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Ex corde guidelines propose bishop mandates

♦ Discussion continues on how to best balance academic freedom, Catholic character at Notre Dame, Saint Mary's

By PAT McELWEE
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Notre Dame and Saint Mary's are schools placed in a rather unique position within the world of American higher education.

Not only do they face the daunting task of remaining academically viable and competitive, but they are committed to maintaining a Catholic identity within an increasingly secular world.

The difficulty of reconciling those two goals is amply demonstrated in the current debates over how to do so. The most controversial focus of these debates has been the requirement that all Catholic theology professors obtain a mandate from the local bishop.

Professor John Cavadini, chair of Notre Dame's theology department, agrees with the goal of creating a Catholic and intellectual culture in Catholic universities. However, he believes, mandates are not the right creative force.

"You can't legislate a culture," said Cavadini. "You can't legislate people's hearts. That's impossible. You can only change a culture by debate, consultation and persuasion."

Mandates were conceived as tools to give bishops some jurisdiction over the Catholic theology taught in Catholic universities in an effort to preserve the Catholic nature of those universities.

Perhaps as early as May 3, Catholic theology professors will be required to have a mandate to establish that they teach "in full communion with the Church," in the language of the papal document, *Ex corde Ecclesiae*.

On one hand, Catholic universities do not want to revert to the dogmatic teachings typical of the Middle Ages.

On the other hand, those same universities do not want to go the way of Harvard and Duke — universities founded with a religious mission but almost completely secular now.

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Notre Dame theology professor Eric Plumer is among those in academia who potentially struggle with *Ex corde* mandates that Catholic theology professors obtain mandates from local bishops.

'Chubb Club' founder offers advice

♦ Molnar outlines ways of lifelong healthy eating

By KRISTEN FITZPATRICK
News Writer

For Judy Molnar, the founder of Rosie O'Donnell's Chubb Club, her struggle with weight began in college.

A 1989 graduate of Clemson University and scholarship volleyball athlete for the Tigers, she was pressured to lower her weight for her sport, said Molnar Thursday in a lecture on beginning healthy lifestyles.

"My coach told me one day that I had to get my weight down to 155 pounds. I tried everything, but at 6'2", I just couldn't weigh that."

After college, the struggle became harder and the battle was often lost. "The people I worked with

were going for fast food for lunch all the time and ordering pizza when we had to work late," recalls Molnar.

The defining moment came in January 1996 when Molnar saw her medical chart where her doctor had written "morbidly obese". Molnar knew then that she had to make the decision to live or to die, and she chose to live.

Since then, Judy Molnar has lost over a 100 pounds. She has competed in several Iron Man Triathlons and several marathons, including the Chicago and Walt Disney World Marathons.

Molnar was born and raised in South Bend and is the founder and former coach of the Chubb Club, which was featured on the Rosie O'Donnell Show.

Molnar spoke on the life style changes that occur when one enters college.

According to the Molnar, the Freshman-15 has now become the freshman 25. She sighted the fact that the dining halls offer a wide variety of food and in unlimited portions. She also noted that college students often eat late and consume

foods that they normally wouldn't on a regular basis at home.

Molnar inquired, "how many pizzas are ordered in your dorm?"

She also cited that many students' favorite high carbohydrate substance, beer, as another reason why some students tend to gain weight their first year of college.

Molnar stated that one should not be trapped into thinking that people on television and in the movies are good examples of physical appearance. College students try to mirror what Hollywood looks like, said Molnar, citing recent polls that state students' number one concern is no longer homesickness, but eating disorders.

"You've been bombarded with images of what the perfect woman should look like and it's somewhere between Brittany Spears and Jennifer Lopez. It has become a prize to be skinny."

However, society does not fit this mirror image; 65 percent of American males are overweight.

The most important thing students can do now is establish

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Publicity boosts number of SMC RA applicants

By KATIE McVOY
News Writer

It's that time of year again. They're sitting on the edge of their seats, biting their nails, hoping they don't get red tagged, wondering where their home will be next year.

No, it's not spring training, it's RA selection.

Every year in February and March, Saint Mary's women apply to be resident advisors for the next school year. They offer their time and their support to any woman who might live on their floor come August. And then they wait.

"The worst part [of the process] is anticipating whether or not you got in," said Cathy Canetti, a current applicant.

The anticipation won't go on much longer. The 40 women, who applied to be RAs this year, of which only 20 will be selected, will know Monday whether or not they have been selected.

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Molnar

INSIDE COLUMN

Going forward, moving on

The end of the year is fast approaching, while most seniors feel like they have a long time to graduation, things are happening all too fast in The Observer office. Next week will be our last official week.

After next week we will all have more free time. After next week, we will be able to go out a lot more, see our non-Observer friends a lot more, sleep a lot more and do a lot more school work — well maybe not. While I have been formulating an extensive plan of action for the last two months of my senior year, I still feel somewhat sad.

After, managing the Viewpoint Department for a year, I finally realized what I wanted to accomplish. The past two weeks have seemed all too short to do it all. Now I know how to go about accomplishing these goals. But now is not the time. It is time to let go.

It is time to teach those succeeding me all that I know and to encourage them to do their best, to let them know they can ask for help and be confident that others will rise to meet the challenge and, most importantly, to give them the room and time to be all they can be. It is time to move on.

Moving on is hard to discuss now, with over two months to go, yet it is becomes easier if we put things in their place. There are many friends who are not best friends, but are not strangers. It is these people we will miss the most. These faces are the ones we will wonder about randomly in the coming years — acquaintances that happen to fall awkwardly into the category of those who we cannot seem to keep in touch with. We are so used to seeing their faces; they are a crucial part of the Notre Dame experience. We cannot possibly take these people with us in our luggage and we cannot expect the whole campus to move with us. But we can take comfort knowing that though the role they played in our lives is vacant, someone else will fill it.

Just as when we left high school we found new friends here, friends that seemed so similar to someone we knew at home, when we graduate in May others will fill the vacant roles in our lives. I have made close friends here, at The Observer and in my dorm, friends that I hope to keep. There will also be many other friends that will slowly fall through the cracks, those friends will always be in my heart, a memory that is sparked when I meet someone who fills the same role. Someone who seems so familiar. In that we can take comfort, knowing that while an acquaintance may be gone, there will always be someone like them that will be there when we need him or her.

We still have some time here and moving on will be tough, but at least we can be somewhat consoled knowing that we are leaving competent people behind. People that are different from us, but can excel in a different way. Wherever we go, we will meet more people, who will be special too, just maybe not in the Notre Dame, go Irish way.

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THIS WEEK IN ND/SMC HISTORY

Tuesday, February 24, 1970
SLC OK's parietal recommendations

The Student Life Council last night passed a resolution calling for the individual determination of parietal hour procedure by each residence hall after consultation with, and the approval of, the Hall Life Board. Fr. Charles McCarragher, Vice President for Student Affairs, passed out a five page rationale discussing the administration's opposition to the Life Board's motion.

Monday, February 23, 1987
Scholastic hit with suspension

Scholastic, Notre Dame's student magazine, has been suspended from publication by the Student Activities Office. Scholastic printed the photo of an artistic work, a man and women embraced in a sexual act that was originally removed from the Juggler magazine. Scholastic will stop publishing permanently rather than allow administrators to review the magazine before it's published.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Quake impact ripples to Washington State U.

PULLMAN, Wash.

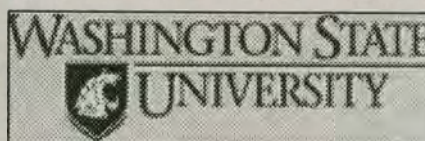
The Puget Sound area was rocked by a magnitude 6.8 earthquake Wednesday, and its ripple effects were felt in more way than one at Washington State University.

In Pullman, many students spent the day worrying about loved ones.

Christina Knapp, a freshman majoring in international business, said she was surprised to finally get through to her family after countless tries.

"It was scary because the riots happened yesterday, and now this," she said.

Knapp's brother informed her that her family was safe, and while the house did sway some, it was in good shape. Her brother said that for 20 seconds after the quake, their "backyard pool became a wave pool."



Upon hearing of the quake, freshman electrical engineering major Chad Caldwell said, "I'm still surprised. It doesn't seem real yet, being here in Pullman."

But real it was. The quake was so powerful, its shock was felt hundreds of miles away here at WSU.

"I felt the building sway [in the Fine Arts Building]," said Lauren Greathouse, a junior majoring in fine arts and English. Greathouse, upon finding out of the quake, became immediately concerned for the welfare of her brother who lives in

Olympia. She found it was almost impossible to get through.

The earthquake also shook the WSU community in other parts of the state.

"I was in the secretary of state's office this morning talking to his personal assistant [when it happened]," said Clarke Brunkow-Mather, ASWSU Legislative affairs director and president of the Washington Student Lobby in Olympia. "We felt the shake, and Patrick McDonald [his assistant] said, 'It's an earthquake,' and I dove under the table."

While working on the remodel job on the old White Hall, Paul Stricker of Kovalenko Hale Architects said the building was ironically almost done with a seismic upgrade to make the building more resistant to quakes.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Bush's tax cuts benefit students

SYRACUSE

College students may get more out of President George W. Bush's proposed \$1.3 trillion tax cut than they think. The tax break has the potential to expand the tightened job market — an appealing prospect for students graduating in May, said Donald Dutkowsky, a Syracuse University economics professor. "For the last three to four years, [the government] has been collecting more in taxes than it's spending," Dutkowsky said. "It's become overkill at this stage in the game. [The tax cut] can lead to a better business climate, job market and prospects." In his first address to U.S. Congress since his inauguration, Bush proposed his budget plan on Tuesday. Dutkowsky said students should also look to the long-term effects of the proposal. Bush asked Congress to privatize Social Security, making Americans responsible for their own retirement funds. Social Security, Dutkowsky said, is not just a concern for the elderly.

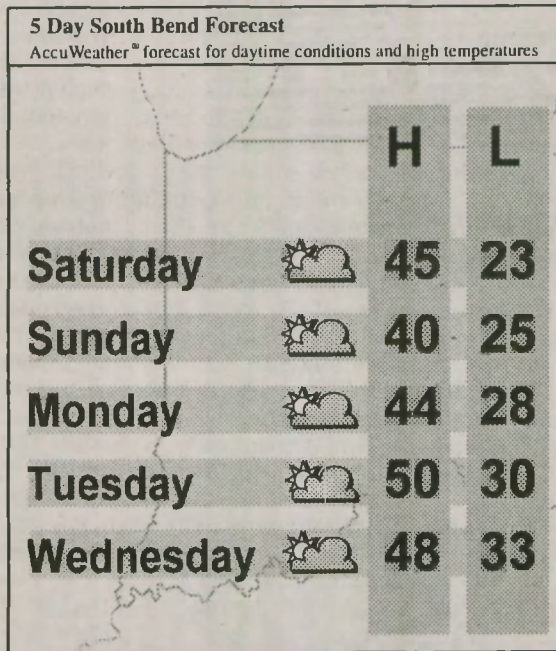
BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

Professors apologize for sexism

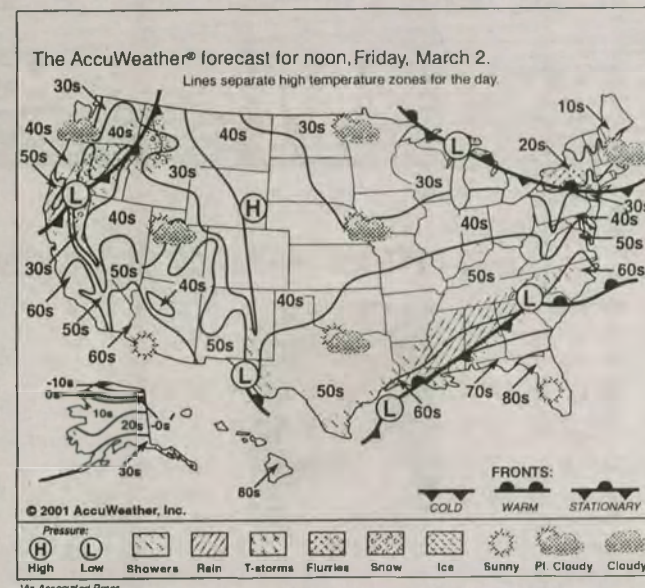
PROVO, Utah

Twenty-four Brigham Young University professors have apologized for sexist comments made by former male BYU students who now attend the University of Utah School of Medicine, according to a letter written by William S. Bradshaw, BYU professor of zoology. These comments, directed toward female medical students, have been brought to the attention of BYU administration. In a letter addressed to Victoria Judd, associate dean of the University of Utah School of Medicine, Bradshaw, along with 23 other professors, expressed both their apology and sadness in regard to this situation. "Thank you for making us aware of this problem, and accept our apologies for the limited vision of those persons in your program who make wrongful judgments about medical training for women," the letter stated. Sexism among freshman medical students has become a problem at BYU's school of medicine, and inappropriate comments can be traced to former BYU students, said John Dwan, director of public affairs in the Health Science Center.

LOCAL WEATHER



NATIONAL WEATHER



Atlanta	60	50	Las Vegas	64	45	Portland	26	14
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Ohmer speaks on getting ahead

By KEVIN SCHUMM
News Writer

Consistency and confidence, cognizance and communication, connection and compensation — a combination of these six items is the key to getting ahead in today's society, said American studies professor Susan Ohmer Wednesday night.

Ohmer opened her lecture — the second in the Last Lecture Series sponsored by student government — applauding the current Notre Dame student. Drawing from her experiences as a professor at the City College of New York (CUNY), she considers students' acceptance to and good standing within Notre Dame to be a great achievement.

"[At CUNY] I realized what it means to not be ready for college ... not that [the students] were not interesting, creative, lively beings; merely that some people do not have the talent that it takes. The fact that Notre Dame students are here and are achieving at the level that they are, should result in a great sense of self-pride and reassurance for them," she said.

Ohmer cited the desire to have a concrete plan for the future as the source of many students' everyday anxiety. Before, during, and after the selection of a

major, students frequently contemplate the ramifications of their major designation but unnecessarily so, suggests Ohmer.

"Looking back with distant perspective, it doesn't matter what your major is, it truly doesn't matter," she said, "Do what you enjoy doing. The work you do in every major will carry you."

Acknowledging that a major is a necessary means to a productive life, Ohmer advised against trying to gauge what would result in happiness at age 60, but rather using a major to answer the question, "How do I enjoy spending my time?"

Ohmer said the best way to attain this desired level of achievement is to place a premium on consistency and confidence. Consistency, while often overlooked, is truly appreciated in all capacities, both personal and professional.

"Being in attendance, being awake and being attentive really makes a difference," said Ohmer.

Another key to success is confidence. Looking to popular political figures, Ohmer clearly demonstrated the role of confidence in many people's successes. An ability to "enjoy [oneself]" and believe in his or her self-worth undoubtedly has positive reverberations, regardless of the situation.

Along similar lines, a person's awareness of and adaptability to the prevalent role of serendipity would without question prove rewarding.

"As much as we want to plan and say 'I've got it all figured out,' things just happen. Be prepared, interested, and willing to take advantage of them," said Ohmer.

Looking back on her life, Ohmer recounted explicit examples where the input of her friends behooved her greatly. She stressed that one can "learn more, do better, and get ahead by talking with other people." At the same time, Ohmer also noted that unfortunately, the extraordinarily high value placed on individual accomplishment in the academic arena, at times, could adversely affect one's transition to the professional world.

In her last suggestion for getting ahead, Ohmer recognized the importance of money. Having lived in New York City as a graduate student, she described an awareness of compensation as just being practical. In closing, she suggested that the only limitation to success is not taking advantage of one's own ingenuity.

"Success is an attitude, a state of mind. Figure out what you want the most and go out and get it," she said.

Latson lecture targets healthy eating habits

By KATIE MILLER
News Writer

Conscious eating and health awareness were the topics of Deanna Latson's program, "Eat Right. Feel Good. Look Great!" Wednesday night at Saint Mary's.

"I used to be an unconscious eater," said Latson. "I put anything and everything in my body. I wanted to find a better way to live my life."

In college, Latson suffered from bulimia, excess weight, severe migraines, colds, flus, and low energy.

"It is painfully obvious that most of us take better care of our material items than our bodies," she said.

She decided that she needed to make changes in her life when she realized her father was slowly dying due to his poor eating habits.

"He had stockpiles of medicine in his cabinet ... My father's doctor said my dad would die quickly if he went off the medicine and slowly if he stayed on the medications," said Latson. "I wanted to find a better way to save my father's life."

Latson changed her major and studied unconventional medicine. In graduate school, she met a "conscious eater," a woman of 41 who looked healthier, younger, and had more energy than Latson who was 23 at the time. This conscious eater became a mentor and friend to Latson.

The images the media supplies us with are 99.9 percent false, said Latson. A friend who works at Cosmopolitan Magazine sent Latson a picture of Cindy Crawford before it was altered. The picture that appeared in the magazine was dramatically different, said Latson.

Latson warned the audience of the chemicals contained in Olestra, the fat-free ingredient found in products such as WOW Doritos. The ingredients attach themselves to vitamins and take them along when they leave the body.

"One bag of WOW chips can lower cancer fighting antibodies by 50 percent," said Latson. "Proctor and Gamble has invested \$500 million in this product, that it will take years to get it off the market."

Just because food is on shelves does not mean that it is safe. Lots of foods should have warnings on them and don't. Whatever you do, do not ignore warning labels, said Latson.

Preservatives and additives in foods are a major problem, according to Latson. Even Girl Scout cookies contain additives that cause abdominal distress in young children. The FDA has reported an increase in high levels of toxins in young people.

"Thirty -thousand new additives get added to the market each year," she said.

Latson dismissed the notion that dieting is an effective way to maintain weight loss.

"Eighty-seven percent of dieters gain their weight back or more," she said. "As a bulimic, I had no idea of what

it meant to eat healthy. It's not about dieting, it's about lifestyle."

Latson studied nutrition in Asia and Central America. The lifestyle of the elderly of the different countries was very different from that of elderly Americans. Their aging process had not caused deterioration.

"They were active. They had a completely different lifestyle. Those people do not look like our elderly people."

Dairy products are not part of a healthy diet according to Latson.

"Dairy products intensify allergenic reactions by 70 percent," she said. "Calcium is lost by people who consume 'takers' such as soda and

c a n d y - ingredients which pull calcium out of the bones."

H e a r t attacks, strokes, diabetes, and cancer can be prevented by a healthy

diet, said Latson.

"The American Cancer Association says that 40 to 70 percent of all cancers could be avoided by a diet of fruits, vegetables, grains, and legumes," she said. "Twenty years ago, one in four Americans developed cancer, ten years ago, one in three Americans developed cancer, today, one in two will develop cancer. Eight-hundred thousand new diabetes cases are developed each year. And heart attacks are becoming more common among women"

Stanford University conducted autopsies on children between the ages of four and seven who had died in car accidents and found their veins to be hardened with plaque as a result of a poor diet, said Latson.

"Vegetarian athletes have twice the stamina of flesh eating athletes," said Latson. "The body expends energy to break down food; the more soluble food you eat, the more energy you create."

Latson emphasized the power of the media over consumers' diets and the importance of educating oneself.

"We are educated by smart business people who want to sell their product; they are biased. Are you eating to live or living to eat?" Latson asked the audience. "If you live to eat, you could end up a statistic."

Since becoming a vegan, Latson has lost sixty-five pounds and has not experienced any of the migraines her doctor told her were hereditary. Her father was able to go off his medications after three months of being a vegan.

Latson left the audience with six strategies for living a healthy lifestyle.

"Define healthy for yourself, cut down or eliminate animal products, experiment with vegetarian meals, eat as many raw foods as possible, eliminate processed sugar and caffeine, and educate yourself."

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Ex corde

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In a development which may have significant impact on the details of academic life at Notre Dame, proposed guidelines for granting mandates to Catholic theology professors were released in November by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

According to the proposed guidelines, mandates are to be granted in writing by the local bishop to Catholic theology professors. A professor may request a mandate, provided she declares that she "will teach in full communion with the Church," or the bishop may grant a mandate "on his own initiative."

The proposed guidelines further spell out the right of Catholic professors to receive a mandate "if all the conditions for granting the mandate are fulfilled." That is, as long as the professor commits "to teach authentic Catholic doctrine and to refrain from putting forth as Catholic teaching anything contrary to" Church teaching, and behavior straying from that commitment is not proven.

In 1990, Pope John Paul II wrote *Ex corde Ecclesiae*, a document intended to resolve ambiguities in the relationship between the Catholic Church and its universities, and in 1999, the U.S. bishops approved an Application of that papal document.

Following the release of those documents, bishops, universities and theologians have been involved in discussions on how best to implement the goals enumerated first in *Ex corde* and later applied to the special circumstances of U.S. universities in the Application.

These discussions have focused on the crucial issues of academic freedom, institutional independence and Catholic identity.

While all sides of the discussion seem to agree on the ideals the Pope set out in *Ex corde*, not all agree that mandates are the right method for bringing those ideals into reality.

Proponents of mandates urge universities and theologians not to view the bishop as an external agent wielding power over Catholic universities, but rather as a part of the university community itself. They stress mutual goals rather than adversarial roles.

Bishop D'Arcy of the Fort Wayne-South Bend dioceses has been an outspoken proponent of discussions aiming to resolve difficulties with mandates.

He has expressed respect for both Catholic identity in Catholic universities and academic freedom.

In a letter provided to The Observer, D'Arcy wrote, "Like all the bishops who have Catholic institutions of

higher learning within their dioceses, I have been engaged in regular dialogue with the local presidents of Catholic colleges and universities since 1991 [shortly after *Ex corde Ecclesiae* was released]."

Marilou Eldred, President of Saint Mary's, and Professor Joseph Incandela, chair of Saint Mary's theology department, both confirmed that they had participated in discussions with D'Arcy and would continue to do so in the future.

"[D'Arcy] has been here. He had lunch with the department last semester," Incandela said. "The bishop has been very responsive and very supportive. He understands some of the difficulties this could create for us and for all those who teach theology."

Crucial to the interests of Catholic universities is the ability to remain academical-

ly viable.

Mandates may threaten the freedom academics need to explore their disciplines, including theology, according to the concerns exhibiting by many.

Also, acceptance of the mandate would lower university prestige by giving fuel to the arguments of critics of religiously affiliated

universities, according to Notre Dame theology professor Richard McBrien, who has publicly stated he will not seek a mandate.

"As soon as you concede jurisdiction over internal academic life, then the university has given up claim to be a university in the true sense of the word," said McBrien. "I am concerned as a Catholic theologian that our universities be respected in the academic world. [Mandates are] embarrassing, they give more credibility to our critics. Imagine bishops telling a university who may or may not teach," he said.

According to McBrien, if Catholic universities lose legitimacy, the result would be less Catholic influence in academics, a result *Ex corde* and the mandates were not intended to create.

At the end of all the discussions, there may be an understanding among all involved parties that the mandate, while officially on the books, will not be enforced.

But remains speculation, as no final decisions have been made.

Many details about the mandate remain up in the air, but discussions continue.

The future of the mandate is difficult to guess, even by those directly involved in discussions about it.

"If [mandates are] going to be enforced, then it's hard to predict what the consequences will be," said Incandela, "but I don't think they will be good."

Molnar

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healthy life styles. Molnar stated that students should concentrate on regaining the control of our life that is often lost with the freedom that comes with the independence of going to college. She cites simple things that one can do to improve his or her life on a daily basis. When she asked how students would most like to improve themselves, most students answered that they would like to get more sleep. Molnar said that saying no and managing time are the two simplest things that one can do to achieve this goal.

Some students stated that they would like to find the time to exercise, which Molnar said is very important. However, she said it should not take an exorbitant amount of time to excrete.

"A brisk 30 minute walk is

the best exercise you can do."

Molnar said students have their own needs and the key is to find what works for you. "Time is a problem for everyone. You need to find what you need to do for you and fit it in," said Molnar. She said getting friends' help for motivation is the best way to fit accomplish goals.

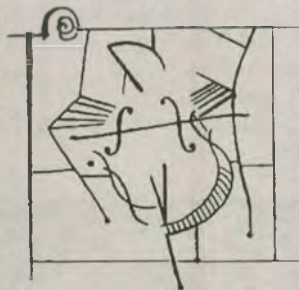
"If you have a friend who is nagging you to take a nap or to exercise with you, you are more likely to do it."

Molnar challenged those present at the lecture to do things for themselves and to live by their own standards. She challenged the audience to take control of their own lives and to think about what they really want out of life.

"The bottom line? It's all about you. It's not about a number on the scale or a dress size that you think you have to be. Find out about you. That's what it's all about," Molnar said.

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Bomb in Israel kills 1, wounds 9: A taxi van exploded in northern Israel Thursday after police stopped it at a roadblock during a search for a suspected terrorist. As officers were checking passengers' identification cards, a bomb aboard detonated, killing one person and wounding nine others.

Serbian prosecutors close in on Milosevic: The net closing around Slobodan Milosevic tightened Thursday with a Belgrade prosecutor's announcement of the first formal investigation into his activities. Milosevic, the former Yugoslav president, is widely blamed for the wars and atrocities of the last decade but also for widespread corruption in Serbia. Milosevic, who is living in a government villa in Belgrade is under 24-hour police surveillance.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Prints shed light on murder: Fingerprints found in the home of two murdered Dartmouth College professors matched the younger of the two teen suspects, according to police documents released Thursday. The 23 pages of affidavits released in Lebanon District Court outline some of the evidence that led police to Robert Tulloch, 17, and James Parker, 16, but give no information on motive.

FBI agent's wife ignorant of spying: The wife of a Federal Bureau of Investigation agent accused of spying for Moscow had no suspicion that her husband might be involved in espionage and knew nothing about hundreds of thousands of dollars that he was purported to have received as spy payments, her lawyer said today. The wife, Bonnie Hanssen, has been in seclusion since the arrest of her husband, Robert Philip Hanssen, a veteran counterintelligence specialist of the F.B.I.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Muncie man charged with murder: A Muncie man was arrested Thursday on charges he killed his estranged wife more than three years ago in southern California. Prosecutors in San Diego County, Calif., this week charged James E. Dailey, 35, with murder and he surrendered Thursday afternoon to police at a Muncie motel. Dailey is accused of killing 29-year-old Guadalupe Dailey in August 1997. Dailey's body has not been found. She was reported missing Aug. 31, 1997. Her pickup truck was found parked outside a day-care center.



KRT Photo

An unidentified worker constructs a fence in front of a popular night spot in downtown Seattle which was closed after a large part of its facade fell during a magnitude 6.8 earthquake. Seattle is still addressing the damage.

Earthquake may cost \$2 billion

Associated Press

SEATTLE
The damage estimate from the Northwest earthquake climbed to \$2 billion Thursday as engineers inspected bridges, buildings, dams and roads. But the region congratulated itself for escaping far worse damage.

Most people went about their lives as usual, swapping stories about close calls during the most powerful quake to hit Washington state in 52 years. Few noticed two minor aftershocks early Thursday, and no additional damage was reported.

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State emergency officials counted 272 injuries directly linked to Wednesday's magnitude-6.8 quake, but most were minor and none critical.

"The biggest news is there is no news," Seattle Mayor Paul Schell said. "There aren't any fatalities. The damage, while serious, is not anything like what people would have expected."

Despite the good news, Gov. Gary Locke submitted a formal request Thursday to President Bush for a federal disaster declaration, which would make federal aid available.

The earthquake was centered 35 miles southwest of Seattle and 33 miles underground. Scientists said the depth of the quake eased its impact, while municipal leaders said the millions of dollars spent stabilizing the region's highways and buildings against earthquakes over the past decade paid off.

Several homes were evacuated in a Tacoma neighborhood because of danger from mudslides.

In nearby Steilacoom, more than 200 patients at a state hospital for the criminally insane were moved after inspectors

declared the building unsafe. The patients were kept in a gymnasium under guard Wednesday night.

In Olympia, the state capital south of Seattle, several streets were blocked off as crews began clearing away rubble. The Capitol complex remained closed, idling 10,000 workers, most of them until Monday, when buildings were expected to be inspected and cleaned.

Legislative leaders said they will not know until Friday whether the Capitol itself, with a crack behind pillars supporting its dome, can be used.

AFGHANISTAN

Taliban troops destroy all statues

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan
Defying an international outcry, Taliban soldiers on Thursday began destroying all statues in Afghanistan — even targeting two soaring, ancient statues of Buddha carved into the face of a mountain.

The ruling Islamic militia said they sought to purge the nation of idolatrous images, but their closest ally Pakistan said the action could be a backlash against Afghanistan's

international isolation, including U.N. sanctions.

Pakistani Interior Minister Moinuddin Haider told The Associated Press the Taliban's order "may have been an act of defiance brought on by the isolation they feel."

As troops fanned out with everything from rocket launchers to tanks to destroy statues, cultural leaders worldwide expressed horror.

The head of UNESCO asked other Islamic nations to pressure the Taliban to stop, while the director of

the Metropolitan Museum in New York pleaded with Afghan officials to give the artifacts to foreign museums.

"In Afghanistan, they are destroying statues that the entire world considers to be masterpieces," UNESCO Director-General Koichiro Matsuura said. "This iconoclastic determination shocks me."

"All officials, including the ministry of vice and virtue, have been given the go-ahead to destroy the statues," the Taliban's Information Minister Qadratullah Jamal said.

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The number of women who have applied this year has made the application process successful for the Residence Life and Housing Department. During the last two years, the department was somewhat stranded because there were not enough qualified applicants to fill the openings.

"They [had already] turned people down who weren't qualified, so I applied and had a phone interview," said Senior RA Katie McGillis. She became an RA after ResLife determined that they did not have enough applicants, although the department did manage to eventually fill its staff.

"This is the first time since I've been here that we've had a full staff at the beginning of the year," said senior Courtney Takata.

This is her third time through the RA selection process — this time as a committee member, not an applicant.

ResLife and students have wondered why more women are not interested in becoming RAs. A disadvantage to the job is that the only perk Saint Mary's provides to RAs is partial room and board.

"I think [the low turnout] is because we don't have a lot of perks," Takata said. "Our job is very difficult; some people don't like to be in the job of [where they are required to be] responsible."

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resident assistant

Saint Mary's RAs have a good deal of responsibilities. In addition to supporting their residents, RAs must create and run section events, take part in Saint Mary's activities and maintain control in their section. However, what seems to prevent most women from becoming an RA is the rules RAs must enforce; St. Mary's RAs are expected to enforce alcohol policies, quiet hours, and visitation hours.

"I think people are intimidated by the fact that they have to discipline their peers," McGillis said.

"People don't like the fact that they might have to punish their friends," Canetti added.

The selection process itself may also have something to do with the low turnout. The process begins with a written application, but the true test comes in February during a four-hour interview process. Women who are applying must interview in groups with current resident advisors and hall directors.

"The most intimidating part was [the number of] girls that came out for so few positions and how our interview process

had a large amount of RAs and hall directors staring at you," Canetti said.

"We just want to make sure we have the right person. RAs can make an impact like no one else can," Takata said.

This year's selection process and its publicity may have encouraged more women to apply.

"The publicity was much better this year," Takata said. "It was really catchy and showed the positives of being an RA, which is really important."

Judge rules Internet adoption invalid; twins to return to U.S.

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS

Attorneys said Thursday a judge will ask that twins adopted over the Internet be returned to St. Louis and that the fight for custody of the girls be decided in their hometown.

The 8-month-old twins were born in St. Louis but, two couples, one from California and the other from Britain, both sought to adopt them through the same Internet adoption broker. The California couple said the British couple received the girls because they paid more.

Both of the couples and the twins' now-separated biological parents want custody of the girls, who are in foster care in Britain.

Judge Steve Ohmer has not released any information about the case since sealing court records last month. But attorneys for the children and their biological mother said Ohmer told them Thursday he would ask courts in Britain and Arkansas, where the British adoption occurred, that the case be handled by a Missouri court.

"The feeling of the court is that there's certainly jurisdiction here," said Bryan Hettenbach, who represents the twins. "This is where the kids were born. This is their home state."

If British and Arkansas courts agree to let the case be decided in St. Louis, the court would decide what to do with the girls during the custody fight, said Gloria Allred, attorney for Tranda Wecker, the girls' biological mother.

The girls — named Kiara and Keyara by the Weckers — were born June 26 in St. Louis. The Weckers separated a short time later, and the children were later put up for adoption.



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Oklahoma, Virginia execute 2

◆ Clayton becomes 9th inmate to die in Oklahoma in 2001

Associated Press

McALESTER, Okla. — Oklahoma executed a man by injection Thursday after DNA tests confirmed his guilt in a woman's murder.

Also Thursday, a Virginia man was executed by injection for killing another man with a baseball bat during a robbery.

Robert William Clayton of Tulsa, Okla., had been scheduled to die two months ago, but a court ruled he could pursue DNA tests.

The tests indicated he killed 19-year-old Rhonda Timmons.

"I want to say I'm glad I'm leaving this place and I'm going to a better place," Clayton said in his final statement. "I love my family and I'm sorry for this other lady that was killed ... You're still killing an innocent man."

Prosecutors said that after Timmons rejected Clayton's advances, he fractured her skull, stabbed her 12 times and strangled her with her bathing suit top.

Clayton was the ninth inmate put to death in Oklahoma this year. In Virginia,

Thomas Akers was the first inmate this year to be executed in his state.

In a lengthy final statement, Akers expressed remorse for the 1998 beating

death of 24-year-old Wesley Smith of Roanoke.

"I thank the Lord Jesus Christ for coming into my life," Akers said. "I love all of my family with all of my heart."

Prosecutors said Akers and his cousin, Timmy Martin, told Smith they were taking him out on the town but instead took him to a rural area where they choked him with a belt and beat him beyond recognition.

Akers pleaded guilty to capital murder and robbery and told Judge William Alexander that if he didn't get the death penalty, he would kill again and it would be Alexander's fault.

In an appeal, defense lawyers said Akers had tried to kill himself several times and suffers from major depression and a dysfunction of his central nervous system.

Martin pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and was sentenced to life in prison.

MBA distance learning ranked 1st nationally

By GEOFF BRODIE
News Writer

With only five years under its belt, the Executive MBA distance-learning program at Notre Dame could still be considered in its growing stages. But since its start in 1995, growing doesn't seem to be an issue for the program.

The never-ending improvements made in technology and high speed communication has left the program with state-of-the-art equipment to go along with its top national ranking.

The program was ranked the best in the nation by the U.S. Distance Learning Association that now presents a very tough question

to the University: How does one make the best even better?

Based upon a high-tech video conferencing system, the EMBA distance learning program links classrooms on campus to specially equipped rooms at four sites off campus. Executives in or near Chicago,

Indianapolis, and Toledo are able to earn an MBA from Notre Dame without leaving their jobs and families. The classrooms have high-speed T-1 communication lines connected to tracking cameras, video

"No matter how much one talks about having an integrated classroom, distance learning lacks the personal touch."

Edward Trubac
associate dean,
Mendoza College of Business

monitors, wireless microphones and other equipment. This allows for real time interaction between off-campus students and faculty and students on campus.

Newly added by Bill Brewster, the college's director of technology, is a multi-point conferencing unit. Through advanced T-1 routing techniques, the unit is able to connect more than two sites together in a single video conference as well as show all classrooms from any site, on or off campus.

The main drawback to the program, however, seems to be in the name itself. The "distance" between professor and student leaves little room for personal attention and relationships to form.

"No matter how much one talks about having an integrated classroom, distance learning lacks the personal touch," said associate dean Edward Trubac.

Trubac plans to lessen the effect of this problem by visiting the off-campus classrooms as many times as possible during a semester. Students at these off-campus locations seem to welcome the visits as it closes distance gaps through interaction with administrators from the host university.

"Ed's visit showed a real concern by the University for off-campus students," said student Larry Mitzman. "There are a lot of tangible and intangible benefits that can be gained by doing this two to three times a year."

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Lawyers offer to drop charges against Rich

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
New York prosecutors offered to drop the heaviest charges against fugitive financier Marc Rich and let him stay free on bail if he returned to America, according to an e-mail released Thursday by Republicans who argue that Bill Clinton's pardon of Rich was undeserved.



Clinton

The Manhattan U.S. attorney's office offered to drop a federal racketeering charge if Rich returned to face the other charges, Rich attorney Robert Fink said in an e-mail in February 2000 to Avner Azulay, ex-chief of Israel's spy agency. Azulay collected testimonials from prominent Israelis in support of the pardon issued by then-President Clinton on his last day in office.

"They would also agree in advance on bail, etc., so that he would not be incarcerated pending trial — although he would have to surrender his passport," Fink wrote.

Jack Quinn, the lawyer who pursued the pardon for Rich, told congressional investigators earlier this month that prosecutors had refused to negotiate the case for the past decade. Quinn also said the charges under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act were "a sledgehammer" and one reason why Rich refused to return.

In his defense of the pardon, Clinton has argued civil rather than criminal charges should have been brought against Rich

in the first place.

The new e-mail was in a stack of documents released at the start of the House Government Reform Committee's hearing where House members were to hear about Clinton's pardons from three of the former president's closest aides.

"Mr. Quinn has been telling us that this 'RICO sledgehammer' was what forced Mr. Rich to flee the country," said the committee chairman, Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind. "Now it looks like that's not accurate."

Beth Dozoretz, a former finance director of the Democratic National Committee, told the House committee Thursday she would refuse to answer their questions.

"Upon the advice of my counsel, I respectfully decline to answer that question based on the protection afforded me under the United States Constitution," Dozoretz said. When asked if she would give the same answer to all the questions, she replied: "That will be my response to all questions."

Dozoretz is a friend of Rich's ex-wife, Denise, and pledged to raise \$1 million for Clinton's presidential library. Denise Rich contributed \$450,000 to the library foundation, \$1.1 million to the Democratic Party and at least \$109,000 to Hillary Rodham Clinton's Senate campaign.

Her lawyers on Monday told the committee she would invoke her constitutional right against self-incrimination but committee Republicans forced her to appear in person to tell them. Denise Rich was allowed to refuse to testify without appearing before the committee.

"This is a personal privilege that must be exercised by the individual, not through counsel," Burton said.

FBI expands polygraph test

◆ Officials hope lie detector tests will prevent espionage

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The FBI is expanding employee lie-detector tests and monitoring of worker access to sensitive information in response to allegations that a veteran counterintelligence agent spied for Moscow for 15 years.

Attorney General John Ashcroft said Thursday there is evidence that polygraphs do not always work to deter internal security breaches. But he said that "because of the national

security involved," he and FBI Director Louis Freeh agreed that more polygraphs should be conducted following the arrest of Robert Philip Hanssen, a 25-year veteran agent accused of spying for Russia and the Soviet Union.

"There have been cases in the past that polygraphing did not work on," Ashcroft said at a news conference.

"Nevertheless, I believe that there are applications for polygraph that are important."

"The director and I have agreed that because of the national security involved and

the very important consequences of the breaches, that we should elevate the use of polygraph in certain cases," said Ashcroft.

The FBI would not comment. The FBI also is changing the way it audits access to information to catch workers who improperly seek data, Ashcroft said.

FBI agents are given polygraph tests when they apply to join the bureau but usually are not tested again unless they need a higher level of clearance. Justice Department officials said that policy would be expanded; they declined to elaborate.

Ashcroft said the additional polygraphs are an interim step

while the FBI's internal security procedures are reviewed by former CIA and FBI director William Webster, who will recommend how to tighten security.

Meanwhile, federal prosecutors asked a judge to keep Hanssen jailed pending further action on his case.

In a proffer filed Thursday in U.S. District Court in Alexandria, Va., the government said the risk that Hanssen will flee the country and the gravity of his alleged crimes mean that he should not be released.

"No conditions of release will

reasonably assure either his appearances in court or the safety of our country," according to the filing signed by U.S. Attorney Helen Fahey.

Among the evidence cited to support its request, the FBI said it had recovered statements from Hanssen's Swiss bank account and letters in which the Russians and Hanssen allegedly discuss how to hide money in a Swiss bank account.

The FBI alleged that, in exchange for providing top secret information, Hanssen had received more than \$600,000 in cash and diamonds, and an additional \$800,000 had been set aside for him in an overseas escrow account.

Investigators also found in locked safes in Hanssen's office at the State Department a file entitled "Russian Espionage" containing 20 to 30 documents on Felix Bloch and a sensitive classified technical intelligence collection program, an affidavit showed.

The FBI has alleged that Hanssen tipped off the KGB to the FBI's secret investigation of Bloch, a foreign service agent suspected of spying for Moscow in 1989, but never arrested.

A detention and preliminary hearing were scheduled for Monday. Federal prosecutors and Hanssen's attorney have asked a federal magistrate to postpone the hearing until May 21 to allow both sides more time to prepare the case.

Both sides agree that the facts of the case "are unusual and complex."

They also agreed to ask for an extension of time for filing an indictment until May 21.

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Combs takes stand in his own defense

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Sean "Puffy" Combs took the witness stand Thursday to declare that he had never packed a weapon or offered a \$50,000 bribe on the night three people were shot inside a Manhattan hip-hop club.

The rap impresario, owner of a \$300 million record label and clothing line, calmly told the jury that he believed the bullets ricocheting through Club New York on Dec. 27, 1999, were intended for him.

"I thought I was being shot at," said Combs, who was with fellow rapper The Notorious B.I.G. minutes before his murder in 1997. "My hands were up. ... Everybody started falling all over each other."

Facing up to 15 years in prison on weapons and bribery charges, Combs detailed the chaos after the shooting inside the club near Times Square as he headed for the exit with his then-girlfriend, the top-selling singer Jennifer Lopez.

Once Combs finished, the defense rested its case without calling Lopez to the stand. The pop diva never appeared in the courtroom.

Dressed in a dark, conservative suit as he has been each day of the trial, Combs exchanged bear hugs with his lawyers, Benjamin Brafman and Johnnie Cochran, after his testimony.

The rapper then walked into the audience to hug his mother and aunts before a fan presented him with a single red rose. In the gallery to provide support was rapper Dwight "Heavy D" Myers.

Combs, 31, and bodyguard Anthony "Wolf" Jones, 34, are charged with two counts of weapons possession and one count of bribery. Prosecutors say one gun was found in Combs' Lincoln Navigator SUV, while a second was thrown from its window as Combs fled the club.

A member of Combs' entourage, rapper Jamal "Shyne" Barrow, is

accused of attempted murder for allegedly shooting and wounding the three people in the club. Prosecution witnesses have testified that Combs pulled a gun as well, an assertion contradicted by defense witnesses.

Combs' testimony, the most highly anticipated moment in the case, packed the seventh-floor courtroom, mostly with reporters.

Debate over putting him on the stand had started before the trial began Jan. 29.

Combs opened his testimony with a friendly introduction under questioning from Brafman. He answered questions about his business and his nickname, and mentioned his mother, who has been a faithful companion in court each day.

He flatly denied that he had a weapon at anytime the night of the shooting. He did the same when asked about the charge that he had offered hired driver Wardell Fenderson a bribe to spare prosecution on a gun charge.

"Did you offer Fenderson \$50,000?" asked Brafman.

"Absolutely not," Combs replied.

Puffy and his pals

Sean "Puffy" Combs took the witness stand today during his much celebrated trial. The singer is charged with two counts of gun possession and bribery stemming from his involvement in a shooting incident at the Club New York on Dec. 27, 1999.

Matthew "Scar" Allen

A guest at the club that night who allegedly screamed obscenities to Combs and threw money at him, sparking the melee.

Jamal "Shyne" Barrow

Combs' protegee is charged with three counts of attempted murder for allegedly opening fire and shooting three people that night.

Anthony "Wolf" Jones

Combs' bodyguard is charged with two counts of gun possession.

Wardell Fenderson

Combs' driver alleges that he was offered \$50,000 by the singer to take the blame for the gun possession charges.

Jennifer Lopez

The then-girlfriend of Combs accompanied him to the nightclub. The singer-actress is not charged with any crime and has not been called to testify.



Under cross-examination, prosecutor Matthew Bogdanos suggested that Combs had just finished a well-rehearsed performance. Combs acknowledged spending about 5 1/2 hours with his attorney in the last two days and that during those sessions some of the same questions asked in court were posed to him.

Combs also agreed, under

questioning by Bogdanos, that he had no personal relationship with Fenderson before the shooting. Yet in the days after the shooting, Combs acknowledged, he made several calls to Fenderson.

"He sounded distraught and devastated," said Combs, presenting his calls as a humanitarian gesture. "I was giving him words of support."

Boyfriend of Bush's daughter arrested

Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas

A college student claiming to be the boyfriend of President Bush's daughter

Jenna was arrested at a fraternity party and released several hours later to a man whom deputies believed to be a Secret Service agent, a sheriff said Thursday.

White House officials and Secret Service spokesman Tony Ball refused to comment.

"We're not making any comments about this incident," said Noelia Rodriguez, a spokeswoman for first lady Laura Bush in Washington.

William Ashe Bridges, an 18-year-old Texas Christian University freshman, was jailed early Sunday after law officers arrested him at a house near the campus, Tarrant County Sheriff Dee

Anderson said.

Held at the county jail, Bridges was intoxicated and loudly insisted that he was dating Bush's daughter, Anderson said. When Bridges was allowed to make a phone call, he talked a few minutes and then handed the phone to a sergeant, who said a young woman on the line identified herself as Jenna Bush, Anderson said.

"She just asked when he could be released," Anderson said. "No one asked for any special favors whatsoever."

Bridges, who was cited for public intoxication and underage possession of alcohol, was released after four hours of detention.

March 2, 2001

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Media should accept all body weights

At the end of Body Image Awareness week, after assessing all the gains we have made in changing our self-conceptions, it is important to realize how much society still has to change. The forum with the greatest amount of changes to make is the media. The media have established body style trends throughout history, supporting and rejecting certain body types and deciding what weight is acceptable for women and men. Their current support of impossibly perfect body images has become far too culturally accepted. Combating unhealthy thin body images with support for body types on the opposite sides of the spec-

trum, while leaving little acknowledgment for the middle ground where most people fall has not compensated for the prevalent social acceptance of thin models.

The media, a force in society that Notre Dame history professor Gail Bederman refers to as "encompassing" and "pervasive," fail to accept or display mid-range weight groups. While heavier celebrities Drew Carey, Catherine Mannheim and Rosie O'Donnell have been accepted and supported in their careers, entertainment television has focused on the weight struggles of Oprah Winfrey and Rikki Lake. While the extremely thin and overweight are embraced by the public,

the average body type has been ignored. The media should address such weight image disparities. Instead of merely supporting one extreme or the other, magazines, television, advertisements and the news media should support all sizes and shapes. With the acceptance of all body types in the public spotlight, Americans of all ages will gain a more healthy concept of their own bodies.

In addition, promoting more typical body types as attractive will lead us to find ourselves as equally appealing as the models and images the media present.

The Observer Editorial

Evaluating Bush's first speech

This writer gives "Dubya" a B grade on his first address to Congress. I almost fell into the trap of expecting so little, then becoming so surprised at his performance that I blindly awarded a grade above its merit. Instead, I stuck to the rigorous academic standards embodied in the Notre Dame classroom.

Overall, Bush's performance was one of balance, embodied most when he said, "An artist using statistics as a brush could paint two very different pictures of our country. One would have warning signs: increasing layoffs, rising energy prices, too many failing schools, persistent poverty, the stubborn vestiges of racism. Another picture would be full of blessings: a balanced budget, big surpluses, a military that is second to none, a country at peace with its neighbors, technology that is revolutionizing the world and our greatest strength, concerned citizens who care for our country and for each other."

Yet the speech was full of irony, beginning with the fact that none of the five Supreme Court justices who voted for Bush attended. For Democrats, the irony included the thought that only a set of unusual circumstances paved the way for Bush to become president. They included mimicking Bill Clinton's brilliant political strategies while exploiting his pathetic personal weaknesses.

Democrats found irony in Bush's campaign to return civility to Washington when it had existed between the political parties for decades in Congress until Republican Newt Gingrich began his nuclear combat. It is easy now for Bush when his party controls the White House and both houses of Congress. One should expect many accomplishments since

Democrats do not engage in Gingrich's mortal combat.

Democrats on the House floor sighed when Bush said, "Let us agree to bridge old divides. But let us also agree that our good will must be dedicated to great goals. Bipartisanship is more than mind-ing our manners. It is doing our duty."

Many chuckled in the House chamber when the President said, "Together, we are changing the tone of our nation's capitol. And this spirit of respect and cooperation is vital — because in the end, we'll be judged by what we are able to accomplish."

This week, Bush's success lies in a technique perfected by President Clinton, what former Clinton strategist Jack Morris calls "triangulation."

Triangulation occurs when a politician uses his opponents' issues along with his own issues to place himself somewhere outside of both parties. Thus the three points, or triangle, on the political scale.

While some see it as stealing the other party's thunder, it is good politics. Bush cannot fail for simply co-opting the other party's thoughts and beliefs. Triangulation is the loophole of political persuasion.

Early in his speech, Bush spoke of many traditional Democratic issues such as prescription drug coverage, a patient's bill of rights, Social Security and Medicare. Later he mentioned traditional Republican beliefs such as ending the inheritance tax and support of faith-based initiatives. Bush played to both sides when he referred to religious organizations by saying, "Government should welcome these groups to apply for funds, not discriminate against them. Government cannot be replaced by charities or volunteers. Government should not fund religious activities."

Bush chastised Congress, implying that he was on neither side when he said, "Year after year in Washington, budget debates seem to come down to an old, tired argument: on one side, those who want more government, regardless of the

cost; on the other, those who want less government, regardless of the need."

But with last year's Republican controlled Congress stuffing all the pork in last year's budget, Democrats shook their heads when Bush said, "Last year, government spending shot up 8 percent. That's far more than our economy grew, far more than personal income grew and far more than the rate of inflation."

Democrats see Bush as triangulating on the budget by proposing a 4 percent increase this year. His desire to increase military spending and to resurrect the so-called "Star Wars" missile defense program seem to skew the surplus numbers when added to his massive tax cut. When the details are presented in April, we will finally see how his budget puzzle fits together.

But for now Bush successfully triangulated the tax cut proposals by saying, "Some say my tax plan is too big, others say it is too small. I respectfully disagree. This plan is just right." Some believe that Bush will ultimately accept a smaller tax cut but call it a victory if he can fit his other priorities into the equation.

Thinking back to late 1999 when Bush used focus groups to formulate his tax cut in anticipation of Steve Forbes and his flat tax proposal, Democrats also laughed when Bush said, "I didn't throw darts at a board to come up with a number for tax relief. I did not take a poll or develop an arbitrary formula that might sound good. I looked at problems in the tax code and calculated the cost to fix them."

Yeah, right, and Oprah is the Queen of England!

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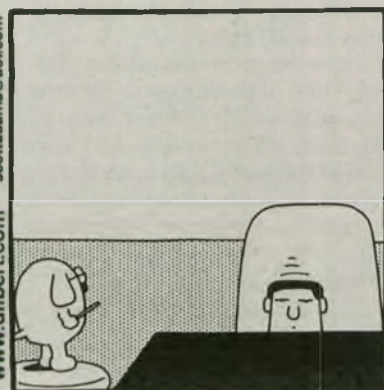
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Gary Caruso

Capitol Comments

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Surround yourself with the best people you can find, delegate authority and don't interfere."

Ronald Reagan
former president

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Statue reflects school's Catholic character

I am writing this letter in response to the letter submitted by Jocelyn Szczepaniak-Gillece regarding the statue of Mary dedicated to abortion victims outside the Basilica. The letter was an attack on the University's character and the uniqueness that makes Notre Dame the place it is today.

I think it is important to keep in mind that Notre Dame is a highly regarded Catholic institution that upholds the beliefs of the Catholic Church. While it is important to support women in our community who have endured the hardship of an abortion, it is equally important to remember the lives of the aborted victims.

Should Notre Dame remove the cross from the Basilica or the statue of Jesus from God Quad simply because all students are

not of the Catholic faith? I think not. Notre Dame stands as a proud, Catholic university. We as a community can not deny the University's heritage.

As for the question of whether or not Ms. Szczepaniak-Gillece can be proud of her degree, I'll say the following. Be proud in knowing that you attended one of the finest University's in the nation. Be proud that your alma mater's traditions and Catholic roots will ensure that future generations will benefit from an education at Notre Dame.

Chris Neidlinger
class of '97
Indianapolis, IN
March 1, 2001



Letter erred on the facts, hurt reputation

This letter is in response to a letter that was printed in Tuesday's edition of The Observer entitled, "Political correctness taken too far." We agree that political correctness is sometimes taken too far on our campus.

However, the main issue of the letter is what the author perceived as the wrongful confiscation of the T-shirts that were purchased for this year's O'Neill Mardi Gras celebration. Although we are not going to address the political correctness or incorrectness of the original submitted design, we would like to point out that not all of the men of O'Neill Hall support the content of the shirt.

We do, however, wish to address the unjustified degradation of our rector and the Office of Student Affairs. To be kind to the writer of the letter we are addressing, we are assuming that he wrote his letter without complete knowledge of the facts of the situation. Here are some other facts that should be mentioned.

The first T-shirt design was the one described by the author of the earlier printed letter ("The T-shirts in question had the slogan, 'Show Us Something!' on the back, with a picture of a large beaver wearing a Mardi Gras hat and beads."). Contrary to the letter's claim, this design was never accepted by our rector.

Because the T-shirt was deemed inappropriate, the committee in charge of Mardi Gras festivities was asked to come up with

alternative designs, which they did. It was one of these alternative designs that was approved and accepted. Our rector was under the assumption that the alternative T-shirt design that was accepted would be the design sent to the T-shirt maker.

However, instead of submitting the accepted design to the T-shirt maker, the committee submitted the rejected design. When the T-shirts arrived and our rector recognized this deception, he confiscated the T-shirts.

On a side note, these T-shirts have not gone to "those less fortunate than us [who] are impervious to being offended." In fact, those T-shirts have been donated to an overseas charity where the people who are receiving these shirts would have no concept of the implied meaning. These people are probably just glad to have another piece of clothing.

At the risk of sounding redundant, we hope that these facts have cleared the name of our rector. We also suggest that in the future, the authors of any letter make sure they have collected all of the facts regarding their issue before sounding off and attacking someone else's reputation and good name.

Bill LaFleur and Walter Pruchnik
freshmen
Mike Scharpf, Charlie DeRubeis
and Patrick Miller
sophomores
O'Neill Hall
March 1, 2001

Love justifies distance

When I was reading Wednesday's column regarding long-distance relationships, I wondered what provoked the author to write it. It is obvious that Mr. Long has neither been scarred by an attempted long-distance relationship nor ever exposed to how great a successful one can be.

I have been dating my boyfriend who goes to school at Marquette University for two years. We started dating the last month of our senior year of high school after being good friends for two years. I never dreamed that I would go off to college with a boyfriend. I never wanted "strings." I wanted to be free to do whatever I wanted. But then something happened — I fell in love.

My relationship with Brad has helped make me who I am today, and I would not give it up for anything in the world. The distance has taught us to truly communicate and has made us realize how much we want to be together. I cannot imagine being with anyone else nor would I ever want to be.

I agreed with the column when it talked about driveling phone conversations being a hassle and an annoyance for roommates — but what if your conversations aren't like that? If all that a conversation consists of is reassuring a significant other of your love for them, then of course the relationship is going to fail.

Another statement made by the author that I didn't agree with is that "it's hard to stay intimate with a significant other when there is no physical contact." Since when does intimacy only include sexual content?

Some of the most intimate moments in life can be a deep conversation, a powerful moment or a simple look shared by two souls. Sexual intimacy is part of a relationship, but it is not what a relationship is founded upon. If it is, then that relationship is doomed to fail — whether it is long distance or with the girl next door.

This same objection applies to the "ability to get the same thing next door" reasoning the author used to explain the impending doom of long distance relationships. If a relationship is true love, and has true intimacy, there is no way to replace that with just anyone.

I am not saying that long distance relationships are for everyone or are by any measure easy. They require a lot of hard work and heartache. However, the minute that you are together and you get to look into the eyes of the person you love, you know that all that work was worth it.

Jennifer Lynch
sophomore
Walsh Hall
March 1, 2001

Women's basketball ticket distribution needs reform

Monday morning I waited in line to purchase tickets to the women's NCAA Basketball Regionals first round games. The fact that there are few tickets left to these games and what students need to do to get them has not been well advertised.

Monday was also the first day to purchase season tickets to next year's women's basketball games. From what I have gathered from the past season ticket holders in line and the staff in my department interested in season tickets, this also has not been well advertised.

I waited an hour with the few past season ticket holders, who luckily saw forms for season tickets at the Georgetown game, while two women in the front of the line purchased whole rows and sections of seats. It is not a good sign when someone walks up to the ticket window and says, "I want these tickets row by row by row."

It was even more disturbing that at least one of these people seemed good buddies with some of the staff in the back office. Something looked rotten in the state of Denmark.

I would hope that the Fiesta Bowl mentality, "It's not whether you win or lose, but how much you take in at the till," is not invading the women's athletics program also.

It is my hope that the athletic department would make a better effort to alert the season ticket holders, staff and students about ticket distribution. To that aim I suggest, because of the contradictory information I have received, that the athletic department take out an advertisement in The Observer or write a letter explaining to the students how the NCAA women's tournament ticket distribution will work.

In the future, it would seem reasonable that season ticket-holders and staff should be notified in advance of upcoming season ticket sales.

I would also suggest that the number of tickets purchased by an individual would be limited to a reasonable number, such as fifteen, and a closer scrutiny of the large ticket orders be made.

The community has strongly supported women's basketball in the past and recently the student support has increased also. It would be a tragedy if long time season ticket holders and students were turned off by those hoping to make a quick buck on the team's success.

James Hogan
Notre Dame biology department
February 28, 2001

Fri., March 2, 2002

Evening Concert Block — Washington Hall: (Fee)

- ◆ 7:30 p.m. Central Michigan University Jazz Lab I
- ◆ 8:15 p.m. Boise State University Jazz Ensemble
- ◆ 9:00 p.m. Southern Illinois University Special Projects Ensemble
- ◆ 9:45 p.m. Lawrence University Jazz Quintet
- ◆ 10:30 p.m. University of Texas - Brownsville Jazz Band I
- ◆ 11:15 p.m. Judges' Jam



Photos courtesy of Notre Dame Jazz Band

Ryan Kenny (left) and Brian Mowery are members of the Notre Dame Jazz band (shown below playing during Junior Parents' Weekend), which will be directed by Fr. Wiskirchen at this weekend's festival.



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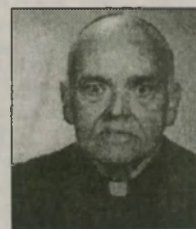
This weekend, Notre Dame hosts showcasing jazz band talent

By LAURA KELLY
Associate Scene Editor

Last October, a mailing about Notre Dame's Collegiate Jazz Festival was sent out to 400 college jazz bands across the country. By December, 34 of them had written back, submitting an audition tape and information about their band.

Amidst the rush before winter break, this year's festival director, Paul Krivickas, and faculty advisor Fr. George Wiskirchen, C.S.C., sat down and listened closely to each tape. They considered their decision carefully, talking over the strengths of each ensemble. They finally chose nine bands (the 10th being one of Notre Dame's own) to be a part of the University's 43rd jazz festival.

This year's Collegiate Jazz Festival boasts groups from across the nation, including bands representing Central Michigan University, Boise State University, Southern Illinois University, Lawrence



Wiskirchen

Collegiate Jazz Festival

- ◆ Washington Hall
- ◆ Fri., March 2 and Sat., March 3
- ◆ Pricing (tickets available at the door):

Friday evening performances:
Students: \$4, Non-students: \$8

Saturday evening performances:
Students: \$2, Non-students: \$5

All-festival pass:
Students: \$5, Non-students: \$12

University, University of Texas-Brownsville, University of Northern Iowa, Northern Illinois University, Loyola University-New Orleans and Florida State University.

"Usually [the bands] come from the Midwest, but this year it's more national," said Krivickas. "We were mindful of this when we picked the bands."

Many of the bands are making their first appearance at the festival. "We have a lot of new groups this year," said Wiskirchen. "Old groups run into schedule conflicts or problems with budgets, so the result is newer groups who haven't been to the festival before."

There are a few noticeable absences — namely Western Michigan, whose strong jazz program faced scheduling problems for the first time this year. As a result, Wiskirchen said the festival should be full of surprises.

"I have no idea who's going to be an outstanding group," said Wiskirchen.

"We can presume Florida State will have a very fine group based on what they've done in the past."

"I haven't heard from Loyola University in New Orleans in about 25 years, so it should be interesting to see what they're doing," Wiskirchen said.

"Other [groups] are here for the first time and may end up being more inter-

esting and exciting."

"That's part of the interest in the festival," said Wiskirchen. "Jazz is a constantly changing thing."

The "CJF," as it is known in jazz circles around the country, was founded by students in 1959 and has been a student-run operation ever since. Wiskirchen, its faculty advisor since 1972, cites this student involvement as one of the festival's strengths.

"From the beginning, the faculty advisor was just there to help out, to give whatever advice was needed, to provide contacts and experiential knowledge," said Wiskirchen.

Yet these contacts he refers to have done more than help out student organizers — indeed, Wiskirchen's connections have helped draw top jazz musicians to the festival as judges.

"Fr. Wiskirchen is amazing," said Krivickas. "He knows everything there is to know about jazz — he's a legend here."

As student director, Krivickas is in charge of assembling the festival's judges. "Whenever I mention [Wiskirchen's] name, people recognize him," Krivickas said. "He's known all over in the jazz community."

Among the judges who were drawn to the CJF this year, either by connections through Wiskirchen or an appreciation for the festival's quality and success, all are well-known professional musicians, according to Krivickas. "There are even a few Grammy nominees in the group."

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Irish, Huskies on collision course for title game

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

Since Notre Dame stunned Connecticut on Jan. 15, both teams have pointed towards the Big East Championships. Provided the two top seeds win two more games, a rematch would occur on Tuesday night before the usual sell-out crowd at Gampel Pavilion, the Huskies home floor.

Think Geno Auriemma is looking forward for another shot at the Irish?

Following his team's loss at the Joyce Center, Auriemma voiced his squad's dilemmas.

"I think our team is surprised when teams actually play really, really good against us," Auriemma said. "That's how immature some of our players are. They would rather phone ahead and say 'By the way, here we come and we would like the score to be 52-30 at halftime so could you please go along with that?' And when it doesn't go like that, we're not quite sure how to deal with it this year. That's the crux of what we're going through right now."

Due to that loss, Connecticut (25-2 overall, 15-1 in the Big East) enters the conference tournament as the No. 2 seed. Notre Dame (26-1 overall, 15-1 in the Big East) is the top seed and opens up on Sunday at 2:00. The Irish play the winner of Saturday's game between Georgetown and Syracuse.

Notre Dame beat Georgetown 65-53 on Feb. 24 in its final

home game and defeated Syracuse 75-61 on Feb. 14 in New York. Both squads are led by All-Conference guards — Georgetown's Katie Smrcka-Duffy is second in the league in scoring with 16.7 points per game. And Syracuse's Beth Record is averaging 13.3 points per game, good for 11th in the Big East.

"They both have some outstanding post players and they both have a great guard," coach Muffet McGraw said. "They have multiple players who played very well against us."

If the Irish win on Sunday, they will play on Monday night at 6 p.m. against No. 4 Virginia Tech, No. 5 Villanova or No. 12 St. John's. Virginia Tech received a bye and plays the winner of the Villanova/St. John's match-up on Sunday.

As has been the case for most of the year, McGraw will rely on the five starters for the bulk of the minutes. Ruth Riley leads the league in scoring (18.5 points), blocked shots (3.19 per game) and field-goal percentage (63.6 percent) and ranks fourth in rebounds (7.5 per game).

Niele Ivey will also likely receive All-Big East honors. She has averaged 12.3 points, 7.04 assists and 2.63 steals per game.

For the first two games, depending on the score, McGraw wants to give her bench players some playing time.

"I'd like to keep (the starters) under 30 minutes," McGraw



ELIZABETH LANG/The Observer

Point guard Niele Ivey comes away with the ball during Notre Dame's upset of No. 1 Connecticut on Jan. 15. The Irish could see the Huskies in the Big East Championship Game.

said. "Hopefully we'll be able to spread the time around."

If they advance to the finals, look for the Irish to stick with five or six players. In the previous Connecticut game, Notre Dame's starters played for 184 of a possible 200 minutes.

Connecticut, the defending national champions, begins play on Sunday against either Boston College or Miami. In Monday's semifinals, the Huskies will likely face Rutgers. The Scarlet Knights handed the Irish their only loss

of the season on Feb. 17 but lost 70-45 to Connecticut on Feb. 14.

"Rutgers is a great defensive team," McGraw said. "But Connecticut has such good depth. It should be a good game."

Sizing up the competition

Connecticut Huskies

The Huskies only conference loss of the season came at the hands of the Irish on Jan. 15. UConn leading scorer Svetlana Abrosimova (14.4 ppg) is out for the season. Depth is key for UConn as they have six players averaging over nine points per game.

Georgetown Hoyas

Katie Smrcka-Duffy and Rebekkah Brunson lead the Hoyas. Smrcka-Duffy is Georgetown's has led the Hoyas in scoring 16 times this season. Brunson has been the leading scorer in the other 11 games. Georgetown looks to rebound in the tournament from a current three game losing streak.

Miami Hurricanes

Junior guard Sheila James led the Hurricanes in scoring four of the last six games. She is averaging 10.4 points per contest. On the season, freshman Charivia Broussard leads Miami in scoring with 12.8 a game. In their last meeting, Notre Dame beat Miami 81-43 at the Joyce Center.

Providence Friars

Jen Gombotz is the leading scorer for the Friars at 11 points while Monika Roberts averages 6.2 rebounds.

Providence ended a three game skid with a 79-74 victory over Syracuse to close out Big East regular season play.

Rutgers Scarlet Knights

Vivian Stringer's club dealt Notre Dame its only defeat of the season, 54-53 on Feb. 17. Tammy Sutton-Brown leads the Scarlet Knights in scoring at 11.8 a game and Tasha Pointer is first on the team in rebounding at 5.9 a game.

Seton Hall Pirates

Seton Hall is without point guard Naimah Smith, who suffered a torn ACL. Senior forward Arminda Moreno is averaging 15.8 ppg and has been Seton Hall's leading scorer in 18 out of 26 games this season.

St. John's Red Storm

Against UConn the Red Storm hit 10 three point baskets with Rasheedah Brown nailing three. Brown is the leading scorer for St. John's at 14.3 ppg. She has reached double figures in 23 out of 25 games this season. St. John's has dropped the last two games of the season to UConn and Virginia Tech.

Villanova Wildcats

The Wildcats have posted 10 conference wins for the first time since the 96-97 season. Senior Brandi Barnes leads the team in scoring with 14.4 points per game and is second in rebounding with six per contest.

Virginia Tech Hokies

Virginia Tech is led by senior Tere Williams who is averaging 15.2 points on theseason. She is back in the lineup after missing the Providence game with aknee injury. Williams also leads the Hokies in rebounding with 5.2 per game.

Boston College Eagles

Junior Becky Gottstein has scored in double figures 14 straight games. Gottstein averages 16.3 ppg and 8.6 rpg both of which pace the team. Boston College is in the midst of a five-game winning streak.

Syracuse Orangewomen

The Orangewomen are without point guard Jakia Eruin, who tore her ACL on Feb. 9, which ending her college career. Leading the way for Syracuse is Beth Record, who averages 13.5 points and 6.9 rebounds.

Irish seniors savor final weeks together

◆ Ivey, Riley, Leahy, Siemon and Dunbar lead Notre Dame into Storrs

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

It was a sunny morning in Washington, D.C. four years ago when roommates Imani Dunbar and Meaghan Leahy awoke in their hotel room. Perhaps a little too sunny.

The two then-freshmen looked at the clock and realized that they had missed the team bus to the airport. Unfortunately, they didn't even know which airport —Dulles or Reagan.

They quickly packed, used their daily meal money to catch a cab, and headed out alone into the city in search of the team. All ended well as they actually beat the team bus to the airport.

"I think Meaghan turned down the volume [of the alarm.] Meaghan thinks I set the alarm for p.m. instead of a.m.," Dunbar said. "We just missed the bus."

Four years later Dunbar and Leahy are regarded as two of the unsung leaders on an Irish team rated No. 1 in the conference, and No. 2 in the country, headed into this weekend's Big East Championships.

Although neither player starts or is part of the team's seven-player rotation, Irish coach Muffet McGraw doesn't discount their value.

"Imani is one who hasn't played a much but the younger players look at how she leads from the bench," McGraw said.

Leahy has impressed teammates and coaches with a unique ability to laugh at herself.

"Meaghan is just a lot of fun to be around," McGraw said. "She might be one of my favorites of everybody on the team. She doesn't feel sorry for herself. She likes being a member of the team."

Friendships form

Since coming to Notre Dame, the two bench players have forged a bond with an athlete who sees much more time on the floor — All-American center Ruth Riley.

The bond between Leahy and Riley was forged almost immediately in the fall of 1997. The two centers struggled to learn the offense, and the frustration showed.

"Ruth and I were two of the more emotional freshmen," Leahy said. "We cried a couple of times."

Soon Riley grasped the offense, and along with it a starting spot. But before the 6-foot-5 center stepped off the bench and into stardom, she was able to generate quite a reaction on the bench.

"She has this really high-pitched voice and she used to yell so loud," Dunbar said. "She was the loudest cheerleader the first five games."

While the struggle to grasp the offense helped forge the bond between Leahy and Riley, Dunbar bonded with Leahy in the struggle to get on the court.

"Imani and I used to come in freshman year for the last couple of minutes of the game," Leahy said. "We totally bonded with that."

Leahy and Riley worked together at adidas camp over the summer of 2000. Dunbar has visited Leahy at home in Massachusetts.

Both players traveled to tiny Macy, Ind. to watch as Riley's high school jersey was retired.

"Ruth lives in the middle of nowhere," Leahy said.

While the quieter and more laid-back Leahy, Dunbar and Riley were quickly noticing their similarities and becoming friends, the other member of their incoming class, Kelley Siemon, was making a new friend of her own.

On her recruiting visit at Notre Dame, Siemon stayed with then-freshman Niele Ivey and then-sophomore Julie Henderson. It was a friendship that remains strong today.

"I love all the seniors but I think Niele is the one that I have the most fun with," Siemon said. "Our personalities are pretty similar and we just end up laughing and just talking a lot about anything. We're probably the closest of the five."

The friendly senior remembers being the first member of the group to fully immerse herself in the Notre Dame Community.

"Coming in they had always kind of called me the characteristic ÓNotre Dame Girl," Siemon said. "I was really excited to be in college and I took advantage of a lot of the things college had to offer where many of my teammates didn't."

"I went to SYR's and formals. They hesitated a little bit more. Not that I've grown out of that at all."

The friendship between Siemon, Ivey and Henderson was put to the test last season. After starting as a freshman and a sophomore, Siemon was sent to the bench in favor of Henderson. Despite not starting, Siemon still averaged close to 20 minutes per game.

"That was something that at first was tough," Siemon said. "But last year was really a breakout year for Julie. It was great watching her succeed, so it wasn't too hard."

Leaders on and off the court

Each of the Irish seniors has faced adversity at some point in her career.

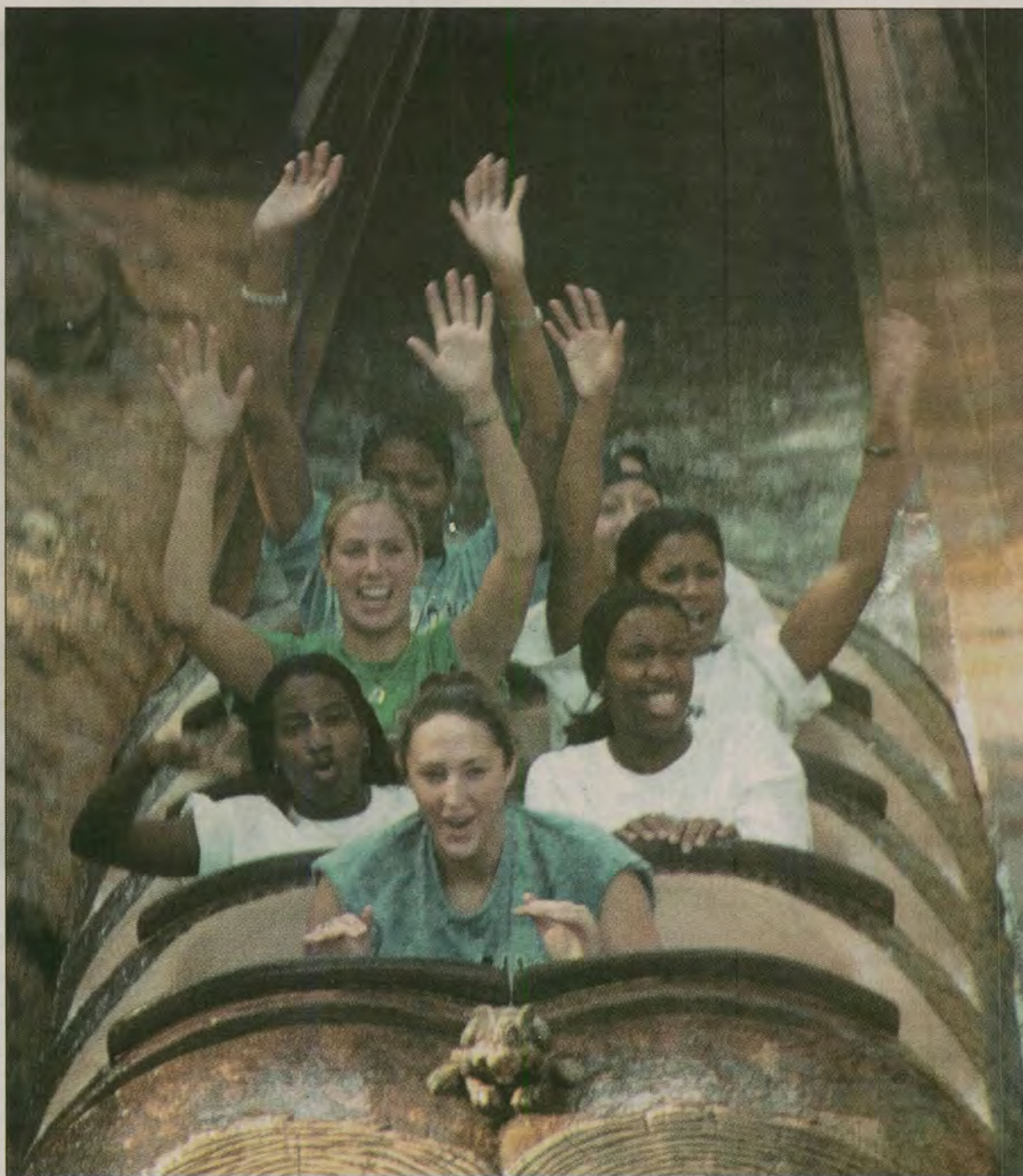
All of the seniors credit one another in working through their problems.

Siemon has played since Jan. 13 with a fractured bone in her hand. Watching Ivey battle back from her two knee injuries proved to be an inspiration.

"I think that Niele has been just the model of fighting through adversity," Siemon said. "She's helped me and I know that she's helped other people."

When Ivey suffered a torn ACL for the second time in her career in a game against Rutgers in the 1999 Big East Tournament, her teammates were visibly shaken.

"I think the first thing I saw was the team standing on the sidelines crying," Ivey said. "I



JOSE CUELLAR/The Observer

Senior Ruth Riley, front, and Notre Dame teammates prepare for the final drop at Splash mountain in December. The Irish seniors have shared many moments of joy in their careers.

felt very touched because I realized that they looked at me more than just their teammate. They saw me as a sister and a friend."

As for her free-throw, Siemon has seen her teammates support her throughout the ordeal.

"It's completely a mental thing for me," Siemon said. "When I'm in practice I'm shooting something like 90 percent every single day. They're always supportive. We just really support each other."

Ivey is widely regarded as the emotional leader of the team. She is never shy about showing happiness and sadness, both on and off the court.

"I show a lot of emotion off the court sometimes and definitely on the court," Ivey said. "The team looks at me more as the person who's going to talk and get the team pumped up. After the Rutgers game I had to shed a tear."

Riley is less the vocal leader and more the leader by example. After the team's first loss this season at Rutgers, Riley was in the weight room the next day.

"She's such a hard worker," Siemon said of Riley. "That is the one thing that she helps all

of us with. She's not a vocal person but she's definitely a leader that leads by example."

Siemon provides a balance, combining her physical toughness with a pleasant personality. "Kelley just has a positive outlook on life," McGraw said. "She's just always upbeat."

Not only has Siemon played through injury and illness, she has excelled. In Notre Dame's Jan. 15 upset over Connecticut, Siemon scored 15 points just two days after fracturing her hand. Tuesday night, she battled a stomach virus and led the Irish with 17.

"I love the game of basketball and I love my team, so I just want to be out there."

Chemistry

Having played so many minutes together on the floor over the years, Siemon, Ivey and Riley seem to have a natural connection on the court. Riley and Siemon have shown an ability to find one another through

double- and even triple-teams. Ivey can always be counted on to find Siemon on the fast break.

"I think I really know exactly where they're going to be at all times on the court," Ivey said. "I think we've built that type of chemistry with each other over the past couple of years."

Siemon credits her chemistry with Ivey on the fast break to their common enjoyment of running the floor.

"I feel like we've had pretty good chemistry ever since we came in as freshmen," Siemon said. "Niele and I both like to run and get the ball up the floor. She likes it when somebody just gets ahead and in front of the break so that she can do what she likes to do best."

Riley has gained an ability to judge her teammates' strengths and weaknesses, an ability that she feels has helped the team succeed.

"I think after four years you just know about any of your teammates," Riley said. "You know their strengths and pretty much what they're going to do."

Not to be forgotten, Dunbar and Leahy claim to have a bond of their own on the court, a bond rarely seen by those other than their teammates.

"I think me and Meaghan have a lot of chemistry at practice," Dunbar said. "Our chemistry shows but a lot of people don't get to see it."

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personal

WITH THE IRISH SENIORS

Niele Ivey: If Niele became president, she would paint the White House black.

Ruth Riley: Ruth enjoys playing on the old outdoor court by Carroll Hall.

Kelley Siemon: Kelley would love to have dinner with Jesus Christ, Bill Murray and Chevy Chase.

Imani Dunbar: Enjoys playing video games with Coach McGraw's son.

Meaghan Leahy: Meaghan's most admired Notre Dame athlete is Imani Dunbar.

Washington brings brains, experience to Irish bench

Coqueese Washington's résumé reads like an excerpt from a fiction novel.

The 30-year-old Irish assistant coach led Notre Dame to its first NCAA tournament appearance in 1992, received her undergraduate degree in three years, taught special education for a year, graduated from Notre Dame law school in 1997, practiced law for a prestigious Manhattan firm in 1998 then accepted her current position in the fall of 1999.

And, oh yeah, by the way, she has played professional basketball for the past four seasons. In the summer of 2000, Washington was a member of the Houston Comets' WNBA championship squad.

Not bad for a girl who, despite being a star player at Flint (Mich.) Central High School, did not realize she would even receive a college scholarship.

"Until about six or seven years ago, young girls never had an opportunity to dream about being a professional athlete as a career," Washington said. "They never had that idea that being an athlete is OK, being an athlete is cool, being an athlete is something to aspire to. It's great to be a doctor or a lawyer or whatever but now you also say 'I can be a center or I can be a point guard.'"

In the late 1980s the idea of a women's professional basketball league in the United States was less likely than a Vince McMahon-run professional football league.

So although from seventh grade on, the self-proclaimed "gym rat" would go to high school practice then to AAU practice and then play with the men at the local YMCA or the University of Michigan-Flint, Washington's goals remained

strictly academic-based.

"I knew I wanted to go to college," Washington said, "and be successful at whatever I decided to do."

Thanks to the constant prodding from her mother, Washington realized her aspirations.

"She emphasized day in and day out that if you don't want to be in the Rescue Mission or be homeless, then you've got to get your homework done," Washington said. "I would constantly be like 'if my mom ever found out, she'd kill me.'"

The 5-foot-6 point guard started as a freshman for the Irish and two years later Washington led Notre Dame to its first-ever NCAA tournament appearance. Following her junior year, Washington took 18 credit hours during summer school and in August 1992, she graduated with a history degree.

In her senior season, while taking graduate courses, the Irish struggled to a 15-12 record. But for the third straight season, Washington ranked first on the team in steals and assists.

"I think in my four years that we definitely paved the way a little bit for future success," Washington said.

After traveling for three months, Washington returned to Flint and taught high school history and social studies from the fall of 1993 to the spring of 1994. She worked with special education children in a poor environment, a setting far different than the one she had been accustomed to while at Notre Dame.

"I had so much admiration for those kids," Washington said. "They were phenomenal in their ability to attack adversity."

In the fall of 1994, Washington enrolled in Notre Dame law school and continued to play basketball with friends and members of the Irish women's team. Then, in 1995, there was a report that a women's professional basketball league would be beginning in the near future.

Her law school friends kept telling Washington that she should give the league a chance. So in the summer of



Photo courtesy of Notre Dame Sports Information

Notre Dame assistant coach Coqueese Washington watches the game from the sideline during the 1999-2000 season. Washington plays for the WNBA Houston Comets in the offseason.

1996, Washington headed for the American Basketball League's (ABL) tryouts in Atlanta. At that time, her mother was living in nearby Savannah, Ga.

"I'm thinking I'll go down and visit my mom and have a nice little vacation before I start working for the summer," Washington said.

She never went back to her job as a law clerk in Flint. Washington made it through all the cuts and was drafted by the ABL's Portland Power. She was still unsure whether she would ever play for the Power but then Portland's general manager made an offer Washington couldn't refuse.

Washington could take classes at Portland's Lewis and Clark College's law school and also play point guard for the Power.

"That was challenging," Washington said, "to say the least."

When she finished the season, Washington re-enrolled at Notre Dame mid-way through the spring 1997 semester. By May, she had received enough credits and graduated with her original law school class.

Following the commencement, Washington played for the WNBA's New York Liberty for two seasons. She also practiced law at the firm of Rubin, Baum and Levin in Manhattan during the fall of 1998.

And in the fall of 1999, Muffet McGraw, her old college coach, asked Washington to join the Irish staff.

"The best part of this job is just working with the kids," Washington said. "It's great helping them see how great they can be on and off the court."

In the next few months, Washington hopes to attain two championships — one as a coach and the other as a player. After the NCAA tourna-

ment, she plans on returning to Houston and helping the Comets defend their title.

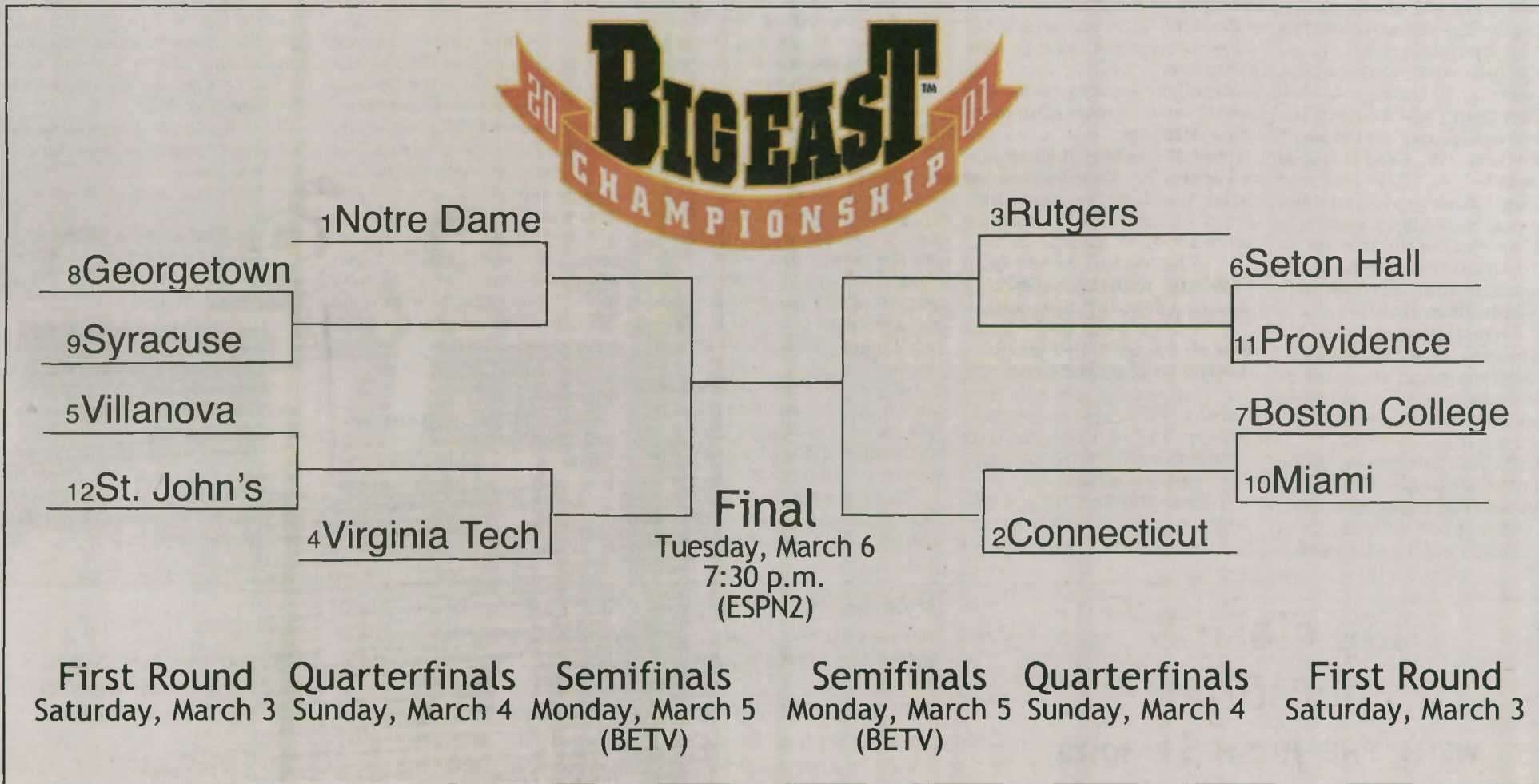
"I wouldn't trade it for the world," Washington said of playing. "I don't understand how the guys in the NBA can just screw it up by doing stupid stuff off the court. You're making eight million a year and you work two hours a day for maybe seven months. I don't understand what they're thinking."

As always, Washington knows what she's thinking about.

"I kid Val Ackerman (the WNBA's President) all the time," Washington said. "I tell her I'm going to take her job when she retires."

Don't bet against it.

The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.



jazz ...

The 43rd Collegiate Jazz Festival, from colleges across the nation

Krivickas said.

The group of judges is unique for several reasons. Two are women, of which there have only been a handful in the past, said Krivickas. Four are repeats — Lew Tabackin (flute and saxophone), Conte Candoli (trumpet), Joanne Brackeen (piano) and Richard Davis (bass). The fifth is drummer Terri Lyne Carrington, whose father Sonny was once a CJF judge.

The festival's five judges traditionally play together at one point in the festival for the "Judges' Jam." The Friday night performance is a favorite for both Krivickas and Wiskirchen.

"The festival depends on the judges — their performances and input are always very important," Wiskirchen said. "Each group [of judges] is separate — not a working band that comes here together. They're all individuals that weld themselves together at the festival."

"[The Judges' Jam] is incredible," said Krivickas. "They just get up there and play together with no music."

Besides the crowd-pleasing Judges' Jam, CJF's other big draw is the Saturday night performance of Notre Dame's Monday Night Jazz Band (distinguished from the Wednesday Night Jazz Band by their practice days.) Also known as Jazz Band I, the group has been directed from Wiskirchen from its beginnings in 1972 and has always played in the jazz festival. Its roughly 20 members comprise a standard big band sound: five saxophones, four trombones, five trumpets and five rhythm players.

Wiskirchen said the jazz band's performance remains the central part of his weekend: "My favorite part of the schedule has always been running the Notre Dame band, making music with the group."

This 43rd festival brings a few changes to the event. Most noticeably, the event will be held in Washington Hall, fittingly close to the Old Fieldhouse Mall where the first CJF was held in 1959, and where a cornerstone plaque still commemorates the event.

Krivickas' efforts are to thank for the move from Stepan Center to Washington Hall.

"I just started thinking, we have this great performing arts center on campus — why aren't we using it?," Krivickas remembered.

It took two years for us to move the festival, since Washington Hall gets booked far in advance. But Krivickas and Wiskirchen agreed it was worth the trouble.

"Washington Hall is much better for our needs," said Krivickas. "All the equipment is there, we don't have to move chairs in and there's more room backstage."

"We had terrible acoustic problems at Stepan Center," Wiskirchen said. "For the present time, I think

Washington Hall will be an improvement. [And] we can't wait till they get the new fine arts building done and we can move the festival in there."

Another less recent change whose effect is still being felt on the festival is the switch to a non-competitive atmosphere.

"The competition was getting cut-throat, which wasn't what we wanted," said Krivickas. So several years ago the CJF dropped its "Best Band" award. Judges are still able to award personalized certificates to groups or individuals that stand out, but the focus has switched from a

clear winner to a celebration of different jazz styles.

This change has been very beneficial to the festival, according to Wiskirchen. "You have 10 groups playing this weekend, roughly 200 students working hard all year. They come here, play well and the audience likes them. Now, to pick out one group and say they're the best, the rest [of the groups] feel sort of brought down — there's no reason for that."

Wiskirchen contrasted winning a musical competition like the CJF with winning a sporting event: "If it were as close as playing a basketball game, where you can determine exactly who puts the ball through the hoop so many times, then it is much easier to pin it down who won."

But art is more subjective, said Wiskirchen. "It isn't an 85-86 victory — with art, it's much harder to pick a winner. That is one of the reasons we got away from [the competition]."

The festival's traditions still continue, however, in the quality of performances and the variety of styles.

"The history of the festival follows the history of jazz and the artistic trends of the country," said Wiskirchen. "There were times when [jazz] was very experimental, back in the mid-to-late '60s, and times when it got into a rock or fusion vein, as jazz did in the early '70s."

Today's jazz, as seen at the festival, can be described as mainstream, said

Wiskirchen. "It's not avant-garde, but it's going into depth rather than going into new things."

Depending on which bands come, styles of the festival change from year to year, "sometimes [focusing] more on improvisation, sometimes more on

communication," Wiskirchen said. "It's a recap of the history of jazz in the professional world — it varies and fluctuates."

As for what this year's festival will hold, neither Wiskirchen nor Krivickas can say for sure.

"That's something you never know ahead of time," said Wiskirchen. "But there's always something exceptional about it."

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Paul Krivickas
2001 festival director

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Fr. Wiskirchen
faculty advisor

Sat., March 3, 2001

Afternoon Clinic — Notre Dame Band Building: (No fee)

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◆9 p.m. Northern Illinois University Jazz Lab Band

◆9:45 p.m. Loyola University New Orleans Jazz Band

◆10:30 p.m. Florida State University Jazz Ensemble



Photos courtesy of Notre Dame Jazz Band

Kate Bohn (left) and Stephanie Buffa also performed as part of the Jazz Band at JPW. Notre Dame will be one of 10 schools represented at the 43rd Collegiate Jazz Festival. Playing along side the Notre Dame musicians will be Loyola-New Orleans, a band from the heart of jazz country that is making its first appearance at the festival in 25 years.



Hoops

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Day, have just as much motivation to record a win. They are tied with Syracuse in the race for second place in the division, with the winner gaining a first-round Big East Tournament bye. Syracuse finishes the regular season at St. John's Sunday.

"Georgetown's playing well," Irish coach Mike Brey said Thursday. "They're playing for a bye. We've already got the bye. There's some incentive there, so we'll have to play very well to beat them."

The Irish stumbled a bit the game after securing the division title with a win at Virginia Tech when they lost at Connecticut. One loss should be enough to remind the players why winning beats losing.

"The UConn psychology was kind of hard to handle," Brey said. "We clinched the title, and it was probably difficult to be as hungry in all honesty. I think we can be pretty hungry about Georgetown — our last home game, 20 wins, there's a lot of things."

When the Irish have something larger to play for, like at Virginia Tech, they usually come together and play well as a team. Unselfish play is what could propel the Irish through both the Big East and NCAA Tournaments if they hope to make a run.

It worked in Notre Dame's first victory over Georgetown, a 78-71 win at the MCI Center on Jan. 27. The Irish had five players score in double digits in that win.

"Every game we have coming up is obviously going to be a huge game for us," sophomore guard Matt Carroll said. "They're all big-time games. In order for us to realize our potential, we've all got to play together and play unselfish."

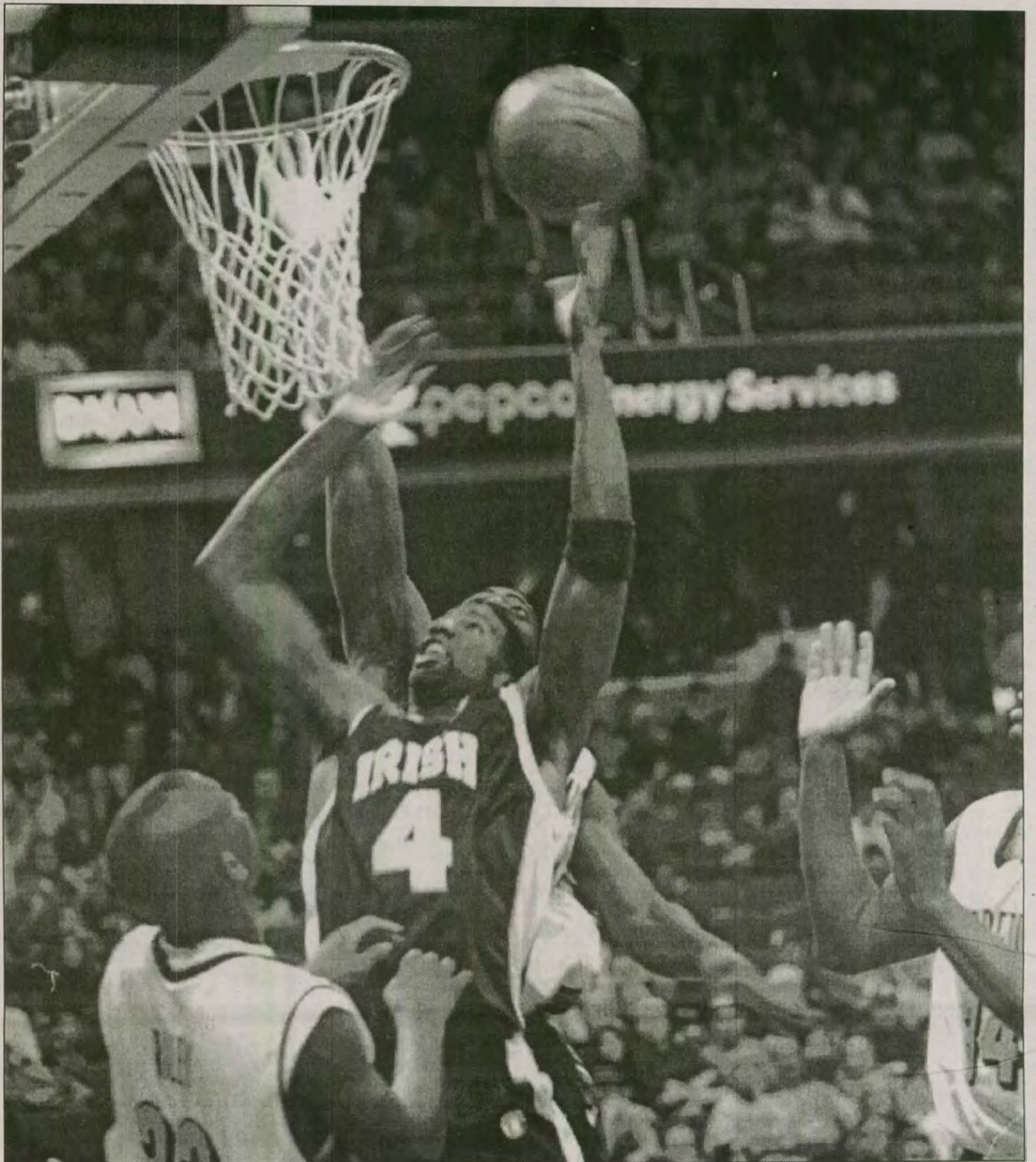
Another key for Notre Dame, which has beaten Georgetown in the teams' past two matchups, will be controlling the game pace. In the season's first contest, Ingelsby and his teammates led the tempo.

"We want to do basically the same thing as we did the first time — try to control the tempo, take care of the ball and rebound," Carroll said.

Stopping one of the league's top freshmen, forward Mike Sweetney, is one part of holding the Hoyas in check. Other players to watch are forwards Gerald Riley and Anthony Perry, center Ruben Boumtje-Boumtje and guards Demetrius Hunter and Kevin Braswell.

The Irish have a few extra things on their list of goals this weekend.

The Irish are going for their 20th regular season win, a number they haven't seen in more than a decade. Then there's the fact that Ingelsby and Rasmussen are



JOSE CUELLAR/The Observer

Irish forward Ryan Humphrey goes up for a rebound in Notre Dame's 78-71 victory over Georgetown on Jan. 27. Humphrey scored 10 points and pulled down 17 rebounds in the win. The Irish take on the Hoyas on Sunday at the Joyce Center.

seeking to go out on a good note. Ingelsby's a candidate for the most improved player of the year in the Big East, after losing his starting job to Jimmy Dillon a year ago but averaging better than six assists per game this sea-

son. Murphy may also have more at stake than normal. If the 6-foot-10 forward, who averages 23 points and more than nine rebounds per game, decides to go pro after the season, Sunday's game

would be his last in the Joyce Center.

"It might be [my last game here]," said Murphy, who hasn't made up his mind about his future plans. "It could be. It would be nice to go out a winner if it was."

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John Mahoney, Director
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HEADIN' HOME



ELIZABETH LANG/The Observer

Junior Owen Asplundh chases the ball during a game last season against Villanova. The men's team takes on Penn in their home opener Sunday.

NFL

Panthers' White calls it a career

CHARLOTTE, N.C. Carolina Panthers defensive end Reggie White, the NFL's all-time sack leader, said Thursday he has ended his comeback and has retired again from football.

"We thought a great deal of Reggie and he did a wonderful job for us this season and has been a great pro as I can attest having competed against him," Panthers head coach George Seifert said at a news conference at Ericsson Stadium.

White, 39, finished his career with 198 sacks, more than any other player in league history.

"I will always miss the locker room and the guys, but I know God's will for me to

move on to other challenges because it's not in me like it used to be," White said in statement.

This is actually White's third retirement.

He retired for one day prior to the 1998 season but then said God had told him he needed to play again, and he returned to the Green Bay Packers.

White retired again after the 1998 season and took a year off from football. After the Packers allowed him out of his contract, White returned to the Panthers last season and played for \$1 million.

White had a disappointing season in many respects, recording a career-low 5.5 sacks with only 27 tackles. He didn't show the same pass-

rushing skills that made him a dominating force for much of the past two seasons, and the veteran-filled Panthers finished a disappointing 7-9.

White vowed this retirement is final.

"So, no more retirements, no more returns," White said. "And I do so with no regrets because I know God has an exciting future for me."

NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Stiles sets all-time career points mark

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. Breaking the NCAA scoring record brought Jackie Stiles relief more than anything else.

The satisfaction, she said, will come later.

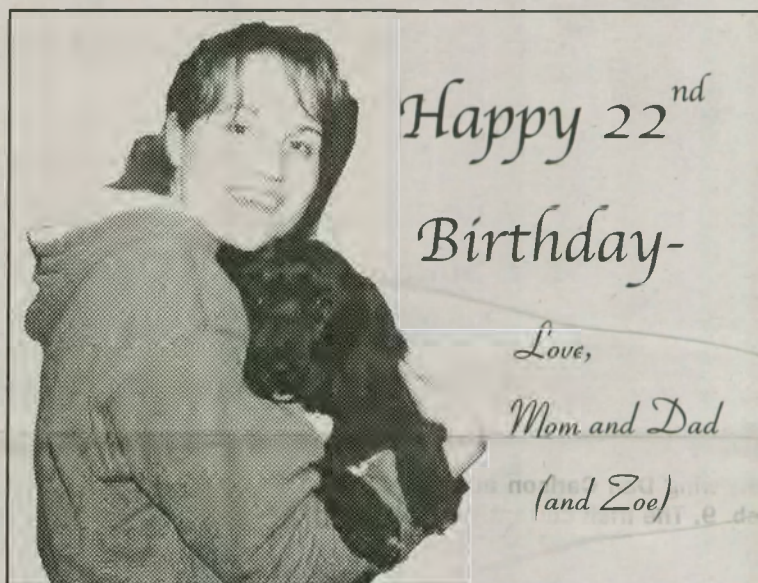
Stiles scored 30 points and became the career scoring leader in NCAA Division I women's basketball as Southwest Missouri State beat Creighton 94-59 on Thursday night.

She increased her career total to 3,133 points, breaking the record of 3,122 that Patricia Hoskins set at Mississippi Valley State from 1985-89. The record fell when Stiles hit a 3-pointer early in the second half, giving her 3,123.

"The pressure's off," Stiles said. "Now we can just concentrate on winning basketball games. It's just a burden off my shoulders."

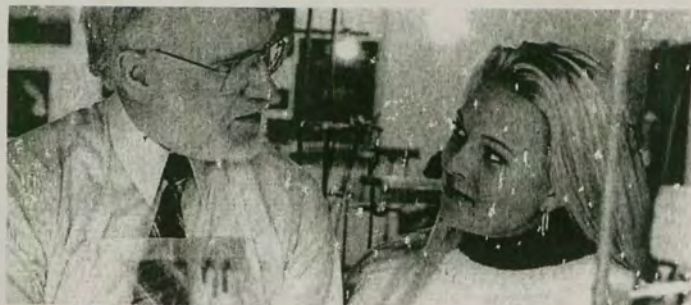
Stiles, who was averaging 30.8 points, needed 20 to break the record and the game drew a standing-room-only crowd of 9,155 that included Missouri Gov. Bob Holden, a 1973 Southwest Missouri State graduate.

All hoped to be a part of history, and Stiles sent them home happy as Southwest Missouri State (21-5, 15-2; No. 16 ESPN/USA Today; No. 18 Associated Press) stayed one game behind first-place Drake in the Missouri Valley Conference race.



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HOCKEY

Icemen look to tame Broncos, advance to playoffs



Left wing Dan Carlson advances the puck during Notre Dame's 3-2 win over Bowling Green on Feb. 9. The Irish currently lead Bowling Green by a single point for the final playoff spot.

KYLIE CARTER/The Observer

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame hockey team has risen in the past two weeks like a vampire at nightfall, with a 3-0-2 record in their last five games. This weekend, they face No. 13 Western Michigan in a home-home series that will determine whether the Irish will continue on to the CCHA playoffs.

The Irish currently lead Bowling Green by a single point, 18 to 17. Notre Dame occupies the 10th and final playoff spot, and would need three out of the four possible points — a win and a tie — to secure the final spot.

All these playoff scenarios depend on Bowling Green's final series against Ferris State. If Bowling Green can only muster a single point in two games, the Irish would be guaranteed the playoff spot by virtue of having the advantage in the head to head series.

Western Michigan will be a very difficult challenge for even a red-hot Notre Dame squad. The Broncos are 18-10-6 overall, and have plenty of depth and talent to overmatch Notre Dame.

"We feel good about this weekend," said assistant captain Dan Carlson. "We played well against them before and we feel like we can play well again."

The Irish are coming off a very long and very successful road trip last weekend against Alaska-Fairbanks. Notre Dame came away from the Alaskan tundra with a win and a tie and a much needed three points.

Western Michigan split this past weekend against Bowling Green. Notre Dame will have to focus on the Broncos' two out-

standing scorers, senior right winger David Gove and junior center Mike Bishai. Both had 55 points after last weekend's series.

But Western Michigan has already cemented their playoff spot, and the Broncos have less to play for than the Irish. The Broncos will most likely receive either the fourth or fifth playoff spot depending on their performance this weekend.

"We want to win both games," said Carlson. "But if we can't get that, a win and a tie would be nice too."

Another positive for Notre Dame is the previous home and home series between the two teams back on Jan. 12 and 13, when the Irish won in South Bend and tied in Kalamazoo to secure three points for the weekend.

And that's what they need to do now.

Though the Irish have had trouble in home games this year, Notre Dame is 7-0-1 in their last eight games against the Broncos on the Joyce Center ice.

Defenseman Brett Lebda was selected as the CCHA rookie-of-the-week for the last week of February. The defenseman made a strong case for himself by supplying the Irish with some offense this past weekend against Alaska-Fairbanks with a goal and three assists.

The two teams face off in Lawson Arena at Western Michigan on Friday night, and then again Saturday night at the Joyce Center.

On Saturday night, the team will honor its departing seniors, including captains Carlson, Ryan Dolder, and Chad Chipchase, as well as Jay Kopishchke, Ryan Clark, Kyle Kolquist, and Matt Van Arkel.

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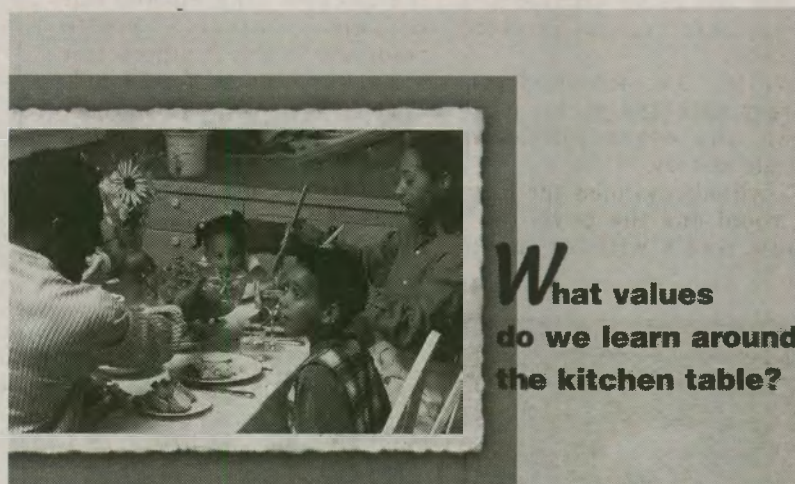


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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish return entire 2000 team in 2001

Special to The Observer

A new season presents a new challenge for the Irish women's lacrosse team, whose season begins in Harrisonburg, Va. on Sunday, when it takes on James Madison at 1 p.m.

A new era begins for the Notre Dame women's lacrosse program in 2001 with the arrival of Big East women's lacrosse competition. Starting their fifth season at the varsity level under head coach Tracy Coyne, the Irish did not lose a senior to graduation from last year and welcome the arrival of another strong freshman class.

"For the first time, we have a team returning that has a significant amount of playing time," said Coyne, the head coach of the 2001 Canadian World Cup team.

"This is the first year where we have key players returning in every position and have depth and experience. There is more competition at every position and more talented players overall."

After finishing with a 5-10 record last season, the Irish return such players as all-region selections Lael O'Shaughnessy on attack and Kathryn Lam at defense. Senior Tara Durkin was among the nation's top goalkeepers last year. The experience and growth of the program was evident in the fall practice season.

"We played our most competitive fall schedule ever," said Coyne.

"We are excited about how we did against top competition. Fall practice gave us the opportunity to do early evalua-

tion of areas where we need work and to have the freshmen get a chance to taste what the season will be like in the spring."

The dawn of Big East women's lacrosse competition in 2001 will be particularly gratifying for Coyne, a driving force among the coaching community for the inclusion of women's lacrosse under the Big East Conference umbrella. Notre Dame's six-game Big East schedule features home games against Georgetown, Connecticut and Rutgers and road games at Virginia Tech, Boston College and Syracuse. The Irish played every team but Virginia Tech last year.

"This is the beginning of a wonderful opportunity to be part of the Big East Conference and to represent Notre Dame in the conference," says Coyne, who led seven teams to conference championships in nine seasons before coming to Notre Dame.

"Our goal is to win the initial championship but there are a lot of great teams in the conference. This will give our teams national recognition. The Big East could be one of the dominant conferences in the country."

The freshman class won't be the only new addition set to impact the Irish women's lacrosse team, as head coach Tracy Coyne welcomes a new assistant coach to her staff. World Cup veteran Danielle Gallagher brings a wealth of international experience to the program. The 1989 graduate of William & Mary has been a member of two championship U.S. World Cup teams and is in training for her third in 2001.



ELIZABETH LANG/The Observer

Sophomore attacker Alissa Moser cradles the ball during a game against Connecticut last season. The women's lacrosse squad opens their season at James Madison on Sunday.

BASKETBALL

Brey, McGraw among Naismith finalists

Special to The Observer

University of Notre Dame men's basketball coach Mike Brey and women's basketball coach Muffet McGraw are among the 20 finalists for the Naismith College Basketball Coach of the Year Awards.

The winners of both Naismith Awards will be honored in Atlanta, Ga., on April 7, 2001.

In his first season at Notre Dame, Brey guided the Irish to the Big East West Division title, the first league title for a Notre Dame men's basketball team since becoming a conference member in 1995-96.

The divisional title secures Notre Dame a first-round in the upcoming AT&T Big East Championship, March 7-10 at Madison Square Garden. The Irish, ranked 13th in both the Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today rankings, currently have a 19-7 overall record and 11-4 mark in Big East play with one game remaining in the regular sea-

son.

The 19 regular-season wins are the most by a Notre Dame team since the 1988-89 campaign. McGraw, a Naismith coach-of-the-year finalist the past two seasons, also led her Irish team to its first Big East regular-season crown as Notre Dame shared the title with defending national champion Connecticut.

Her squad currently is 26-1 overall (the eighth straight 20-win season for the Irish) and finished with a 15-1 mark in Big East play.

Notre Dame earned the No. 1 ranking for the first time in school history when the Irish defeated the Huskies 92-76 on Jan. 15 and spent four weeks ranked in the top spot during the season.

A veteran of 19 years as a collegiate coach with 14 of those seasons coming at Notre Dame, McGraw earned her 300th win with the Irish and 400th career victory earlier this year.

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BASEBALL

Notre Dame falls to professional Devil Rays, 17-4

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

Notre Dame graduate Vince Naimoli faced an interesting dilemma Thursday afternoon. The 1959 graduate is the owner of the major league Tampa Bay Devil Rays, who were playing an exhibition game against the Irish.

Despite his loyalty to his alma mater, Naimoli was quite clear on which team he was rooting for at Florida Flower Park in St. Petersburg.

"No question. I want the Devil Rays to win every game," Naimoli said in a press release.

And that is just what his team did, by a 17-4 margin.

The Devil Rays jumped on sophomore starter Peter Ogilve early. Following two 2-run singles by major league veterans Randy Winn and Gerald Williams, the Irish were quickly down 5-0 in the second inning.

The Irish hit the bank in the bottom of the fourth off Tampa bonus baby Matt White. White, a former top draft pick who received a \$10 million signing bonus, walked the first three batters of the inning before facing outfielder Kris Billmaier.

Billmaier stroked a single to score one run, and freshman first baseman Joe Thamann plated another runner with a ground-out.

With Irish rightfielder Brian Stavisky nursing a sore hamstring, Billmaier will be counted on for offensive help.

"He's a fun player to watch,"

Notre Dame sports information director Pete Lafleur told the Notre Dame radio network. "He really goes up there and takes his hacks."

White faced 11 hitters in two innings, giving up the two runs on three hits.

"I wasn't pleased to have a lapse in my first outing," White said in a press release. "You're so focused to go out there and I just rushed it, getting my fastball up."

Mike Morgalis didn't fare much better on the mound for the Irish

in the fifth inning, serving up homers to Ron Wright and Derrick Gibson to extend the Tampa lead to 9-2.

White's manager thought that his star prospect lost his

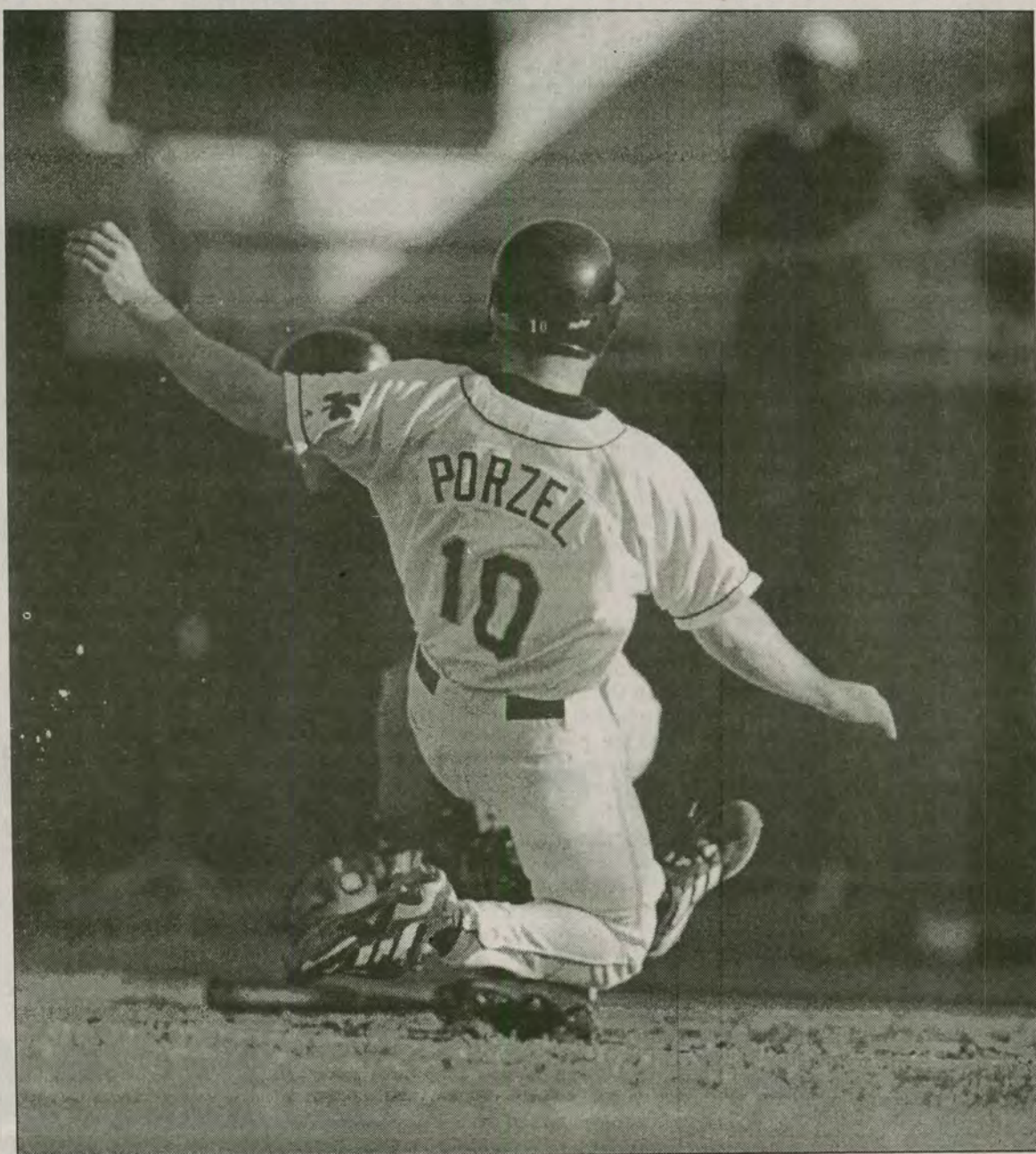
composure a bit on the mound.

"He got out of sync, especially the first three hitters. He did throw some good pitches but it was just one of those days when he got out of sync and it took him longer than you want to get back into it," White said.

Travis Harper started the game for the Devil Rays, holding the Irish scoreless in his three innings. Harper retired eight of the first nine batters he faced.

"That's what you expect from Travis," Rothschild said. "I thought he threw the ball very well. He's going to throw the ball over the plate and knows what to do with it."

The Irish take the field for a game that counts today. Star righthander Aaron Heilman takes the mound against a tough Florida Atlantic team at 1 p.m.



Irish shortstop Alec Porzel slides home during a game last season. Porzel led the Irish in runs batted in during the 2000 season.

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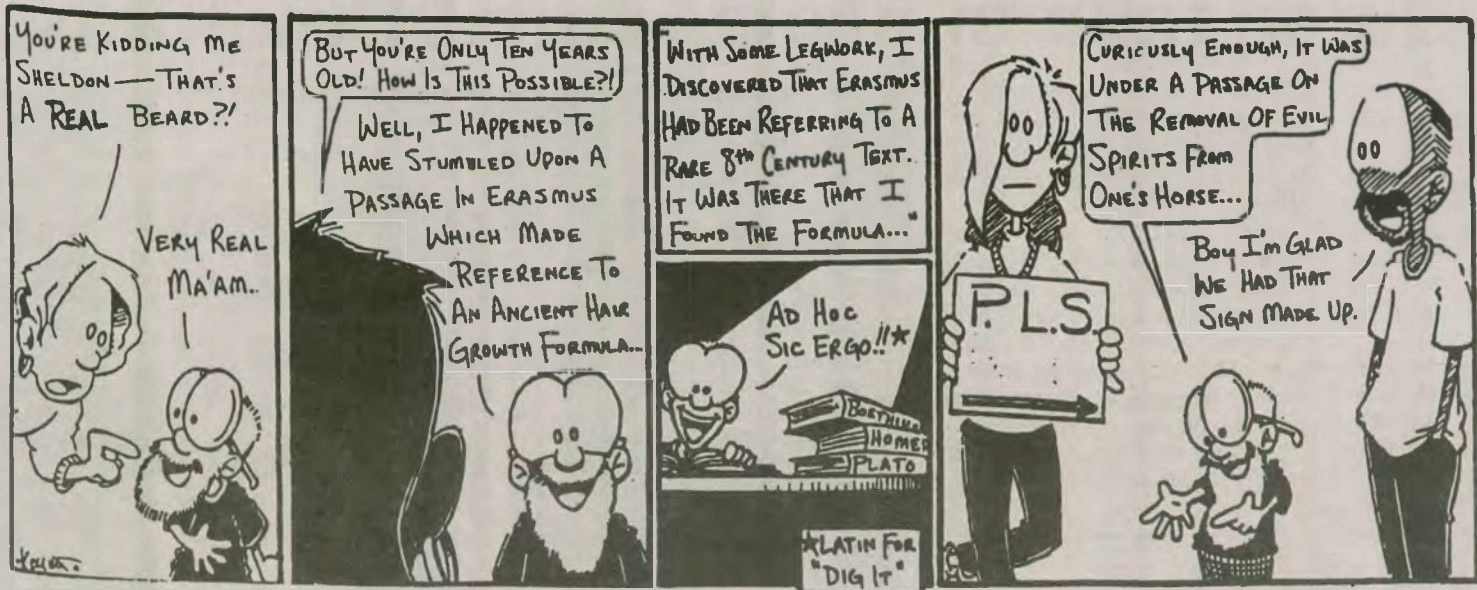
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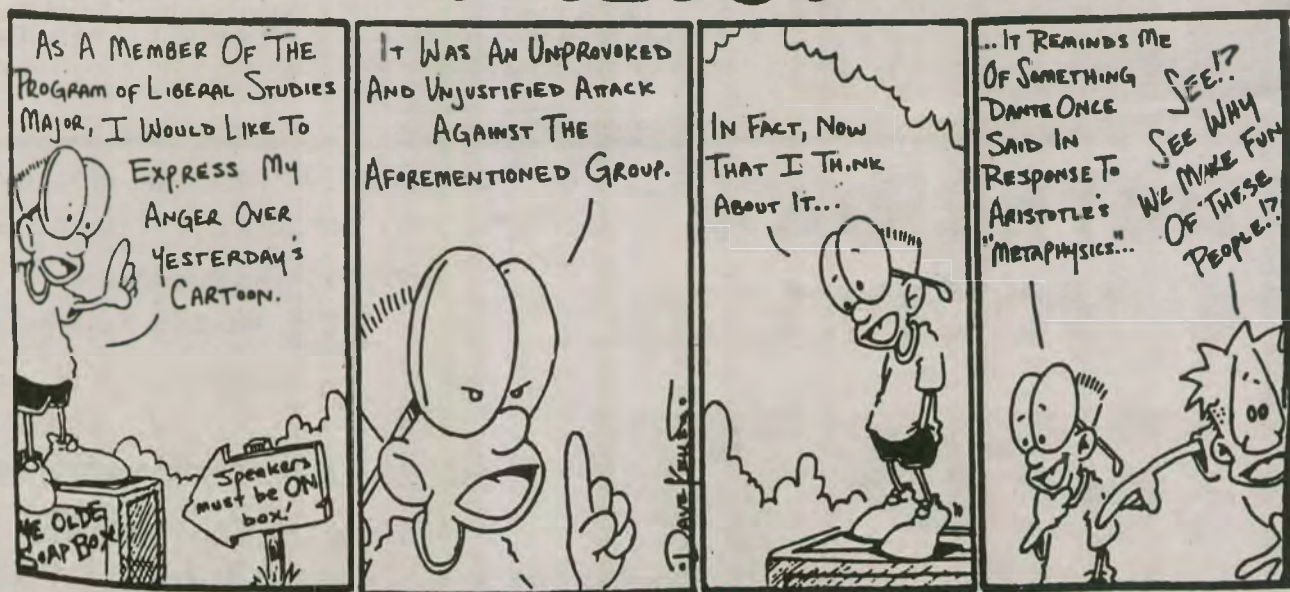
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personal-best 6 feet, 9 inches in the high jump, but is still four inches below the 7-1 height needed to provisionally qualify for the NCAA finals.

Irish coaches also received a pleasant surprise from the pole vaulting squad at the Big East finals. Josh Heck and Nathan Cahill both cleared 15-9 and placed second and fifth, respectively.

Freshman Godwin Mbagwu appeared to be one of the closest athletes at achieving a provisional qualifying performance. His 50 feet, 4 1/2 inch mark in the triple jump in the

first meet of the season was less than a foot off the provisional qualifying mark.

However, Mbagwu, who took second in the Big East triple jump, will not be competing this weekend due to a knee injury.

The meet begins Friday night with field events and continues Saturday morning with the running events.

Notes:

♦ Junior Quill Redwine had surgery last Friday to help repair an injury sustained earlier this season. While Redwine will not compete for the rest of the indoor season, Plane said that he expects him to return for most of the outdoor season.

CORRECTION

In today's Bengal Bouts pullout, the analysis of the 130-lb. championship fight refers to Shawn Newburg taking on James Fishburne. Newburg fought Fishburne in the 125-lb. championship in 2000.

This year, Newburg takes on the experienced Camilo Rueda. The taller Rueda will use his strong reach to attack the tiny Newburg, who won the 125-lb. bracket last year. The disciplined Newburg will use his excellent technique to excel in the ring.

The Observer regrets the error.

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finals. At the Moyo Invitational earlier this year, she ran a school record 53.3 seconds in the 400 meters.

While that time was not fast enough for an automatic spot in the finals, it is the second-fastest 400 in the nation this year, virtually assuring her of competing in the NCAA finals.

Grow, who has been dominating the 400-meters for the Irish all season, was upset in the finals at the Big East 400 by Pittsburgh's Tia Tabb. Grow, who had won the Big East title her sophomore year, finished seven hundredths of a second behind Tabb and took second place.

Many top collegiate teams are expected to compete in the final Irish home indoor meet of the season because it is the last opportunity to achieve qualifying performances for next week's



TONY FLOYD/The Observer

The women's track and field team competes in their final home indoor meet of the season this weekend in Loftus.

NCAA finals.

Tameisha King is another Irish athlete chasing an NCAA bid. She leapt 20 feet, 1/4 inch a month ago, far enough for an NCAA provisional mark. The sophomore All-American is also trying to qualify in the 60-meter hurdles.

King's best time in that event is 8.49; the NCAA provisional time is 8.43.

"She has a legitimate shot in the long jump," said Plane.

The only other Notre Dame athlete with a reasonable

chance to reach a qualifying mark this weekend is pole vaulter Jaime Volkmer. The sophomore took second at the Big East Championship with a vault of 12-1 1/2, setting a school record for the third time this season. In order to achieve a qualifying mark, Volkmer needs to clear 12-5 1/2, a height she has attempted multiple times this season.

The Alex Wilson Invitational begins at 6 p.m. tonight with the field events. The meet continues Saturday with the running events.

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SOFTBALL

No. 15 Irish head into the shadow of Lookout Mountain

Special to The Observer

The No. 15 Notre Dame softball team continues the 2001 season this weekend at the Frost Tournament in Chattanooga, Tenn., hosted by the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga.

Notre Dame improved its record to 8-1 last weekend at the Morning News Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark.

The Frost Tournament will be a round-robin event, as the Irish will play each participating team twice. Notre Dame will face Jacksonville State and UT-Chattanooga on Friday, followed by matchups with Alabama-Birmingham and UT-Chattanooga on Saturday.

The schedule wraps up on Sunday as Notre Dame faces Alabama-Birmingham and Jacksonville State.

The Jacksonville Gamecocks are 7-3 this season and are a member of the TransAmerica Conference. They feature three starting pitchers: Tara Ross, Meadow McWhorter and Jill Wilcoxson.

Allie Simons leads the Gamecock offense with 10 hits in 10 games this season, while Laruen Buck tops the team in RBI with nine.

Notre Dame will meet Alabama-Birmingham for the first time ever on Saturday, March 3, at 2 p.m. Both teams will meet again Sunday, March 4, at 10 a.m. UAB is 5-9 in 2001 and is a member of Conference USA. Two pitchers split the starting duties for the Blazers. Kerri Foster and Kelli Thompson have each started six games this year. The UAB pitching staff has a combined 1.32 ERA.

Thompson also leads the team in hitting with a .409 average in 22 plate appearances. She tops the team in RBI with six and boasts a .545 slugging percentage.

Notre Dame will face

Tennessee-Chattanooga twice this weekend. They will be the third and fourth meetings between the Mocs and the Irish. UTC won the last meeting Feb. 26, 1999 4-3.

UTC is 13-7 in 2001 and is coming off a victory over Jacksonville State Tuesday, Feb. 27.

Jaci Welsh leads the Moc offense with a .315 average, three home runs and 18 runs batted in. Jolene Martin is also hitting .315 with 17 hits in 14 games.

Tayla Trudell (1.74 ERA, 4-4 in eight starts, 31 K) and Beth Alexander (1.62 ERA, 7-2 in nine starts, 41 K) are the heart of the UTC pitching staff.

Notre Dame won three out of four games in the waterlogged Morning News Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark., last weekend.

The Irish began the weekend with a 4-0 victory over Texas Tech, followed by wins over Arkansas and Maine. Arkansas handed Notre Dame its first loss of the year on Sunday, Feb. 25, 2-0.

The Irish were originally scheduled to play a double-header against each team over the course of the invitational, but two days dominated by inclement weather forced the tournament organizers to adjust the format.

Notre Dame took the field Friday, Feb. 23, at 10 a.m. against Texas Tech in the first game of the invitational.

The teams played three scoreless innings before play was suspended due to heavy rain showers. Both teams were able to muster just one hit against the opposing pitcher before the rain delay.

It took more than seven hours for the weather to clear enough for the teams to return to competition.

Notre Dame starting pitcher Jen Sharron returned to strikeout four of the first six batters she faced after the break. Sharron eventually pitched a complete-game one-hit shutout.



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Notre Dame sophomore Andrea Leman prepares for a pitch during a game last season. The Irish will take part in the Frost Tournament in Chattanooga, Tenn., this weekend.

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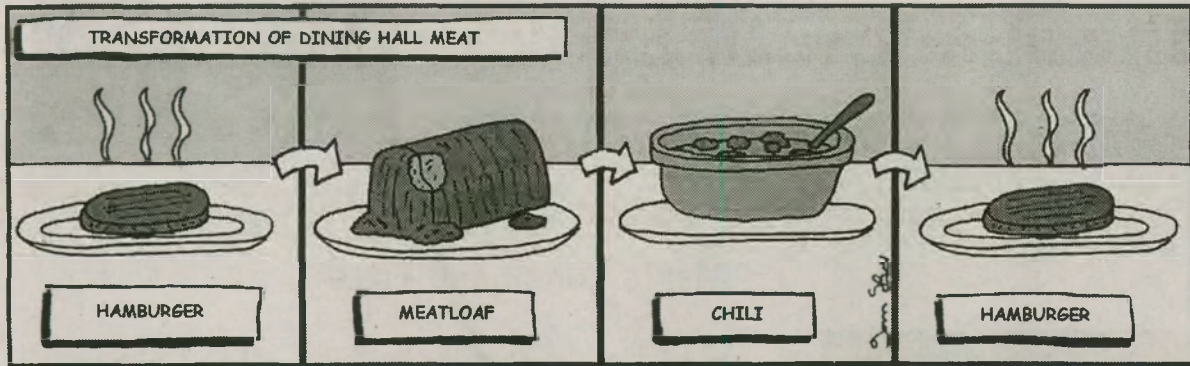
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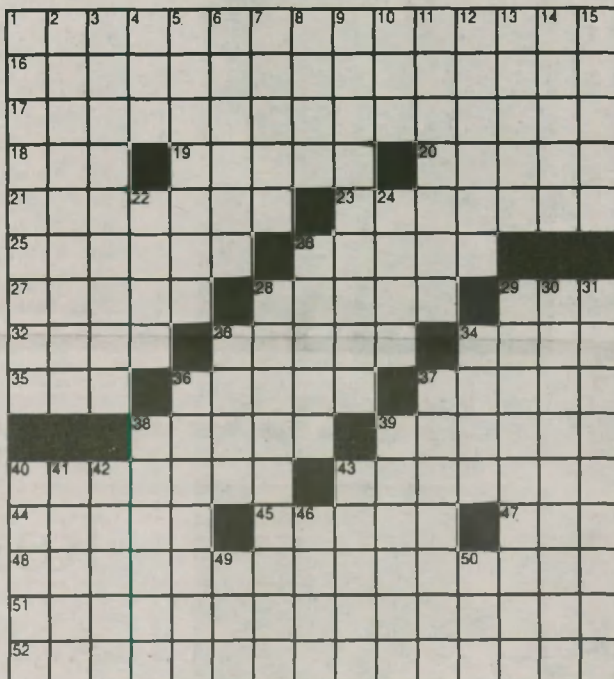
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osite sex if you put yourself in a position of leadership at group meetings. Don't be afraid to speak your piece.

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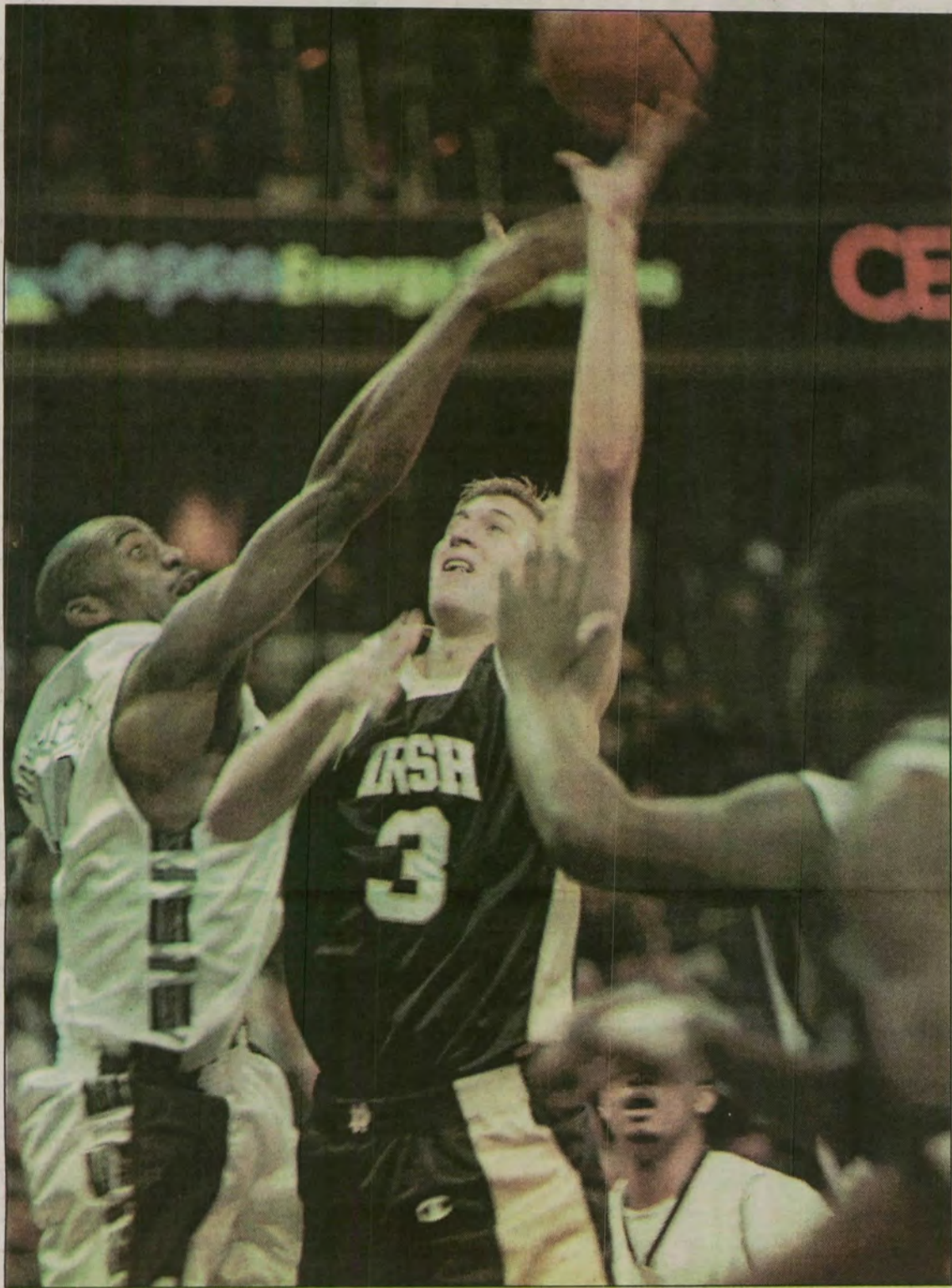
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MEN'S BASKETBALL



JOSE CUELLAR/The Observer
Junior forward Troy Murphy goes for the ball during Notre Dame's 78-71 victory on Jan. 27. The Irish host Georgetown in the regular season finale for both teams on Sunday.

Irish host Hoyas on Senior Day

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish have already earned the right to hang a Big East West Division championship banner in the Joyce Center, but they'd like to beat Georgetown Sunday to give seniors Martin Ingelsby and Hans Rasmussen a final home game to tell their grandkids about.

Notre Dame's final home game, which tips off at 2 p.m.

Sunday, is the last chance for Irish fans to get an in-person glimpse of point guard Ingelsby and reserve center Rasmussen on the court — without packing up their bags and heading for the Big East or NCAA Tournaments.

"We want to defend our homecourt," junior All-American Troy Murphy said before practice Thursday. "We've only lost one game in here in the conference. It's very important for us to go out strong. Moose [Ingelsby] and

Hans [Rasmussen], we want to send them out winners."

The Irish (19-7, 11-4 Big East) just suffered a 75-59 loss at Connecticut on Jan. 27, but are still riding high after winning 10 of their last 12 games. Wrapping up the West Division title also scored them a first-round bye in the Big East Tournament next week.

The Hoyas (22-6, 9-6), while stuck with the unpleasant reality of playing at the Joyce Center on Notre Dame's Senior

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Stung by Devil Rays
The Tampa Bay Devil Rays topped the Irish 17-4 in exhibition game action. Irish outfielder Kris Billmaier had a run-scoring single off top prospect Matt White.

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MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Shay looks to double his distance pleasure

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

After its third place finish at the Big East Indoor Championships two weeks ago, the men's track and field team shifted their focus from team performances to individual ones.

So when the Irish step onto the track at this weekend's Alex Wilson Invitational, the primary objective will be to achieve qualifying marks for next week's NCAA indoor nationals.

"That's the whole purpose of this meet this weekend," said Irish head coach Joe Piane. "It's just to get people qualified."

The only male Irish athlete who is guaranteed a spot at the NCAA finals is Ryan Shay. The senior All-American ran a school record 13:52.66 in the 5,000 meters at the Mayo Invitational this season, which was fast enough for an NCAA

automatic qualifying time.

Shay defended his 5,000 title at the Big East Championships and finished second in the 3,000 meters. Shay will be competing in the 3,000 this weekend.

"It's conceivable that he could qualify in the 3,000 as well," Piane said. "And if you qualify in both, why not run in both?"

After Shay, however, the Irish don't have any other athletes who have qualified for nationals. The Irish coaches hope that will change this weekend.

Piane said that junior Patrick Conway has an outside chance at qualifying in the mile run. He finished fourth at the Big East Championships, but needs to run 4:05.2 this weekend. Conway's best mile is 4:11.

Junior Andrew Cooper was the only other individual champion at the Big East Championships. He cleared a

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WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Relay team set to set another record

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Imagine this — your relay just broke the school record and ran fast enough to earn an NCAA finals consideration time. So, what do you do next?

Run faster.

That is exactly what the women's 4x400 meter relay team plans to do at this weekend's Alex Wilson Invitational.

At the Big East Indoor Championships two weeks ago, the team of Kymia Love, Kristen Dodd, Ayesha Boyd, and Liz Grow ran 3:44.73, breaking their old school record and achieving a provisional qualifying time by just a quarter of a second.

Even though they set their sights on becoming the first Notre Dame 4x400 relay to qualify for the NCAA outdoor

finals, head coach Joe Piane feels they have a chance at making the indoor finals.

"They're going to run it this weekend, and it'll be a really good heat," he said. "The ladies feel that they can do it."

By running another fast time, the 4x400 relay hopes to impress the committee deciding which teams will compete at the NCAA finals next week. Running a provisional time does not necessarily guarantee an athlete will compete in the finals. Piane believes the 4x400 relay would need to run around 3:41 in order to make indoor nationals.

"Just look at all of their PRs — they could run it," he said. "We'll just have to wait and see."

Even if the relay doesn't qualify, Grow will still compete in next week's NCAA

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SPORTS
AT A
GLANCE



Baseball
vs. Florida Atlantic
Today, 1 p.m.



at Western Michigan
Today, 7:30 p.m.



Men's Lacrosse
vs. Penn
Sunday, noon



Softball
at Jacksonville State
Today, 2 p.m.



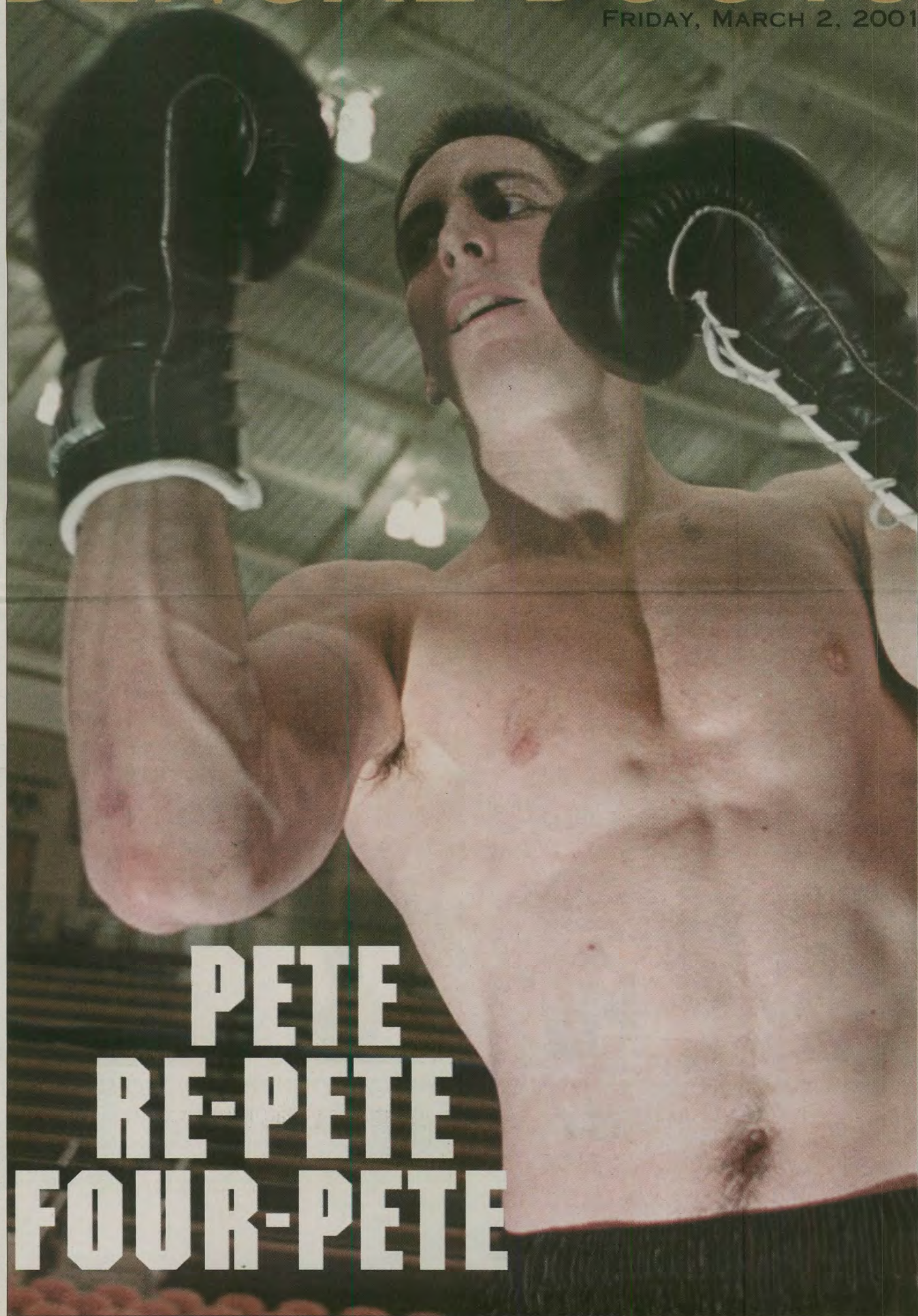
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BENGAL BOOTS

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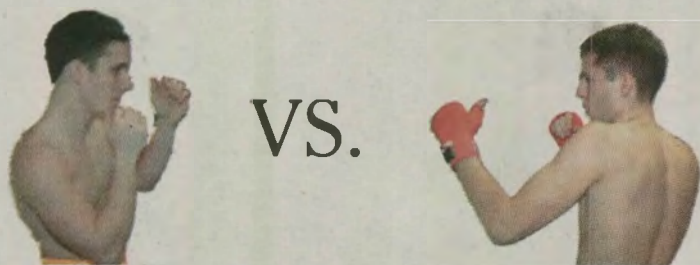


**PETE
RE-PETE
FOUR-PETE**



2001 BENGAL BOUTS

130 LB.



SHAWN NEWBURG

CAMILO RUEDA

PICKS

KEVIN
BERCHOU
Newburg
BRIAN BURKE
Rueda
JEFF BALTRUZAK
Rueda
KATIE HUGHES
Newburg

Both James "Pirahna" Fishburne and Shawn "Knockout The Old And Bring In The" Newberg are making just their second appearance at Bengal Bouts, although Newberg has faced a tougher opponent.

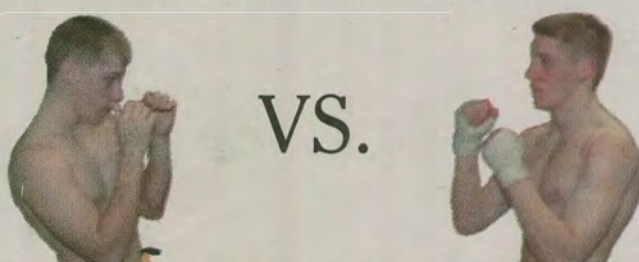
Fishburne was hardly tested against an over-matched foe in the semifinals, but is the top seed and rightfully so.

He has the best power in the division and will try to employ it in the finals.

Newberg knows how to beat a fighter who comes out swinging, and should not be counted out if he takes some shots early.

-Brian Burke

135 LB.



TONY HOLLOWELL JOSHUA COLEMAN

PICKS

KEVIN
BERCHOU
Hollowell
BRIAN BURKE
Hollowell
JEFF BALTRUZAK
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KATIE HUGHES
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Tony Hollowell has already dethroned the defending champion Matt Fumagalli in this weight class, providing one of the biggest surprises of the Bouts so far.

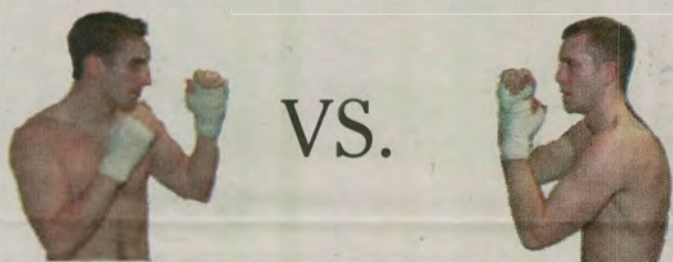
The freshman has muscled his way through the rounds and will face sophomore Josh Coleman in the finals.

Both Hollowell and Coleman narrowly earned the right to fight in the title match, with split decision victories in the semifinals.

Hollowell's no-lose attitude has turned the first-year participant into a confident fighter in just a few rounds.

-staff report

155 LB.



TOM PIERCE

JEFF DOBOSH

PICKS

KEVIN
BERCHOU
Dobosh
BRIAN BURKE
Dobosh
JEFF BALTRUZAK
Dobosh
KATIE HUGHES
Dobosh

Jeff "The Pittsburgh Kid" Dobosh verses Tom "Frenchman" Pierce is a battle between Dobosh's skill and experience and Pierce's heart.

In this one, pick skill and experience.

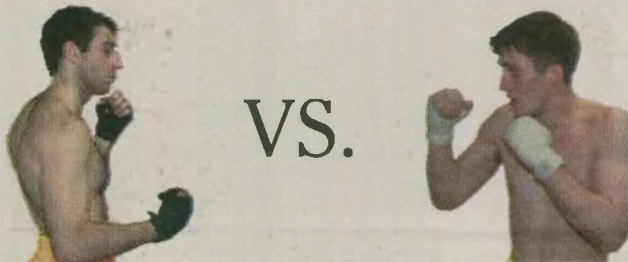
Dobosh won a split decision against Pierce in last year's semifinals, and figures to win again with a strong all-around boxing style.

Pierce will try to counter by aggressively going after Dobosh, but Dobosh has the skills to counter-punch effectively.

Pierce seemingly willed his way past previous champion Sean "The Erie Kid" Nowak in the semifinals, putting together an unforgettable final round of boxing.

-Jeff Baltruzak

160 LB.



DENNIS ABDELNOUR

JOE SMITH

PICKS

KEVIN
BERCHOU
Abdelnour
BRIAN BURKE
Abdelnour
JEFF BALTRUZAK
Abdelnour
KATIE HUGHES
Abdelnour

Captain Dennis "Thursday Night" Abdelnour figures to carry his momentum past Joe Smith and to the title he has been craving for four roller-coaster years.

Joe Smith is a tall boxer with a well-developed jab.

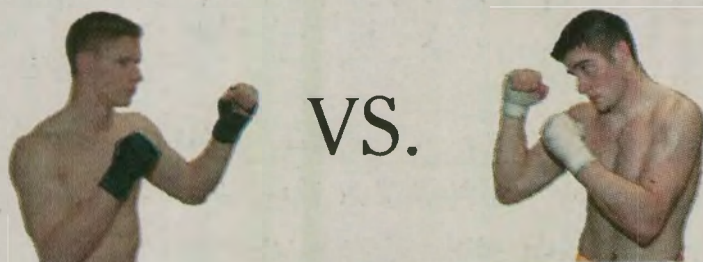
Abdelnour has proven to be effective in neutralizing taller fighters' jabs, solidly defeating Mike "The Militia Man" Melby in the semifinals.

To win, Joe Smith will have to out hit the heavy swinging Abdelnour, effectively beating Abdelnour at his own game.

But after years of waiting, don't expect Abdelnour to drop the ball on Friday night.

-Jeff Baltruzak

185 LB.



JOSH THOMPSON

SCOTT DUBA

PICKS

KEVIN
BERCHOU
Thompson
BRIAN BURKE
Thompson
JEFF BALTRUZAK
Thompson
KATIE HUGHES
Thompson

Thompson really deserves this. He's waited a long time for a title, and he really learns from his mistakes.

He has the experience to anticipate Duba and the discipline not to let another guy's style overwhelm his own.

Duba has the ability to stay strong through all three rounds, so this should be a good battle of endurance.

Both Duba and Thompson have a great jab, but Thompson's are more accurate.

-Katie Hughes

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT



MIKE VANDERPOEL

PETER RYAN

PICKS

KEVIN
BERCHOU
Ryan
BRIAN BURKE
Ryan
JEFF BALTRUZAK
Ryan
KATIE HUGHES
Ryan

Pete Ryan looks like he's not even trying when he fights.

He's a true boxer and never goes for the brawl. He has an intimidating presence when he steps into the ring.

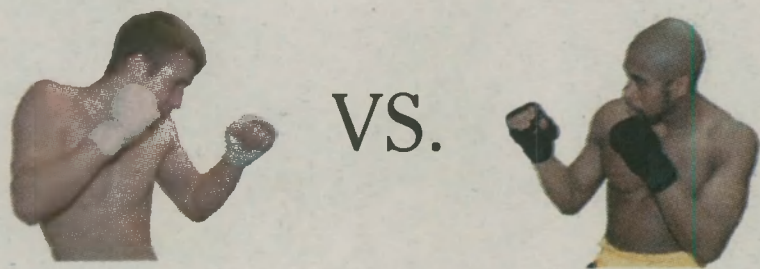
No one in Bengal Bouts can compete with his reach. In VanderPoel's last fights, he was able to get in some high jabs, but against Ryan that will really be a challenge.

With three titles under his belt, Ryan's earned the right to be cocky.

-Katie Hughes

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHUPS

145 LB.



MICHAEL WALDO

JEMAR TISBY

PICKS

KEVIN
BERCHOU
Waldo
BRIAN BURKE
Tisby
JEFF BALTRUZAK
Tisby
KATIE HUGHES
Waldo

Jemar "Swift-T" Tisby is a fighter that isn't afraid to go out and brawl. Michael "Mad Man" Waldo is another strong boxer.

This one will be close.

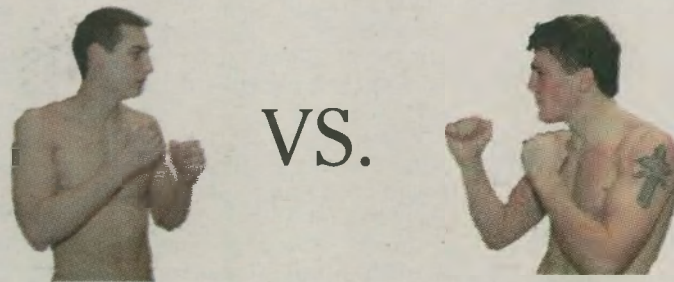
Tisby has gutted out his last two fights against much taller boxers, squeezing inside and landing damaging punches.

Tisby has also shown a Rocky-esque ability to take a punch. This figures to give him the advantage in this fight.

Waldo has won unanimous decisions his last two fights, and is on top of his game. But bet on the underdog Tisby to get in the ring and box bell to bell

-Jeff Baltruzak

150 LB.



CHRIS MATASSA

BROCK HECKMAN

PICKS

KEVIN
BERCHOU
Matassa
BRIAN BURKE
Matassa
JEFF BALTRUZAK
Heckman
KATIE HUGHES
Heckman

Chris "Shezzy" Matassa is a taller fighter with a strong, head-snapping jab. Brock "Landers" Heckman is a shorter, relentless fighter with the most devastating punch in the weight class, a vicious left hook.

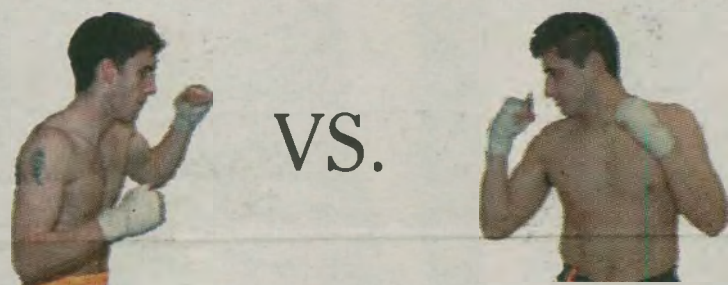
Matassa will try to keep Heckman at bay with his jab, but it will be a challenge as the junior Heckman as shown an uncanny ability to dig inside and land punches.

Expect Heckman to land at least one left hook, and if he does, look for Matassa on the mat.

In what figures to be an extremely close bout, Heckman has the edge.

-Jeff Baltruzak

165 LB.



BRIAN HOBBSINS

THOMAS MACIAS

PICKS

KEVIN
BERCHOU
Hobbins
BRIAN BURKE
Hobbins
JEFF BALTRUZAK
Hobbins
KATIE HUGHES
Hobbins

Brian "Nightmare" Hobbins faced a charging opponent in the semifinals, and he will see more of the same against Thomas "Boom-Boom" Macias in the title bout.

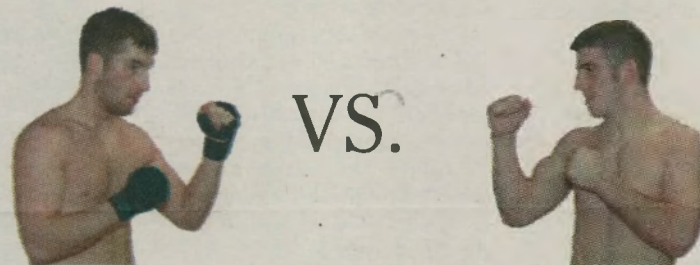
Hobbins, the senior captain is seeking his first title in the bouts against a 31-year-old grad student.

Macias likely will try to make the fight a brawl, but Hobbins will combat that by moving around the ring and throwing combinations.

If Macias backs Hobbins into the ropes he can do damage, but he will have to catch him first.

-Brian Burke

175 LB.



MARC CRINITI

ROB JOYCE

PICKS

KEVIN
BERCHOU
Joyce
BRIAN BURKE
Joyce
JEFF BALTRUZAK
Criniti
KATIE HUGHES
Joyce

A battle between two of the Bengal Bouts' finest, Robert "A.M.D.G." Joyce and Mark "I'm So Pretty" Criniti matches two captains and defending champions.

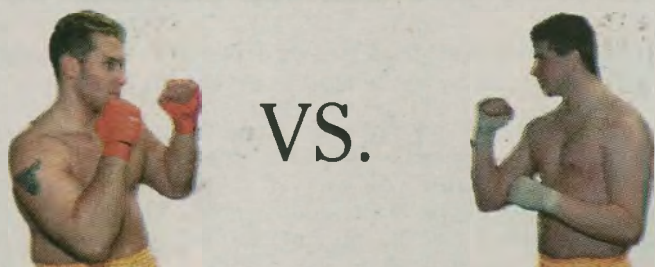
Both fighters have very quick hands, like to move around the ring, pick their spots, and counter-punch.

The two fought almost identical fights in the semifinals when they let their opponent chase them and then capitalized on openings.

The question then is who will come after who first? The more patient fighter might come out on top.

-Brian Burke

HEAVYWEIGHT



CARLOS ABEYTA

DAN ADAM

PICKS

KEVIN
BERCHOU
Adam
BRIAN BURKE
Abeyta
JEFF BALTRUZAK
Adam
KATIE HUGHES
Adam

Dan Adam was the No. 1 seed coming in. Adam and Abeyta's styles are very different. Adams been boxing pretty solid technically, but he needs to watch out for Abeyta's combinations.

Both Abeyta and Adam are hard hitters, so this will be a battle of who has more stamina.

This will be a great fight to end the Bengal Bouts.

When they make impact the crowd feels it.

Both of these guys have proved themselves already.

-Katie Hughes

71st ANNUAL BENGAL BOUT FINALS

◆ **Date: Friday, March 2, 2001**

◆ **Time: 8 p.m.**

◆ **Location: Joyce Center**

Defending 2000 Champions

Marc Criniti - 175 lb. (2000 180 lb.)

Chris Matassa - 150 lb. (2000 160 lb.)

Jeff Dobosh - 155 lb.

Shawn Newburg - 130 lb. (2000 120 lb.)

Rob Joyce - 175 lb. (2000 170 lb.)

Peter Ryan - light heavyweight (2000 heavyweight.)

Mike Waldo - 145 lb. (2000 140 lb.)

Bracing for a final fight

By TIM CASEY

Assistant Sports Editor

Around 4:30 on Tuesday afternoon, in preparation for a photograph session, Pete Ryan slipped black 16-ounce boxing gloves onto his hands. He stood alone in the corner of the ring, in a nearly empty Joyce Center Fieldhouse. Seconds later, he glanced towards the Section 5 exit and saw the men's basketball team walking by, on their way to practice.

Suddenly, guard Matt Carroll noticed Ryan.

"When are you fighting?" Carroll asked.

"About 10 o'clock on Wednesday," Ryan replied.

"Good luck, man," Carroll said.

"Thanks," Ryan said.

Typical conversation.

Ryan, a senior captain, aims for his fourth straight Bengal Bouts title tonight. If he beats graduate student Mike VanderPoel in the light heavyweight final, Ryan will become only the ninth four-time champion in the program's 71-year history.

With that notoriety comes expectations. Like Carroll, countless other friends, acquaintances and fellow boxers have approached Ryan during the past few weeks.

"I try not to think about it [the fourth title]," Ryan said. "But at the same time, you can't ignore that. Everyone bugs me about it. They're like 'Are you gonna win this year? You've got to get your fourth. Don't choke.'"

First round of bouts

Denise Ryan almost gagged.

On Feb. 27, 1998 several of Pete's high school friends drove to see Ryan, then a freshman, fight in the heavyweight final. So on their way to Notre Dame, they stopped by the Ryan house in Muskegon, Mich. and asked Denise if she wanted them to bring anything for her son.

Oops.

Turns out Ryan had never told his mother that he was fighting.

"She calls me in the middle of the afternoon when I was on my couch sweating bullets," Ryan said. "She was like, 'What the hell's going on?' She was so mad at me. I said I'm sorry but I can't talk right now."

During activities night earlier that year, Ryan and his friend (and current boxing captain) Brian Hobbins, who both had never boxed before, signed up for the Bengal Bouts.

"They said I had a face for boxing," Ryan said. "It (his face) couldn't get much worse."

Ryan informed his parents that he had joined the club but they said he could not fight. He assured them that he was just working out but would not participate in the actual bouts. In the spring of 1998, though, Ryan forged his parents' signa-

ture on the medical form and decided to pursue boxing.

Two weeks prior to the bouts, while sparring with senior captain Dave Monahan, Ryan suffered his first injury — a broken nose.

"I was so pissed," Ryan said. "I jumped out of the ring when it was over and waited on the heavy bag for 15 minutes. Brian [Hobbins] was calling me the Incredible Hulk. I was freaking out."

He controlled his emotions and beat Michael Romero in the semifinals. His opponent in the finals was none other than Monahan, the defending champion.

"I was like, 'What the hell?'" Ryan said. "I've got nothing to lose here. So I tried to go out and not get hit."

Good idea.

Ryan used his quickness and agility to record arguably the biggest upset of the tournament.

The next day, he called his mother.

"She's like 'I don't care if you won. I told you not to do it,'" Ryan said. "I thought I'd get disowned from the family."

Yet, he remains the third of Ralph and Denise Ryan's six children.

Continuing to win

A few months after receiving the stunning news, the Ryans' told their son they were disappointed but there was really nothing they could do.

And for the past two years they have been in attendance as Pete continued his dominance. He beat Alex Kent in the 195-pound finals as a sophomore and then defeated 250-pound Dan Adam in the heavyweight championship last season.

"My mom usually leaves, goes to the bathroom and then watches my fight in the guard station on a video," Ryan said. "I'm just glad she comes down [from Michigan for the fights]."

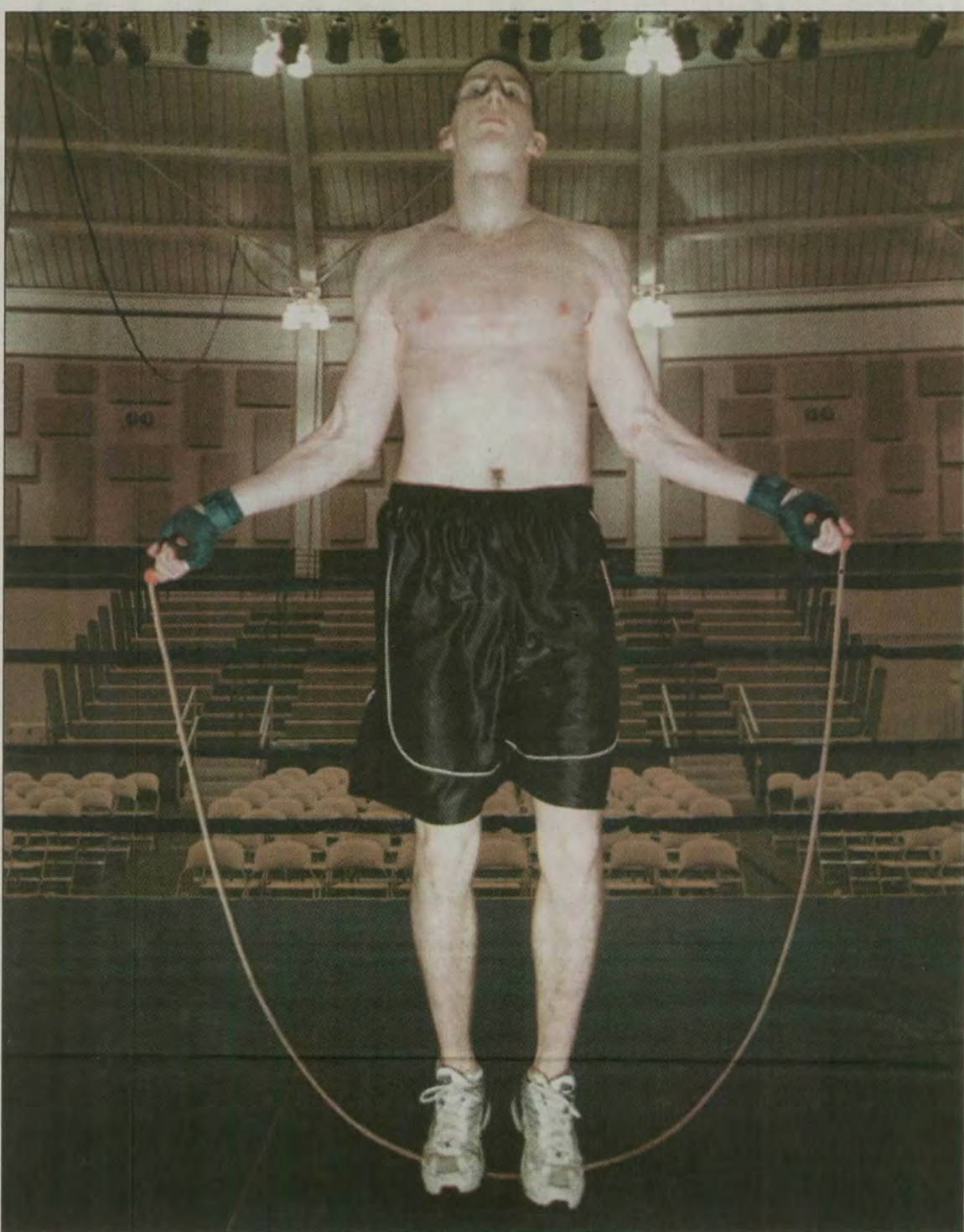
Ryan has also excelled in another campus tradition — Bookstore Basketball. His team, the Majestics, advanced to the Final Four last year and the 6-foot-4, 195 pound Ryan was named to the first-team All-Bookstore squad.

At Muskegon Catholic High School, Ryan started at forward for two years and played baseball, golf and cross-country, as well.

"He's definitely one of the best athletes on campus," Hobbins said. "Pound for pound, sport for sport, he's one of the most athletic kids I know."

Although he enjoys both sports, Ryan offers an appropriate analogy on why he believes boxing is much less predictable than basketball.

"Boxing's always tough, even if you think you should beat the guy," Ryan said. "It's different than saying I should beat this guy in a (basketball) game of 21. Because in a game of 21, if you play bad defense you don't



ERNESTO LACAYO/The Observer

Peter Ryan has trained for four years with the men's boxing club. He faces Mike VanderPoel in his final bout tonight.

Beginning his career with a major upset as a freshman, Peter Ryan has become the boxer to beat. If the senior pulls off a victory tonight, he will become just the ninth fighter in the Bouts' 71-year history to win four consecutive titles.



ERNESTO LACAYO/The Observer

Peter Ryan (right) tries to land a punch in his win against Ben Deda Wednesday in the light heavyweight division.

get punched in the face. You've got to fight to win (in boxing) so it makes every time you go in the ring real. It only takes one good punch."

Thus far, no one has been able to land that punch on Ryan. But one thing has changed since his freshman year — instead of idolizing the captains, Ryan is now serving as one of the leaders of the program.

As a captain, he arrives in the boxing room around 3 p.m. and works out for an hour. He then helps out the younger fighters from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and works out again for an hour. Add in the administrative and fundraising duties and Ryan spends 30 or more hours a week concentrating on boxing.

He would have it no other way.

"At the end of our fall practices, 10-15 guys came up and they said 'Thank you very much, I appreciate what you did. I've learned a lot,'" Ryan said. "You're like, 'Wow, I guess this really matters.'"

Final fight

Ryan, dressed in blue trunks and Nike running sneakers, entered the ring for the first time in this year's Bengal Bouts around 10:15 on Wednesday night.

Within five minutes, Ryan hugged several friends at ring-side after a unanimous decision victory over Ben Deda.

Only one more bout remains.

His parents and most of the rest of his family — two older sisters, one younger sister and two younger brothers — will

arrive on Friday. They shouldn't expect Ryan to speak much.

"Really I haven't thought about anything else other than boxing for more than 30 seconds for the last three weeks," Ryan said.

Prior to the finals, Ryan will lie down on the couch at his Lafayette apartment, watch Braveheart, and visualize the upcoming fight against VanderPoel.

"It's kind of corny but that helps me calm down a little bit," Ryan said. "But then you start thinking four hours, three hours, two hours..."

And if he won again?

"That would be remarkable considering I never thought I would even stick with this stupid thing," Ryan said. "To come out with that would be pretty sweet."



Bengal Bouts four-time champions

Bill Roemer '49

Tim Reardon '63

Roland Chamblee '73

Anthony Ricci '80

Mike Noone '89

Kerry Wate '92

Mike Trainor '92

Jeff Gerber '94