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County will not charge ND students

◆ Freshmen allege race motivated Sunday arrest of four at local Denny's

By TIM LOGAN
 News Editor

Nine Notre Dame students entered Denny's on Dixieway South late on the night of Sunday, Feb. 27, but before they even sat down at a table, four were in police custody for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

Now their arrest, and the subsequent decision of St. Joseph County prosecutor Chris Toth not to press charges, has accusations flying and police on the defensive.

Tiffany Johnson and April Allen, both freshmen who were among the four arrested, appeared with University administrators at a press conference Wednesday and told their story, suggesting that the incident was racially motivated. The names of the other two students involved were not released, but all four

are black.

"What [the police] did, it's not logical, so you have to think something and I think that race was a major factor," Allen said.

She questioned why the officers approached the group for merely knocking over a sign, and then why they seemingly refused to accept their answer that it was a mistake.

"I feel that we were unfairly treated," Allen said.

Roseland police chief Larry Miller said that at least three of the four arrests were justified, however, when the three female students became violent in the parking lot after the first, a freshman male, was handcuffed inside the restaurant.

"The three females, I have no doubt that they engaged in disorderly conduct and intervened in the arrest," he said.

He stressed that race was not a factor.

The incident began when Johnson apparently knocked over a small sign in the waiting area of the Denny's, and an officer approached the group as several students attempted to put it back up. He asked them if they were stealing the sign, the students said they were not and events escalated from there.

The students did not recall Wednesday what exact words were passed between the officers and themselves before the first arrest took place.

"I can't really remember how it escalated," Allen said. "But it started when the officers came to us and accused us of stealing or playing with the sign."

After the first student was handcuffed,



Johnson



Allen

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Town council to investigate police action

By TIM LOGAN
 News Editor

The two off-duty police officers who arrested four Notre Dame students at Denny's Diner on Sunday, Feb. 27, will go before their town council for an investigation and possible disciplinary action, Roseland police chief Larry Miller said Wednesday.

"Due to the situation, it will be reviewed by the town council," Miller said at a press conference.

He said he would likely recommend an executive meeting when the Council gathers today.

Miller said, however, that he stands

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'Doctor' moms juggle child rearing, careers

By ERIN LaRUFFA
 News Writer

The year Saint Mary's mathematics professor Joanne Snow came up for tenure, she gave birth to one of her four children.

Both Saint Mary's and Notre Dame allow faculty to delay tenure for a year due to the birth of a child. Because she had been teaching for five years, however, Snow decided it was not necessary to

wait even though she was not teaching at the time her department was reviewing her tenure.

At all colleges and universities, tenure-track faculty members are expected to teach for five years and then are considered for tenure in the sixth year.

Tenured status is important for any faculty member because it is associated with rank and salary, said Saint Mary's dean of faculty Karen Ristau.

In addition to being an associate professor, Snow is also a member of the College's Rank and Tenure Committee, which consists of three faculty as well as the dean and associate dean of faculty.

Every university has its own

standards for awarding tenure to professors, Snow said. Saint Mary's standards are outlined in its Governance Manual. The most important standard is excellence in teaching, followed by scholarly activity and service to the College.

Because Saint Mary's has set standards for granting tenure, it is not more difficult for female faculty there to receive tenure, said Snow.

"We would never penalize them," she said of the committee's evaluation of females who have delayed tenure to care for children. "[The standards] are adhered

to very carefully."

Snow also said that at Saint Mary's, women are able to choose if they want to take off a semester or a year after the birth of a child. Taking too much time off can cause professors to lose touch with their discipline, though Snow said that problem is avoidable.

"In a year ... you can maintain contact with your discipline," said Snow, explaining that while on leave she read math journals and continued to study and learn aspects of her subject.

In addition to the experience

Snow has had through the Rank and Tenure Committee, she also has personal experience with issues of motherhood and tenure as a mother of four children ages 10 to 20.

Snow took off a semester with the birth of her third child and a full year with the birth of her fourth. Snow said her decision to take a full year off work was based on her desire to spend more time with her baby.

According to Snow, it was very important that her husband, a Notre Dame professor, shared child-care responsibilities.

"We've always been able to juggle our schedules," said Snow.

Snow is not alone in sharing childcare responsibilities with her spouse. Notre Dame economics professor

Teresa Ghilarducci said that if her husband, a Notre Dame English professor, did not have a flexible schedule that allowed him to help with childcare, she probably would have waited until after she was tenured to have a child.

When Ghilarducci was pregnant with her now 9-year-old son, her department originally told her that she could ask other



PETE RICHARDSON/The Observer

Tenured Notre Dame English professor Teresa Ghilarducci was a leading proponent of the University's family leave policy, which allows untenured faculty members to delay tenure for a year after the birth or adoption of a child.

professors to cover her courses. She soon realized, however, that the people she would have to ask to cover for her were the same people who would be evaluating her tenure.

Around that same time,

Ghilarducci said the Faculty Senate began to organize around the issue of maternity leave for faculty. Ghilarducci was one of the main organizers of the

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INSIDE COLUMN

The Singing Light

Dylan Thomas wrote, "In my craft or sullen art / Exercised in the still night / When only the moon rages ... I labor by the singing light." For four years, I have labored by that singing light, working into the wee hours of the morning, long after the rest of campus has gone to bed.



Laura Petelle

Assistant Managing Editor

Tonight, for the last time, I will walk out of The Observer, push the door closed and check to be sure it locked. When we come back from spring break, a new editorial board will take over. I'll still be around, writing articles and laying out pages, but my tenure as an editor will be done.

I have predictably mixed feelings about this. I look forward to going to bed before 5 a.m., to being prepared for all of my classes, to having free time again.

I'm just not ready for it to be over. More than anything else at this University, The Observer has made me who I am. It was The Observer that taught me the lessons of life: to teach, to learn, to follow, to lead, to take criticism, to work on a team.

But most of all, The Observer made me passionate. It was during those endless nights of editing that I learned what I love. It was in reading the voluminous hate mail (and occasional positive note) that my columns generate that I learned who I am. It was when I hurried home in the pre-dawn chill that I learned what is important.

I have given my heart, my soul and my GPA to this publication. I spend more time, most weeks, in the office than in my room. When my mind wanders in class, I'm usually thinking about The Observer. I have actually had nightmares about commas.

But everything I've given to The Observer — and I've given everything I have — The Observer has given back to me tenfold. The satisfaction and even joy I get from this job is immeasurable. And the friends The Observer has brought me have been my rock and my salvation all through this difficult year. Michelle (O Captain! my captain!) is an inspiration, Shannon is the other half of my brain, Colleen is the gentlest heart in the world. Kevin never fails to cheer me up; Mike can always make me laugh. There are countless other Observer staffers — far too many to name in 500 words — who have made my heart dance, who have made me glad to have known them, proud to have worked with them.

Unlike most of my colleagues, I do not intend to be a journalist. When this year is done, I will hang up my press pass and study law. What I hope, more than anything, is that I will love the law as much as I have loved The Observer. I have had the matchless opportunity to love what I do and do what I love. I have given 100 percent of myself and discovered the joy in that; 90 percent will never be enough again.

If I could leave those who will follow me — and those who will read this — just one piece of advice, I would use the words of Wynton Marsalis: "Invest yourself in everything you do — there's fun in being serious."

Invest yourself.

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◆ Concert: Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m., Washington Hall	◆ Event: Folk Dancing, 7:30 p.m., Clubhouse, Saint Mary's	◆ Performance: Patchwork Dance Company, 8 p.m., O'Laughlin Auditorium, Saint Mary's	

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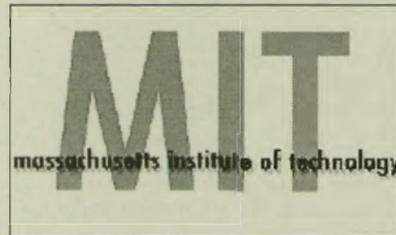
Bio prof reveals MIT grade tampering scandal

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.

A grade-tampering scandal in Cell Biology was revealed by Professor Harvey Lodish of the biology department last Thursday. Lodish announced to his course that unidentified students had broken into the course grader's secure computer system and had lowered the grades of about 20 students while raising the grades of two others.

Although Lodish and co-instructor Professor Peter Sorger refused to comment further on the matter and did not reveal the names of suspected students, they did say that deans had identified the two students whose grades were raised and that disciplinary actions would be taken.

Lodish "pleaded for anybody who was responsible for this transgression or who knew who was to go talk to him at his office after class," said



Vinod Rao '02, a student in the course. "He made it clear that the responsible parties would be punished either way, but suggested that a confession would be considered when determining the punishment."

TAs for the course, who also refused to comment on the incident, re-collected course exams to re-enter scores into a new computer system.

The changes were apparently dis-

covered when a few TAs began comparing hard copies of exams to the scores on their computer and found that some of the scores had been altered. The computer system, according to Lodish, is "secure," so course instructors are attempting to determine who had access to the computer's password.

"MIT disciplinary actions are confidential," said Dean of Students Rosalind Williams. The identities of the students involved, therefore, will not likely be disclosed.

This incident is the third to hit MIT in recent years. The last major cheating incident here occurred in the spring of 1990, when nearly 80 students were accused of turning in duplicate code for their problem sets in Introduction to Computers and Engineering Problem Solving.

Indiana University bans Napster

CHICAGO, Ill.

When Indiana University senior Chad Paulson and his band discovered Napster.com, they saw an opportunity to have their songs heard by listeners around the country. So when Paulson discovered IU had banned the controversial website, he took action. IU is one of more than 135 college campuses that have limited student access to Napster by blocking the site, citing bandwidth issues. The schools claim their respective servers just can't handle the space Napster requires. But pending lawsuits against Napster have students questioning the universities' motives. "I thought that I should do something," Paulson said. "I thought it was really not intelligent for Indiana University to not consider students' views." Paulson formed the Students Against University Censorship on Feb. 13 to show student disapproval of the school administration's blocking. The organization now maintains a Web site, <http://www.savenapster.com>, which features a petition with close to 7,000 signatures.

U-Texas remembers Rebel history

ARLINGTON, Texas

For many alumni who attended the University of Texas in the late 1960s, recent news reports of the National Association for the Advancement Colored People seeking to have the Confederate battle flag removed from the South Carolina capitol and a plaque depicting the flag removed from the Texas Supreme Court building trigger memories of when a similar issue raged on campus. Public affairs director Donna Darovich, who was a student here from 1965 to '71 and The Shorthorn editor from 1968 to '70, said it is unpleasant to be reminded of the controversy on campus. "I find it very painful to even read it," she said. "I have to force myself to read all the stories recently about South Carolina because it does bring up memories of what we went through. I had such a great time as a student here that I hate to remember anything that was not fun, and that was not one of the fun times." The university mascot was the Rebels from 1951 to 1971.

LOCAL WEATHER

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Chicago	50	21	New York	72	48	Tampa	80	59
Hickory Hills	50	21	Philadelphia	76	49	Wash DC	78	50

STUDENT SENATE

Members vote to seek new equipment for Rock

By ERIN LaRUFFA
News Writer

With many newly elected senators in attendance Wednesday, the Student Senate passed a resolution dealing with the upgrade of exercise equipment at the Rockne Memorial.

The resolution is meant to draw attention to the inferiority of Rockne Memorial's equipment in comparison to Rolf's Sports Recreation Center, said Carroll senator Patrick O'Donnell.

"The equipment at the Rolf's Center is so much better," said O'Donnell. He also said that many South Quad students go to Rolf's to work out because of the better facilities even though the Rock is closer to their dorms.

The resolution requests that

the athletic department, which runs the Rockne Memorial, replace the old and purchase new equipment.

In addition, the senate also addressed the fact that Notre Dame will not be administering the MCAT, the required exam for students applying to medical school.

"We're a Top 25 university," said O'Donnell, a pre-professional studies major. "To not have our own MCAT ... is just downright embarrassing."

O'Donnell registered to take MCAT two weeks ago and called the MCAT this week to confirm his registration. He was told that he had to take it at Northwestern University, his alternative choice, because Notre Dame's test site had been closed.

O'Donnell said he then went to the pre-professional studies'

office, but the office had only found out about the cancellation an hour before he had.

Notre Dame is no longer administrating the MCAT on campus because the former test administrator decided to stop running the test, he said. Neither the University nor MCAT looked for a replacement administrator, O'Donnell added.

Although there are alternative test sites at other universities in Indiana and Illinois, Notre Dame students could have a problem making it to those sites, O'Donnell said. A student could potentially miss the bus to the test site or a car could break down, he explained.

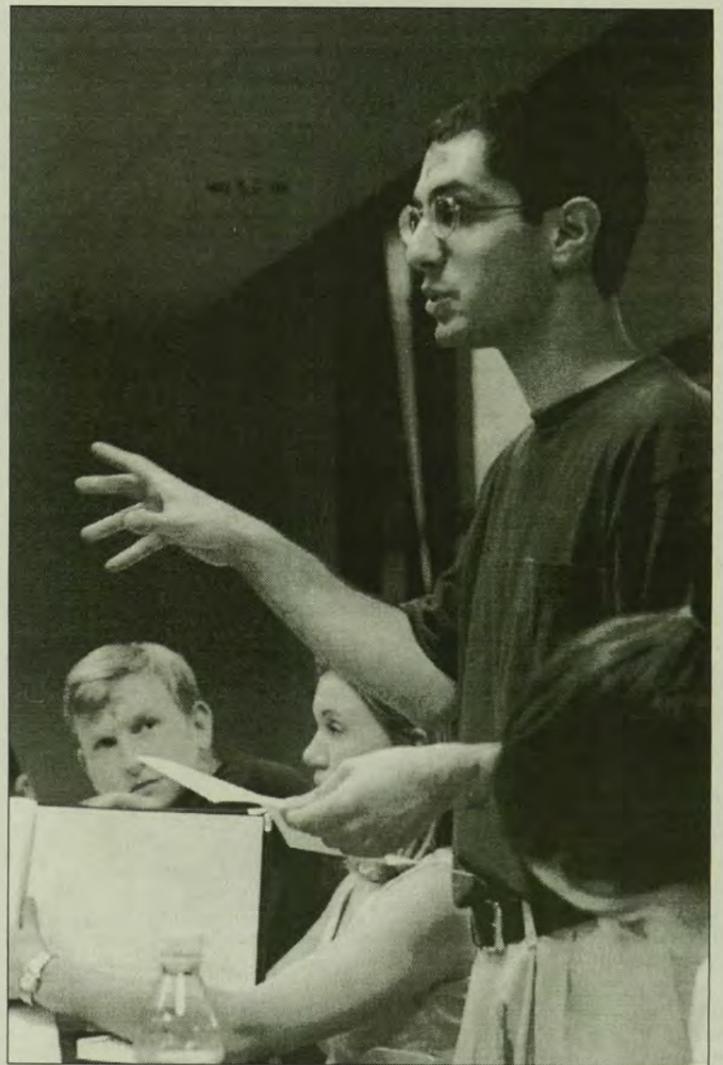
"You can — dare I say it — ruin your whole future if you miss this test in April," O'Donnell said, adding that the MCAT is only given twice a year.

If an alternative test administrator can be found at Notre Dame, MCAT officials will allow the University to proctor the exam this April.

In other senate news:

♦ Anthropology department chair Patrick Gaffney wrote a letter to the senate explaining that it is too late to change the DART registration manual for the upcoming fall semester. Last week, the senate discussed adding a section to the book explaining class activities, such as movies that take place outside normal class hours, said student body vice president Michael Palumbo.

♦ Students remaining on campus over spring break may purchase a five- or 10-meal plan before break in South



PETE RICHARDSON/The Observer

Student body vice president Michael Palumbo explains the senate's goal of including class activity information in the DART book Wednesday. The senate received word that the request comes too late to institute the change this fall.

Dining Hall, according to O'Donnell.

said student body secretary Luciana Reali.

♦ The senate's committee on social space received 1,200 responses to its Internet survey about a new student center,

♦ Afterward in a closed meeting, senators voted to decide the recipients of the Irish Clover awards.

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Tenure

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University's family leave policy.

That policy now allows an untenured faculty member, male or female, to delay tenure for a year after the birth or adoption of a child, said Carol Mooney, a vice president and associate provost at the University. Professors are expected to continue teaching during that year, though they are not expected to conduct research.

"Your research productivity is expected to be basically nothing," Mooney said, explaining that delay in tenure allows for an extra year to research.

Notre Dame faculty members are able to take medical leave following the birth of a child, a period which typically lasts six to eight weeks.

If a professor went on leave in the middle of a semester, the professor's classes could be disrupted, Mooney said.

Therefore, expectant mothers are usually not assigned teaching responsibilities during the semester in which they will give birth. Instead, they might be assigned administrative duties, Mooney said.

Mooney also said that other policies, such as additional time off or reduced class loads,

differ between the different colleges at Notre Dame.

"We've made a lot of gains at the University," Ghilarducci said, though she does believe a set policy is needed beyond the one covering delay of tenure.

Ghilarducci does not feel that there is a bias in the tenure decision making process against women who have taken time off to have children.

"It's pretty much part of the culture," she said. "I've never suffered for having a child."

Nevertheless, Notre Dame graduate students Jennifer Burke and Michelle Janning have already begun to think about how they will balance career and family.

Before Burke, who will earn a Ph.D. in developmental psychology this spring, accepts a teaching position, she said she will consider the college's sabbatical policy. She would like to take time off from teaching to stay home with a child but also write within her discipline.

"Sadly enough ... people are timing their pregnancies to give birth during the summer," Burke said, adding that she will probably do the same thing someday.

Janning and her husband, also a Notre Dame graduate student, are similarly contemplating planning pregnancies around their careers.

"What I hate to think about

is that my husband and I are thinking about having children within the context of career ... I don't want to fit my kids into my work. I'd rather do it the other way. But the work place is not set up that way," said Janning, who will earn her Ph.D. in sociology this spring.

Despite set tenure policies at most American colleges and universities, it is still a challenge for faculty to balance career and family.

"I think sexism really hurts men because many male professors have just as much child-rearing responsibilities as their working wives," Ghilarducci said. A male professor, according to Ghilarducci, might be more reluctant to ask his department chair to make special considerations because of the professor's childcare responsibilities.

On rare occasions, Snow has cancelled office hours because of her children, but she added that would be the case with any family emergency.

"You've got to be on your toes. You have to be flexible," she said.

Being a professor does give parents a fair amount of flexibility, Snow said.

"I can take my work with me ... If I want to go to a school play, I can make up the difference at night," she said.

Laundry thefts plague Le Mans, McCandless

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
News Writer

Residence hall laundry rooms on Saint Mary's campus have been the recent targets of clothing thefts, according to several hall directors.

"It's really sad. It makes you wonder what kind of person would steal a T-shirt," said Beth Kledzik, a junior resident of Le Mans Hall.

Two weeks ago, Kledzik left four articles of laundry in the laundry room overnight. The following day when she returned, only one remained.

What bothered her the most, Kledzik said, was the fact that the only item left in her basket had been on the top of her clothes pile. The thief would have had to lift up that sweater in order to take the other clothes.

"I notice people's faces now," Kledzik said. "It's violating."

Saint Mary's Security is now investigating the thefts that have been reported. McCandless Hall Director Kelly Ignatoski and Le Mans Hall Director Sara Scalzo are also working to ensure resi-

dents are fully aware of the thefts.

"We're trying to encourage people not to keep their laundry down [in the laundry room] for long periods of time," Scalzo said.

Ignatoski had some safeguarding suggestions for students while they did laundry.

"Have them sit down there with their laundry, or come down right away when the cycle is supposed to be done," Ignatoski said. "If something is taken, call Security and then Security will mount an investigation. Let Security handle it."

If someone is seen with clothing that has been reported stolen or is seen taking clothing that does not belong to her, students are to report it to Security and are not to pursue the person on the spot, Ignatoski said. Signs are now posted both in Le Mans and McCandless Halls warning students about the possibility of theft.

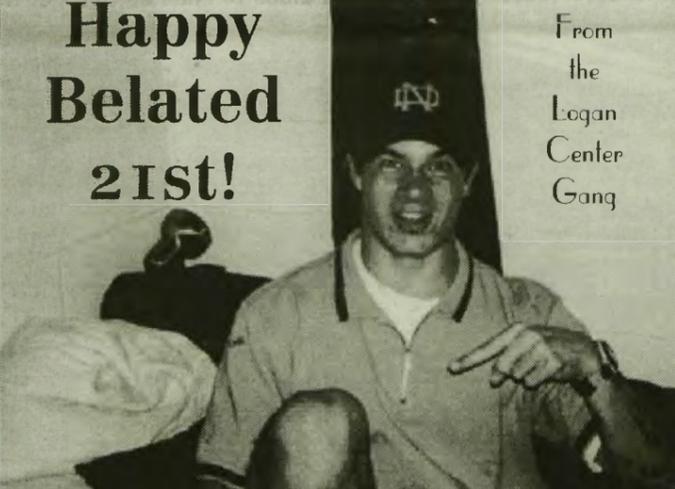
"This semester, it's been going pretty well," Ignatoski said. "Students are aware [of the possibility of theft]. People are taking more precautions than before."

"Sadly enough ... people are timing their pregnancies to give birth during the summer."

Jennifer Burke
graduate student,
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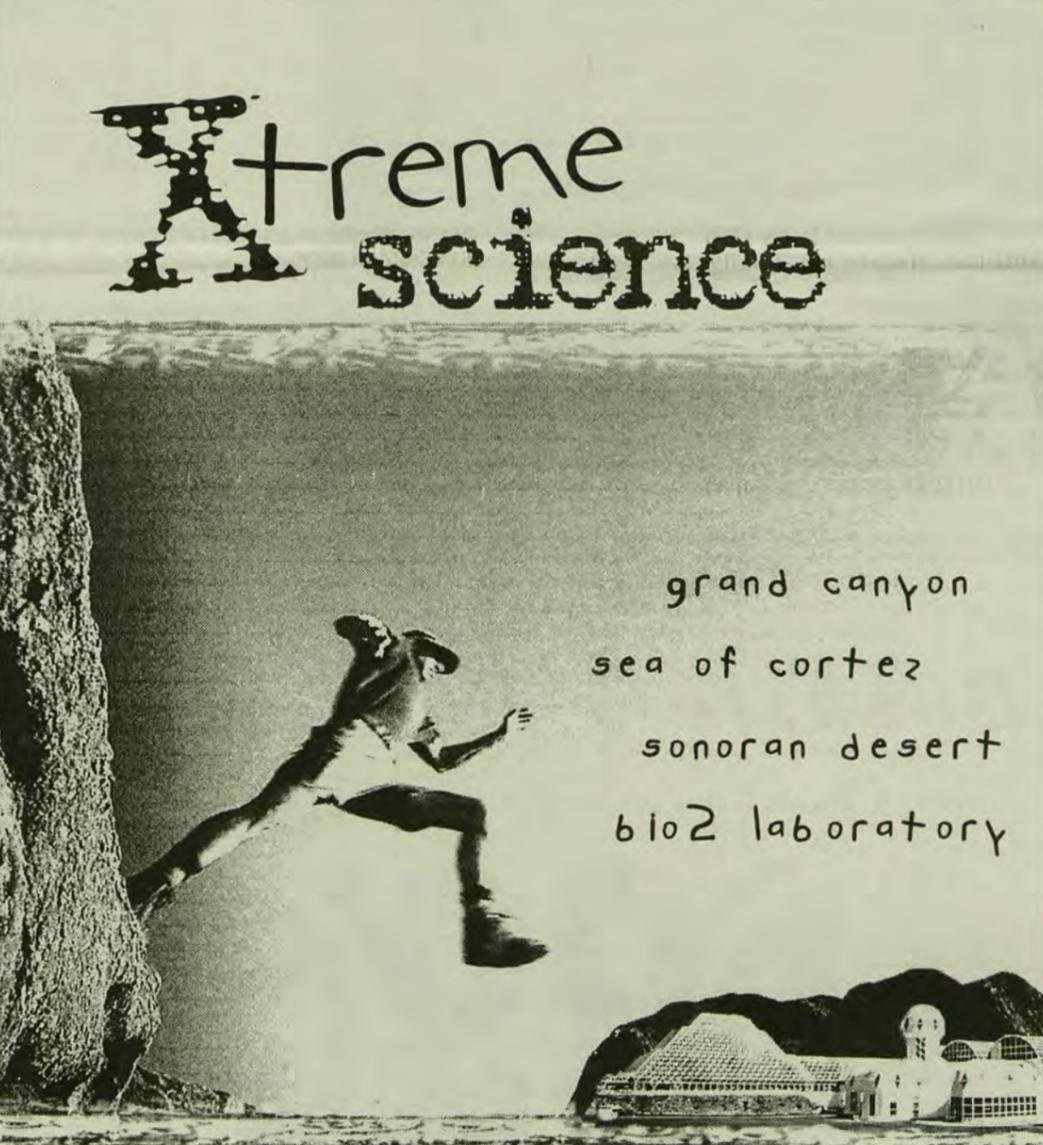
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Protests welcome Albright in Bosnia

BRCKO

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright was welcomed to Bosnia on Wednesday by Serbs in one city who chucked an egg at her motorcade and Croats in another who burned a U.S. flag and whistled each time her name was mentioned. Albright was in the northern city of Brcko to formally name it a multiethnic district — a decision imposed last year in an effort to placate Serbs, Muslims and Croats all claiming the city. The visit was meant to hold the city up as an example of ethnic harmony for residents of Kosovo. But militant Serbs still want Brcko for their own. As Albright's motorcade drove up to the municipal building where the ceremony marking the city's new status was to take place, about 300 Serbs began chanting "killers," "thieves" and obscenities.

Mormon leader happy with California vote

WASHINGTON

The spiritual leader of the world's nearly 11 million Mormons said Wednesday he was pleased Californians voted to bar gay marriages. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints generally does not involve itself in politics, but President Gordon Hinckley said banning same-sex marriages is a "moral issue of great importance" that warranted its opposition. "I don't think it signals a more active political posture for the church," Hinckley said at the National Press Club. "We are not anti-gay. We are pro-family. We want to emphasize that." California's Proposition 22, which prohibits that state from recognizing any marriages other than between a man and a woman, passed overwhelmingly Tuesday.

Clinton rallies against wage plan

WASHINGTON

President Clinton rallied Democrats to support a higher minimum wage on Wednesday and vowed to veto a Republican plan that would delay the increase and link it to \$122.7 billion in tax cuts. "If Republican leaders send me a bill that makes workers wait for another year for their full pay raise and holds the minimum wage hostage for risky tax cuts that threaten our prosperity, I'll veto it," said Clinton, who hosted Cabinet members, labor and community leaders and Democratic lawmakers on the South Lawn of the White House. "It is time to stop nickel and diming American working people out of the money that they need and deserve," the president said. "This is just wrong." The GOP wants to enact a \$1 increase over three years and couple it with \$122.7 billion in tax cuts.



Democrat Bill Bradley will announce his withdrawal from the race for his party's presidential nomination. He lost primaries in 16 states to rival, Vice President Al Gore Tuesday. Bradley now plans to endorse Gore for the presidential race.

AFP Photo

Bradley throws support to Gore

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Bill Bradley intends to bow out of the presidential race Thursday and endorse Vice President Al Gore who vanquished him in 16 Super Tuesday contests from coast to coast. The Associated Press learned today.

Bradley's decision marks the end of a candidacy that soared briefly but floundered when the first votes were cast in the Iowa caucuses and New Hampshire primary. It also eliminates the last shred of doubt that Gore will be the Democratic

presidential nominee, and allows him to turn his attention to November with a party united behind his candidacy.

Both men praised one another in public comments Tuesday night after Gore's victories sealed Bradley's fate.

Three senior Bradley advisers, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the former senator would leave the race Thursday and endorse Gore at a news conference near his West Orange, N.J., headquarters. Bradley, 56, plans to stay active in public life and is not expected to rule out

another presidential run, the advisers said.

His quick embrace of Gore is bound to increase speculation about Bradley as a potential running mate. However, Bradley himself has said he wouldn't want the vice president's job, and a senior adviser said today there was no chance he would change his mind.

A senior Gore adviser also discounted the talk, saying the vice president's campaign would seek a running mate who would be relatively sure to win a state or two for the ticket in November.

In a contentious campaign that stretched for more than a year, Bradley questioned Gore's truthfulness and dismissed his policies as small-bore "old politics." Still, he made it clear in recent days that he would back the party's nominee — and the adviser said he would do so in a speech that aides were working hard today to plan.

Bradley's options were few, and his departure assumed, after Gore swept Tuesday's voting and pivoted quickly to the general election campaign against likely GOP nominee George W. Bush.

WEST BANK

Israel, Palestinians agree to peace talk

Associated Press

Israel and the Palestinians agreed today to resume peace negotiations later this month in Washington, ending weeks of deadlock and angry name-calling.

The announcement was made by U.S. mediator Dennis Ross, who briefly emerged from a summit between Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in the West Bank town of Ramallah to speak to reporters.

Ross said negotiations would resume after Eid al-Adha, the four-day Muslim Feast of Sacrifice that begins March 16.

The Barak-Arafat meeting in Ramallah was the leaders' second session in 14 hours, part of an effort to restore trust and renew negotiations.

Ross said today's meeting was constructive and that the two sides made progress. He said Barak and Arafat agreed to intensify negotiations.

"To this end, they agreed that the negotiations will resume after the Eid in

Washington," Ross said. He said the goal was to reach a blueprint for a peace treaty "as soon as possible," adding that Sept. 13 remained the deadline for a final accord.

On Thursday, Barak and Arafat will meet with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in the Egyptian Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheik in a show of appreciation for his efforts as mediator, Barak's office announced.

Barak and Arafat left shortly after Ross made his announcement.

At the start of their 75-

minute session in a West Bank hotel, Barak and Arafat posed for an extended handshake in the lobby. In the meeting room, Ross was flanked by Arafat and Barak, the trio sitting under a wall portrait of the Palestinian leader. For Barak, the half-hour trip from Jerusalem marked only his second foray into the Palestinian areas.

Once talks resume, negotiators will try to formulate the outline of a final peace treaty and also resolve disagreements left over from interim accords.

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the group moved outside, where there was apparently further arguing over the arrest.

Johnson said that she asked the reason the first student was being taken into custody, and the officers would not tell her. Shortly thereafter, Johnson, Allen and another female student were arrested. The two students did not give specifics of the events leading up to their arrests, but Johnson said officers used pepper spray on her while she was handcuffed and sitting in a police car.

She also said that officers knocked another student's head against a car, giving her a bloody nose.

Miller, in defending his officers, told a different story, however. He said that, according to reports, three women were belligerent towards the officers, kicking, scratching and spitting at them, and that one tried to bite an officer during the fracas.

"The females were apparently in a vigilante mode, trying to interfere with the arrest," Miller said.

He said that the officers did what they had to do to bring the situation under control and that the students were challenging the initial arrest on the street when they should have challenged it in court.

Toth decided not to press charges after reviewing the arrest reports and a surveillance tape shot inside Denny's. He called the initial arrest "clearly unjustified" and said that it led to the other three, which he said lacked evidence necessary to bring charges.

"The situation was unnecessarily inflamed," Toth said.

There is no sound on the surveillance tape, but the officer arrested the first student shortly after approaching the group, and there was no illegal activity shown on the tape.

"I feel the initial situation agitated them," Toth said of the students. "The arrest simply should not have occurred."

Miller said he would ask the prosecutor to reconsider.

University officials stood squarely behind the students and said they had worked closely with them over the last week to ensure a just solution.

Chandra Johnson, assistant to the president, and Mel Tardy, an advisor in the First Year of Studies, went to St. Joseph County Jail after the incident happened to help the students. Three were released on \$100 bond later that night and Johnson was let go on her own recognizance in the morning.

Father Mark Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, decried the arrests.

"A serious injustice was done to a group of our students," he said.

He also said the University would talk with both the Roseland Police Department and Denny's about the incident in the hopes of clearing it up and preventing it from happening again.

"We all know this is more than an isolated incident," he said. "It is symptomatic of a problem that pervades our society and our community and it must be met head-on when an incident such as this occurs."

Johnson and Allen said they had not yet decided if they would press civil charges against the officers or Denny's.



PETE RICHARDSON/The Observer

Freshman students April Allen (left) and Tiffany Johnson speak out at a press conference Wednesday regarding their arrest by Roseland police Saturday. "What [the police] did, it's not logical, so you have to think something and I think that race was a major factor," Allen said of the incident.

Officers

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behind all the arrests, even the first one inside the restaurant, which he had termed "questionable." The officers involved, both the two who worked at Denny's and the three who responded to the scene, are all on active duty, except for one who is currently on his honeymoon, Miller said.

None of the officers have been named.

The executive meeting will likely take place next week.

The St. Joseph County Prosecutor's office will leave disciplining the officers up to Roseland authorities, according to Chris Toth, county prosecutor.

Toth said that he understands Miller's support for his men, and that they see the issue

from different perspectives.

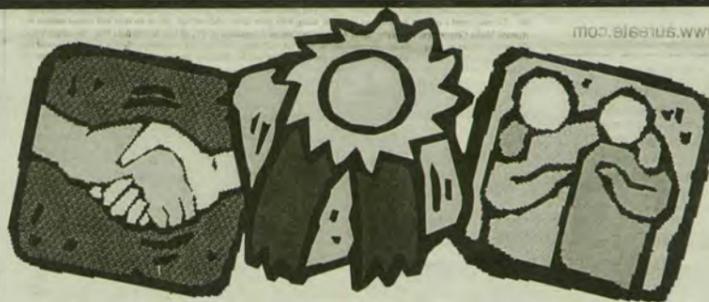
The two officers who were employed as security officers for Denny's were fired after the incident, company management said Tuesday. In confronting customers, they acted outside the scope of their authority, said Ray Hood-Phillips, chief diversity officer for the restaurant chain.

"It is a cardinal rule that security never approaches our guests," Hood-Phillips said.

She added that security officers are to inform management when they see a potential problem and allow management to handle the situation first. Denny's managers were never involved in the incident on Feb. 27.

Tiffany Johnson and April Allen, two freshmen who were arrested and who spoke at a press conference Wednesday, did not say whether or not they would file civil charges against the officers, the town of Roseland or Denny's.

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GALA-ND/SMC is now accepting applications for the Fourth Annual GALA-ND/SMC Memorial Grants. Two \$1,700.00 grants will be presented to students of Notre Dame and/or Saint Mary's College to honor leadership and to support the students' participation in a six-to-eight-week summer service project benefiting the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community. Projects at agencies providing services to individuals with HIV/AIDS or agencies providing services to gay and lesbian youth are encouraged.

It is anticipated that the grants will be conferred at OUTreach ND's *April Follies* by representatives of GALA-ND/SMC on April 8, 2000 in South Bend.

The deadline for applications is Friday, March 31, 2000. E-mail GALANDSMC@aol.com to request a copy of the grant guidelines. Names of grant recipients will be kept confidential pending their consent. GALA-ND/SMC may be contacted for further information at GALANDSMC@aol.com or (773) 506-9689.

Past winners have included students from both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College. The grants have been conferred four times to women and twice to men. Grant winners have performed summer service projects at AIDS Project Los Angeles; the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office in Boston; Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders in Boston; Better Existence with HIV in the Chicago area; AIDS Referral & Information Services in San Jose, CA; performing civil rights research in Cape Town and Johannesburg, South Africa; and archiving a collection of lesbigay newspapers from a collection held at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

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Conference seeks church, history links

By ERIN PIROUTEK
Assistant News Editor

This weekend's conference, "Catholicism in 20th Century America" is committed to linking the history of the Catholic community to the history of American society as a whole in the last 100 years.

"If you're wondering about the history of American Catholicism, this is an unusual opportunity," Notre Dame history professor John McGreevy said.

"The focus is on 20th century Catholicism and trying to do more research and get a better understanding of the last 100 years," said history professor Jay Dolan, founder of the Cushwa Center for the Study of

American Catholicism. Dolan explained that significant research was done on 19th century Catholicism, but 20th century Catholicism has been relatively ignored.

The organizers strive to reconcile problems of marginalization of Catholic history within mainstream American history.

This desire to integrate Catholic history with American history is not new.

"The issues discussed in the conference have been discussed in Catholic historical circles for the last 10 years or so," said Christopher Shannon, Cushwa Center research associate.

The conference represents three years of work. Scholars from institutions nationwide, including Boston College, Yale and Stanford will present research.

The conference addresses the "public presence" of Catholicism in today's society, including the interaction between Catholicism and other religions. The contributions of Catholic women ... both lay and religious ... to society, will also be discussed.

"Mainstream historians have pretty much ignored the contribution of Catholic nuns to ... [social] work," said Shannon, noting the work of sisters in hospitals and schools.

Several presentations will deal with the struggle of Catholic women to combine the vocations of work and family.

Birth control, a controversial issue among today's Catholics, is the topic of a presentation by Leslie Tentler, of the Catholic University of America. Shannon explained that mainstream history needs to recognize the Catholic impact on the history of birth control and sexuality.

"Because Catholics were distinct on this issue, they can illuminate this issue in ways that other groups can't," said Shannon.

Both Euro-American popular Catholicism and Latino-American popular Catholicism are discussed, because of their major influences in today's church. Although the church hierarchy has been dominated by European Americans, Latino culture also has a distinct presence in Catholic devotions. For example, Notre Dame recently celebrated Mass honoring "Our Lady of Guadalupe."

The conference is sponsored by the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism with support from the Lilly Endowment, Inc. and the University of Notre Dame.

Charles and Margaret Hall Cushwa family provided the initial funding for the Center, which began operating in 1975. Charles Cushwa, a 1931 graduate of Notre Dame, and Margaret Cushwa, a graduate of Saint Mary's had life-long interest in American Catholicism. Scott Appleby had been the Cushwa director since Dolan stepped down in 1993.

The conference opens tonight with "Integrating Catholic History and American History" by Kathryn Kish Sklar of SUNY Binghamton. The presentation is at 7:30 p.m. at McKenna Hall.

Book looks into varying social action

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, former Notre Dame president 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 book, 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.



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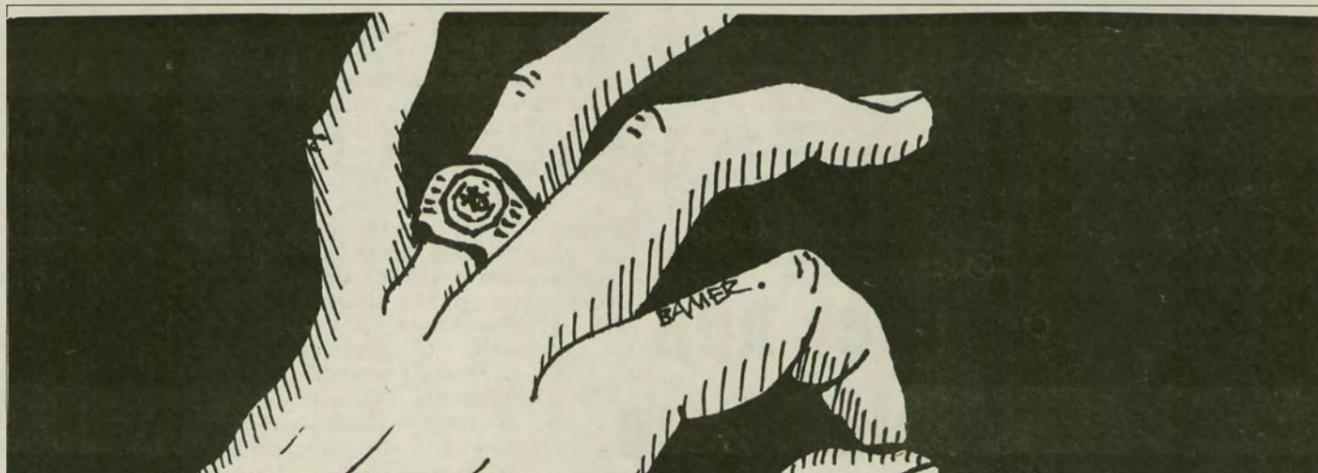
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Students imperfect, not that bad

For the past week, readers of both The Observer and the local daily newspaper have been treated to various stories, commentary and (that dreaded of all current newspaper scourges) letters to the editor, about the infamous "waterboy" caper. As usual, the slant of the stories is further proof that Notre Dame students are (insert your own puerile description here).

As an old alumnus (Class of 1966) working on campus, I take exception to these attacks. Our students are not perfect and will continue to fall short of that standard, as long as we recruit from the human race or until someone does something about original sin, but they are pretty darn good. For my money, our students are the best in the country. My colleagues in campus law enforcement from around the country have convinced me this is true.

Nearly all members of the Notre Dame family are proud of our students. Don't be upset that some people choose to write whining letters decrying student conduct. Don't be upset that there is no balance in the coverage of "waterboy-type" incidents. This is the fact of life in "journalism" today — selling papers (ads actually, but that's another story) seems to require looking for negatives.

Letters to the editor, which should represent the *vox populi*, actually represent the *vox gasbag*. Just look at all the frequent flyers who write and the breathless prose of many of them. Responsible publications try to show contrasting views in their "letters" sections. Responsible publications strive to show all sides of issues when selecting their features. Unfortunately, this has not been true, for the past several years, for our local parakeet cage liner.

A few days ago, a local reporter wrote a feature on the head of one of our campus groups. The story had four

themes: 1. The student claims to be a Marxist; 2. The student has unruly hair; 3. The student claims Notre Dame students are apathetic; and 4. The student wants to be an "activist" when he grows up.

I would like to examine each of these in detail.

First of all, I, too, am a Marxist. Groucho has always been my favorite, but Harpo had some brilliant moments of mime. He was also excellent on the harp. Chico was a good supporting member of the act. Zeppo, Gummo and Karl never showed me anything.

My hair, also, has been described as unruly — mainly because of dual cowlicks — but my daughters tell me not to worry about it, since my two growing bald spots may soon obliterate the problem. Thanks, kids.

The complaint about apathy seems a little off base. Granted, we seldom burn down buildings here, and you'd go broke if you owned a placard store, but I think there's another side to this issue. I challenge any college in the country to equal the active contributions to its community which are made by Notre Dame students to a community they will live in for such a short time. Each year, in excess of 80 percent of our students volunteer in some manner, in this community which is foreign turf to them. Approximately 15 percent of our seniors spend the first year after graduation in a volunteer service project. Many go to Appalachia on spring break. Several hundred compete for limited positions in the A.C.E. program, which pays a minimal stipend to teach school in impoverished areas of the South.

For 25 years, the Center for Social Concerns has worked to coordinate community service for our students, assisting them in finding placement in 70 social agencies and Notre Dame sponsored programs. Thirty years ago, when I served as Director of Big Brothers of St. Joseph County, we could not have operated without Notre Dame students (including football All-American Clarence Ellis). The local Legal Services Program has traditionally relied upon students for more than a third of its staff of intake workers.

The Athletic Department's Life Skills Program, run by Jennifer Crittendon, also coordinates some outstanding and caring work in the community, with the elderly, the disadvantaged, the homeless, the physically and mentally challenged, and young school children from all backgrounds. Soccer players Meotis Erickson and Reggie McKnight, Ricky Buhrman of the tennis team and footballers Rocky Boiman, Grant Irons, Bobby Brown and Lamont Bryant are among the hundreds of players who quietly donate their time. Bobby Howard, who is on everyone's list as one of the most inspirational people they have met, still volunteers to help, on his frequent return visits to campus. Local school teachers have told me many heart-warming stories about our athletes participating in STARS (Student Athletes Read for Success), reading to children in grades K-7.

Even though our local paper has been unable to uncover any of these heart-warming stories, and even though some out-of-touch alumni may occasionally complain that today's students are not living up to Notre Dame's ideals, that lack of recognition does not cancel out this outstanding record of service.

Finally, I have some suggestions for everyone aspiring to be an "activist." Get a job which serves your community. Be an entrepreneur and hire people. Raise a family. Be a good citizen. Help others in your spare time. Don't look down on others because they choose to do those things.

Most importantly, be careful when you claim to be a Marxist. It was the great man himself (Groucho) who said, "I do not choose to be a member of any club whose standards are so low that they would accept me," and I think most people would agree that Groucho would run a better country than brother Karl.

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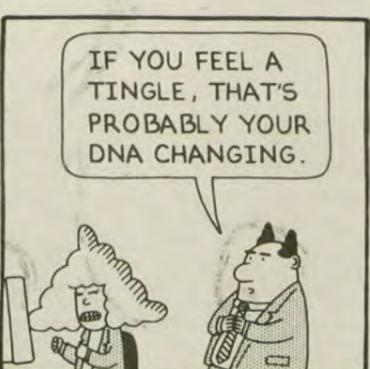
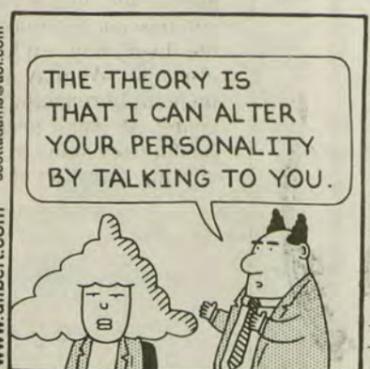
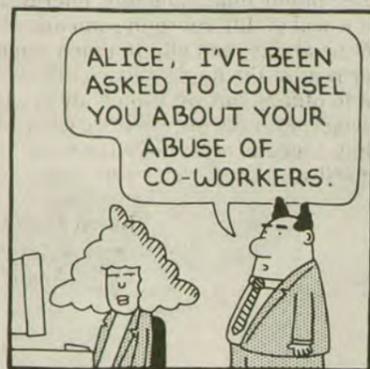
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Cappy Gagnon

Cappy's Corner

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Much of the world's work, it has been said, is done by men who do not feel quite well. [Karl] Marx is a case in point."

John Kenneth Galbraith
author, *The Age of Uncertainty*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Time for gun control long past

I've been pondering this issue for about a week, but Mike Marchand's article [March 6, The Observer] pushed me over the edge. The subject is gun control, which has become a hot topic once again after a 6 year old girl was shot by her classmate last week in Michigan. The most common defense of guns is that they are just tools, and it is the people who abuse them that are responsible. This is usually true. Criminals and murderers who use guns will often carry out their plan whether or not they use a gun. However, there are far too many accidents like the one in Michigan. Does anybody believe that the first grade boy came to school with murderous intention, focused on destroying his classmate's life by whatever means necessary? Of course not. He was showing off his gun, pointing it as he no doubt learned through TV or video games (though I'm not blaming them), and he pulled the trigger. It was unintentional, yet I believe it is even more tragic than what happened at Columbine (though on a smaller scale). Those boys planned to kill, they knew what they were doing, and they actively committed their crimes. This little boy had no motive, no reasoning to kill. The girl's death happened solely because he had access to a loaded gun. Gun control laws could have stopped this killing, but not the ones at Columbine.

Marchand mentions the areas with strongest gun laws have the highest murder rates. He blames the gun laws, completely ignoring the fact that these areas (L.A., New York, Chicago, Washington, D.C.) are the nation's biggest cities with the largest populations, most gangs, biggest gun circulations, etc. Just imagine how bad the murder rates would be without the laws. Luckily, a Democratic president and increasingly Democratic Congress in recent years have led to a decrease in violent crime, as their anti-gun beliefs have begun to take effect.

Marchand says that the first step is to properly prosecute illegal uses of firearms. Should we prosecute the 6-year-old boy who didn't know he was doing? Should we prosecute the child who gets his dad's gun from his bedroom, drops it, and accidentally shoots his friend? These are not criminals that should be punished. These are accidents stemming from an all too easy availability of guns. They can be easily stopped if the amount of guns in ordinary homes and on the streets is reduced.

Marchand even has the gall to ridicule the "smart gun" proposition, proclaiming this legislation is unnecessary and shouldn't be an option. His alternative is for gun owners to be more responsible. That would be great Mike, but it's not going to happen. There are thousands of people who can't be trusted with children, jobs, their own lives ... yet we should trust them to be responsible with something as dangerous as guns? This would only work in an ideal world, something that's no closer to reality than Oz. Even responsible owners can't stop their kids from breaking into their locked gun cabinet while they're at work and causing some terrible tragedy. Trusting is not enough. Congress needs to take action.

Am I asking for a repeal of the right to bear arms? Of course not. Will more gun control eliminate crime? Not at all. Are some citizens perfectly responsible gun owners? Absolutely. The fact is though, that guns and their availability make it far too easy for tragic accidents and crimes to occur. Just ask that 6-year-old girl. Oh wait, you can't. And you'll never be able to. Because of a criminal? No ... because of a gun.

Ryan S. Davis
Senior, Morrissey Manor
March 7, 2000

Beware Bush and Bob Jones

Considering the current media blitz covering Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush's visit to Bob Jones University in South Carolina, I find it shocking that members of the Notre Dame community are not more vocal in expressing their outrage. While Bush may not share the same views taught at BJU, it is appalling that Bush would choose an institution rooted in bigotry to kick off his South Carolina campaign.

In order to combat negative media concerning their views against inter-racial dating and Catholicism, Bob Jones University has posted an article "The Truth About Bob Jones University" on its Website. Using Bible passages, the "Truth" states that the basis for the Catholic faith is fundamentally wrong and implies that today's Catholics are stuck in pre-Reformation thinking. Its founder, Bob Jones Sr. has even referred to the Pope as the "Whore of Babylon." Yet, the university denies that it hates Catholics. The manner in which Bob Jones University hides behind the Bible is very similar to the way many hate-espousing organizations like the Ku Klux Klan misuse scripture in order to justify their actions. While BJU may attempt to spin-doctor its message, people need to look at the hard facts behind it.

Perhaps my anger at the Bush campaign is unnecessary, after all Bush was trying to appeal to the "religious right" that holds so much clout in the Republican Party. Was he just making the politically smart move? There are many other ways to appeal to religious conservatives, besides appearing at a University that portrays the "right" in such a negative manner. By appearing at BJU, Bush was making its message legitimate on

a national level while he alienated Catholic voters. Bush needed extremist votes to win the primary, and he campaigned for those votes in an anti-Catholic arena. His recent "apology" to American Catholics is nothing more than an attempt to save his reputation. Do you think he regrets winning all of those "religious right" votes that boosted his South Carolina victory?

All Americans, not just Catholic-Americans, should choose another candidate besides George W. Bush. People need to open their eyes to the fact that anti-Catholic sentiment still exists in America. Consider Bush's appearance at BJU and the House of Representatives' recent rejection of Father Timothy O'Brien as House chaplain as a wake-up call that there is still a great deal of misunderstanding about Catholicism in the U.S. Catholic universities should serve as a rallying point for Americans to stop people like Bush, who would rather sell us out for votes than fight against bigotry. We need to join together to endorse candidates who favor tolerance and understanding. We need to fight against politicians who prostitute themselves in order to win any vote, even if the vote belongs to a bigot. American politics is in a sad state if candidates like Bush choose to offend Catholics in order to make the "politically strategic" move.

Jim Kwiatt
Senior, Off-Campus
March 2, 2000



Muhammed Ali is truly a legend

While he no longer dances in the ring, Muhammed Ali was still graceful when he came to the Notre Dame campus this past weekend. His visit stirred the souls of everyone involved, even as we struggled to understand Parkinson's disease. It was special for the Notre Dame community and boxers to know that Ali came to visit our campus and watch our tournament. For me, to be in the presence of one of the most famous people of our century, an incredible boxer who "shook up the world" with his style and poetry, a man who met over 20 different world leaders in his travels ... was awe inspiring.

Yet, I believe, what we can take away from Ali's visit is far greater than all of his amazing accomplishments. Whether you agree with his views, or like his style, the most special, amazing thing that Ali gave us this weekend was his time. Ali could have simply appeared briefly for a couple of fights and left. Nobody would have been offended. Ali can stop in any town in most of the world and command an audience. Parkinson's disease must fatigue him. Yet Ali stayed at Notre Dame for five hours. He continued to meet people, smile, tell jokes, give hugs and touch everyone he met. He even signed autographs, which must be a hard task. I don't pretend to know Ali's mind, but I do believe that he is aware of how much he touches us all and how special a moment with him is for us. And so he stayed in the boxing room until every person there had the opportunity to meet him. Then when finished, instead of bolting for the exit before an hour drive home, Ali stayed, smiled, told some jokes, did a levitation trick and left us captivated.

Ali shows us that the greatest gift we have to give is ourselves. This gift is not restricted to a man of Ali's fame. Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "the greatest gift to give is a portion of thyself." Lou Holtz used to echo that theme and remind us to never underestimate the impact that we can have on each other. Just a moment of our time, thoughts, energy and compassion can make a world of difference in someone else's life. Every day, we have the ability, and gift, to touch someone else's life. We may never realize the implications at the moment of reaching out to others, but we should always keep trying. Ali was a great boxer. He may not show that now. But he did truly show us what it means to be a great person ... by sharing a portion of himself with the Notre Dame community.

Jeevan Subbiah '98
Former boxer and Keenan A.R.
March 7, 2000

MOVIE REVIEW

Madonna's new movie far from the 'Best Thing'

By CASEY K. McKLUSKEY
Scene Movie Critic

The new story line in a politically correct Hollywood seems to involve a woman with some neurosis and her best friend who is the perfect man. He is a good listener, has impeccable taste in clothes and is always there when needed. Why doesn't this woman ever go for him? He's gay.

It began with Julia Roberts in "My Best Friend's Wedding," and then continued with Jennifer Aniston in "The Object of My Affection" and now Madonna is taking a turn with the plot in "The Next Best Thing."

The title of this movie says it all. It is not the best thing to watch. It is possibly a stretch to call it the next best thing. Rupert Everett plays the "gay best friend" again, this time as Robert, an L.A. landscaper who is not interested in establishing a meaningful relationship with another man. Everett may seem to be reprising his role in "My Best Friend's Wedding," but the two characters are very different. Robert is not the quintessential gay man in this movie; he is much more realistic than the stereotypical character he played in "My Best Friend's Wedding." This man has problems too. Some of them have to do with his homosexuality; some of them do not. His life is real.

Robert's best friend is Abbie, played by Madonna, who has her own problems with commitment. After a night

of heavy drinking and wallowing in self-pity, Robert and Abbie end up taking their relationship to a level they both never thought it would go. This one night was enough to send both Robert and Abbie's life upside down when they find out she is pregnant with Robert's child. They decide to raise the child together, unmarried, but living together. They never look down the road to prepare for what may happen if one of them meets someone and wants to get married and, of course, this is the very thing that happens.

When their child Sam, played wonderfully by newcomer Malcolm Stumpf, is 6 years old, Abbie meets Ben, a suave New York businessman, played by Benjamin Bratt, and they want to move to New York.

This story had a lot of potential, dealing with a lot of difficult and modern issues, but it takes on too much in too short of a time frame. There is so much going on none of the story lines or even the characters are developed enough to have too much meaning. The custody battle is "solved" in two courtroom scenes, which could probably have taken up the whole movie.

Most of the movie is spent with Robert and the audience gets a good look into his life. His father has issues with his homosexuality, but his mother (a brilliant performance by the charming Lynn Redgrave) loves him just the same. We do not get to see



Photo courtesy of Paramount Pictures
A gay father, Rupert Everett (left), and Madonna try to raise their young son in the in the family comedy "The Next Best Thing."

much of his past beyond that though, except for snippets of clues dropped sparsely throughout the film that are never fully explained. Everett does a wonderful job with his character in playing the passionate father.

Madonna gives a lackluster performance in this film. We know very little about her, other than that she is a yoga instructor whose biological clock is ticking. Her character is completely underdeveloped and she does not make up for this with her acting. The audience does not relate to her because they do not really ever know her.

Other than Madonna, most of the acting was very impressive, which proves that it is the story that is lacking. Neil Patrick Harris delivers a

superb, although short, performance as one of Abbie and Robert's friends, who is dealing with a loss of his own. Benjamin Bratt successfully takes on the tough role of the other man. This character is someone who could be really easy to hate, especially if people really like Robert. Bratt plays the role with such honesty and compassion that it is impossible to hate him because he is in a really tough position.

Despite the poor story line, this movie was enjoyable to watch. It is "PG-13," so it is a movie to see with the family over Spring Break. If there is not an "R"-rated movie that the family can agree on or everyone has seen everything else; this movie is the "next best thing."

MOVIE NEWS

Actor Casey Affleck comes into his own

By LISI DE BOURBON
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK

After three years of being known as Ben Affleck's little brother, Casey Affleck is finally making his own mark as an actor.

When asked whether his superstar sibling was growing weary of questions about being Casey Affleck's older brother, the younger Affleck joked, "I think he'll survive."

But the 24-year-old's impending stardom is no laughing matter. Affleck has appeared in about a dozen films, including the just-released "Drowning Mona" and the upcoming "Committed," starring Heather Graham, Luke Wilson and Goran Visnjic (Dr. Luka Kovac on NBC's "ER").

"I kind of always took sort of the 'under-the-radar approach,' and I think Ben was on the radar before he was even there," Affleck said. "It was like an anomaly. It was like they were looking at the radar and said, 'What's that blip?'"

The Affleck brothers, who were born three years apart, got an early start in acting. One of their mother's college friends was a casting director in their hometown of Cambridge, Mass., and she frequently used Ben and Casey as extras in various pro-

ductions. "We were really familiar with acting more than most kids, and I think that's when we both kind of started wanting to do it," Casey said.

They joined the theater program at Cambridge Ringe & Latin, the prestigious public high school that Ben's friend Matt Damon attended.

Casey attended Columbia University, but dropped out after two years to concentrate on acting. He had a small part in "Good Will Hunting," which brought Damon and Ben fame, fortune and a screenplay Oscar, and appeared with Ben in the 1999 film "200 Cigarettes."

In "Drowning Mona," Affleck is one of the suspects in the death of Mona Dearly (Bette Midler), the local stinker in the New York hamlet of Verplanck. The film also stars Danny DeVito and Jamie Lee Curtis.

"I showed up on the first day, and we all sat around and read the script together, and they had their reading glasses out, and we were sitting back



Photo courtesy of Casey Affleck: Unofficial Website
Casey Affleck (left) poses with his older and more famous brother, Ben.

and they weren't doing any jokes," Affleck said. "I realized they're kind of just like my parents or something, you know, and I felt much more comfortable to be myself after that experience. It was comforting to see they weren't always hysterically funny."

The veteran film stars even gave him a few pointers while the film was being shot, Affleck said.

"I'd be in a scene that was supposed to be funny and it wouldn't be working, and they knew, they were intuitive about it, and they would just change the scene in different ways that would put me in a position where I couldn't help but be funny. They made everyone else look good by being so good."

Affleck, who lives in Manhattan, said he has no new films at the moment, but would like to work with Ben again.

"I'm just going to try to wait around until something comes along that I really, really love instead of just having to do something just to take a job," he said.

CAMPUS MUSIC

Symphony Orchestra to give winter concert

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra will perform its annual winter concert tonight at 8 p.m. in Washington Hall.

The concert, which is free and open to the public, will feature two winners of the 1999-2000 department of music concerto competition: graduate students Juan Li, piano and Ivy Vazquez Alatorre, cello.

The program includes the Adagio for Strings by Samuel Barber, selections from "Rodeo" by Aaron Copland, a piano concerto by Maurice Ravel and a cello concerto by Camille Saint-Saens.

The orchestra is directed by Daniel Stowe, assistant professional specialist in music. A graduate of the University of California, Davis, the University of Southern California and Cornell University, Stowe is in his fifth year as conductor of the orchestra. He also conducts the Notre Dame Glee Club and Collegium Musicum and is a member of the plainchant ensemble Schola Musicorum.

MOVIE REVIEW

Mork goes to singles bar in the comedic 'Planet'

By **BILL FUSZ**
Scene Movie Critic

The premise of "What Planet Are You From?" — along with most of the dialogue, lighting, scenes and special effects — is bad.

Garry Shandling (television's "The Larry Sanders Show") plays Harold Anderson, an alien from an all-male planet bent on ruling the universe. Grayden (Ben Kingsley), the planet's ruler, decides that the best way to conquer their new target, Earth, is to send one of them to impregnate an Earth woman. Somehow, which is never explained, this will allow the aliens to begin a three-generation takeover from within. After months of performing training simulations of Earth flirtation in an auditorium reminiscent of DeBartolo 101, Harold is chosen as the best suited candidate for the hazardous and unpredictable mission to Earth.

Unfortunately, while the mission may be unpredictable and hazardous to the average alien, the average moviegoer will find it all too predictable and the only danger will be falling asleep. Harold is first transported to an airplane, where his first attempts at flirting with stewardesses consist of lines like, "I like your footwear," and "My, you smell nice." As he makes his way through the airport, his attempts continue to bewilder, scare and generally disgust the women that he meets.

His problems are not limited, however, to poor social etiquette. It seems that as his species has progressed in power and technological know-how, other attributes "diminished" to the point of disappearing entirely. Due to this, he is artificially brought up to the Earth-male standard

before his deployment. Unfortunately, the bugs weren't completely worked out and now when he is aroused, his prosthesis has a tendency to hum and vibrate at increasing volumes, much to the distress of the women he is trying to establish interplanetary relations with.

This does not mean that he is beyond help though. As a loan officer at a bank in Phoenix, his coworker, Perry Gordon (Greg Kinnear), takes it upon himself to show Harold around town. Gordon is, to say the least, a morally repugnant character. This comes across clearly when he takes Harold to an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, saying it is a good place to find vulnerable women. Leaving Harold alone to go after a "weeper," Harold finds himself talking to Susan Hart, a recovering alcoholic played by the unfortunately cast Annette Bening ("American Beauty").

Susan is a middle-aged woman who has just woken up from years of partying with musicians to realize that she wants to build a real life. Unfortunately, it seems that her instincts in regards to men are as off as ever, because she picks Harold as the perfect man to run away to Las Vegas with and marry.

From here the movie attempts to change pace and become poignant, identifying the differences between men and women and showing that even aliens have an emotional side. Susan becomes pregnant but disillusioned as she discovers Harold only sees her as a breeder.

Harold has concerns of his own, too. FAA investigator Roland Jones (John Goodman) is quickly closing in on him and his dastardly alien plot. Luckily, for reasons which, once again, are never explained, Harold and Susan's burgeoning fetus



Photo courtesy of Columbia Pictures

Garry Shandling (left) plays Harold Anderson, an alien sent to earth to impregnate a human female, Annette Bening, in "What Planet Are You From?"

reaches full maturity in just under two months, prompting the awe but apparently none of the curiosity of the doctors.

The movie stumbles on a variety of levels, lurching between science fiction parody and a serious attempt to investigate gender relations. In the end, it fails to pull off either attempt.

In the meantime, however, "What Planet Are You From?" resembles nothing more than an extended stand up routine or scattered collection of sophomoric penis jokes. Obviously borrowing from John Gray's "Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus," the movie's existence revolves around one of those 3 a.m. dorm conversations: "Hey, what if they really were from...?" This in and of itself is fine. Many great ideas and story lines have begun in roughly the same way. Nichols and Shandling, however, never got beyond that point in conceptualizing the idea. Instead they raided sci-fi backlots, cheap sex humor, and topped it off with

cheesy sentimentalism a la "Full House" for a wow finish.

The movie is a dud from start to finish.

The saddest part of all however, is how many good actors and actresses were dragged into this project. Due to the 13th Amendment abolishing slavery, I'm forced to assume it was of their own free will. Shandling had a critically acclaimed television show which garnered more than its fair share of awards during its run. Kinnear ("As Good As It Gets") and Bening have both been nominated for Oscars. Kingsley played Gandhi and got an Academy Award. Even Goodman ("The Big Lebowski") has a string of Emmys, Golden Globe nominations and other awards for his role on "Roseanne" as well as dramatic roles in television movies.

Yet they all chose to star in this remarkably bad movie. One can only wonder what planet their agents are from.

"What Planet Are You From?"

Director: Mike Nichols
Starring: Garry Shandling, Annette Bening, Greg Kinnear, Ben Kingsley and John Goodman

out of five shamrocks

BOX OFFICE



Photo courtesy of Warner Bros. Pictures

Bruce Willis stars as hitman Jimmy the Tulip in the black comedy "The Whole Nine Yards." "Yards" has been the top box office draw for the past three weekends. Recent openings such as Madonna's "Next Best Thing" and "What Planet Are You From?" failed to make an impression despite intense marketing efforts by the studios. Next week, "Yards" will have to face the sci-fi action drama "Mission to Mars" along with the supernatural thriller "The Ninth Gate," starring Johnny Depp.

TOP TEN

Weekend of March 3-5

Movie Title	Weekend Sales	Total Sales
1. The Whole Nine Yards	\$ 7.2 million	\$ 38.3 million
2. The Next Best Thing	\$ 5.9 million	\$ 5.9 million
3. My Dog Skip	\$ 5.9 million	\$ 6.6 million
4. Drowning Mona	\$ 5.8 million	\$ 5.8 million
5. Pitch Black	\$ 5.1 million	\$ 29.7 million
6. Snow Day	\$ 4.8 million	\$ 49.1 million
7. Reindeer Games	\$ 4.8 million	\$ 15.1 million
8. Wonder Boys	\$ 4.1 million	\$ 11.3 million
9. American Beauty	\$ 4.1 million	\$ 93.1 million
10. The Cider House Rules	\$ 4.1 million	\$ 37.2 million

Source: Yahoo!

Movie Quote of the Week

"Malkovich!"

John Malkovich as John Malkovich in "Being John Malkovich"

Big East

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ket with 6.2 seconds left, dribbled up the left side and as the defense backed away let go from just beyond the 3-point line. He finished 3-of-8 from beyond the arc.

West Virginia's final chance was a long pass that bounced off the hands of Marcus Goree about 30 feet from the basket.

The Hoyas played with Ruben Bountje Bountje, their second-leading scorer and leading rebounder, who injured his left foot in the regular-season finale and remains day-to-day.

The ninth-seeded Hoyas (17-13), who had lost three of four, advanced to Thursday's quarterfinals against top-seeded and 12th-ranked Syracuse (24-4).

Lee Scruggs added 14 points for Georgetown, while Demetrius Hunter had 13 and Courtland Freeman 11.

Calvin Bowman led the eighth-seeded Mountaineers (14-14) with 19 points, while Goree had 12. Freshman guard Tim Lyles had nine points and 11 assists for West Virginia, which had lost five of six.

Neither team led by more than four points in the second half and there were six lead changes and four ties over the final 7:30.

Braswell gave the Hoyas a 67-64 lead with 1:47 left on a nice drive, but West Virginia tied it for the last time 34 seconds later on a 3-pointer by Lionel Armstead.

Hunter missed a 3-point attempt with 45 seconds left and West Virginia was called for a 35-second shot-clock violation with 6.2 seconds left when Brooks Berry's 3-point attempt missed everything.

Seton Hall 85, Providence 65

Eight days off was what Seton Hall needed to snap a four-game conference losing streak.

Darius Lane scored 22 points and the Pirates beat Providence in the opening round of the Big East tournament.

It was Seton Hall's first game since a Feb. 29 loss to St. John's, the last of four in a row to conference opponents.

"I'm happy that after a long layoff we played a total team game, end to end," Seton Hall coach Tommy Amaker said. "We had three goals as a coaching staff from the layoff: to get healthy, to get rested and to get better."

The fifth-seeded Pirates (20-8) advanced to Thursday's quarterfinals and will face fourth-seeded and 21st-ranked Connecticut (22-8), which beat Boston College 70-55 in the opening round. The Huskies beat Seton Hall in both regular season meetings.

"We can beat them if we play together," Lane said.

It is the first time Seton Hall has won 20 games since the 1992-93 season.

Lane's 3-pointer with 17:30 to play gave the Pirates their first 20-point lead of the game at 50-30. He finished 6-of-10 from the field, including 3-for-5 from beyond the arc.

Seton Hall finished 27-for-53 from the field (50.9 percent) and scored the most points this season against the 12th-seeded Friars (11-19), who finished the season losing 13 of the last 16 games.

Abdul Mills had 14 points and Erron Maxey added 11 for the Friars, who shot 32.4 percent (24-for-74).

"They really had a step up on us in every aspect of the game," Providence coach Tim Welsh said. "They pushed our offense out another step and we struggled to score as it is."

Ty Shine added 16 points for Seton Hall, Samuel Dalembert had 14 and Rimas Kaukenas 13. Shaheen Holloway had nine points and eight assists for the Pirates, who led by as many as 23 points, the last time at 77-54 with 4:08 to play.

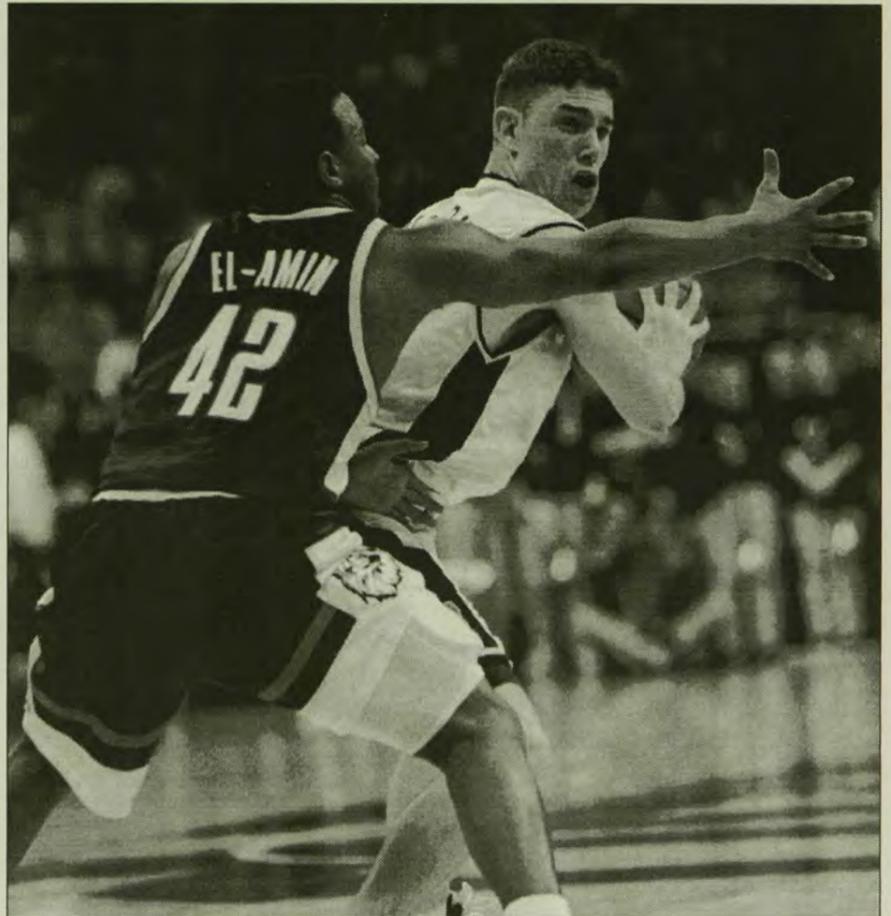
Seton Hall closed the first half with a 15-5 run to take a 44-27 halftime lead and the closest Providence got in the second half was 79-65 with 1:36 left on a 3-pointer by Chris Rogers.

Amaker was asked if he felt the Pirates needed the win to assure an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament.

"We thought we had a solid year," he said. "You can't judge a season by the last week. I thought all along we're in. I still do."

Villanova 65, Pittsburgh 55

Malik Allen had 24 points and 11 rebounds and Villanova pulled away from pesky Pittsburgh with an 11-2



JOHN DAILY/The Observer

Khalid El-Amin closely guards Irish guard Jimmy Dillon in Notre Dame's regular season win over Connecticut. El-Amin had 14 points against Boston College.

second-half run in a victory in the opening round of the Big East tournament.

The sixth-seeded Wildcats (19-11) advanced to Thursday's quarterfinals, where they will play third-seeded and 19th-ranked St. John's (21-7).

Playing just seven players, with six playing all but four minutes, the 12th-seeded Panthers (13-15) were within 43-42 with 8:30 left on two free throws by Ricardo Greer.

Jermaine Medley, who had all but three of his 15 points on 3-pointers, started the deciding rally with a 3 with 8:16 to play. Freshman Gary Buchanan, who finished with 18 points, had six in

the rest of the run, including the three-point play that gave the Wildcats a 54-44 lead with 6:08 to play.

Villanova had only one more field goal the rest of the way, a turnaround by Allen with 2:49 to play, and went 9-for-12 from the free throw line.

Freshman Brandin Knight, the younger brother of Brevin Knight of the Cleveland Cavaliers, had 17 points for Pittsburgh, which lost its fourth straight Big East tournament game, including a 96-93 double-overtime loss to Villanova in 1998.

Greer had 14 points for the Panthers, while Jarrett Lockhart added 11 points and nine rebounds.

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Connolly

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Love, Teeny Babe

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You're still the boss
Connolly

Ok, so SR cops out.
Turner gets sick
A and A will be busy
Looks like Connolly, Chuk, CScott and Sara will be partying hard core in Vermont

Tourney time is almost here
Yeah tourney time

Midterm tomorrow

haven't studied

No biggie

The worlds worst collection of MP3s will soon be destroyed.
And not a moment too soon.

They could have done some serious harm

What time will the calls start rolling in?

Who will call first?
CJ? MP? Nobody knows

Can't nobody hold me down

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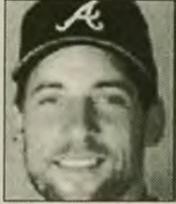
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Atlanta's Smoltz tears ligament, lost for season

Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla.

Just when everything was starting to settle down for the Atlanta Braves, a spring training jolt: John Smoltz is out for the season.



Smoltz

The long-time ace has a torn ligament in his right elbow, an injury that will shake up the Braves' Big Three rotation and jeopardize Atlanta's chances for a return trip to the World Series.

"It was pretty painful," Smoltz said Wednesday, three days after lasting only 1 2-3 innings in his lone exhibition outing. "The last few days have been the worst for me. I knew what I had to do."

It was another startling spring setback for the NL champions, who last year lost slugger Andres Galarraga to cancer and closer Kerry Ligtenberg to an elbow injury before opening day.

Galarraga and Ligtenberg are healthy now, and the Braves seemed to have weathered the John Rucker storm. They had begun thinking about going to their ninth straight NLCS, and beyond, behind Smoltz, Tom Glavine and Greg Maddux.

"We felt we had all the pieces falling nicely into place," general manager John Schuerholz said.

Now, the Braves must figure out how to fill the spot the 32-year-old former Cy Young winner has held since 1988 and hold off the New York Mets in

the NL East.

Bruce Chen and Terry Mulholland had been competing for the No. 5 job in the rotation, and this might give both of them the chance to start. Steve Avery also is back on the team, hoping his shoulder heals.

"We think we have the arms in this camp to do it," Schuerholz said. "I think we have enough to win. But if an opportunity presents itself in terms of a trade, we'll listen."

Added manager Bobby Cox after an 11-7 loss to Toronto: "Our guys already have it figured out. The other pitchers, they know what they have to do."

Smoltz, on the disabled twice in 1998 and twice again in 1999 because of elbow trouble, will have surgery March 23 by Dr. James Andrews in Birmingham, Ala. Andrews performed the same "Tommy John" transplant surgery on Ligtenberg last year.

The diagnosis of a torn medial collateral ligament came Tuesday night after an MRI exam. Smoltz joined Ligtenberg, Odalis Perez and two minor lea-

guers as Braves pitchers with the same injury in recent times.

"I've been through so much that in a weird way, this was a relief. I need to get the surgery in order to be able to pitch another good, solid, three to four years," Smoltz said.

"I still enjoy pitching," he added. "If I didn't, this would be a retirement speech. And it definitely is not."

Smoltz was 11-8 with a 3.19 ERA in 29 starts last season. He is 157-113 in his career and has been the Braves' most effective postseason pitcher, going 12-3.

One of those October defeats came last season, when the New York Yankees beat him to finish a World Series sweep. Smoltz helped Atlanta win its only Series championship in 1995, then won the 1996 Cy Young by going 24-8.

"There's nothing that's going to replace having No. 29 on the mound in a big game," said third baseman Chipper Jones, the NL MVP.

Smoltz felt pain in his right elbow Sunday when he allowed three runs and five hits in 1 2-3

innings against Tampa Bay. He threw about 20 knuckleballs, hoping to reduce the stress on his arm.

Prior to the 1998 season, Smoltz had arthroscopic elbow surgery to remove bone chips. He also had arthroscopic elbow surgery in September 1994 to remove a bone spur and chips, and was only 6-10 with a 4.14 ERA in 21 starts.

"He's pitched in a lot of pain for the last couple of years," Maddux said. "When your arm hurts more than it should, it's no fun. You hate your job."

Added Glavine: "Hopefully, it will be just for this year."

Combined, the Big Three has won seven Cy Young Awards: Smoltz (1996), Glavine (1991 and 1998) and Maddux (1992-95). Kevin Millwood joined the rotation last year on a full-time basis and won 18 games.

The Braves went 103-59 last season and won their eighth straight division title despite missing Galarraga and Ligtenberg for the year. Also, All-Star catcher Javy Lopez was sidelined for several months.

"It's going to hurt us, but this club is used to dealing with adversity and injuries," Jones said.

Smoltz will get his salary of \$8.5 million this season, with insurance covering almost all of it for the Braves. The team has an option on him for \$8 million in 2001.

"I'm going to miss standing in front of my locker, and working out and doing the things I've done for 13 years," he said. "But at the same time, I believe it's going to lengthen my career."

Ligtenberg, whose comeback is progressing nicely, talked with Smoltz about his recovery.

"I told him it's going to be a tough rehabilitation," the reliever said. "There are going to be days when you don't want to do it."

But Smoltz and his teammates were sure they'd be OK.

"I think last year has given us a sense that we know we can do it without our big guns," Millwood said. "I think that gives us a little confidence. Maybe there's a sense that we did it once, we can do it again."

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First Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 12
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Feast of St. Patrick's Mass
Friday, March 17, 5:15 p.m.,
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Feast of St. Joseph Mass
Monday, March 20, 5:15 p.m.,
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First Sunday of Lent

Weekend Presiders
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Saturday, March 11 Mass
5:00 p.m.
Rev. William A. Wack, C.S.C.

Sunday, March 12 Mass
10:00 a.m.
Rev. Paul V. Kollman, C.S.C.
11:45 a.m.
Rev. Peter D. Rocca, C.S.C.

Scripture Readings for This Coming Sunday

1st Reading Gn 9:8-15
2nd Reading 1 Pt 3:18-22
Gospel Mk 1:12-15

LENT ME YOUR EAR

Jim Lies, C.S.C.

Last month would have been my parents forty-ninth wedding anniversary. In fact, they only had fifteen years together before my father's sudden death at the age of forty-two. My mother was great with child with number ten when he died, and the oldest was fourteen. I was near the tail end of the brood, the eighth child (my twin was ninth, a detail of which I often remind him) and four years old when my Dad died. I have long said that I did not lose a father in the same way that several of my older siblings did. They knew him; I didn't. I don't feel as though I had lost my father because I don't remember ever having one. (I realize psychologists could have a field day with that line!) What I did have, were those through whom God made up all the difference, my mother and my siblings.

We live our lives sometimes convinced that we must certainly have it worse than everyone else in the world, but there are other times when we know ourselves to be so very much blessed, perhaps feeling in that moment of revelation, more blessed than anyone else in the world. What's the constant? What's the one thing that allows us to ride the waves which are, for us, the best of times and, at times, the worst. Dare I presume to be the one to say? I am no mystic, I can't even claim to be a theologian, but I am a Christian, and I do believe that that which undergirds all that I am and all that I do is God. Even in my most unhappy moments, I am sustained by a deep undercurrent of surety and even joy at the knowledge and experience of a God so great and so loving. Admittedly, there are times when that presence seems more evident than others, but on the whole, it is what sustains me.

We have come upon a time when all of us can take time to consider, more deeply the ways in which God is active and present in our lives, in the joy and in the sorrow, in the delight and in the pain. Lent affords us an opportunity to consider the ways in which that undercurrent has weaved its way through the meanderings of our lives and refreshed and sustained us along the way. In the Catholic tradition we are particularly blessed with a multitude of ways to enter into this holy season, many of which will be publicized on this page throughout Lent. Our tradition is rich with symbols and with self-sacrifice, such as yesterday with our celebration of Ash Wednesday. Only to the degree that we enter into the richness and self-sacrifice of this season, will Easter be for us all that it remembers and celebrates even now, the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

When my Dad died, some suggested that perhaps my Mom should consider splitting up the children among relatives because of the great financial and emotional burden that she would undoubtedly bear. She would hear none of it. She was trained and had worked as a nurse before she was married, and six months after my little sister, Susie, was born, she went back to nursing. She worked, appropriately enough, in obstetrics, an area about which she had come to know a great deal over time! For fourteen years, she chose to work the 11pm to 7am shift so that she could be home to wake us, feed us, and see us off to school, and so that she could be home upon our return. Mom's life wasn't then, and isn't now, some thirty years later, only about her. It's about us. It's about her children, her grandchildren, her great-grandchildren, and her many friends. It's about family and church. It's about faith and hope even in the face of death and despair. It's about the very thing which we absurdly propose to commemorate during this Lenten season, that in God, life is found in death.

It's not always easy to trust in God, especially when life sometimes seems to offer us only pain and fear. But, as Christians, we believe that there is redemption in the suffering, that in some way we have entered into the sufferings of Jesus, so as to enter into His glory. Let this Lenten season be a time for us to enter into the mystery which is life and death and life again.

CONSIDERATIONS...

IRISH INSIGHT

Dillon, Irish finally learn about winning in Garden

NEW YORK With five seconds left and Notre Dame up by 12 points against Rutgers, Big East player of the year Troy Murphy stood at half court, pumped his fist and dished the ball off to point guard Jimmy Dillon.

Dillon clutched the ball and held it as the final horn sounded.

How fitting, Dillon, a four-year member of the team and a first-year starter, knew all about playing in the Big East tournament.



Brian Kessler

Sports Editor

Now he and the Notre Dame basketball program know what it's like to win one there.

"It's been exciting for me throughout the season and even in the preseason," Dillon said. "I just got a sense that we had something special this year. It's been exciting to see the team progress through the years.

"Our togetherness and our coaching staff, it just seems a lot of things were clicking for us this year," he continued. "Coming into the Garden, I've never been more excited to play in a game."

The Irish have come to the world's most famous arena each of the past four years looking for that elusive first conference tournament win, only to have their hopes dashed in the first round each time.

Now the Irish, who tied their best conference record and earned their highest seed in the

tourney, are moving on to play No. 2 seed Miami tonight.

"This means a lot to this program," Murphy said. "We never had a win in the Big East tournament, so this is a big step forward for us. This is a great team win and I had a great time playing tonight."

There were also a few former Irish players on hand who had a great time watching them Wednesday night.

"Kelly Tripucka is in the background there and he is someone who is a great supporter of us," first-year head coach Matt Doherty said. "We've got some former players back there and I try to bring them back and try and bring back the old days. I hope we made you proud, Kelly."

The Irish players definitely made their coach proud.

Notre Dame came out ready to play and stuck to the funda-

mentals — executing their half court offense, crashing the boards and playing solid zone defense.

The Irish clearly had a lot to play for and a lot to prove. Revenge was on their minds.

"It was a good motivator that we got Rutgers as a draw," Dillon said. "There was a sense of payback and our team was up for it."

"I know they had a lot to play for and they played like it," Rutgers head coach Kevin Bannon said. "That looked like a team that really had something on its mind and was out to accomplish something."

Doherty challenged his team before the game and they responded.

Now he will see how his troops fare against a tough Miami team.

"Miami may be the best defensive team we have played

this year," Doherty said.

"We had a 12-point lead against them in the second half in Miami and then they really tightened up the screws defensively. So we have a big challenge.

"They are the co-champs of the league and we have nothing to lose really," he continued. "We need to go out, play hard, play smart, play together and, hopefully in the end, we'll be in position to win the game."

The Irish and Hurricanes tip-off in the quarterfinals at 7:30 p.m. at Madison Square.

Notre Dame dropped two regular season contests to Miami. The Irish will find out just how big a motivating force revenge can be.

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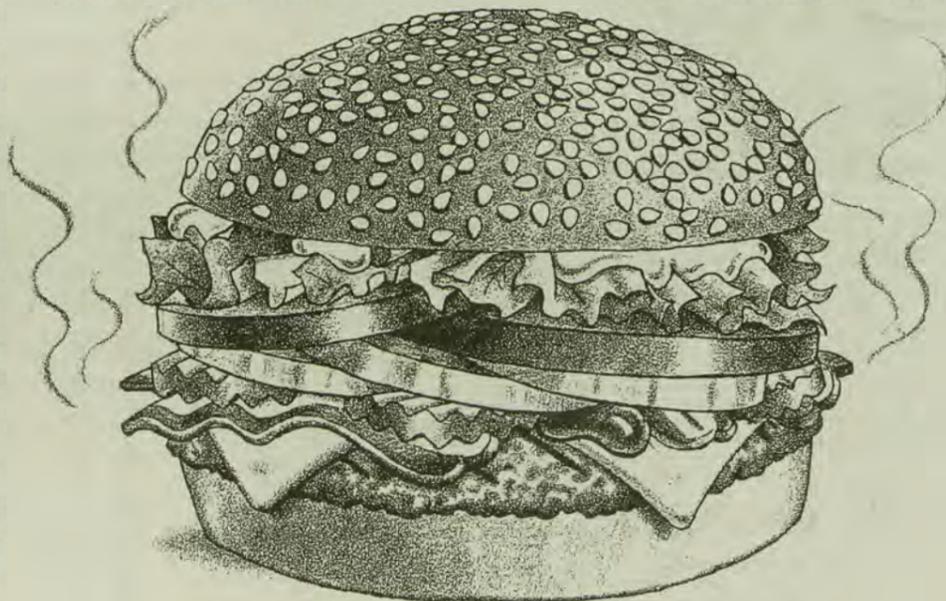
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Irish

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two free throws, followed up by a baseline jumper on the next possession. After that, the Irish never led by less than eight.

"The last time I made it too much about playing against Rutgers," said Murphy, a New Jersey native. "[I was] going out there and playing against the whole team and trying to do everything and it really got to me. Today I just tried to focus on the game. I think a lot of times I tried forcing shots the last game."

The Irish took as large as a 17-point first-half lead, shooting 50 percent from the field. They out-rebounded the Scarlet Knights 23-14 in the first half, behind nine boards by Murphy.

"They got off to such a terrific start at both ends," Rutgers coach Kevin Bannon said. "They played their zone very, very well. We didn't get a lot of good looks early. We missed some shots early, and I think we lost some offensive confidence. But I think most important: they just did a great job of running their offense. They got us onto our heels."

Ahead 37-22 at half-time, the Irish maintained a double-digit lead through most of the game. The only potential concern was foul trouble. Starting forwards David Graves and Harold Swanagan tallied four with eight minutes remaining, and Murphy picked up his fourth foul in the final minutes.

The physical play left blood on Murphy's jersey, who took the banging and bruising in stride.

"I'm not really sure whose blood it was," Murphy said. "You have bumps and bruises throughout the game, and all of a

sudden, the ref comes up to you and tells you that you have blood on your jersey. Every game has been physical throughout this entire Big East season, and I don't expect it to be any different in the tournament."

Murphy led all scorers with 25 points and 14 rebounds in 40 minutes of play. In last year's Big East tournament opener, he scored 25 and pulled down 15 rebounds.

Hot shooting by the rest of the Irish roster helped remove pressure from the sophomore forward.

"When they made shots early, we knew that was going to be tough," Bannon said. "When they're making shots, that just gives Troy that much more room to operate. When you have to worry about both, that's when this is a team that can play with anybody in the country, in my estimation."

Wednesday's win, Notre Dame's first ever in the Big East tournament, relied on strong efforts by the entire team.

The Irish held the Scarlet Knights to 37 percent shooting in the game, a number tough to overcome when your opponent out-rebounds you.

They held Billet to 16 and junior guard Jeff Greer to 10. The Scarlet Knights' leading scorer was Dahntay Jones with 19.

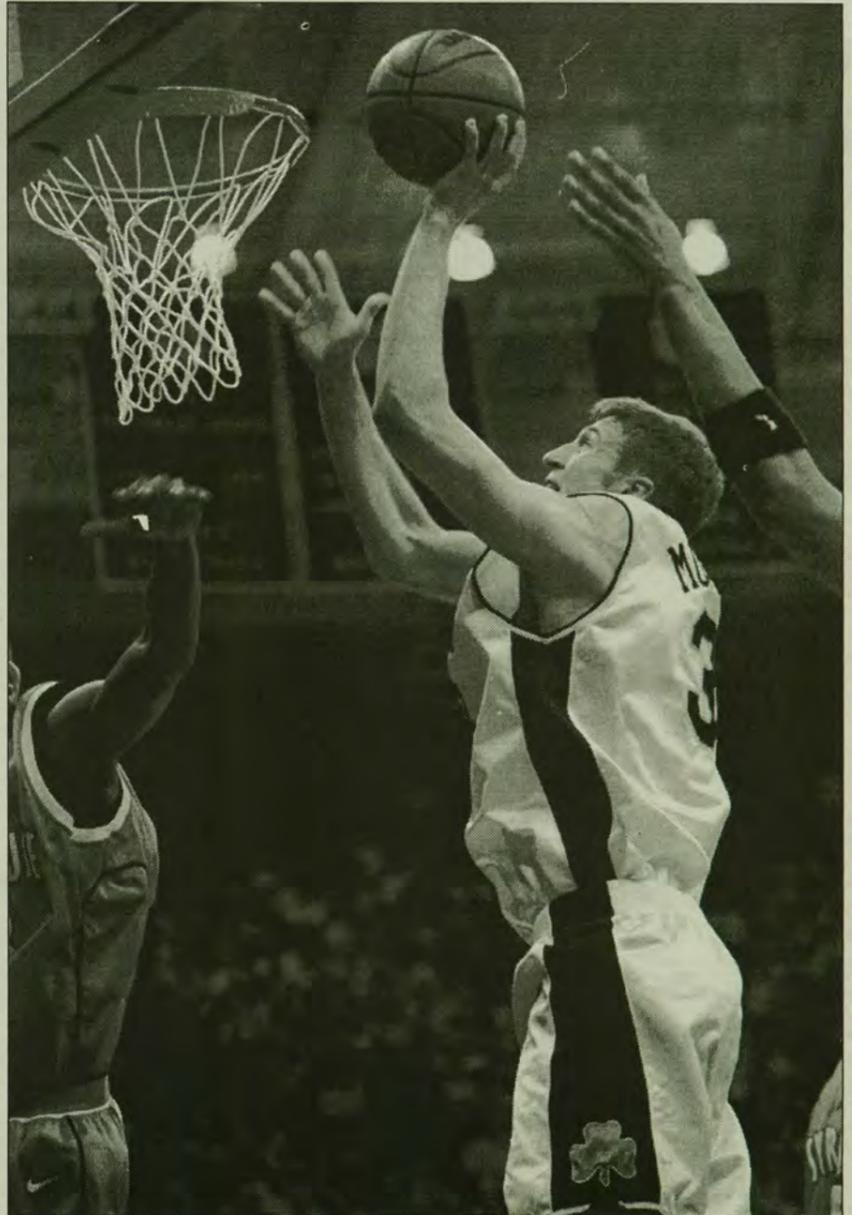
In addition to Murphy, Notre Dame had three players in double figures — Graves, Swanagan and freshman Jere Macura each scored 10 points.

"It was a great win for us," Doherty said. "We were embarrassed at Rutgers about a month-and-a-half ago. We had a lot to prove to ourselves and, I guess to other people, that we can play against a tough, physical, man-to-man defensive team."

The Irish continue their quest for a Big East Championship at 7 p.m. tonight against the Miami Hurricanes.

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Rutgers head coach



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Troy Murphy, shown here against Syracuse, scored 25 points in Notre Dame's first ever Big East tournament win.



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MEN'S NCAA BASKETBALL

Blue Devils' Dunleavy to return for ACC Tournament

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C.

Duke freshman Mike Dunleavy went through his first full practice Wednesday after missing four games with mononucleosis, and said he was ready to play in the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament.

"I feel pretty good," Dunleavy said. "I guess it's kind of like riding a bike. You don't really forget how to do it."

Coach Mike Krzyzewski said Dunleavy, usually the first player off the bench for the Blue Devils, would get limited playing time Thursday night when No. 3 Duke plays Clemson in a first-round game at the Charlotte Coliseum.

Krzyzewski said he was not going to predict how many minutes Dunleavy

would play.

"We'll put him in like a normal rotation. He just wouldn't stay in as long, I don't think," Krzyzewski said. "Mike's got to be honest with us, too, about if he needs a rest."

The versatile 6-foot-7 Dunleavy has been used at guard and forward and was averaging more than 25 minutes a game before his illness.

"Mike knows how to play. Mike's been a starter for us, really," Krzyzewski said. "The reason we've been so successful is we have a six-man rotation and we've been able to do a lot of different things, and that gives the impression we're deeper than we really are."

Dunleavy wasn't held out of any drills during the 60-minute workout and looked sharp passing the ball and shooting it, and showed no sign of being

overly fatigued.

Like Krzyzewski, however, Dunleavy said he was unsure how long he would be able to be effective Thursday.

"Hopefully with the adrenaline, I'll be able to play a little bit longer than I would expect," he said.

Dunleavy, who before the illness appeared lighter than his listed 200 pounds, said he lost no weight in

recent weeks.

"When I was able to get home, my mom fed me pretty well," he said, "so I was able to keep the weight up."

NBA

Dallas cuts maverick Rodman

Associated Press

DALLAS

Dennis Rodman needed less than a month to wear out his welcome in Dallas.

The Mavericks gave up on their biggest drawing card Wednesday, giving him his release hours after he lashed out against owner-in-waiting Mark Cuban. This could be the end of the line for the most-pierced, most-tattooed player in league history.

The team, which announced the move on its Web site before issuing a statement, said it would not comment until Thursday morning.



Rodman

His Los Angeles-based publi-

cist was preparing a response.

The 29-day stint in Dallas is the shortest of Rodman's career.

He lasted nearly two months with the Los Angeles Lakers last season.

The Mavericks were 4-9 since Rodman joined the team. He was ejected twice, suspended once and fined \$13,500 by the league.

Rodman had only been on a losing team once before in his 14-year career, and the series of defeats wore on him.

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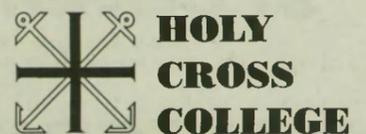
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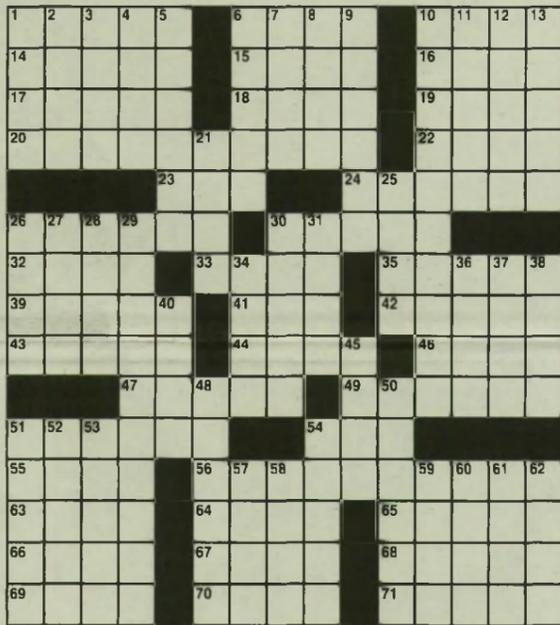
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 - 30 Burger or dog topper
 - 31 Vegetable soup bean
 - 34 All-star game side, often
 - 36 Waffle brand
 - 37 Warm, so to speak
 - 38 States further
 - 40 Belle's man
 - 45 One of Alcott's "Little Women"
 - 48 Like some pools or paint
 - 50 Judaism
 - 51 Stage or stadium, say
 - 52 Ham it up
 - 53 Star in Orion
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Changes at home will lead to misunderstandings and possible estrangement. Try to be compassionate and understanding with those less fortunate than yourself. ☺☺

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your ability to make money will be enhanced today. Look into developing creative ideas you have been considering. Give your mate extra attention, especially if you've neglected him or her. ☺☺

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You should try to help children with endeavors that they are finding difficult. Try to keep activities down to a minimum. Rest and relaxation should be your goal. ☺☺

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't blame your mate for mishaps that you may have contributed to. Invite mutual friends over to relieve some of the tension that has built up between the two of you. ☺☺☺

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Catch up on correspondence. Make a phone call to someone you don't get to see very often. Traffic may be bad, so try to get a head start if you have made plans to travel. ☺☺

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Joint ventures will be successful. Your employer will be pleased with the innovative ideas you implement in your work. Don't give up on love. Just be a bit more attentive. ☺☺☺

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Business trips will be encouraging. You can inspire confidence and build trust through your strong convictions and your determination to accomplish great things. ☺☺

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't let others limit your expression. You may want to recycle some of your old but serviceable goods. Rely on past experience when it comes to finishing projects. ☺☺☺☺

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): An older member of your family may be a burden. Rather than spend time at their place, include them in the activities going on at your house. ☺☺

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Beautification of your living quarters should please the whole family. The purchases made today will be more than satisfactory. Try to make amends with your mate. ☺☺☺

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Problems with in-laws may cause bitter disputes at family gatherings. You mustn't let others become involved in your personal life. Get together with friends who are less likely to interfere. ☺☺☺

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2000 BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIP

Irish avenge regular season loss to Scarlet Knights

◆ **Murphy drops 25 points in first tournament win**

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

NEW YORK

Big East Player of the Year Troy Murphy capped off Notre Dame's 74-62 win over Rutgers by nailing two free throws with 35.8 seconds remaining in regulation, but the result was never really in question.

The Irish (18-13) came out as the aggressors early on, jumping out to a 13-3 advantage over the Scarlet Knights (15-15) on a 3-pointer by senior Jimmy Dillon and eight straight points by freshman Matt Carroll.

"I think that's probably the biggest thing, starting out," Notre Dame head coach Matt Doherty said. "You talk about being the aggressor, jumping out early, and we've done that the last two games."

The Scarlet Knights closed the gap to six with consecutive 3-pointers by freshman Todd Billet, who burned the Irish for 31 points in the teams' last meeting. The Scarlet Knights took advantage of several Irish turnovers to pull as close as four with 12 minutes remaining in the first period.

Then Murphy began to pay Rutgers back for reining him in during Notre Dame's January loss at Rutgers. He scored his first points of the evening by knocking down



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Sophomore center Harold Swanagan rips down a rebound in Notre Dame's regular season loss to Syracuse. Swanagan had 10 points and three rebounds in the Irish win over Rutgers.

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Connecticut wins battle of boards, crushes BC

2000 Men's Big East Championship

Connecticut 70
Boston College 55

Seton Hall 85
Providence 55

Georgetown 85
West Virginia 67

Villanova 65
Pittsburgh 55

Associated Press

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Connecticut opened defense of its Big East Tournament championship with a 70-55 thumping Wednesday of Boston College.

Jake Voskuhl led the Huskies with 16 points and 11 rebounds while Kevin Freeman had 11 points and 11 rebounds. Khalid El-Amin scored 14 points and Albert Mouring added 12.

UConn outrebounded the undermanned Eagles 46-26.

The No. 21 Huskies, national champions a year ago and winners of their last two conference tournaments and three of the last four, dominated after a slow start and BC could not overcome long scoring

droughts. BC, playing without injured Big East Rookie of the Year Troy Bell, simply could not keep up with the deeper Huskies. Kenny Walls led the Eagles with 13 points while Michael Cotton scored 11 and Kenny Harley 10. The victory was UConn's 23rd straight against BC, a streak that ties the Big East Conference record of 23 straight set by Syracuse against Seton Hall from 1982-92. Then Huskies have not lost to the Eagles since the 1987-88 season.

BC opened fast and led 14-6 following consecutive 3-pointers by Xavier Singletary. But then the Eagles went scoreless for nearly eight minutes and UConn shot in front with a run of 12 points.

UConn led 31-25 at the half and then after Walls narrowed BC's deficit to four

points with the first basket of the second half, the Huskies, led by Voskuhl and El-Amin, went on another run of 18-4 to put the game away. Voskuhl had six points and El-Amin five as UConn spurred to an 18-point lead. The victory moved UConn into Thursday's quarterfinals of the Big East tournament.

Georgetown 85, West Virginia 67

Kevin Braswell's 3-pointer with .2 seconds remaining gave Georgetown a victory over West Virginia and kept alive the Hoyas' steak of being in the quarterfinals of all 21 Big East tournaments.

Braswell, who finished with 19 points, took an inbounds pass under his own bas-

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SPORTS
AT A
GLANCE



at Big East Tournament
vs. Miami at New York
Today, 7:30 p.m.



Track
at NCAA Championships
Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m.



Swimming
at NCAA Zone Diving
Friday-Saturday, TBA



at No. 8 Illinois
Today, 3 p.m.



CCHA Quarterfinals
vs. Ferris State
Friday-Sunday, TBA



at BYU
Saturday, 3 p.m.