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Spring break tragedy

♦ Auto accident kills one Saint Mary's student, injures another

By MOLLY McVOY
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's students, faculty and alumni gathered to celebrate the life of Kristi Morris on Monday night at a candlelight prayer service in Regina Chapel.

After an opening song and readings by several members of the senior class, the congregation was invited to share their memories and thoughts on Kristi.

Sister Elizabeth Smoyer from Saint Mary's campus ministry shared a card that Kristi had sent her cousin, who was facing rough times, not long before Kristi died. "Sometimes when we pray — we pray for bad times to go quickly and good times to last longer," Kristi wrote. "But, it is when we pray for the Lord's grace that He carries us peacefully through all times. I love you and I'll be praying for you. Love, Kristi."



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE KRISTI MORRIS FAMILY

Kristi Morris (top right) was killed in a car accident over spring break. Sara Williams (bottom center) was injured and released from the hospital Monday.

In attendance at the service were not only Kristi's friends, but also the family of Sara Williams, the other woman injured in the accident. Lisa Williams, Sara's mother, shared her images of Kristi, whom she had known for nearly eight years.

"It is such a loss," she

shared. "She had such a giving spirit, but she is serving God in another way now. Her grace was in serving others. She's doing different work now. Kristi made everybody she touched a better person."

Kathleen Foley, a Saint Mary's senior and friend of Kristi's, choked back tears

to share what stood out in her mind about Kristi.

"When I think of Kristi, I don't think of her eyes or her smile, like most people," she said.

"I think of her hippie clothes that she made herself. She took the good and

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♦ Prayer service held in Regina to remember victims

By MOLLY McVOY
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Tragedy struck Saint Mary's during spring break when senior Kristi Morris was killed in a car crash on her way to Myrtle Beach, S. C. "She was fearless and young. She wasn't threatened by the things that could hurt her," her mother, Margie Wasoski told WNDU. "I begged her not to go that night, not to drive straight through."

The accident occurred at 9:43 a.m. on Saturday, March 12, near Clinton, S. C., according to Cpl. Mark Gosnell, a spokesman for the South Carolina Highway Patrol.

Morris was driving to Myrtle Beach with a friend, Sara Williams, a junior at Saint Mary's. They decided to drive through the night on Friday to gain time in South Carolina. Morris apparently fell asleep at the wheel and careened into the guardrail on the side of the highway. She was declared dead at the scene, while Williams suffered a broken pelvis and other broken bones, according to South Carolina police.

Williams was taken to Spartanburg Regional Medical Center. She was released from the hospital on Monday. Williams was doing well and is

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Committee names Kevin White new athletic director

By BRIAN BURKE
News Writer

The overhaul of the Notre Dame athletic department, begun with the resignation of Athletic Director Michael Wadsworth and the removal of Father William Beauchamp from all athletic duties, was completed March 13 when Kevin White was brought aboard as the new athletic director.



White

"Kevin White is among the elite members of his profession, with a breadth of experience and a record of accomplishment that few can match." Father Edward Malloy said in a press conference introducing White.

White, formerly the Arizona State Athletic director, will take

the reins of the athletic department April 17 and will become Notre Dame's first athletic director to report directly to the university president.

White has a wealth of experience in athletics administration. Before holding the athletic director position at ASU from 1996 to the present, White headed the athletic programs at Tulane from 1991-96, the University of Maine from 1987-91 and Loras College in Dubuque, La. from 1982-87.

During White's five-year tenure at Tulane, the men's basketball team advanced to the post season each year despite a point shaving schedule which had temporarily disbanded the program.

He enjoyed more success at Arizona State as the Sun Devils rose from No. 23 in the Sears Director' Cup rankings, which ranks schools taking into account all sports, to No. 12. White also turned a \$3 million athletic department deficit in 1996 into a \$1 million surplus by

the end of 1998. At the same time, he increased the athletic operating budget of \$16.7 million to \$26 million.

From 1998-99 223 Arizona State student-athletes earned a 3.0 grade point average or better, demonstrating White's ability to implement effective academic programs for student athletes.

Comfortable with his position at Arizona State, White was not necessarily looking for a change, but found the Notre Dame job too good to pass up.

"Notre Dame is a special, special place," White said. "To be sure, our family is extremely excited by this kind and generous invitation to join the most celebrated university community in the world."

"Personally speaking, I am both terribly flattered and honored to be offered this very special opportunity to lead the Irish athletic program into the new millennium," he continued.

White had no comment on the current state of specific sports at

Notre Dame until he is able to examine them closely. He did, however, express enthusiasm about the rising men's basketball team as well as the excellent tournament performances of the women's basketball team in recent years.

In the search for an athletic director, the University looked for a candidate with experience and an understanding of Notre Dame values.

"Equally important, and despite the fact that he has no previous Notre Dame connection, he is one of those people with a deep personal affinity for this University and its tradition," Malloy said. "We are delighted to make him an official member of the Notre Dame family."

In addition to his duties as

Arizona State's athletic director, White has also been involved with numerous athletic committees.

White has served on the NCAA Council, formerly the association's highest governing body, and was also the chairman of the Pacific 10 Conference's television and Bowl committee while at Arizona State.

An Amityville, N.Y. native, White received his bachelor's

degree in business administration in 1972 from St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Ind. where he also was a sprinter for the track and field team. He then went on to earn a master's degree in athletics administration from Central Michigan University, and a Ph.D. from Southern Illinois.

"Personally speaking, I am both terribly flattered and honored to be offered this very special opportunity."

Kevin White
athletic director

INSIDE COLUMN

Popes and prophecy

On the Ides of March (only coincidentally my birthday) last week, nearly 500 people were killed in a Waco-like conflagration in Uganda. Like some sort of Catholic Branch-Davidians, these eschatological radicals believed that the Virgin Mary had promised them that March 15 was the end of the world. And for them it was.

Though it is easy to distance ourselves from this kind of radical action, most of us are still fascinated with prophecies regarding the Parousia and the Eschaton. (For those of you who slept through Theo 100, that's "the Second Coming" and "the end of time"). Aside from the Christ and the Antichrist, the most prominent figure in most prophecies is that of the Pope.

Most well known of arcane Christian prophets is Nostradamus. Buried in his esoteric and enigmatic quatrains can be found references to the last pope of all time. Nostradamus describes a man born as a Jew ... the first Jew to hold the papal office in centuries. He will be known by the same name as the first pope, and he will reign at the same time that the third and final antichrist will come to political power. The Cardinal Archbishop of Paris converted from Judaism at an early age and is thought by some to be papabile. Some ask, "Is this coincidence?" and "What happens if he is elected pope?" I guess we can only wait and watch.

Less well known are the prophecies of St. Malachy. Attributed to the 12th century Irish bishop of Connor and Armagh, these prophecies consist of a list of notes on 112 popes, from his time to the end of the world. Questionable in their authenticity, the notes each describe something of the pontiff's coat of arms, pontificate or personality. While some are as vague as the quatrains of the better known Nostradamus, some descriptions, of even modern popes, are strikingly clear. The real kicker? After Pope John Paul II, there are only two popes left. Though he does not actually specify that there will be no other popes between his last two, there have as yet been no gaps in his 800 year old list. The last bishop of Rome will be called Peter the Roman and will reign in a time of both unusual peace and unprecedented turmoil.

Radical conservative Protestant leaders and televangelists have often pointed to the Apocalypse of John to identify the pope as the beast, identified by his blasphemous name. They point out that there have already been five popes named Sixtus, and the sixth of this name would be the harbinger of doom because of his name's similarity to the name of the beast: 666.

Whether you take any of these seriously, or think they are nonsense, we are all called to remember that no one shall know the day or the hour. Moreover, if we are caught unawares when the Christ comes again we will be left in the outer darkness, where there will be a wailing and a gnashing of teeth.

Not a pleasant thought, is it?

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THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

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<p>◆ Lecture: "Inferno 5 in its Lyric Context," Teodolinda Barolini, 102 Hesburgh Library, 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>◆ Lessons: Learn to waltz, 301 Rockne Memorial, 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>◆ Film: "Amistad," Montgomery Theater, 2 p.m.</p> <p>◆ Speaker: Nonotchka Rosca, Asian Heritage Month, Stapleton Lounge, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>◆ Lecture: "The Role of Business in Overcoming Poverty," Peter and Linda Biehl, Jordan Auditorium, 4 p.m.</p> <p>◆ Concert: Glee Club, Washington Hall, 8 p.m.</p>	<p>◆ Dance: Folk dancing, Clubhouse, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>◆ Film: "Run Lola Run," Annenberg Auditorium, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.</p> <p>◆ Performance: Dance-spring 2000, O'Laughlin Auditorium, 8 p.m.</p>

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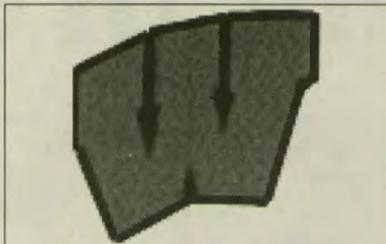
Wisconsin will continue to watch Napster

MADISON, Wis. Napster Inc., the controversial MP3 trading software company that allows users to download popular songs over the Internet, has recently been banned from various universities nationwide.

Although UW-Madison has not yet banned the software, the issue has not gone unnoticed by UW staff.

Senior technical manager at UW's Division of Information Technology discussed the issue in a recent meeting and brought it up to the network staff a short while ago, said Brian Rust, marketing communications manager for DoIT.

"If we start noticing a problem with excess travel on the network, we'll investigate and issue a recommendation and a report to the administration," he said. "At this point, we have no plan of taking action."



Napster, a San Mateo, Calif.-based company, has developed software enabling users to set up their computers as servers to trade MP3 sound files.

Recently, numerous universities across the country have clashed with Napster.

"Universities are noticing that Napster is causing enough traffic on their network that it is slowing things down considerably," Rust said.

Rust compared university networks as being similar to a highway clogged by a traffic jam.

"There's only so much room for packets of information to travel on the highway," he said.

Napster takes up a lot of university network space, causing congested traffic and consequently, slows transference of information.

According to the Students Against University Censorship website at www.savenapster.com, 198 universities have banned Napster. Among these are several Wisconsin universities, including the UW campuses at Oshkosh and Platteville.

Other universities that have banned the software include the University of Minnesota, Northwestern University and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Illinois freshman treated for meningitis

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.

A University of Illinois student was treated and released during spring break for a bacterial infection that could have quickly led to meningitis. Brian Firfer, a freshman in engineering, was admitted to Carle Foundation Hospital March 10 with a 104-degree fever and rash. He was diagnosed with a Type B meningococcal infection. The bacterial infection can lead to meningitis — the inflammation of the lining of the brain and spinal cord — and meningococemia, an infection that spreads throughout the body. The infection was controlled at the hospital because it was caught shortly after the symptoms appeared, said McKinley Health Center Medical Director Dr. David Lawrance. If the infection is not caught in its early stages, it can lead to the loss of limbs or death. Firfer said he was treated with intravenous antibiotics and was released in good condition March 14. Firfer said people who had close contact with him were treated with antibiotic pills. Members of Firfer's fraternity and students in his dorm were also contacted by university officials.

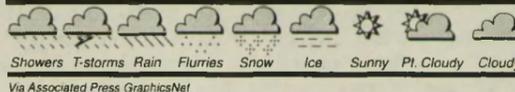
Former Indiana chancellor dies at 97

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.

Legendary former president and chancellor of Indiana University, Herman Wells, passed away Saturday night from pneumonia and heart failure at the age of 97. Wells, who had suffered from heart problems, died in his home at about 7:45 p.m. Wells, recently named IU's "Man of the Century," served as university president from 1938 to 1962 before becoming chancellor. Among his many accomplishments, Wells was instrumental in the desegregation of IU, a proponent of academic freedom and developing an overall vision for the campus' architecture. He is also widely credited with improving the cultural atmosphere of the university, initiating the construction of the IU Auditorium in 1941 and developing the School of Music. The university experienced its greatest growth under the leadership of Wells, with the student body nearly tripling from 11,000 in 1938 to 31,000 in 1962. He also widened its scope to encompass the globe, adding study programs such as Hebrew and Folklore. "It's remarkable that he brought all of that to the fore during a time when American isolationism was pretty strong," said IU Vice President Kenneth Louis.

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Saint Mary's students fill spring break with service



Junior Mary Wald paints a food bank's door in Clintwood, Va. Eleven Saint Mary's women went to Clintwood to do service during spring break.

By KATIE McVOY
News Writer

Last week 11 Saint Mary's women traveled to Virginia to spend a week in service for the residents of Clintwood, Va. Assistant nursing professor Ella Harmeyer accompanied the students on the trip and Sister Jean Korkisch, who lives in Clintwood, organized the week's activities.

The women who participated in the trip found it to be a very rewarding experience.

"It was amazing to see how genuinely happy [the people of Clintwood] are and how appreciative they are for all the little things," junior education major Genevieve Yavello said.

The women spent the week refurbishing the Food Bank of Dickenson County. The Food Bank, which is the largest food bank in Virginia, services the residents of the county who are on assistance by providing food and clothing for them. Sixty-eight percent of the residents of Dickenson County are on some type of assistance.

The women cleaned rooms previously used for storage. They knocked down one wall, and repaired and repainted other walls. The women also painted the outside of the shelter and spent two days distributing food.

The women worked for about six hours each day. In the evenings they enjoyed entertainment as well as discussions regarding the community and the culture of Appalachia.

"It was an eye-opening experience to learn about some of the issues facing these people," Yavello said. "It was very inspiring for me to see how strong they are."

Ken Childress, a local folk singer, spent one evening with the women singing folk songs and songs of the coal miners.

"I really enjoyed when Ken Childress came and shared with us some folk music of the area," Yavello said. "He was a great man. He told us stories and got us all involved with the songs. I think everyone would agree that he was very enjoyable."

Franchette and Vincent Fanelli also spent an evening with the women discussing the Fourth World Movement and Tapori, an organization advocating children's rights. Local residents spoke about strip coal mining and clear-cutting and the problems they are causing for the

residents of the Appalachia.

"It was really surprising to learn about the strip mining," junior history major Mary Wald said. "The last owners of the land signed over the rights to the natural resources of the land. The companies that own the rights can now drill under the land and that is making the wells dry up and the people don't

have any water." In addition to the problems caused by strip mining, the clear-cutting is causing

flooding and destroying resources for the community. The effects of the presence of these companies in communities such as Clintwood are mixed. The companies provide the only source of employment for the poor towns, but they are ruining natural resources and destroying the environment.

The Saint Mary's women also visited a local elementary school where they met students from the area. Many of the young people from Clintwood leave the area after they are educated.

"We export coal, gas and our children," Korkisch said.

In addition to getting to know the people of Clintwood, the women also got to know each other better. The group spent the week in the same house and took care of their own cooking and cleaning.

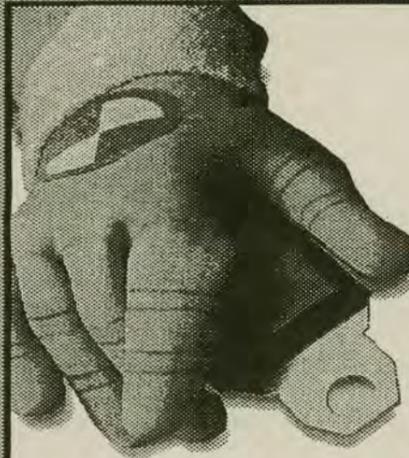
"I loved being with the women and getting to know them," Wald said.

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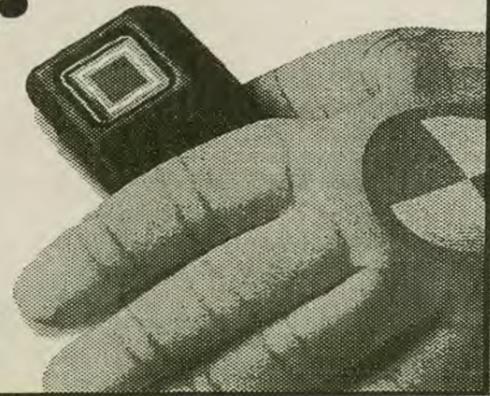
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junior

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Sister Jean Korkisch
Clintwood resident



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Williams was doing well and is expected to recover, according to the nursing staff of the Medical Center. She is currently traveling home with her father, according to Lisa Williams, her mother.

"[Kristi] hit a guardrail. It took down 12 feet of guardrail. It went through the car," her mother said. "She didn't live long, but she lived long enough to say 'Sara I'm sorry' and 'I thought that's my baby.' That's what she would say and I'm sure that's what was her last thought."

Morris, a resident of South Bend, graduated from Saint Joseph's High School in 1996. Diane Fox, an English teacher at the high school who had Morris for two classes, remembers her as quiet but caring.

"The thing about Kristi, was she went about quietly doing her

thing," Fox said. "She never brought attention to herself but she was always there helping people." Fox explained that Morris stopped by the high school on Thursday to visit the staff before she left for break.

"I think that she was very interested in learning, especially in her major," Fox said. "She was looking forward to graduating, she was very interested in service." Morris, a social work major, was a volunteer at the Women's Care Center and taught CCD classes at Holy Cross School. Morris also served as an intern for Child Protective Services and was a pro-life advocate.

"Kristi intended on being here and touching hundreds of lives, and people who never knew her will miss her and not even know," Kristi's mom said.

The Morris family has established a trust fund, mainly to assist with funeral expenses. Any donations can be sent to: Kristi A. Morris Fund, St. Joseph Capital Bank, 3820 Edison Lakes Parkway, Mishawaka, IN 46545.

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don't think of her eyes or her smile, like most people," she said.

"I think of her hippie clothes that she made herself. She took the good and the bad and sewed them together and made something beautiful. So, when you remember Kristi, remember patches and how beautiful they can be, especially when accompanied by a beautiful smile, bright eyes and a warm heart."

Sara's mother also explained that Sara shared what Kristi meant to her while she was in the hospital.

"Kristi gave [Sara] courage, helped direct her in her life path, made her a better person," she said.

Smoyer explained that what stood out most about Kristi was her devotion to people that she will always remember.

"[What stood out most about Kristi] was her passionate love of people and her willingness to act on that passion," Smoyer said.

People did appear to be what was most important to Kristi, at least according to

her mission statement, which she wrote it as part of the curriculum of the social work major. Her mission was "to respect and uphold the dignity of families, through charity inspired by hope, for the benefit of the larger society."

Seniors who knew Kristi came for support and shared grief, but seniors who did not know her, or did not know her well, came to offer their support. Many of those seniors expressed sadness that they did not get a chance to know Kristi.

"I just feel a better person hearing these stories about her," Penelope Kistka, a senior, said. "It's so emotional to see how she

touched people's lives. From hearing such meaningful messages from everyone, it's clear she touched so many lives. It sort of gives you peace, knowing how one life can touch so many."

The support the Saint

Mary's community offered her friends and family also impressed Kistka.

"What a way to pull together," she said. "It's moments like these that make me never want to leave this place. It's such a supportive community."

If anything can be gained from this tragedy, it is the ability to deal with other losses, Smoyer said.

"Grief has its own rhythms," she said. "Part of the gift of Kristi's death is that we touched those places where we have pain again and maybe we can take that healing another step."

The counseling and career development office will provide counseling for students during

office hours. If counseling is needed at non-office hours, a RA is welcome to call one of the counselors at home.

There will be a memorial mass in Kristi's honor on Friday at noon in Regina Chapel.

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Penelope Kistka
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

U. S. bans gas additive because of water pollution

WASHINGTON

The Clinton administration moved Monday to ban the gasoline additive MTBE, an octane booster that has helped clean the air but has begun to contaminate water supplies around the country. "The time has come to take action," said Carol Browner, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. "Americans deserve both clean air and clean water, and never one at the expense of the other." MTBE, or methyl tertiary butyl ether, is now used in one-third of the gasoline sold in the United States, primarily in areas with smog problems. The ban, expected to take up to three years to implement, is a "backstop measure" in case Congress can't agree on a way to phase out MTBE, Browner said.

Clinton continues mission in South Asia to prevent disputes

NEW DELHI, India

President Clinton's mission to back South Asia away from nuclear-tinged confrontation is beginning wordlessly, at the simple marble monument to Gandhi's apostle of nonviolence. With the silent laying of a wreath in homage to Mohandas Gandhi on Tuesday morning, President Clinton was planning to let the imagery speak for itself. But after that came a series of meetings at which Clinton hoped to persuade reluctant Indian leaders to ban nuclear testing and cool tensions with Pakistan in their bitter dispute over the Himalayan territory of Kashmir. Formally opening the first visit in 22 years by an American president, Clinton was set for a pomp-filled welcome at Rashtrapati Bhavan, the presidential palace.

Leaders of China and Taiwan plan to start negotiations

TAIPEI, Taiwan

In their first public verbal volley, Taiwan's next president and China's top leader agreed Monday that they should negotiate an end to five decades of feuding — but neither budged on major points that have blocked talks. The highly anticipated statement from Chinese President Jiang Zemin said Chen Shui-bian, who won Saturday's election despite China's intense opposition, was welcome to come to the mainland for talks. Beijing imposed a condition, however, repeating that Taiwan must first recognize that it is an inseparable part of China. During the campaign, Chinese officials tried to brand Chen, a former Taipei mayor and opposition leader, as a radical who would declare Taiwan independence and spark a conflict with China's military just 80 miles across the Taiwan Strait. Since the two sides split amid civil war in 1949, Beijing has given the island a choice: eventual reunification or war.

JORDAN



Pope John Paul II touches a bowl of Jordanian soil held by a youth upon his arrival at Queen Alia Airport in the Jordanian capital Amman Monday. The pope is on a week-long tour of holy places in Jordan, Israel and Palestine.

Pope journeys through Holy Land

Associated Press

AMMAN

Pope John Paul II embarked on a strenuous and spiritual tour of the Holy Land on Monday, a frail pilgrim calling for peace and justice for Jews, Christians and Muslims in a region that has seen the three faiths torn by centuries of conflict.

The 79-year-old pope was making a 27-hour stop in Jordan on his tour of Old and New Testament sites that will take him to Israel and the Palestinian territories — visits fraught with controversy. John Paul insists it is a spiritual trip with no political agenda, but he also hopes to be a catalyst for peace and harmony.

"No matter how difficult, no matter how long, the process of seeking peace must continue," the pontiff said on the first day of his weeklong trip.

Upon arriving from Rome, John Paul went immediately to Mount Nebo, where tradition says the prophet Moses first saw the Promised Land after wandering for 40 years in the desert. He spent for five minutes, in the desert at the Dead Sea, Jericho and the hills of Jerusalem through the afternoon haze.

"Our gaze directed toward Jerusalem, let us lift up our prayers to Almighty God, for all the people living in the land of promise, Jews, Muslims, Christians," he said. "Bestow upon all who live here the

gift of true peace, justice, fraternity."

The pope slurred his words and his left hand shook as he gripped his silver staff — symptoms of Parkinson's, a progressive neurological disorder. His spokesman, Joaquin Navarro-Valls, said a cut visible on John Paul's forehead happened when he bumped into a bookshelf in his study Friday.

But the pontiff was in good spirits as he began the first trip to the Holy Land by a pope in 36 years, fulfilling one of the dreams of his papacy at the time his church is marking the start of Christianity's third millennium. Aboard his Alitalia flight from Rome, Navarro-Valls said he told the pope the media was excited about the trip.

UGANDA

More than 300 suicide victims found

Associated Press

KAMPALA

Prisoners dug a long trench Monday and a bulldozer shoveled charred corpses into a common grave, the final resting place for hundreds of members of a religious cult led by a former prostitute.

Most of the victims apparently were women, and police counted the bodies of 78 children, the interior minister said. He put the total number of dead at 330.

"These are the ones we

could count," Interior Minister Edward Rugumayo said. "The others are unrecognizable."

Rugumayo spoke to reporters in Kampala after inspecting the burned hulk of the church hall just outside Kanungu, 215 miles southwest of the Ugandan capital. He said that in addition to the 330 bodies found after Friday's fire in the church, five bodies were spotted through a hole in a nearby pit latrine.

Rugumayo said police were sure there were more bodies in the latrine, a walled, communal struc-

ture common in African villages, but were awaiting digging equipment to excavate the pit. He did not offer an explanation of how or when the bodies got into the latrine.

Official estimates of the number of deaths have varied between 235 and 600. On Monday, bodies were shoveled into a long trench dug by inmates, but it did not appear that officials were counting victims.

"What emerges out of all this," Rugumayo said of the sect, "is that the authorities never suspected any-

thing."

He said the 10-year-old Christian sect, known as the Movement for the Restoration of the Ten Commandments of God, was founded by Cleodonia Mwerinde, a former prostitute who had the chapel built on the grave of her father. The sect had about 1,000 members in nine districts in Uganda and was legally registered as a non-governmental organization.

"There are still sect members out in other districts, and they are being pursued," Rugumayo said.

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CLC

Group questions academic standards

By HELENA RAYAM
News Writer

Campus Life Council members returned from spring break with a light agenda, consisting of a review of old business and an announcement of upcoming plans.

Members will research the election rule that requires student candidates to be in good academic standing.

"We're looking into whether it should be a 2.0 or a 1.8 [for freshmen]," student body president Micah Murphy said.

The University's minimum grade point average for freshmen to be in good academic standing is a 1.8 and a 2.0 for

other classes. Although freshmen with good academic standing according to the 1.8 standard can run for office, they would be running for offices that they will receive as sophomores. As sophomores, a higher academic standard would be required.

"I think for freshmen especially it should be higher," Student Union Board manager Ross Kerr said.

The Source, the University's student organization handbook, states that students

must have satisfactory academic standing, but does not explicitly define whether the 1.8 standard applies to the freshmen that run for sopho-

more offices in student government or other organizations.

Likewise, dorms and organizations have varying rules as to what constitutes satisfactory or good academic standing.

Kerr said that because an office will require an increased time commitment, the 2.0 minimum GPA should be the rule across the board.

In Other CLC News:

◆ Coalition Council representative Michael Fierro announced that 124 high school seniors would attend Spring Visitation Weekend, which is a minority recruitment weekend from March 30 through April 2.

◆ The Sweatshop Task Force will hold a meeting tomorrow in DeBartolo to discuss joining the Workers' Rights Consortium.

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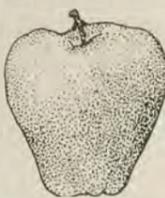
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Republicans launch petition for Dole as VP

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Despite her opposition, supporters of Elizabeth Dole launched a petition drive Monday to make her the Republican Party's vice presidential candidate.



Dole

"We strongly believe that a Bush-Dole ticket is the best chance for a Republican victory in 2000," said Pam Coy, spokeswoman for "The National Petition Drive for Elizabeth Dole for Vice President."

"She's going to be like a breath of fresh air in Washington," Coy added. "She has an amazing ability to multitask like nobody we've ever seen."

As part of its effort, the group launched a Web site and mailed informational packets to Republican governors and other party leaders around the country. The packets include a sign-up form, sample letters of support to

newspaper editors, display ads and a prerecorded radio spot.

While no petition can formally place Dole on the GOP ticket, organizers hope to generate a groundswell that convinces the presumptive Republican nominee, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, to pick the former Cabinet secretary and ex-American Red Cross president as his running mate.

Dole's campaign says it does not support the effort by Earl Cox, a Charleston, S.C., resident who previously tried to draft Colin Powell as president and Dole as a presidential candidate before she launched her own aborted candidacy last year.

"We are opposed to it and we asked them not to proceed," said Stewart McLaurin, a Dole spokesman.

"She's just not supportive of such a draft or petition drive."

"We strongly believe that a Bush-Dole ticket is the best chance for a Republican victory in 2000."

Pam Coy
spokeswoman

A r i Fleischer, Dole's former spokesman who now works for Bush, said talk of a running mate is premature.

He outlined the three criteria Bush has said he will use to pick his running mate: someone who can be president, who agrees with his political philosophy and who likes him personally.

"Those will be the criteria the governor uses," he said.

Sweatshop meeting held today

By TIM LOGAN
News Writer

On college campuses nationwide, students have been demanding their universities take a tougher stand against labor abuses in apparel manufacturing.

In recent months, those demands have focused on the groups that have formed to combat sweatshop labor. Specifically, activists have asked universities to join the fledgling Workers Rights Consortium (WRC), an alliance of non-profit, pro-worker groups, instead of the year-old Fair Labor Association (FLA), which has both activists and corporations on its board.

Several major colleges and universities have agreed to join the WRC, and at Notre Dame, anti-sweatshop activists will ask University president Father Edward Malloy to follow suit today at an open meeting.

The Progressive Student Alliance has presented a March 27 deadline for Notre Dame to join the WRC, and will discuss the move with Malloy in the public meeting, at 5:30 in 101 DeBartolo. University counsel Carol Kaesebier and William Hoye, chair of the Task Force on Anti-Sweatshop Initiatives will also attend.

The organizers are optimistic that the meeting will be a success.

"We hope we're going to be able to present our case for the living wage, the FLA and joining the WRC and have a discussion around that," said Aaron Kreider of the PSA, which requested the meeting.

Hoye, who has led the Task Force since its inception in August, and whom Malloy asked to attend, said that he was anticipating a good discussion.

"Any time you have a chance to sit down and talk with people who are concerned about this issue, it's a good thing," he said.

The issue that is likely to dominate discussion is the possibility of Notre Dame joining the WRC. Eighteen schools have joined the consortium, including Indiana University and the Universities of Michigan and Wisconsin. Many of these institutions have joined after large-scale student activism on their campuses.

The WRC differs from the FLA, of which Notre Dame and more than 120 other schools are members, because it consists largely of non-profit organizations. The FLA board is divided evenly between workers rights organizations and corporations that manufacture apparel, with one seat for a university representative. Critics say this heavy corporate presence weakens the FLA's ability to affect change.

"It's like the fox guarding the chicken coop," Kreider said. "Whereas the WRC is

based largely on [non-governmental organizations], and I think they would hold corporations to a higher standard, and they do."

The Task Force is studying WRC membership, according to Hoye, and has requested information on the group's structure, governance and monitoring system. But they have not yet received that information, he said, and thus will likely not make a recommendation before the PSA's deadline, which arrives Monday.

The deadline comes less than two weeks before the WRC's founding conference on April 7. Activists note that the University will be able to play a greater role in shaping the consortium if it is a member at that meeting. Hoye said he had hoped to send a student member of the Task Force to the meeting, in order to gather information about the WRC.

If Notre Dame joins the group, the University must turn over one percent of its licensing revenue, Hoye said, and the Task Force wants to make sure that membership will complement the University's other anti-sweatshop initiatives before signing on.

The Faculty Senate asked the University on March 7 to join the WRC, and Kreider said the PSA would circulate a petition and solicit endorsements from campus groups in support of the move.

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Hillary campaigns against Ritalin use

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Hillary Rodham Clinton used the power of the White House bully pulpit to call attention Monday to a troubling matter for parents of preschoolers — the use of Ritalin and other mind-altering drugs to treat youngsters' behavior.



Clinton

The would-be senator from New York announced several federal initiatives after a White House meeting with Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala, Surgeon General David Satcher and other child and health leaders.

"We are not here to bash the use of these medications," said Clinton. "But we do have to ask some serious questions about the use of prescription drugs."

She outlined a plan to ask the Food and Drug Administration to issue guidelines for use of such drugs for children under 6. She also proposed more clinical trials on the young, a fall conference on children's mental health, handbooks for parents and training for doctors who treat their children.

The first lady later dismissed questions about whether the White House event was primarily intended to bolster her Senate campaign in New York against New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, her presumed Republican rival. He, too, has been accused of campaigning from city hall.

"I've worked on these issues for more than 30 years," said Clinton. "I'm going to keep working on

them."

But taking the lead on family issues from Washington could give the first lady an advantage in her new home state, said political scientist Griffin Hathaway of Towson State University in Maryland.

"The White House platform is the most visible in the country," Hathaway said. "With an unprecedented congressional campaign by an incumbent first lady, that magnet is even more amplified."

But there are risks, he said: "If the policy initiatives have not worked, that can generate backlash."

Clinton said she was motivated by research showing a steep climb in toddlers being medicated without adequate research into what works best for children still undergoing crucial brain development.

Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, or ADHD, usually is diagnosed in school-age children based on interviews and observed behavior. Symptoms include a restless inability to sit still to read,

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**Hillary Clinton
Senate candidate**

study or even watch television. Some mild forms of these symptoms are common in many

children, leading experts to worry that ADHD is diagnosed too often.

"Some of these young people have problems that are symptoms of nothing more than childhood or adolescence," Clinton said.

The Journal of the American Medical Association reported that from 1991 to 1995, doctors' prescriptions for 2- to 4-year-olds jumped threefold for Ritalin, a common brand name for the stimulant methylphenidate. The drug is believed to increase a child's alertness by stimulating the central nervous system.

Bush trails Gore in spendable cash

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

His record-shattering treasury drained by a \$2 million-a-week advertising binge, George W. Bush for the first time trails Democratic rival Al Gore in available cash to spend pursuing the White House over the next five months, records showed Monday.



Bush

The Texas governor's latest spending report shows he began March with just \$7.5 million — a tenth of the \$73.9 million war chest he amassed while vanquishing a tougher-than-expected challenge from John McCain for the Republican presidential nomination.

In contrast, Gore's spending slowed over the last two months along with the threat from his now-ousted challenger Bill Bradley, leaving the vice president with \$10 million in the bank to begin the month, campaign aides said.

Bush already has begun to hit the fund-raising trail in pursuit of \$10 million in fresh funds — a marked reversal that now forces him to catch up in a money chase he once dominated.

The Texas governor cited the "hard-fought primary" in releasing a report that detailed the sudden reversal of fortunes. His aides said he already has raised \$225,000 this month since capturing the GOP nomination on March 14.

"America is ready for a fresh start after eight years of partisanship, division and gridlock

under Clinton-Gore. America is ready for a president who will bring people together to reform education, save Social Security, strengthen our military and lower taxes," Bush said.

Both men face challenges as they try to conserve money for national advertising and targeting of key electoral states over the next five months. Late this summer they'll each receive \$67.6 million in federal funds for their fall campaigns.

Experts say Bush has raised so much money for primaries that he has tapped most of the traditional GOP donor base, while Gore is facing a \$40.5 million spending limit he agreed to when he accepted federal funds for his primary campaign. Bush declined federal financing for the primaries, freeing him from the limits.

With some additional fund raising, Gore expects to have about \$14 million to spend through his party's nominating convention. If Bush reaches his goal, he'd have about \$17 million to spend before the convention.

"It won't be as much as an advantage as Bush hoped for at the start of the process," said Anthony Corrado, a professor of government at Colby College in Maine who studies political financing.

The Feb. spending report details where much of Bush's

historic treasury went. A computer analysis showed he spent \$13.2 million last month — \$7.6 million of it on advertising in nine states with early primaries such as California, New York, South Carolina and Michigan. He won three of the four, ultimately forcing McCain from the race.

Bush also spent \$1.9 million on direct mail and postage, \$236,000 on telemarketing, and \$72,500 on polling.

The spending brought his total at the start of March to \$63.3 million. And he still had another \$3.1 million in unpaid bills — including \$874,921 for telemarketing and \$1.1 million for direct mail — leaving him about \$7.5 million in the bank.

In comparison, Gore reported \$4.1 million in unspent money at the end of February plus another \$7 million in unspent federal funds owed his campaign. He spent \$6.1 million last month, bringing his overall spending total to \$33 million, leave that and raised \$2.1 million, bringing his fund-raising total to \$37.2 million. Gore also reported debts of \$1 million.

Aides said Gore was on pace to raise \$400,000 this week at fund-raisers in New York

"America is ready for a fresh start after eight years of partisanship, division and gridlock under Clinton-Gore."

**George W. Bush
presidential candidate**

and New Jersey. While much attention is on Bush's prolific spending, Corrado noted the Texas governor needed to force more than a half-dozen Republican challengers out of the race, including a free spending millionaire, Steve Forbes, and McCain, a self-styled maverick who caught on late with the public.



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Mother of 6-year-old killer defends her actions

Associated Press

MOUNT MORRIS TOWNSHIP, Mich.

Evicted, pushed off welfare and working two jobs to make ends meet, Tamarla Owens says she was just trying to help her sons when she sent them to live with her brother.

Now she is left praying both for her 6-year-old son and for the family of young Kayla Rolland, whom the boy is accused of killing in their first-grade classroom with a gun found at his uncle's home.

"I cry every night for Kayla," Owens said in an interview last week. "It's not fair a mother had to lose a child. They're in my prayers every night."

Prosecutors' depiction of Owens as a neglectful mother who sent her son to live in a "flop house" is unfair, she said.

Owens claimed she didn't know it was a dangerous environment and said she thought it was the best way to ensure that the boys could continue attending their regular school.

"I'm not that bad a person everybody is saying I am," she said.

Owens, 29, and her husband, Dedric Owens, who is in

jail on a probation violation, were charged with child neglect in the Feb. 29 shooting at Buell Elementary School.

A judge has given Owens' sister temporary custody of the couple's 6- and 8-year-old sons and 5-year-old daughter. A custody hearing is scheduled for Tuesday.

Meanwhile Monday, two men pleaded innocent to federal charges of possessing a stolen handgun police say the boy used in last month's killing. Jamelle Andre James, 19, and the boy's uncle, Sir Marcus Winfrey, 22, were ordered jailed on \$25,000 bond apiece.

Winfrey's lawyer said his client was unjustly being blamed. "It's clear the government's interested in scapegoats," William Swore said.

Owens said her life has been tough since she became pregnant at 20.

With her husband in and out of jail, Owens for a while stayed home with her kids while living off welfare.

But in January 1999, required to work as part of Gov. John Engler's effort to get people off welfare, she found two part-time jobs at a mall about 35 miles from her Mount Morris Township home

just north of Flint.

The commute required taking two buses each way. On some days, she left home at 8:30 a.m. — not returning until 11 p.m. During those days, family members and friends watched the children while she was gone, she said.

Then, eight days before the school shooting, she was evicted for falling behind on the rent. Owens said she couldn't find another affordable place, so she sent her sons to her brother's house and her daughter to her sister's. She wouldn't say where she stayed herself.

"My brother is really responsible. He made sure they ate, he made sure they had clean clothes to go to school, he made sure they took baths and he walked them to school every day," she said.

Allegations of guns and drugs in the house are news to her, she said.

"I never sat in his house for hours at a time. I go check on him, and then I'm gone," she said.

Owens said she feels partly to blame because she wasn't home as often as she thought she should be. But that, she said, is because the state told

her she had to work.

"Sometimes single mothers is all kids have, and if you take that single mother from them, then they have nothing," she said.

John Truscott, a spokesman for the governor, said the state probably could have prevented Owens from being evicted. And as part of Engler's welfare plan, the state provides child care, transportation and medical insurance to people who leave the welfare rolls to get jobs.

Her minister said Owens turned to her siblings for help with the best of intentions. "She put them to where she knew there would be somebody to love and cherish her kids because of the closeness of her family," said Pastor Danyiel Griffin of the El Bethel Evangelistic Missionary

Baptist Church in Flint.

Owens said she still doesn't know exactly what happened the day of the shooting. Her 6-year-old son — whom she described as "the most lovable little boy I've ever known" —

usually withdraws when she has tried to talk about it.

But she has vivid memories of his response just after the shooting: "He was like, 'I shot a little girl,'

and I started crying, then he was like, 'Well, Mama I didn't mean to,' then he started crying, so we were both crying standing in the hallway just crying. And he was like, 'Mama, I really didn't mean to.'"

Later, she asked him again what had happened.

"I didn't mean to shoot her, Mama. I didn't mean for her to die," her son answered, then started coloring and asked her to read him a book.

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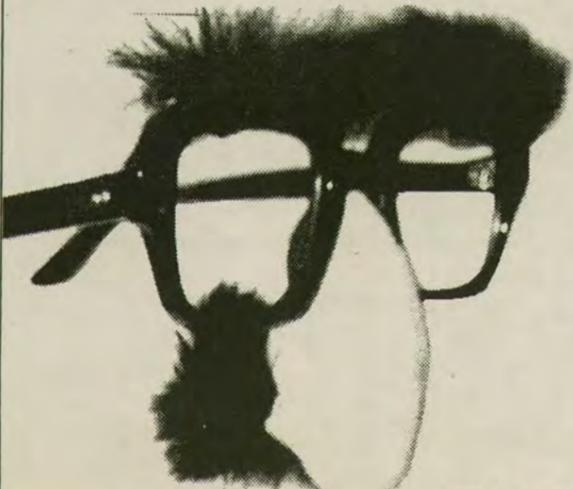
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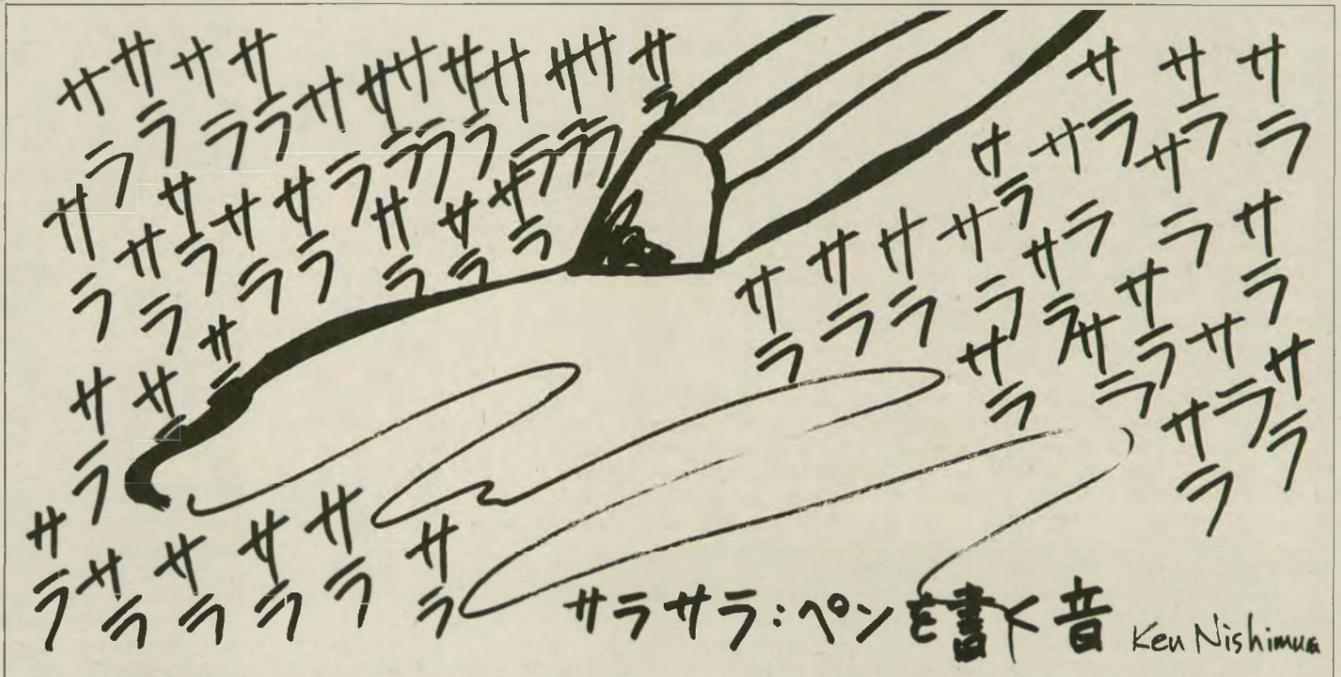
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Social notes from a bygone era

Authors Note: Grace Hall is home to fax machines and tie-wearing folk in this modern era, but in timeworn days of yore (1996), Grace was an actual dormitory housing actual male students wearing actual khakis. From The Observer's society pages of that halcyon age we bring you this snippet of that genteel gentlemen's domain — otherwise, look for it only in the memories of plaid-wearing, American Express Platinum Card-waving alumnus, for it is no more than a dream remembered, a civilization gone with the wind...

Mary Beth Ellis

*Changes in Latitude,
Changes in Attitude*

Friday last, Matt Harrigan, of 724 Grace Hall, hosted a delightful soiree featuring loud obnoxious music and large quantities of cheap beer. The singular Mr. Harrigan, whose hobbies, according to his dogbook entry, are "music and sports," co-hosted the event with his roommate, fellow freshman Mike Warmsby. Exclusively invited to the intimate gathering were a bunch of guys from Warmsby's 20th Century American Literature class and the entire north wing of Regina Hall.

Preparations for the evening began as early as 4 p.m. on the day of the soiree, when Harrigan took stock of his posh bachelor digs (enhanced this semester by a fresh coat of beige paint, liberally applied over the summer holiday by the renowned design firm University of Notre Dame Building Maintenance.) He took a daring redecorative plunge, concerned that the room did not present exactly the welcoming atmosphere he desired ("Oh, *&%, it smells like %\$@ in here, Warmsby!" were his precise words, this reporter has learned) An open,

airy effect was achieved by removing the four sweatshirts, two pairs of cotton briefs, and 18 Papa John's boxes that formerly adorned the floor of 724 Grace Hall and cramming them into the nearest available closet. A 10-minute search was made of the immediate section for a can of air freshener; as their most resourceful comrades, Craig "Mad Dog" Swope and Tom "Epworth" Epworth were not receiving callers at the time, having repaired to a small gathering down the hall to partake of a rousing round of Rebel Assault II, the gallant hosts made a search of the corridor's janitorial supply pantry and saved the day with several refreshing squirts of Lemon-Fresh Pledge directed in the general vicinity of their closet.

A daring avant-garde decorative theme was chosen for the festivities. Harrigan and Warmsby installed black-light bulbs and a magenta lava lamp, purchased the previous afternoon at the University Park Mall branch of Spencer's Gifts. These additions lent an enchanting accent to the gentlemen's fine furnishings, a magnificent 1978-circa orange and brown nappy couch with several unidentified stains on the left arm, and a chi-chi minimalist table fashioned from an ironing board balanced across two plastic crates.

The first ladies to arrive were glamorously whisked from Regina Hall to Modern Quad via a splendidly orange Transpo shuttle bus. Among the early guests were Amy Townsend, fetching in a completely original Eddie Bauer mock turtleneck. Her roommate, Lisa Whittier, opted for an earthier look, which insisted of jeans and a t-shirt whimsically emblazoned, "THE ONLY 4.0 I EARNED AT NOTRE DAME WAS MY BLOOD ALCOHOL LEVEL." Accompanying them was a member of their biology lab group, Grace Hallows,

no one remembers for certain what she was wearing, although Townsend feels certain that The Gap was somehow involved.

As the fire safety capacity of 724 Grace Hall was exceeded by approximately 97 people, the temperature hovered around a delightful 128 degrees Fahrenheit. An excellent vintage of Natural Light was served, along with a delicately mixed libation consisting of Watermelon Schnapps and lime green Jell-O.

"A shockingly bold taste, with a marvelous, plummy bouquet," evaluated a party-goer who gained entry to the sparkling assembly by assuring the student standing guard at the door that he kind of knows Mike from the Freshman O. "Beats the crap out of the Meister Brew the guys upstairs have."

"You can't even taste the alcohol! It's like I haven't been drinking at all!" loudly added Whittier, who then asked the five people nearest to her if they thought it was really hot in here, too.

The guests were serenaded by, among other notables, Dave Matthews and his band, Donna Summers, D.J. Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince, and Dexy's Midnight Runners. Attempts to move about in time to the music with some semblance of rhythm was ventured for a time and enjoyed by all.

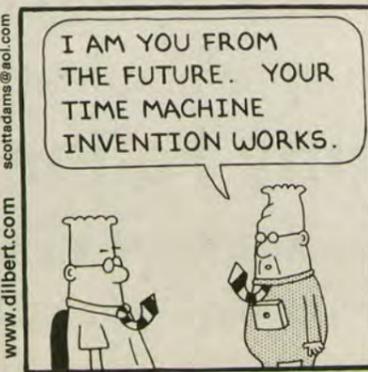
The evening was brought to a glorious denouement when everybody got out after the last Natural Lite disappeared and "Tubthumpin'" was played for the 54th time. Harrigan judged the gala an unmitigated smash.

"Next time, though," he said, "we'll have a strobe light."

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SCOTT ADAMS

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Science is the religion of the suburbs."

William Butler Yeats
poet

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It's time to laugh at fear

Over break I went to the dentist to get some cavities filled. I hate going to the dentist. I'm terrified of it. Every time I have to go I dread it for weeks, and when the actual appointment comes around I can barely drive myself there. Sitting in the dentist's chair on Thursday I just about passed out hyperventilating. I don't know why I am so scared of the dentist. I have never had a cruel, sadistic, or even an unpleasant dentist. It's my own personal irrational phobia; I don't even pretend to be brave about it. I just whine and mope and shake a lot when I have to go.



Kate Rowland

Read This. It May Save Your Life.

So as I was sitting there, mouth agape, wishing the dentist would stop drilling, I let my mind wander to other things that people are afraid of, as though thinking of other people's phobias would somehow lessen my own. During my semester abroad in Spain I traveled a lot with a woman who had a pathological fear of fish. She wouldn't go near them, much less eat one, until her Spanish family tricked her into eating tuna pizza. I remember we were in Barcelona in the Olympic village area, where there is a long wooden bridge with gaps between the slats. The water beneath the bridge is illuminated by dozens of bright lights, and you could see thousands of fish finning around below. She could barely make herself cross that bridge and kept glancing nervously down at them, as though they were suddenly going to rise up and swarm her.

Once someone asked her, "What about those harmless little fish that nibble on your toes while you're wading?"

She went white and had to sit down before mustering a response: "Those are the worse kind."

A former roommate is seriously terrified of missing the X-Files. It goes beyond a simple desire to see the show. She gets sweaty and anxious if she isn't around on Sunday nights to see it. Even if she knows the VCR is set to tape it, even if she is positive she will be able to get back in time to watch it, she starts to get jittery around 8:30 p.m. She knows that missing a week won't kill her, and she's not even all that desperate to see it, but the fear that she will miss something important overrides her normal life.

Another friend of mine replied that she is terrified of spiders. In her words, "Completely irrational, but big hairy spiders. Or little hairy spiders. Or even little hairless spiders. I can't even touch pages in National Geographic that have pictures of spiders."

I got another response that would have made me laugh if not for its serious, sort of panicked tone. "The weirdest thing I'm afraid of is eating 'Death by Chocolate' ice cream. It's all psychological, obviously stems from my fear of death ... In terms of the ice cream in particular, it's just silly, yes, but I always thought when I was little — that if I ate 'Death by Chocolate' ice cream — that it would turn out to be 'literally' correct."

While the dentist drilled and I fidgeted, trying to get away without causing myself more harm, I considered the fear I hear most often. I work in the Emergency Department at the Elkhart General Hospital, where one of the things I spend my time doing is talking to people about being in the ER. Many of them, probably half, express a fear of doctors or of hospitals, of blood or of needles. This always makes me stop and think, because I am fascinated by all of these things. As a premed major, I plan on centering my life around them. Yet some people feel the same way about getting blood drawn that I do about going to get my teeth cleaned. I think it is interesting, too, that the things we are most afraid of we admit openly. I walked into the dentist's office and told everyone I talked to that I was scared — the hygienist, the dentist, the other people in the waiting area. Although nearly everyone qualified them with a "It's silly" or "This is really dumb, but ...," all of the people I polled for this column quickly announced their biggest fears. I am not nearly so open about other, more minor fears, like airplane crashes or heights. My ice-cream friend could associate her phobia with a concrete event or a greater fear, but the majority of us had no explanation for our fright. That notwithstanding, our fears are deep-set. And they aren't really funny. I can laugh about my dentophobia, but don't make jokes about root canals around me. Or I will become your biggest fear.

Kate Rowland is a senior math and German major. She has always been afraid of the article "Das" as well.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Honor donors in church

I wish to respond to the letter of Salvadora Hernandez in The Observer March 6, 2000. The letter in point was headlined "Don't discriminate in church."

Apparently the writer was deeply offended that she was asked to sit in a side aisle at a 5 p.m. mass at the Basilica, as a portion of the main aisle was reserved for the participants of the Scholarship Fellowship Recognition Weekend. I would like to point out that the attendees were about 250 in number hardly taking up the bulk of the Basilica. As for a wedding, a special group, it is customary to give the honorees the privilege of sitting together

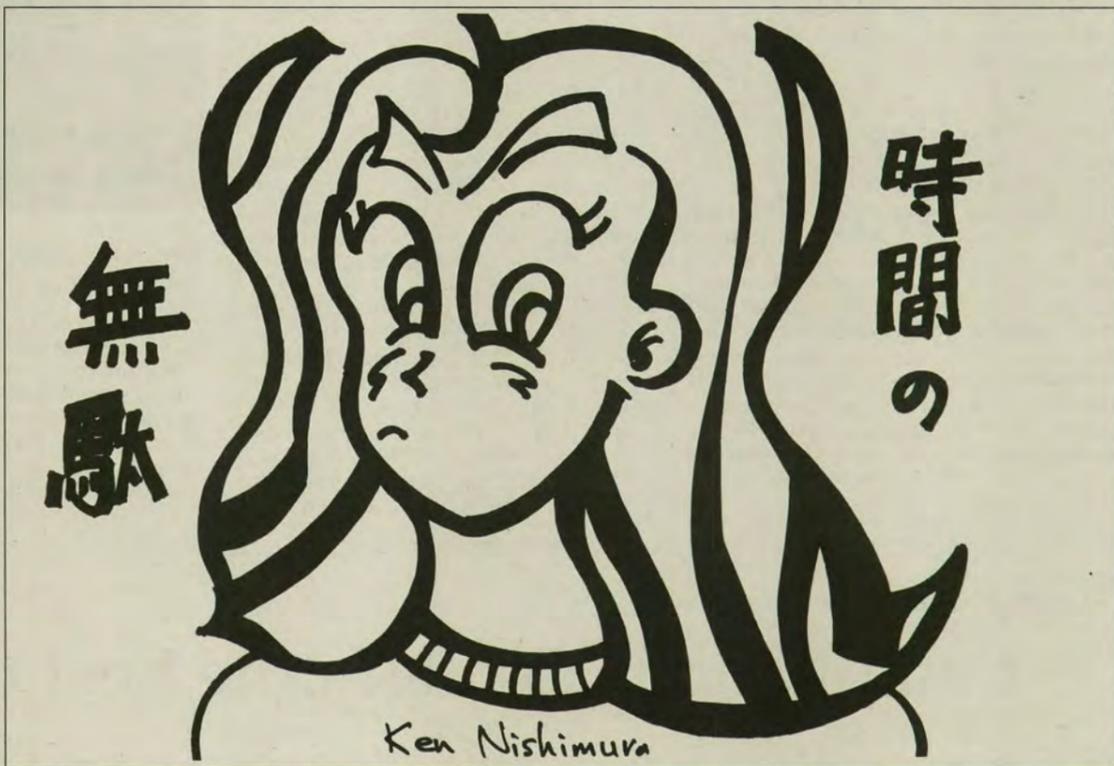
in the main aisle.

Somehow I feel the letter of Miss Hernandez indicates an ultra-touchy and whiny attitude. Miss Hernandez acknowledges the generosity of these donors have made it possible for her to attend Notre Dame. Was it really asking too much of her to extend a gracious courtesy to this group by allowing them to sit together in the main aisle?

Thomas J. Cooney

Class of '43

March 14, 2000



Let's end the graffiti dance

The Graffiti Dance was a memorable point in my Freshman Orientation at Notre Dame late last summer. Unfortunately it was memorable for all the wrong reasons. Besides becoming very good at finding a place left on my t-shirt for people to sign and relating my name, dorm and probable major, I came away with nothing more than a t-shirt full of names that meant nothing, phone numbers that would never be called and disbelief in the fact that the graffiti dance was supposed to be the highlight of official Freshman Orientation social events.

So, what is so bad or wrong about this time honored tradition at Fresh O? Well, I guess not that much if you don't want to consider that we hold a "dance" where no one is dancing. Go watch the graffiti dance and there is absolutely no one dancing. Barely audible music and throngs of people walking around searching for that next phone number to fill up the remaining space on their shirt does not constitute a dance. Fine, so perhaps all that is needed is to change the name of the event. Well, let's try renaming then... how about "Waste of Time on Basketball Courts."

Recent meetings have brought the downfalls in the current "dance" into the spotlight. At the most recent CLC meeting our very own Student Body President Elect, Brian O'Donoghue gave as his rea-

son(s) for keeping the "dance" the following statement, "There is a meat market mentality, but no one gets rejected." So I guess according to Brian it's okay to accept a meat market mentality. Let's really sit back and think what is meant by the phrase, "meat market mentality". The phrase implies that those at the dance, both male and female are viewed not as potential friends, but as pieces of meat, and thus call for the respect given to a piece of meat.

I believe that our student body and especially those freshmen of the future here at Notre Dame deserve and should demand BETTER than a "meat market mentality" for those who are becoming part of our Notre Dame family. Further discussion is needed to search for an alternative to this currently accepted "meat market" of a culminating social activity for freshmen at our University. Walking away with a shirt full of names and phone numbers does not help anyone orient themselves to any aspect of Notre Dame.

Maureen Gottlieb

Freshman, Cavanaugh Hall

March 8, 2000

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CONCERT REVIEW

Oasis gets back to basics in Japan

By SEAN KING
Scene Music Critic

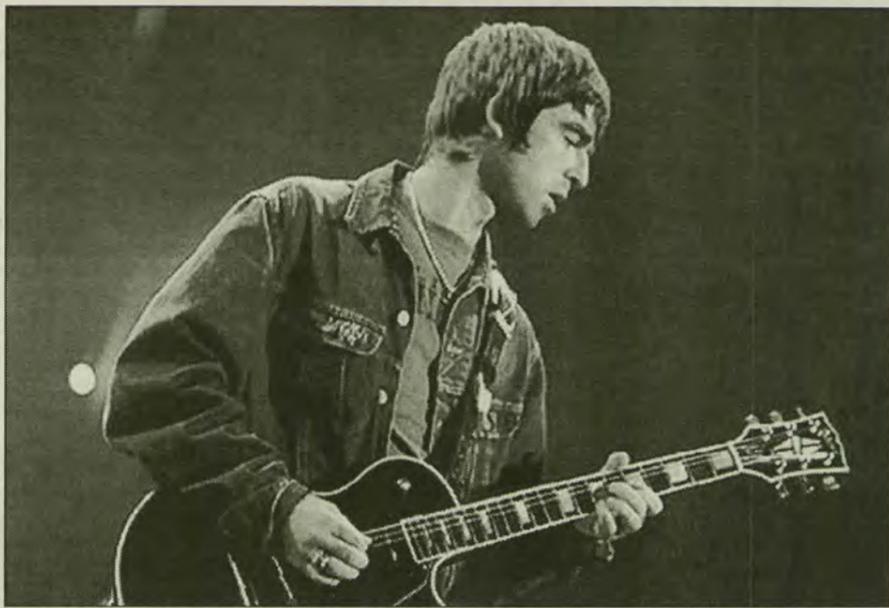
Oasis continued its string of sold out concerts across Japan March 5, delivering a hard-hitting 90-minute set to over 15,000 hollering fans. After an often tumultuous and self-evaluating two years for this band, Japan is the perfect place to get back to just playing blue-collar rock 'n' roll and letting the rest take care of itself.

Nobody outside the United Kingdom has more consistently supported Oasis than the Japanese. After the Gallagher brothers' presence nearly caused riots on the Tokyo subway during their first visit here in 1994, younger sibling Liam felt fit to declare, "...Japan was mega. It was like a *%^ Hard Day's Night!" The quote was of course a direct reference to the 1963 Beatles film, in which Liam's idols are endlessly chased through the streets of London by adoring female fans. Liam's initial Japan euphoria of six years ago may be well behind him now, but the band's latest album, *Standing On The Shoulder Of Giants*, has been nonetheless resting comfortably atop the HMV Tokyo album chart since its release here on Feb. 21. And wherever you go, you cannot avoid hearing the album's first single "Go Let It Out" at least once a day.

Oasis take the stage in near apocalyptic fashion, as the translucent curtain drops and the semi-danceable "****in' In The Bushes" breaks the pre-show jitters at an almost deafening volume. The aforementioned "Go Let It Out" is then followed by the mellow, optimistic "Who Feels Love." Many people count this song among their new album favorites, but this slow a song shouldn't be played this early on. Oasis quickly atone for this minor glitch with a string of heavy-handed hits that includes "Supersonic," "Shakermaker" and 1995 B-side cult favorite "Acquiesce."

After a bit of a lull with harmless enough new tracks "Sunday Morning Call," "Where Did It All Go Wrong" and "Gas Panic," the evening shifts into sing-along gear for good by way of "Roll With It," "Stand By Me" and "Wonderwall." The easy highlight of the night is everyone thumping up and down in unison to the T. Rex-like "Cigarettes and Alcohol," complete with a pseudo impromptu jam session of "American Woman" tacked on for good measure. As if to allow everyone to regain themselves after that one, elder sibling and songwriter Noel settles into the reflective "Don't Look Back In Anger," only to have firestarter Liam soon return for a fist-clenching rendition of "Live Forever."

As if to spell out the obvious, Oasis close the night with "Rock 'n' Roll



Courtesy of www.rollingstone.com

After a tumultuous two years, Oasis and its lead guitarist/songwriter Noel Gallagher finds its newest album on top of the charts all around the world.

Star," a song written long before they even began to realize their eventual fate of being near-permanent fixtures on the world celebrity circuit and the front pages of Britain's most rancid tabloids.

The show's only notable disappoint-

ment is the absence of any of the new in-your-face tracks like "Put Yer Money Where Yer Mouth Is" or "I Can See a Liar." But, there's no reason to be too concerned. Tonight, we're all rock 'n' roll stars; it doesn't get much better than this.

ALBUM REVIEW

Compilation CD offers the best of the London club

In the vast mental wasteland that is popular culture, there are two beacons that serve as guides for those who seek Complete Mindlessness. The first is Howard Stern and his cohorts, having polluted our airwaves in their attempts to make us laugh and gasp. The second, far less menacing *Essence of Mindlessness*, is dance music. When one wants to simply get down, ignoring all other qualifications that would otherwise be required for something to be considered art, it is not necessary to look any further than the nearest Eurotrash discotheque.

Every year the biggest DJs in Europe come out with new offerings, and these are most consistently swallowed whole by a culture that centers around the

club scene. Entire walls of music stores are covered by Club Compilations, all of which are virtually the same, containing around 40 or so essentially similar songs.

The Club 2000 dance hits release is no exception. Available in virtually any record or grocery store here in London, Club 2000 is a perfect taste of the club scene, without having to pay an outrageous cover to be surrounded by a sea of trendy, black-turtleneck-clad British people and clumsy American tourists. From the very beginning of this two-disc, 43 song compilation, it is clear that there will be no attempt at profundity made as the original mixes of these songs are presented in continuous manner, ideal for a three-hour dance party or torture session.

The first three tracks are the strongest on the release — one need not go much further to understand what "clubbin' in the new millennium" is all about. The Artful Dodger is positively Dickensian on "Rewind." The Wamdue Project chime in with the hit

of the season, "King of My Castle." And Bob Marley vs. FunkStar De Luxe's bastardized version of "Sun Is Shining" shows that in full combat, Funkstar De Luxe is able to utterly destroy the old Soul Rebel.

From there, one becomes literally entranced by the continuous and monotonous disco beat, which reverberates through the soul until it becomes absolutely unbearable.

But disco-dancin' music is not really about expression. It's not about sitting around and finding important social messages in the mixes. Rather, it is about drunken, ecstatic hedonism, sweaty bodies grinding against each other on an illuminated floor, and about finding that certain special someone sexy enough to wake up next to just once in a lifetime. For this, the music is perfectly conceived, and I count myself lucky for having had the opportunity to experience the London disco scene in its entirety. Disco is not dead. It is constantly renewing itself in ever-more mindless and repetitive forms. And God Bless us all for that.



Tom Ogorzalek

London Scene
Music Critic

Various Artists

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★★★★ (out of five)

NAZZ is coming ...

The Battle of the Bands
March 24, 8 p.m.
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Performers include:

- ◆ American Standard
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- ◆ Josie Vodicka
- ◆ Justin Dunn
- ◆ Sexual Chocolate
- ◆ The Transoms
- ◆ Neil Carmichael's Unnamed Band

ALBUM REVIEW

Campus band sets the 'standard' with new CD

One of the greatest things in the world is when you buy or come across a CD that you know absolutely nothing about, listen to it and then really enjoy it.

The only thing I knew about American Standard is that they were a campus band, had just released their first album and recently had a gig at Benchwarmer's. After listening to their CD for the first time, I also came to another observation: I really wish I had gone to Benchwarmer's to see them play live.

The band, consisting of vocalist Holly Hoffman, lead guitarist Chris Osos, rhythm guitarist Dan Puccini, bassist Tom Hayes, and newly appointed drummer Grant Ramsey, has come a long way since their first gig at the NAZZ Battle of

the Bands last April. Despite being together for just three weeks, the band, then known as Sarcastik Bite, made a very impressive showing at its first public appearance.

After taking the summer off, the band came back into the new school year with a new perspective and a new name, American Standard. During the fall semester, the band built up a strong reputation as a live act by playing numerous shows at Corby's, Benchwarmer's, house parties and other campus shows. With requests for an album pouring in, the band entered the studio a little earlier than planned. And now, after creating a fan base, the band has their debut release available for anyone to listen to their fresh, original grooves.

The CD, released and self-funded on the band's Big City Records label, starts off strong with some of the band's best songs. "Keep Away From," "Every Time I Win" and "Perfect Girl" are all fast, up-tempo songs with great lyrics and beats. The album continues on with songs like "Lucky," "Hold On Tight" and "4 Million Miles." "Minnesota One,"

however, was the song that I listened to over and over.

"Minnesota One" and "Every Time I Win" are probably the band's strongest marks on the album. But the band's greatest asset would have to be the sweet yet edgy, versatile voice of lead singer Hoffman. Her voice has a Gwen Stefani-like sound, but still unique enough to blend perfectly with the band. This talented young singer, who can tackle anything from Guns 'N Roses to The Cardigans, has the potential to lead American Standard to larger venues, even outside of good ol' South Bend.

I think these guys are going to be around for a while. They sure deserve to be. The band, however, currently marketing its album on the Internet, has recently stumbled upon other bands with the same name. In addition to the trademark infringement issue with a certain toilet manufacturer, fans should watch for another name change sometime soon. Armed with a yet-to-be-decided new name, the band will fine tune their live show for a national tour in the summer of 2000.



Corey Hartmann

Scene Music Critic

American Standard

American Standard

Close Eye On 2

Independent

★★★★ (out of five)

UPCOMING CONCERTS

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Kenny Wayne Shepherd	Heartland	Mar. 28
American Standard	Senior Bar	Mar. 29
Umphey's McGee	State Theatre	Apr. 7
Umphey's McGee	Rockne Memorial	May 6
Counting Crows	Morris Center	May 23

Indianapolis

Creed	Conseco	Mar. 22
Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young	Conseco	Mar. 24
Elton John	Conseco	Apr. 15
Nine Inch Nails	Conseco	Apr. 20
Oasis	Murat Theatre	Apr. 22
Reverend Horton Heat	Vogue Theatre	Apr. 30
Tina Turner	Conseco	May 26

Chicago

Incubus	House of Blues	Mar. 22
Filter	Riviera	Mar. 22
Muse	Double Door	Mar. 22
Britney Spears	Allstate Arena	Mar. 22-23
Luxx	Double Door	Mar. 24
No Doubt	Riviera	Mar. 24
Paula Cole Band	Park West	Mar. 24
Mariah Carey	United Center	Mar. 25
Jerry Garcia Band	House of Blues	Mar. 29
Ekoostik Hookah	House of Blues	Mar. 30
Cupcakes	Double Door	Apr. 1
Guster	House of Blues	Apr. 1
John Scofield	House of Blues	Apr. 5
Brooks & Dunn	Allstate Arena	Apr. 7
Citizens King	House of Blues	Apr. 13
Smashing Pumpkins	Aragon	Apr. 15-16
Widespread Panic	UIC Pavilion	Apr. 18
Stroke 9	House of Blues	Apr. 26
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- Led Zeppelin - Latter Days**
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- Pantera - Reinventing the Steel**
- Pattie Smith - Gung Ho**
- Posies - Alive Before the Iceberg**

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- Kiss - Alive IV**

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- Da Brat - Unrestricted**
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- No Doubt - The Return of Saturn**

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HOCKEY

Irish luck runs out in Detroit

By TIM LOGAN
Sports Writer

When Notre Dame hockey coach Dave Poulin took the reigns of the fledgling program in 1995, he set a goal for his team: Reach the Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA) semifinals at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena.



Carlson

Poulin and the Irish realized that goal last week when they won two out of three games against Ferris State in the quarterfinals, the first time since 1982 they have won a playoff series and advanced to "Hockeytown."

But, on St. Patrick's Day, in Detroit, their luck ran out, and the Irish fell 4-0 to the Michigan State Spartans, who then topped University of Nebraska-Omaha 6-0 Saturday to claim the conference title.

After the loss, Poulin remained positive about his team's accomplishment.

"It was a very significant step," he said of reaching the semifinals in the CCHA, one of college hockey's top conferences, for the first time in 18 years.

He particularly thanked the seniors, who joined the program when it was in its infancy, and who led it to this point.

"They saw a vision I had," he said. "Joe Louis Arena was a big part of that vision and becoming one of the top teams in the CCHA."

The Irish faced Michigan State, a long-established conference power, in their semifinal match. Despite donning kelly green jerseys for the first time in its hockey history, Notre Dame came out flat in the first period.

And the No. 9 team in the country capitalized.

The Spartans scored three times in the first 20 minutes of play, and spent the rest of the game stymieing the Irish offense. They added an empty net goal in the final minutes to make it 4-0.

"We were never able to get our offense going early and they fed off that," he said. "They're a very good defensive hockey team and they feed off of you getting frustrated and your lack of offense."

The Irish mustered a mere 20 shots against the CCHA-leading Spartan defense, their lowest

total since a 6-0 drubbing at the hands of Northern Michigan on Jan. 14.

The green jerseys were a surprise, and the players only learned of them upon arriving in the locker room before the game. But this appeal to St. Patrick was not enough to bring the Irish a victory over the Spartans, who wear green in every game.

"Emotionally, I think it was a lift," Poulin said. "It would've been great if it was a deciding factor, but something like that isn't going to do it. It's a small, small piece."

Notre Dame played Michigan State four times during the regular season, winning once, losing twice and tying once. The Irish clinched home ice in the first round when they tied the Spartans 2-2 on March 3. Friday's game was the most lopsided of the season between the two teams.

To reach "The Joe" Notre Dame first needed to win a best-of-three series with Ferris State March 10-12. The Bulldogs, who beat the Irish twice during the regular season, came into the Joyce Center seeded sixth in the conference, but with a better overall record than Notre Dame.

Game One was a back-and-forth battle that was still in doubt in the final seconds. Junior forward Dan Carlson gave Notre Dame the lead for

good with 14 minutes to go when he stole the puck, skated the length of the ice and beat Bulldog goalie Phil Osaer to his left, putting the Irish up 4-3.

The team clung to this lead for the rest of the game, relying on the strong play of defensemen Tyson Fraser, Nathan Borega, Sean Molina and Sean Seyferth and golden-helmeted goalie Tony Zasowski, who made a brilliant save to preserve the lead with 17 seconds remaining.

Ferris State dominated Game Two, earning a 6-1 victory. The Bulldogs went up 2-0 early, and then scored a short-handed goal at the start of the second period to take a 3-1 lead. They never looked back.

It marked the third year in a row that the Irish had won the first and lost the second game in the best-of-three quarterfinals.

In both 1998 and 1999, they also dropped the third game.

But not this year.

The Irish jumped out in front early in Game Three, scoring the first two goals, and hung on to win an intense game 4-2, after junior forward Ryan Dolder sealed the victory with an empty net goal — his third of the tournament — with 16 seconds remaining.

Notre Dame's first three goals came from some unlikely contributors — junior forwards Matt Van Arkel and Jay Kopischke and senior defenseman Tyson Fraser. The trio had combined for just 10 goals all season, but they were in the right place at the right time against Ferris State.

When the final buzzer sounded, the Irish, and many fans at the Joyce Center, waited to hear the results of the game between seven-seed Nebraska-Omaha and four-seed Northern Michigan and find out who Notre Dame would play next.

If Northern Michigan won, Notre Dame would face Bowling Green in a play-in game for the fourth seat in the semifinals. Bowling Green, who finished No. 8 in the conference, had eliminated third-seed Lake Superior State the previous night. If Nebraska-Omaha prevailed, they would face Bowling Green in the play-in, and Notre Dame would head straight for Detroit.

About 15 minutes after their game ended, Notre Dame players and fans heard the results of the game in Marquette: Nebraska-Omaha 2, Northern Michigan 1.

The Irish were going to Detroit.

"It's something we've been waiting four years for," Borega said. "I'm kind of numb to it right now."

The last time Notre Dame reached the conference semifinals was 1982, when Poulin was the captain and Michigan State beat them 4-1. Poulin scored the lone goal. The Irish left the CCHA in 1983 and did not rejoin until 1992.

Last season was the first time the team had earned home ice for the first round since rejoining the conference.

They lost to Northern Michigan 2 games to 1 that year. This year was the first time they have won a playoff series.

"They saw a vision I had. Joe Louis Arena was a big part of that vision and becoming one of the top teams in the CCHA."

Dave Poulin
Irish head coach

MEN'S TENNIS

No. 36 ND places fifth in Blue-Gray Classic

By RACHEL BIBER
Sports Writer

Heading south was no vacation for the Irish men's tennis team as they made their annual trek to the prestigious 16-team Blue-Gray National Classic in Montgomery, Ala. March 16-19.

Thirty-sixth-ranked Notre Dame finished the four-day event tied for fifth and improved its dual match record to 9-5 by posting a 2-1 record in the competition.

The squad suffered a loss to 5th-ranked Illinois, but netted impressive wins over 26th-ranked Virginia and 38th-ranked University of Alabama-Birmingham.

Notre Dame put up a heroic fight to capture the doubles point against the Virginia Cavaliers, sneaking away with close wins at Nos. 2 and 3 doubles to take a 1-0 lead heading into singles play.

Seniors Ryan Sachire and Trent Miller teamed up to defeat 46th-ranked Tommy Croker and John Winter 9-8 (7-4) at No. 2 doubles, while sophomores James Malhame and Casey Smith squeaked by the Cavaliers' Robert Abendroth and Brian Hunter 9-7 at No. 3 doubles.

All-American and 10th-ranked Sachire of Notre Dame was handed his first loss in seven matches against Virginia's fifth-ranked Brian Vahaly in the No. 1 singles match 6-3, 6-3, allowing the Cavaliers to even the score at 1-1.

Taborga put the Irish in the lead with a 6-4, 6-3 win over Croker at No. 4 singles, and Andrew Laflin extended the advantage to 3-1 with a 6-3, 6-2 victory at No. 5 singles. The Cavaliers closed the gap when Smith dropped a tight three-set match at No. 2 singles, 7-5, 2-6, 1-0 (10-7).

Brian Farrell, playing in his first match since February 27, showed no signs of rust, providing the clinching win for the Irish with a 6-3, 6-4 win at No. 6 singles.

"Virginia was a good win" Irish head coach Bob Bayliss

said. "Our depth really paid off for us ... Farrell's consistency the whole weekend was great."

Notre Dame improved to 8-4 after Farrell locked up the win, and set up a second round battle against the Fighting Illini.

For the second time in two weeks Illinois came out on top over the Irish with a 5-2 victory on the second day of tournament play.

The Illini's 13th-ranked Cary Franklin avenged an earlier loss to Sachire in the No. 1 singles match with a 6-2, 4-6, 1-0 (10-6) win.

Taborga provided the lone singles win for the Irish with a 6-4, 6-3 defeat of Illinois' Jamal Parker at No. 4 singles.

"I'm proud of the effort," Illinois head coach Craig Tiley said. "And it's a good accomplishment for our team to defeat Notre Dame twice in a season."

Four of the five Illini singles-match wins were decided by third set tiebreakers.

"We're disappointed we didn't beat Illinois," Bayliss said. "But it just wasn't meant to be. It was probably the best match of the tournament."

The Irish were able to recover from the Illinois loss by beating the UAB Blazers 5-2 in the final match of the weekend's competition. Notre Dame swept the doubles for two points and won three singles matches to beat the Blazers, improving to 9-5 with the win.

"The doubles was a highlight for us," Bayliss said. "To do as well as we have lately is a plus."

Under the new experimental dual-match format, the Irish took a 2-0 lead by winning all three doubles matches. Taborga and Talarico came away with the No. 1 match with an 8-4 victory, while Miller and Sachire and the duo of Malhame and Smith both posted 8-4 wins at Nos. 2 and 3 doubles respectively.

Notre Dame's lead was widened to 4-0 with wins by Smith and Farrell over their UAB opponents.

Laflin then overcame a shaky start and rallied for a 1-6, 7-6, 1-0 (11-9) in the No. 3 singles match to clinch the victory.

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IRISH INSIGHT

Irish look for redemption with solid NIT performance

With the Irish shut out of an NCAA tournament bid, Matt Doherty's club has united around the common goal of earning redemption by winning the National Invitation Tournament.



Kathleen O'Brien

Associate Sports Editor

They've put their 'A' game faces on and the Irish appear well on their way back to playing in Madison Square Garden, after beating the Michigan Wolverines 75-65 in the first round and

the Xavier Musketeers 76-64 in the second round.

"We want to prove the Committee wrong by not letting us into the NCAA tournament," sophomore forward Harold Swanagan said. "We're out to prove something. That's our mindset every game. We're going to go out there and play our hardest and show everybody that we could have played in the Tournament. They made a mistake."

Getting a couple or five victories in the NIT would surely show the selection committee that the Irish were worthy of another look.

"We feel like we're out here with something to prove," Murphy said. "We want to prove to the NCAA tournament that we

belonged in there, and maybe make them think twice about what they did. Xavier was a team that was a bubble team, and we beat them. We're just trying to show people that we should have gotten in."

Notre Dame shook off the disappointment of missing the NCAA tournament by focusing on extending their season in the NIT.

"Everyone would like to go to the NCAA tournament," Doherty said. "But the fact that we're here, we're going to make the most of it. Our kids shook that NCAA deal off and were able to come out and beat Michigan and Xavier."

The Irish aren't content to put away their uniforms for the season just yet. Although they've already posted more wins than any Notre Dame team in the past 10 years, they want to keep improving their record.

"Most people, I think, if we lost today, would say, boy you had a good year," Doherty said. "You threatened to make the NCAA tournament. You made the NIT. You beat Michigan and lose today, it's okay. And I told them at pre-game meal — I don't want that thought creeping into your head."

"Yeah, people feel you had a good year, but I want more," Doherty said. "I want 20 wins. I want to win on national TV. I want to keep playing. I want to practice tomorrow. We had a little gut check there, and our kids came through."

Doherty got his 20 wins with the victory over Xavier, and now he's looking for No. 21.

The Irish are out there playing so they wind up with no regrets come the end of the season. They're going after every rebound and playing defense like their life is on the line.

"The kids, they're tough," Doherty said. "They compete. Did you see them diving on loose balls? I mean, that was fun. Matt Carroll, Jimmy Dillon, David Graves. I just think they're a tough group of kids."

Sophomore David Graves must have been starving for a little redemption Monday. He



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David Graves drives in the lane in Notre Dame's win over Xavier. Graves scored 24 points on the night.

led the fiery Notre Dame effort early, scoring 21 of his 24 points in the first half, and fighting for nine rebounds in the victory.

Guards Jimmy Dillon and Matt Carroll were all over the floor for the Irish, diving for every loose ball and some that weren't.

The other two Irish starters, Murphy and Swanagan, played substantial minutes despite recent injuries.

Swanagan scrambled for seven rebounds and scored seven points in 26 minutes of play after hurting his knee in the Michigan game. Murphy sprained an ankle in practice Sunday, but battled back to score 21 points and nine rebounds in a physical 36 minutes on the court.

Nobody on Notre Dame's men's basketball squad wants to close out the season without an NIT Championship banner to hang in the Joyce Center. But it won't be a cakewalk getting there.

"Just because we're on the bubble doesn't grant us the right to win this NIT," Doherty said. "The NIT's pretty strong and probably stronger this year than it's ever been because teams like Notre Dame, Vanderbilt, Virginia, Villanova, didn't get into the NCAA tournament. I don't want the guys to have any regrets."

Three more wins, and they won't.

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free. And after each game, she tosses the sweaty accessory into the crowd for some lucky fan.

The Irish's pre-game routine would make the Armed forces proud. Prior to each game, during stretching drills, the Irish players sit in a certain order in the circle. On the road the order is different from the home games but is always consistent.

"You have your away positions and your home positions," Henderson said.

Then as they head to the Joyce Center from their stretching exercises in the Pit, the team sings a special song, always the same one, out loud. Last year the song was "It's so hard to say Goodbye" by Boyz II Men. This season, it's a secret.

"We'd rather not say what the song is," said a group of players including Henderson, Meaghan Leahy and Imani Dunbar. "But Niele [Ivey] is the best singer."

While they won't reveal their lucky pre-game song, the Irish players did acknowledge that their team song (which is different than the pre-game tune) has changed from Sisco's "Thong Song" during the regular season to

Sonique's "It feels so good" for the NCAA's.

As they prepare for warm-up drills, Henderson leads the team but Kelley Siemon must go first in all the drills. Except for the free throw shooting drills where Henderson goes first and Alicia Ratay shoots third. Henderson also touches the "Attitude of a Champion" sign in their locker room first before the team enters the arena.

During the NCAA tournament, the Irish become even more superstitious.

The players approached McGraw before the season began, asking for the green uniforms. It wasn't an easy proposition, as they first had to get approval from the administration. The powers-to-be complied with their

request but stipulated that they only wear them on certain occasions. This weekend's games was the fourth and fifth times they wore the new uniforms on the season, the first three coming earlier in the season in victories over North Carolina and Liberty in the Wachovia Women's Invitational and a loss at Purdue.

After winning the first two games in the NCAA's wearing the green, the Irish have come up with a sensible conclusion.

"We'll wear them as long as we can," Henderson said.

In addition to the green uniforms, the entire team paints their nails green for the tournament, including the managers, trainers, and anyone associated with the team. Even the males have one of their pinky fingers decorated in green. Radio announcer Jeremy Gray has also been coerced to paint his pinky.

A new tradition also began this weekend. Just as they were about to head to the sidelines for the beginning of Friday's game, Ivey and Erika Haney began to dance a jig. The rest of the team followed the duo's lead, huddling in a circle and showing some dance steps. Accordingly, the Irish gathered for their rendition of the jig before Sunday's second round victory over George Washington.

These are only some of the rituals followed by this successful Irish team, which heads to

Memphis this weekend for the Sweet Sixteen against Texas Tech and then possibly Tennessee.

Henderson explains the team's

reasoning behind keeping some of the team's superstitions a secret.

"I can't tell all of them," Henderson said, "because they'd

jinx us."

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame takes care of BYU, falters against Pepperdine

KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

Mirroring the unpredictable South Bend weather, the 13th

Notre Dame women's tennis team had its ups and downs during spring break play.

While many students took to the beaches, the Irish women took to the courts as they head-

ed west to battle with the 49th-ranked Cougars of BYU and the ninth-ranked Wave of Pepperdine.

In a sizzling performance the Irish kicked off their west-coast

swing in memorable fashion as they dispatched the Cougars 7-2. Junior star Michelle Dasso rallied to claim her eighth-consecutive No. 1 singles victory, defeating BYU's Eline Chow 3-6, 6-0, 6-2, in a match that set the tone for the day.

Inspired by the play of their star, the Irish won four of the remaining five singles matches in straight sets, demonstrating to the Cougars that the possibility of an upset was remote.

Becky Varnum, Kelly Zalinski, Nina Vaughan and Katie Cunha all scored impressive straight set wins clinching victory and running the team's winning streak to five.

Sophomore Lindsey Green suffered the team's only setback, dropping her No. 5 singles match in straight sets.

The Irish were equally effective in doubles play. The pairing of Cunha and Dasso netted an easy No.1 doubles win, while Varnum and Vaughan added a No. 3 doubles triumph.

Riding high on a five match win streak, the Irish hoped their luck wouldn't run out as

they headed further west to meet the Wave of Pepperdine on Saturday. The Wave, however, would prove too much, as they rolled over the Irish 7-2, raining down on the Irish and ruining what would have been a belated St. Patrick's Day parade.

Twenty-seventh-ranked Ipek Senoglu of Pepperdine notched an impressive upset win over the 11th-ranked Dasso, coming from behind to win 3-6, 7-6, 6-3. With the wind knocked from their sails, Notre Dame went on to drop four more singles matches, a trend that proved exactly the opposite of that which transpired against BYU. This time it was Green who scored Notre Dame's only singles win.

Having already clinched the match in singles play, the Wave continued to drown the Irish in taking two of three doubles matches.

After a stormy finish to their west coast trip, the Irish will hope for sunnier skies when they return home to face the Jayhawks of Kansas next week.

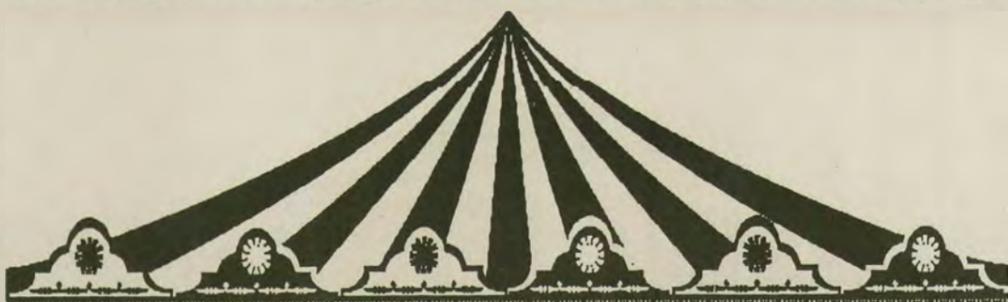
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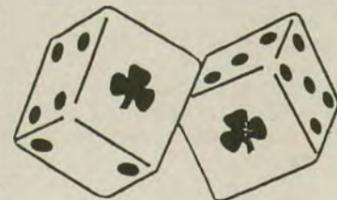
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WOMEN'S NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

Notre Dame pulls away from San Diego in first round

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

The No. 2-seeded Notre Dame women's basketball team (26-4) opened NCAA tournament play with an emphatic 87-61 win over San Diego (17-13).



Riley

The Irish owned the game from start to finish. They jumped out to a 10-1 lead on two quick baskets by junior All-American Ruth Riley, two free throws by freshman Alicia Ratay and two buckets by senior Julie Henderson.

They never looked back. "My teammates knew that [Jessica] Gray was a little shorter than me," Riley said. "So they were looking for me inside, and I was just happy I was able to connect."

The Irish increased their lead throughout the first half. Senior guard Niele Ivey scored nine of her 14 points in the first half, and Riley laid in 12 of her 14 in the opening period.

San Diego was no pushover, though, as they orchestrated a 16-7 run in which six Toreros scored.

"They never quit," Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw said. "Every time we thought we could put them away in the first half, they came back. We have to get away from the point of being up 15 and letting them back in the game. And that's where we need to get that killer instinct."

At halftime, Notre Dame led San Diego 42-31, a gap the Irish thought should have been greater.

"We really didn't feel like we were doing much on defense," Riley said. "We needed to pick it up a lot with our intensity and getting out on the shooters."

In the second stanza, the Irish clamped down defensively. They held the Toreros scoreless from the field for nearly eight minutes.

"That was exactly what we were looking for," McGraw said. "We had some miscommunication in the first half, and they got some open looks. We wanted to work on our switches a little bit more and get a hand in their face. I think that with a hand in their face, that's why they shot so poorly for those eight minutes."

Senior guard Danielle Green finished off the stretch with an off-balance driving lay-up that extended the lead to 66-40.

"I was looking for Ericka [Haney]" Green said. "She was open for a second there and then I looked back again and a defender was on her. I was already up in the air, and I just threw it up in there. It was just all reaction."

McGraw enjoyed the luxury of giving her bench significant playing time.

Four players scored in double digits for the Irish — Riley, Green, Ivey and reserve Kelley Siemon with 13. All 12 players on Notre Dame's roster scored in the game.

"It's definitely important that we get our bench involved in the game," McGraw said. "It's the NCAA tournament. We want to get them some experience so that if we need them, we're able to use them later

on." **Notes:**
♦ The Irish shot a stifling 63.6

percent from the field, led by 7-for-8 shooting by Riley.
♦ Ratay, the team's second-

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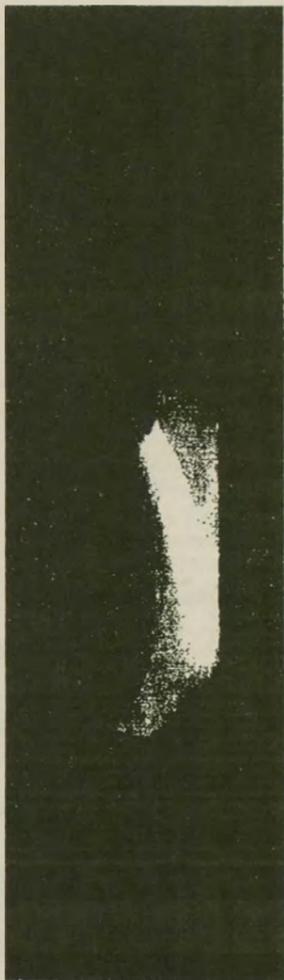
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MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish win two before ending week with loss

By STEVE KEPPEL
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's lacrosse team struggled in its three-game stretch last week.

The Irish started off by beating both Denver (12-8) and Air Force (10-6), despite inconsistent play on offense and defense. But the poor play of the Irish caught up with them against Loyola as they were blown out by a score of 12-2.

Against Denver Notre Dame got out to a quick 4-0 start in the first period. John Harvey sparked the lead with two early goals and finished the afternoon with his first career hat trick.

Despite the early lead, the sporadic play of the Irish enabled Denver to edge their way back into the game when the Irish defense gave up six goals in the second and third periods.

"We had the chance to put them away and we didn't," Notre Dame head coach Kevin Corrigan said "We are not finishing when given the opportunity."

With the game tied 7-7 entering the fourth period, the Notre Dame attack broke out of their shell and scored four quick goals to give them a commanding lead.

"It was nice to come out in the fourth quarter and execute," Corrigan said. "We are playing well at times but we should have shut them out in the first half when we had the chance."

Two days later Notre Dame

took on an 0-4 Air Force team that hadn't beaten the Irish in 12 years. Junior Tom Glatzel led the Irish offense and tied a career high with five goals. The Irish took a 10-2 lead into the fourth period. But, with the chance to put the Falcons away the Notre Dame defense gave up four quick goals letting Air Force right back in it.

"We didn't play that well but we did what we intended to do which was win," said Corrigan. "We were easily in control and we would have liked to finish it off with more pizzazz. We need to be more consistent."

The inconsistency of the Irish would come back to haunt again as they suffered a huge 12-2 pounding from a highly ranked Loyola team. Loyola came out fired up and scored two goals in the first 15 minutes. Instead of fighting back hard, the Irish gave up an unprecedented eight goals in the second period.

"We let them finish the game in the second quarter," said Corrigan "We lost poise and didn't execute and we can't put ourselves in that position."

The Irish got on the board in the third period with a goal from Chris Young, but it wasn't enough as they ended the day with only two goals, — the second fewest in the 19-year history of the program

"Their defense played harder than we played and we shot poorly," said Corrigan. "We were just out hustled and outplayed."



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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame claims first postseason win since 1997

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish men's basketball team triumphed in a total team effort Wednesday that allowed it to win its first-round National Invitation Tournament win over Michigan 75-65.

Everybody on the floor played a big role in the victory, as the Irish shared the wealth with a balanced box score.

David Graves grabbed 12 of Notre Dame's 30 rebounds. Troy Murphy scored 32 points and added four steals. Matt Carroll and Martin Ingelsby each hit back-to-back 3-pointers. Jimmy Dillon dished off six assists. Harold

Swanagan shot a perfect 3-for-3 from the field. Ivan Kartelo pulled down a couple key rebounds late in the game. Jere Macura sparked the Irish with a crowd-pleasing block.

"It was, I thought, a good team effort," Notre Dame head coach Matt Doherty said. "I thought David played well in the second half, and Troy's points. Matt hit some big shots. I thought Martin came in and gave us a big lift when Jimmy got two fouls on him. Jere, again, didn't score but only four points, but I thought he was a big factor in there."

The Irish (19-14) went into half-time deadlocked at 33, after some defensive let-downs allowed the Wolverines (15-14) to score 18 points in the paint. But the Irish defense came out fired up in the second half.

"I think the key to the game, when the momentum changed,

was in the second half, when we started to play defense," Graves said. "They're dangerous, and if you keep them around, they can beat you. We wanted to buckle down defensively in the second half, and we did that."

A change in Graves' play was a big part of the defensive improvement.

"I thought in the first half, he was a little sluggish," Doherty said, "And I asked him to drink a pot of coffee at half-time. He was more energized in the second half. If he did get 12 rebounds, he had a heck of a night rebounding the basketball."

Doherty stressed in a time-out the point that if Notre Dame lost, its season was done.

"Coach just said we've got to pick it up," Carroll said of the lecture in the huddle. "He said if you want to play tomorrow and

keep on playing throughout the whole season, you've got to pick it up and start playing. Or else this is going to be the end right here."

Carroll started off an eight-point Notre Dame run with two 3-pointers early in the second half. Murphy added two free throws to put the Irish ahead 46-41 with 14:39 to play.

Ahead 56-49, the Irish turned the ball over on an offensive foul by Murphy that left Doherty pounding his fist into his hand. The Wolverines' Gavin Groninger nailed a 3-pointer, and a missed basket by Graves on the Irish end of the floor turned into another two points for Josh Asselin as the Wolverines closed the gap to 62-60 with under 7 minutes remaining.

Murphy hit four free throws in

a row for his final points of the night to put the Irish back ahead by six.

Graves fouled Michigan's Kevin Gaines, sending him to the line to knock down a free throw. Back on offense, Graves began to pull out all the stops, putting away a 3-pointer on a pass from Carroll. Graves pulled down a rebound, and swiped the ball from Michigan to leave the

Wolverines high and dry on two straight possessions.

With the Irish ahead 69-63 and 49.6 seconds remaining, Murphy fouled out of the game.

Gaines hit the second of two free throws to pull the Wolverines to within five, then Notre Dame lost the ball off of Dillon's leg. Graves got yet another rebound, however, to assure the Notre Dame victory.

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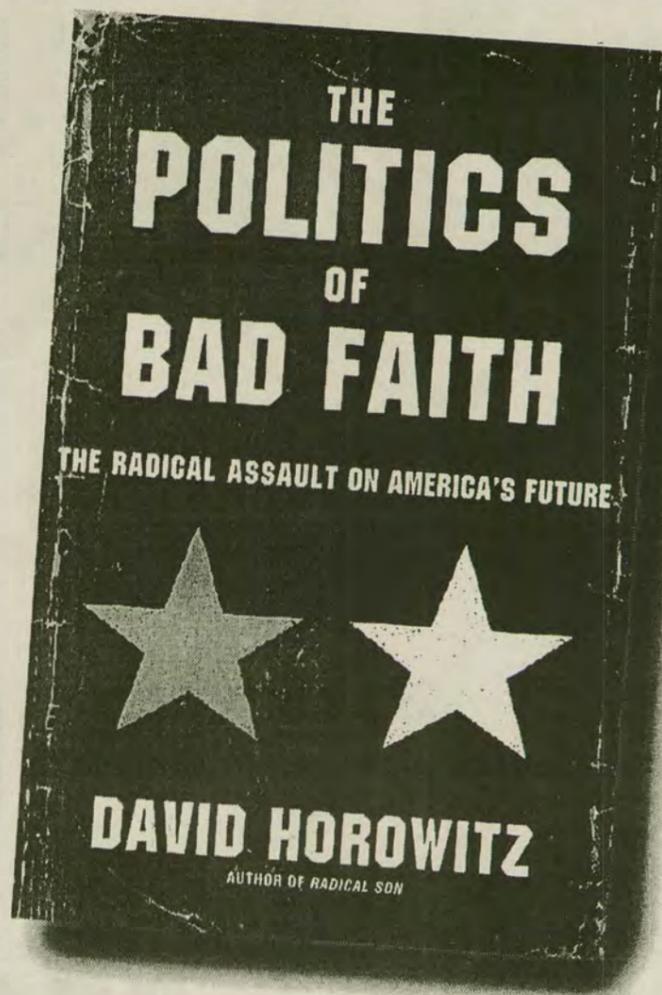
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shot 41 percent, crashed the boards and grabbed nine offensive rebounds. Xavier's second and third shot opportunities resulted in a 36-23 edge in attempts.

Sophomore David Graves caught fire in the first half, connecting on 8-of-11 field goals and scoring 21 points before the break.

"The guys were setting some tremendous screens for me and their big men weren't helping off the screens," Graves said. "I was getting open and so I kept shooting it. It felt great so I kept putting it up."

The Musketeers, however, did a good job limiting Troy Murphy's touches in the first half. The first-team All-American was held to just two shot attempts and nine points.

"We wanted to stop Murphy, but we felt to win we would have to guard the three-point line and it's evident we didn't do that," Prosser said. "It's not

like we said we wanted to stop Murphy and let the other guys beat us."

However, it was Murphy and the supporting cast that did the Musketeers in. Xavier took a 45-44 lead with 16:27 left in the game, but Notre Dame came storming back with a 15-4 run to build a 10-point lead midway through the second half.

The Irish did a good job of breaking the Musketeers' press and running their half court offense. Graves was called upon to break the press on several occasions.

"Coach really studied their press," Graves said. "It's their main defense and they practice it everyday, so we had to pick it apart. It was tough for them to press us, since Coach stressed the spacing so much. He put me on the wing and ran some isolation for me. We had to get the ball up somehow."

Notre Dame's half-court execution, however, struggled in the late stages of the game as they were held scoreless for nearly six minutes. The Irish made up for it with stifling

defense that allowed just six points over those six minutes.

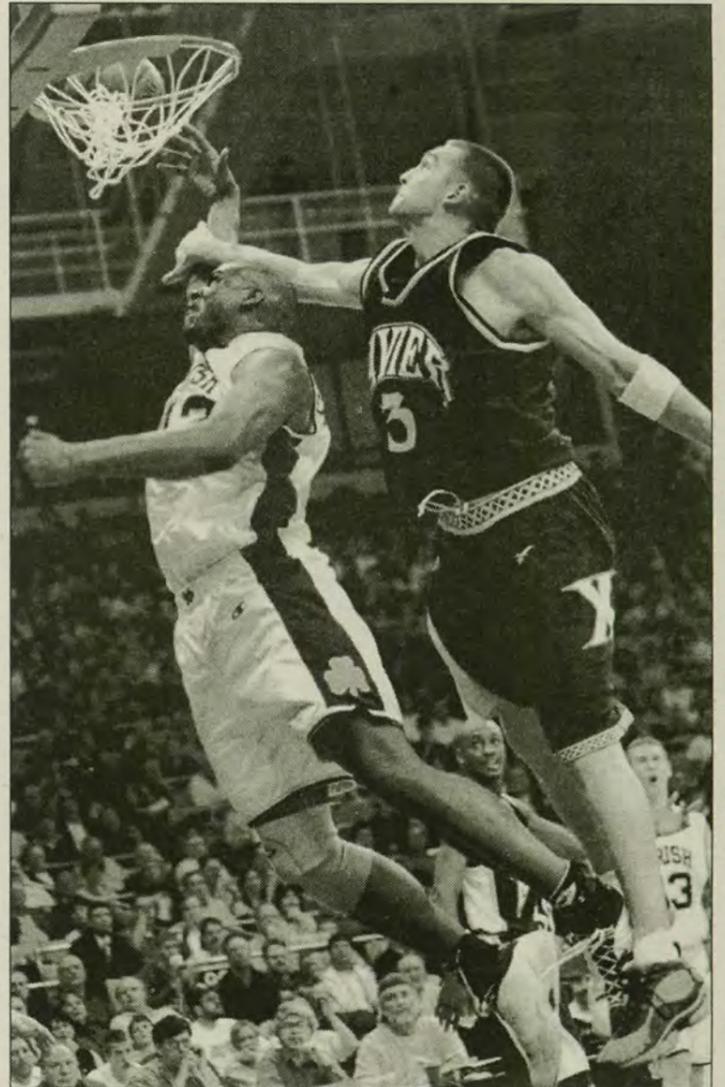
Murphy made two big hoops down the stretch and clutch free throw shooting helped the Irish pull away.

"There was too much time left and we had to score," Doherty said. "We were either tired or tentative, but I was concerned. They cut it to three, but Troy went back door and made the basket and I think that was a big play."

Murphy, who was playing with a sprained ankle, finished with 21 points and nine rebounds. Graves, however, led the way with 24 points and nine boards. Freshman Matt Carroll added 13 points and five assists, while Harold Swangan scored seven points and grabbed seven rebounds.

The Irish shot 47 percent from the field and 53 percent from beyond the arc. Notre Dame also outrebounded Xavier, 41-30.

Maurice McAfee paced Xavier with 18 points on 6-of-15 three-point shooting. Kevin Frey had 11 points and Lloyd Price added 10 in a losing effort for the Musketeers.



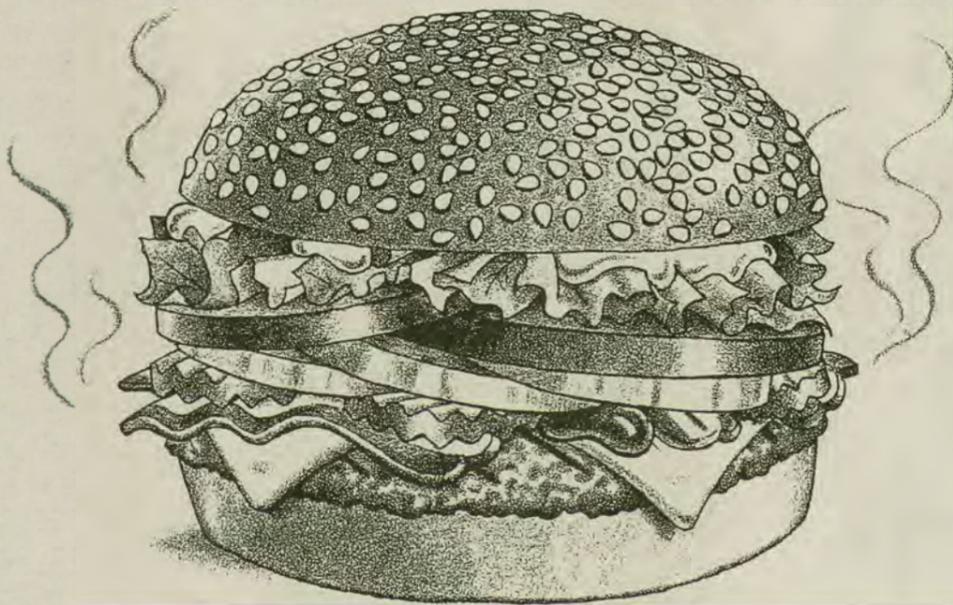
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Center Harold Swangan is fouled by Kevin Frey as he goes up for a layup in Monday night's NIT game against Xavier.

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18-point lead midway through the game.

"I came out really aggressive. I think that has been missing from me all season," said Green. "I am pleased that my teammates were looking for me. I finally had that energy, passion and enthusiasm. I just need to continue that and the team needs to continue that throughout the rest of the tournament."

The Irish struggled in the opening minutes of the contest, however. Taking the ball to the basket early, the Colonials earned a quick 8-5 edge on the Irish and forced center Ruth Riley to the bench with two personal fouls.

But the Colonials' performance went down hill from there as George Washington missed 16 consecutive shots and allowed Green to key a 14-0 run for the Irish.

"We started off well and when you play [the Irish] your main focus is to get Riley in foul trouble," said Colonials head coach Joe McKeown. "If you can do that, then you don't want to let their other players beat you and I thought Green destroyed us in the first half. She had 16 points and she got them at times when it really opened the game up."

The Colonials were unable to get their shooting back on track and finished shooting just 28.3 percent from the floor on the night.

"I think [Notre Dame] played well defensively," said Colonials guard Marlo Egleston. "We got a lot of good

shots. As a team we make them all the time — sometimes they fall and sometimes they don't, that's part of the game. Tonight was not one of the good days for us."

Sloppy defense only exacerbated the underdog's poor shooting. The Colonials committed 30 fouls and sent the Irish to the free-throw line 45 times.

Ivey, who was only 5-8 from the floor, added 10 points from the Irish from charity stripe.

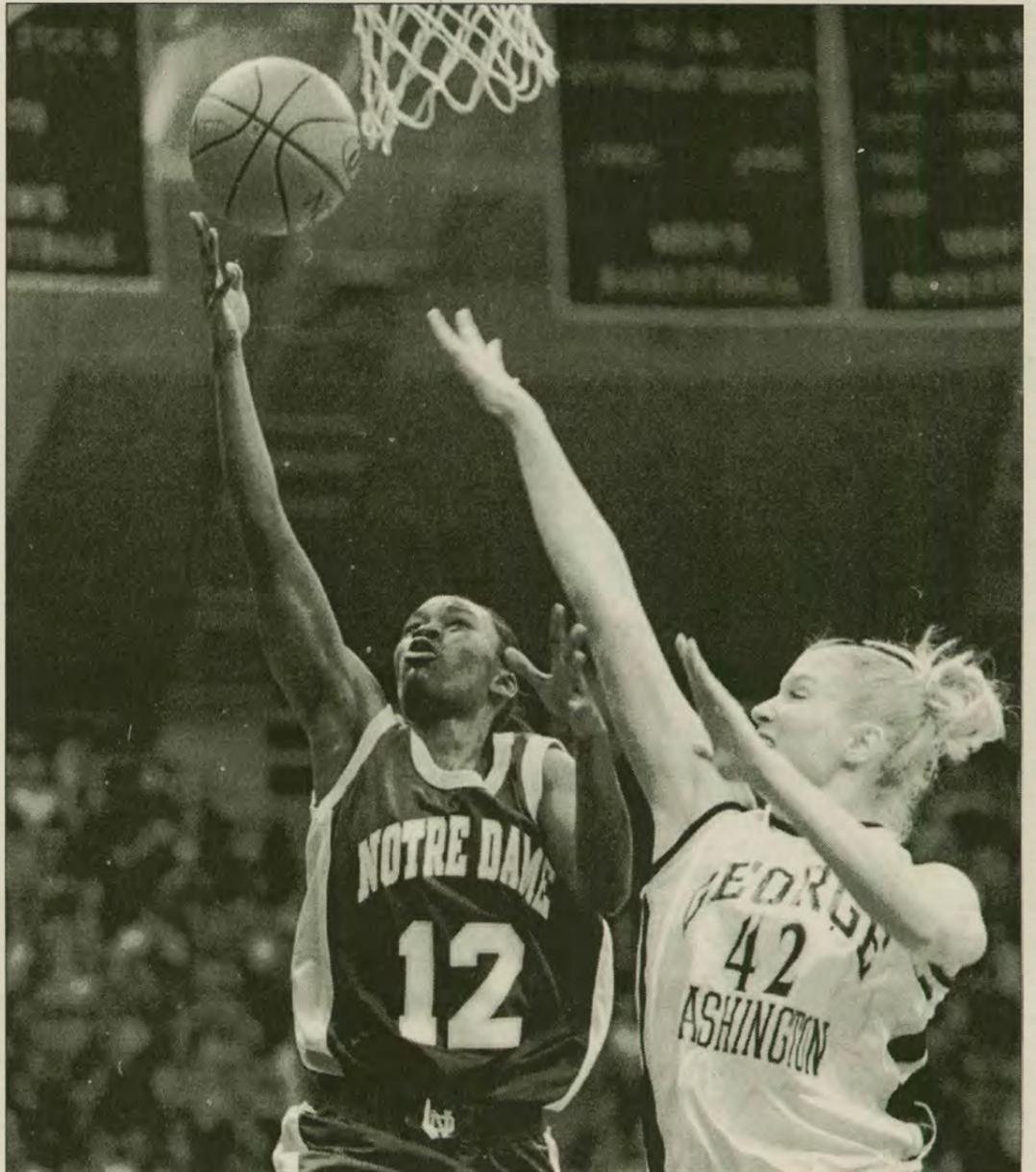
"Niele is the key to our team. She showed that tonight," said Irish head coach Muffet McGraw. "She did a great job of controlling the tempo. She knows when to slow down and pick up the pace. She knows when to shoot and when not to. She played a really intelligent floor game tonight."

The second half wasn't any nicer to the Colonials than the first. Able to produce enough offense for only one serious run midway in the second half, the Colonials went on an 11-4 run, but the Irish answered with an 18-5 run of their own and maintained a 30-point lead for the final minutes of the game.

Riley, who sat out most of the first half, played a big offensive role in the second half and finished with 14 points.

Guard Alicia Ratay, who went 3-6 from behind the arc, added 11 points, making for five Irish players in double figures. Henderson's 14 points marked a season high and matched her career high-scoring record.

With the win, the Irish travel to Memphis, Tenn. to take on No. 3 Texas Tech in the Sweet 16 this Saturday.



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Senior guard Danielle Green goes up for a layup in Sunday's victory over George Washington. Green paced the Irish with 16 first half points.

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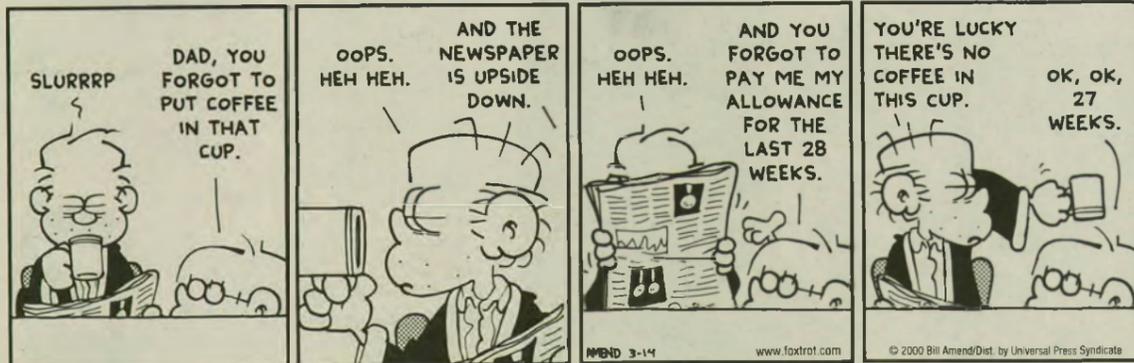
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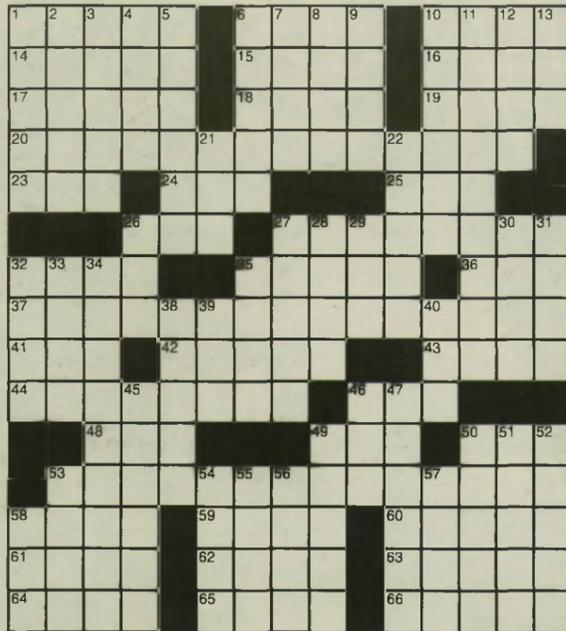
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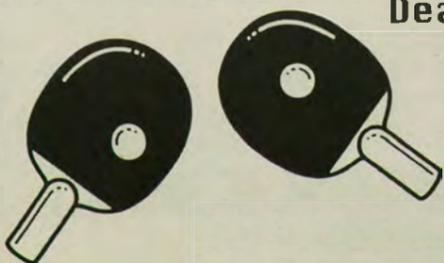
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WOMEN'S NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

Victory over Colonials sends Irish to Sweet 16

◆ Seniors help Notre Dame avoid NCAA elimination

By KERRY SMITH
 Sports Editor

With the NCAA tournament posing a do-or-die situation for the Irish, seniors Danielle Green and Julie Henderson are playing every game like it's their last.

And that's precisely the reason why Sunday's Midwest Regional second round game against George

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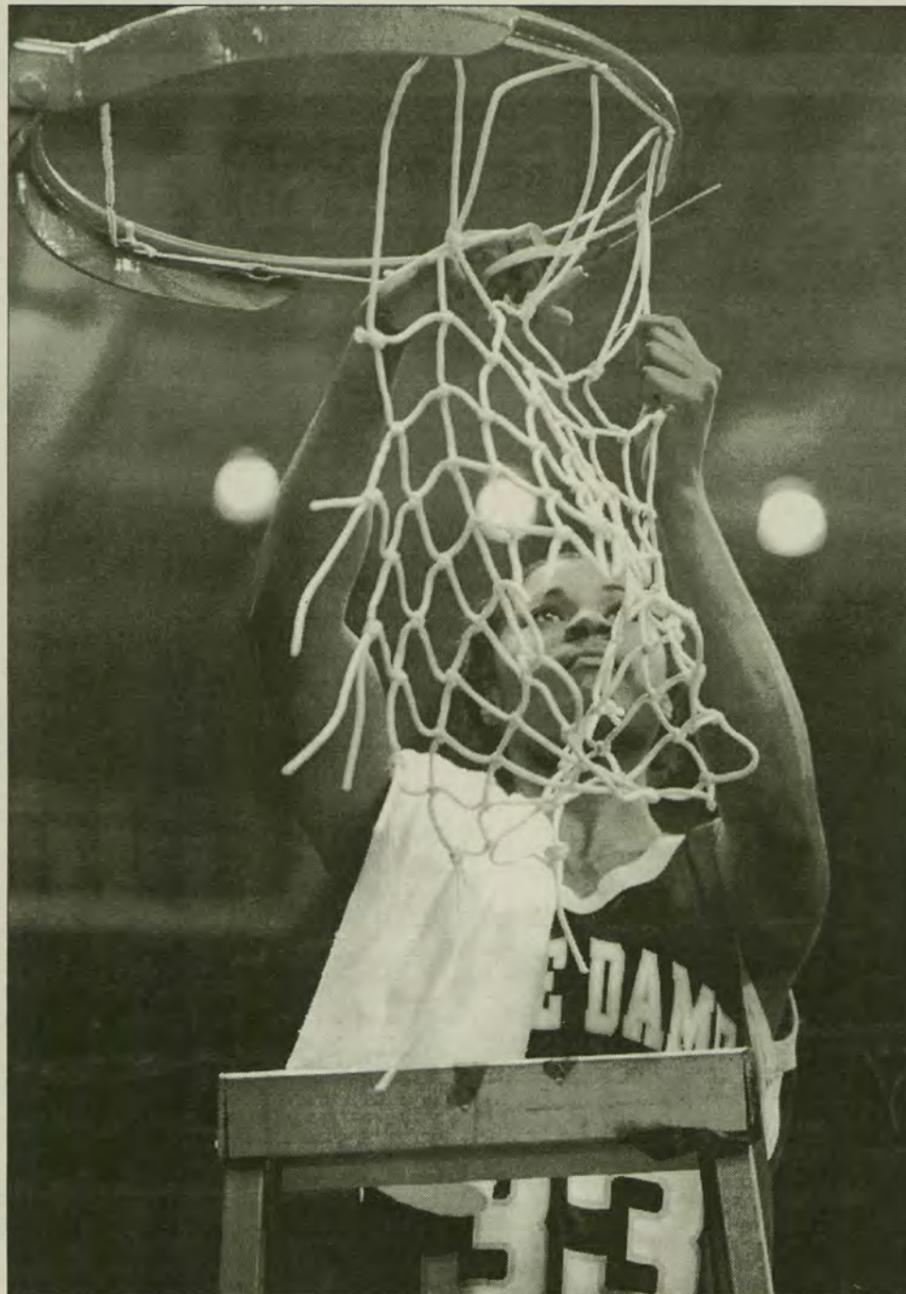
Washington wasn't Notre Dame's final appearance on the court this season.

With Henderson and Green at the helm, the second seeded Irish knocked out the No. 7 seed Colonials from tournament action with a 95-60 routing at the Joyce Center.

"We knew it was our last game in the back of our minds," said Henderson. "When I got out there in the last three minutes I realized this was the last time on the Irish floor. It was a little emotional. I was happy our team played well."

Senior point guard Niele Ivey, who will return for the Irish next season, led the Notre Dame offense with 23 points as Henderson and Green combined for 30 and made key baskets in the first half to propel the Irish to an

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Senior point guard Niele Ivey cuts down the net at the Joyce Center following Notre Dame's 95-60 victory over George Washington. Ivey and the Irish have reached the Sweet 16 for the third time in four years.

KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

◆ Irish don green jerseys for St. Patrick's day game

A few moments before the starting lineups were announced on Friday night, the sparse Joyce Center crowd suddenly came alive.

It wasn't for a celebrity sighting or an obnoxious fan making a scene.

But rather the Irish fans' reaction was directed towards the women's basketball team's choice of attire for their first round NCAA tournament game against San Diego. As they headed towards the bench to prepare for their introductions, the Irish players took off their warm-ups, revealing predominantly green uniforms, with white numbers outlined in gold, appropriate for St. Patrick's Day.

"We wanted to save them for tonight," head coach Muffet McGraw said referring to the uniforms. "San Diego was nice enough to wear their light uniforms."

The relatively new uniforms paid dividends for the Irish, at least according to the players, as they rolled to an 87-61 victory. Whether they wore white, blue, red, or yellow uniforms, it was quite obvious they still would have beaten the over-matched Toreros.

But don't tell that to this superstitious team. Amidst all the quiet confidence, obvious talent and cohesion of the No. 6 Notre Dame team lies a group that truly believes in their rituals.

For seniors Julie Henderson and Danielle Green, who always room together on road trips, their game day starts at 8 a.m. with a call from Mrs. Henderson.

"One day we did that [having Mrs. Henderson call] and me and Danielle both had excellent games," Henderson said. "So we've done it ever since."

Niele Ivey's mother leaves a message on the voice mail before each game, which the players must listen to. The starting point guard also always wears a red sports bra under her uniform.

Ruth Riley is known for her white Adidas headband. But she only wears it during games. In practices, the All-American center is headband-



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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame defeats Xavier, advances in NIT

By BRIAN KESSLER
 Assistant Sports Editor

When your team has just blown a 10-point second half lead and hasn't scored in nearly six minutes, what do you talk about during a media timeout?

If you are Notre Dame head coach Matt Doherty, you listen in on the Notre Dame band and explain to your team what a horrible drummer you once

were.

"The timeouts are so long and the band was playing so I popped my head out and was telling the guys how I used to play the drums at St. Raymond's grammar school,"



Graves

Doherty said. "One day my parents bought me a drum set and I was so bad after awhile that when I came home they sold them. We talk about stuff to keep them loose and have fun. You can only say so much in a timeout."

Whatever he said it kept the Irish loose and confident down the stretch, as Notre Dame (20-14) made 11-of-13 free throws and outscored Xavier (21-12) 9-3 in the final two minutes to pull out the 76-64

Second round NIT

Notre Dame 76

Xavier 64

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victory.

"It was a good game and they made all the plays in the last three minutes after we cut

the lead to 64-61," Xavier head coach Skip Prosser said. "Give Notre Dame credit."

The Irish advance to play the winner of the BYU-Southern Illinois Wednesday at the Joyce Center.

Notre Dame jumped out to a 7-0 lead early behind some hot shooting, but Xavier battled back and took a 24-19 advantage with eight minutes left in the first half. The Irish

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 Saturday, 1 p.m.



vs. Hofstra
 Sunday, 1 p.m.