



25-year rivalry
Louis Farrakhan and his rival, W. Dean Mohammed, met Friday in hopes of reconciliation.
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Class Board Elections

On-campus students: Vote in residence halls from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m.
Off-campus students: Vote in the C1 parking lot from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE?



Junior Greg Smith challenges an audience member, who took home \$50, during Zahm Hall's Winter Carnival Sunday. In addition to the "game show," a dunk tank and llamas entertained students and local kids.

SUZANNE KELLMAN/The Observer

Students compete for 'infotainment' awards

By MICHAEL DE LA ROSA
News Writer

Weeks of hard work and sleepless nights paid off for Notre Dame design students when they returned victorious Saturday from Kokomo, Ind.

Delphi Automotive Systems and Delco Electronic Systems sponsored a student competition between Notre Dame, Purdue University and ITT Technical Institute in which the students invented and designed a car product dealing with the field of "infotainment," a combination of information and entertainment. Professors Paul Down, Sheila Weist, John Caruso and their product design students represented the University.

"I know we all had fun doing this. It's really an honor," Zack Fulton said upon receiving his award for aesthetics.

"I haven't slept for days," he confessed after being teased about his haggard appearance by Caruso.

Junior Dave Hunt shared Fulton's enthusiasm.

"It was great. The whole thing was pretty cool," Hunt said.

Hunt received a technology award for his design of "a unit that goes in the backseat of a minivan or SUV. It produces a 3-D holographic image to play videos games and things like that."

Sophomore Christopher Mahoney received an award for his interactive children's helmet. "It is a way for children to be

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Snite celebrates Cuban culture

By MARIBEL MOREY
News Writer

Music, passion, politics and food are all depicted in the Snite's Cuban Arts Celebration this week.

The Snite Museum, the Kellogg Institute and the new Institute for Latino Studies are working together to broaden awareness of art in this week's celebration.

Snite Events

- The Snite will celebrate Cuba's art history with several events this week.
- ◆ Tuesday: "The Buena Vista Social Club," 7 p.m.
- ◆ Wednesday: poetry reading, 4 p.m.
- ◆ Friday: lecture-gallery talk, 4 p.m.

Selections from the Museum of Art, Fort Lauderdale, Fla." The main goal of this Cuban Arts exhibit is to expose the campus to Cuban artists and to "give an awareness that there's this rich and textured culture," said Costa.

The Celebration will open with a free showing of "The Buena Vista Social Club" at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the Annenberg Auditorium. This will be the first time this movie about older Cuban musicians will be shown in the area.

This will be followed by a poetry reading on Thursday at 4 p.m. at the Exhibition Galleries, headed by Orlando Menes, son of Cuban parents and assistant English professor at the University of Dayton, Ohio. A reception will follow in the museum atrium.

The lecture-gallery talk at 4 p.m. Friday is co-sponsored by the Institute for Latino Studies. Food

will be served and Cuban music will flow throughout the museum. Rafael Tarrago, specialist in Latin and Iberian-American studies at the University of Minnesota, will speak on Friday night at 4 p.m.

Born in Holguin, Cuba, Tarrago fled to the United States when he was 14 years old and focused his studies on Latin American history and culture. This closing event will follow with a reception in the museum atrium.

This week's celebration is a great opportunity for students to learn and appreciate a different Caribbean culture, according to Costa.

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Gina Costa
marketing specialist at
The Snite

Saint Mary's elects new class boards

By NICOLE HADDAD
News Writer

Despite the controversy regarding recent Saint Mary's student government elections, voter turn-out was relatively high for student body officer and Diversity Board elections.

With 51 percent of the freshman class voting, Kristen Matha and Kim Jensen won

positions as sophomore class president and vice president, along with their running mates secretary Molly O'Shea and treasurer Kristie Maurer.

"We're really excited about the following year," O'Shea said. "We can't wait for everyone's input to make next year as enjoyable as possible."

The sophomore class also was enthusiastic in their support for run-off candidates. With 52 percent of the class voting, president Katy

Robinson, vice president Erin Weldon, treasurer Mary Kate Driscoll and secretary Mandy Shomasec defeated the Erin Callahan and Erin O'Neill ticket.

"We're very excited about winning, and we had a lot of support," said Driscoll. "Next year will be a promising one and we have the means to follow through with our plans."

Akmaral Omarova and Jessica Delgado will be the new representatives on Diversity Board.

Saint Mary's Election Results

Class of 2002

Katy Robinson (P)	Erin Callahan (P)	
Erin Weldon (VP)	Lauren O'Neil (VP)	
Mary Kate Driscoll (T)	Jennifer Wahlert (T)	
Mandy Schomasec (S)	Katherine Deane (S)	Abstained (2%)
(64%)	(34%)	

Class of 2003

Kristen Matha (P)	Stephanie Pace (P)	
Kim Jensen (VP)	Alison Joseph (VP)	
Molly O'Shea (T)	Megan Cavanaugh (T)	
Kristie Maurer (S)	Jenna Soulesley (S)	Abstained (6%)
(57%)	(37%)	

Student Diversity Board

Akmaral Omarova (P)	Katie Poynter (P)	
Jessica Delgado (VP)	Julie Frischkorn (VP)	Abstained (13%)
(57%)	(30%)	

(P)President (VP)Vice-President (T)Treasurer (S)Secretary
JOSE CUELLAR/The Observer

INSIDE COLUMN

Parenting our parents

Last week presented an interesting sort of life lesson for me. We're all fairly young around here, and for the most part, so are our parents. Since I am the youngest of five kids, my folks may be a bit older than most. But certainly at 58 my father has not yet joined the ranks of the ancient. That's why the events of the last week were so hard for me to handle.



Amanda Greco

assistant
Viewpoint
editor

Aren't I the kid? Haven't I always been the baby of the family? That's certainly what I'm used to! I couldn't get past this obstacle of logic as I dressed and fed my father; made phone calls for him; conducted his business and ran the house. I've heard often enough of the disheartening role reversal that occurs as our parents age, but I was entirely unprepared for it.

Mine is not a heart-wrenching story, really. Luckily, my father did not suffer a stroke or other misfortune that would severely alter his capacities for the rest of his life. No, my dad was just a clutz and slipped on the ice, breaking his left wrist (he's left handed) and spraining his right wrist and shoulder. We can laugh about it, blaming the family dogs or lack of sunshine or poor quality of our shovel for the fall. The cast isn't permanent; though the doctors say some of the damage may be.

For him, the injury has proven frustrating and terribly inconvenient. He can't use silverware, write, or even button his own pants. I guess we tend to take some things for granted. The situation was equally frustrating for me, but that's just because my dad is horribly stubborn. Rather than ask for my help with something, he'd try it himself, fail, get flustered and yell at me for not offering help. In his anger, he would invariably manage to further injure himself.

All frustrations aside, though, these events honestly made me contemplate the future. What happens when our parents are no longer capable of caring for themselves on their own? I can't imagine stuffing my father away in some nursing home. But I know that I can't stop my life to sacrifice the amount of time and effort necessary to care for him. It was hard enough to take this last week off classes and work to help him temporarily. And even now as I sit here typing, I can't help but worry about him.

So whose responsibility is it to care for our parents? My father seems pretty alone to me. He has no wife. His mother certainly isn't capable of aiding him. His younger brother has already passed away. His sisters have their own families with which to concern themselves. That leaves my siblings and myself. Four of the five kids in my family are still in college. Somehow I just don't think my dad can stay in my sister's dorm room during his convalescence. My question remains unanswered.

I've watched my dad struggle to care for his elderly mother and aunt over the years. Though I tend to label my pops a curmudgeon, it takes tremendous patience and genuine concern to handle gracefully what most would consider a burden. I could never do it. And for my father, I still wonder who will.

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

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THIS WEEK AT NOTRE DAME/SAINT MARY'S

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
◆ Booktalk & Signing: Van Whitfield at Hammes Bookstore, 3:30 p.m.	◆ Forum: "McCulture: Americanism vs. Cross Culturalism" at McKenna Hall, 4:30 p.m.	◆ Concert: Stroke 9 and Vertical Horizon at Stepan Center, 7 p.m. Call 1-8128 for tickets.	◆ Student Services Week: Karaoke at dining halls from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
◆ Tour of Art Exhibit: Selections from the Ft. Lauderdale Museum of Art at Snite Museum, 4:30 p.m.	◆ Bengal Bouts: Semi-finals of the student boxing competition at Joyce Center Fieldhouse, 7:30 p.m.	◆ Lecture: "Touched by the Holy" Doris Klein, C.S.A. at LaFortune Ballroom, 7 p.m.	◆ NAACP Relationship Forum: "Two Wrongs Don't Make a Right, but it Makes it Even" at LaFortune Ballroom, 7 p.m.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Demonstrators arrested at UCLA law school

LOS ANGELES

Sixteen protesters were arrested at the UCLA law school Thursday after taking over an office for more than five hours, demanding the dean address their concerns about increasing racial diversity.

Following a "Rally to Prevent Resegregation" outside the law school that included a keynote address from State Assembly Speaker Antonio Villaraigosa, 16 protesters — mostly UCLA law students — invaded the records office shortly after 1 p.m. with a lawyer and negotiator present.

Some from the audience followed the protesters into the building and crowded around the office chanting phrases such as "UC Regents, we see racists," and giving speeches.

One of the seven African American students admitted in 1997, the year

"When I walk up the steps to this law school, this does not feel like a friendly place to me."

Nancy Freeman
UCLA law student

after Proposition 209 passed, tearfully expressed her views to the crowd.

"When I walk up the steps to this law school, this does not feel like a friendly place to me," Nancy Freeman said. "There are many others like me who cannot tell their story because UCLA will not let them through these doors."

Dean Jonathan Varat, other university officials and several police

officers entered the office after the takeover to talk with the protesters.

Varat said that he shared many of the goals of the protesters, but did not want to accept their demands under duress, some of which he said he was not authorized to do anyway.

"The students and I and the faculty all want to have more of these groups here," Varat told reporters before the protesters were arrested.

The arrests came after the protesters refused to leave when the building closed at 5 p.m. They were taken to the university police station by 10 officers in riot gear and charged with a misdemeanor for failure to disperse. They were released after 7 p.m.

"I think it went well. Obviously, students have a right to express their opinions," said UCPD Chief of Police Clarence Chapman.

U. Arizona student avoids paper

TUCSON, Ariz.

University police arrested a University of Arizona student Monday after he falsely told police he was robbed at gunpoint in an attempt at extending the due date on a term paper.

Peter Bernstein, 18, told police Sunday a Hispanic man held a gun to him and stole his wallet near his residence hall. Bernstein then helped UAPD detective Jose Sprigg form a composite sketch of the alleged suspect.

But after a UA Grounds and Labor employee found Bernstein's wallet Monday with no contents missing in a garbage can near the residence hall, Sprigg became suspicious, and asked Bernstein if he was telling the truth, police reports stated. Bernstein then admitted to falsifying the report, Sprigg said.

"Peter is not a bad kid," Sprigg said. "He just made a mistake. We see a lot of abnormal activity from students when they are under a lot of academic stress. We just wish they would cope with the stress in a more productive matter."

Bernstein was cited on suspicion of false reporting Monday morning after he spoke with Sprigg for a second time.

6-year-old aces Stanford classes

STANFORD, Calif.

It is not often that you will find a 6-year-old who spends his evenings writing essays about "The Iliad" and examining the subtleties of Newtonian mechanics. But then, Justin Chapman is not your average 6-year-old.

Chapman, who was still in diapers when current Stanford freshmen were entering high school, has been taking college-level courses online through Stanford's Education Program for Gifted Youth for about a year.

This month, he made headlines when he officially enrolled in a class at the University of Rochester, becoming perhaps the youngest college student in history.

"I love learning," Chapman said. "It just comes at a faster pace for me."

Chapman, who lives in upstate New York, officially registered for a University of Rochester history course this semester. He has earned grades of "A" and "B" on all of his assignments so far, including a paper about Babylonian creation myths and "The Iliad."

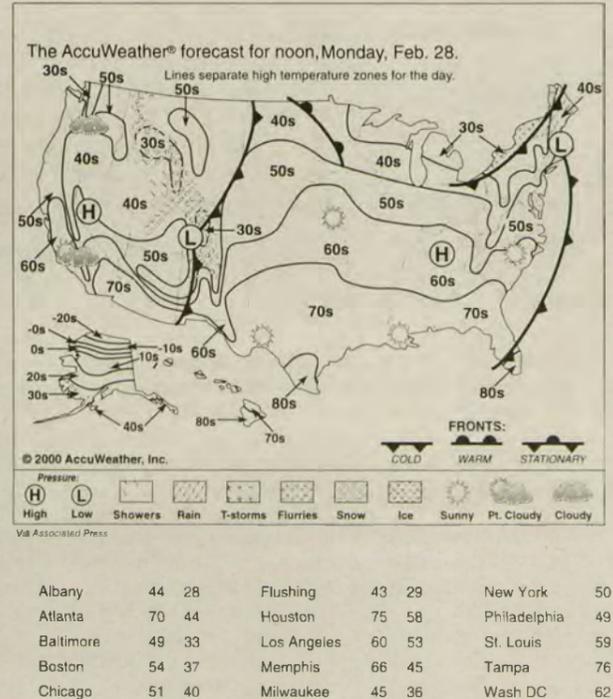
Rochester administrators say Chapman is the type of student who comes along once in a lifetime.

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Little Sibs Weekend boasts high attendance

By MOLLY McVOY
News Writer

Saint Mary's Little Sibs Weekend proved successful with higher attendance than in recent years.

"I think a lot of people were excited about it, and a lot of people had fun," said Kris Anne Wilson, one of the event's coordinators, about "How the Little Sibs Stole Saint Mary's."

The siblings arrived on Friday and were greeted by the Undertones, an a cappella group from Notre Dame's Glee Club. They performed renditions of Peter Gabriel's "In Your Eyes," The Tokens "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" and Garth Brooks "The River."

After the concert, many little sibs headed to Carroll Auditorium to watch Disney's "Inspector Gadget" and eat bedtime milk and cookies.

Saturday's pool party had the highest attendance of all the weekend's activities and included boxed lunches, Hawaiian decorations, and leis for all of the siblings and students to wear.

"We liked the pool party the

best," said Karen Schaff, a freshman whose 12-year-old brother joined her for the weekend. "It was fun for everyone involved."

"The pool party was well attended," Wilson said. "I think [the students and their siblings] liked it because it was something new and different. It was something we had never done before."

The younger siblings also had the opportunity to attend a carnival with face painting, cotton candy and prizes. An autograph session was scheduled as well, but only one of the athletes who had committed, Ron Israel, actually participated.

However, the dance that same evening gave the students and siblings a chance to dance to the music of the Backstreet Boys and Brittany Spears until much past their bedtimes.

"We've gotten lots of positive responses from people," Wilson said.

However, a few older siblings said a little something was missing.

"Everything was very well planned," Schaff said. "I just wish there was a little more for [siblings of] all ages."

"We liked the pool party the best. It was fun for everyone involved."

Karen Schaff
freshman

ND receives grant from NCAA

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame received a \$50,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the National Collegiate Athletic Association to conduct the National Youth Sports Program on campus this summer.

On weekday afternoons from June 26 to July 28, NYSP will offer athletic and other enrichment activities to economically disadvantaged young people ages 10-16 in Michiana. Some 250-300 young people are expected.

NYSP at Notre Dame is now entering its ninth year and has been cited by the NCAA as one of the 25 most outstanding programs in the nation.

This year's activities will include athletic training in a variety of sports as well as instruction on personal computers, information about the dangers of alcohol and other drugs, advice on career and higher educational opportunities and wellness training with an emphasis on nutrition, health and emotional development.

All participants will

receive a free medical examination and a daily USDA-approved hot meal. In cooperation with Transpo, participants from South Bend and Mishawaka will be bused to and from Notre Dame at no charge. Transportation needs for participants from other areas of Michiana will be coordinated separately.

Now in its 32nd year nationwide, NYSP is funded by some 200 participating colleges and universities, and state, local and private contributors, in addition to the federal government and the NCAA.

Nobel Laureate to speak Friday

Special to The Observer

Betty Williams, Irish peace activist and winner of the 1976 Nobel Peace Prize, will give a lecture entitled "Peace in the New Millennium: Nurturing Children in a Violent World" March 3 at 2 p.m. in the auditorium of DeBartolo Hall.

A native of Belfast, Williams was living and working there as a housewife in 1976 when she saw three children killed by a car whose driver, an IRA guerrilla, had been shot behind the wheel for pursuing British troops. Soon after the incident, Williams, a Catholic, joined Mairéad Corrigan, a Protestant and the aunt of the

slain children, to lead a demonstration of 10,000 women at the site of the killings. Larger demonstrations followed throughout Northern Ireland and England, and Williams and Corrigan eventually formed the Peace People Organization, an ecumenical movement dedicated to ending sectarian fighting in Northern Ireland.

Corrigan still lives and works in Northern Ireland, but Williams emigrated to the United States in 1981. She recently moved to Palm Beach, Fla., where she directs an organization called the World Centers of Compassion for Children. The goal of the organization, she says, is to give a

voice to children who are drawn into wars and other forms of suffering. Last month, she joined the faculty of Florida Atlantic University, where she teaches in the departments of Women's Studies and Peace Studies.

"To call the deaths of children accidents of war and to get children caught up in war is not acceptable to me," Williams said recently. "For years, we've been guilty of sending our sons to join armies, and we've been guilty of thinking that our heroes were men with guns. But for me, the hero is the guy who worries whether his neighbor down the street has a loaf of bread to eat."

Happy 21st David Mom, Dad & Kathy

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Awards

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entertained in the backseat of a car and not bother the parents in the front seat. The only way it will work, though, is if the kids are wearing their seat belts," Mahoney said.

Mahoney also said that he was surprised with his award.

"I was a little shocked because I am just an English major and most people there were industrial design majors," he said.

Additional awards for aesthetics were given to Lori Mergler for her chair aiming to reduce motion sickness and to Fulton for his vertebral overhead dashboard.

Notre Dame tied with Purdue overall in the competition.

Maureen Smithe contributed to this report.

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New book explores religious violence

Special to The Observer

The capacity of religious belief to inspire both peaceful and violent social action among people of the same faith traditions is explored in a new book by Notre Dame historian R. Scott Appleby.

Published by Rowman & Littlefield, "The Ambivalence of the Sacred: Religion, Violence, and Reconciliation" was commissioned by the Carnegie Commission on Preventing Deadly Conflict and emerged from a conference cosponsored by the commission and Notre Dame's Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies. The book's forward is by Father Theodore Hesburgh, president emeritus of Notre Dame and for more than a half century a leading figure in worldwide efforts to reconcile international conflicts peacefully.

Terrorists and peacemakers may grow up in the same

community, but the killing carried out by one and the reconciliation fostered by the other indicate the range of dramatic and contradictory responses of believers to suffering and injustice.

In "The Ambivalence of the Sacred," Appleby explores what religiously motivated terrorists and religiously inspired peacemakers share in common and what prompts them to radically opposite paths in fighting injustice. He also examines how a deeper understanding of religious extremism can and must be integrated more effectively into worldwide thinking about tribal, regional and international conflict.

"Scott Appleby's book provides a timely, clear, and highly perceptive treatment of why and how religion has, especially since the end of the Cold War, gravitated to the center of the discussion of international affairs ..." says David Little, professor of the practice in religion,

ethnicity, and international conflict at Harvard Divinity School. "There is no doubt that this volume will be the centerpiece henceforward of an important new discussion on religion, violence, and reconciliation."

Appleby, a professor of history and director of Notre Dame's Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, is one of the world's leading authorities on religious fundamentalisms. Beginning in 1988, Appleby and Martin Marty of the University of Chicago codirected The Fundamentalism Project, a major interdisciplinary, cross-cultural study of worldwide religious resurgence.

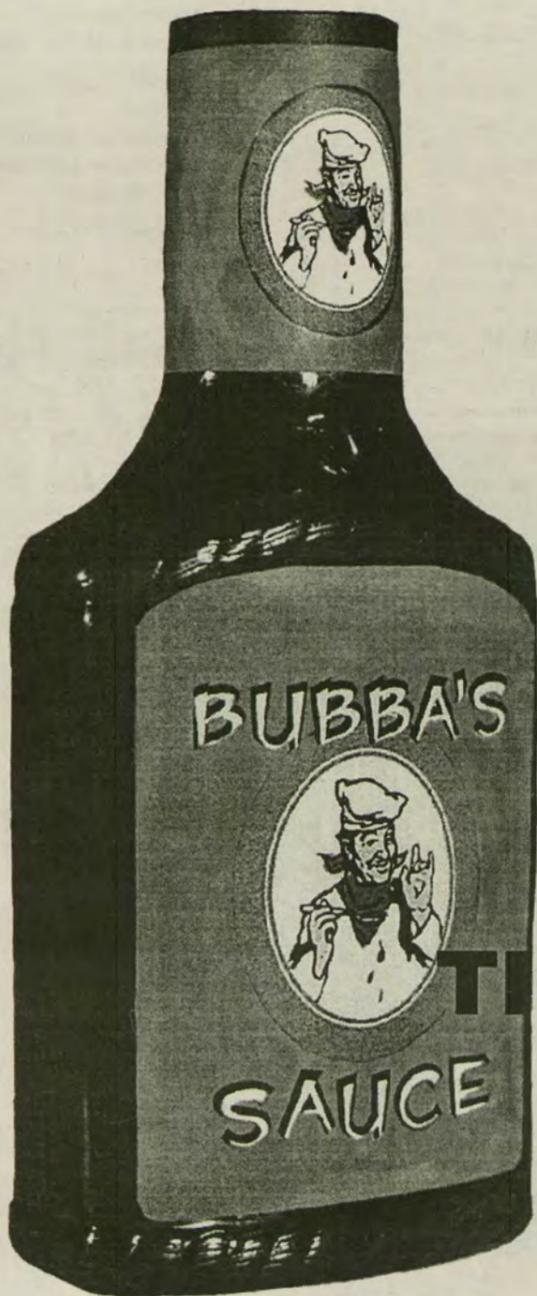
The project sponsored 10 public conferences and Appleby and Marty coedited five scholarly books presenting the findings of the study. They received the American Academy of Religion's 1996 Award for Excellence in the Study of Religion for their work on the project.

A 1978 Notre Dame alumnus, Appleby earned his master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Chicago in 1979 and 1985. After chairing the religious studies department at St. Xavier College from 1982-87, he returned to Chicago as a research associate when he and Marty began work on The Fundamentalism Project.

Appleby's publications include "Church and Age Unite!," "The Modernist Impulse in American Catholicism;" "Religious Fundamentalisms and Global Conflict" and "The Glory and the Power: The Fundamentalist Challenge to the Modern World," which he wrote with Marty.

Appleby writes and lectures frequently on modern religions and often serves as a consultant for journalists reporting religious news. He has been a member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1994 and also is a faculty fellow in the Kroc Institute.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Ice strands 1,000 fishermen

MOSCOW

About 1,000 ice-fishermen were stranded on drifting floes in Europe's largest lake Sunday as local villagers set out in boats to rescue them, the news agency ITAR-Tass reported. The report, citing the Russian Ministry of Emergency Situations, said a rescue helicopter was sent to the scene at Lake Ladoga, a 6,700-sq.-mile lake northeast of St. Petersburg. There were no immediate reports of casualties. Ice-fishing is highly popular in Russia. Thousands of anglers become stranded on drifting floes every year, many of them carried out to sea before being rescued.

Blind-folded girls drown in pond on Red Cross hike

BANGKOK

Six schoolgirls drowned after walking into a pond during a hike teachers told them to make blindfolded. Thai newspapers reported Sunday. The reports said the reason for blindfolding the children was unclear. The girls, aged 10-12, were on a Red Cross youth training outing when the accident occurred Friday afternoon in Singha Nakhon district in the southern province of Songkhla, according to the Bangkok Post newspaper. Eight girls walked into the 33-foot pond, although it was unclear from the accounts if they were told to enter it. The Post reported that the girls panicked and only two made it out safely. Another newspaper, The Nation, reported that the girls' teachers, who were not identified, were too afraid to jump in and rescue them.

90-year-old grandma walks 3,100 miles for campaign reform

BETHESDA, Md

Nothing seems to slow the 90-year-old grandmother who has trekked 3,100 miles through 12 states in the name of campaign finance reform: not arthritis, blistering desert heat or a foot of snow in Maryland. More than a year after Doris Haddock set out for Washington from the West Coast to draw attention to her cause, the finish line is near. She plans to complete her walk with an entourage of supporters Tuesday from Arlington National Cemetery to the Capitol. Her message to politicians: The high cost of campaigns is giving wealthy special interests the only voice in Washington and it's shutting out the people. She wants soft money contributions outlawed and politicians who won't move toward campaign finance reform rejected at the polls. "Sometimes I think it was a fool's errand, but I think there are more people in this country who know what campaign finance reform means since I started," said Haddock, who goes by "Granny D" on her Web site, www.grannyd.com.



NewsMaker Photos

A protestor confronts a police officer in New York City while protesting the acquittal of four white New York City police officers in the shooting death of Amadou Diallo Saturday. Thousands marched throughout the city demanding law enforcement reforms in the wake of the verdict.

Thousands protest acquittal in Diallo case

Associated Press

NEW YORK

New demands for social justice, law enforcement reforms and a federal inquiry echoed from pulpits and city streets on Sunday in the aftermath of the acquittal of four police officers in the shooting death of Amadou Diallo.

More than 1,000 people joined a peaceful prayer vigil outside the United Nations, where activist Rev. Al Sharpton hoped to bring the Diallo case to international attention.

The shooting victim "could have been one of these ambassadors," said Sharpton, who also said he was "calling for another jury to hear evidence" on the policies of Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

"Come November, the jury is going to render its decision," he said, referring to Giuliani's probable run for the U.S. Senate against first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Some in the crowd wore signs reading: "Go ahead and shoot. I'm black so it must be justified."

In what was billed as a day of prayer, political leaders and activists joined Sharpton in criticizing the verdicts as inappropriate for a case in which police fired 41 bullets and hit the West African immigrant 19 times, only to discover afterward that he was unarmed.

The four officers, acquitted of second-degree murder and lesser charges by a jury in Albany on Friday, still face a departmental inquiry and possibly federal charges if Attorney General Janet Reno finds evidence that Diallo's civil rights were violated.

Sharpton's National Action Network is investigating what companies contribute money to the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, which helped finance the defense of the four officers in the case.

Later this week, Sharpton will release names of the companies and will ask citizens to boycott the firms, said his spokeswoman, Rachel Noerdlinger.

At St. Patrick's Cathedral, Auxiliary Bishop James McCarthy, filling in for

an ailing Cardinal John O'Connor, told parishioners Diallo's death should cause people to "re-examine our own tendencies toward violence, toward fear, and perhaps toward prejudice—racial prejudice at that."

City Council Speaker Peter Vallone, speaking at Harlem's Bethel AME church, said that to make sure Diallo's death was not in vain, the police department needed to continue to make "fundamental, meaningful change, so that people aren't afraid that the police are going to shoot them."

Norman Siegel, executive director of the New York Civil Liberties Union, told 200 parishioners at a Congregational church in Queens that the Diallo case was giving new impetus to his group's proposals for police misconduct reform.

The key provisions of the reforms would make federal and state funding for local police contingent upon police meeting strict performance standards in community relations and would name a permanent special prosecutor to handle police brutality.

Czechs consider Albright for president

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Madeleine Albright, America's Czech-born secretary of state, returns next week to her homeland, where there is talk she might seek the presidency of the East European nation after her tour in Washington ends.

Some Czechs are speaking of her as a possible successor to President Vaclav Havel, who must retire in 2002. Havel, a playwright-turned-politician helped lead the "Velvet Revolution" that in

1989 persuaded communist rulers to resign.

He has openly talked about the possibility of Albright succeeding him.

Michael Zantovsky, former Czech ambassador to Washington, said Sunday in Prague that he met last week with Havel and discussed, among other things, the possibility that Albright might run to succeed Havel.

"I never made it a secret that I think that Madeleine Albright could, one day in the future, play a big role in Czech politics," Zantovsky said.

He stressed that the idea

is not new and that it would not dominate Albright's agenda in the Czech Republic next week.

In Prague, Havel's chief policy adviser, Pavel Fischer, told Time magazine: "It is not impossible that they will talk about this."

The secretary of state has not publicly discussed her future plans. In its new issue, Time quoted unidentified sources as saying she "has begun to consider the possibility of running."

However, Albright spokesman James Rubin dismissed the notion.

"From time to time

senior Czech officials have approached the secretary about this possibility. She has dismissed it although she is certainly flattered that Czechs would consider her for the post of president of her native land," Rubin said Sunday. "She has never given this any serious consideration."

Albright's March 5-8 visit coincides with the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the birth of national hero Tomas Masaryk, who served as the first president of the Czechoslovak Republic after the collapse of Austria-Hungary in 1918.

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Authorities probe death of Amish baby

Associated Press

DORNSIFE, Pa.

The pathologist saw blood in the brain and hemorrhaging in one retina of the dead 4-month-old Amish girl. As a result, a coroner ruled the death homicide due to shaken baby syndrome, stunning this tiny town and Pennsylvania's scattered Amish communities.

Days later, an expert on Amish illnesses said the ruling was wrong, that Sarah Lynn Glick died of a vitamin K deficiency and a rare liver disease.

Two months later, authorities still are trying to unravel the truth.

Whatever the eventual ruling, Sarah's death is one more example of the sometimes blurred line between illness and child abuse, as when a rare disease mimics the bruising, bleeding or fractures of shaken baby syndrome.

Last year, Minnesota officials took 1-year-old Wyatt Hines from his parents for three months after finding fractures in the boy's bones. His parents insisted he had osteogenesis imperfecta, or "brittle bone disease," a hard-to-diagnose disease that the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation says may affect 20,000 to 50,000 people in this country.

In another case, a newborn was taken from her parents in Denver in 1991 before doctors diagnosed her with glutaric aciduria type 1, a liver disorder. In Nashville, an infant with the liver disease Alagille's syndrome was briefly sent to a foster home in 1993.

Doctors are required by law to report suspicious cases to social workers.

"If it's disease, the worst you have is an angry family. If it's abuse, the other kids are in deadly danger," said Dr. Randall Alexander of the Center for Child Abuse at Atlanta's Morehouse School of Medicine.

In Sarah's case, the first to

question the pathologist's conclusion of homicide was Dr. Holmes Morton of the Clinic for Special Children in Strasburg.

"When you see a child that has blood in the brain, you must think child abuse, because unfortunately that happens in our culture, but you must also think of other disorders that mimic it," said Morton. He said he was angry that Sarah's parents remained under suspicion in the little girl's death.

Dr. Michael Kenny, the pathologist at Geisinger Medical Center where she died, is expected to report on his review of the case next week.

Neither Kenny nor Tony Rosini, Northumberland County's district attorney, returned calls for comment.

"We're on hold," said State Police Cpl. Carey Latsha, who oversaw the investigation.

Sarah's parents, dairy farmers Liz and Samuel Glick, found her unconscious on Dec. 21, after the infant had been vomiting for days. She died two days later. Declaring it abuse, child services put the Glicks' other seven children in foster care until Feb. 17.

"Liz is a very quiet, calm person," neighbor Lisa Williard said. "This really has boggled my mind."

Morton explained that, earlier this century, doctors frequently saw babies with hemorrhaging caused by vitamin K deficiencies. Today, babies get vitamin K in shots and baby formula, but Sarah, delivered by a midwife and then breast fed, got neither. Without it, her blood did not clot properly.

Compounding Sarah's problem was a genetic liver defect, Morton said. Even if she had been getting the vitamin, her body would not have been able to break it down.

The illness is not widely known, but Morton still criticized the handling of Sarah's death. Reports of similar cases involving vitamin K deficiency have appeared in several medical journals.

Cops warn Mardi Gras tourists

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS

After 360 tourists got busted last year for exposing themselves during the Mardi Gras season, police are warning this year's crowd to keep their clothes on or face even more arrests.

And as the holiday parades began, police warned hotel and restaurant owners that they will close down balconies if people toss beads or other trinkets from them. The beads are traditionally offered as rewards to people below for flashing flesh.

On Friday, the first big parade night kicking off Carnival, the 11 days leading up to Mardi Gras, police arrested three women and one man for exposing themselves.

Not everyone thinks a buttoned-down Mardi Gras is a good idea.

"That's what Mardi Gras is all about — having fun and cuttin' up," said Randy Avara, a member of a crew installing cable for new street lights.

It used to be that the exhibitionism was confined to Carnival and Mardi Gras, with mostly drunk women baring their breasts to get strings of plastic beads in the French Quarter. But these days, just about any day will do.

Annie Koenig of Salem, Ore., and her husband, Bill, got an eyeful two weeks ago. "They were taking their tops off. The streets were packed. Guys were begging the girls," Koenig said, shaking her head.

Eleven people were arrested that weekend for indecent

exposure, said Lt. Marlon Defillo, a police spokesman.

The debauchery is getting exposure far beyond vacation albums. The Playboy Channel plans shows from the French Quarter this year. MTV's "Real World" has come down

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it is illegal."

Violators can get six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine, though that is unlikely for first-timers.

Polly Richter, who moved to New Orleans in 1979, didn't see any reason to be upset by

nudity in the Quarter.

"Police have more important things to do,"

like arresting scam artists and thieves, she said.

"If you don't want to see bare breasts and

nudity, go to

Metairie."

Even in suburban Metairie, where the revelry is more family oriented, there's a crackdown, though not on bare flesh.

Jefferson Parish Sheriff Harry Lee announced Thursday that his department will have four elevated surveillance cameras along the

parade route to keep an eye out for illegal activity and fights.

Last year, 25 people were arrested after a melee that 50 deputies quelled. The sheriff's department also got 17 complaints against the deputies, but Lee said an internal investigation did not find that any were valid.

Maria Perez, who has three children and a fourth on the way, said the nudity of New Orleans is one reason she sticks to the parades in Metairie.

"You think they're going to enforce it?" she asked. "It's going to be kind of tough. They're outnumbered."

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Maria Perez
New Orleans citizen



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Farrakhan aims to unite Muslims

Associated Press

CHICAGO

Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan was to give his annual Saviour's Day speech before thousands on Sunday in a closely watched event that could make or break his fledgling vow to reconcile with orthodox Muslims.



Farrakhan

Rival W. Deen Mohammed, an orthodox Muslim leader and son of late Nation of Islam head Elijah Muhammad, also planned to attend.

W. Deen Mohammed has already made clear what millions of orthodox Muslims nationwide expect: "a different Farrakhan."

Farrakhan joined with W. Deen Mohammed at traditional prayers on Friday — the 25th anniversary of the death of Elijah Muhammad, whose legacy Farrakhan and W. Deen Mohammed have struggled over.

Elijah led the Nation of Islam for decades, but after his death in 1975, his son led the movement toward orthodoxy. In 1978, Farrakhan broke away to revive Elijah's teachings under the old Nation of Islam name.

In the Nation's theology, Elijah's teacher in the 1930s, W. D. Fard of Detroit, was given divine status and Elijah was the final prophet to mankind. Orthodox Muslims believe the

final prophet was Mohammed of Mecca, who founded Islam in the seventh century.

At the prayer service Friday, Farrakhan and W. Deen Mohammed both vowed to bury their differences and work together to unite U.S. Muslims.

Nation of Islam leaders, including Farrakhan's chief of staff, Leonard Muhammad, have insisted that the move toward unification is not new.

In the past few years, Farrakhan has instituted the traditional Friday prayers, observed by millions of orthodox Muslims worldwide, and the Nation of Islam also now observes Ramadan, a period of fasting.

Perhaps most important to orthodox Muslims, Leonard Muhammad says that all Nation of Islam followers now adhere to the Muslim creed: "There is no God but Allah and Mohammed is his messenger."

That suggests Elijah wouldn't be regarded as the final prophet by Nation of Islam members. Farrakhan could elaborate on this in Sunday's speech. More than 20,000 people were expected to attend.

Lawrence Mamiya, a Vassar College expert on black American religions, conservatively estimates the core membership of the Nation of Islam to be 50,000 to 100,000. He said W. Deen Mohammed's group, the Muslim American Society, has about 200,000 core members. The overall following is thought to be much higher for both.

W. Deen Mohammed, who planned to give short remarks at Sunday's gathering, said he

would carefully monitor Farrakhan's words — in part listening to make sure he avoids anti-white and anti-Semitic comments.

One Nation of Islam observer said he believes the 66-year-old Farrakhan will continue with the calls for racial and religious unity he has made since his "near death experience" last year while being treated for prostate cancer.

"He's thinking about his legacy, and I don't think he wants to leave with the idea that he was a hate monger," said Salim Muwakkil, a former Nation of Islam member who is now editor of the Chicago-based political journal *In These Times*.

"The illness provided him with a very good excuse to be more forthright in his alterations of the doctrine," Muwakkil said. "Before, he had to do it incrementally, as if he were taking baby steps."

Also scheduled to speak Sunday was Rabbi David Weiss, a leader of the Neturei Karta International orthodox Jewish community. Farrakhan met with leaders of the group last fall in a move that he said was proof of his wish to reconcile not only with Muslims but also with Jews.

But Jewish leaders, still seething over Farrakhan's past comments — including calling Judaism a "gutter religion" — remained cautious.

Chicago Rabbi Ira Youdovin said the Neturei Karta was an "extreme, extreme ultra orthodox wing of the Jewish community" that opposes the current existence of the state of Israel.

U.S. recalls defective wartime suits

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Pentagon has alerted U.S. facilities around the world that hundreds of thousands of protective suits meant to shield GIs from gas and germ attack may have holes and other critical defects, according to military officials and documents.

The Pentagon learned about the flaws five years ago but did not consider the problems crucial and needed the gear for U.S. peacekeeping troops in Bosnia, criminal investigators say. Not until late last year did a second study on the same suits judge identical flaws grave enough to warrant a global warning, the investigators said in an interview.

On Feb. 9, the Pentagon cautioned commanders not to use any of the 778,000 suits except in training. The suits, not all of which are defective, cost the government almost \$49 million.

The defects included "cuts, holes, embedded foreign matter and stitching irregularities," the Pentagon inspector general said in a report being released this week. The defects potentially could kill people wearing the trousers and jackets in a "chemical-biological contaminated environment," the report said.

A bankrupt New York City-based company, which the inspector general identified as Istratex, produced the char-

coal-lined camouflage suits under two contracts dating from 1989. Soldiers wear the suits over their regular camouflage gear where chemical or biological weapons might be used. It was unclear whether any of the suits were worn by troops in the 1990-91 Desert Shield-Desert Storm operation, when Iraqi chemical attack was considered likely.

Last May, the Justice Department indicted various company officials on charges including conspiracy to defraud the Pentagon, major fraud and making false claims. They all later pleaded guilty to lesser charges.

In September 1999, Istratex's president and production manager each pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court in New York to one count of making false statements. Two other company officials pleaded guilty to making false certificate or writing and a fifth official pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice. Sentencings are expected in the spring.

Pentagon criminal investigators said they pointed out to the Defense Logistics Agency, which manages inventories, problems with some of the "battle-dress overgarments" in 1995.

In 1996, the agency's testers, at the investigators' request, studied 500 of the suits and found defects in 174, officials said.

T-Shirt Contest!



On March 20, Student Government will be sponsoring a St. Patrick's Day celebration.

To help kickoff this celebration, there will be a t-shirt contest (similar to last year).

If you are interested, come up with a design and turn it in to the student government offices located on the 2nd floor of LaFortune.

• Designs should be one-sided or two-sided with color.

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MOZAMBIQUE

Unexpected floods strand hundreds in southeast Africa

Associated Press

SAVE RIVER VALLEY
Helicopters plucked more than 1,500 people to safety Sunday as swollen rivers swept away almost everything in their paths in flood-ravaged Mozambique.

A new storm system began building off the coast Sunday.

Many more people gripped whatever high ground they could find as waters continued to rise in the Save and Limpopo rivers of this southeast African country, one of the poorest in the world. They have been stranded for a week and desperately need food.

Without warning, the level of the Limpopo River rose rapidly early Sunday morning, submerging the town of Chokwe and dozens of surrounding vil-

lages in Mozambique's already flooded Gaza province in a matter of hours.

"These people went to bed last night with no sign of water," Michele Quintaglie of the World Food Program said of Chokwe residents. "At 5 a.m., they woke up by hysterical screams telling them to get out. By early morning, the city was

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World Food Program spokesman

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Groups of people huddled on tiny patches of land stretched out their arms to plead for help from one of only two rescue helicopters in the Save area. A lone man on the roof of a

straw hut pointed his fingers to his mouth and rubbed his stomach.

Officials refused to speculate

how many people already have been swept away in the vast area along the banks of the Save (pronounced sah-VEY) in central Mozambique.

"There's massive destruction along the Save River. It's taking everything in its path — homes, villages. There are people stranded in trees and on homes. A lot of people are getting killed," said David Schaad, a World Food Program spokesman.

UNICEF's Ian Macleod estimated between 5,000 and 10,000 people were stranded in the area.

About 3,000 more were marooned in southern Mozambique after the Limpopo burst its banks.

The known death toll in Mozambique and neighboring South Africa and Zimbabwe reached 200 from flooding in the last week. Police said Sunday that at least 33 people died and 20 were missing after a bus was swept off a flooded bridge two days earlier in northeastern Zimbabwe. Twenty passengers had survived.

Torrential rains began drenching southern Africa three weeks ago, and then Cyclone Eline roared through

last week. As the remnants of the cyclone raced back to the Indian Ocean, a new storm system was developing off the coast of Mozambique and was expected to hit Monday.

In the Save valley, South African helicopters hoisted people aboard and dropped them a short distance away on slightly bigger raised patches of earth. With the nearest refueling point 125 miles away, rescues were going painfully slowly.

Journalists who flew 10 miles up the river mouth saw up to 1,000 marooned people.

One helicopter hoisted a woman and her baby aboard from the remains of a hut. Pigs, goats and cattle waded through the muddy water.

Pilot Chippy Pretorius said he had rescued 320 people, and had seen one human body and many dead animals in the water.

Farther south, the five South African helicopters in the Limpopo area saved 1,200 people before stopping for the evening, said Maj. Louis Kirsten of the South African force. The helicopters would return Monday, he said.

The South African and Mozambican governments were wrangling Sunday about who would pay for advanced

plans to send five more helicopters and two planes, said Lt. Col. Jaco Klopper, commander of the South African rescue efforts.

Pilots were focusing on saving the children first and often had to push away desperate people trying to get on the fully loaded helicopters, said Quintaglie.

"It's a very dangerous situation right now because people are panicking," she said.

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PUERTO RICO

Puerto Ricans vote for GOP hopefuls

Associated Press

SAN JUAN

They can't vote in presidential elections. They have no vote in Congress. But in Sunday's Republican Party primary, the people of Puerto Rico exercised a rare chance to be heard on the national stage.

Wielding 14 delegates — the same number as Maine, Rhode Island and Hawaii, and more than Vermont or Delaware — they chose between George W. Bush and John McCain in a primary seen as a test of popularity among Hispanic voters and a chance to gather important momentum.

But the vote's relatively low profile — no candidate visits, no CNN exit polls — underscored America's

ambivalent relationship with its Caribbean territory of 4 million Spanish speakers, U.S. citizens all.

"I was hoping to be able to carry [Puerto Rico] without going down," Bush told The San Juan Star newspaper, which endorsed him Saturday, joining the local party's strongly pro-Bush establishment.

The vote, which began at 8 a.m., was open to all 2.3 million registered voters — including Democrats — and results were expected Sunday night.

Michael Govan, an adviser to the Bush campaign here, said a convincing victory should underscore the Spanish-speaking governor's ability to attract mainland Hispanics as well.

On Saturday Bush swept all 12 delegates chosen at caucuses in three other U.S. island territories — the nearby Virgin Islands and Guam and American Samoa in the Pacific — giving him 79 delegates compared to 96 for McCain; 1,034 are needed for the Republican nomination.

As in most elections here, vot-

ers said the most important issue was candidates' view on Puerto Rico's unusual status. Under the commonwealth, Puerto Ricans pay no federal taxes, but receive billions in federal funds; they serve in the U.S. military, but other than the party primaries, they cannot vote for president.

The local Republican Party overwhelmingly favors U.S. statehood, but is frustrated with the Republican Congress because of its failure to pass a 1998 bill that would have made that possible. Bush — like his father — is a strong supporter of statehood for the island, even though it would likely send mostly Democrats to Congress.

"Bush is the candidate that I like and who can bring statehood to Puerto Rico," said Dinora

Perez, 64, as she cast her vote in San Juan.

Nancy Nunez, 34, praised McCain as "a military man [who] knows how to make decisions."

The vote comes at a low point in relations between Puerto Ricans and the Republican Party, for reasons beyond its coolness to statehood.

Many islanders resent Congress' decision in 1996 to eliminate special tax breaks that helped Puerto Rico climb out of devastating poverty over the last four decades.

Islanders are also annoyed at Republican opposition to their demands that the U.S. Navy close a bombing range on the island of Vieques. The push to expel the Navy has generated a rare consensus among the island's political leaders.

Islanders are fearful that a future Republican president might overrule President Clinton's January directive — reached after months of negotiations — under which the Navy must leave by 2002.

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Dinora Perez
Puerto Rican citizen

SENEGAL

Contentious elections test Dakar

Associated Press

DAKAR

Under cool and sunny skies, Senegal's paupers and millionaires voted in a presidential election Sunday as rebel attacks and political unrest threatened one of Africa's few enduring democracies.

The contest pitting President Abdou Diouf against seven challengers is the country's most contentious in decades after 40 years of rule by the Socialist Party. Results weren't expected until at least Tuesday.

If Senegal plunges into violence so soon after the December military takeover in nearby Ivory Coast — another traditional bastion of African stability — Western diplomats worry it could trigger a flight of development aid and trade away from the continent.

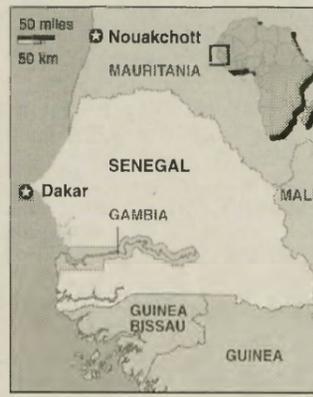
There have been sporadic street clashes in the past week, with at least one brawl between ruling party and opposition supporters in the capital's Biscuiterie neighborhood during the voting.

Rebels fighting for independence in the Casamance region launched at least two attacks Sunday, including a rocket assault on the town of Niayassa, near the southern border with Guinea-Bissau, radio stations reported. Government soldiers fought back with light weaponry.

Several people were injured, the private Wal Fadjri FM station said. Calm had been restored by midday, though voting was called off at a balloting station where some of the fighting took place.

At least one soldier was killed in the second attack, near the town of Kolda, about 420 miles southeast of Dakar, another independent station, Sud FM, reported.

The rebel Movement of Democratic Forces of Casamance was not immedi-



ately available for comment. Rebel officials have denied responsibility for two attacks earlier in the week that left at least six people dead and 20 European tourists wounded.

While many African countries hold elections, very few are considered truly free and fair. In West Africa, where votes often take place against the backdrop of military coups and civil wars, Senegal is one of the few countries to offer its 10 million citizens and 2.7 million registered voters regular ballots with a choice between numerous parties.

Opposition candidates, however, accuse Diouf of rigging previous votes and allowing massive corruption.

All eight presidential aspirants, including Diouf, were offering voters a better life for all. Only four are seen as serious contenders. If an outright winner fails to emerge, the top contenders will square off in a second round.

In a country of stark contrasts, opposition candidates have made "Sopi!" — "Change!" in Wolof — their battle cry.

While the country boasts world class music and fashion, as well as slick millionaire entrepreneurs, there are few natural riches.

The majority remain desperately poor, eking out a living by fishing in severely depleted ocean waters, growing peanuts on arid

farms or begging along the beaches where European and American tourists come for cheap holidays.

Six out of 10 Senegalese are illiterate. Hospitals have no medicines. And dusty tracks serve as national highways.

"I want change, and I flew thousands of miles back here for it," said Moammar Sow, a Senegalese native who has worked for the past eight years as a New York taxi driver. "Forty years in power is too long for any government."

Abdoulaye Wade, Diouf's longtime rival who was briefly imprisoned in 1993 in connection with the killing of an electoral official, has warned the country will explode in popular revolt if the president retains power.

Despite the fears, voting proceeded without incident in most parts of Dakar, even though some stations opened late and others lacked sufficient election materials.

Women in bright wrap-around gowns and Muslim clerics clutching prayer beads cast their ballots alongside Roman Catholic nuns and young men wearing expensive sports gear and designer sunglasses. Threadbare peasants stood side by side with wealthy businessmen in European-tailored suits.

Diouf cast his ballot in the city center, surrounded by wildly cheering crowds who jammed into a hall to see him. Displaying little emotion, he called on the Senegalese to "do their duty" and vote.

Retired telegraph operator Gabriel Cilla said he was voting to give the president another seven-year term because his government has managed to pay its employees regularly — unlike many bankrupt African governments.

"We have to give thanks for what we have," Cilla said.

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ISRAEL

French PM puzzles Israelis, Arabs

Associated Press

BIR ZEIT, West Bank

The reactions were predictable: Israelis praised France's prime minister for calling their enemies "terrorists," while Arabs said Lionel Jospin should have known better.

Less predictable — for both sides — was Jospin's apparent break with a decades-old French Mideast policy that carefully courted the Arab world.

Jospin beat a hasty retreat from the Palestinian areas on Saturday after students rioted during his visit at Bir Zeit University in the West Bank. He suffered a slight head wound.

Jospin's description of attacks by the Iranian-backed Hezbollah guerrillas against Israeli soldiers in south Lebanon as "terrorist" activity sparked anger throughout the Arab world.

"Jospin's statements contradict French policy announced by President Jacques Chirac and cannot possibly serve Arab-French relations," said the official Tishrin newspaper in Syria, the main power broker in Lebanon.

Chirac, a conservative, reprimanded Jospin, a socialist, when he returned to Paris Saturday night, reminding him of France's delicate "equilibrium" in its support of Israel and the Arab world.

Chirac's views are consistent with French foreign policy dating back to 1967, when President Charles de Gaulle sharply reversed what had been a decidedly pro-Israel policy, because it

had increasingly hampered France's extensive Arab trade and military ties.

Jospin was careful not to break entirely with that tradition, sounding traditional French positions that would not have appealed to his Israeli hosts: an end to strikes at civilian targets in Lebanon, support for Palestinian statehood, and an end to Jewish settlement in the West Bank.

France is Lebanon's former colonial ruler and Paris has long supported Beirut in its endeavors to get Israeli forces to withdraw from an occupied border zone in southern Lebanon.

Lebanese leaders also expressed dismay and summoned the French ambassador to complain.

Israel has pledged to pull out by July, but violence in the south — apparently exacerbated by last month's breakdown in peace talks with Syria — has flared in recent weeks.

Hezbollah has killed seven Israeli troops, and Israeli airstrikes have crippled Lebanese infrastructure targets and injured 20 civilians.

Sheik Naim Kassem, Hezbollah's deputy chief, called

on Chirac and the French people to "punish this premier for his mistake," according to comments carried Sunday by Hezbollah's al-Noor radio station.

Kassem said Jospin was not welcome in Lebanon, where a 3,000-person protest in the port city of Sidon, planned to mark the anniversary of the killing of a local leader, turned into an anti-Jospin demonstration.

About 40 Palestinian students gathered outside Palestinian Authority headquarters in Ramallah on Sunday to protest the arrest of 20 students in the rioting a day earlier. "Jospin said Arab blood was worthless, did you expect a bed of roses?" one banner read.

Most Palestinians condemned the rioters — who reached Jospin's Mercedes limousine and smashed its windshield before his entourage got away — but said Jospin was out of line. Some suggested he was grandstanding, with his eye on French presidential elections in 2002.

"Hopes of reaching the Elysee Palace may be the reason for such statements, but such statements are not in line with the French tradition," editorialized the Palestinian daily, "Al Quds."

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editorial in Al Quds
Palestinian daily paper

RUSSIA

Chechnya suffers oil well damages

Associated Press

URUS-MARTAN

Huge pillars of greasy black smoke rise into the Chechen sky, towering over people who trudge past long-uncollected trash and fear drinking the water. After six months of war, Chechnya suffers environmental damage that makes it barely recognizable to its residents.

Chechnya's environment was devastated in a 1994-96 war with Russia, and its soil, air and waterways still hadn't recovered when fighting resumed last fall. In some places, it is bare of all foliage — cut down by residents desperate for wood to heat their homes.

In the southwestern city of Urus-Martan, residents say the sewage system stopped working long ago, and people who fled here to escape fighting between Russian forces and rebels elsewhere in the republic tell of land tainted by oil from destroyed wells and littered with animal cadavers.

Snow sometimes falls in black flakes and a slick oil grime that covers streets and homes can be tasted in food and water, they say.

"You wake up in the morning and if you breathe too deeply, you start coughing,

said Asya Azimova, who recently fled the village of Oktyabrskoye. "You drink the water and it feels like you're swallowing a rock."

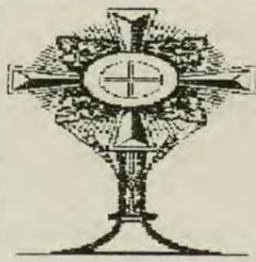
"You live in a place all your life and you leave for a few months. When you return, you can't recognize it because all the trees have been cut down," said Shakhid Arsamerzayev, a 32-year-old refugee from the town of Alkhan-Kala.

Most damage has come from Chechnya's oil wells, many of which have been blasted by Russian warplanes. Refugees say scores of wells have been burning out of control for months, often turning the daytime sky black.

One of the most damaged areas in the mountainous republic is the capital, Grozny, which is surrounded by oil refineries and was the target of massive Russian airstrikes for months. More than 2 million tons of crude oil has leaked from the refineries, Gen. Boris Alexeyev, director of environmental safety for the Russian military, said recently.

"The oil pollution is a colossal problem," said Alexei Yablokov, a prominent Russian environmentalist.

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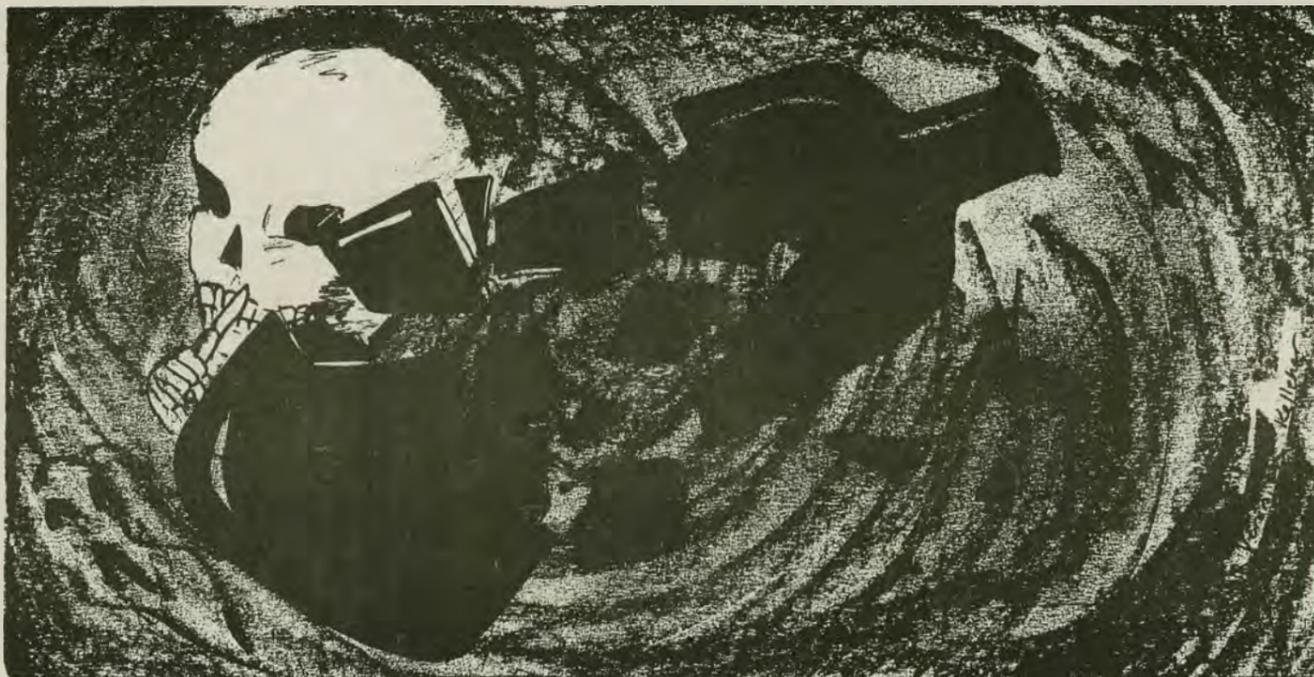
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Shatter silence of alcohol deaths

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Virginia
It is a universally acknowledged truth: College students drink.

Too much.
It's no wonder, then, that U.S. colleges spend an enormous amount of time each year on alcohol awareness programs. Yet, when it comes to alcohol-related tragedies, some officials clearly would rather the public — even the students — remain unaware.

Last week, Duke University officials acknowledged that the Nov. 27 death of junior Raheem Bath was directly related to alcohol consumption. The administration originally told students that Bath had died of bacterial pneumonia but neglected to mention that the infection resulted from aspiration — inhalation of a liquid, in this case his own vomit — after a night of heavy drinking. Duke president Nannerl Keohane was aware of the circumstances surrounding Bath's death from the beginning. She issued a press release relating the full cause of death last week after another student narrowly escaped death from a similar experience.

In a related story, Texas A&M University released reports Monday that provide several eyewitness accounts of alcohol consumption during the building of the Aggie Bonfire in November. Twelve students were killed Nov. 18 when a stack of logs used to construct the 40-foot structure collapsed. No mention of alcohol had been made in connection with the incident.

While it is still unclear how long the Texas A&M administration has had information about alcohol being present at the scene, a disturbing trend is emerging in connection with alcohol-related deaths. Too often universities fear negative publicity — especially during the prime months of admissions

— and that fear outweighs the best interests of the students.

In recent years, there has been an increasing recognition of alcohol abuse on campuses nationwide — and, consequently, a stricter scrutiny of how individual colleges are attempting to correct the problem. The university is no stranger to the kind of infamy that results from alcohol-related incidents. The 1997 death of fourth-year college student Leslie Ann Baltz and its possible connection to the “fourth-year fifth” made national headlines. The attention was embarrassing. And yet the university continues to handle the alcohol culture here in a fairly direct manner.

Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for other universities. By not providing all the details of alcohol-related deaths to students, Duke and Texas A&M not only are failing to educate their students, but they may be endangering the students' lives as well.

When Baltz died, many university students began to examine their own drinking habits and those of their friends. Her death — though not explicitly connected to the fourth-year fifth tradition — also helped prompt a campaign against the unofficial event.

In the Duke case, a student died of a relatively unknown condition. Many students don't realize that aspiration is a threat after a night of binge drinking and that it requires immediate treatment. It is scary to think that, had Duke continued to withhold the information surrounding the case, more students could have suffered the same fate.

Duke officials argue that they were simply protecting the privacy of Bath and his family by not making public the role of alcohol in his death. And there is no doubt that the incredible tragedy

at Texas A&M requires sensitive treatment by the administration and media.

There is a larger concern that outweighs a respect for the deceased. Alcohol-related deaths claim the lives of too many college students each year. In 1998 alone, five Virginia college students died in alcohol-related incidents. And while students are responsible for their actions, universities have a duty to monitor social attitudes on campus.

If universities expect their students to be open and direct about the social culture

and the role of alcohol on campus, the administration must do the same. Keeping secrets will only serve to widen the emotional gap between stu-

dents and those “adults” who inhabit the big offices. And the less students feel they can speak frankly about alcohol, the further the administration will be from the source of the problem — and potential solutions.

The word “senseless” is used a lot in conjunction with the deaths of college students. It is appropriate. There seems to be no rationale, no justice in the taking of such youth and promise. By speaking out honestly about student deaths, and making students aware of the dangers of alcohol, college officials have a chance to derive something positive from even the darkest tragedies, preventing them from happening again.

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Too often universities fear negative publicity — especially during the prime months of admissions — and that fear outweighs the best interests of the students.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Secrecy and a free, democratic government don't mix.”

Harry S. Truman
Former U.S. president

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Get with it, Health Services

I am writing this letter in order to share my disturbing Health Services experience with the Notre Dame community.

It all started last week when I came down with the latest dorm plague — your typical sore throat/fever/stuffy nose thing. I was feeling awful, but I decided to persevere and go to all of my classes for the day, and if I still wasn't feeling better, I would go to Health Services after class.

One of my classes that day was having a guest lecture on HIV/AIDS. As I sat in the classroom watching the lecturer, an HIV positive man in his early 30s, show us one of 30 "drug cocktails" he must take every day to survive, I started to panic. I haven't engaged in any of the five high-risk behaviors (did you know that HIV is now transmitted through tattoo ink?), but I still thought, "What if that happened to me? What if, by some freak of nature, I happened to contract this lethal virus?" I suppose it was a little bit of paranoia and fear combined with the fact that I was sitting there with a fever and chills. In any event, I decided to get tested, for peace of mind if nothing else.

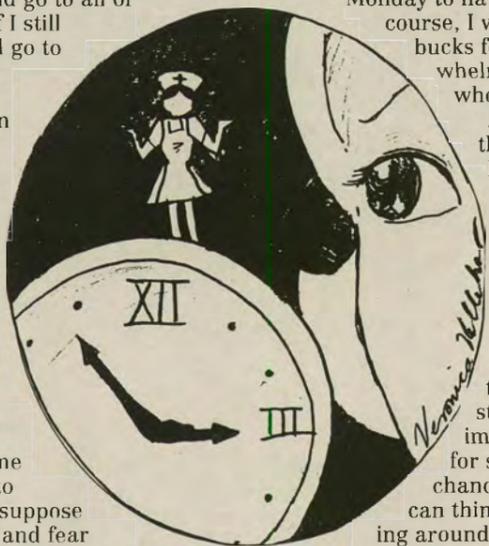
I went to Health Services, saw the doctor for my sore throat and requested the HIV test. After having my blood drawn, I asked the nurse when I would get the results. She didn't know, so she had to ask another nurse. The second nurse told me to call after 1:30 p.m. the following day. I did. No results. The nurse told me that I was "just going to have to be patient," and that if she didn't contact me by 5:00 p.m., I'd have to wait till Monday.

Five o'clock rolled around and the nurse called to inform me that my blood sample had been lost! Somewhere between the lab and the "blood truck," my blood sample was misplaced! The nurse calmly told me that things like that just happen, and I was going to have to come in on Monday to have more blood drawn. Of course, I would still have to pay the 40 bucks for the test, despite the overwhelming inconvenience of the whole situation.

Am I just overreacting, or is this a bit disturbing? What if I genuinely thought that there was a good chance that I was HIV positive? What if it had taken me five weeks to muster up the courage to even get tested? I am almost 100 percent certain that I don't have HIV, and the whole testing process was still stressful to me! I couldn't imagine what it would feel like for someone who had a good chance of testing positive. All I can think of is that my blood is laying around in some unknown location in a vile with my social security number — and perhaps my name. Hmm — that sure isn't a good feeling.

Please make your problems with Notre Dame Health Services known! For the amount of money we pay to go here (and even if we didn't pay so much), sloppy procedures like this one must not be tolerated. Get your act together, Health Services!

Anonymous
February 21, 2000



Service is a priority for seniors, grads

In response to Ashley Lowery and Jake McCall's recent letter about post-graduate options for seniors in the College of Arts and Letters, I would like to comment on what I hear from the many seniors I meet with to discuss post-graduate service programs.

Nearly 10 percent of the Notre Dame graduates in the 1990s, approximately 180 graduates each year, chose to participate in service programs for one year or more. Throughout the academic year, I meet with many seniors to discuss their decision-making process and the variety of domestic and international service programs available.

What I hear is not that these seniors cannot find jobs, but that at this time in their lives service with others is a priority, motivated by faith or by humanitarian concerns. Many ask for and receive one or two year deferments from employers or graduate schools. Others seek to use the knowledge and skills that have been developed in their undergraduate education for this year or two with a not-for-profit agency. Placements

include opportunities for those who have skills in engineering, journalism, legal advocacy, social service, public policy advocacy, marketing, medical fields as well as many others.

The seniors that I listen to, including those who may not choose to commit to a post-graduate service program but explore other ways to integrate social concerns into their personal and professional lives, are living out the mission of the University in a profound way: "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." I believe that this is the fiber of a Notre Dame education. The challenge is to continue to integrate these concerns into our post-graduate lives, whatever path of jobs, service programs or graduate schools we choose.

Thank you, Ashley and Jake, for the discussion that you have generated.

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February 22, 2000

Are we celebrating genocide?

I had never been inside the administration building until this year. Something has been bothering me ever since I walked through the hallway on the second floor. Has anyone noticed those huge pseudo-tapestries on the wall? They depict Christopher Columbus in various scenes regarding the "discovery" of America and related events. In fact, they don't just depict Columbus, they glorify him to some degree. One painting actually shows the Native Americans bowing down before Columbus, holding a cross. It's pretty scary.

Surely, by now, no one still believes that there is anything about this man to be proud of or glorified. Hopefully, we all know that Columbus hardly discovered America. He accidentally landed on Hispaniola, thinking it was India. Hispaniola and many other parts of North and South America had been inhabited for thousands of years by numerous tribes. These older cultures were peaceful, happy and connected to life and the land before the arrival of Columbus and those who were to follow him.

The Arawak tribe which first greeted Columbus and his crew by offering them gifts, food and care for their illnesses were treated to a prepared proclamation called "The Requirement" which all Spanish conquerors read to the uncomprehending natives. It stated: "I implore you to recognize the Church ... and in the name of the Pope take the King as lord of this land ... if you do not ... I will make war upon you ... I will take your persons and your women and your children and I will make them slaves I will take your goods and I will do you all the evils and harms which I can. The deaths and

injuries that you will receive from here on will be your own fault." This edict was followed by slavery, rape and genocide.

The issue is that for one reason or another, the University seems to have overlooked the prejudiced, murdering rapist hanging in glory from the walls of its administration building. In fact, Columbus hangs right under Mary, the irony of which is astounding.

I understand that we cannot judge the events of history by present day standards or values, but we also have the responsibility to ourselves — and to our future — not to hide the unpleasantness of our history. We certainly should not glorify any such event or action that we view as plainly cruel or immoral. I would hope that this university does not support the ideals of Columbus, such as money at any cost and disrespect for all other living beings. I would hope the Catholic Church would not support such methods of converting people to a certain religion. I don't see any Nazi flags around campus, so apparently the University doesn't support the genocide of the Jews. The Confederate flag doesn't hang in the halls of the Main Building, so the University apparently doesn't support bigotry and slavery, either.

So why have anything that glorifies a man who not only believed in both of these, but also brought horror and pain to people who had never experienced it until his arrival?

Tim Ferrell
Sophomore
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February 13, 2000



No 'elections' occurred

Both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's are now engulfed in scandals resulting from student body elections. But there is one slight problem: These votes were not elections. As of now, the student body has elected neither Crissie Renner at Saint Mary's nor Brian O'Donoghue at Notre Dame. In order for a president to be elected, he or she must receive 50 percent plus 1 votes of all the votes cast. Currently, neither candidate has received that amount.

I think that these elections have undermined the integrity of student government as a whole. Let's face it. Elections mean elections — not appointments. The Judicial Council appointed an individual candidate president. From what I know about elections, a run-off is supposed to be a contest for votes between two choices. When you disqualify one of the tickets, the vote is not a run-off. It is an appointment. The dismissal of the John Osborn appeal is unconstitutional and sets a dangerous precedent in student body elections. If the Judicial Council chooses this president, where will it end? The student body should choose the president and vice president of the student body.

Judicial Council does not have the right to decide the president. Kelly Folks, the Judicial Council president, said that the primary and final election "must be viewed as two completely separate, different elections." How can this be? The candidates in the final election depend on the decisions of the primary election. Therefore, the final election is dependent on the primary election. They cannot be viewed as two separate elections. Let me propose a hypothetical.

Let's suppose one ticket was accused of campaigning on Election Day and the other ticket sent out campaign materials via e-mail. According to campaign laws, both tickets would probably be disqualified. According to the logic set forth by Kelly Folks, both tickets would be disqualified and there would be no president for the coming school year. Because the elections are now viewed as separate and because all other candidates were "eliminated" in the primary vote, the student body would not be represented for the coming school year. This could be the result of the precedent Kelly Folks and the Judicial Council has set. By disqualifying the Hunt Hanover/John Micek ticket and not accepting the Osborn appeal, the Judicial Council has blatantly disregarded their duty to hold a run-off election, as expressed in the constitution. Instead, they appointed a president and chose the easy way out. In doing so, the Judicial Council threw the constitution out the door.

In my opinion, the senate has a few options. First, they could make the results of the vote between Hanover and O'Donoghue public. O'Donoghue and Norton should definitely win if they received a 50 percent plus 1 majority. Or, they could have another run-off between O'Donoghue and Osborn. Sure, this may be inconvenient. But is it worth disregarding the constitution and setting a dangerous precedent over convenience?

Patrick Dunnigan
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February 25, 2000

TECH COLUMN

Ready for Windows 2000?

Well, in a word, no. The fact is that the leap into the new millennium is not one that requires a change in your computer's operating system. For those who are unfamiliar with computers, an operating system, or OS, is the software that helps to run your computer's functions. The "Windows Family" of products from Microsoft has been and still is the most successful operating system in the world. The beauty of the OS is that it runs on virtually any machine, which makes it a very versatile operating system. This has helped strengthen its popularity.



Mike Revers

However, this aside, the world is not necessarily going to embrace Windows 2000 right away.

access denied

Amid rumors of bad programming, software bugs and the tremendous delay in the release of this latest version of Windows, the public has a tarnished view of the once mighty Microsoft. The current anti-trust case pending in the courts also is not helping the public relations of the company. With this anti-Microsoft feeling emerging, others have begun to penetrate further into the operating system market share. Chiefly, the rise of Linux as an alternative OS has caused quite a stir, driving the stock prices of companies like Red Hat, who specialize in the Linux product, to soaring heights on Wall Street.

But wait a minute: Am I being too hard on the new Windows 2000 product? Perhaps, but some of my criticism is well placed. The first thing to attack would be its price, which is expensive to say the least — approximately \$170 for the upgrade to win2k, or \$250 for the full version. This alone is astonishing, especially when you consider that for the price, there are very limited new features.

The most noticeable benefit is that they decided to build it upon the Windows NT technology, which means that it is expected to be much more reliable (i.e. it will not crash as much). But, the newest features are really not that new, or needed. Things like fading menus when you right click on things or click the start button are nice, but not really practical. There are a few more options for people who love to mount hard drives over the network, or really like to fully integrate their desktop with the internet, but mostly these functions are for the techno savvy.

Microsoft says that win2k is more secure than Windows 98, but with the vicious rumors of bug problems, I personally don't feel too secure with it running on my system. The real problem for most people is that if you want to run the new OS, you will probably need to upgrade your system again. The minimum requirements will make your machine crawl, and therefore I would personally recommend running win2k on a machine with nothing less than 128mb of RAM, and a 300mHz processor.

However, in Microsoft's defense, it is claiming that this release is only for businesses, and that the individual user should wait on upgrading until the new Windows Millennium product arrives in the fourth quarter of this year.

But, I believe many home users will buy this blindly due to the naming convention that was used. Consumers may think that they are supposed to buy it for their home, because they bought win95 and win98 already. If I were you though, I would probably stick with your current OS, because it is not necessary to upgrade now. Bottom line: If the only thing you get for the upgrade is a more stable operating system, it is really not worth your 170 bucks.

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Zahm is life, not just a dorm

When you arrived on campus as freshmen, they told you Notre Dame has no fraternities.

They lied.
Located obtrusively betwixt the Golden Dome and North Dining Hall, a certain stone edifice stands proudly erect for all to admire.

Robert Pazornik

Zahm Resident

Since 1937, thousands of Domers past and present have hailed that ivy-clad structure with a reverence usually reserved only for Lou Holtz and visiting pontiffs. While some who attend this school call Notre Dame their one true home, there is a proud group who saves that designation for the hall of Zahm.

From the outside, innocent passersby may only conjecture as to the goings-on which transpire behind Zahm Hall's thick, seemingly soundproof walls. Residents, or "Zahmbies," as some natives prefer, have the privilege of experiencing Zahm firsthand.

"People who don't live here can't imagine what life in this hall really means," said Jim Moravek, a Zahm resident assistant. "It's not like living in a hall with 200 guys; it's like living in a hall with 200 brothers. Zahm life is not dorm life."

Others who live in Zahm concur, living in Zahm Hall is unlike living in any other housing on campus. Most even refuse to call Zahm a dorm.

"Zahm just doesn't fit the traditional definition of a dormitory," said Wally Poirier, a former Zahm resident. "We treat each other like family. We trust each other like family, we play with each other like family, sometimes we fight like family, but above all, we love each other like family."

Some outsiders interpret the brotherly sentiment shared by Zahmbies in a controversial light. But then again, controversy is nothing new to Zahm Hall. As a group, Zahm Hall residents' reputation for illicit activities and characteristic obnoxious behavior precedes them in all facets of the Notre Dame community. Most Zahmbies recognize with some degree of pride that while about 10 percent of the Notre Dame community will take a trip to Main Building for a disciplinary conference sometime during their academic career, the same statistic for Zahm Hall residents is approximately 60 percent.

How then, some ask, has Zahm come to represent a completely different demographic than the average Notre Dame student? Why are they, so loyal, so brazen, so different?

According to popular lore, Zahm always has been distinct among the University's residence halls. Way back in the day, when housing was chosen by students in the order of grade point average, Zahm Hall, being farthest from the campus center and closest in proximity to designated freshman dorms, was usually the last choice on students' lists. As a result, those with the lowest grade point averages traditionally congregated in Zahm, making it a haven for the "dregs" of the Notre Dame community.

But what Zahm lacked in academia, it quickly made up for in social skills. Zahm's underbrained and frequently oversauced residents quickly earned the hall an "Animal House" reputation with their frequent parties and no-rules atmosphere. Along with this persona came the advent of initiations, hazing and other questionable "traditions" which briskly guided the Zahm community into



SUZANNE KELLMAN/The Observer

Hosting this past weekend's Winter Carnival, Zahm Hall demonstrates its fraternal nature and social dedication in a clean way. Above, a Zahm resident loses a battle with dryness in a dunk tank.

the most fraternal organization on campus.

Long after the system of student choice in dorm assignment was done away with, Zahm's reputation for loyalty and brotherhood lived on, perpetuating itself down from generation to generation of Zahmbies.

In one case, loyalty to Zahm extended even beyond its residents. In 1986, celebrated Zahm rector Father Thomas King took a legendary stand for his sons and beloved hall. Administrative officials, long having become tiresome of Zahm's disreputable behavior, and needing space to accommodate the growing number of female students, strongly considered making Zahm a target for conversion to a women's dormitory.

In a furious reaction to this unchecked aggression, Father King declared that if Zahm were to become a women's dorm, he would "lock himself in his room and set his sons loose on the campus." That is, he would eliminate any regulations governing their conduct for the remainder of the academic year. Furthermore, he warned, after Zahm's conversion, he would continue to live in his room until removed by force.

Fortunately for the University, that never had to happen. And in a related story, men no longer live in Cavanaugh.

Father King, who retired in 1997, still visits his old boys in the dorm of the red Z. Like some revered hero of yore, he mysteriously returns annually to host Zahm's famed Decade Dance, laboriously selecting the playlist, some speculate, months in advance. Then, like a gallant cowboy fading into the sunset over the meadow, disappears back into Corby for another 12 months.

Over time, Zahm has evolved from a simple frat house to a semi-responsible, somewhat respectable community. Unknown to most students, Zahm is home to the highest collective dorm grade point average, the most honors students and the most respected inner-city charity organization of South Bend.

There Are Children Here, a program bringing urban youth out of their hostile home environments, has been hosted by Zahm volunteers and resident staff for nearly a decade.

Zahm interhall sports, though rarely dominant, are without exception the most well attended and supported. The Zahm Fear hockey and Rabid Bats football teams have been constantly bringing Zahmbies together and sometimes ripping the competition apart since the early 20th century.

Zahm has even recently taken an active role in improved gender relations by officially naming Saint Mary's as its new sister dorm, as well as improving campus life by bringing an element of entertainment and sanity to the usually mundane and mind-numbingly ridiculous ceremony of pretense that is our student government election.

At the end of the day, it is difficult to determine exactly what makes Zahm what it is. While tradition, myth, legend and mystery all play vital roles in the living spirit that is Zahm Hall, it is undeniable that there is something deeper which is capable of bonding 200 men to a simple stone structure, and more significantly, to one another.

Said one eloquent Zahmbie of his hall: "It's not a dorm. It's my home."

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Sorin Otters continue their dorm's 112-year tradition of creativity while investing time in another common college activity, hanging out.

Otters embody ND greatness

By COURTNEY KERRIGAN
Scene Writer

Sorin Hall is a legend in itself. It has been the home of such great Notre Dame heroes as Knute Rockne and the Gipper (George Gipp), and many other little known, but very important men. Every Sorin Otter, as well as every Notre Dame student, aspires to live up to the level of greatness of these Notre Dame legends.

Everyone has heard that Sorin Hall has a rich history, but most aren't aware of the enormous role that the Otters played in the history of Notre Dame.

In 1888, Father Edward Sorin, on the 50th anniversary of his priesthood, blessed the cornerstone of Sorin Hall, the first Catholic college dorm. Construction began that year, and so began the story of Sorin Hall and the University of Notre Dame. The first floor of Sorin housed the law school, which at that time was still in its infant stages.

In 1897, University president Father Morrissey decided to add two large additions to the dorm, doubling the occupancy and indicating the substantial growth that the University was to undergo in the next few decades.

In 1905, the covered porch was added as a direct consequence of an incident — one that is supposedly still common today — in which a student dumped water from the upper floor onto the head of a famous law professor. On this porch hangs a sign that renames the dorm "Sorin College" and is a remnant of the famous year of 1969, when Sorin antiwar demonstrators seceded from the University. Many Otters still proudly refer to their dorm as "Sorin College," in remembrance of the rebellion and reform that Sorin instigated at that time.

Sorin Hall has had many famous rectors. Father Morrissey and Father James Burns, who went on to become presidents of the

University, once made their homes in Sorin. Father Pat Haggerty, who administered last rites to George Gipp ("win one for the Gipper") was also an Otter. Others include Gus Dorais, Frank Leahy, Paul Horning, Rocky Bleier, Pete Demerlee, Ken Macaffee, Tom Clements, Dave Casper, Babby Leopold, Steve Beuerlein and of course, the ever-famous and most beloved, Knute Rockne.

Today, Sorin Hall is still going strong with their rector, Father Steve Newton, leading the way. The assistant rector since 1996, Sean Seymore, is a Ph.D. candidate in chemistry. Co-presidents Larry Burchett and John Taggart and the other 153 residents of Sorin Hall keep traditions, such as the Sorin Talent Show, alive and well. University president Father Edward Malloy, in-residence, is also a 1963 graduate of Notre Dame and a former varsity basketball player. All of these men continue a tradition in Sorin that has lasted 112 years since the dorm was built and will last forever in the hearts of the Otters.



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Sorin's covered porch continues to be the site of student rebellion, reform and mere socialization.

AP ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS



Photo courtesy of Maverick Records

Madonna covers Don McLean's classic "American Pie" for her new movie "The Next Best Thing," co-starring Rupert Everett.

Madonna remakes classic with caution

NEW YORK

Madonna wasn't sure if she could do justice to Don McLean's 1971 classic "American Pie."

She told the New York Daily News for Sunday's editions she recorded her own version of McLean's homage to Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper for her new movie "The Next Best Thing" at the urging of co-star Rupert Everett.

"I thought, 'Who am I to do a cover of a pop classic?' But I was working in the studio on other music, and it was like, 'OK, let's just try it.' And it kind of worked, to my surprise."

Everett also lends his voice to the song in distant background vocals.

"To me, it's a real millennium song," Madonna said. "We're going through a big change in terms of the way we view pop culture, because of the Internet. In a way, it's like saying goodbye to music as we know it — and to pop culture as we know it."

Oasis' bad behavior is just a phase

NEW YORK

Members of Oasis say they've abandoned their bad behavior to concentrate on making music.

The group's fourth album "Standing on the Shoulder of Giants" is scheduled to hit record stores Tuesday, and its world tour kicks off this week in Japan.

Singer-songwriter Noel Gallagher says the band has outgrown the excesses that fueled its wild ways in recent years. The group was banned from Cathay Pacific Airways in 1998 after getting rowdy on a flight from Hong Kong to Australia.

"I think it's a phase that every band goes through, where the hedonism just becomes all-consuming, and all of a sudden you realize that what you are in the band for — which is the actual music — has become a secondary issue," he told the New York Post for Sunday's editions.

Kentucky celebrates Muhammad Ali

LOS ANGELES

The Kentucky governor's office pulled out all the stops to honor former heavyweight boxing champ Muhammad Ali in his hometown.

A crowd of about 5,800 turned out Friday for "Muhammad Ali Day," including about 4,200 public school students.

Lonnie Ali spoke for her husband, who has Parkinson's diseases, which inhibits his speech, slows his walk and causes his hands to tremble. She told the crowd there's nothing that raises Ali's spirit more than "lots and lots" of children.

The celebration was held as design plans are being completed for the construction of a riverfront Muhammad Ali Center.

Berry injured in hit-and-run

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif.

Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies are investigating a hit-and-run car accident that involved actress Halle Berry, a sheriff's spokeswoman said.

Berry was in a rented Chevrolet Blazer involved in a crash with another car early Wednesday, Deputy Elisabeth Sachs said Saturday.

A woman in the other car had a broken arm and was treated at a hospital. The 31-year-old Berry sought medical treatment for undisclosed injuries.

Sachs said it was not clear if Berry was driving or was a passenger. She said no arrests had been made.

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the first round.

"I knew he'd be aggressive," said Dobosh. "So my plan was to take his jab and throw a straight punch."

McMurtie finished with a strong third round, landing several strong right jabs, but it was not enough to give him the upset.

Dobosh will face Tom "The Pretender" Pierce in the semifinals. Pierce won a unanimous decision over Christopher "Redhead Thunder" Kusek. Pierce controlled the ring and dominated from the start with a big right punch, while Kusek struggled to land his combinations throughout the three rounds.

160-pound Division

Top seed "Dangerous" Dan Schaeffer made an early exit from the Bouts when he lost a unanimous decision to P.J. "Downtown" DuWors. Schaeffer controlled the center of the ring in the first round and landed repeated combinations, but DuWors' powerful undercut and jab proved to be too much for the junior favorite. DuWors earned a spot in Sunday's round after earning a decision over Brandon "Oh No You Didn't" Zick.

Duwors will find his semifinal competition in Joseph "The Polygamist" Smith. Smith has yet to step in the ring during the tournament. The senior earned a bye in the preliminaries and a walkover victory Sunday.

The second-seeded J.P. "Fabulous Thunderlips" Camardo fell to challenger Matt "All You Can Eat" McCullough. McCullough earned a unanimous decision Sunday after a victory Friday over "Massive" Dan Masse. In one of the most controlled fights in the division, McCullough came with a strong power right and was able to land more punches than Carmardo.

"My game plan was to stay focused and try to hit him as hard as I could," said McCullough. "I wanted to go in, land some punches and then come back out."

Carmardo took control in the second round, but McCullough sealed his win with a powerful three-punch combination that forced the No. 2 seed into a standing-eight count, giving McCullough enough points for the win.

"I thought it was a good fight," said McCullough. "[Carmardo] was a tough fighter."

McCullough's next challenger will be Chris "My Nickname Was Excised" Matassa. Matassa, with a clear height and reach advantage, earned a unanimous decision over John "Judas" Berry.

165-pound Division

Top seed Sean "The Erie Kid" Nowak had one of the tournament's most decisive wins when the referee stopped the bout just 18 seconds into the first round and awarded the law student the win over Matthew "The Jedi" Gentile.

Nowak will face Tim "Rock" O'Rourke in the semifinals. O'Rourke earned a split decision over Daniel "The Danimal" Probst after three rounds of close sparring.

No. 2 Seed Don Penn took just more than a minute to earn a victory in his bout with Holt "The Fightin' Reinhold" Zeidler to advance to the semifinal round. Penn came out strong, delivering a mix of high and low combinations, forcing the referee to stop the contest at 1:05 into the contest.

Penn will meet Joe "The Polish Tank" Czerniawski on Tuesday.

Czerniawski had no problem taking care of challenger Thomas "The Terminator" Cullen in a referee-stopped contest. Czerniawski was aggressive from the outset, landing a series of combinations that sent Cullen to the mat and ending the bout one minute and 17 seconds into the first round.

"I wanted to get out there and dominate in the first round, but I didn't think it would be over that quickly," said Czerniawski. "You expect every match to go three rounds so I let up a little bit a few times because I didn't want to be exhausted later in the match."

Despite his strong showing, Czerniawski doesn't expect his semifinal match to be that easy.

"Don was the first guy I ever sparred," said Czerniawski. "I need to work on throwing straight punches and getting in and getting out because this fight won't end the same way. Don is a real tough fighter."

BENGAL BOUTS

Quarter Finals Results

120 LB. Weight Division

Reggie "The Ugly Stick" Robles vs. Michael "Mr. Bubbles" Dixey(S)
John "I am the Bombay Bee" Kakkannathu vs. Matthew "The Don" Fumigalli(U)
Daniel "Too Short" Gallegos vs. Michael Kontz(S)

130 LB. Weight Division

Brock "Landers" Heckmann vs. J.R. "Maddog" Mellin(U)
Kevin "Layin' The Smack Down" Downs vs. Tom "T.K." Owens(W)
Joseph "What's Up Ladies!" Biggs vs. Dennis "The Natural Disaster" Abdelnour(W)
"Cool Hand" Luke Stanton(W) vs. John Sarson

140 LB. Weight Division

Kurt Wilson(S) vs. Dominic "Little Italy" Angiollo
Josh Coleman(S) vs. William "The Polish Hammer" Uniowski
Jim "The Unloader" Shacklett vs. Michael "The Motor City Madman" Waldo(U)
Joseph Zilligan vs. An "Ton of Bricks Poundin' Down On Yo Face" Kemps(U)

150 LB. Weight Division

"Dangerous" Dan Schaeffer vs. P.J. "Downtown" DuWors(U)
Michael "Sugar Kane Jr." Kane vs. Joseph "The Polygamist" Smith(W)
John "Judas" Berry vs. Chris "My Nickname Was Excised" Matassa(U)
Matt "All You Can Eat" McCullough(U) vs. J.P. "Fabulous Thunderlips" Camardo

155 LB. Weight Division

Billy "Sweet Pea" McMurtrie vs. Jeff "The Pittsburgh Kid" Dobosh(U)
Travis "The Only Time I Get 'Hit On' Is In The Ring" Alexander vs. Paul "He-Man" Mehan(S)
Robert "The Skinny Ginnea" Vuolo(U) vs. Donald "The Diaper Daddy" Doan
Tom "The Pretender" Pierce(U) vs. Christopher "Redhead Thunder" Kusek

160 LB. Weight Division

Sean "The Erie Kid" Nowak(W) vs. Matthew "The Jedi" Gentile
Daniel "The Danimal" Probst vs. Tim "Rock" O'Rourke(S)
Joe "The Polish Tank" Czerniawski(W) vs. Thomas "The Terminator" Cullen
Don "The Destroyer" Penn(W) vs. Holt "The Fightin' Reinhold" Zeidler

165 LB. Weight Division

Ben "The Mail Must Get Through" Dillon(S) vs. Eric "My Nickname Was Excised" Hovan
Ryan "The Rhino" Hernandez(S) vs. Joe "Layth Down The Smacketh" Kippels
Brian "Hoppe" Hobbins(S) vs. Kyle "The Private" Kerrigan
Rob "The Golden Schlager" Joyce(S) vs. John "Missile" Lynk

170 LB. Weight Division

Tom "The Tulsa Bomber" Biolchini(W) vs. Paul "Beast of the East" Riley
Chris "The Bruisin' Lugan" Viasnoras vs. Tom "How Ya Like Me Now?" Dietrich(U)
Steve "The Angry Pirate" Pfeiffer(W) vs. William "My Right is Bigger Than My Left" Pepek
Josh "The Sandman" Thompson vs. Kurt "The Captain" Kurple(W)

175 LB. Weight Division

Kyle "Smokin' Bluegrass" Smith vs. Doug "Sauce Doggy Dog" Bartels(S)
Mark Criniti(W) vs. Bobby "I'll Make You Pay Castro" Kennedy
Tom "The Hitter" DeSplinter(U) vs. Chris "Captain Chaos" Prill

180 LB. Weight Division

Patrick "The Hitman" Otlewski vs. Kevin "Hardcore" Brandi(S)
Chris "The Sweet Scientist" Pearsall(U) vs. Tom "The Mad Mick" Herrity
Gavin "The Morning Glory" Hagens vs. Jason "It's Not Easy Being J Rod" Rodriguez(W)

190 LB. Weight Division

Peter "Beat The Rap" Ryan(W) vs. Dustin "My Nickname Was Excised" Ferrel
Greg "NYTOL" Joseph vs. Joe "It'll Take You A Month To" Healy(S)
Dan "Let Me" Adam(W) vs. Chris "The Perpetrator" Craylor
Steve "Lefty Guns" Practico vs. Jonathon "BGP" Pentzien(W)

195 LB. Weight Division

Joseph "The Destroyer" Penn(W) vs. Holt "The Fightin' Reinhold" Zeidler

200 LB. Weight Division

Joseph "The Destroyer" Penn(W) vs. Holt "The Fightin' Reinhold" Zeidler

(W) Winner (U) Unanimous Decision (S) Split Decision

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Joe Czerniawski
165-pound division winner

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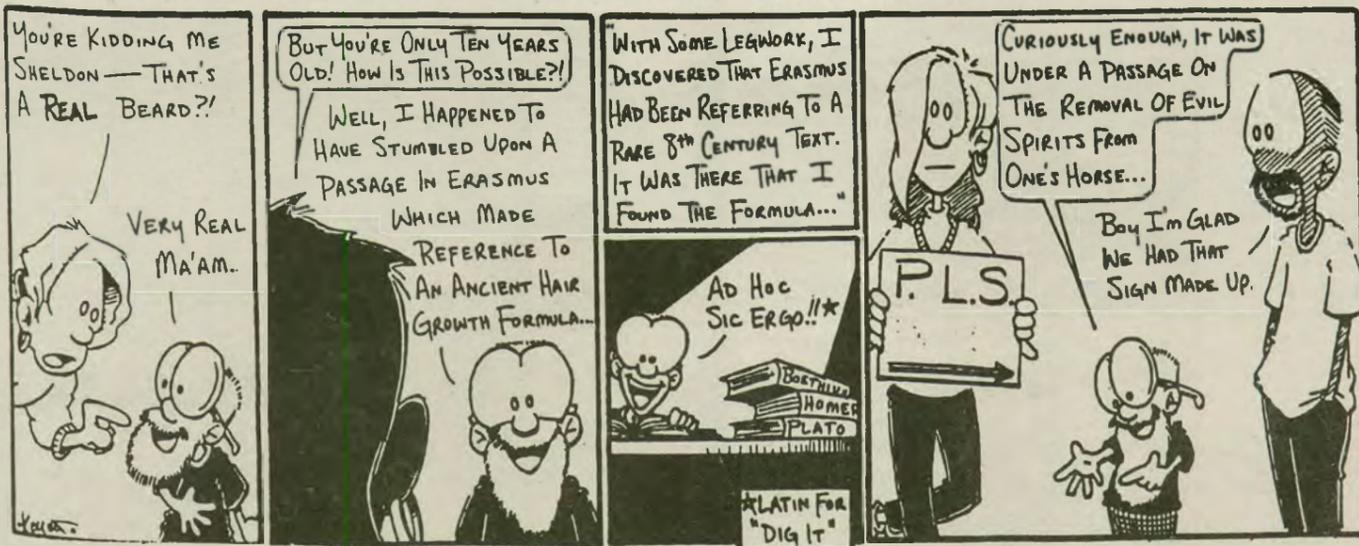
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WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Irish swimmers dominate Shamrock Classic

By COLLEEN McCARTHY
Sports Writer

It has been hard for the women's swim team to find a competitor it didn't dominate.

At this weekend's Shamrock Classic meet, the swimmers confirmed they were the same Big East champs who crushed opponents for the title last weekend.

Notre Dame used the two-day meet as an opportunity for the swimmers who didn't compete at the Big East tournament.

Carrie Nixon and Shannon Suddarth didn't swim at the Classic. Yet the team captured victories in eight of 18 events on Saturday and all but two events during Sunday's competition, confirming the depth of the Irish squad.

"Generally, we were where we expected we would be in this meet," said Bailey Weathers, women's head swimming coach. "This was an important meet for some of the younger girls. They worked hard this season and I was pleased with their performance this weekend."

Freshman Lindsay Moorhead finished the weekend with three individual first-place finishes in the 200-yard freestyle, 100-yard backstroke and 200-yard individual medley. Taking home two individual titles was sophomore Brooke Davey who posted wins in the 100-yard freestyle and 50-yard freestyle.

"In general, we had some



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

The Notre Dame women's swimming team used the Shamrock Classic as a measuring stick for some of the less experienced members of the team.

good swims," said Weathers. "This gives us a real good idea of where we are at. We're always trying to improve and we'll end this season like every season, trying to review things and plan better for next season."

The team also used the meet as a way to evaluate strengths and weaknesses heading into next season.

"We tried a number of different things this year and this gives us a better perspective of what worked and what didn't work, where our training is at and what we need to do different in the future as a team. And also what some individuals might need to do differently," said Weathers. "This was the first year that we went home over Christmas and New Year's

for a longer time, which we did because of the millennium.

"It's an important time to be with family, but next year I think we need to go back to what we have normally done which is to come back sooner and train as a team."

Although the team had hoped to qualify more swimmers for the NCAA Championships in March, Weathers was pleased to

have three members of the team participating in the March event.

"We would have liked to have positioned ourselves better," he said. "However, there is a lot of depth at the national level this year. It's a little disappointing for us, but it's not much different than last year although it's not as big of a team as we have sent in the past."

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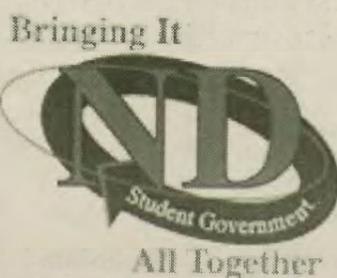
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MEN'S SWIMMING

Irish set four meet records at Invite

By COLLEEN McCARTHY
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's swimming team finished its season on a high note, rewriting the record books of the two-day Shamrock Classic meet this weekend.

Breaking four meet records, the Irish finished strong in individual events, showcasing the talent and depth of everyone on the team from the underclassmen to the outgoing seniors.

"This meet was a lot of fun for us," said Tim Welsh, men's head swimming coach. "The guys swam really well and it was nice for us to finish the season racing as a team, in our own pool. It was a little emotional too because for the seniors, this is it. They will never race again in this pool."

Team captain and senior Ray Fitzpatrick turned in three individual victories in the 200-yard butterfly and the 200-yard individual medley, breaking his own meet record with a time of 1:54.57.

"Once again, Ray continued to demonstrate his great versatility, especially with his win in the 200-yard butterfly which isn't an event he usually swims," said Welsh.

Other upperclassmen cruising to individual titles included senior Dan Szilier in the 200-yard breaststroke and junior Greg Juszli in the 100-yard backstroke. Junior Ryan Verlin broke a meet record and captured first place in the 100-yard butterfly.

Among the underclassmen, sophomore Michael Koss turned in a strong performance in the 100-yard breaststroke, taking first place in the event. However, freshman Jason Colettis turned in the performance of the weekend.

Not a member of the team's Big East travelling team, Colettis won the 200-yard backstroke and set a meet record with a time of 1:51.44, breaking the record of teammate Brian Skorney of 1:53.23. Colettis was also a member of the 400-medley relay team that included Koss, senior Rob Fetter and freshman Jason Fitzpatrick that took first place along with setting a meet record.

"If you are measuring how well we swam this weekend, Jason Colettis probably had the swim of the weekend," said Welsh. "With this meet, we say it is the last meet of this year but the first meet of next year. It sets the tone for next season."

"By setting a University record and swimming well in this meet, Jason established himself as a competitor and shows we have great things to look forward to from him next weekend. There was plenty of great swimming going on. Our underclassmen have really improved."

Although some teams use this meet as a last chance to qualify for the NCAA Championships in March, the Irish did not earn additional considerations.

"We always hope someone will qualify, but it is hard to do at a meet that comes right after the conference championships," said Welsh. "These guys have raced five days out of the last 10. That makes it extra hard to qualify because by the tenth day, you are worn down."

Overall, Welsh was pleased by the weekend's results.

"We demonstrated the unity, spirit and energy that have been with us all season," said Welsh. "This weekend was just a great way to end the season."

NCAA

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times in the game, including a pivotal turnover by Murphy into Vernon Jennings' hands with under 30 seconds to play.

"Jimmy [Dillon] gave me a nice pass," Murphy said. "I tried to go baseline, but the guy made a nice defensive play. On the last trip down, we got two good looks at the basket, but they didn't fall. They're probably the best defensive team we've played this year."

The Irish played their hearts out in the game, leaving everything they had on the floor. But that didn't make the loss any easier to take.

"It's a tough thing to stomach," Murphy said. "It's dejecting. We don't have too many opportunities left."

Just a week ago, Notre Dame appeared a sure thing for the NCAA Tournament.

Notre Dame had risen to a solo spot in fifth place of the Big East standings. It had pulled off huge wins over two ranked conference opponents — Connecticut and Seton Hall, including on the road.

With the two wins, NCAA basketball experts at *CBSSportsline.com* and *ESPN.com* were projecting the Irish as either an eighth or a ninth seed in the 64-team tournament.

Since then, Notre Dame dropped a 10-point decision to basement-dweller Providence on Notre Dame's home court, followed by the three point loss at Miami.

Suddenly the Irish are tied for sixth place in the conference, leaving their hopes for March Madness very up in the air.

"I still like to think that if we can get a couple more wins, we still have a legitimate

shot," Doherty said. "We've got a lot of quality wins, five wins over top 25 teams. Only one team in the country has more, Arizona with six."

But no matter how many quality wins, the Irish may have, the NCAA selection committee isn't likely to overlook a record that includes at least 12 losses.

The committee is going to look at upsets by Miami (Ohio), Pittsburgh and Providence. It's going to remember Notre Dame's late-season record, which stands at 2-4 in the last six games. It's going to consider Notre Dame's success, or lack thereof, on the road. And it will think about the Irish standings in the league.

Pollsters are predicting anywhere from four to seven Big East teams as NCAA qualifiers, with five or six being most likely.

Syracuse is secure in a top seeding for the tournament, at 23-3 overall and 12-2 in the league.

St. John's and Miami, both 11-3 in the league, are also shoo-ins for March Madness.

St. John's (20-6) has won seven straight, its last loss coming to Notre Dame in late January. It beat No. 2 Duke at Duke on Saturday, the first home loss to a non-conference opponent in five years for the Blue Devils.

"A game like that shows just how good the conference is," Murphy said. "For St. John's to go out and beat the No. 2 team in the country, Duke."

Miami is on a three-game winning streak and has risen to 18-9 on the season.

Seton Hall was considered a definite qualifier, but Villanova made things interesting by upsetting the Pirates Saturday. The win raised Villanova to a tie with Notre Dame in the Big East, making Villanova a possibility to make the tourney.

Connecticut is a favorite as the defending national champion. The Huskies are 8-6 in the conference and 19-8 overall. But the Irish defeated the Huskies twice, almost daring the selection committee to pick the Huskies while leaving the Irish out.

However, that isn't going to happen unless the Irish come through with some victories. No team with more than 14 losses has ever received an at-large tournament berth, a number Notre Dame is two away from. The Irish also need to finish at or more than .500 in the Big East to get a second look on selection Sunday.

Notre Dame has two conference games remaining, top-10 ranked Syracuse at home Wednesday and Georgetown on the road Saturday.

"I think we need to win two [games]," Doherty said after the loss to Providence. "I didn't say which two."

Despite the tough agenda, the Irish remain intent on heading to the Big Dance for the first time in 10 years.

"I think we would have to win our next two games, and then win a couple of games in the Big East."

They have the talent with a roster including a pre-season All-American in Murphy, backed up by sophomore forward David Graves, senior point guard Jimmy Dillon and a solid young supporting cast.

The Irish have the potential to score some major tourney upsets, like they have over Connecticut, Ohio State and St. John's. They could be this year's Cinderella team, sweeping through the tournament and knocking out the competition.

But they have to get there first.

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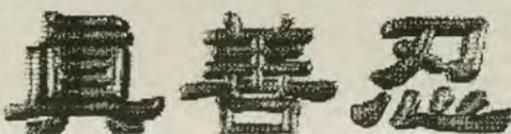
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BENGAL BOUTS

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"Strong bodies fight, that weak bodies may be nourished."

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Dixey dances into semifinals with win

By BRIAN BURKE
Sports Writer

The quarterfinals of Bengal Bouts opened Sunday afternoon with one fight in the 120-pound division. Michael "Mr. Bubbles" Dixey earned the split decision over Reggie "The Ugly Stick" Robles in a closely fought contest.

The two danced around the ring during the opening round, both throwing a series of wild punches, with Robles sending Dixey backpedaling most of the first 1 minute, 30 seconds. Dixey came back in the second as the pace slowed, landing some hard right hooks as he and Robles traded blows. The third round then began with Robles drawing a line at the center of the ring as he and Dixey proceeded to take turns throwing uncontested hooks at each others' faces before they were both warned to protect themselves.

Dixey will face Jimmy "Pirahna" Fishburne, who comes off a bye, in the semifinals Tuesday.

130-pound division

Matt "The Don" Fumagalli advanced to the semifinals with a unanimous decision victory over John "I am the Bombay Bee" Kakkathu.

Fumagalli worked through the early barrage of furious swinging by Kakkathu, backing him into the ropes several

times and landing straight rights and hooks to the head. Fumagalli will face last year's 125-pound champion, Jason "The Sweet Sensation" McMahon, in the semifinals Tuesday. McMahon had a quarterfinal-round bye.

In the other quarterfinal bout at 130 pounds, Michael Kontz pulled out a split decision win over Dan "Too Short" Gallegos in one of the closer fights of the day. Kontz and Gallegos both started conservatively, with neither seizing control early. In the third round, Gallegos went on the offensive but opened himself up to countering combinations by Kontz, who took advantage.

Kontz will face Camilo "Rollin'" Rueda, who had a semifinal bye.

140-pound division

Kurt Wilson came away with a split decision victory over Dominic "Little Italy" Angiello in a hard-hitting, 140-pound contest.

Wilson landed solid hooks to the head as both fighters traded shots for the first two rounds. Wilson finished strong however, scoring with both hooks and jabs to the body in the third. Angiello had reached the quarterfinals with a preliminary round win over Tucker "The Boston Massacre" McGree.

Wilson moves on to face Josh Coleman, who earned a surprising split decision victory



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Dennis "The Natural Disaster" Abdelnour knocked out Joe "What's Up Ladies!" Biggs in the first round of Sunday's quarterfinal bout.

over Bill "The Polish Hammer" Uniowski. Coleman showed impressive tactics, staying low when Uniowski hooked, and countered with hard shots to the body.

"He looked big, and he had more height," Coleman said of

Uniowski. "My strategy was to get inside with body shots, use my headwork, and slip underneath long punches. I also wanted to throw straight punches, especially a one-two combo with a jab and straight right hand."

In a bloody contest, "Michael "The Motor City Madman" Waldo survived a slugfest to defeat Jim "The Unloader" Shacklett. Waldo and Shacklett stood toe-to-toe for much of the fight, both landing hard shots to the face. Despite the fight being interrupted several times to stop bleeding, Waldo was able to gain momentum in the final round, backing Shacklett into the ropes and landing a series of hooks.

Waldo moves on to the semifinals where he will face Anton "Ton of Bricks Poundin' Down On Yo Face" Kemps. Kemps earned a unanimous decision over Joseph "Got Mad Hits Like I was Rod Carew" Zilligan. Kemps used a series of jabs to the body to wear down Zilligan. Zilligan landed some hard hooks when the two traded punches, but Kemps got the best of most exchanges.

150-pound division

While the lighter divisions made for some very competitive clashes, the story in the 150 pound quarterfinal was dominating performances. First off, captain J.R. "Maddog" Mellin showed why he is the man to beat at 150 pounds with a fundamentally sound victory over Brock "Landers" Heckmann. Heckmann reached the quarterfinals by defeating "Bike" Mike McDonald on Friday. Mellin was in control throughout, earning the unanimous decision by landing com-

binations and avoiding hooks from Heckmann.

"He likes to put his head down," Mellin said of Heckmann. "I tried to throw uppercuts, he probably hits harder, so I wanted to move in and out."

The final three fights at 150 pounds were short and ugly. First, Tom "T.K." Owens took a second round technical knockout win over Kevin "Layin' The Smack Down" Downs. Owens and Downs both landed hard hooks in the first round, but by the second Owens had backed Downs into the ropes landing enough clean shots to the face for the fight to be stopped after 56 seconds. Downs had advanced by defeating Joe "Mama Can't Help You Now" Masley.

In another TKO, "Cool Hand" Luke Stanton was declared the winner over John Sarson at 1:10 of the second round. Sarson, who advanced to the quarterfinals defeating Rob "The Talented Mr." McColgan, received two standing eight counts in the first round, at times even turning away from Stanton when backed into the corner.

Not to be outdone by Owens and Stanton was Dennis "The Natural Disaster" Abdelnour who also notched a victory by technical knockout over Joe "What's up Ladies!" Biggs. Biggs, who advanced to the quarterfinals with a victory over Pat "PBODY" Broderick, was unable to defend against straight rights and hooks from Abdelnour, and received two standing eight counts in the first round. The fight was stopped soon after at 1:17 into the contest. Abdelnour faces Stanton Tuesday.

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face. They cheat off the five-man onto Troy and we try to make them pay for that, but they made some adjustments. It's frustrating for Troy and it's frustrating for me."

It didn't get any less frustrating in the second half for Doherty and the Irish. After Murphy and sophomore David Graves fueled a 10-0 run seven minutes into the second-half, Miami answered with a 14-3 run of its own. Paolo Coehlo, James Jones and John Salmons drained consecutive 3-pointers and the Hurricanes tied the game at 45.

"I think I should have called a timeout [during that run]," Doherty said. "Coehlo and Salmons were too open. We didn't rotate properly. We have certain slides on our defense and we were guarding guys in the wing and left people open. That was a mental breakdown on our part."

The Hurricanes regained the lead at 49-48 on two free throws by Mario Bland with less than four minutes left and eventually extended their lead to as many as four.

Notre Dame tried to pull even, but turnovers and the inability to convert easy shots late in the game, led to a three-point deficit with 19.3 seconds to play.

After Miami's Vernon Jennings missed his second foul shot, the Irish ran a set play to give Murphy a chance to knock down the game-tying shot. He got the open look, but wasn't able to connect. The Irish scrambled for the rebound and kicked the ball to Matt Carroll, but his attempt rimmed out as time expired.

"We tried to run a play to Troy, but they did a good job defensively," Graves said. "We got a good look at it, and sometimes they go in and sometimes they don't. That's part of the game, but they played a great game defensively."

"We didn't execute well down the stretch," Doherty said. "It's disappointing since we talk about that a lot and work hard to improve. It was a lack of concentration on our part, but credit their defense."

Miami's smothering defense held the Irish just 29 percent shooting in the second half and forced 22 turnovers.

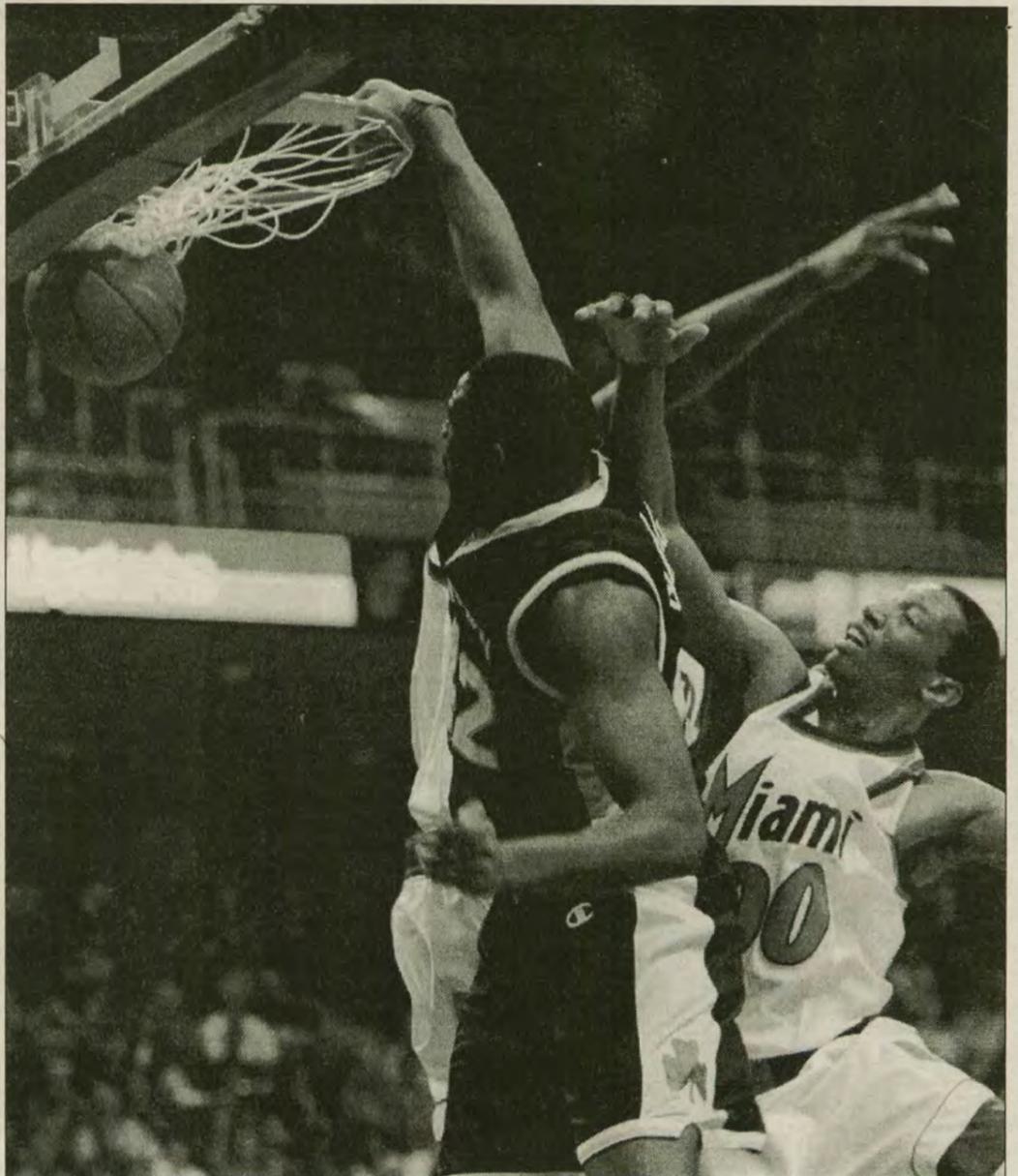
"Obviously our kids' defensive effort in the half court in the second half was the difference in the game," Miami head coach Leonard Hamilton said. "Once we were able to slow the pace down and defend them in the half court, our kids did an excellent job."

Graves led the Irish with 16 points, five rebounds, three assists and three steals. Murphy finished with 14 points and 10 rebounds, but had five turnovers. Point guard Jimmy Dillon had eight points and dished out three assists.

Miami's Mario Bland scored 14 points and grabbed seven boards. Jennings had nine points, eight rebounds and six assists. John Salmons added 12 points.

Notre Dame returns to action Wednesday when it hosts Syracuse at 9 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

"Our kids hurt and that's good because it shows we care," Doherty said. "We're going to get better and come out fighting on Wednesday."



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Sophomore Harold Swanagan dunks the ball and draws the foul from Miami's Leon Hurd. Swanagan finished with five points.

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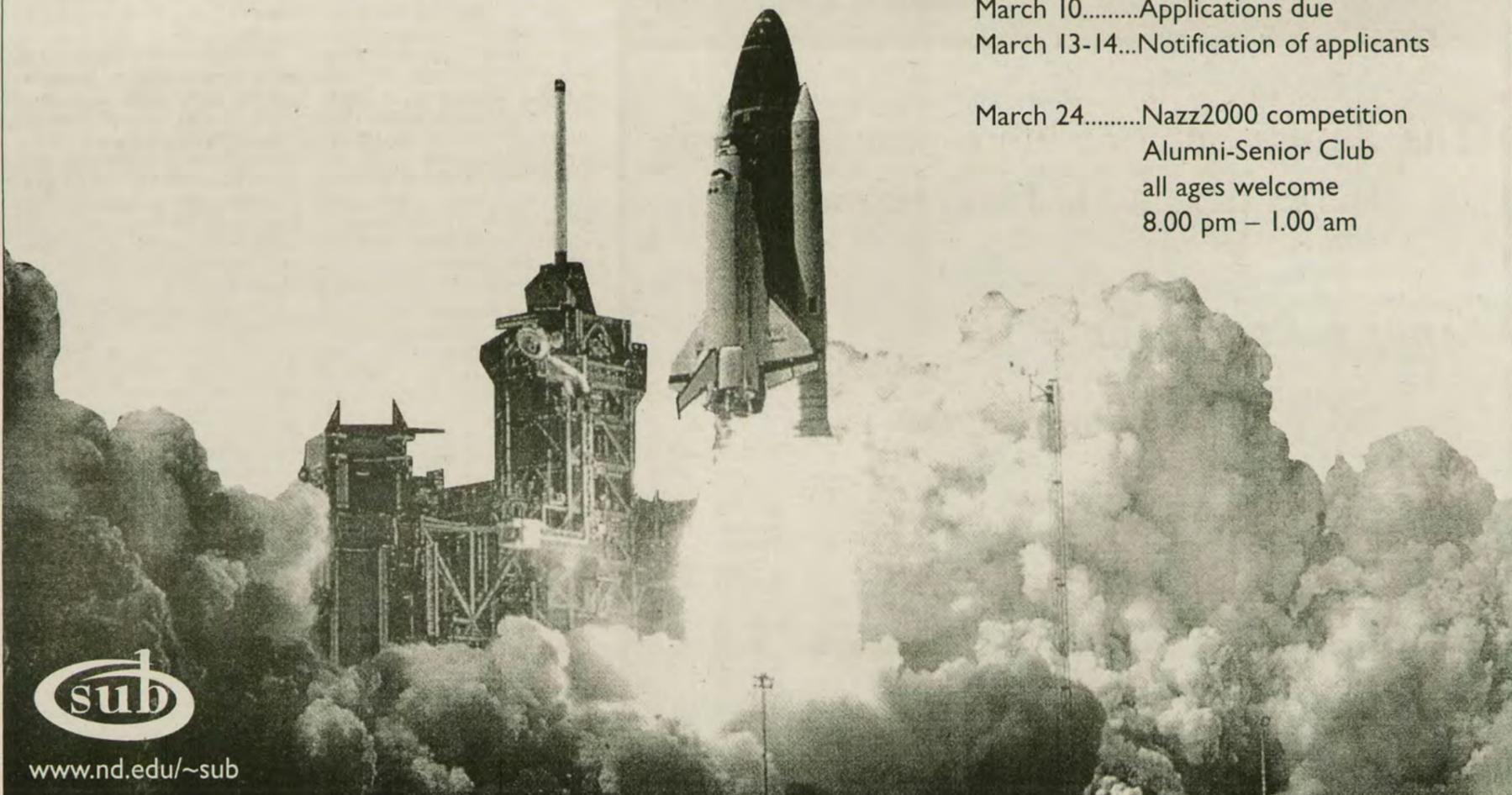
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McGraw, Irish unable to break Husky curse for 11th time

It wasn't supposed to be like this.

This was going to be the year Notre Dame finally beat Connecticut, its archrival, for the first time in 11 tries. The Irish would win their regular-season finale, clinching their first-ever Big East regular season title.

From there, the script was set: head to the Big East tournament

next weekend as the No. 1 seed, advance to the NCAA

Tournament and host the first two rounds, then a couple of wins later compete in the Final Four at Philadelphia — head coach Muffet McGraw's hometown.

Notre Dame had won 20 in a row. Its confidence was sky high and the stage was set for the

upset. A victory over the Huskies, the nation's top team, was going to position the Irish as a legitimate national title contender.

The perfect ending to a perfect regular season.

Then reality struck.

On Saturday, Connecticut proved once again that it has an edge on Notre Dame. For some reason, no matter the team's

records, the Huskies always finds a way to ruin Notre Dame's hopes. Just like Ron Powlus always seemed to find the most inopportune time to throw an interception, Geno Auremma's team always deflates the Irish bandwagon.

Maybe the crowd, the 16,295 fanatics in the Hartford Civic Center, chanting the annoying "U-C-O-N-N, UConn!, UConn!, UConn!" rattled the Irish. It was a far different world than the one-third full Joyce Center.

All the simulated noise from loudspeakers during practices can't adequately prepare a team for the atmosphere in the Civic Center.

Maybe it was a lack of confidence, of not truly believing they could win. The Irish may have won 20 in a row, the nation's longest winning streak, but no matter how many wins they get over Providence or Villanova or any other second-tier Big East team, they still hadn't beaten the Huskies. Granted, their 78-74 overtime victory over Rutgers gave the Irish a boost. But results lead to confidence. And the truth was that they still had never beaten UConn.

"I thought we panicked and were intimidated," said McGraw. "I thought we were past the intimidation stage; that was the most discouraging thing."

Maybe it was the depth of the Huskies. Their starting lineup is solid, but not any better than the Irish's first five. From six to 10, though, the Huskies have an edge over any team in the country. Connecticut is two-deep at every position. Its star, last season's Big East Player of the Year, Svetlana Abrosimova, shot 1-for-7 from the field for five points on Saturday, fouling out with 6:47 remaining. Yet the Huskies had the luxury of replacing her with one of four former first-team All-American high school players off the bench, including 1999 Big East Rookie of the Year Tamika

Williams.

It became clear on Saturday that the margin of error for the Irish is smaller than for other top teams. Notre Dame can't afford for Ruth Riley to play just seven minutes, shoot four times from the field and foul out with nearly seven minutes to play. If the Irish don't receive a strong effort from their three stars — Riley, shooting guard Alicia Ratay, and point guard Niele Ivey — it'll be tough to contend with the Connecticut and Tennessee of the world. Flashback to a year ago March when Ivey went down with an ACL injury in the Big East semifinals against Rutgers and you'll find our why.

"When you play only seven players, and only two of them play well," McGraw said, "you aren't going to beat No. 1."

Nevertheless, the Irish proved that they have the talent to compete for a national title. That can't be said of many other teams in the country. Despite Riley's sub-par performance, an uncharacteristic 22 turnovers and shooting a dismal 40 percent from the field, the Irish were only down six, 58-52, with 4:46 left.

When you've got the best center in the country, a talented, veteran point guard, a shooter who can quickly reduce a lead (see the Rutgers game), and several other players who are content to fill roles, there's a shot.

Up to this point in the season, everything was perfect — or at least close to perfect.

After winning 20 straight, maybe the Irish were becoming a bit complacent.

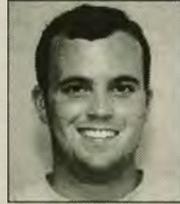
Not anymore. Not after Saturday at least.

Now the Irish have a week to regroup before heading to Storrs, Conn., for the Big East tournament.

Round 1 went to Connecticut. But the fight's not over. The two teams could meet again a week from Tuesday on Connecticut's home floor for the Big East championship. There may even be a third encounter sometime in the NCAA tournament.

The script may have been altered, but it's far from ruined.

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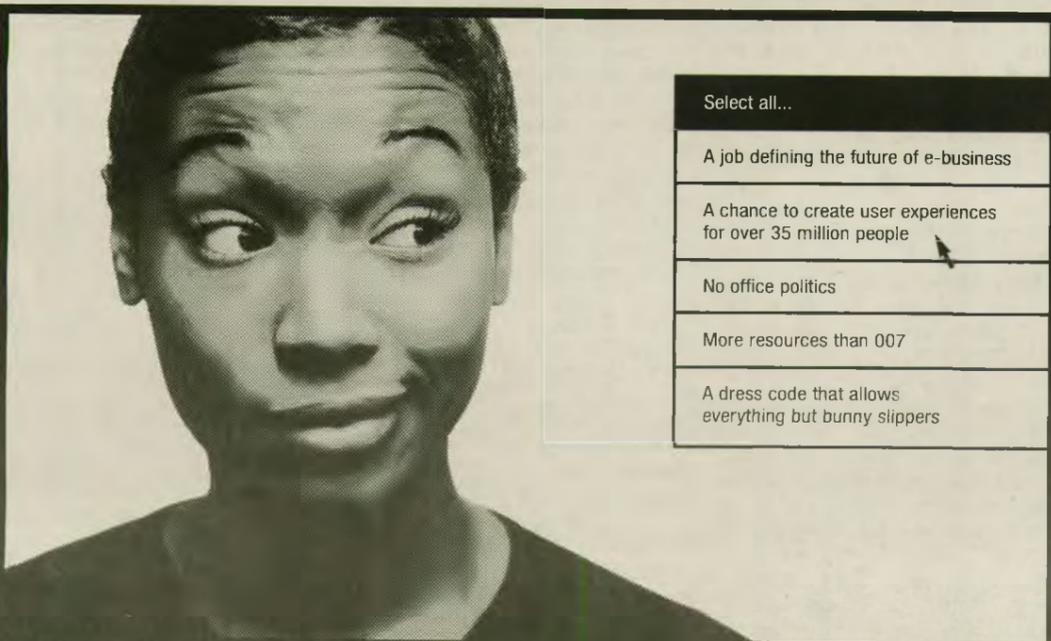
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Heavy weights pound into semifinals

◆ Favorites avoid upsets, advance to semifinals

By BILL HART
Sports Writer

Quarterfinal Bengal Bout action continued late into Sunday evening at the Joyce Center, as the odds-on favorites in the heavier weight classes took to the ring to defend their high seeding.

While Sunday's bouts did not provide much in the way of upsets, hard-hitting action proved to be the tone of the night.

175-pound division

Top seed Tom "The Tulsa Bomber" Biolchini got off to a quick start toward a third title, knocking down Paul "Beast of the East" Riley just more than a minute into the first round. The favorite kept Riley on the defensive by keeping him on the ropes with left-right combinations before the referee called off the fight.

Biolchini's victory was paced by three other heavyweight contenders for the division crown. Senior Tom Dietrich tore into classmate Chris Viasnoras, keeping him off balance while evading multiple roundabout punches. Enough of Viasnoras' punches connected to keep the outcome in doubt until late, when a flurry of Dietrich's punches forced his opponent into the ropes.

"I haven't boxed a lot with Dietrich," Biolchini said about his next opponent. "I know he's a really good athlete, and a really nice guy."

In the most heavily anticipated fight of the division, Steve "The Angry Pirate" Pfeiffer knocked down William Pepek 20 seconds into the third round.

With a raucous crowd waving a Jolly Roger flag in the

stands, Pfeiffer bided his time until Pepek was forced into a corner, then used an early combo to end the fight.

In the last fight of the division, Josh "The Sandman" Thompson advanced to the semifinals with a victory over Kurt Kurple. Thompson's longer reach, combined with his steady use of combinations, allowed him to take an early advantage in the round and never let go.

180-pound division

Despite the loss of defending champion Mike Romanchek, who sits out with a shoulder injury, a wealth of experience dominates most of the 180-pound bracket.

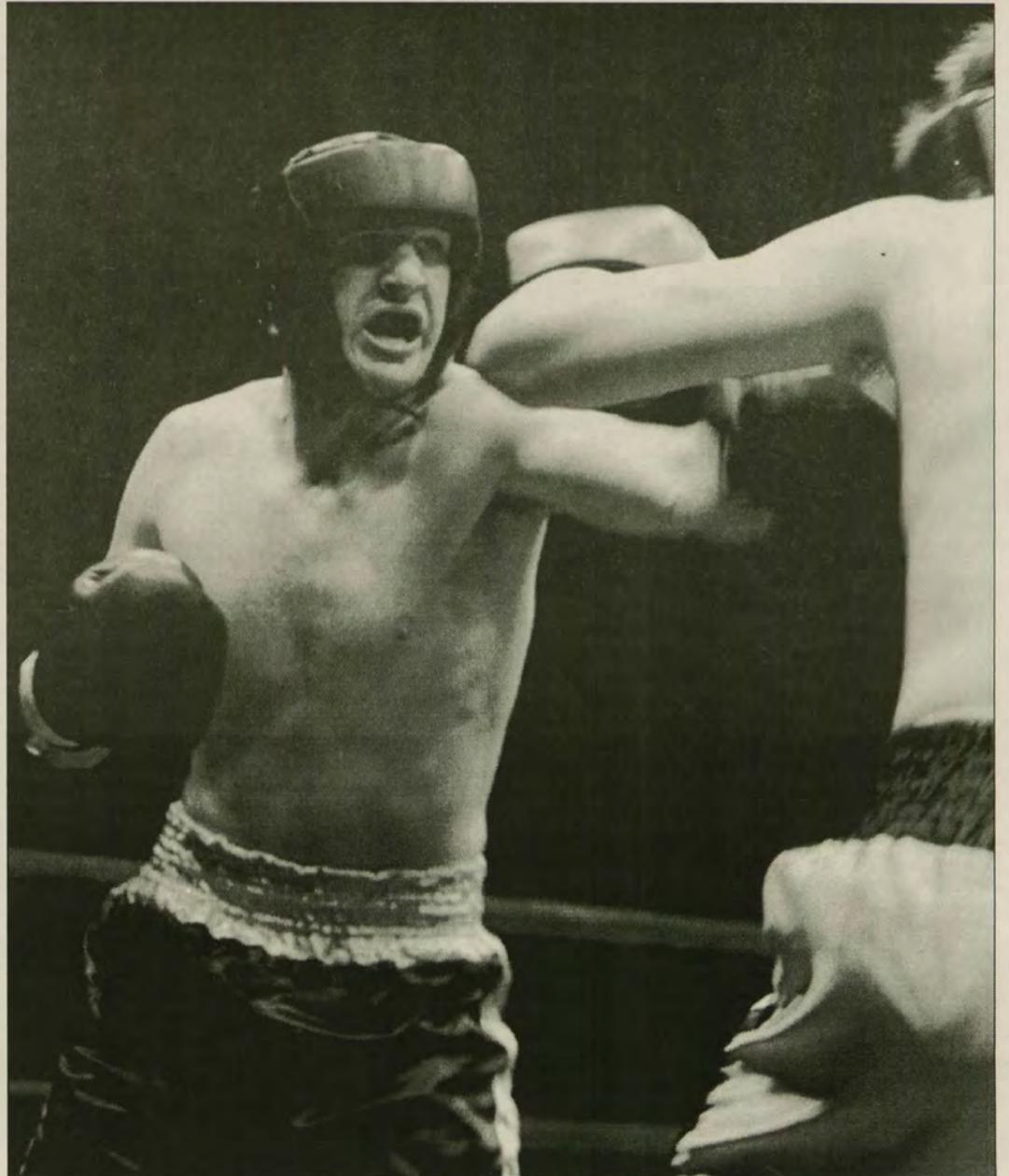
Top seed Joey "Soda Pop" Leniski found his first stop en route to the division crown to be a major roadblock, earning a split decision victory over Stanford sophomore Keith Arnold. Arnold used a strong second round to even the bout up before a viscous set of combinations by his opponent put the fight away.

Leniski's next opponent will be fellow senior Doug Bartels, who defeated Kyle Smith in a split decision. Bartels came out strong early in the bout, using his power and reach to overcome Smith's jabs and agility.

Smith gathered his second wind to mount a comeback early in the third round, but the punches ran out of steam just before the final bell.

Alumni sophomore Tom DeSplinter, considered a top contender for the weight crown, advanced to the semifinals with a unanimous decision victory over Keough freshman Chris Prill. Despite defeating senior Jeff Welsh in Friday's preliminaries, Prill was unable to overcome DeSplinter's aggressiveness, resulting in a knockdown midway through the third round.

Keough sophomore Mark Criniti earned the final spot of the bracket, knocking off Dillon



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Junior Steve "The Angry Pirate" Pfeiffer knocked out sophomore William "My Right is Bigger Than My Left" Pepek in the third round.

sophomore Bobby Kennedy 1:10 into the second round with his second knockdown of the night.

190-pound division

Senior Mike Hammes earned the only bye of the weight class, but has experience as well as alertness on his side for Tuesday's bout.

After losing in the finals last season, Hammes will face off against Keough Hall freshman Chris Pearsall, who opened his Bengal Bouts career with an impressive unanimous decision over senior Tom Herrity. According to Pearsall, the relative lack of experience didn't affect his game plan.

"I'd sparred with Tom many times," he said. "So I knew what to expect. I think at this stage of the game, few have that much more experience than others. People are fighting more on stamina and spirit."

As for Tuesday, Pearsall knows that Hammes will provide an imposing challenge.

"I know that he has to be pretty good to earn the top seed," he said. "I actually didn't expect to be fighting in this division. I lost a couple of pounds heading into the bouts. But I've reached my goal, and anything after this is just gravy."

On the other side of the division, Sorin sophomore Jason Rodriguez defeated Morrissey freshman Gavin Hagens 29 seconds into the third round. Rodriguez successfully staved off multiple comebacks by the newcomer with multiple left jabs until the referee stopped the fight.

Dillon sophomore Kevin Brandl rounded out the bracket for Tuesday, overpowering Morrissey freshman Patrick Otlewski for the split decision.

After forcing Otlewski into corners for most of the bout, Brandl staved off one late comeback to the cheers of the Big Red crowd.

200-pound division

The last bracket of the night featured two walkovers, as junior captain

Peter Ryan and graduate student Dan Adam advanced to opposite sides of the semifinals. Adam's opponent, Chris Craylor was forced out due to a shoulder injury.

Ryan will take his first steps into the ring to face off against sophomore Joe Healy, who

came back from a difficult first round to earn a split decision against senior Greg Joseph.

Joseph's roundabouts and quick movements kept Healy off guard until late in the second round, when the victor took advantage of steady fatigue.

On the other side, Adam will face a challenge in senior Alumni resident Jonathon

"I'd sparred with Tom [Herrity] many times, so I knew what to expect."

Chris Pearsall
190-pound division winner

Pentzien, who dispatched graduate student Steve Pratico early in the second round to end the night's action.

After forcing an early knockdown in the first round, Pratico had trouble dealing with Pentzien's right after the first break.

"It was, quite honestly, a blur," Pentzien said about the intermission.

"They just kept telling me to throw out my right and stay the heck away from his left."

Despite the victory, Pentzien has no illusions about the task ahead of him.

"Adam's got a great right," he said. "It's probably even greater than Pentzien's left. He's 6-foot-4 and got a great reach. It's going to be a challenge."



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Senior Joe "Layth Down The Smacketh" Kippels advanced to the semifinals with a split decision victory over Ryan "The Rhino" Hernandez.

MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish knock off Nittany Lions in home opener

By STEPHEN KEPPEL
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's lacrosse team looked impressive in its home opener Sunday as it defeated Penn State, 10-4.

After a slow first half, the Irish attack came out and blew away the Nittany Lions with five straight goals in the third period. Following the scoring barrage, Notre Dame never looked back and it continued to play well both offensively and defensively for the rest of the game.

Saturday's game was the third straight year Notre Dame opened against Penn State, and Notre Dame now has won two of the last three.

This was an important win for the Irish in making their claim as one of the nation's top teams.

"This was a big win because we were down in the first half. It was nice for us to come back and get the first win of the season," said junior Tom Glatzel.

"This rates very well as a first game," head coach Kevin Corrigan added. "It took a lot of poise to come back like that in the second half."

The Irish attack had a lot of opportunities in the first half but their shots were not finding the goal.

The defense played well, but the Nittany Lions found a few holes in the first half and scored three straight goals to

put them up 3-1.

Down by two late in the first half, the Irish attack decided to get in gear and live up to their explosive reputation. It was a goal by Glatzel with 1:30 left that sparked the Irish to go on an 8-0 run to put the game out of reach.

"We just started hitting our shots and that was the difference in the game. In the first half, we just didn't make them and in the second half we finally took advantage of them," said Glatzel.

"We just put the ball in goal the second half," Corrigan added. "We had a bunch of guys working hard out there."

The highlight of the contest was the balanced attack of the Notre Dame offense, which spread out 10 goals among eight different players. The offense as an entire unit played well. The experience and unselfishness of the Irish made the difference.

"This year it seems like more of a team. We all play together and everyone is a year older," said Glatzel. "Everyone can score instead of just a few people."

It wasn't just the offense that came out strong in the third period; the defense stepped it up as well. After letting up three goals in the first half junior goalie Kirk Howell turned things around later by playing tough when it counted. Howell ended the afternoon with a career-high 18 saves.

"We have a lot of people that



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Notre Dame beat Penn State Saturday for the second time in three years. The Irish head to Philadelphia this weekend to take on the Penn Quakers.

can contribute and we have to have that to be successful," said Corrigan.

"I think there's a pretty good

shot at us going undefeated," Glatzel added. "We have a good team and we have what it takes to win."

Notre Dame plays the first of three-straight road games next Saturday when it takes on Pennsylvania.

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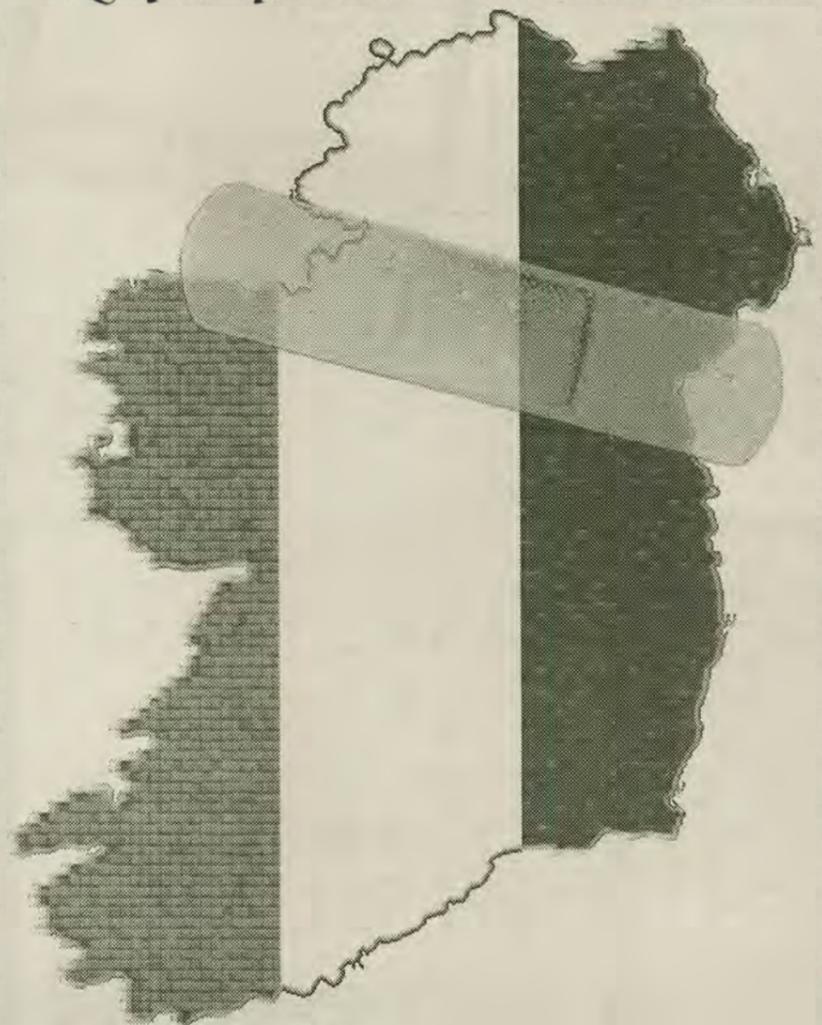
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame falls to top-ranked Connecticut, 77-59

By **KERRY SMITH**
Assistant Sports Editor

The Irish learned a valuable lesson Saturday: 25 minutes of good play may be good enough to beat some teams, but not the No. 1 team in the nation.

The top-ranked Connecticut Huskies secured the regular season Big East title and proved why they are the tournament favorite with a 77-59 win over the No. 5 Irish in Hartford, Conn.

The Irish loss snapped Notre Dame's record-breaking 20-game win streak and erased any hope for the first perfect conference-record season for head coach Muffet McGraw's squad.

Playing its final contest of the regular season, the Irish drop to 24-3 overall and 15-1 in the Big East.

The Irish looked intimidated in the opening minutes of the half and then collapsed with four minutes remaining in the second. In between they mustered a solid display of basketball skills but it wasn't enough.

"We didn't come ready to play," said Irish center Ruth Riley. "They got out to a great start with an 8-0 lead and we didn't have the aggressive mentality that we needed."

The Huskies came out ready to play in front of a sold-out home crowd at the Hartford Civic Center. Connecticut's Shea Ralph led the Huskies from the opening tip. The guard knocked in six of her squad's eight points, running up an 8-0 lead to begin the half. Those opening points gave the Huskies the lead and although the Irish came close, they were never able to take the Husky advantage away.

Before the game, the Irish were concentrating on three things: limiting turnovers, breaking the press and keeping center Ruth Riley out of foul trouble. Despite a great effort from guards Alicia Ratay and Niele Ivey, who led the team with 17 points apiece, the Irish could do none of those things. Notre Dame struggled early on both ends of the court.

A frustrated Irish squad gave the ball up 11 times in 14 minutes and ended the game with 24 turnovers.

The Irish also had trouble breaking the Huskies' patented press — a weapon they've used to bring down teams all season.

"We had a little trouble with the press early on," said Riley. "It took a lot for us to get past it, but once we did break it a couple of times things were a little easier."

With a swarming defense in the paint, the Huskies also kept

Riley in check. The junior All-American candidate scored only four points on the afternoon, far less than her average of 16.

Tough offense moves by the Husky forwards forced Riley into two early fouls that sent her to the bench for most of the first half. She later fouled out with a less than seven minutes left to go in the second half.

The Huskies took advantage Riley's absence on the court. Driving with the ball in the lane, the Huskies outscored the Irish, 40-24, in the paint.

The Irish had trouble putting the ball in the net, shooting just 28 percent from the floor in the first half, helping the Huskies to a 14-point halftime edge, 33-19.

With the opening minutes of the second half came a seemingly different Irish squad. Freshman guard Ratay converted a jump shot for a 3-point play and knocked in a shot from behind the arc, putting the Irish within eight.

But the Huskies were too good to let the Irish get close. The two squads traded baskets for most of the second half, when the Irish cut the lead by a couple baskets the Huskies countered with a run of their own.

Finding themselves down by 16 midway through the second half, the Irish went on a 9-0 run to trail by just seven with 11 minutes to play.

The Irish made things interesting again when they pulled to within six with four minutes left on the clock.



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Ruth Riley comes up with a loose ball in a game against Miami earlier this season. All-American candidate Riley got into foul trouble and scored just four points against UConn.

Sue Bird iced the Husky win when she scored nine points in her squad's 15-7 run in the final minutes of the contest.

"Their point guard Sue Bird really just took over in the last couple minutes," said Riley.

"She kept coming down and scoring and we couldn't find an answer for that."

The loss marks the 11th time that the Huskies have beaten the Irish. Notre Dame has never been able pull off a win against

Connecticut's in the program's history.

The Irish will possibly have a chance to avenge their loss next weekend when they travel back to Connecticut for the Big East tournament in Storrs.



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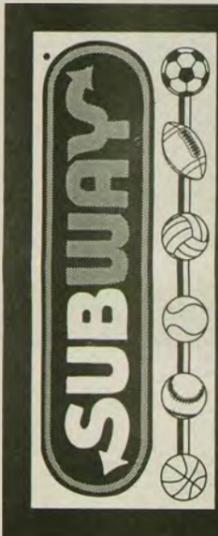
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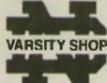
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Eck Tennis Pavilion

SPORTS

Huskies prevail
Ruth Riley and the Irish were unable to overcome turnovers and foul trouble in a loss to the top-ranked Huskies.
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Hurricanes blow past Irish late in game

◆ Notre Dame squanders golden opportunity; poor execution leads to demise

By BRIAN KESSLER
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MIAMI, Fla.

The Irish bench stood in shock as the Hurricanes celebrated. Freshman Ivan Kartelo pondered his fist against his forehead after a foolish foul. Troy Murphy pulled his jersey over his head in disappointment and squatted on the court.

The Notre Dame men's basketball team talked a lot about opportunities over the past few weeks. It was obvious from their reactions that the Irish knew they let one slip away Saturday.

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Miami 55

With Miami's leading scorer Johnny Hemsley on the bench due to a suspension and Notre Dame pumped for a game with postseason implications, this Big East showdown was there for the taking. However, it was the Hurricanes (18-9, 11-3) that slipped past the Irish (16-12, 7-7) with a 55-52 victory at the Miami Arena.

"It's obviously disappointing on our part," head coach Matt Doherty said. "We had a nice opportunity with Hemsley being out. It made for an ugly game early. They struggled without him and they are so good defensively that we had problems scoring. But eventually we started to execute our stuff, got some nice looks and built a nice lead."

Despite having more turnovers (16) than field goal attempts (15) in the first half, the Irish managed to take a 28-22 lead at the break. Miami took twice as many shots in the first 20 minutes and played solid defense, holding the Big East's leading scorer Murphy to just two shots and six points.

"There aren't many better defensive teams in the country than Miami," Doherty said. "They're all good athletes. They're long. They're strong. They play hard. You think you're open, but then there is a hand in your

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JOHN DAILY/The Observer

Mario Bland blocks Troy Murphy as he goes up for a shot in Saturday's 55-52 loss to Miami. Murphy finished with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

◆ Notre Dame's NCAA Tournament hopes fading fast following loss to Miami

MIAMI, Fla.

A dejected Troy Murphy sat on the floor at half-court of Miami Arena, his hands on his head and his sweat-drenched jersey pulled over his face.

"I was just thinking about the wasted opportunity," Murphy said. "It would have been a big win for us. I thought we had a golden opportunity here to win, to come down and play against Miami without their best player."



Kathleen O'Brien

assistant sports editor

Murphy knew the Irish (16-12, 7-7) had slipped up on one of their final chances to win their way into the NCAA

Tournament by losing a three-point heart-breaker against the Miami Hurricanes (18-9, 11-3) in the closing seconds.

"This was a very, very important game for both teams," Miami coach Leonard Hamilton said. "If we were going to win this game, Notre Dame was not going to give it to us."

Miami, tied for second place in the Big East, played without leading scorer Johnny Hemsley, who rode the bench for disciplinary reasons. His absence opened things up for the Irish, who have struggled on the road, losing nine of 12.

"We had a nice opportunity with Hemsley being out," Notre Dame head coach Matt Doherty said. "It made for a lovely game early. We got a nice lead, and then we didn't execute down the stretch, and that's disappointing because we've really worked on that and stressed it."

But a 12-point Notre Dame lead early in the second half waned when Miami hit three 3-point shots in a row. Turnovers again came to haunt the Irish, as they gave the ball up 22

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Upsets abound in 155-pound division quarterfinals

By KERRY SMITH
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BENGAL BOUTS



Some of the top seeds in the 155-pound division faltered in the quarterfinal action Sunday, leaving a wide open fight for the championship titles.

Paul "He-Man" Mehan pulled off one of the biggest upsets when he earned a split decision over favorite Travis "The Only Time I Get Hit On is in the Ring" Alexander in the 155-pound weight division.

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Mehan had trouble landing his combinations early in the first round, but made up for it in the second and third rounds, alternating right jabs with powerful combinations to earn his place in the semifinal round.

Mehan advanced to Sunday's competition after beating Kenneth "Mack Attack Papes" in the preliminaries Friday.

Mehan will face Robert "The

Skinny Ginnea" Vuolo in the semifinals on Tuesday. Vuolo's aggressive boxing earned him a unanimous decision over Donald "Diaper Daddy" Doan. Vuolo used his height and reach advantage well, overpowering Doan for three rounds.

No. 2 Jeff "The Pittsburgh Kid" Dobosh showed why he is a contender for the title with a unanimous decision over challenger Billy "Sweet Pea" McMurtrie.

Dobosh was aggressive from the opening bell, forcing McMurtrie into two standing-eight counts before the end of

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LIZ LANG/The Observer

Joe "The Polish Tank" Czerniawski made quick work of Thomas "The Terminator" Cullen.

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at Minneapolis, Minn.
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vs. Michigan State
Friday, 7:05 p.m.



at Pennsylvania
Saturday, 1 p.m.



vs. Northwestern
Wednesday, 4 p.m.



at Pacific Coast Doubles
La Jolla, Calif.
Friday-Sunday



Softball
vs. Tennessee
Saturday, noon



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Storrs, Conn.
Sunday-Tuesday, TBA