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Alums recruit Bush for ND Commencement speech

♦ White House has yet to confirm that President will address Class of 2001

By CHRISTINE KRALY
Senior Staff Writer

The University is awaiting an official White House announcement that President George W. Bush will deliver the keynote address at this year's May 20 Commencement, said Dennis Brown, associate director of Notre Dame Public Relations and Information.

Several unconfirmed reports suggest that the president has accepted the invita-

tion to speak.

Though Brown said a speaker has been scheduled, the University has made no announcement and official confirmation of Bush's spring commencement speech schedule is expected to come directly from the White House.

"All that we can say is that we've made an invitation and that we'll follow in the White House's lead from here," said Brown. "Typically they do all of their commencement announcements at the same time. Past practice has been a gang



Bush

announcement."

The White House will deliver a list of five or six of the president's scheduled speeches, although there is no telling how the new administration will handle the announcement.

According to Chris Mehl, press secretary for Indiana Third District Congressman Tim Roemer's office, there is no confirmation yet that Bush will speak. On Dec. 22 Roemer traveled to Austin to meet with Bush, armed with a letter urging him to accept the invitation to speak at Notre Dame.

Five Notre Dame alumni congressmen, including Roemer, sent a letter to Bush Feb. 21 encouraging the president to make a trip to South Bend.

"We urge you to give this invitation your favorable consideration," the congressmen said in their letter to the president.

Roemer also paid a visit to the White House this past Thursday and reportedly pulled Bush aside to lobby again for the commencement speech.

Bush would be the fifth president to accept an invitation to speak at Commencement; his father, George Bush Sr., was the most recent in 1992.

Bush would also receive an honorary degree from the University, as did Dwight Eisenhower, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan and Bush Senior, who have all spoken at Notre Dame. Franklin Roosevelt and Gerald Ford received honorary degrees at times other than Commencement.

BIT OF ITALY



PETER RICHARDSON/The Observer

Students gather in front of South Dining Hall to check out a representation of Bernini's Four Rivers Fountain, located in the Piazza Navona in Rome. The sculpture was part of a display in the lobby of Bond Hall during Expo Roma, and architecture students decided to reassemble it on South Quad for fun.

ND 2001-2002 tuition hike lowest since 1959

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

In what Notre Dame officials are touting as the lowest tuition increase in more than 40 years, the University recently announced a nearly 5 percent increase in undergraduate tuition, a change that will ring up average costs at \$30,530 for the 2001-2002 academic year.

The 4.9 percent hike, announced in a recent letter to the parents of freshman, sophomore and junior students, translates to a \$1,430 increase in current tuition and fees. It raises tuition to \$24,320 and room and board to \$6,210.

The current cost of a Notre Dame undergraduate education stands around \$29,100 after last year's 5.2 percent jump.

For about the past four decades, the University's Board of Trustees has approved annual increases in tuition. This year's increase is the lowest since 1959, when there was no increase from the previous year.

"Quality higher education is expensive, and we are determined to maintain the level of excellence which has given a Notre Dame degree its special value," said University President Father Edward Malloy in an early-March letter to parents. "At the same time, we benchmark with peer institutions to make sure we are in touch with

best practices in cost control and efficiency."

Officials said Notre Dame charges remain far below those of similar private institutions.

Dennis Moore, director of Public Relations and Information, said the most recent tuition increase is tied to the record-breaking fundraising success of the Generations campaign and continued growth in the University endowment.

"There's no doubt the Generations campaign was instrumental in this record low increase," Moore said of the three-year venture that raised more than \$1 billion. "The growth of the endowment also played a large part."

Moore said the endowment and Generations have also contributed to the University's ability to meet students' need. He said increased resources now allow Notre Dame to meet the full financial need of undergraduate students.

According to a 2001 annual report prepared by the Office of Financial Aid, the amount of scholarship aid awarded annually by the University to undergraduate students increased by 21.5 percent in the past year.

"We've gone from a position of being non-competitive to the point where we can fully meet the demonstrated need of our students," Moore said.

In addition to undergraduate costs, the Board of Trustees at a recent meeting approved three other tuition increases. Graduate school tuition is up 4.9 percent to \$24,220, and tuition for the Law School and Masters of Business Administration program is up 4.8 percent to \$24,920.

ND Tuition, Room and Board Costs

♦ 1999-2000:	\$27,660
♦ 2000-2001:	\$29,100
♦ 2001-2002:	\$30,530

INSIDE COLUMN

A Sage King of our time

It all started with an email. Prior to break, I wrote my professor an email addressing a problem I was having with our class' courseware. Frustrated with the constant "Access Denied" box that appeared with my every attempt to enter my dropbox, I was feeling slightly frustrated.

In his reply, my professor offered to talk to OIT and get my courseware problem straightened out. He assured me that everything would be fixed in just a few days.

However, unlike most replies from most professors, my professor closed his with a genuine — and quite unusual — question: "How are you?"

I was stunned.

I could not remember the last time a professor asked me how I was doing. Without reference to the class or the homework or even the courseware, he sought to make a connection with me. He showed legitimate concern for me and my well being. He cared!

There are more than 70 students in our class, and he knows everyone's name. Since day one, he has made an honest effort to be our friend.

Unfortunately, in the mad rush to get as much done as possible in as little time possible, we often forget what it feels like to be a human. We forget how to interact with each other.

My professor remembers — and everyday he reminds us to interact with the humans around us. Perhaps it is only fitting that he is a professor of ancient Chinese philosophy, a study that focuses intently on the perfectibility of the human being. In a sense, he is living his own daily lessons.

For example, the philosophy of Xunzi urges followers to imitate the example of "the right person." My professor is the best example on this campus of "the right person." He represents the link between teaching and leading.

In congruence with followers of the Mohist tradition, my professor extends love and compassion to everyone. His heart has no limits.

And unlike Mengzi, who recognizes that all humans have the capacity to harness The Way (although most will not attain it) my professor has faith that we all will find truth. Today after class I spent an enlightening 20 minutes with him, discussing some important issues outside of the class topic. He made himself available for me to help me find my own truths.

There are a handful of professors I've had during the past 2 1/2 years who significantly impacted my personal growth, but ever since that particular email with my philosophy professor, my expectation for Notre Dame professors has risen dramatically. Professors should show sincere concern for their students. Professors should care.

My Chinese philosophy professor is a Sage King for our time. He is a leader and a teacher and a follower.



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THIS WEEK IN SOUTH BEND

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
◆ Event: St. Joseph County Tree Sales Program, the Soil and Conservation District, all day.	◆ Event: Holocaust Film Symposium, DeBartolo Hall 102, 7 p.m.	◆ Movie: "Shakespeare in Love," DeBartolo 155, 8 p.m.	◆ Event: No Greater Love Retreat, Campus Ministry building, 10 a.m.
◆ Meeting: Rotary Club of South Bend Weekly Meeting, Century Center, noon.	◆ Concert: ND Glee Club Spring Concert, Washington Hall, 8 p.m.	◆ Movie: "Oh Brother, Where Art Thou?," DeBartolo 101, 8 p.m.	◆ Movie: "American Beauty", DeBartolo 155, 8 p.m.
	◆ Event: Acoustic Cafe, LaFortune, 9 p.m.		

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Syracuse students join evangelism group

PANAMA CITY BEACH, Fla. With 1,500 members of Campus Crusade for Christ gathered in the Edgewater Beach Resort's ballroom, it was a time to pump up the group with glowing testimonials, as students eagerly lined up to share stories of how they led someone to Christ that day.

It was a time when emcee Robert Green reminded the crowd: "We want Him to be a priority — not an afterthought — this week."

It was a time when Michael Ramos, a Campus Crusade staff member, discussed plans to host a three-on-three basketball tournament and tug-of-war matches. Crusaders mingled with the beach crowd that gathered March 14, striking up conversations and filling out surveys.

"We want Him to be a priority — not an afterthought — this week."

Robert Green
Campus Crusader for Christ

"We've got an opportunity to saturate the beach," Ramos said, "so let's just sweep it."

The Crusaders converged on the Florida panhandle for the Big Break 2001 conference, a week of evangelizing on the beach. The conference includes collegiate groups for three consecutive weeks in March. Twenty-five students from Syracuse University

attended the second week of Big Break, staying in Panama City Beach from March 10 to 16.

The SU group took a 27-hour trip on a Fullington Trailways bus named "Making Memories." On the ride down to Panama City Beach, they stopped to pick up three Crusaders from Ithaca and four from Boston, and fast food for nourishment.

Along the way, they prayed many times: for the trip, for the people they would meet, for each other.

Each carried a well-worn Bible, the pages marked with Post-it notes and selections from the fine print underlined.

In the mornings and evenings, they gathered in the resort's ballroom with all the other Crusaders for two-hour praise and worship sessions.

DARTHMOUTH UNIVERSITY

Grand jury probes into murders

HANOVER, N.H. A 19-member investigative grand jury heard testimony Monday from two hometown friends of Robert Tulloch and James Parker — the two teens charged with two counts of first-degree murder of Half and Susanne Zantop. A friend of Tulloch and Parker, Gaelen McKee, 15, had little to say after the long grand jury session, which took place behind closed doors. "Yeah, it was tiring," McKee said after leaving Grafton Superior Court in Haverhill with his father, Marc. New Hampshire Attorney General Philip McLaughlin, who attended Monday's session in court, declined to comment about any of the proceedings or any aspect of the investigation. "I cannot make any comment on today's activities," McLaughlin said after the hearing. The investigative grand jury, which will reconvene for a second day this morning, apparently questioned at least one of the witnesses about the suspects' familiarity with knives.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Recreational use of Ritalin grows

ANN ARBOR, Mich. According to the recent University of Michigan study "Monitoring the Future," adolescents are increasingly abusing methlyphenidate, the drug more commonly known as Ritalin, in order to study longer, party harder and suppress their appetites. Ritalin is a mild stimulant most commonly prescribed to school-age children to control Attention Deficit Disorder. But the drug is sold for about \$3 to \$5 per pill on the black market. University students, like many across the country, are willing to pay for Ritalin's varied effects including appetite suppression, wakefulness, increased focus for studying and euphoria. Abusers either consume Ritalin in pill form, crush the pill and snort it or mix the pill in water and inject the mixture. "I would not be surprised to see Ritalin at any frat party or house party. It is really prevalent," said an LSA sophomore who requested that her name not be printed. "Ritalin can do whatever you want it to," she added.

LOCAL WEATHER

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NATIONAL WEATHER

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Boston	37	30	Milwaukee	47	34	St. Louis	56	38
Chicago	50	35	New York	45	35	Tampa	70	53
Houston	68	45	Philadelphia	51	38	Wash DC	50	38

Walk stimulates third world hunger problems

♦ Student Diversity Board to begin new program to sponsor Mexican children

By MYRA McGRUFF
Saint Mary's Editor

The newly formed Student Diversity Board (SDB) presented students with a walk through the reality of a starving nation Tuesday, kicking off one of its first major events of the month of March.

Through interactive stations students got a glimpse into the lives of famished people. One station depicted how starving children become malnourished to the point of losing their eyesight and forming other vitamin deficiency diseases. Other stations gave detailed information on the contaminated water third-world nations consume and their lack of resources.

Along with showing the hardships of starving nations, the interactive walk also presented potential solutions to the problem. One of the stations was designated to provide information on groups and organizations students can get involved with to stop the hunger problem.

SDB, working along with the

Student Volunteer Advisory Board, hopes to jump start a program to sponsor a child from Guadalupe, Mexico. The Los Hijos y Las Hijas de Santa Maria would eventually pair Saint Mary's students with one of the 60 children involved in the program. Sponsorship includes letter writing and fundraisers, in hopes the children involved will be able to stay in school.

"It provides an exchange for the kids as well as the student and helps get the children through school providing them with food like rice and beans

and school supplies. Students need a folder for each class and if they don't have it then they can't go to class," said Sister Linda Kors, director of the Spec U n i c a

Resource and Volunteer Center.

Aside from sponsoring a child, Saint Mary's students have taken a local approach to Hunger Awareness. Students have volunteered to give up their dinner and have the cost of that dinner is donated to a local charity. The hope is that students giving up their meal demonstrate a greater appreciation for what many starving people go through everyday.

"Over 300 people have signed up and the money will go to the Indiana Food Bank," said SDB president Akmaral Omarova.

"It provides an exchange for the kids as well as the student and helps the children get through school..."

Sister Linda Kors
director, Spec Unica Resource and Volunteer Center

Internet service fails again

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

An outage that barred Notre Dame Internet users from accessing Web sites outside the campus network remained in effect early this morning, marking at least the fourth server failure this academic year.

Administrators in the Office of Information Technologies said Tuesday night that they were unsure of the cause for the disruption and were unclear about when the problem would be resolved.

Computer operator Brandon Bauer, who was working to fix the failure Tuesday, said the problem was likely linked with a downed router at Genuity, the University's Chicago-based service provider.

"We don't have a specific cause yet; the router that's down in Chicago carries our service," Bauer said.

The outage began around 9:30 p.m. and prevented users from accessing Web pages outside

the nd.edu domain and sending e-mail to anyone outside the University community.

"The local campus network is fine, but if you try to contact a Web site past campus, you're not going to get anything," Bauer said.

Genuity officials said Tuesday they were still trouble-shooting but it would not take long to restore the router, according to Bauer.

Tuesday's interruption in service was the fourth in a string of Internet outages dating back to the beginning of the academic year.

On Sept. 12, an extended outage of the University's e-mail server brought campus online communications to a standstill for nearly a full day.

On Nov. 6 and 7, a 36-hour failure posed problems similar to the Tuesday outage.

Scattered outages — both scheduled and unexpected — have also disrupted campus Internet access throughout the year.

Most recently, a planned outage of the University's Webmail server shut down e-mail usage on March 11 and 12. Bauer said that event was unrelated to Tuesday's outage.

Project engenders discussion

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

A mock newspaper distributed Tuesday and a set of two banners to be hung today are part of a project intended to raise awareness about campus gender relations.

The efforts are tied to the Dave Clark Bachelor of Fine Arts Project and kick off a half-semester-long undertaking a Notre Dame senior.

"The project will be addressing various social factors at Notre Dame which contribute to the poor state of gender relations," Clark said in an e-mail to The Observer.

Today Clark said he expects to hang the first set of two banners on academic buildings in prominent locations on campus. The banners will

hang for a week and introduce the Notre Dame community to the topics the project will address.

On Tuesday, Clark distributed "The Observed" to each Notre Dame's 27 residence halls.

An obvious imitation of The Observer, the two-page paper featured articles on single-sex halls and parietals causing divisions between the sexes as well as the University's alleged lack of female faculty and seemingly male-dominated environment. The articles quote campus students and faculty members and are

apparently written by authors under assumed names such as radio personality Howard Stern, feminist Gloria Steinem and Playboy magazine publisher Hugh Hefner.

"By addressing single-sex dorms, parietals, the imbalanced faculty ratio and Notre Dame's male-dominated atmosphere, the DCBFA project might shed some light on topics which shape the sad state of gen-

der relations at Notre Dame," one author writes in the flyer.

A DCBFA exhibit opens in the Snite Museum April 8 and will be on display through May 20.

Clark said he will speak about the project at a conference on peace and social issues before the exhibit opens.

Following the banners that will run on campus buildings this week, another set of banners will be hung from March 28 to April 8.

"The project will be addressing various social factors at Notre Dame which contribute to the poor state of gender relations."

Dave Clark
senior creating the Dave Clark Bachelor of Fine Arts Project



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Fugitive man-hunt shuts down mall

♦ Police forced to shut down Mall of America

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. Police closed the biggest shopping mall in the country for eight hours Tuesday to search hallways, bathrooms and broom closets for a man wanted in three states.

Anthony Zappa, 29, apparently escaped on a motorized car. Bloomington Police Chief Roger Willow said. Zappa is wanted on burglary, auto theft and weapons possession charges in Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota.

"We don't know where he might be," Willow said.

Police converged on the Mall of America in suburban Minneapolis Tuesday morning after a motorist spotted someone who looked like Zappa driving a car.

During a police chase, the car, registered to one of Zappa's relatives, went over a 4-foot embankment at a hotel. It was later found in a

mall parking area.

More than 100 officers and a police dog conducted a search of the mall, which covers 4.2 million square feet and gets 100,000 daily visitors on average.

Nearly 1,000 people were evacuated, including store employees, people who walk around the mall for exercise, and students who attend two schools at the shopping center.

"He's shown himself to be an astute escapee."

Ron Whitehead
Deputy Police Chief

In the afternoon, police found a sweat shirt and cap believed to be Zappa's on a cart left at a stopping point for taxicabs, shuttles and buses. Surveillance video recorded someone who looked like Zappa near the area.

The hunt was called off just before 5 p.m., and the mall was reopened about an hour later.

"I am convinced people can safely return," Willow said. "We have no reason to believe he's in the building."

Zappa has also eluded capture in a March 14 shootout and 12-hour manhunt.

"He's shown himself to be an astute escapee," Bloomington Deputy Police Chief Ron Whitehead said.

More people claim Indian heritage

♦ Casino wealth spurs increase in population

Associated Press

NORWICH, Conn.

As two American Indian-run casinos were built in eastern Connecticut during the past decade, the number of state residents claiming Indian ancestry increased 50 percent.

There may be several reasons for the jump in the latest census figures, but tribal leaders say the lure of casino riches is a major factor.

"Money is the greatest attraction in the world," said Ralph Sturges, longtime chief of the casino-owning Mohegan tribe. "I think that's one of the reasons. I really do. Because Indians are making money, now it's a privilege to become one."

Under federal law, the nation's tribes make their own rules about who they consider a member. Some require a certain blood quantum, or proportion of Indian lineage, while others — including Connecticut's tribes — use old census reports and other historical documents.

The Mohegan Sun opened in 1996, four years after the Mashantucket Pequot opened Foxwoods Resort Casino, one of the most profitable in the world. Last July, both casinos reported their best months ever for slot machine revenue: Foxwoods

"Because Indians are making money, now it's a privilege to become one."

Ralph Sturges
chief of Mohegan tribe

with \$72.2 million, the Mohegan Sun with \$52.2 million.

The Mashantucket list some 650 members and the Mohegans about 1,600. Neither tribe will discuss how casino profits are distributed to members — but they are distributed.

The Indian population also has increased in Connecticut as members of other tribes around the country arrive to find work. The casino-owning tribes give preferential hiring treatment to fellow Indians.

Even Indians who aren't members of the two tribes agree that some people are just out to strike it rich by claiming membership. But, they said, today's diversity-celebrating culture has encouraged people to be counted as Indians.

"There's a heightened awareness about Native American ancestry here in Connecticut, and a great deal of people do research to find out who their ancestors are and where they come from," said Chief Standing Bear, who leads a faction that is not recognized as Mohegan by the federally recognized tribe — which runs the casino.

More than a dozen Indian

groups in Connecticut are seeking federal recognition, which would allow them to open casinos.

John Poupart, president of the American Indian Policy Center in St. Paul, Minn., said it is more in vogue to be Indian now than when he was a child decades ago.

He also noted that no one checks the validity of census claims.

"Anyone can be what they want to be as far as the census is concerned," said Poupart, a Chippewa.

More than 9,600 Connecticut residents identified themselves as solely of Indian ancestry last year — up from 6,700 in the 1990 census, when people could only choose one race.

More than 14,000 others claimed to be of mixed Indian blood in last year's census.

The National Tribal Development Association, which helps tribes develop businesses, gets calls all the time from people seeking information about tribal membership, said Daryl Wright, chief of staff for the group.

"Personally, I don't find fault with tribal people, who have been lost and disenfranchised by the American government, who are trying to find a way to reclaim their status," Wright said.

"What makes an Indian is not the degree of Indian blood, but what's in your heart, and are you following ways that have been handed down generation to generation — the culture and way of life," he said.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Vatican denies claims of abuse:

The Vatican on Tuesday denied a report in the National Catholic Reporter saying sexual abuse of nuns by priests — especially in AIDS-ravaged Africa — is a serious problem. The magazine article is based on five reports compiled by senior members of women's religious orders and a priest and dating to 1994. Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls acknowledged there were isolated cases of priests sexually abusing nuns, but said the problem is "restricted to a limited geographic area."

Explosion sinks oil rig in Atlantic:

After an explosion last week, one of the world's biggest oil rigs sank in the South Atlantic on Tuesday, and the state oil company Petrobras warned that more than 300,000 gallons of diesel fuel on board was likely to spill.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Fire burns chicken plant down:

Fire broke out at a poultry processing plant in a small Mississippi town Tuesday, forcing the evacuation of much of the town of about 5,000. Three people were reported injured. Firefighters contained the blaze at the Choctaw Maid Farm plant by mid-afternoon, although some areas containing chlorine gas and ammonia remained out of reach, police investigator Tray Rogers said.

Internet filter meets opposition:

Civil liberties groups and the American Library Association filed suit Tuesday to block a federal law that would require schools and libraries to install Internet filters on computers to keep youngsters from seeing smut. The groups said the Children's Internet Protection Act would censor constitutionally protected information — a cyberspace equivalent to tearing pages out of encyclopedias or removing books from shelves.

Government releases Reagan tapes:

On the day President Reagan was shot 20 years ago, his top advisers shut themselves away in the White House Situation Room and nervously debated who was in command, all the while keeping a wary eye on Soviet military posture, according to newly revealed tape recordings. The tapes show that then-Secretary of State Alexander Haig's famous remark to reporters that he was in charge was preceded by similar comments in the Situation Room. After being told that Reagan was on the operating table, Haig said, "So the ... the helm is right here. And that means right in this chair for now, constitutionally, until the vice president gets here," according to the transcript.

MEXICO

Zapatista rebels return to jungle

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY

Expressing "absolute will to achieve peace," President Vicente Fox on Tuesday made a dramatic appeal for a meeting with Zapatista rebel leaders who say they plan to leave Mexico City and head back to the jungle on Friday.

Fox announced he would meet more of the rebels' conditions for talks, transforming three military bases into community centers and freeing more Zapatista prisoners.

"Where there were weapons, there will be hearts and wills to promote the dignity of our indigenous brothers and sisters," Fox said in a brief speech at the presidential residence of Los Pinos.

He said he was sending a letter inviting rebel leader Subcomandante Marcos to meet with him "before his return to Chiapas."

That would appear to pose a scheduling conflict between Fox's plan to visit California from Wednesday to Friday morning and the Zapatistas' plans to leave Mexico City on Friday.

"I propose that we have a dialogue that would lead to approval (of the Indian rights bill) ... and promote throughout the country an ambitious program of human development for the 10 million indigenous brothers and sisters," Fox said.

Fox also called on Congress to find a way to meet with Zapatista rebels to discuss the proposed law on Indian rights backed by the rebel movement.

In a university appearance immediately after Fox spoke, Marcos made no response. But in a second appearance, Zapatista comandante Tacho, without referring specifically to



Indigenous rebels finish up a two-week march through Mexico. President Vicente Fox has made a number of conciliatory promises to the Zapatistas.

Fox's latest offer, called the president's entreaties to the rebels "just words."

"What he says is pure lies," Tacho said, speaking beneath a banner in both Spanish and English calling for the president to "get the troops and paramilitary forces out" of Chiapas.

The 24 masked rebel leaders made a two-week march through much of the country to rally support for the Indian rights law. But on Monday, Marcos expressed frustration at dealings with "cave-

man politicians" who were balking at rebel demands.

Marcos earlier vowed to stay in Mexico City until Congress approves the rights bill that resulted from a 1996 agreement between the government and rebels.

Congressmen from several leading parties have said the bill needs to be modified before going to a vote, perhaps by the end of April. Many also rejected Marcos' demand that the masked insurgents be allowed to use the congressional podium to

address all lawmakers.

Fox, who took office on Dec. 1, welcomed the Zapatista march and endorsed the Indian rights bill, hoping to draw the Zapatistas away from threats of a return to the armed clashes of early 1994.

But the Zapatistas have refused to reopen negotiations with the Mexican government. They have accused Fox of hostility for his failure to close the three army bases, despite his closure of four others earlier.

Busboy steals identities from rich

Associated Press

NEW YORK

A restaurant busboy is accused of using the Internet and Forbes' list of the richest people in America in a scheme to steal millions from such figures as Steven Spielberg, Martha Stewart, Oprah Winfrey and Ted Turner.

Police are calling it one of the most ambitious identity-theft schemes they have seen. They are still trying to trace the complex electronic trail to determine exactly how much was stolen, but fear it could be well into the millions.

"He's the best I ever faced," Detective Michael Fabozzi of the NYPD's Computer Investigation and

Technology Unit told the New York Post, which first reported the story.

Police arrested Abraham Abdallah, a 32-year-old high school dropout, last month at the wheel of his car.

Court papers say he had a dog-eared copy of last fall's Forbes "400 Richest" article, with notations of Social Security numbers, home addresses and birth dates of 200 chief executives, celebrities and tycoons. They say he also had more than 400 stolen credit card numbers — one belonging to a federal prosecutor.

Abdallah was charged with criminal impersonation, forgery and fraud. Bail was set at \$1 million.

Investigators say that Abdallah used computers at a library, Web-

enabled cell phones, virtual voicemail and hired couriers for the six-month scam, duping credit reporting companies such as Equifax into providing detailed credit reports on his victims.

He then allegedly used the data to gain access to credit cards and accounts at brokerage houses such as Goldman Sachs, Bear Stearns and Merrill Lynch.

Prosecutors say his list of targets included Spielberg, Stewart, Winfrey, George Lucas, Ross Perot and Warren Buffett.

Defense attorney Sam Gregory said Abdallah is innocent. Prosecutors "made an unfair leap from possession of this information to an inference that there was an attempt to take money," Gregory said.

Market Watch 3/20

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NASDAQ 100 SHAR (QQQ)	-6.73	-2.91 40.35
ORACLE CORP (ORCL)	-6.85	-1.06 14.38
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SUN MICROSYSTEM (SUNW)	-8.83	-1.68 17.38

Sub skipper discusses regret at hearing

♦ Waddle admits responsibility in submarine collision

Associated Press

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii

By turns apologetic and defensive, the skipper of a submarine that sank a Japanese trawler was on the stand Tuesday, blaming errors by himself and his crew for the accident as a Navy court of inquiry into the collision ended.

"These mistakes were honest and well-intentioned," said Cmdr. Scott Waddle.

In a closing statement, Waddle's civilian attorney, Charles Gittins, implored the three admirals presiding over the hearing not to recommend a court-martial.

Gittins blamed the accident on a series of extraordinary circumstances that he said could not be duplicated.

"Commander Waddle exercised his judgment, and he did his level best. He may have fallen short on that day, but it wasn't criminal," Gittins said.

Under investigation are Waddle; his executive officer, Lt. Cmdr. Gerald Pfeifer; and the officer of the deck, Lt. j.g. Michael Coen. All three could face courts-martial. Before Waddle testified, a Navy lawyer listed the crimes he is suspected of committing: dereliction of duty, improper hazarding of a vessel and negligent homicide.

The admirals are expected to take three weeks to report on their findings and to recommend whether the officers should be punished. The report goes to Adm. Thomas Fargo, head of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, who has up to 30 days to review it and take final action.

Lt. Cmdr. Brent Filbert, representing Coen, said the problem of the collision has "a very simple answer. It has a human answer. The commanding officer, Cmdr.

Waddle, rushed himself and rushed his crew."

Waddle's sworn testimony was a surprise because his attorney had indicated he would not testify without immunity, which the Navy rejected.

Waddle said he asked for immunity "in the event the international and political environment dictated that I be sacrificed to an unwarranted court-martial." While criticizing the Navy's decision, he said he decided it was imperative he speak.

"I am solely responsible for this truly tragic accident, and for the rest of my life I will live with the consequences."

Cmdr. Scott Waddle
USS Greeneville skipper

"This court and the families need to hear from me," he said, turning to face some of the victims' relatives. The wives of two of those killed brushed

away tears as Waddle spoke.

Outside the hearing, Ryosuke Terata, whose son was among those killed, said the families welcomed Waddle's testimony as "keeping his promise that he made to us when he apologized."

Waddle's boat, the USS Greeneville, smashed into the Japanese fishing vessel Ehime Maru while demonstrating a rapid-surfacing drill for 16 civilians. Nine people, including four teen-age boys, were killed.

Waddle said he was "truly sorry for the loss of life and the incalculable grief."

"As commanding officer, I am solely responsible for this truly tragic accident, and for the rest of my life I will live with the horrible consequences of my decisions and actions that resulted in the loss of the Ehime Maru," he said.

But he also told the admirals presiding over the court, "I was trying my best to do the job that I was assigned" and appeared to shift some of the blame to his crew for failing to provide sufficient backup.

The inquiry has focused on whether Waddle rushed preparations for surfacing, and whether he performed an inadequate periscope search before taking the Greeneville up.

Pacemaker relieves heart failure

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla.

A novel kind of pacemaker can substantially boost the pumping power of victims of congestive heart failure, offering an entirely new way of treating perhaps 1 million Americans with bad hearts.

Doctors tested the device on people with especially severe heart failure, all of whom were already receiving standard heart medicines. Two-thirds improved significantly.

"The data are clear and impressive, but what impresses me most is the experiences of individual patients, who have improved to a degree we never would have expected," said Dr. William Abraham of the University of Kentucky, who presented the results Tuesday at a meeting in Orlando of the American College of Cardiology.

Earlier research has suggested that this approach, called cardiac resynchronization therapy, can energize sluggish hearts, but the new work is the first study to test it in a rigorous, scientific way.

Heart failure is the only form of heart disease that is actually on the increase in the United States. This is because it is largely a disease of the elderly, and many of those who once would have died of heart attacks now survive long enough to have this disorder.

Heart failure is not, as its name implies, the sudden failure of the heart to stop beating. Instead, it is an inability of the heart to pump powerfully enough to circulate the blood adequately. Symptoms include shortness of breath, fatigue and fluid accumulation.

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University of Kentucky

lion Americans have heart failure, and 400,000 new cases are diagnosed each year. It causes 39,000 deaths annually and contributes to 225,000 more.

Pacemakers are widely used to speed up hearts that beat too slowly. But using them to make weak hearts beat more powerfully is a new development. At least three companies are testing them in the United States.

In one-quarter to one-half of all heart failure victims, the heart fails to beat in a uniform way. The walls of their left and right ventricles — the main pumping chambers — do not squeeze at precisely the same moment. This sloppy motion robs the heart of its pumping power.

The new pacemakers deliver an electrical impulse that synchronizes the ventricles so their walls pump in unison.

Abraham and colleagues tested a device called InSync, developed by Medtronic Inc. of Minneapolis, which paid for the study. Doctors implanted the quarter-size devices in 266 patients. However, they left the devices switched off in half of the patients and followed their progress for six months.

Overall, 63 percent of the patients getting working pacemakers improved substantially,

as did 38 percent in the comparison group. (At the end of the study, doctors turned on those patients' pacemakers, too.)

Abraham estimated that between 750,000 and 1.25 million U.S. heart failure patients might be good candidates for the devices. He said the devices are likely to cost \$10,000 to \$12,000 apiece, about the same as a high-end standard pacemaker.

Dr. Barry Massie of the University of California at San Francisco said it is still unclear whether the devices will help those with less severe heart failure or change the long-term course of the disease.

Nevertheless, he said, "The results are pretty exciting. It can only add to what drugs do. The two together could be remarkable."

Most of the patients studied were taking diuretics, ACE inhibitors and beta blockers, the standard medicines. Doctors classify heart failure on a scale of 1 to 4, and all of the patients were in the worst two categories.

After six months on the pacemaker, two-thirds of the patients had improved by at least one category. They also scored substantially higher on a scale that measured quality of life and they were able to walk an average of 128 feet farther in six minutes.

Another study dealt with a former World War II fighter pilot from the Cincinnati area. His heart was so weak that he had been given six months to live when he received his pacemaker in 1998. Now, at age 82, he can climb stairs, walk several blocks without getting winded and recently took a trip to New York City to see Broadway shows.

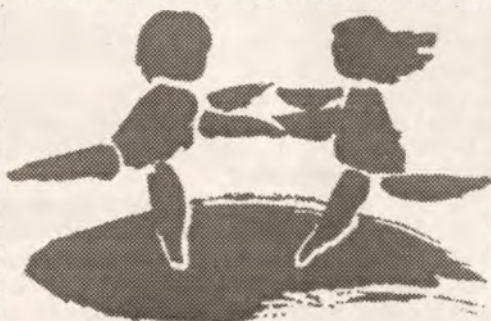


In Preparation for NAZZ this Friday night, the Alumni-Senior Club will be hosting the

tunes of Subway Mind from the great state of Kansas. In addition, one of our own local bands, Lester, is planning on opening around 10pm. Come check out the fun and enjoy some live music this Wed. night at the Alumni-Senior Club.

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Senate votes for exceptions to McCain-Feingold

♦ **Amendments would exempt opponents of wealthy, self-financed candidates from rules**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Senate voted Tuesday to ease campaign funding restrictions on candidates battling wealthy, self-financing rivals, overriding objections that the move would run afoul of the Constitution and undermine an effort to reduce the role of money in politics.

Sen. John McCain said limits would be raised for all candidates before debate on campaign finance legislation was through. "The only question is how much," he said.

Supporters of the amendment relating to millionaires said it was necessary to equalize an advantage that flows to any candidate able to use a personal fortune to finance a campaign. Four Democrats did so last year — Sens. Jon Corzine of New Jersey, Mark Dayton of Minnesota and Maria Cantwell of Washington, all first-termers; and Sen. Herb Kohl, D-Wis., who was re-elected. Kohl and Corzine supported the amendment; Dayton and Cantwell opposed it.

The vote on the provision was 70-30 and came as lawmakers plowed ahead with a two-week debate that laid bare stark philosophical differences at the core of the issue.

"Both parties are enslaved to those

who give" campaign funds, said Sen. Robert Byrd, a West Virginia Democrat first elected to Congress nearly a half-century ago. "We're beholden to the special interests when we go around the country holding out a tin cup saying, 'Gimme, gimme, gimme.'"

A few hours later, Sen. Robert Bennett, R-Utah, said the bill would infringe on the First Amendment. "It has to do with freedom of speech. It does not have to do with getting money out of politics, because the reality is in the big picture: We never have had money out of politics, ... and we never will," Bennett said.

The legislation would ban "soft money," loosely regulated, unlimited donations that unions, corporations and individuals make to political parties. It also would restrict certain types of political advertising broadcast within 60 days of an election or 30 days of a primary.

Together, the Republican and Democratic parties collected more than \$480 million in soft money in the last two-year election cycle. At the same time, candidates of both parties were unsettled by attack ads financed by outside groups, commercials that escaped disclosure because they did not expressly advocate the election or defeat of an individual politician.

The millionaires amendment was advanced originally by Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., and while McCain and Feingold helped kill an earlier version Monday night, it was refined

in overnight negotiations to the point that they deemed it acceptable.

Other supporters of their campaign finance bill expressed unhappiness, though, and members of the Democratic leadership said that if there were many more changes like it, support for the bill itself could start to unravel.

"I think it's beginning to change in its character, and with each change I think you lessen the opportunity for us to keep Democrats together and in support of a bill that they no longer can identify as McCain-Feingold," said the Democratic leader, Sen. Tom Daschle of South Dakota.

In the case of candidates running against self-financing rivals, the amendment that passed would increase the size of allowable donations on a sliding scale based on a state's population. The current \$1,000 contribution limit could eventually rise to \$6,000, and political parties would be allowed to offer greater assistance than is now the case.

Sen. Mike DeWine, R-Ohio, said the provision was necessary because it would rectify a "a ludicrous situation. Everybody is limited to \$1,000 (in donations) except one person, the candidate. To most people this would seem to be an absurd situation," he said.

Daschle said the provision is unconstitutional because "it treats different candidates in different states differently."

Beyond that, he said, it "violates the real spirit" of the legislation.

And Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., said it amounted to "incumbency protection," since for the most part it would allow incumbents to raise more money to fend off wealthy challengers.

The debate offered a window into the complex maneuvering behind the legislation. Supporters of the amendment said they nevertheless feared that additional changes that drew widespread support could eventually cause their coalition to crack.

And comments by Daschle and Senate Democratic whip Harry Reid of Nevada, who said opponents were playing a "shell game," reinforced nervousness among Republican supporters of the soft money ban that Democrats eventually would find a way to ensure its defeat.

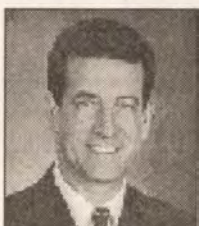
While supporters of the bill labored to hold their coalition together on the floor, McCain met privately during the day with AFL-CIO President John Sweeney. Organized labor has objected to the bill's provision that restricts late-campaign advertising.

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Democratic Senator, South Dakota



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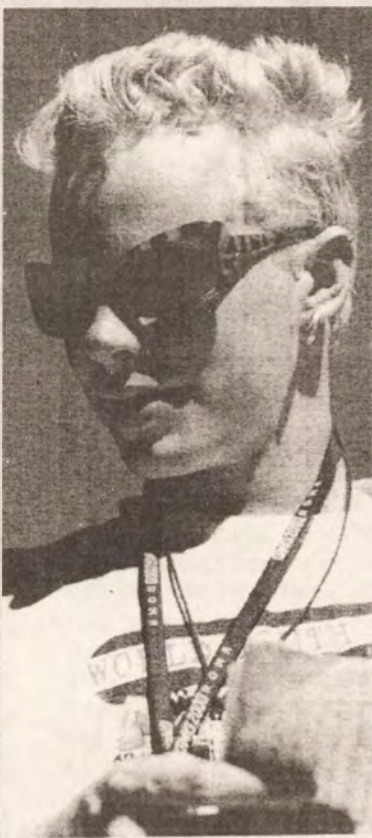
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Bush to repeal new safety law

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Bush said he will sign on Tuesday a repeal of new workplace safety regulations — making the business-backed measure the first substantive policy that he turns into law.

"There's a change in ergonomics regulations that I believe is positive and I intend to sign today," Bush told an approving assembly of women business leaders in the East Room.

The measure, which would revoke ergonomics rules issued late in the Clinton administration, whizzed through the Congress earlier this month with help from business interests who criticized the cost and scope of the regulations.

Bush held the legislation up as a victory for him and the Republican-controlled Congress. Last week, in his first Rose Garden signing ceremony, Bush put his signature on a bill naming a Boston courthouse for retiring Rep. Joe Moakley, D-Mass.

"The Congress is beginning to get a sense of accomplishment. There is a culture of accomplishment in Washington," Bush said Tuesday.

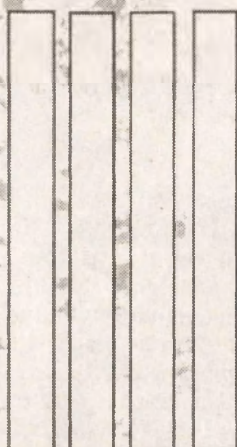
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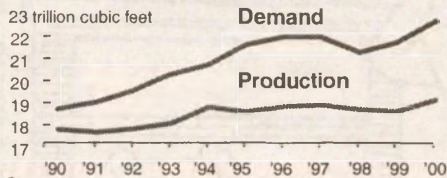
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Gas prices skyrocket, experts say rise may continue

Natural Gas Heating Up

Demand for Gas Keeps Climbing

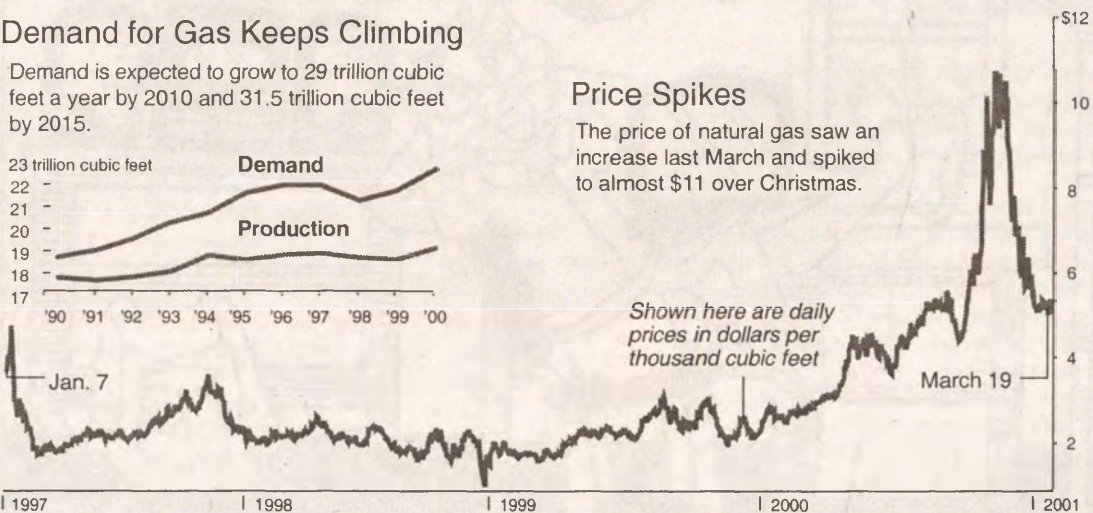
Demand is expected to grow to 29 trillion cubic feet a year by 2010 and 31.5 trillion cubic feet by 2015.



Price Spikes

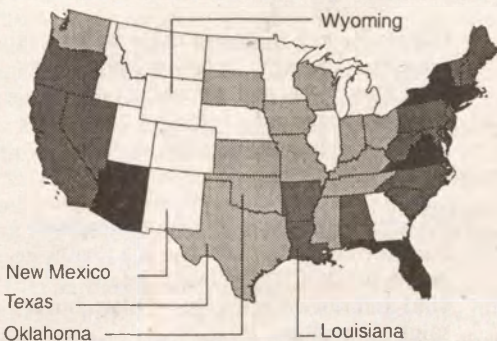
The price of natural gas saw an increase last March and spiked to almost \$11 over Christmas.

Shown here are daily prices in dollars per thousand cubic feet



Paying more for natural gas

Rates vary from state-to-state and are set by public utilities and taxes. Top five producing states are labeled.



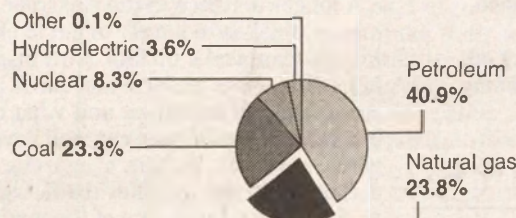
Average price of natural gas delivered to residential customers, 1999

Dollars per thousand cubic feet

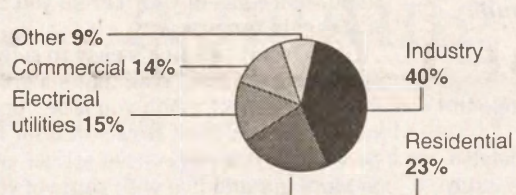
Who is using natural gas

Sixty-two million commercial, industrial and residential customers use natural gas, accounting for nearly 24 percent of all energy used in the United States.

U.S. energy consumption



Consumption by sector, 1999



SOURCES: Natural Gas Supply Association; American Gas Association; Energy Information Administration (EIA) Natural Gas Annuals

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

For a decade natural gas has been the fuel to love. It's clean, plentiful and found close to home. Most important, it was cheap.

No longer.

As natural gas prices have soared to as much as five times what they were 18 months ago, consumers — from the elderly trying to heat their homes to executives who are shutting down chemical plants because of high gas prices — are wondering what happened:

◆ Are producers profiteering? Maybe. At the very least, they're raking in billions of dollars.

◆ Will the high costs, which have eased in recent weeks, rebound this summer and into next fall? Supplies remain tight. If the summer is a hot one, prices could again soar.

◆ Can future production meet growing demand? Most experts say there's plenty of gas; developing it will depend on price and building new pipelines.

◆ Should the government reimpose price controls? A few advocates say yes; the Bush administration and most economists, no.

Government regulations produced "a couple of real disasters" — gas shortages in the 1970s and a gas "bubble" of too much supply in the early '80s, says Paul MacAvoy, a Yale economist who has followed the industry for 30 years. Despite greater risks of occasional price spikes, MacAvoy argues, a free market provides lower prices and adequate supplies in the long run.

President Bush's energy plan, expected to be unveiled next month, will stress expanding natural gas production and building new pipelines, but experts agree it will be years before those efforts significantly influence the gas market. Meanwhile demand for the fuel will continue to rise, especially for generating electricity.

It may be some time, perhaps never, before prices again will be as low as they were over a 15-year period covering the late 1980s and all of the 1990s, energy economists say.

During that stretch the wholesale price of gas hovered around \$2 per 1,000 cubic feet. After accounting for inflation, natural gas prices actually declined by almost a third between 1985 and 1999, according to the American Gas Association.

Then in the first six months of last year, the price doubled, then doubled again. By Christmas and into the new year it had spiked to nearly \$11 for the same 1,000 cubic feet. It's been even higher in power-starved California, prompting charges of price manipulation by suppliers and pipeline operators.

As the surge in gas prices drove up home heating bills by 50 percent or more in many areas, businesses and industrial plants saw energy costs cut into profits. Some chemical plants using natural gas as a feedstock have seen foreign competitors grab business because of the

high U.S. energy costs.

Redland Brick Inc. of Williamsport, Md., has seen the cost of firing up its kilns at four plants soar. An expected energy bill of \$4 million is twice what it was in 1999, says James Vinke, the company's president.

In recent weeks, wholesale gas prices have begun to fall back to about half what they were in December and early January, but at \$5 per 1,000 cubic feet, they remain more than double what they were in the winter of 1999.

"The length of time that gas prices have remained so high is unprecedented," the government's Energy Information Administration said in its latest energy forecast. It predicted prices will not ease much this year or next.

Energy experts say prices could just as easily spike again if supplies lag and demand jumps over a hot summer or unusually cold weather next winter. Stocks in storage are unusually low for the end of winter, raising some concerns if demand this summer is strong.

"It is becoming clear with each passing month that we grossly underestimated the demand pressure facing natural gas," says Matthew Simmons, a Houston-based investment banker and energy analyst who frequently has warned of an impending natural gas crisis.

Simmons helped craft a National Petroleum Council report at the end of 1999. It predicted that over the next 15 years natural gas demand will increase by 40 percent to 31.5 trillion cubic feet annually. With power plant construction at a fast pace, that demand now could come in five or six years, says Simmons.

While the council, an advisory panel to the government, said enough gas exists to meet the demand, it warned that production will have to increase dramatically, including in some areas that long have been off limits or restricted for environmental reasons.

Ironically, the report assumed that even with higher demand, prices would stay under \$3 per 1,000 cubic feet, saying that was enough of an incentive to spur development.

Of all fossil fuels, natural gas is a natural.

It is by far the cleanest. Compared to coal and oil, natural gas emits far less smog-causing and toxic air pollution or heat-trapping greenhouse gases when burned. Environmentalists embrace it as the transition from fossil fuels to solar technology or hydrogen fuel cells that are still decades away from wide use.

Natural gas also is plentiful. An estimated 2,449 trillion cubic feet of reserves in the United States and Canada is enough to meet today's demand for 100 years. And there is no worry about cutoffs from unfriendly nations halfway across the globe.

Nevertheless, the price explosion of the last year has prompted more than a few energy experts to wonder, only half jokingly, whether the OPEC oil cartel had captured the natural gas market.

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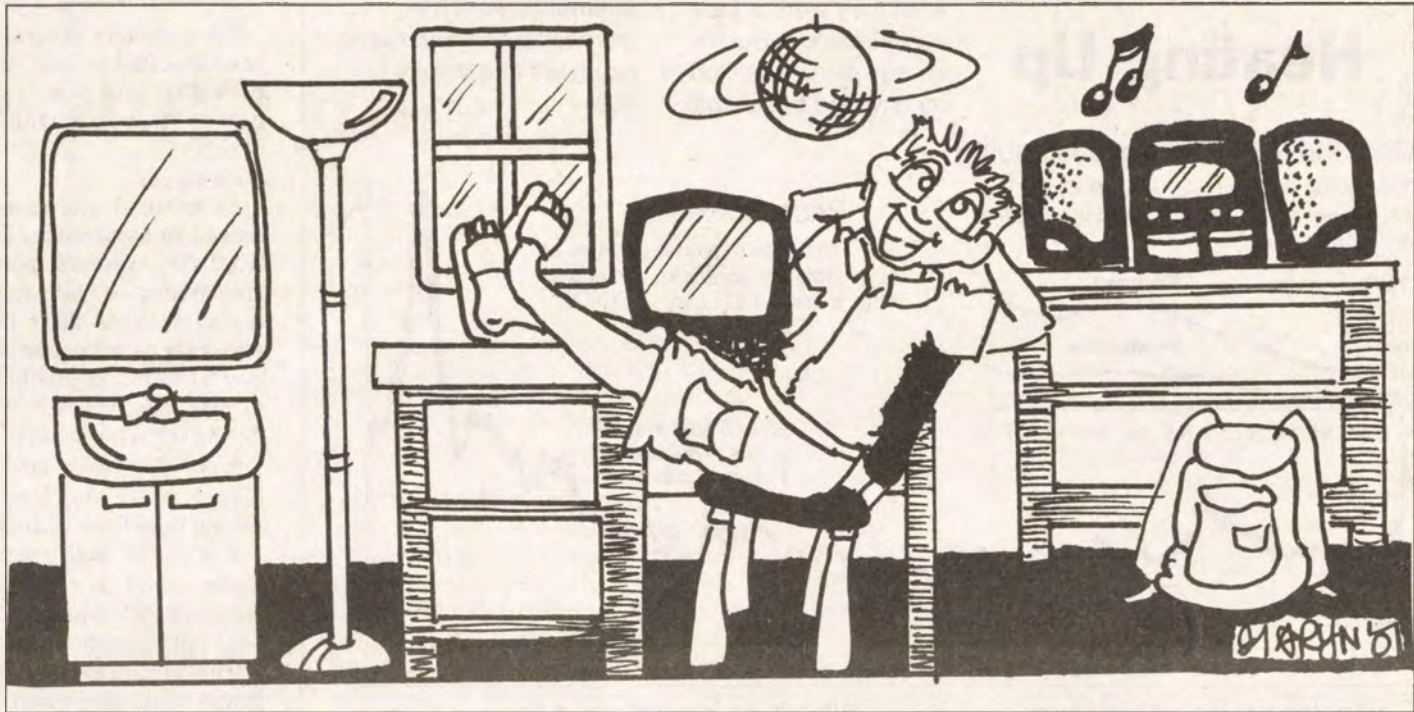
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Dorm life does offer benefits

I am trapped but my prison is self-imposed.

Come next year I will be staring out into the world through the bars of my golden cell and I'm ready for it.

While most of my friends will move to the exotic locales sprinkled around South Bend / Mishawhatever by the off-campus housing fairy, all grown up and ready to take on the world, I'll see things from my single in Zahm Hall.

And I say that's fine — fine indeed.

I have studied both sides of the issue and I have determined that the only rational choice one can make is to remain on campus. I hope I can convince you of this in about 800 words. And maybe along the way we can share a smile or two.

Okay, first of all, isn't it kind of a hassle to park your car around here? I mean, I've gotten three tickets in the past month (somebody has to pay the salary of the ND security guards ... I mean police). Then every time I try to get on campus, I hear the tired old refrain: "Let me check your trunk, let me look under floor mats, let me perform a body cavity search."

What the hell am I going to do to the precious campus? I'm obviously a student, I'm not scary looking — OK, I take that one back. Seriously though, just because I look like that Bin Laden dude doesn't mean I'll blow up the Dome. But this is a tangent.

Eric Long

Fitter,
Happier...

A longer distance to the classroom means it will take longer to get to class. Imagine you wake up late. Now instead of putting shoes on for a nice stroll across the quad, God's good air and what not, you have to get in your car, roll down the window before you light a cigarette, find a good radio station, obey traffic signals, park — or deal with one of the guard booth people and then maybe you have to put more gas in your car so you can do it all again tomorrow.

Oh, you say this one's easy to solve: stop going to class. Well that's a great attitude — pretty soon you'll be home with Mom and Dad. How's that for freedom? Why not drop out of school, move to Montana and live with some of your stoner friends — it's cheaper than going here.

No, you want the education; you crave it with every fiber of your being. Eventually you want to move out of the house, don't you? Stay on campus and graduate!

Another reason why no one should move off campus is because of food. Granted the dining halls aren't grade A cuisine but they do the job and they do the dishes and the cooking and the cleaning.

I know, some of you like to cook — we'll see how you like it when you have to do it at least once a day and the damn roommates won't do any dishes and something smells in here. No, give me my nature burger or flank steak.

Grocery shopping can be fun but not when you have to spend your money wisely. I would like to leave that to the

University and my parents for as long as possible. All I want to buy is Dinty Moore Beef Stew, Funyons and soda, and the occasional avocado. I don't want to buy milk, eggs, bread and other less glamorous stuff.

And what are these off campus meal plans? Flex Eight-and-a-half? Leonard Part VI? Okay, the last one is a Cosby movie (it ain't "Ghost Dad," let me tell you) and not an actual meal plan, but it might as well be.

No, I don't think living on campus is great. While I am here, I have to obey all of the state's laws and then some: no girls after two, no kegs, no candles, no throwing food in the dining hall.

But I guess it's all worth it. This place rocks sometimes. For instance, when I get to go back to the dorm, or once a semester when the dining hall has chicken tenders, or when they turn Stonehenge on for the first time, or when I'm only staying on because I wanted to be an R.A.

No, it's because I'm too apathetic to move off. Yes, that's it. I'll be cool precisely because it's uncool to do what I'm doing. Yes, it'll be great.

No, I've tried to pull that nerd chic thing off my entire life, and it hasn't worked so far.

I guess there are still places open in Turtle Creek.

Eric Long's column appears every other Wednesday.

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

Follow-up Information

The Delgadillo family requested the following information be run with their letter yesterday. Due to an oversight the Viewpoint section failed to include it. Please consider support for this cause.

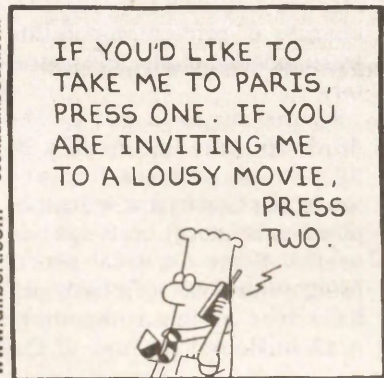
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Bilingual U.S.A.

The idea that this country was founded by white people, for white people is a statement most people would consider to be backwards and repulsive. It implies this nation is designed for the advancement of whites over people of other races. This is a statement that, if said by a politician, would probably signal the end of his or her career.

But let me ask you this. How much different is the above statement from this one: This country was founded by English speakers, for English speakers?

This is a statement many people support, although it is the same fundamental argument that all people are expected to conform to the predominant power. Historically, it's a good idea to speak the language of the person with a gun to your head. But we have evolved and no longer think like cavemen. No, we think like businessmen, which means that how you present something is more important than what you present.

What's the difference between a redneck in a sheet with a burning cross and a redneck in a suit with a law degree?

The school system in areas with high populations of Mexican immigrants should have classes taught in Spanish, and I think all U.S. children should be taught the Spanish language along with the rest of the curriculum. Maybe I'm a hypocrite in saying this. After all, my proficiency in Spanish is limited to the phrase "I'd like a chicken burrito, please, amigo." There are only two Spanish words there, but I count three if I use an accent.

But I'm willing to learn and try to change. After all, this isn't my country.

If that sounds strange, then you don't understand what the United States is. The United States is the greatest nation that ever existed. We are the most charitable, the most forgiving (who else has won wars and instead of taking over countries actually gave them money to rebuild themselves?); we are the only nation to ever give people freedoms because it was right. The United States is much more than a land set between two oceans. It is an ideal.

Americans don't believe in having privileges that are intrinsic from the luck of birth. We change. Why should the location of one's birth take away his or her right to exist? Why should Mexican children be put to an immediate disadvantage just because they were brought up to speak Spanish? Is it just because it's different, or is it just too much of a hassle to change?

Let me tell you something: The Civil War was a hassle. Desegregating schools was a hassle. Marching for women's suffrage was a hassle. Training teachers in the Spanish language and adding Spanish to a few of the road signs isn't that big of a problem.

It's not my country because it isn't anybody's country. Our very Constitution speaks not of American rights, but of human rights. An American is not one who lives in the United States, but is anyone who believes in the intrinsic rights of human beings to have freedom.

Opponents of bilingualism ask, "Where do we stop? When will it all end?" They cry, "Will we have to represent all the languages now to accommodate every single immigrant?"

To these very heartfelt and intelligent questions, I reply "No, you morons." I think it's obvious when we have enough people in this country speaking a certain language that it benefits us all to learn and implement that language into our society. But I don't expect to see Finnish road signs any time soon.

Until we realize that American rights are in fact, human rights, and not just reserved for those born on red, white and blue soil, we can't advance as a society. It is our duty to try and change with the times.

Spanish-speaking people are just as deserving of the self-evident truths that we hold for U.S. citizens as anyone. The right to freedoms is universal. We should be able to grant for other people the very rights that we demand for ourselves. Anything less is a return to times when the color of your skin or the "highness" of your birth regulated your place in society. We will change, and we will benefit from it.

And that's as American as baseball, mom, apple pie and a chicken burrito. Right, amigo?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Boxing Club responds

After publication of yesterday's letter to the editor that examined tournament officiating, Derrick Bravo and I sat down to discuss how contests are evaluated and have decided to try and explain the officiating system.

A good cornerman will advise his fighter not to leave a contest to the cards and judges. When a fight goes to the cards there is bound to be a close decision and judges are fallible. Take for example a play at the plate in baseball. While one fan will be pleased with the outcome, others will be disappointed. Some of the crowd at the Bengals was displeased with some decisions while others rejoiced. Close calls and fan reactions are an important part of sport.

Every measure is taken to ensure that close calls go the right way with the resources the Boxing Club has. The role of student judges was criticized in the letter. It was suggested that they could not be objective. However, one judge explained that every effort is made for student judges to remove themselves from fights where friends are participating. That might explain why some judges were seen supporting a particular fighter — they were not judging that bout.

Additionally, judges from the Notre Dame community that have been a part of the sport of boxing and the Bengals for years make their judgment on the other two cards evaluated by the referee before making a decision. So in the case mentioned of a questionable unanimous decision, the opinion of the non-student judges supported what the student judge

saw as well.

With respect to the offer of having professional judges evaluate the fights, a member of the boxing team presented this option to one of the coaches. However, the coach dismissed this offer, electing to keep the judges who have been with the program for a long period of time, some of whom are even alumni. It is believed that they have done a good job in past tournaments — including this year's contests — and will continue to do so in the future.

With respect to the issue of the cause versus the glory of participating in the Bengal Bouts an honest Bouter will tell you it is about both. Anyone who has had their hand raised at the end of the fight will not deny it is a great feeling and a reward for weeks of training and sacrifice. But anyone who has lost a fight will tell you it is more important to feel the pride of being a part of a greater cause.

Finally, a good team will always find ways to strengthen their program and resolve conflict internally. I commend Derrick for meeting with me to resolve this issue. We feel that it illustrates that the best way to resolve conflicts within a team or organization is through internal communication, openness and understanding rather than a public back and forth in the media.

Brian Hobbins

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March 20, 2001

Adapting Christ image normal

I am writing to ask readers to cast their minds back to the dim dark days before the break and reconsider both Colleen McCarthy's sensible, funny and restrained March 7 column on Rudy Giuliani's attack on the painting called "Yo Mama's Last Supper" by Renee Cox and the responses to it.

Let me begin by saying that I don't want to argue for the intrinsic artistic or theological merit of the painting. In the admittedly poor and off-center photograph I saw, it looked slick enough to qualify on either count (unlike Chris Ofili's equally maligned African Madonna).

But I do want to take issue with the objections to Ms. McCarthy's claim to be able to image Christ as female. The idea that images of Christ, whether for art, veneration or spirituality should be determined by what can be known of the historical Jesus is both historically impossible and theologically problematic.

Particularly confusing was Riley's complaint that McCarthy's imaging of Christ as woman would be the same as his imaging Christ as "a shillelagh swinging son of the old sod who wouldn't hesitate to administer a love tap to the empty head of a fool."

I got a little worried here. Does this mean that Jesus never would strike anyone? How then does one understand the whips Jesus used to drive money-changers from the temple? Does it mean that Jesus shouldn't be represented as a white, blue-eyed westerner? Good idea, but look around you. Most representations of Jesus make him look like a cavalier in a nightie.

Imagining Jesus as a laboring Jewish male of the first century would mean picturing him as dark-haired, dark-eyed and dark-skinned, approximately five feet, two inches to five feet, four inches

with shortish arms and legs and a broad torso and shoulders, wearing a short tunic (think a knee-length belted tee-shirt), a bad but short haircut and five o'clock shadow (assume cheap shaving tools), missing an odd tooth, aged anywhere from 28 (Luke 3:23) to 46 (John 2:20-21, 8:57) and looking every minute of it.

I don't object to constructing this image. I do it all the time myself, what with teaching New Testament and all. But it is as much an act of imagination as the wonderful Bible scenes of the brilliant Japanese painter Hisao Watanabe and the many varieties of Mestizo, aboriginal, African and Asian Christs and Madonnas.

These cross-cultural and trans-historical translations of the image of Christ are widely recognized not only as artistic achievements but also as necessary to theology and faith.

Such representations declare that the salvation proclaimed in Christ is neither limited nor distant but can inform and be informed by the human reality of those who seek it.

Why is the translation into female terms so much more controversial? Both gender and racial categories are social assignments that organize and give social significance to (and sometimes even create) physical characteristics that are by no means as clearly defined, obvious or fixed as is generally assumed.

The ancient definitions do indeed insist that in Christ the divine Word and Wisdom are joined to a whole human person, mind, soul and body (not to a body alone, incidentally).

But making the masculinity of Jesus so constitutive of the humanity of Christ as to exclude the possibility of imaging Christ as a woman risks violating the ancient principle of salvation that says that whatever of humanity cannot be said to be

taken up into Christ is not redeemed.

Ms. McCarthy is by no means outside the tradition in representing Christ or the deity in female terms. She can draw upon the ancient theological traditions that treat divine Wisdom as a hypostasis or personification of the deity, that understand Jesus as the incarnation of Wisdom or that characterize the Holy Spirit as female. Medieval traditions represented by Anselm and Julian of Norwich represented Christ as mother. More recent theology and art have attempted to draw from or move beyond these traditions.

Too often these attempts have indeed evoked responses that uncover the deep vein of misogyny in western Christianity. For instance, Altmuth Lutkenaus-Lackey's sculpture "Crucified Woman" drew hostility from many people (largely men) who were unable to see any message except sexual invitation in a naked female body. This sculpture is now installed in the garden of Emmanuel College in Toronto as a memorial to the 14 women engineering students who were assassinated by an enraged male student in Quebec in 1989.

Am I arguing that Rudy Giuliani is misogynist? And maybe racist as well? Well, maybe. But don't forget the man is a publicity hound. It all takes me back to the days of John O'Connor's tenure in the archdiocese when he competed daily with Mayor Koch for coverage on the front page of the New York Times.

Borrowing the role of *defensor fidei* from Henry VIII is not surprising in one who believes himself to have inherited the mantle of both Hizzoner and Hizeminentz.

Mary Rose D'Angelo

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March 20, 2001

Calculators and drug selling lessons

God bless Texas Instruments, the creator of the greatest of all academic aids, the TI-82.

Honestly, where would we be without our TI-82s and 85s, with their big screens and graphs and other do-hickeys? Think about it — our calculators had profound effects on our academic careers.

They taught us more than any teacher or stupid book could ever teach us.

Jeff Baltruzak

Who would have survived math class in high school without playing such electrifying calculator games as Snake, Tetris and Drug War.

("Yes, I would like to buy a bigger trenchcoat to hold more drugs!")

A lot of people say teenagers and college students do drugs because of some social-cultural connection between drug use and acceptance by one's peers, but I think it's because we played Drug War and dealt cocaine and ludes until we got millions of dollars. Who didn't want to deal drugs after playing Drug War?

The kids at my middle school had a Drug War contest, and the winner had something like 10 million dollars. Lesson learned by 13-year-old kids: The drug trade is very lucrative. It was like a role model like Michael Jordan doing a "Just say YES to drugs!" commercial.

The best part about the calculator games was that you actually looked like you were doing classwork. "I swear I'm doing the assignment, not learning the drug trade with a calculator game."

And who ever could remember all those darn physics equations during senior year? I sure as hell couldn't. So I popped those formulas into my calculator in cleverly disguised programs called "Chap 1 Notes" and went to town. Some people had whole chapter summaries in their calculators — it was insane.

I remember when I got my first TI-82 in eighth grade. Mrs. Schenk, who liked to shower the first row of desks with spit, said that we all should get one, and we all did. I opened the package, and then Mrs. Schenk spit on my new calculator. I wiped it off really fast and stroked the calculator like it was my first born son.

Every time somebody dropped a TI-82 on the ground during class, some smartass, usually myself, would say "that sounded expensive!"

And occasionally calculators would get stolen, and it would be a big scandal. This fat weasel kid that looked like Newman from "Seinfeld" in my high school stole about 20 calculators, and then he tried to sell them to the same people he stole them from, and he got expelled — calculators were sacred.

We worshipped the calculator. It was never wrong. We said, "why learn how to do this problem? We'll always have our TI-82s." And the teachers never had a good answer for that, because they knew they couldn't compete with the TI-82.

We got lazy. We put really easy problems like "40 x 3" into the calculator just to make ourselves feel better, like we couldn't ever go wrong without it. It was like a second brain.

Now we're in college and we don't really use our TI-82s anymore. We have learned that professors test us on what we actually know, not just what we could put into our little wonderful electronic friends.

The calculator used to be a way of life, but now it's just a nice thing to have around for solving finance problems and doing addition. It's a shame, but all things must come to an end someday, and eventually, we all will actually have to learn something, instead of relying on the TI-82.

So, for memories sake, I say everyone should give their TI-whatever a hug today, and remember all the jams it got you out of, how it was there when you stressed out at the SATs, and how you know not to overpay for heroin because of Drug War.

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Homework got you stumped

From dictionaries and encyclopedias to literature

By LAURA KELLY
Associate Scene Editor

The Internet is a beautiful thing. Not only has it provided a generation of procrastinating college students with e-mail, Instant Messenger and MP3s, but students rarely have to exert more energy than moving a mouse to do research or find the answer to any question.

Our parents sang the virtues of a good dictionary and thesaurus, our older brothers and sisters revealed the secret of "Cliffs Notes." But today it may actually be possible to graduate from Notre Dame without opening up a reference book or setting foot in the library. Why bother walking across campus when everything you need can be found online?

The only catch (despite what your professors might tell you) is that you simply need to know where to look. For the wealth of information that the Internet provides, there is an equal amount of useless junk or pure trash to be found on many dot-coms.

Thus the smart student — or the student who knows how to get by on the least amount of work — has to know where to go to find answers to life's big questions. Questions like, why bother reading Hamlet when someone else can write me a synopsis? Or, how can I pass out of my Spanish requirement without ever actually learning to write in the language?

Of course, the dedicated intellectuals at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's would never be the type to slack off in their studies. But occasionally, drastic times call for drastic measures. And it's always better to know where to look for help. Among the many Web sites that claim to have the answers to all your class-related questions, a few stand out in terms of quality, ease of use and completeness.

SparkNotes.com

For students desperately seeking easy answers to the most pressing academic problems, SparkNotes.com is the best-known and most complete Web site. With an easy-to-navigate format, SparkNotes operates much like Yahoo! and other search engines.

Categories range from physics and philosophy to biology and literature. Or if you're not even sure which subject your question falls under, you can use the generic search option to find what you're looking for.

Founded in 1999 by young Harvard graduates Maxwell Krohn and Sam Yagan, SparkNotes.com is best known for its study guides on great works of literature. These SparkNotes are much like their older siblings, the similarly named "Cliffs Notes:" for more than 200 books, a study guide provides information on the work's historical context, a description of each character, chapter summaries and a section of study questions.

Lest you confuse them with "Cliffs Notes," however, SparkNotes boasts that their study guides are written not by ancient professors or academics, but by Harvard student and graduates who all specialize in the subjects they cover.

Regardless of whether this is supposed to make you identify with the hip, young SparkNotes or make you envious of the Harvard grads who have the cushy job of dumbing down Shakespeare for the rest of America, SparkNotes prides itself on the completeness and quality of its literature study guides.

SparkNotes.com provides more than the much-abridged works of Joyce and Milton, however. The

site also markets itself to confused chemistry and biology majors, offering simple explanations of topics like stoichiometry and cell respiration. For those baffled by calculus or economics, SparkNotes.com puts important equations and formulas at your fingertips.

Some of SparkNotes.com's quirky sections include "Biography," where you can learn the details of JFK's childhood and Stalin's rise to power. The category on Kaplan test preparation provides information on every test that could possibly decide your future: the LSAT, the MCAT and the GRE.

For those who need a quicker answer to their academic woes, SparkNotes.com offers a helpful sidebar with reference materials, including a dictionary, a thesaurus, a calculator, maps and a periodic table. Students of foreign languages can use the translator to write back and forth between Spanish, French, German, Italian, Portuguese and English.

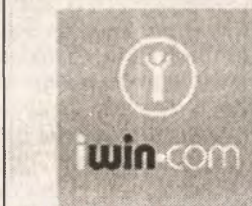
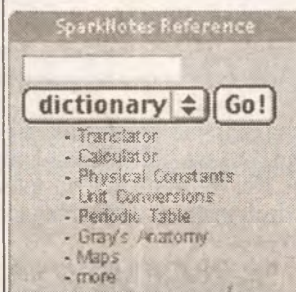
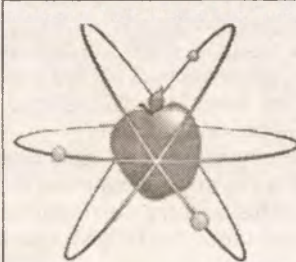
Aside from its academic seriousness, SparkNotes.com has a lighter side as well. Under the "Relax" category, stressed-out students can enjoy articles about famous college dropouts and the origins of the dunce cap.

Another amusing feature is the SparkNotes KnowledgeCam. More than a webcam, this device allows Internet junkies to watch students studying and hear their thoughts at the same time, according to SparkNotes.com. After about 20 seconds of watching Ben, Justin, Porter or Boomie study and reading their random thoughts, even the most dedicated slacked will return to the books out of sheer boredom.

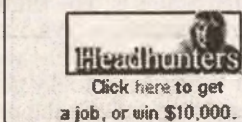
Overall, SparkNotes.com is a complete reference Web site for every college student. It provides simple, clear information, and while it may not have all the answers, it sets a solid foundation.

Dictionary.com

This Web site is the delight of every arts and letters professor. And it's not so bad for students who don't

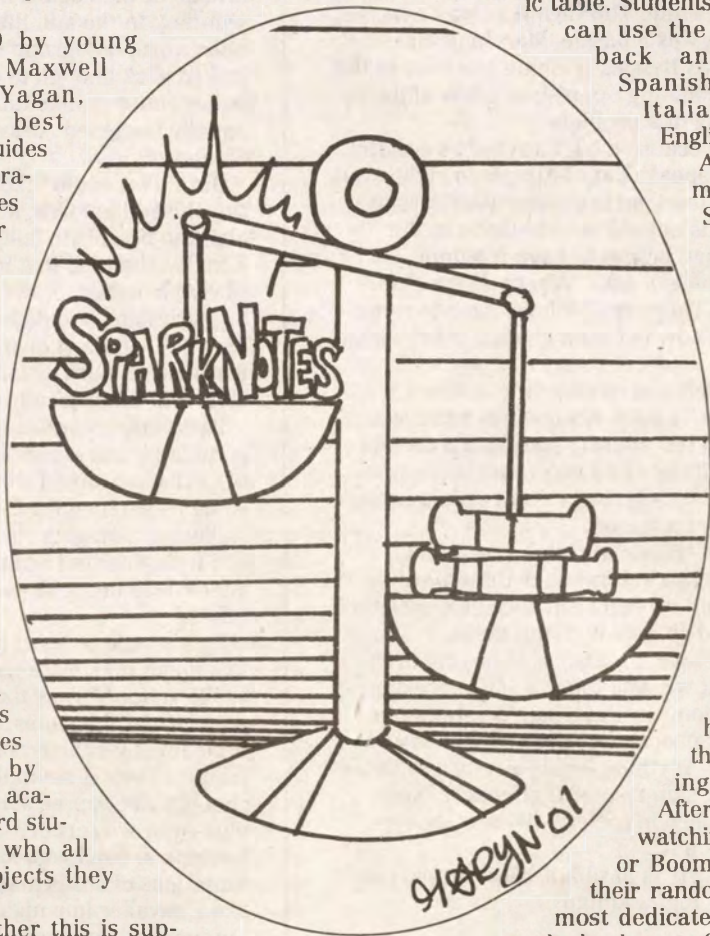


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SparkNotes.com offers study guides and chapter summaries on great works of literature — much like a mouse and available for free.

want to shell out \$40 for Mr. Webster's book, either. Dictionary.com's main purpose is obviously clear: at the top of the page you can type in any word and instantly find its meaning, pronunciation and origin. While this is a helpful tool for anyone writing a paper, the Web site offers much more than a simple dictionary search.

Dictionary.com is (surprisingly!) linked closely to its counterpart, Thesaurus.com, and users can easily switch back and forth between the two. If you've ever found yourself banging your head on your keyboard trying to come up with just the right word, the thesaurus option is for you. And it prevents any nasty paper cuts that might arise from flipping through an actual book to find synonyms and antonyms.

English majors are not the only ones who will feel at home at Dictionary.com. The site offers dictionaries of all kinds: medical, scientific, geographical and foreign languages.

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While not as well known as other Web research sites, iTools.com is a surprisingly complete resource for students. The site contains many different kinds of information, but a well-structured format makes it easy to navigate.

From its homepage, iTools.com offers three basic services: Language Tools, Research-It! and Find-It!. Find-It! is a standard search engine, but the other two sites boast a variety of academic resources.

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Two other unusual sections include "Financial Tools" and "Shipping and Mailing Tools." Here iTools can convert American dollars to any foreign currency and look up stock market symbols and prices. If you know the tracking number to a very important package, you can use Research-It! to chart its progress by typing in the tracking number.

iTools.com does not offer the slick packaging or humorous diversions of SparkNotes.com, but it still boasts a large collection of research resources on the 'Net. With a clear layout and dummy-proof search options, iTools provides quick, simple answers all on one Web site.

FreeBookNotes.com

In addition to SparkNotes, there are many other sites that offer free literature study guides, including Bookrags.com, PinkMonkey.com and GradeSaver.com. While these sites vary in the number and quality of the Cliffs Notes-like synopses they offer (and all seem to play off of SparkNotes' claim to be written by Harvard grads), there is one Web site that brings all the sites together.

FreeBookNotes.com has earmarked all the (supposedly) reputable book summary sites and built up a listing of all the available titles. The site lists over 200 books, from "Invisible Man" to "Native Son." Once you choose a title from the alphabetical listing, FreeBookNotes.com provides links to every site that offers literature notes or chapter summaries on the work. Some sites like PinkMonkey.com require registration before you can access their study guides. Others like Bookrags.com and CampusNut.com offer complete, well-written guides that rival SparkNotes.com and "Cliffs Notes."

While FreeBookNotes.com can be a valuable resource, linking bewildered students up to pages that can clear up

their literary problems, it is always important to remember reading the abridge notes (or worse, writing an entire paper off the notes) is never a good idea. Not only could it border on plagiarism, but every good professor can see through it in an instant. Drat.

Encarta.msn.com and Britannica.com

Of the many encyclopedias available online, Encarta and Britannica are two of the most complete. The well-known Encyclopedia Britannica offers a thorough search option, providing full-length articles on any topic, as well as pictures, movie clips and sound bytes. The Web site has an easy-to-use format, with categories on Art and Entertainment, Science and Technology and History and Humanities. These sections offer in-depth articles on current and controversial issues — an excellent resource for papers on history or ethics.

On Encarta's Web site, the search begins by typing in either a keyword or a question you want answered. This option, much like the AskJeeves.com gimmick, can provide more specific answers to general inquiries.

Be warned though: many searches will return links marked by asterisks. These entries require registration to Encarta Online Deluxe, only available if you have the Encarta Reference Suite on CD-ROM or DVD. While the deluxe version offers 25,000 more articles than the free version, it is still bothersome for those looking for a quick, free search.

Encarta.msn.com includes additional reference tools — dictionaries and atlases — while offering the same special-interest articles that Britannica.com offers for indepth research or browsing. Both Web sites return similar entries for general searches and the multi-media features that accompany many articles set these Internet encyclopedias apart from their ink and paper counterparts.

At the rate the Internet continues to grow and become mainstreamed into American households, the trend of the future will continue to place books and reference materials online.

While librarians may bemoan the dwindling numbers of students that walk through their doors, the resources available online for college students makes it all too tempting to work from the comfort and ease of a dorm room.

But no matter how much information or easy ways out that Web sites seem to promise, reading the SparkNotes or the Britannica.com articles will never be a substitute for the real book.

So if your eyes are bleary from an all-nighter and you start to panic because you know you'll never finish that seven page paper in two hours, fire up the Internet and start searching. Fast.

But you can't always rely on those supposedly brilliant Harvard writers to do your work for you.

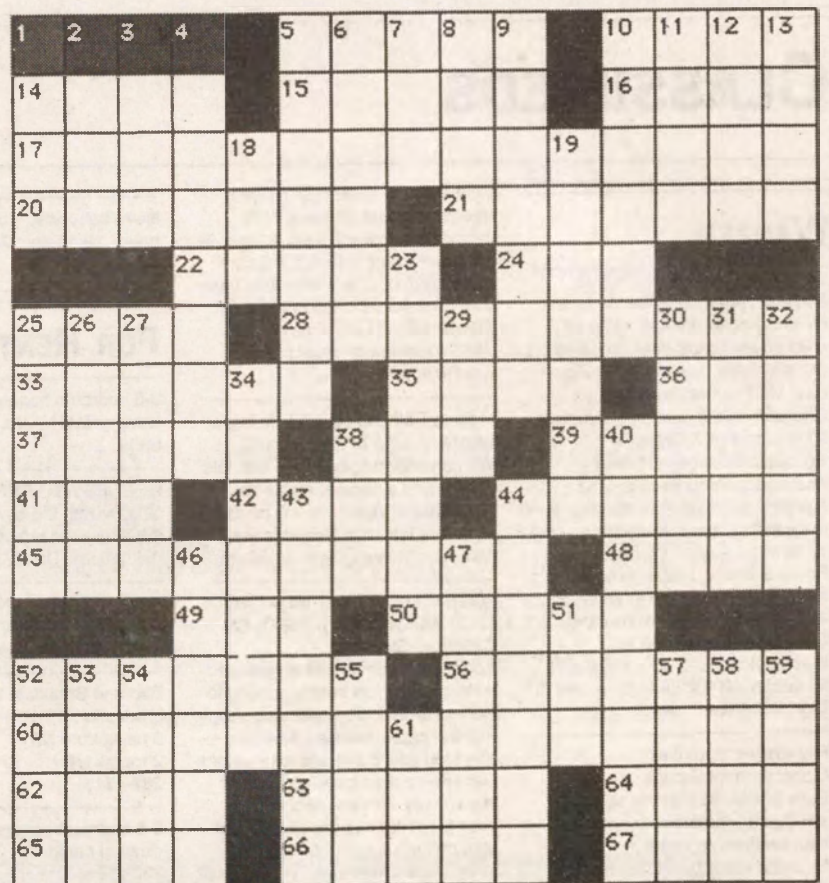


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NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Top seeded Huskies dominate Rams, advances to Sweet 16

Associated Press

STORRS, Conn. — Swin Cash and the Connecticut Huskies made quick work of yet another overmatched NCAA tournament opponent.

Cash had 18 points and 11 rebounds as the top-seeded Huskies beat the Rams 89-44 on Monday night to reach the round of 16 for the seventh straight year.

"Everything goes back to our defense," Cash said. "We were getting out, pressing in the wing, trying to make them go back door. Our defense took care of everything, basically."

Connecticut (30-2) will play North Carolina State on Saturday in Pittsburgh in the East Regional semifinals.

It will be a homecoming for Cash, who grew up in the Pittsburgh suburb of McKeesport. She anchored the Huskies' strong post play and combined with Asjha Jones, Tamika Williams and Kelly Schumacher for 37 points, 33 rebounds and five blocks.

They were an imposing foursome from the opening tip.

"They are huge," said Lisa Narkiewicz, who led the Rams with 14 points. "You try to block them out and it didn't look like we were blocking them out. I don't think they moved a centimeter."

UConn outrebounded the Rams 53-27, getting 29 on the defensive boards. The Huskies scored 31 points off Colorado State turnovers.

"They were fabulous today," coach Geno Auriemma said of his post players. "We've got to take advantage of that. We don't have as many automatics any more."

The Huskies put together the back-to-back blowouts without All-Americans Shea Ralph and Svetlana Abrosimova, out with season-ending injuries.

Cash said she's had to step up her game to fill part of that void but knows she can do more.

"I don't think I put enough

pressure on myself to really get after the ball. And I know right now we need it," Cash said. "Svetlana's not here and she was a big rebounder from the guard position."

The win assured the defending champs of their seventh 30-game win season in eight years. UConn beat Long Island University 101-29 in the first round, setting a tournament mark for the least number of points allowed.

The Rams (25-7) entered the tournament 10th in the nation in 3-pointers, averaging seven a game. The Huskies man-to-man defense gave them few open looks. Midway through the second half, the Rams had just eight field goals. Colorado State finished with three 3-pointers, all in the first half.

"In my 20-year career, I don't think I've ever taken a beating like this," Rams coach Tom Collen said. "My hope is that it doesn't reflect badly on this team or the type of season they had."

The Rams won the Mountain West conference title to earn their eighth tournament berth.

"Now we know what to shoot for," Rams forward Heather Haanen said.

Jones opened the game with a 3-pointer to start a 13-3 run. The Rams were unable to hit consecutive field goals in the first half and trailed 44-26 at the break.

Cash's putback opened the second half as UConn ran off with an 11-2 spurt.

Sue Bird had 16 points for UConn. Freshman Diana Taurasi had seven points, six assists and six rebounds.

Heather Haneen, who shot a career-high six 3-pointers in the Rams' first-round win over Maryland, was held to three points.

Cash expects to be bombarded with ticket requests when she returns home.

"There's probably a lot of messages in my room waiting for me," she said. "Everybody expected us to be there, but I couldn't talk about the tickets

or anything like that until we won both games."

Oklahoma 67, Stanford 50

The Oklahoma women's basketball team didn't let a size mismatch get in the way of a second straight trip to the NCAA regional semifinals.

Oklahoma coach Sherri Coale and LaNeishea Caufield revel in their victory over Stanford.

Stanford had more height at every position, but Oklahoma outrebounded the Cardinal by 18 and won in the second round of the West Regional on Monday night.

"Every player on our roster is smaller than them," coach Sherri Coale said. "That should give you some indication of why I'm so proud of these kids."

The Sooners (28-5) missed their first 14 shots of the second half, but didn't give up the lead and used a 10-0 run later to take control for good.

LaNeishea Caufield scored 18 points, Caton Hill had 14 points and 14 rebounds, and All-America Stacey Dales scored 14 as the Sooners won in front of a school-record crowd of 11,050.

"You can't be intimidated by height," Dales said. "As you pound it inside, you draw attention and get kickouts, and that really allows our guards to do a lot on the perimeter."

Oklahoma, seeded No. 2, will play sixth-seeded Washington in the regional semifinals Saturday in Spokane, Wash.

Cori Enghusen tied her career high with 14 points and tied a school record with six of Stanford's 11 blocks. Nicole Powell also scored 14 for the Cardinal.

Stanford (19-11) played well enough defensively, holding Oklahoma to 32.8 percent shooting. But the Cardinal only shot 33 percent and couldn't overcome Oklahoma's edge on the backboards.

"To me, rebounding is effort," coach Tara

VanDerveer said. "I'm very disappointed to come in here and not do a better job."

While Oklahoma was misfiring early in the second half, Stanford was committing six of its 14 turnovers and was only able to cut a six-point halftime deficit to two.

"We kept our composure. We stayed poised," Caufield said. "We just kept playing together, working hard, because we believe if we just keep working together and working hard, something good was eventually going to happen."

The score was 47-43 when Dales hit a 3-pointer from the top of the key to start the 10-0 run that gave the Sooners their biggest lead to that point.

Powell scored consecutive baskets to get Stanford within 10 with 4:57 to play, but the Cardinal got no closer.

Stanford missed its first six shots while Oklahoma went 4-of-7, including 3-pointers by Caufield and Hill, to take an 11-2 lead.

Stanford started getting the ball inside more effectively and got back into the game. Enghusen, who at 6-foot-7 is five inches taller than any Oklahoma player, scored 10 in a seven-minute span in which Stanford cut the deficit to 28-23.

"It just came down to coming out and being aggressive, and they came out more aggressive than we did," Enghusen said. "They came out like they had more confidence then we did and they came out like they really wanted it."

Stanford has not made it past the second round of the tournament since 1997.

Louisiana Tech 80, Texas Christian 59

Ayana Walker was so upset with her performance in Louisiana Tech's first-round victory that she cried when she was taken out of the game for good.

Louisiana Tech's Kenya Bibbs, on bottom, and Cheryl Ford celebrate on the floor of the Thomas Assembly Center.

In the second round, Walker brought TCU to tears.

Walker rebounded from her worst game of the season with 17 points and 11 rebounds as Louisiana Tech beat Texas Christian on Monday night in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

The Lady Techsters (30-4), seeded third in the East Regional, advanced to the round of 16 for the ninth straight year, all coming after hosting a subregional.

Walker, the Techsters' leading scorer, had a season-low two points in the first round, though it was hardly a problem for the Techsters as they beat Georgia State by 36.

Regardless, Walker was downright distraught.

"I didn't want to have a game like that ever again," Walker said. "I have good teammates that were behind me ... and great coaches."

Coach Leon Barmore said Walker was about as "low as you could get the other night" and wasn't sure how she would bounce back.

It took the 6-foot-2 junior all of 15 seconds to put her coach at ease, scoring on Louisiana Tech's first possession. She followed that up by blocking TCU's first shot and the Techsters were on their way to an 18th consecutive victory.

"I felt like if Walker got off to a good start, then everybody would follow suit," Barmore said.

After Essence Perry scored Louisiana Tech's first eight points of the second half, Walker scored the next six to open up a 52-36 lead.

A turnaround jumper by Walker with 3:30 left made it 69-49.

Tricia Payne scored 13 points to lead 11th-seeded TCU (25-8), which could not hold up against Tech's defensive pressure and dominant inside game.

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NCAA WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

Stiles pours in 32, Southwest Missouri beats Rutgers

Associated Press

PISCATAWAY, N.J. Leading Southwest Missouri State past Rutgers in the NCAA Tournament is just what one would expect from Jackie Stiles, the NCAA women's career scoring leader.

Jackie Stiles, left, made 16 free throws and scored 32 points Monday.

But doing it two days after sustaining a mild concussion? Now that's impressive.

Stiles scored 17 of her 32 points in the final 6:57 and Southwest Missouri State ended Rutgers' bid for a second straight Final Four berth by beating the Scarlet Knights 60-53 in the second round of the West Regional.

"This is your senior year and you go for it with everything you got," said Stiles, who missed the final 10 minutes of Saturday night's first-round win over Toledo after being knocked woozy running into a pick.

"My athletic training staff and the doctors traveling with us did a great job of getting me healthy for this game," she said.

As soon as Stiles finished the sentence, Southwest Missouri coach Cheryl Burnett quipped, "She plays like this, we're going to knock her in the head again."

The victory was the eighth straight for the fifth-seeded Lady Bears (27-5), who will play top-seeded Duke in the West Regional semifinal at Spokane, Wash., on Saturday. The Blue Devils beat Arkansas 75-54 Monday.

Fourth-seeded Rutgers, which had made at least the round of 16 the last three years, finished 23-8 after losing at home for the first time in 14 games this season.

"I'm in shock," senior Linda Miles said. "We had the opportunities. I just can't believe we didn't execute."

Stiles was the main reason Rutgers fell short this season, scoring the final six points for the Lady Bears. The senior guard hit 8-of-16 from the field and 16-of-19 from the foul line in sending Southwest Missouri State to the round of 16 for the first time since 1993.

"My hat's off to Jackie Stiles," Rutgers coach C. Vivian Stringer said. "She is the hardest working player. She deserves all the credit and all the respect. She is a WNBA player. I would love to have her as a professional coach."

No other player scored in

double figures for Southwest Missouri State, although Carly Deer hit two go-ahead free throws and Melody Campbell added a key baseline jumper for a 49-45 lead with 2:25 to play.

Tasha Pointer had 15 points for Rutgers, but the senior point guard had a crucial turnover with about 12 seconds left and the Scarlet Knights down 56-53.

"I was hit, and then it went off my foot," said Pointer, who kept Rutgers in the game until the late mistake.

"My hat's off to Jackie Stiles. She is the hardest working player."

C. Vivian Stringer
Rutgers coach

Karlita Washington added 12 points. Davalyn Cunningham 11 and Miles 10 for Rutgers.

Neither team led by more than

seven points in the second half and there were two ties, the last coming when Washington hit a layup with 3:45 to play to make it 45-45.

Stiles missed a jumper on the Lady Bears' next possession, but Deer got the rebound and was fouled. She sank both ends of the 1-and-1 with 3:20 to go to give Southwest Missouri State a lead it never lost.

Nikki Jett missed two shots in the lane on Rutgers' next

possession and Stiles fed Campbell for her only basket.

Duke 75, Arkansas 54

Duke's talented freshmen class won sprints, long distance runs and outworked upperclassmen in the weight room during the preseason.

That group is now leading the Blue Devils deep into the NCAA tournament.

Alana Beard had 14 points, seven rebounds and six assists, and Duke dominated inside to beat Arkansas Monday night to advance to the round of 16 for the fourth straight season.

"You just never know with freshmen and how they're going to come into college," Duke coach Gail Goestenkors said. "This was a very unique class, that as a group, was the hardest working class we've ever had. Physically, they're strong."

Beard and her four freshmen teammates combined for 40 of Duke's points, going 18-of-33 from the field.

"They are not freshmen anymore," Arkansas coach Gary Blair said. "Those freshmen grow up in a hurry."

The top-seeded Blue Devils (30-3) set a school record for wins, holding the Lady Razorbacks without a basket for nearly 10 minutes en route to a game-closing 37-19 run.

"Thirty wins — that's a lot of wins," said two-time Atlantic

Coast Conference player of the year Georgia Schweitzer. "That's a great step for our program and hopefully by the time the (freshmen) graduate that will happen on a more regular basis."

Sixth-seeded Arkansas (20-13) knocked Duke out of a trip to the Final Four in 1998, but got outscored 44-14 in the paint this time in Cameron Indoor Stadium.

"Their post defense was exceptional," Blair said. "That was the difference in the game. Our players were catching the ball 4 feet from the basket and we were shooting it from 8 feet."

Duke will play Southwest Missouri State, a 60-53 winner over Rutgers, in the West Regional semifinals in Spokane, Wash., on Saturday.

The women joined the Duke men's team in the NCAA round of 16. Nate James, Jason Williams, Chris Duhon and Casey Sanders watched their counterparts advance.

Amy Wright and Dana Cherry led Arkansas with 11 points each.

Duke led by seven at the break, and the Lady Razorbacks closed within three twice before the Blue Devils broke it open with a 12-0 run to go up 50-35.

Arkansas closed to 54-44, but could get no closer and managed just 10 points during the final 11 minutes.

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Tennis

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At 14-3 the Irish are playing the best they have in years and show no sign of slowing down. They have been ranked as high as fifth in the country and now sit at No. 7. They are gearing up to make a strong showing to end out the season. After a little trouble dealing with their demanding schedule and high ranking, the Irish have bounced back and are playing tougher than ever.

"This is probably better than we've ever been," said Louderback.

"Early on it [the rankings] effected us some because we hadn't really been ranked that high before," said Louderback, "but as the season has gone on we are pretty much used to it and have quit thinking about it."

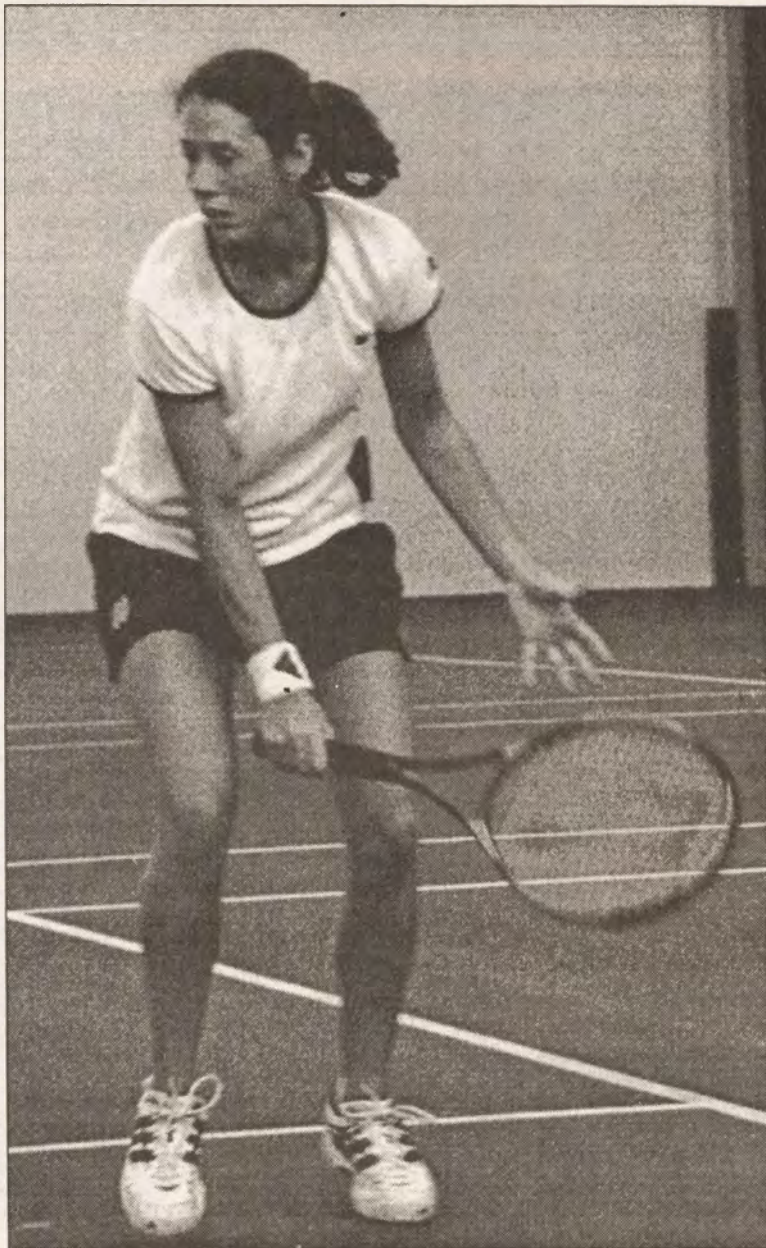
The Irish will have their work cut out for them this weekend as they travel to Kentucky and Tennessee to take on the Wildcats and Volunteers who are both in the top 30.

"We have the talent and fire power to beat anyone in the country but we need to take each match one at a time and we can't take anyone for granted," Louderback said.

The road trip marks the second weekend in a row that the Irish are traveling and the team feels they need to stay focused and concentrate on every match.

"They are both very good teams who play very well at home," said Louderback.

"Kentucky and Tennessee are always a tough road trip but we've gotten used to playing a lot on the road."



KYLIE CARTER/The Observer

Michelle Dasso competes in a recent match. The All-American teamed with Becky Varnum to help the Irish sweep Miami in doubles this past week.

MEN'S TENNIS

No. 26 Irish win Blue and Gray Classic

By KATIE HUGHES

Sports Writer

The Irish men's tennis team found their pot of gold the day after St. Patrick's day.

The Blue and Gold came home with a big Blue and Gray National Tennis Classic title on Sunday, continuing a spectacular run of victories that the Irish have not seen the likes of in over a decade.

The 26th-ranked Irish beat 22nd-ranked Fresno State 4-2 by dominating in singles action.

"Going in, we were pretty fired up. The day before, we had had a big crowd from Auburn, cheering against us, and that actually motivated us a lot," said senior Matt Daly.

The Irish went into their match against Fresno after defeating Tulane and Rice 4-0, and then beating 18th-ranked Auburn to reach the finals of the tournament.

"They really took it to us in doubles," Daly said. "We were kind of lackadaisical in doubles, and that was kind of a disappointment. But I think that might have been a good thing for us in singles."

Then the Irish got crazy in Alabama, denying a Fresno triumph with their unstoppable singles. Junior Aaron Talarico

beat the match by beating David Mullins 6-2 6-1 at No. 4 singles.

Freshman Luis Haddock-Morales then defeated Nick Fustar 6-4, 7-5 at No. 3 singles. Junior Javier Taborga, ranked 93rd, kept the momentum of the match going, beating Sean Cooper 6-4, 7-6 in No. 2 singles.

"I think as a team, we're really better outdoors," Daly said. "Indoor tennis favors quick points and big serves. What we have is a lot of scrappy guys."

Fresno State's 35th-ranked Peter Luczak defeated Notre Dame junior Casey Smith at No. 1 singles, but then sophomore Brian Farrell increased his winning streak to nine in a row by beating the Bulldogs' No. 5 singles. Daly didn't even have to finish his match against Alex Menichini in No. 6 singles after Farrell's victory.

"Right down the line, from one to six, everyone came out really fired up and played really well," said Daly.

The Blue and Grey victory brings the Irish winning streak to 10 in a row, the longest streak since winning 14 straight in 1990.

"Ever since Duke we've been on a roll," Daly said. "This is a really important part of our season. Our next four matches are against top 20 teams, and we're not looking for a letdown."

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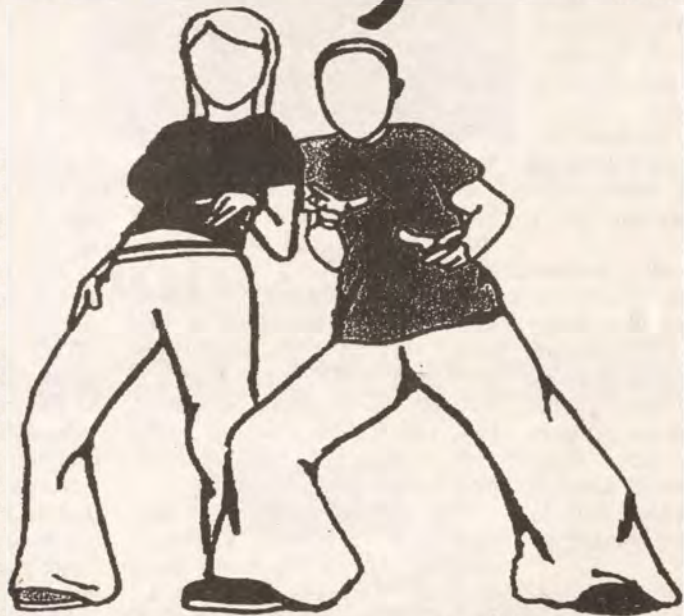
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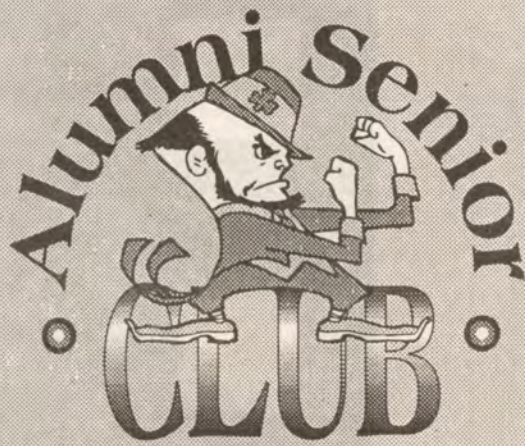
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NASCAR

Earnhardt autopsy photos spark debate

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla.

A Daytona International Speedway doctor reviewed Dale Earnhardt's autopsy photos before they were sealed, an action that may jeopardize an agreement between the driver's widow and the Orlando Sentinel.

Sentinel attorney David Bralow said he hasn't decided whether the disclosure that Dr. Steve Bohannon looked at the photos puts the agreement in jeopardy but added: "We're looking at our options."

The deal reached last week limits access to the photos, which are public records under Florida law.

The Sentinel had tried to have its own medical expert review the images. Instead, an independent medical expert will look at the photos and then submit a report to the newspaper and the Earnhardt family on the cause of death and an explanation of certain head injuries. The photos then will be permanently sealed as requested by Teresa Earnhardt because of privacy concerns.

"Do you think we would have been as accommodating had we known that NASCAR had an opportunity for its own expert to review them?" Bralow said Tuesday. "As far as I'm concerned, when something is private, it's private."

But Earnhardt attorney Thom Rumberger said the Sentinel should think twice before trying to get out of the agreement.

"As far as I'm concerned, the Sentinel has pledged their honor, their faith and their fortunes to that agreement," Rumberger said.

Earnhardt died at the Daytona 500 Feb. 18 after crashing into a wall at an estimated 170 mph.

Volusia County officials had contended that nobody other than the medical examiner's staff had viewed his autopsy photos. But a visitor's log obtained by the Sentinel showed that Bohannon looked at the photos for 35 minutes on Feb. 21, three days after Earnhardt's death.

Bohannon is director of emergency services at the speedway and accompanied Earnhardt in

the ambulance to the hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The day after Bohannon viewed the photos, Volusia County Circuit Judge Joseph Will granted a temporary injunction requested by the Earnhardt family that sealed the photos from public viewing.

A day later, Bohannon said at a NASCAR news conference in North Carolina that Earnhardt might have survived the crash if his lap belt had not broken. Earnhardt probably was thrown into the steering wheel because he wasn't fully supported, Bohannon said.

The Sentinel is investigating whether safety-devices available to stock-car drivers could have saved Earnhardt.

NASCAR President Mike Helton said Saturday that a NASCAR medical expert had reviewed the autopsy photos as part of the circuit's investigation into Earnhardt's death. NASCAR spokesman John Griffin didn't return a phone call Tuesday seeking comment on whether Bohannon was that expert.

Bohannon doesn't have a published home phone number and K a t e

Holcomb, a spokeswoman at Halifax Medical Center where he works in the emergency room, said Bohannon wasn't granting any interviews.

Rumberger said Tuesday that he wasn't sure when Mrs. Earnhardt found out that Bohannon had viewed the photos. The lawyer said he was under the belief that Bohannon viewed the photos in his role as the attending physician, not a NASCAR medical expert.

"I have no reason to believe that she would be concerned," Rumberger said. "It was done by the attending physician and not an intruder or outsider, someone trying to invade Mrs. Earnhardt's privacy."

Sentinel executives had said repeatedly they had no intention of publishing the photos but only wanted a medical expert to review them for an investigation into NASCAR safety.

But Mrs. Earnhardt's attorneys argued that other news organizations would be able to have access to the photos if the Sentinel was granted permission.

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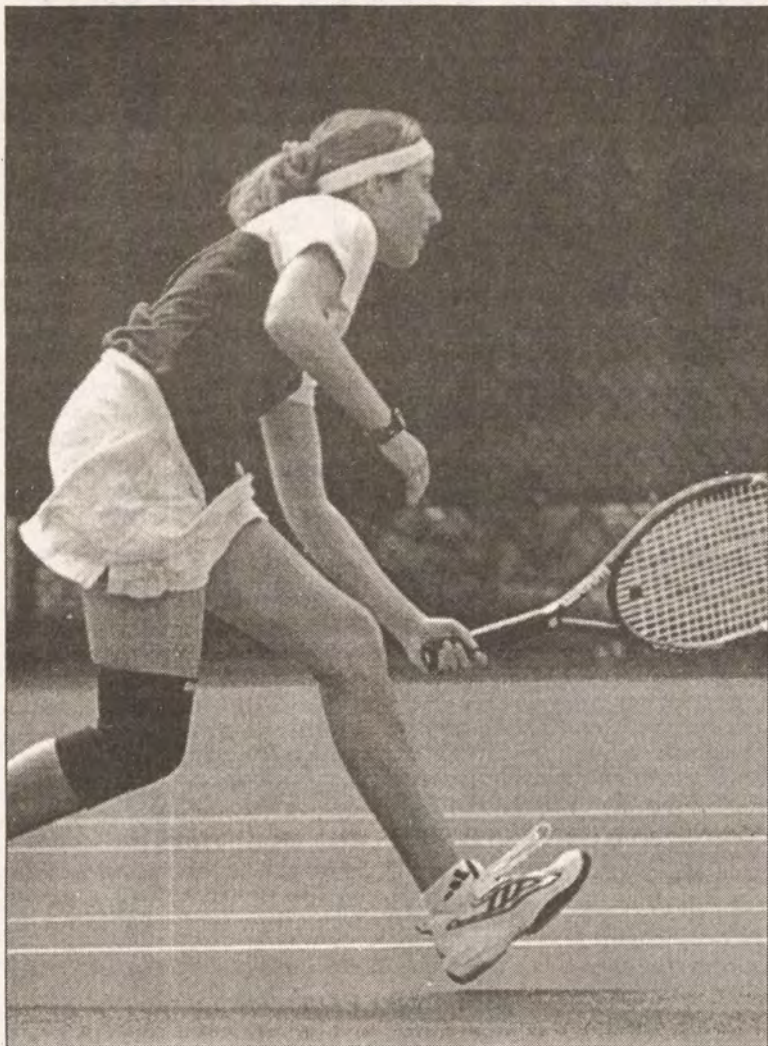
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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Knish, freshman Belles sizzle in Arizona road trip



DOROTHY CARDER/The Observer

A Saint Mary's tennis player returns a shot in a recent match. The Belles dominated the competition in Arizona, winning all four matches.

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

The weather wasn't the only thing that was hot in Arizona last week. The Saint Mary's tennis team smoked its competition, winning four matches to start the season.

"The weather was great," head coach Dee Stevenson said.

The Belles won 29 sets during their four victories in Phoenix as the freshman players stepped up to fill the spots left by graduating seniors Katie Vales and Becky Kremer.

"Our freshmen played pretty well," Stevenson said.

The freshmen finished the week with combined record of 15-2, with the only losses coming in No. 3 singles and No. 3 doubles.

On Thursday, the Belles ended the week with an impressive 6-3 victory over Div. II Colorado Christian College, which boasted several scholarship athletes. The Belles took five of six singles games and one of three doubles. The only loss in singles came as Annie Knish fell to Colorado's Katie Fitzgerald 8-0.

"Annie Knish played an outstanding player [Fitzgerald] who had just transferred in from a Div. I school," Stevenson said.

Freshmen Jeannie Knish and Kaitlin Cutler dominated in No. 2 singles and No. 3 singles, both by 8-5 margins.

Junior Natalie Cook, playing No. 4 singles, and freshman Kris Spriggle, playing No. 5 singles, both claimed close matches that exceeded the normal eight-point victory mark. Cook and Spriggle each left the court victorious after defeating her opponent 9-8.

Sophomore Elisa Ryan wrapped up singles with an 8-3 victory over Colorado's Laura Spence.

The No. 2 doubles team of Jeannie Knish and Cutler took home the only doubles victory, defeating their opponents 9-7.

Annie Knish and Cook (No. 1 doubles) and freshmen Annie Basinski and junior Elizabeth Spieth (No. 3 doubles) dropped their sets 1-8 and 6-8 respectively.

The victory over Colorado Christian College came in the same day as a Saint Mary's victory over Webster State, a Div. III college from St. Louis, Mo. The Belles claimed eight sets to win 8-1, taking their only loss in No. 2 singles.

The Knish sisters led the charge with Annie, at No. 1 singles, defeating her opponent in three sets (4-6, 6-2, 6-1), and Jeannie, at No. 3 singles, defeating her opponent in two sets (6-1, 6-1).

Cutler and Ryan both held

their opponents scoreless, defeating them 6-0, 6-0. Spriggle added the final singles victory with a 2-0 victory (6-1, 6-2).

Cutler added another shut-out to her tally along with partner Jeannie Knish as they dominated No. 1 doubles 8-0. Sophomore Trisha Jones and Ryan claimed No. 2 doubles 8-3, and sophomores Angie Sandner and Marta Dziekan took No. 3 doubles 8-1.

Stevenson had been counting on his No. 5 and 6 singles players and his No. 3 doubles team to play key roles in Saint Mary's victories. They did their jobs in the Belles first two victories of the Arizona trip.

Saint Mary's defeated Scottsdale Community College in nearby Scottsdale 6-3 in a match that allowed a real team effort.

"All 12 players on spring break got to play," Stevenson said.

The 6-3 victory came on three singles wins and a sweep by the doubles teams.

Jeannie Knish shut out her opponent in No. 3 singles 6-0, 6-0 and was followed by a 2-0 (6-1, 6-1) victory by Cutler at No. 4 singles. Spieth added the first victory, defeating her opponent 2-0 (6-1, 6-3).

Annie Knish, Cook and Dziekan dropped their matches 2-1, 2-0, and 2-1 respectively.

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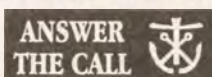
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BASEBALL

Surging Irish to take on Cleveland State

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

Fresh off of a successful road trip to California in which they went 7-0-1, won the Pepsi/Johnny Quik Classic and earned Coach Paul Mainieri his 600th career victory, the Notre Dame baseball team looks to continue its streak with its first home game against Cleveland State (6-8) today.



Mainieri

The eighth-ranked Notre Dame squad (13-2-1), which is off to its best start since 1959, is set to fine-tune its skills against the Vikings before kicking off play in the Big East on Friday at Pittsburgh.

So far this year, the Irish have been extremely successful with a combination of masterful pitching and clutch hitting. The Irish pitching staff has held opponents to a .229 batting average while posting an impressive 2.88 team ERA.

Meanwhile, Irish batters have fared much better than their counterparts, hitting .303 as a team and scoring 5.63 runs per game.

"Coach Mainieri always tells us that anyone can hit with nobody on base," junior Steve Stanley said. "But good hitters are the ones that hit just as well with runners on."

That's how you score runs and win ballgames."

Sophomore pitcher Peter Ogilvie will get his second start of the season, coming off an impressive five inning outing in which he only gave up three hits and one unearned run.

Ogilvie should get some offensive help from the "3 S" hitting tandem of freshman Steve Sollmann, Stanley and sophomore Brian Stavisky. These three have been red-hot recently, batting .439, .417 and .406, respectively.

Even more impressive, however, is their hitting in the clutch. Each has a higher batting average with runners on base than with the bases empty.

The Vikings have six wins on the year, winning four of their last five.

"We're looking forward to our first home game. Hopefully the weather will stay nice, and we can get some fans out to the ballpark to see us play," Stanley said. "We'd really like to start off the home season with a win."

However, they have yet to play a team with the talent of the Irish, and they may be somewhat worn out having played five games in the last five days.

The Irish can expect to see fierce bats from Cleveland State catcher Doug Besozzi (.343 average) and designated hitter Mike Lehman, who has had two three-hit games this year against Brown and George Mason.

The Irish kick off their home season today at 4:05 p.m.

Texas Tech faculty to discuss Knight hiring

Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas
Texas Tech faculty who oppose Bob Knight don't expect much support from their colleagues at a meeting Wednesday to discuss a new basketball coach.

About 85 of Tech's 900 faculty members signed a petition last week criticizing Knight's past behavior and advising against hiring him, but some see it as a done deal.

Knight, who could be hired as soon as Friday, will be the subject of a faculty senate meeting Wednesday at which president David Schmidly is expected to speak.

"There was always a hope — not a very large one — that this

would head this off," said geography professor Gary Elbow, a Knight opponent.

"I still do feel like the university is taking a rather sizable risk in hiring Bobby Knight, but they are entitled to hire whoever they want. We have raised the flag, and that's all we could do," he said.

University regent James Sowell said he doesn't expect the input from faculty members to Schmidly to be "inconsequential."

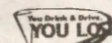
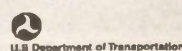
"The president wants to hear what they have to say," Sowell said. "The faculty definitely has a right to have a say in this issue."

But the ultimate decision whether to hire Knight rests with Schmidly, who will make a recommendation to Tech chancellor John Montford.



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SOFTBALL

Notre Dame loses in semis of Kia Klassic

Special to The Observer

The 14th-ranked Notre Dame softball team lost in the semifinals of the 2001 Kia Klassic to ninth-ranked Cal State Fullerton (24-8) after a thrilling late-game rally fell just one run short in the bottom of the seventh inning.

The Irish are now 18-3 on the season and complete the most successful Spring Break trip in the program's history. Notre Dame posted a 7-2 record on its traditional swing through Southern California, posting four victories over ranked teams in the process (a doubleheader sweep of No. 24 Cal State Northridge and wins over No. 7 Fresno State and No. 10 Arizona State in the Kia Klassic).

The matchup with the Cal State Fullerton Titans had everything a spectator could expect when two of the best softball teams in the nation square off.

Dramatic home runs, late-inning errors, rallies by both teams and numerous close calls throughout the contest left the 700 softball fans at the Titan Softball Complex in Fullerton, Calif., begging for just one more inning when the game ended.

Fullerton jumped on the board in the top of the second inning. Monica Lucatero was hit by Jen Sharron's first pitch of the inning, the first of three batters the Irish starter would plunk in the game. Gina Oaks followed with a single to center and pinchrunner Kristy Halagarda advanced to third base. Sharron recorded the first out of the inning by striking out Amanda Hockett, but lost control of the first pitch to Amy Larocque to load the bases on another hit-by-pitch.

Jennifer Holt followed with a tough at bat, eventually drawing a walk to score the first run of the game. Sharron worked out of the bases loaded jam when Julie Watson grounded into a fielder's choice and Oaks was forced out at home plate. Jenny Topping followed with a streaking lineout to right-centerfield on which Notre Dame's Jenny Kriech made a spectacular diving catch, ending the Titan scoring threat.

Typical of the pattern the Irish have set for the season, when the opposing team gets a lead in the game, Notre Dame does its best to make sure it doesn't last long. Lizzy Lemire led off the bottom of the second with a single, followed by Andrea Loman's long single down the leftfield line. Titan starting pitcher Oaks then threw away a routine groundball off the bat of Andria Bledsoe, allowing Lemire to come around and tie the game.

Kas Hoag lined out to third base for the first out of the inning. Alexis Madrid then laid down a bunt for the squeeze play, but CSUF defended the play perfectly and threw Loman out at the plate. With runners on the corners, Madrid stole second base to move into scor-

ing position for Kriech. The Irish junior answered the call, ripping an RBI single to leftfield that scored Bledsoe, but Madrid was thrown out at the plate to end the inning.

Fullerton would tie the game in the fourth inning after Hockett led off with a double and eventually scored on a Holt RBI single.

Sharron was unable to keep the Titan offense off the scoreboard in the fifth inning and fell victim to another hit-by-a-pitch. Her fifth pitch of the fifth inning struck Jodie Cox, marking the fourth of five innings that CSUF placed the lead off batter on base. Yasmin Mossadeghi singled and eventually moved to second when Lucatero grounded out to second base. Oaks delivered a sacrifice fly that scored Cox on a close play at the plate and Hockett put her team up by two runs with a RBI single.

Kristin Schmidt relieved Sharron to start the sixth inning and made just one mistake in two innings of work. The Irish freshman gave Topping, one of the best power hitters in the nation, a pitch too high in the zone that the Titan catcher deposited over the fence in centerfield for a solo home run. Notre Dame was suddenly facing a three-run deficit with only six outs to make up the difference.



Sharron

Belles finish trip with 6 wins

By MOLLY McVOY
Senior Staff Writer

After a slow start, the Saint Mary's softball team went on a six-game winning streak to end their trip to Fort Myers with a 6-5 record and an 8-5 record overall.

"We struggled a little with the sticks the first few days we were down there, but we came back with six straight wins at the end of the week," said John Kovach, the Belles' first year head coach.

On Friday, the Belles split a double header with a win against Edgewood College, 3-0 and a loss to Ursinus College, 6-3. Freshman pitcher Libby Wilhelmy pitched the win against Edgewood giving her a 3-0 record for the trip. The team captains and the coach pointed to Wilhelmy's performance as one of the high points of the trip.

"What's nice is we have more flexibility," Kovach said. "Libby Wilhelmy pitched a couple games and she was just wonderful. I think she walked something like two batters in the 22 innings she pitched. It was really a plus."

"With Libby, it's nice to have an extra pitcher so, if something would happen to Kristin or I, we know we would be fine," senior co-captain and starting pitcher Anne Senger said. "We have another good pitcher ready to

go."

The pitching was strong throughout the trip with the three pitchers giving up an average of three runs per game over the course of the week.

"The thing I was really pleased with overall was that the pitching kept us in every game," Kovach said.

Saint Mary's beat Renn Poly Institute, 1-0, and Hamilton College, 14-5, on Thursday. Senger pitched a one-hitter against Renn Poly and junior Kristin Martin got the win against Hamilton. Freshman Marnie Walsh had a three hit game that included a home run in the Hamilton game.

"We were really impressed with the freshmen this week, so that was great," Martin said.

Pitching again dominated Tuesday with a sweep of the day's games. Senger allowed four hits in the 3-1 win over St. Joseph's College and Martin showed her versatility by delivering three hits for the Belles.

"It was a little bit of a slow start because we didn't hit very well, but once we got into the swing of things and started hitting, we started to win," Senger said. "Our defense is really strong and we just need consistent hitting."

Wilhelmy was backed up by solid hitting in a 5-1 win over Salve Regina Tuesday. Freshman Katerina Tebbe tripled and homered and sopho-

more Susan Kutz added another home run, two RBIs and two runs scored.

"Kutz just smacked the ball all over the place," Kovach said. "At No. 8, she's at a good spot in the batting order, and we've been getting runners on in front of her."

The close 1-0 win over SUNY-Brockport on Monday was the first win that the Belles needed to start the six-game winning streak for the week. Wilhelmy recorded her first win in the game and Kutz hit the game-winning home run.

Wheaton College and North Park handed Saint Mary's two losses Monday, 4-3 and 5-4. Martin pitched the Wheaton game and Senger pitched against North Park in which Kutz drove in another home run.

The Belles dropped both games on their first day in Ft. Myers, losing to Transylvania University 3-0 and St. John Fisher 6-2.

Saint Mary's travels to Bethel College on Thursday for a double header. The two teams did not meet last year, but the Belles expect a close, competitive game.

"Typically, Bethel has a good club," Kovach said. "They will be a good match for us."

Although Martin suffered a slight injury to her knee over the trip, she is expected to start one of the games along with Senger.

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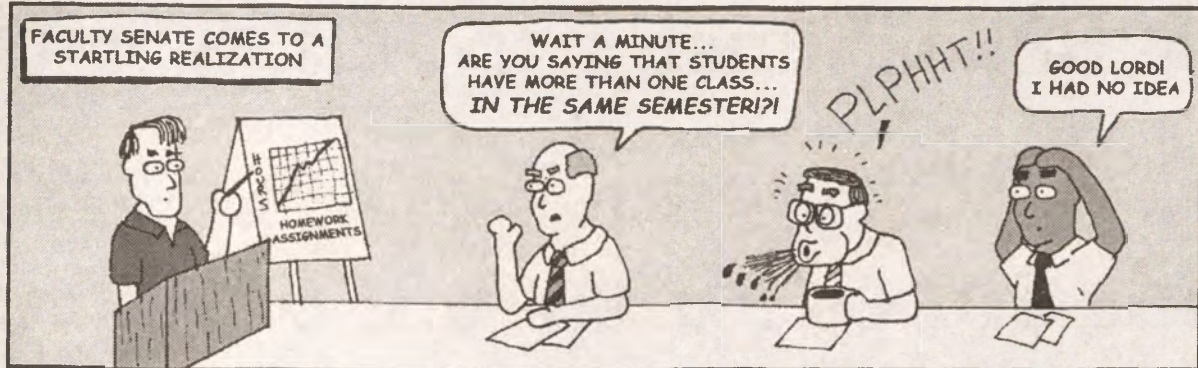
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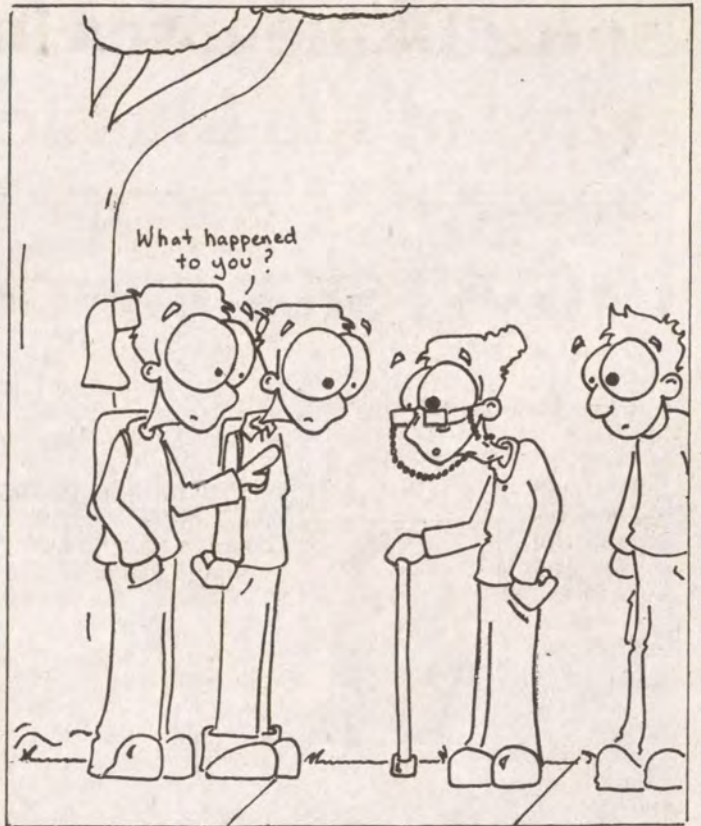
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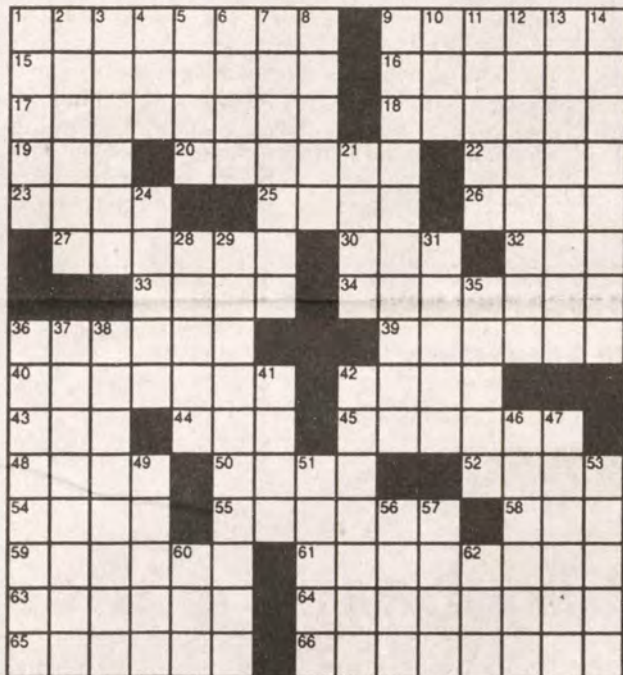
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 - 17 Facing
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 - 19 Much
 - 20 Features of some camps
 - 22 "___ Need" (1985 hit)
 - 23 Boxer's problem
 - 25 Smell ___
 - 26 Lenient
 - 27 Affectionate address
 - 30 \$200 purchases: Abbr.
 - 32 Educ. test
 - 33 Sword handle
 - 34 More mawkish
 - 36 Associate
 - 39 They may be cut or slashed
 - 40 "The Sibylline ___" (ancient religious collection)
 - 42 1997 Jackie Robinson commemoration site
 - 43 Network based in D.C.
 - 44 Letters that please an angel
 - 45 Lamented
 - 48 Get friendlier
 - 50 Uto-Aztecan language
 - 52 NASA pressure unit
 - 54 Epidemic
 - 55 La Scala debut of 1887
 - 58 Incandescent, in product names
 - 59 Undisturbed
 - 61 Prelude to an explosion, perhaps
 - 63 Be poised (on)
 - 64 Be false
 - 65 Rangers and Citations
 - 66 Is sure not to miss
- DOWN**
- 1 "That's nothing!," for example
 - 2 An incendiary
 - 3 Ocean diver
 - 4 "___ says?!"
 - 5 Taunt
 - 6 Comics dog
 - 7 Cameo
 - 8 Mean mien
 - 9 Entr'acte part
 - 10 ___ rouge
 - 11 Ottoman potentates
 - 12 Linguistically groundbreaking
 - 13 One way to call
 - 14 Poets
 - 21 Receiver accessory, slangily
 - 24 Literally, "for this"

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 - 53 Lost cause
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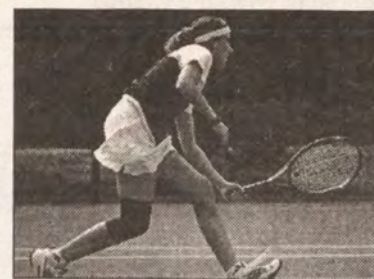
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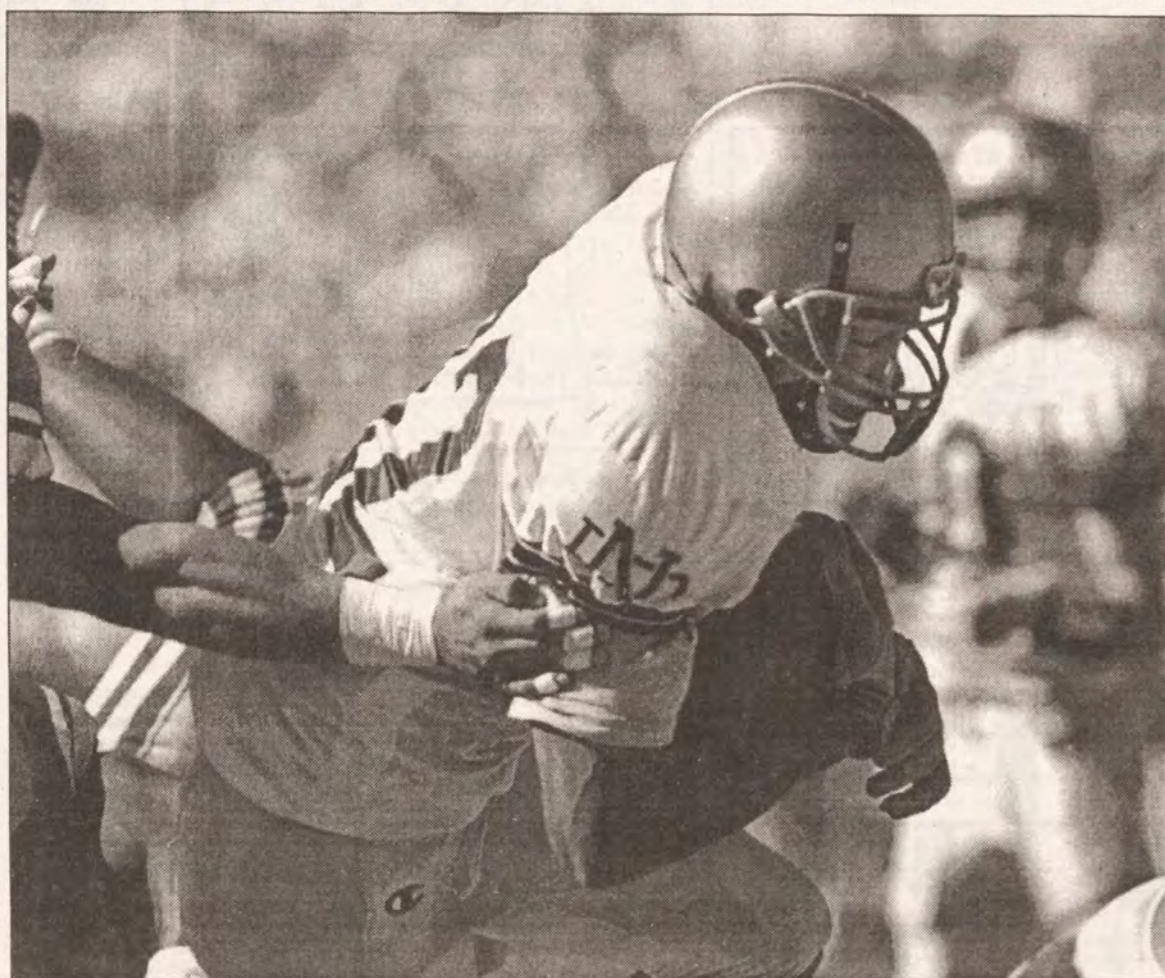
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Big Bad Belles
The Saint Mary's tennis team
blasted the competition in
Arizona, winning four matches.
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University suspends Jones for spring practice



Julius Jones breaks a tackle against USC last year. Jones, Notre Dame's leading rusher last season, and fellow tailback Tony Fisher will not be participating in spring practice.

PETER RICHARDSON/The Observer

◆ Fisher will also miss spring workouts due to injury

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

Julius Jones will not participate in spring practice after he recently violated University rules. The sophomore tailback is suspended for the 15 practices but will be able to return in the fall.

Jones led the Irish with 657 rushing yards, 1,169 all-purpose yards and seven rushing touchdowns last season.

"It's tough but he understands the consequences if he does something that's against school rules," junior tailback Tony Fisher said on Tuesday. "I hope he prepares and stays focused."

Fisher also must heed his own advice. He underwent left shoulder surgery on Jan. 12 and will miss spring practice. He suffered the injury in the spring of

1999 and had been playing through the pain ever since.

Fisher, the Irish's second leading rusher in 2000, is currently working out with the team but cannot lift weights with his left shoulder.

"I'm basically doing everything that the team is doing except I won't be participating in contact drills," Fisher said. "They say rehab usually takes about six months but right now I'm way ahead of that. In my mind I feel good enough to play in the spring. But they (the coaches and trainers) don't want to risk it."

"It's tough but [Jones] understands the consequences if he does something that's against school rules."

Tony Fisher
Running back

With Jones and Fisher out, junior Terrance Howard will likely receive the bulk of carries this spring. Howard ranked third on the team in rushing yards last season. Freshman Garron Bible

and sophomore Chris Yura are also expected to see time at tailback when practice starts on March 27.

"(Terrance) will already be a step ahead of me and Julius," Fisher said. "He'll have to take his opportunity and try to run with it."

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish improve to 14-3 by beating Miami, West Virginia

By STEVE KEPPEL
Sports Writer

Like many Notre Dame students, the women's tennis team traveled to Florida for spring break. But instead of partying and laying out on the beach, the seventh-ranked Irish were busy improving their record to 14-3 by defeating Miami and West Virginia.

On Saturday the Irish beat the 35th-ranked Hurricanes 6-1 and then blanked West Virginia 7-0 later that afternoon.

"The best match we played was Miami, we went 1-1 with them last year and this was our first outdoor match and we played really well," said head coach Jay Louderback.

The Irish swept the doubles against Miami with solid victories from Michelle Dasso/Becky Varnum, Katie Cunha/Kim Guy and Lindsey Green/Nina Vaughan who all won decisively.

The Irish then went on to win five singles matches in straight sets as Lindsay Green clinched the win with a victory over

Miami's Katie Bogolomova 6-1, 6-2. The match was highlighted by the play of Varnum, 99th-ranked Nina Vaughan and All-American Michelle

Dasso who won in doubles and singles despite battling an aching back.

"Everyone played well," said Louderback. "Becky Varnum has been playing better and better as the spring has gone along. She

has really been stepping it up at the No. 3 spot and Nina Vaughan at three has played very well for us."

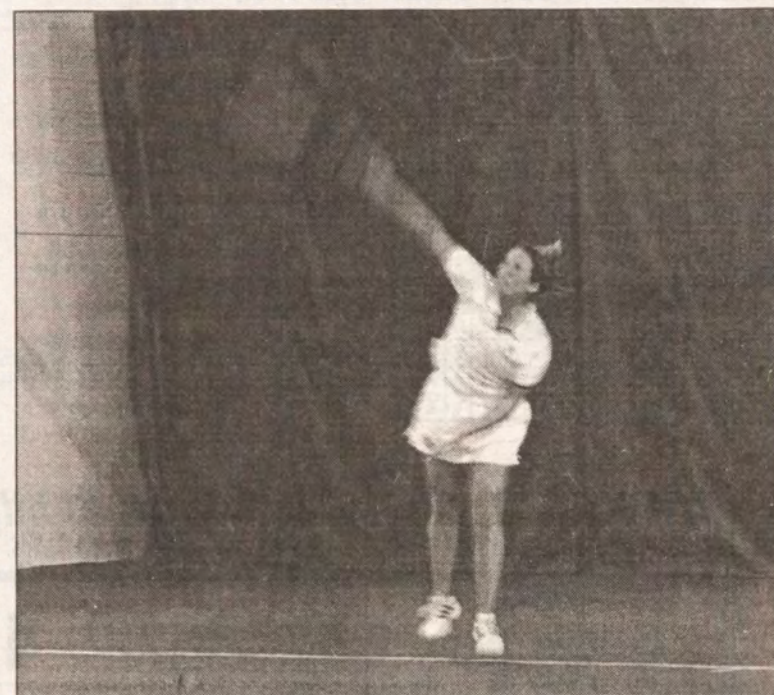
Later that afternoon the Irish showed that they are still the team to beat in the Big East by shutting out the Mountaineers without two of their top players. Dasso and Guy both rested because of nagging injuries.

Once again the Irish won the doubles point in easy fashion and then swept the singles matches. Cunha and freshman Alicia Salas showed a little of what is to come in the future as they filled in quite nicely, winning in straight sets.

"Michelle [Dasso] hurt her back before the Michigan match and Kimberly [Guy] had a little arm trouble so it gave us a chance to let them rest a little," said Louderback.

"Katie Cunha stepped in and played very well and Alicia Salas did also."

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KYLIE CARTER/The Observer

A Notre Dame tennis player competes earlier this season. The No. 7 Irish dispatched Miami and West Virginia in Florida.

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