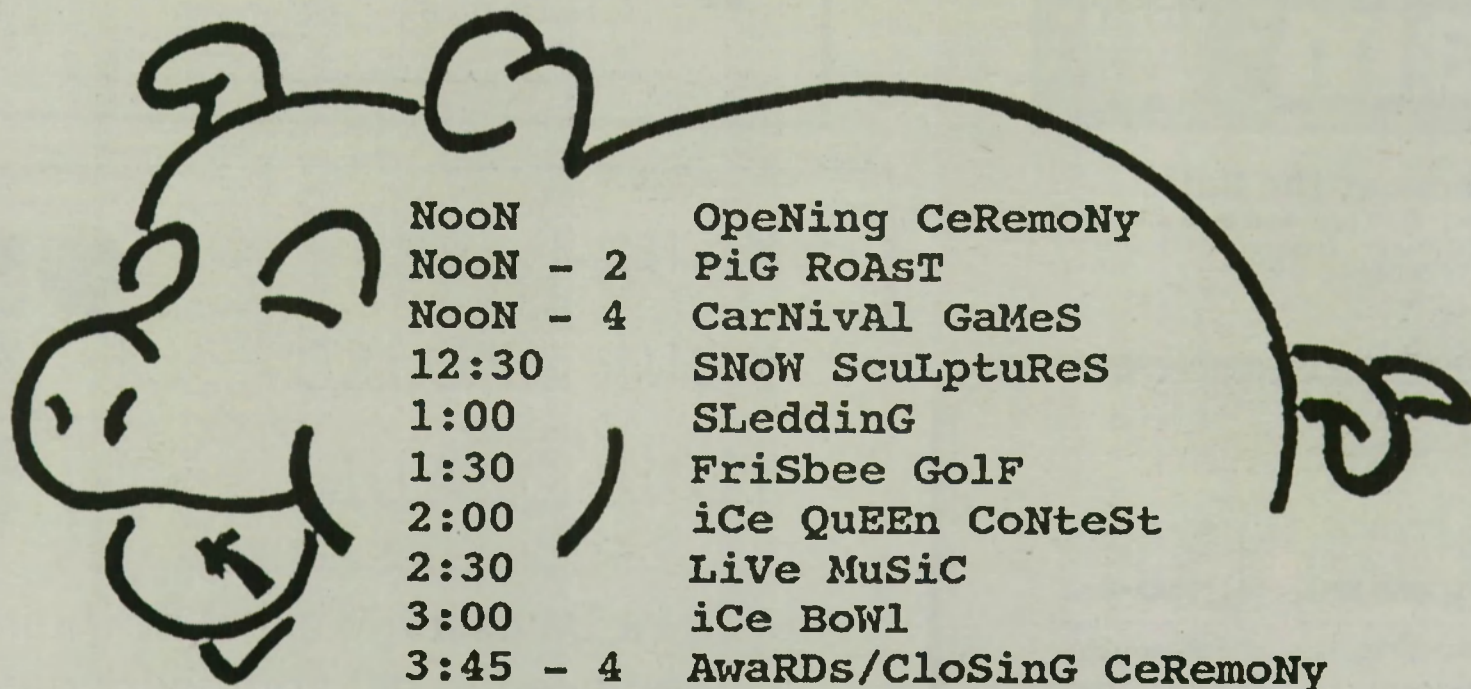


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■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish look to rebound at WVU

By BILL HART
Assistant Sports Editor

Rebounding from a close loss is a difficult process for any basketball team.

When that team is forced to make that rebound on the road, it becomes an even more complex task. Yet that's exactly what the Irish men's basketball team must do Sunday, when it heads eastward to face the West Virginia Mountaineers.

Whispers of a possible post-season berth were put on hold Wednesday night when Georgetown defeated Notre Dame 62-53.

Despite forcing 15 turnovers in the first half and holding a 12-point lead at the break, the home team was unable to overcome a scrappy Hoya defense that had 22 steals, a new record for a Big East contest. While two Irish players, forward Troy Murphy and center Phil Hickey, had 15 and 12 points, respectively, it wasn't enough to turn the tide of the second half.

"Obviously, everyone's a little down right now," forward David Graves said. "To be so close to winning and having it fall like that is tough. This team's got composure, though, and we should be able to bounce back."

Fortunately for the Irish, the Mountaineers have had their share of bad luck as well. West Virginia is on a five-game Big East losing skid, falling to 12th

place in the conference standings. The Mountaineers have had five straight defeats at home for the first time in more than 70 years.

In their most recent game, an 80-68 loss to eighth-ranked St. John's, junior Marcus Goree led with 22 points, and forward Elton Scott chipped in with 17. While the team shot more than 50 percent from the field, it just wasn't able to keep up with a tremendous Red Storm offense that had four players in double figures and shot 10-20 from three-point range.

Goree, Scott and sophomore guard Jarett Kears are the three main offensive weapons the Mountaineers offer. A 6-foot-6 forward out of Dallas, Texas, Goree has started in every game this season and is scoring at a 16.2 point clip. Kears provides the perimeter threat, shooting 40.7 percent from behind the arc and averaging 12.7 points per game.

The two teams met only once last year, a battle in Morgantown where the Irish squeaked away with a 74-72 win. In that game, both teams held close until Mountaineer Jarrod West shot an airball from 25 feet back that bounced out-of-bounds.

The Irish got the ball back with 11.4 seconds remaining. Guard Keith Friel beat the full-court press and sank the game winning shot with four-tenths of a second left to play.

"We were underdogs going

down there, and we didn't get much respect," guard Jimmy Dillon said. "But we went down there and got a big win. I hope we can do it again this year."

The loss ended a 10-game home winning streak for West Virginia, which later finished the season at 11-7 in the Big East and earned an at-large bid into the NCAA Tournament. This year, however, with a 3-11 conference mark and a 9-15 record overall, the Mountaineers are simply trying to stay afloat.

That's something the Irish hope to use to their advantage, according to Dillon.

"We're going to have to get after them defensively," he said. "We're going to have to control the tempo of the game and hit some shots."



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Irish center Phil Hickey contributed 12 points in a losing effort against Georgetown. The Irish will look to get back on track against WVU.

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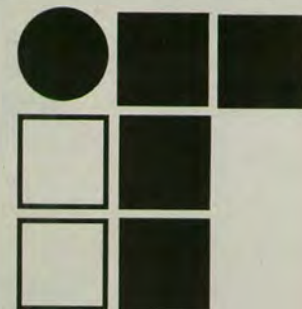
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■ THE HOT CORNER

First round babies grow up, learn life's lessons

By BRIAN CHURNEY
Sports Writer

Pop quiz, hotshot: What do Eric Lindros, Todd Van Poppel, J.D. Drew, and Danny Ferry have in common?

They all play professional sports, yes. They all were drafted in the top five of their respective sports draft, right. They all have been traded or redrafted by another team, right again.

Now hold on before you claim that I've just described about 500 professional athletes. While these four players have much more than one quality in common, the most significant quality they share is that all began their careers by pulling the most immature, disrespectful act in all of sports. No, they weren't arrested for soliciting prostitution, that only comes later in careers.

They simply refused to play. Some team, through hours of evaluations and decision-making, decided that they were willing to invest its future in these four players only to be figuratively spat upon more quickly than you can say Roberto Alomar.

Now many athletes hold out. While I'm not willing to make any excuses for them, most of those athletes have proven themselves in the league (insert Pavel Bure), or eventually play for the team that drafted them.

Not these four fine examples of character. They deemed themselves worthy of choosing which team they got to play for. Can we all say together, "I think I'm bigger than the game I have yet to begin,"?

These four athletes have had to pay for their crimes too. Let's take a look at the crimes that these four athletes have committed and the punishments they've rightfully endured.

Ferry's crime: Drafted by the sad-sack Los Angeles Clippers, he opted to play in Italy for a year. He didn't even wait until after his obligatory post-draft interview (you know the one where the draftee dons the cap of his future team and smiles a lot) to announce that Europe was a distinct possibility.

Ferry, however, paid dearly for his crime. After a year in Europe he returned to the play-off-bound Cleveland Cavaliers. It's safe to call his career since returning, an utter disappointment. Averaging only 7.9 measly points and a paltry three rebounds a game, Ferry has hardly made the Clippers miss their former pick.

What's more, Ferry has endured 82 games a season, watching Mike Fratello's less-than-electrifying offense, which is quite possibly a worse punishment than having to don a Clips jersey.

Van Poppel's crime: This "can't miss, but somehow I did" pitcher was selected first by the Atlanta Braves. He, however, declined to play for them. He didn't want to play for a "losing team."

So, after sitting out a year, he was re-selected by the Oakland A's. This punishment definitely fit the crime. Van Poppel got his wish to be picked by a "winning team." The A's won for the next three years.

However, since then they have been what managers like to call "rebuilding."

Unfortunately for Van Poppel, he didn't have the foresight of his former employers. Sure, the

Braves weren't the power house that the A's were at the time.

Instead, they were busy building arguably the best pitching rotation in baseball history.

In fact, the Braves have been playing for the pennant every year since Van Poppel deemed them unworthy of a pitcher the quality of him. As for Van Poppel, he has proven that his long term baseball forecasting is nearly as good as his pitching ability.

He has been yo-yoing back and forth between Major League mediocrity and Minor League obscurity. To add insult to injury, he was recently traded to ... THE PIRATES, where he's about as likely to be on "a winning team" as Harry Caray is to call a World Series.

Drew's crime: Drew, the first pick by the Philadelphia Phillies, refused to play for the modest seven-figure salary that the Phillies offered him. He elected instead to sit out an entire year and be re-drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals. It's almost too soon to see if Drew will get his due.

However, he took a severe flogging in the media, including being named "Jerk of the Week" several times and had to play for the St. Paul Saints for a season.

Drew's incredible major league debut last season, rather than being revered as it would have a season before, became a footnote to Big Mac's feats. The few games he did play makes him ineligible for Rookie of the Year — an honor that selfish players like Drew covet.

Lindros's crime: Lindros, touted as the next Gretzky, was selected first overall by the Quebec Nordiques-turned Colorado Avalanche. Lindros, however, decided that he didn't want to live or play in a place where you were as likely to eat escargot as you were a hamburger.

By sitting on the sidelines, Lindros forced the Nordiques to trade him to the Philadelphia Flyers for half of the Flyers

team, a zamboni, and three genuine Philly Cheesesteaks.

Well, in the spirit of justice, the Nordiques took their newly acquired team and moved to Denver where you're as likely to find someone speaking French as you are a winning basketball team. While Lindros has developed into one of the premiere players in the league, his hands are still unjeweled, while his old team, the Avanche, is sporting a championship ring. Sorry, Eric.

While these four athletes have in some way paid for their crimes, one athlete exists that has somehow reversed the cruel hand of sports fate. He was the athlete that in essence began the "first pick hissy fit" syndrome.

Touted as one of the greatest college quarterbacks ever to enter the NFL draft, John Elway was exactly what the winless Colts needed. Amid all the quarterbacks in the famed 1983 draft, Elway stood head and shoulders above his competition. The Colts gambled on Elway, despite his protests.

Rather than play in the city of Baltimore, Elway threatened to pursue a mediocre baseball career. Baltimore was then forced to trade Elway to the Broncos. In return, the Colts got the less-than-legendary Chris Hinton.

Elway's crime against the legitimacy of the draft far exceeded that of the aforementioned four athletes. For he was the first stone in the avalanche, the rain drop that predicated the flood.

Early in his career Elway paid for his misdoing. He was known as the quarterback who lost three Super Bowls.

Broadcasters questioned his heart, his maturity and his selflessness. He was appropriately known as a "me first" player.

Two years ago, however, all of that changed. Elway finally won a Super Bowl. Everyone seemed to be ecstatic for John. "It's about time" was the prevailing sentiment. No one

seemed to remember his previous failings or his selfish decision.

Then this year came, the last hurrah. Elway won again. The broadcasters suddenly deemed him a saint, all that was good about sports. Somehow, with two wins Elway became a folk hero. The new debate centered around whether he should retire or come back for another try. Popular sentiment seemed to favor him retiring on top like Jim Brown, Rocky Marciano and Michael Jordan.

Well, add my name to the short list that wants Elway to come back for another year. Not because I want to see him lead another fourth quarter comeback or "three-peat." My intentions are not nearly as nice.

I want Elway to come back for the simple reason that I don't think he deserves to go out like he did. Now, don't get me wrong, I think Elway is an incredible quarterback and a definite Hall-of-Famer. I have an aunt that went to Stanford with him and she says he's a

class guy as well.

Perhaps I should be happy that a clean cut, non-wife-beating, drug-free, educated athlete won. But in the back of my mind all I can think of is the injustice he pulled on all of those Colts' fans. I have a hard time forgetting and forgiving.

There's a chance that he'd come back and win another title (although I think that a more experienced Vikings team is going to be really hard to beat). I'm willing to take that chance solely because I don't want Elway to be remembered as a champion. This writer doesn't think he deserves it.

Ideal situation: Elway comes back and watches the Colts (Indianapolis version) play the Ravens (Baltimore's revenge) in the AFC championship and then one of those teams goes on to win a ring in Elway's final season.

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In last Friday's game, both Dolyny and Adams scored a goal, but both came on the power play. Mike York, MSU's returning Hobey Baker finalist from a year ago, went scoreless on the night.

The Irish are hoping that their first contest at Munn this year will produce similar results to the first one last

year. After losing the night before to the Spartans 5-1, Notre Dame handed No. 2 Michigan State its first loss of the season, 6-1. The four-goal explosion in the third period helped put Notre Dame back on the college hockey map with its biggest victory in over a decade.

Saturday night, Notre Dame will face the Ferris State Bulldogs, with possibly their unbeaten home record still on the line. This will be the Bulldogs' only regular-season visit to the Joyce Center.

So far, the Irish are 10-0-2 at home, and have outscored their opponents 55-21. Although their current streak could add pressure this late in the season, Borega disagrees.

"I think it's a lot more relaxing to play at home, especially with the fans and the way they've been," Borega said. "We do play better here, and we expect it now."

Coach Slaggett said, "I don't think it adds pressure. What it does is that in tight games, it gives our guys a little more confidence ... That's just

another factor in our favor."

The FSU game, like all February games, is a crucial one, but for more reasons than just the two points that are on the line.

Saturday's game will decide the season series between the Irish and Ferris State, with each team notching a two-goal victory in the first half of the season. Currently, FSU sits just five points behind fourth-place Notre Dame, and the season series would be the first tiebreaker should the two teams finish deadlocked.

As they have since the early part of the season, Notre Dame still leads the conference with a power play efficiency of 24.5 percent. This weekend, however, they will be facing the top two penalty-killing units in the CCHA in Michigan State and Ferris State, who are first and second respectively. In addition, Ferris State is also the league's least penalized team, which means the Irish will need to make the best of the few power play opportunities they get.

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■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Riley faces stiff challenge versus Rutgers

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Assistant Sports Editor

Their seasons are down to the wire and the lines dividing the top teams are even thinner.

With just three games separating the No. 1 and No. 3 teams in the Big East and four games left on the Irish schedule, the backdrop for the biggest game of the year is set.

The No. 6 Irish will face the Scarlet Knights in New Jersey, their biggest challenge since playing first-ranked Connecticut on Dec. 8 — a game in which the Huskies simply outplayed them by a final of 106-81.

Holding the third conference spot, a win in Saturday's game at No. 2 Rutgers (21-4, 13-1) will swap the Irish in the rankings.

"We realize how huge this game is," said Niele Ivey. "We need to go in there mentally focused. Because if we don't, I think we're going to have a tough time. Physically I think we'll be okay."

Perhaps the greatest threat that the Scarlet Knights pose is sophomore center Tammy Sutton-Brown. She won the Big East co-player of the week along with Ivey this past week, averaging 16.0 points and 7.0 rebounds, helping Rutgers to two conference road wins last week.

"It's going to be a tough matchup," said Ruth Riley, who will battle against Sutton-Brown beneath the basket.

"She's bigger than most of the post players we face, so it'll be a little different with her presence in the middle."

The 11-game win streak coach Muffet McGraw's team has weaved together since January has come in large part to Notre Dame's defensive focus. Since the start of the New Year, Notre Dame has allowed just a little more than 60 points a game. This continues to be the game plan they will stick to throughout the postseason and on Saturday.

"We need to do it on defense," said Ivey. "The offense I think will come. We just need to focus on getting the job done."

Riley has been the one the Irish have turned to this sea-

son when they needed to get the job done on the attack. She enters into the final two weeks of play first in the Big East in scoring with 19.2 points per game. Armed with Sutton-Brown, Rutgers will attempt to take Riley out of the game early, something the opposition has attempted with increasing success in recent games.

Fortunately, Notre Dame fields its strongest-ever team, always having the ability to fill open holes with shooters. Such was the case last Saturday against Seton Hall, when a sluggish offense slowed mainly by tough play on Riley gave the Irish only a six-point lead at halftime. Villanova repeated the early opponent successes last Wednesday, but was

unable to control it the whole game.

"Against Villanova we started out slow and didn't get going until the second half," said Ivey. "Then we started to step up our intensity and I think everyone contributed to the win. That's something we are going to have to do against Rutgers."

The intensity has also come from the bench in recent games, as shown in last Saturday's game against the Pirates. Freshman guard Ericka Haney gave the Irish

the spark when she outscored the entire Seton Hall team on her 8-2 run.

With Riley getting most of the attention on offense, she and the rest of the team will add to the surprise attack by giving the bench players a second look.

"Ericka has done a great job off the bench and Julie Henderson has been putting in quality minutes too," she said. "If they take someone out of the game, someone else is always there to step up so I think it's tough to play us."



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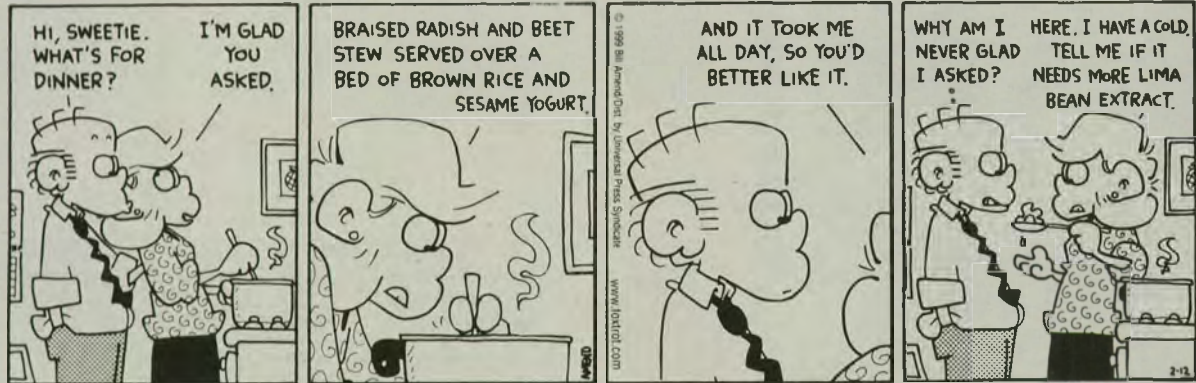
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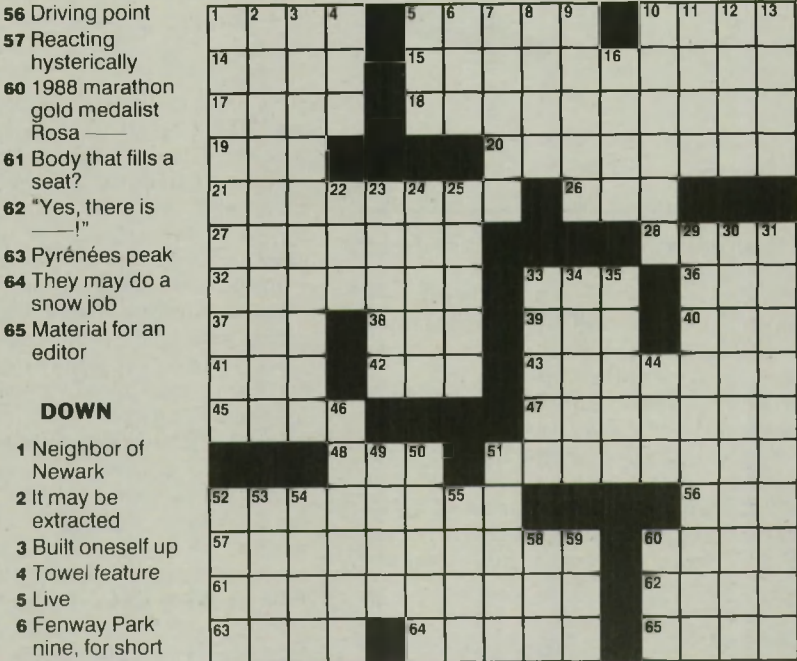
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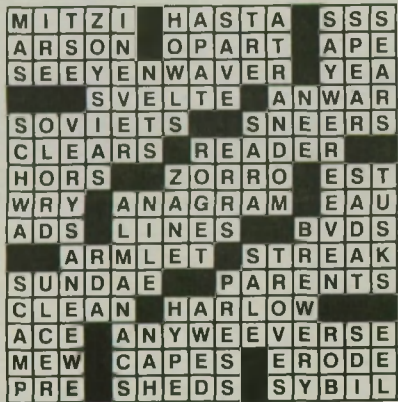
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■ HOCKEY

Icers skate to East Lansing

By TED BASSANI
Sports Writer

As the hockey team continues its tough late-season schedule, every game is huge and every two points are critical.

Fresh off last weekend's tie against Michigan State at the Joyce Center, the sixth-ranked Irish play their first game of the season in East Lansing on tonight. Saturday night, Notre Dame will play host to the Ferris State Bulldogs for the first time this season.

Tonight's matchup is the second of three consecutive Friday-night games between Notre Dame and third-ranked Michigan State. The Spartans are 9-0-3 at Munn Ice Arena and, besides the Irish, are the only CCHA team still undefeated at home.

In last Friday's 2-2 tie, one major issue of concern for the Irish was their performance in the faceoff circle. MSU centers Mike York and Shawn Horcoff dominated the Irish for much of the game, but Notre Dame centers are ready for the rematch, according to freshman center David Inman.

"We've been practicing our draws because it's something we haven't been doing so well on lately," Inman said.

However, the importance of winning faceoffs should not be overstated, assistant coach Andy Slaggert said.

"It's a vital part of the game, but it's not always that the team that wins the most faceoffs wins the game," Slaggert said. "The faceoff coverage is actually more important than the results of the faceoff itself."

As was the case last Friday, the tough assignment of stopping Michigan State's top line will fall mainly on the shoulders



The Observer/Kevin Dalum
Irish freshman center David Inman will again do battle with Michigan State captain Mike York in East Lansing tonight.

of junior defensemen Nathan Borega and Tyson Fraser.

MSU's top unit of Mike York, Bryan Adams, and Rustyn Dolyny is one of the league's best lines, both offensively and defensively. The unit has combined for a total of 45 goals and 40 assists, but more impressively has a combined +54 rating so far this year. The key, said

Borega, will be to maintain a physical presence against York and company.

"Tyson and I played against [the York line] the whole night," Borega said of last Friday's game. "We do well against those kinds of lines because they're not used to getting that kind of treatment."

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■ WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish to take on Blue Devils

By WES JACOBS
Sports Writer

Since losing to Pepperdine on Jan. 23, the Notre Dame women's tennis team has played like it has something to prove.

After soundly defeating Kansas State and Oklahoma, the No. 16 Irish have an opportunity to build a streak this weekend. They will warm up with Ohio State on Friday and Clemson on Saturday, before facing Duke, the No. 2 team, on Sunday.

"We're a very talented team, and people might underesti-

mate us a bit," said senior Marisa Velasco. "We need to prove to them how good we are. We want to set a precedent for the rest of the season."

This weekend marks the first home matches of 1999 for the 3-1 Irish. Playing in front of hostile crowds has taken its toll on the players.

"We're really looking forward to playing in front of the home crowd, especially for the freshmen's sake," said senior team captain Jen Hall.

Against Duke, Notre Dame will need all the help it can get. In the teams' previous six

meetings, Duke has prevailed every time.

Duke brings the threat of Venessa Webb, last season's NCAA singles champion. The odds may seem against the Irish, but players are not intimidated.

"We're going to play for broke. We're the underdog and we know it, but that will just make us play harder," said freshman Becky Varnum, owner of a 3-0 singles record.

"We've had a good week of practice, and I think we're ready to go. Everyone has

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■ Niele Ivey and the
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team can move into
second place in the Big
East with a win
over Rutgers.



■ FENCING SPOTLIGHT

Auriol provides key to Irish wins

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

How do you follow a legend? How do you inherit a dynasty and improve upon it?

These questions faced fencing head coach Yves Auriol in 1996, when he took over after Irish coaching legend Michael DeCicco retired. Having already been the women's head coach and a men's assistant coach, Auriol was well-prepared to coach both the men's and women's teams.

Even with Auriol's experience, DeCicco was no easy act to follow. He guided the fencing program to five national titles in his 34 years and compiled a 680-45 career record for an astounding .938 winning percentage.

It was clear that Auriol was the proper choice.

With a 20-7 victory over Rutgers at the Duke Invitational last weekend, he picked up his 400th career victory. His overall record now stands at 406-24 for an amazing .944 winning percentage. His career winning percentage is higher than legendary Notre Dame coaches such as Knute Rockne (.881) and Digger Phelps (.666) as well as surpassing his predecessor, DeCicco.

But Auriol has never been a stranger to success.

In 1986, he was hired as the women's head coach. His squad did not lose a regular season match until 1988. Piling victory upon victory, his squad finished second at the NCAA championships in his first year.

Disregarding any notions of a sophomore slump, Auriol took the women's teams back to the NAAs in 1987 and came away with the national title.

Auriol did not think that he would achieve success so fast: "You never know. I guess we had a good recruiting year and things just came together."

Auriol's coaching magic continued as his squads finished in the top five for seven consecutive years. It was not until 1993 when the women's team finished sixth that he fell out of the top five.

The women's team, however, bounced back from the mild setback to go undefeated in 1994 and win Auriol his second national title.

Auriol's success goes much

further than just the collegiate level. He is also highly respected in international fencing. He was the head coach of the USA women's team at the 1980, 1984 and 1988 Olympic teams and helped coach the 1992 American team in Barcelona.

From 1976-79, he led the USA in the Junior World Championships.

Despite his obvious talent in fencing, his first love was rugby. He was a professional rugby player in France in his youth.

But Auriol decided to become a fencing master. He attended the Institute National du Sport in Paris for three years and earned his fencing master degree in 1966.

Auriol taught fencing in his native France and soon established himself as one of the top fencing coaches in the world.

He moved to the United States in 1972 to help his brother Leon coach fencing in Portland, Ore. The Auriols established the Salle Auriol Fencing Club and offered private lessons to groups and individuals.

Portland State recognized Auriol's talent and hired him as a fencing coach in 1975. He remained with PSU until 1985 when he was hired as the women's coach at Notre Dame.

The duty of running both the men's and women's program became too much for DeCicco, and he looked for a new women's coach. Auriol's success and renown in Portland made him the natural choice. Many graduates of the Irish fencing program went to Portland to train with Auriol and had only praise for him.

"He was my first and only choice," DeCicco said.

Auriol's dedication is what impressed DeCicco the most.

"He is the classic European athlete," he said. "He gets out of bed in the morning and he puts his warm-up on. He gives it his all until he goes back to bed again at night."

Some may attribute Auriol's success to the talent that he is able to recruit. He has had 34 all-Americans in his 13 seasons and 20 in his last three.

He has been able to succeed without the top talent in the country, too. When he won the national title and went unde-

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Tonight, 6 p.m.

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Saint Mary's Basketball
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