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Mass, tree-planting ceremony honor Murphy's memory



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This tree, planted on North Quad in honor of Conor Murphy, a Notre Dame junior who died of complications of leukemia Jan. 31, was marked with a memorial plaque during a gathering before a memorial mass Thursday evening.

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

Conor Murphy would have turned 21 on Tuesday. A small plaque in front of a freshly planted tree on North Quad relates that fact.

In neat block lettering, it reads simply: "In memory of Conor Murphy. March 20, 1980 to January 31, 2001."

The Notre Dame community honored Murphy, a University junior who died of complications of leukemia, with an intimate tree-planting ceremony Thursday, just minutes before a larger turnout remembered him at a memorial mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

The Mass brought together Murphy's family, friends and other well-wishers who gathered to celebrate the former Zahm Hall resident's life and contributions.

"It's hard to know what to say when a good person dies young," University President Father Edward Malloy said to a crowd of several hundred that included Murphy's parents and two sisters and filled nearly all of the church's pews. "And yet we are sure that Conor has been welcomed into the loving, consoling arms of God."



Murphy

Murphy, of Lakewood, Ohio, was diagnosed with leukemia last March. He underwent a bone marrow transplant in the summer but didn't return to campus in August. By late-January, Murphy had developed pneumonia, to which he eventually succumbed.

At Tuesday's Mass, Father Jim Lies, Murphy's former rector, praised Murphy as a model of courage and faith.

"Conor showed tremendous bravery and trust in God during his battle with leukemia, and that touched something in all of us," said Lies, who remained in close contact with Murphy's family throughout Murphy's final days. "In some sense, we gathered here to thank Conor for that, to thank God for the gift that Conor was to us."

Never was Murphy's faith and strength of character more evident than when he was diagnosed with the disease, Lies said.

He said after learning of his illness, Murphy first's step was to see a priest in confession. Murphy then contacted Lies and asked him to light a candle for him in the Grotto.

Lies said Murphy also showed a profound maturity when he was concerned about breaking the news to his friends.

"It amazed me how much courage he showed and how much he thought about others first," Lies said.

In light of Murphy's 21st birthday and the season of Lent, Lies said it was fitting

that the community remember Murphy now. He called Murphy's death "a defining moment in the lives of many," and called on gatherers to recognize the need for each other and God.

"Recall how greatly blessed you were to have known him. Let his life charge you to live yours with courage and faith," Lies said.

The Mass followed the brief tree dedication Tuesday.

Against the backdrop of students reading or playing frisbee on North Quad on the warm afternoon, about 60 people attended the ceremony on the Zahm Hall lawn.

Community members sang and prayed in honor of Murphy and then lined up to sprinkle holy water on the leafless tree.

The services for Murphy on Tuesday didn't represent the first time the community has showed its support for him.

Following word of his declining health, on Jan. 30 several hundred students attended a Mass in the Zahm Hall chapel.

After his death, the University provided transportation for students to his funeral in Ohio.

At Murphy's urging, last March more than 600 people joined the National Marrow Donor Program at a drive held on campus.

Murphy was the second member of the Class of 2002 to die of complications from cancer this year. Brionne Clary, also a leukemia victim, died Sept. 21.

SMC hires non-unionized workers

♦ South Bend business reps rallied at new maintenance building's ground breaking

By MYRA McGRIF
Saint Mary's Editor

As ground breaking began on Saint Mary's new maintenance building, South Bend business representatives rallied against Saint Mary's decision to contract with non-unionized workers. The College's Board of Trustees signed a contract with the non-union company Majority Builders Incorporated Feb. 16, a decision that came after months of deliberation.

Bidding to find a contractor started last semester and included offers from four unionized companies that Saint Mary's had worked with in the past. Even though Saint Mary's had used these unionized companies in the past, none of their initial proposals were accepted.

"Four contractors presented proposals that were much higher than the product budget," said Saint Mary's financial director Keith Dennis.

When the four unacceptably-high bids were returned, the Board restructured the parameters

of the proposal and opened up bidding again. The new proposal not only entertained the bid of non-unionized companies but also did not make it mandatory that all the company's workers had a specified benefit package, or pre-qualification. Under the parameters of this new proposal, Saint Mary's signed with the contractor Majority Builders Incorporated, a non-unionized firm based in South Bend.

As a non-unionized company, Majority's benefit package operates on a merit system rather than a flat rate. Those who have worked the company the longest earn the highest salary. This merit system does not branch out to subcontractors who do electrical and plumbing work. Majority has the choice to subcontract with union or non-union companies.

"Four out of the eight subcontractors Majority has chosen for the job are unionized," said Dennis.

Dennis believes that having unionized subcontractors on the job, the size of the construction job and the stability of Majority builders legitimizes the decision of Board of Trustees to use a non-unionized contractor.

"We do have pre-qualification, we work with senior contractors and we only invite people that we have some knowledge about," said Dennis.

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Cardenas named among influential hispanics

By ALISON HEINZ
News Writer

Sociology professor Gilberto Cardenas leads a busy life. In addition to teaching and serving as the director for the Institute for Latino Studies,

Cardenas was recently named one of the 100 most influential Hispanics by Hispanic Business magazine for the third time.

"It's nice to be recognized. I'm pleased to be in the company of some of the people on the list, but it's not something I go seeking,"



Cardenas

said Cardenas.

Cardenas was honored with this distinction because of his endless pursuit for scholarship money and improvement of educational opportunities for minority students.

"There's some real big gaps," said Cardenas in reference to minority representation at science, technology, and computer institutions. "A lot of students that get accepted to top institutions opt not to attend because they cannot afford it."

Cardenas was recruited by Notre Dame to head the Institute for Latino Studies in 1999, which got off the ground quickly. Cardenas was a graduate student at Notre Dame from 1969-1975 and it was this personal experience that convinced him to leave a similar position at the

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INSIDE COLUMN

Violence hurts

When high school kids get angry these days, they no longer vent to their friends or even arrange an afterschool fight at the flagpole. They bring a gun to school and shoot other kids.

Last year, my main concern every time I stepped into my public high school was whether I would make it to first period on time. I didn't worry about my personal safety, didn't consider what an upset student might do.

Scott Brodfuehrer

Copy Editor

Students are losing this peace of mind about their security with each person who brings a gun to school. Their learning is threatened by disgruntled students. They not only have to worry about their safety, but are also required to act as detectives.

Many schools' main protection against school shootings is their expectation that students will report their friends if they make threats or seem unbalanced. The students safety is their own responsibility. They have to make decisions knowing that if they don't rat on someone and are wrong, people could die. If they do rat out someone and turn out to be wrong, the student's life at school could be ruined as a result of the accusation.

Schools need to take a proactive stance against school violence. Students shouldn't be the only line of defense against school violence. Schools plans should not count on their students, and students should not be held responsible by administrators or the news media when shootings occur.

These shootings continue to be especially disturbing because they do not occur in a violence-ridden area. They happen in the suburbs, schools that were expected to be safe. They happen in the type of schools that the majority of Notre Dame students attended. They aren't isolated to public schools; one of this year's shootings was at a small Catholic high school. The kids are coming from stable family structures in which they weren't abused or neglected. Something just went horribly wrong and they decided to shoot their classmates.

As school shootings continue to get closer to home, all people should become involved in trying to end school violence. This issue needs to be done. Changes need to be made so that never again will students' days be shattered by the sounds of guns and never again will a school official have to call a parent to inform them that their child has been seriously injured or killed while sitting in class, backpack at their feet, daydreaming like all high schoolers do.

After each school shooting, pictures of distraught parents and teens are run by the media. School officials vow a full investigation, and psychologists try to determine why the student would do that. Other schools become extremely security-conscious for a few months, taking seriously all threats or intended threats. Eventually the memory of tragedies fades away and schools return to normality. Then another school shooting happens and the cycle begins again.

Where will this cycle end? It won't unless people take action, permanent action that outlasts the memory of a tragedy.

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

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THIS WEEK IN ND/SMC HISTORY

Monday, March 17, 1980
Security accused of harrassment

A sophomore accused Nore Dame security officials of verbal abuse and harrassment following an altercation at the Main Gate. When the student attempted to retrieve his ID card, one of the guards flared up, throwing off his badge and swearing at the student. Another guard indirectly threatened the student, saying "I've decked other people for doing less than you."

Friday, March 25, 1988
Students oppose honor code

Student support was the biggest problem facing the institution of an honor code in 1988. "I think most of the student body here is not for an honor code at all, and many teachers seems scornful about it," said a student who attended a three day conference on honor codes at Princeton University. Professors opposed an honor code because it could have included non-proctored exams.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Harvard discrimination decision overturned

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. Middlesex County Judge Diane Kottermeyer overturned a jury's decision Wednesday that would have found Harvard University guilty of both gender discrimination and later retaliation against a lecturer in biomathematics at the Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH).

The judge ruled that the defendant, Tamara Awerbuch-Friedlander, provided insufficient evidence of gender discrimination or of University retaliation after the complaint was made. The judge also ruled that the gender discrimination claim was filed too late to be heard according to the statute of limitations.

But although Wednesday's decision represents a legal victory for the University, Awerbuch-Friedlander said



she would not let the case end with the judge's decision.

"We will file an appeal in the next few days" she said. "I plan on fighting it, if needed, up to the Supreme Court."

Despite the judge's ultimate verdict, Awerbuch-Friedlander said she thought the jury's decision in favor of her suit was a positive sign for the future.

"We feel this is a great moral victory. I have great hopes that the appeals court will rule in my favor," Awerbuch-Friedlander said.

The lawsuit against HSPH which ended yesterday implicated University Provost Harvey V. Fineberg '67 who was dean of the school when the alleged discrimination took place. Awerbuch-Friedlander is seeking damages of \$1 million in lost wages and benefits, as well as promotion at

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

Death investigation continues

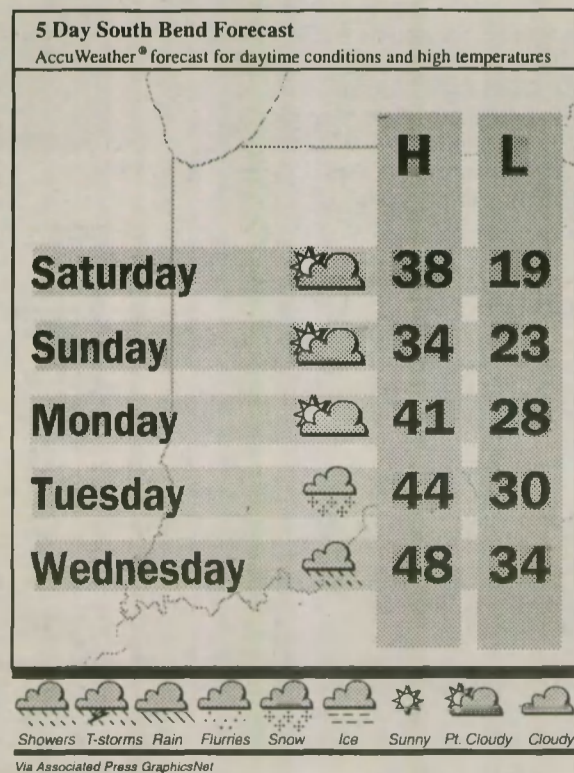
The investigation into the death of University of Pittsburgh student Jamie Penich continued yesterday in Seoul, South Korea, where police are busy interviewing friends with whom the 21-year-old traveled to Seoul on a weekend sightseeing trip. New information obtained by the Associated Press indicates that one of Penich's friends heard "angry shouts in a male voice" the night before Penich was found dead in her motel room. The investigation is concentrating on the Yi Tae Won district of the city, where Penich and five friends had rented rooms in a motel. According to police reports, Penich and a fellow female student named Kenzie were dancing at a club on the night Penich died. Korean police officials have enlisted the help of U.S. Army personnel, after reports that Penich and Kenzie may have been dancing with American servicemen in civilian clothes. According to Marc Raimondi, the director of public affairs for the U.S. Army Crime Investigation Command, the Army has been asked to support the Korean National Police in their investigation.

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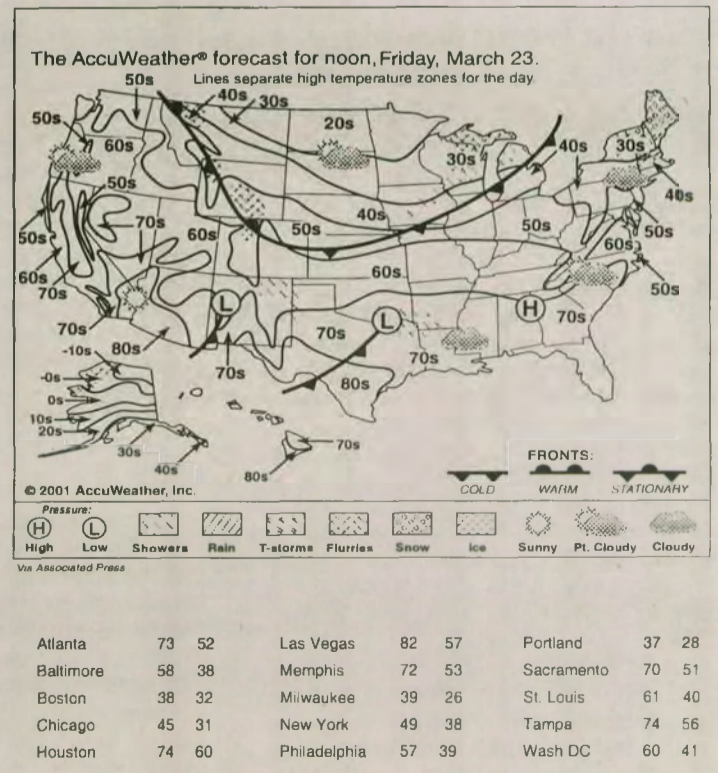
Bomb threat pretrial set

A California State University at Long Beach student arrested in suspicion of making a bomb threat at the University Library is scheduled for a pre-trial hearing Monday. Hasan Hasan, a mathematics graduate student, was taken into University Police custody last Wednesday after an investigation that led police to believe he was responsible for the bomb threat and other threats toward a faculty member, said Capt. Stan Skipworth of University Police. "We have a positive identification by the victim," he said. "We have positive identification by another witness, and we have an interview with Mr. Hasan that indicates [him] very strongly, in our opinion." University Police received a call two weeks ago from a male stating he had planted a bomb on the third floor of the Library. Officials then announced a volunteer evacuation of the premises as police and Library employees searched for anything suspicious. Hasan was arraigned in front of the Long Beach Municipal Court the Friday following his arrest and was released on his own recognizance.

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Real World star to talk about faith

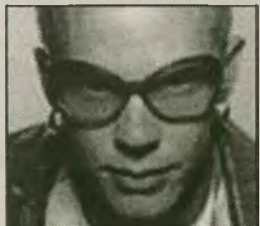
By ALLY JAY
News Writer

Looking for love? Matt Smith from New Orleans' Real World will speak as a part of No Greater Love, Campus Ministry's half-day retreat, tonight at 7 p.m. in the Hesburgh library auditorium.

"Matt's the unofficial kickoff of No Greater Love," said Frank Santoni, Coordinator of Special Events for Campus Ministry. Smith was a cast member on MTV's reality show, The Real World, and is now the spokesperson for Life Teen, a national Catholic youth organization.

"Matt's a remarkable guy who's tough to put in any category. His exposure on the show let us know his name, but it's his approach to life and faith that lets him cross a lot of boundaries. On the show he stuck with what he believed and he was not considered weird. He was considered likeable and approachable and those are the characteristics he brings to Notre Dame," said Santoni.

Smith will be discussing his faith prior to The



Smith

Real World, how his faith was impacted by the show and his faith now that the show is over. After the talk, he will take questions from the audience in a conversational style.

Before Smith's talk, Gary Daigle and Danielle Skorich will perform. Daigle is a music producer and composer of Catholic music and folk music. Skorich is a junior at Notre Dame and will be playing songs from the CD she recently recorded.

"Music is an integral part of this weekend and it'll be a treat to hear Danielle. She's heartfelt about what she believes and puts that into her music."

A New Orleans-style reception will follow Smith's talk.

The main events of No Greater Love will be on Saturday. Workshops will be held throughout the day at South Dining Hall and the new Coleman-Morse Center and Father Mike Baxter will deliver a keynote address.

"This will be a great opportunity to recharge our faith. As spring is bringing new life, this is a chance to breathe new life into our faith life," said Father Bill Wack, who will lead the kick off prayer service.

No Greater Love is open to all, registration is not required and students may come and go as they please.

A schedule of events is available at <http://www.nd.edu/~nglove>.

New policy changes SMC dance transport

By MYRA McGRIFF
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's students traveling to the all school formal this Saturday will have to do so by campus-sponsored transportation, according to a new policy drafted by Saint Mary's administrators.

The policy, which states that students must ride on campus transportation to and from off-campus dances, was first enacted last spring for the senior formal. In fall 2000, the policy was applied to any campus group sponsoring a dance — including Saint Mary's Residence Hall Association, which hosts the all school formal. The dance, which has traditionally had attendance of 1,000 students, fell under the policy. This weekend will be the first time the event is held under the umbrella of the policy.

Organizers said this week that ticket sales fell as a result.

"Ticket sales definitely fell in the junior and senior classes," said co-chairwoman Janel Miller. "It is disappointing that we couldn't sell more tickets."

The policy, drafted by administrators in an effort to control drunk driving during off campus, college sponsored events has made planning a dance quite a challenge for the Formal Committee. Considering that last year's formal tickets sold out, this year's dance committee wanted to accommodate at least 2,000 students. Finding out in early fall that all students would have to take a bus to and from the dance caused a major problem for organizers.

As of Thursday night, the committee reported sales of only 750 tickets — 1,250 shy of selling out.

"It has been a challenge. We booked a room for 2,000 people but it's difficult to figure out how to get people there," said Mindy Rennaker, president of Residence Hall Association.

Students attending the formal this weekend signed up for a specific bus as they bought their ticket. Buses will be leaving from each residence halls at staggered times. Holy Cross, McCandless and Regina have buses leaving each half-hour, while LeMans buses will leave every 15 minutes.

Although the committee was able to sell 750 tickets in spite of the new policy challenge, they did say they thought more tickets could have been sold. The bus policy certainly played a factor in low ticket sales, said all-school formal committee members.

Furthermore, minimal cooperation from administrators made the planning process for the buses difficult to enact.

The official policy was not received from vice president for student affairs Linda Timm until the Friday before Spring Break, organizers said. The policy was left for students — not administrators — to figure out, said Rennaker.

"The policy isn't clearly defined," she said.

Some members of the organization feel that the policy is worth the effort because it will insure safety while still having an event off campus.

"It's definitely a good idea that people who may have been drinking will not be driving to the dance. It may not be the most convenient, but it is practical and a safer way for people to get there," said sophomore RHA member Adrienne Dorbish.

Amy Green contributed to this report.

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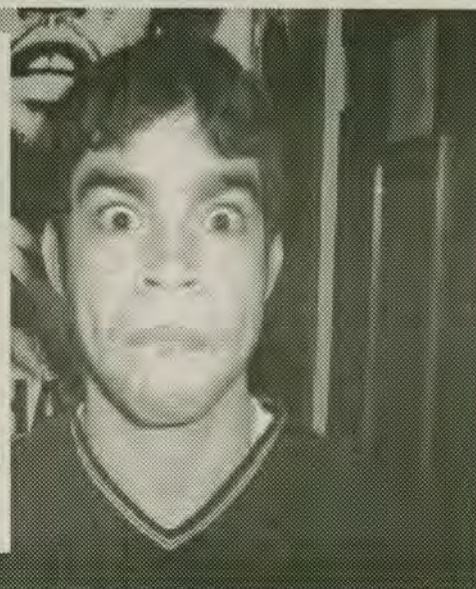
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MCAT practice tests move to Web

By MAUREEN SMITHE
Associate News Editor

Tiffney Colon knows her stuff – almost.

After months of attending Kaplan sessions and taking daylong practice exams to prepare for the MCAT, the Notre Dame junior knows what to expect when April 21 rolls around.

"I took Kaplan because I knew it would be hard for me to prepare for the MCAT on my own," Colon said. "I needed the motivation."

However, a new Web site may offer students like Colon an alternative to the \$1000 Kaplan fees. For \$60, pre-med students can take the MCAT practice test online at www.aamc.org/mcat.

With the added convenience of immediate, automated scoring and diagnostic feedback, the new site strives to appeal to the more than 55,000 people who will take the medical school entrance exam this year.

"We thought students would find it useful. It will not replicate the real test, but there is

more flexibility in building your own test on the fly," said Ellen Julian, director of the MCATs.

In addition to providing practice tests, the site also offers on-line registration. Since the introduction of the site on Feb. 12, more than 15,000 people have registered on-line for April's test.

Students can also purchase official MCAT publications at the site, including the paper version of the on-line test.

Due to the immediate success of the site, Julian said there are plans for additions.

"We're hoping to add other practice tests to the site," she said.

Despite the added convenience of taking the test in the comfort of a dorm room or computer cluster, Colon said she prefers the options offered by Kaplan.

"I like what we do for Kaplan because it is more like what the actual test is going to be like," she said. "I can go there to study and learn, but I can certainly see the appeal of a Web site."

Workers

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Although the college feels secure in their decision to use a non-union firm, South Bend's union representatives are concerned that such a move will be detrimental to the established goals of the union council. In a letter sent to the Board of Trustees on the day the contract was signed, Erin Brown, president of St. Joseph Valley Building and Construction Trades Council, outlined those goals.

"Our contractors provide a living wage and in addition, health insurance and pension benefits. Our members

live in this community and its environs and make a significant economic contribution to the entire community," said Brown.

Business representatives see the community that union workers function in as part of the world that Saint Mary's exist within. As Saint Mary's is a Catholic institution, union representatives see the college as a pillar in the South Bend community. If colleges like Saint Mary's hire non-unionized contractors, they say other South Bend business will follow. Union representatives are concerned that the workers rights will be jeopardized if hiring non-unionized workers becomes a trend.

"Saint Mary's represents a main moral force and they are well respected. They carry a lot of clout and when they do something like this it influences others to follow," said Mike Kruk, business representative for the carpenter union.

The risk of other companies following in the footsteps rests in the concept Kruk calls low bidding. Once it is established that people looking for contractors are more concerned with cost, non-unionized contractors have the ability to lower their workers' wages to fit the bid of the business.

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Mike Kruk
carpenter union
business representative

"People want to have the edge so it becomes a race for the bottom," said Kruk.

Kruk believes that in this race for the bottom the workers of

both non-union and union outfits suffer. He explained that not only will the union workers not have work but also the non-union workers will be losing wages along with benefits.

In the case of Saint Mary's, concerned faculty and staff also want to insure the worker's fair wage. Although the Board does have consultants they confer with, the college has no formal proposition. Currently, Saint Mary's does not have a committee or written policy to insure the fair wage and rights of the workers they hire.

"We are not pursuing any prevailing wage agreement. We want to keep our options open," said Dennis.

Cardenas

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University of Texas at Austin where he had been for 23 years. While at Notre Dame, he noticed how few professors had significant experience with both American and Latino culture, something he describes as U.S./Latino.

"When I was here as a student there was only one U.S./Latino faculty member," said Cardenas. There has been progress, but Cardenas estimates that there are still "fewer than 10 faculty members who have had a signif-

icant U.S./Latino experience."

The Institute for Latino Studies is working to change this statistic by giving the University incentive to continue hiring people with an interest in that area. Cardenas said the Institute currently offers several classes but will eventually expand into an undergraduate concentration or second major.

Another reason the Hispanic Business magazine recognized Cardenas is his involvement with the Gates Foundation. Bill Gates and his wife Melinda have donated \$1 billion for scholarships and Cardenas is a one of six members of an advisory committee that distributes \$50

million of scholarships a year.

"It's a great commitment by Bill and Melinda Gates," said Cardenas. "They did a lot of research determining where their money would [be best used, and] they chose this."

A self-described troublemaker in high school, it wasn't until Cardenas became an educator himself that he focused on helping students pay for an education. Although well recognized, he is humble about his accomplishments.

"I'm just thrilled to work with these people," said Cardenas of his fellow committee members and the Institute for Latino Studies.

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Rwanda denies allegations of forced labor:

Rwanda strongly denied allegations that it was using prisoners as forced labor for mining activities in neighboring Congo. Interior Minister Jean de Dieu Ntiruhungwa said the charges were "completely untrue," adding that the government never sent prisoners out of the central African country. He also said the government had no mining interests abroad.

Peru candidate says he was drugged:

Peru's leading presidential candidate called a report that he tested positive for drugs in 1998 a smear campaign, saying he had been kidnapped and drugged by agents of disgraced former intelligence chief Vladimiro Montesinos. Alejandro Toledo was responding to a report Thursday in Caretas, a widely-respected weekly magazine.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Group says Bush won Florida:

President Bush would have won Florida last fall even if a statewide recount had been allowed, a conservative legal group said Thursday after reviewing disputed ballots in eight of the state's 67 counties. Judicial Watch President Thomas Fitton said the study of ballots picked large counties that accounted for 70 percent of the undercounted ballots where no vote was recorded by machines. He said it showed Bush would have picked up at least 107 votes more than Gore in six counties.

Theme park wary of foot-and-mouth disease:

A theme park is asking tourists who recently visited countries affected by foot-and-mouth disease not to visit the park's petting zoo. When Busch Gardens opens for the season Saturday, signs will ask visitors who have been in certain European countries or South America within the last five days to avoid the zoo.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Officer killed in crash may not have been wearing seat belt:

An Elkhart policeman was not wearing a seat belt when he was fatally injured in a crash between his cruiser and another police car, a preliminary investigation shows. Patrolman Doug Adams, 31, was thrown from the vehicle in the crash Tuesday night at a downtown intersection. Indiana has had a law requiring seat belt use since 1987. Police and other emergency personnel are not exempted from the law at any time. State police aren't expected to release a final crash report until next week.

Latest school shooting wounds 5

Associated Press

EL CAJON, Calif.

An 18-year-old student opened fire at his high school Thursday, wounding three classmates and two teachers before he was shot by a police officer who engaged him in a running gun battle, authorities said.

There was no immediate indication what triggered the violence at Granite Hills High School, which came less than three weeks after two students were killed at a nearby school in Santee.

The suspect, identified by authorities as Jason Hoffman, was shot in the jaw and buttocks, the most serious injuries stemming from the violence.

Shotgun pellet wounds suffered by the students and teacher were not

life-threatening, hospital and police officials said. Five other students and adults were treated for various other injuries, none of them serious.

Junior Roger Pollock, 16, was in math class taking a test when he heard a rapid succession of about six shots.

"I heard my teacher say, 'Is that a skateboard?' I said 'Nope, that's not a skateboard. That's for real,'" he said.

He said he looked outside the window and saw a young man with blood on his face. Everyone in the class then ducked. The students stayed in the room for 20 minutes, until police escorted them out.

Police Capt. Bill McClurg said Officer Richard Agundez was stationed at the school, heard the gunfire and reported it by radio. He then found the suspect.

"They had a slight running gun battle at the school," McClurg said.

The midday shooting sparked a confusing scene, with officers scrambling across the campus as many of the 2,900 students fled to a nearby park.

It also sent a new jolt of fear through communities still shaken by a March 5 rampage seven miles away at Santana High School, where a 15-year-old student allegedly killed two classmates and injured 13 others. Both schools are in the same district east of San Diego.

"This is a nightmare," said Glorianne Pollock, Roger Pollock's mother. "As a parent, I'm worried to send my kids to school. I just want to lock him in a room and keep him there. This wasn't as bad as Santana, but it could have been."



AFP Photo

Mexican President Vicente Fox, waves on stage with California Governor Gray Davis, during a three-day diplomatic visit to California. The visit's theme is "Two Peoples, One Future."

Fox praises California field workers

Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif.

Often scorned at home and ignored in the United States, migrant laborers found themselves celebrated as heroes Thursday by Mexican President Vicente Fox.

Nearly 3,000 people crowded into a convention hall to hear Fox, who praised field workers and promised to work on issues that matter most in their lives. About 2,000 more listened outside through loudspeakers.

Fox pledged to push

Mexico's Congress to allow people to vote from outside the country, to work with U.S. officials on a solution to long-standing disputes over immigration and to make it easier for expatriates to return to Mexico.

"You are important, believe me, very important," Fox said, as cheers drowned out his words.

Such talk is a change for Mexican leaders. Money sent home by expatriates is one of Mexico's largest sources of income. But past leaders did little to court the men and women who fled their homes to work

long hours and difficult jobs in the United States.

Fox campaigned in California last May and views expatriates as a source of financial and moral support for his right-of-center National Action Party and its legislative agenda.

"You are permanent ambassadors of Mexican culture," he told the crowd. "You have become a link between the United States and Mexico."

Fox pledged Mexican consulates would do more to investigate civil rights abuses against Mexicans in the

United States and said he would devote more money to rural Mexico so people might not have to leave.

After Thursday's rally with agriculture workers, Fox planned to visit an elementary school in San Fernando with first lady Laura Bush and attend a town hall meeting in Los Angeles with Gov. Gray Davis.

About two dozen anti-immigration protesters lined the street outside the Century Plaza Hotel in Century City where Fox was due for a town hall meeting.

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Sophomores plan dance, spirit week

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

Faced with the challenge of replacing a scrapped class tradition, Notre Dame's Class of 2003 will see a year-long project culminate next week with Spirit Week activities and the Sophomore Class Ball.

It's part of the Sophomore Signature Event, a first-year initiative that began after last year's cancellation of Sophomore Siblings Weekend. The weekend was a longstanding part of sophomore programming before being nixed due to safety concerns for students' visiting brothers and sisters.

Organizers of the project, which includes a week of dress-up days, sophomore-only activities and a class dance, are excited to see the preparations end and the fun begin Monday.

"All the planning is set, and we're hoping for a lot of participation from our classmates," said Karen Lysaght, who chaired the committee that oversaw arrangements for the dance.

The dance will be held Saturday, March 31 at the Century Center in downtown South Bend. Dance tickets are \$20 per person or \$40 per couple, and the cost includes a formal dinner.

Sophomores can purchase tickets at the LaFortune box office, and sales last through 8 p.m. Monday.

"We're encouraging people to come with dates or with a group of friends," Lysaght said. "The dance is unique; it's different from the average hall dance."

The ball wraps up a week of events aimed at boosting class spirit.

Beginning Monday, each weekday will be assigned a dress-up theme and a special activity, according to Geoff Polk, chair of the class council's Spirit Week committee.

Monday is Pajama Day, and the committee is organizing a Grab 'n Give service project from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in both dining halls. Proceeds from the food-drive-type endeavor will benefit South Bend's Center for the Homeless.

Tuesday is Decade Day, when members of the campus community can dress in clothes from their favorite past decade. The Class of 2003 will also sponsor a class breakfast from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in front of DeBartolo Hall.

People can sport their favorite Notre Dame apparel on Wednesday, which is pegged as Blue and Gold Day. A karaoke contest from 9 p.m. to midnight at Reckers is planned. Campus athletes and other personalities will serve as judges for the event.

Thursday is Costume Day. A movie night, with a showing of "Remember the Titans," is the day's featured activity, and the first 100 students to the DeBartolo screening receive free admission.

Hawaii Day is Friday's theme. Free sign-ups for the day's photo scavenger hunt run through Thursday in the Class of 2003 office on the second floor of the LaFortune Student Center. Winning teams in the scavenger hunt receive gift certificates to the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.

On Saturday, buses begin transporting students to the class ball around 6:30 p.m. Students will not be admitted to the dance after 7:15 p.m., and dinner is served at 7:30 p.m.

"We're really encouraging people to come and support [the Sophomore Signature Event]," Lysaght said. "It's the first year, and hopefully it will take off and become an annual event."

Sophomore Signature Event

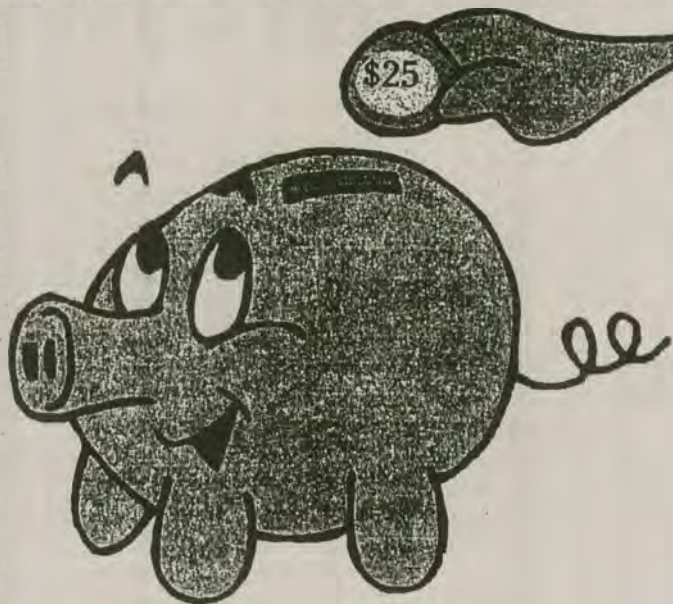
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IRELAND

Irish begin slaughter to curb foot-and-mouth disease

Associated Press

BALLYMASCANLON, Ireland
Officials slaughtered the first of thousands of doomed livestock Friday, a day after the Republic of Ireland confirmed its first cases of foot-and-mouth disease, which is ravaging neighboring Britain.

Confirmation of the first cases in a rural peninsula on Thursday sent shock waves through the country, and stocks slumped more than 5 percent on the Dublin exchange.

Prime Minister Bertie Ahern called the outbreak "a national challenge for our country." British Prime Minister Tony Blair telephoned Ahern late Thursday to express his "support and solidarity," Blair's Downing Street office said.

For three weeks, Ireland's 3.7 million citizens had restricted their travel and canceled other activities — even their St. Patrick's Day parades — in hopes of deterring the livestock

disease, which is already hurting the country's vaunted Celtic Tiger economy.

"After all these nervous weeks, we were just starting to believe we'd beat it," said John Elmore, a cattle farmer about 10 miles from Thursday's confirmed outbreak on a sheep farm next door to Northern Ireland.

The entire Cooley peninsula, about 50 miles north of Dublin, had been subject to special restrictions and monitoring since March 1 in a sheep herd near Meigh on the northern side of the border. That triggered fears the microbe would spread to the republic and its \$6 billion-a-year livestock industry.

Officials said Thursday they feared the disease had crossed the border with a third group of infected sheep.

Authorities moved quickly to try to restrict the disease to the Cooley area of County Louth. They announced that 3,000 sheep and 1,000 cattle within a

half-mile of the infected farm would be slain first, and that about 40,000 livestock on the whole peninsula would be destroyed within the next few days.

At the infected farm, 130 sheep were piled up after being killed Wednesday night.

Department of Agriculture workers in white coveralls monitored the scene as construction workers cut a dirt road into the field. Journalists weren't permitted to leave their cars for fear of spreading the disease.

In Dublin, Agriculture Minister Joe Walsh announced that Ireland would maintain its ban on exporting live cows and sheep and impose a temporary ban on exports of all meat and

dairy goods.

Walsh said he hoped the European Union would reward his country's exceptional efforts to prevent the disease's spread by confining any ban on Irish meat and dairy products to those from around County Louth.

"We then have the difficulty, of course, in convincing the markets that the produce from Ireland is safe," he said.

It's a major problem for Ireland, which exports 90 percent of its farm production.

Agriculture accounts for 12.7 percent of the gross domestic product and tourism, which has also been hurt by foot-and-mouth restrictions, accounts for nearly 5 percent.

Don Walshe, economist at Goodbody Stockbrokers, estimat-

ed the disease would knock 1.4 points off the firm's current forecast of 8.1 percent growth in Ireland's economy this year.

The government ordered more soldiers to enforce sanitary measures at Irish ports and border checkpoints with Northern Ireland. Since March 1, soldiers have been backing up police on many of the more than 100 border roads connecting the two parts of Ireland.

Police established more checkpoints Thursday, including on both sides of Dundalk, the largest town near the Cooley Peninsula. Long lines of traffic waited to drive over mats soaked with disinfectant, and police checked trucks to make sure they carried no livestock.

In the Netherlands, the second country in continental Europe to confirm cases of the disease, farmers appealed for vaccinations to save their herds. People cleared supermarket shelves of milk and meat, anticipating a prolonged ban on food from farm areas as the country struggles to contain the disease in two areas in the east and south. A 72-hour ban on transporting dairy and meat products was immediately declared after the government confirmed the outbreak on Wednesday.

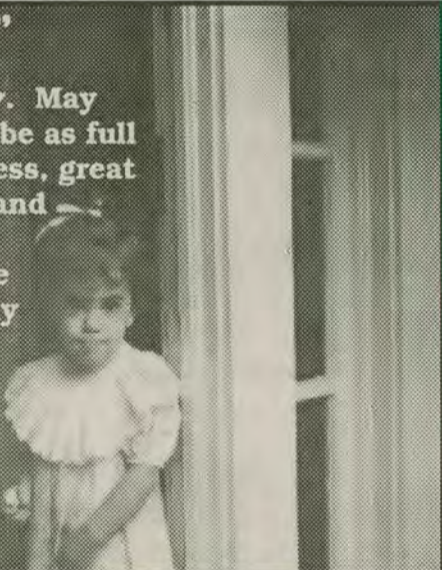
In Britain, where the outbreaks began, a leading epidemiologist warned that the epidemic would not be over for at least five months.

Foot-and-mouth will not be eliminated before August, with new outbreaks unlikely to start falling until May, Roy Anderson, a University of London epidemiologist, told the BBC late Wednesday.

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Hearing held about Clinton's alleged abuse of authority

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
A day after President Bush

signed legislation repealing Clinton-era workplace safety rules, lawmakers on Thursday discussed ways to negate some

of the former president's other actions, including his attempt to fence off millions of acres of land.

A House Judiciary subcommittee, led by Rep. Bob Barr, R-Ga., opened a hearing into presidential executive orders and began questioning whether Clinton legally used his power to create 18 national monuments during his term.

"Former President Clinton's designation of millions of acres as so-called national monuments under the purported authority of the Antiquities Act raises a host of legal questions Congress has a responsibility to address," Barr said.

The GOP-controlled Congress and White House have moved quickly to negate several other Clinton

actions, including Clinton's ergonomic regulations and placing abortion restrictions on U.S. overseas aid funding international family planning.

levels in drinking water, protections for hard-rock miners in the West and a ban on roads in one-third of the national forestland.

Legal experts were split on Clinton's use of the power.

"History will show that President Clinton abused his authority in a variety of ways and that his disrespect for the rule of law was unprecedented," said Todd Gaziano, director at the Center for Legal and Judicial Studies the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank. "Given this pattern, no one should be surprised that President Clinton sometimes abused his executive order authority as well."

Gaziano said he thought

"History will show that President Clinton abused his authority in a variety of ways ..."

Todd Gaziano
director at conservative think tank

many of Clinton's monument declarations could be illegal and that Bush probably could overturn them with another executive order.

Kenneth Mayer, a University of Wisconsin-Madison political science professor, said Clinton broke no new ground with his executive orders.

"In my view, the previous administration's use of executive orders and proclamations was not exceptional," he said. "Although many of President Clinton's orders were controversial ... his administration was actually continuing a longstanding practice among presidents, both Republican and Democratic, who have used executive orders to assert control over administration and policy."

Western lawmakers have been complaining for years about Clinton's use of his executive authority to expand federal monuments.

"I can't find one member who had a hand in the monuments," said Rep. James Hansen, R-Utah, chairman of the House Resources Committee.

Meantime, a House Resources subcommittee took the first step to curb one of Clinton's monument designations, approving a bill to change part of Idaho's Craters of the Moon National Monument into a national preserve so hunters could continue using the land.

Scaffolding at Oscar venue collapses

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Scaffolding along the red carpet for Sunday's Academy Awards ceremony collapsed Thursday, injuring five people.

The scaffolding at the Shrine Auditorium was the type commonly used to hold spotlights. The mangled structure, which had stood 20 feet high, fell just behind bleachers set up for fans and media to watch celebrities arrive at Sunday's ceremony.

A portion also tumbled onto a tent over the red carpet that will be used by celebrities as

they enter the auditorium for the awards ceremony.

Inspectors were trying to determine how the scaffolding gave way, said Fire Department spokesman Bob Collis.

The injured were taken to two hospitals. One person was critically injured and another was seriously injured. A third victim had minor to serious injuries and the remaining two had minor injuries, Collis said.

After the accident, workers resumed moving equipment into the Shrine and stringing cable from the building toward the red carpet.

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U.S. ousts 50 Russian diplomats suspected of spying

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Bush sought to keep U.S. relations with Russia on an even keel Thursday, but a furious Kremlin was threatening to match the ouster of more than 50 Russian diplomats suspected of undercover intelligence activities.

The warning was conveyed privately as well as publicly by Russian authorities. "Naturally, we will easily find" U.S. diplomats to be expelled "in a more painful form to the U.S. than it was in our case," Sergei Ivanov, chief of Russia's influential Security Council, said on Polish state television during a visit to Warsaw.

The Bush administration countered that there was no comparable contingent of U.S. undercover agents in Russia and no American there had infiltrated Russia's counterintelligence operation as FBI agent Robert Hanssen stands accused of doing, a senior U.S. official said.

At day's end, it was not clear how Russia would retaliate, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

In Moscow, Russia's foreign minister said the expulsions, the most since the Cold War, were political. But Bush said he was simply dealing with facts, and the two nations could maintain a good relationship.

"I made the decision. It was the right thing to do," Bush said.

Six Russians assigned to Moscow's embassy in Washington were linked by U.S.

officials to the case of Hanssen, a longtime FBI agent arrested a month ago on charges of selling secrets to Russia. Two of the six have left the United States; the four others must depart within 10 days.

At the same time, Bush ordered the Russian diplomatic contingent sharply reduced, officials said. A total of 46 Russians, at the embassy and at consulates across the country, have until July 1 to leave, they said.

"I don't think any U.N. employees are involved among the 50," U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said Thursday night.

A top foreign affairs aide to President Vladimir Putin expressed regret.

"Any campaign of spy mania and searching for enemies brings deep regret, and this is a fallback to the Cold War epoch," Sergei Prihodko said, according to the ITAR-Tass news agency.

It's a long-standing practice for U.S. and Russian intelligence officers to be posted in overseas embassies as diplomats. But after a reduction in the Russian contingent, a buildup began in 1997, and the Bush administration decided to reverse it, inspired by the Hanssen case.

"I'm confident we can have a good relationship with the Russians," Bush said after

addressing the National Newspaper Association. "We've got some areas where we can work together."

Along the same lines, Condoleezza Rice, his assistant for national security, called the expulsions an isolated incident.

"We see Russia as a potential partner in many parts of the world and we look forward to getting on with a positive agenda," Rice said.

Reducing the number of disguised intelligence agents "has been an issue that has been on the agenda for some time with the Russian government," Rice said.

Asked if the Kremlin might retaliate, the White House official replied: "I certainly hope not. This should go to the end of it."

In Moscow, Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov left no doubt it was not the end of the matter.

"Naturally, as it has before, Russia will firmly and steadfastly defend its national interests and will adequately respond to this unfriendly step by the United States," Ivanov said in Moscow as he somberly read a statement on government-controlled ORT television.

"At the same time, the Russian leadership assumes that in Washington, the policy and logic of those who try to push mankind and the United States (back) into

the epoch of the Cold War and confrontation won't prevail," he said.

Complaining about the public way the Bush administration went at the situation, Ivanov said, "This could easily have been settled along ... special channels and by special contacts."

Sen. Bob Graham, R-Fla., vice chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said he assumed Russia would make a request "for some of our most experienced to leave."

"That is the expected way in which these counterintelligence incidents work when they go sour," he said.

Secretary of State Colin Powell called in Russian Ambassador Ury M. Ushakov on Wednesday to inform him of the expulsions and then talked by telephone to Ivanov. John Beyrle, who heads the State Department office that deals with Russia and other former Soviet republics, had a follow-up meeting with the ambassador Thursday.

"We consider this matter closed. We have important interests in maintaining cooperative and productive relations with Russia, and we intend to continue working to advance those interests," Powell said.

And while Powell and other top officials publicly indicated they considered the dispute to be over, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said: "The department made clear to the Russian side that any other Russian officials who may be subsequently implicated in the Hanssen case will not be wel-

Many diplomats

Fifty Russian diplomats are being ousted from the United States over concerns about the number and level of intelligence officers that Russia has in the country, according to a White House announcement. Russia has the second largest diplomatic presence in Washington, D.C.

Diplomatic corp by nation

China	132
Russian	114
Japan	110
Germany	92
Canada	84
England	76
Mexico	73
France	61
India	44

SOURCE: Winter 2000 Diplomatic List, U.S. Department of State

AP

come in the United States."

The chairmen of the House and Senate intelligence committees agreed that spying remains a problem, and the hunt for American spies within the U.S. government must continue.

"I don't think we've ever solved the mole problem," Rep. Porter Goss, R-Fla., a former CIA agent, told reporters. The Senate chairman, Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., said he thinks more than one spy still is at work in sensitive government posts. "The Russians and other nations don't generally operate with just one agent," Shelby said. "It's not prudent."

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(4:00-5:00pm) Hesburgh Center Room 103

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(5:15-5:45pm) Hesburgh Center Room 103

RUSSIA

Space station stabilized for final descent into South Pacific

Associated Press

KOROLYOV, Russia

After 15 years in the heavens, Mir started its return home on Thursday, its cargo-ship engines putting the aging space station on course for a fiery plunge into the South Pacific.

Engines of the attached cargo ship Progress began a 21-minute burst as Mir circled the globe just below the Equator, over the Indian Ocean. This burn — and a second scheduled 90 minutes later — were meant to slow Mir and put it in an elliptical orbit.

A final 23-minute blast, scheduled around 8 a.m. Moscow time and midnight Eastern time, was to hurl the station into the waters between Australia and Chile.

If all went well, Mir would fall harmlessly into the sea. If not, the consequences of 27 1/2 tons of blazing debris tumbling from the sky were frightening.

It was the first time that Progress engines had been fired for such a long period and tension was palpable as the deorbit entered its critical phase. But the chief of Mission Control, Vladimir Solovyov, put the chances "that everything will be all right at 98-99 percent."

The death of Mir marked the end of a proud chapter in the Russian space program; it proved that long duration space flight was possible. Its passing came with much wistfulness, and some protest. About 15 demonstrators briefly rallied Thursday outside Mission Control, holding up a portrait of Yuri Gagarin, the Russian who was the first man in space.

"Don't Give Up the Russian Space Industry," the sign read. But Mir was doomed. The impoverished Russian government could not afford to keep it in

orbit — and in good repair — while fulfilling its obligations to the construction of the international space station.

Inside Mission Control near Moscow, the mood was strictly professional. Controllers bottled up regrets over Mir's demise as they pored over charts and figures in preparation for crucial commands that would power the final descent early Friday.

"All the emotions we feel, we will only be able to express them tomorrow after the sinking of the station," said Andrei Borisenko, the shift director at Mission Control. "Today we are working without emotion and doing our jobs."

On its last day, the aging space station soaked up the sun's energy to power its fickle batteries and stabilize its alignment.

Its target area was 120 miles wide by 3,600 miles long, and centered roughly at 44 degrees south latitude and 150 degrees west longitude. Most of the 143-ton craft would burn up during re-entry — temperatures were expected to reach more than 5,400 degrees Fahrenheit.

But the remaining chunks, the equivalent of 20 Volkswagen Beetles, were expected to reach the Earth's surface, scattered over a long swath. Some 1,500 fragments of 40 pounds or more were expected to fall over the zone.

Space officials said debris would be traveling so fast that it could smash through a block of concrete six-feet thick.

Vsevolod Latyshev, a spokesman at Mission Control, said Russia would make no effort to recover the debris. "What for?" he asked quizzically.

Space officials voiced confidence that they could carry out a safe descent, pointing to their experience in dumping dozens of Progress ships and other spacecraft



AFP Photo

Taco Bell floats a promotional "bull's-eye target," in the ocean. The taco company is promising a free taco to all 281 million Americans if the core of Mir hits the floating target, similar to the one displayed in this photo.

into the same area of the Pacific.

But Mir was by far the heaviest spacecraft ever dumped, and its size and shape made it difficult to exactly predict the re-entry.

A fleet of fishing boats in the zone insisted on staying put because the tuna were biting, said Wayne Heikkila, general manager of the Western Fishboat Owners Association.

Thirty-five space buffs and scientists were in the South Pacific to chase the plunging station; participants were optimistic that they would catch sight of Mir in a 200-second window of opportunity.

And Taco Bell set up a 40-by-40 foot

vinyl target — emblazoned with the company's logo and the words "Free Taco Here!" — 10 miles off Australia. In the extremely unlikely event that Mir hit the target, the company promised free tacos to all 281 million Americans.

But to Russians, Mir's demise was no joke. Mir came to symbolize the Soviet Union's fading technological prowess. It was launched in 1986 — just five weeks before former Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev embarked upon perestroika, the reforms that doomed the Communist empire, and just two months before the Chernobyl atomic reactor exploded in the world's worst nuclear accident.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fundraising allows Notre Dame to lead in tuition freeze

One billion dollars! No, that isn't a line from an Austin Powers movie. Notre Dame has raised over \$1 billion through the Generations fundraising campaign.

So why is tuition increasing at all? Before spring break the University announced that tuition was going to increase by a record low 4.9 percent. This translates into another \$1,430 per student. The cost of going to Notre Dame now stands at \$30,530. My question is why.

Notre Dame is blessed with an incredibly large endowment and I'm not here to criticize that. What I am here to criticize is the fact that tuition is increasing. Notre Dame stands to gain approximately \$13 million from this increase, according to an In Focus article by editor-in-chief Mike Connolly. This is just over 1 percent of the amount of money raised by the Generations campaign. It's really comforting to know that the University is not flinching to increase its financial burden on our parents so it can pad its bottom line by 1 percent.

Let's put this increase into the perspective of a college student. I work at an emergency room back home in Pennsylvania. It is an awesome job and I love it. It pays very well but it can be tough. I've seen some of the most awful things imaginable. I've been yelled at, spit on, bled on, and at any single moment I have about 27 things to do at once. It is so stressful that I have, more than once, considered walking out to save my sanity. I am on my feet hustling for eight hours or

more a day. At the end of the day though, I know that I've helped a lot of people and that I've earned every cent of my paycheck.

The tuition increase stands at \$1,430. To make enough money to cover that increase, I have to work approximately 140 hours. This translates into three and a half weeks of working full time, before taxes. When you consider the taxes taken out, it translates to over a month of work. Isn't it depressing to consider that Notre Dame is downplaying this "smallest tuition in decades" while I would have to work a whole month to cover this "record low increase?" Does anyone else see how much of an effect this tuition increase could have on families and students?

Here's an idea. Cover the \$13 million gained by this increase with a measly 1.3 percent of the Generations campaign. It's also comforting to know that, compared to last year, we are saving \$10 compared to last year's increase, according to Mike Connolly's article. I guess the \$75,000 or so the University is losing by this decrease is a big deal.

No one is denying that higher education is expensive. Let's use the money we are given in the best way possible. Let's be a leader and go against the trend of increasing college costs. Use the Generations money to freeze tuition.

Stephen Carroll
freshman
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March 22, 2001

Women's Boxing Club responds to allegations

As captains of the Women's Boxing Club and judges at this year's Bengal Bouts, we would like to respond to Mr. Bravo's letter to the editor on Tuesday. While Mr. Bravo and Brian Hobbins collaborated to write a retraction, many students have expressed disappointment with the decisions made in the finals of this year's Bengal Bouts. Therefore, we feel it is necessary to clarify the judging process.

Five judges officiate each fight. At any one time, no more than two of those judges are women's boxing captains. The other three judges, some of whom are alumni of the boxing program, are brought in from off campus. All judges sit ringside for a reason.

From such a short distance, we are able to see and count each boxer's scoring blows. The most equitable way to judge any boxing match is to count the number of punches that each boxer legally lands on his opponent. This eliminates any personal biases that a judge may have before or during a bout. For these reasons, we score each bout based on the rules set forth by the U.S. Amateur Boxing Association. The rules and scoring system are clearly explained to all of the boxers at practice just before the tournament.

While it is possible that a judge could "miss a few punches here and there," the team of judges is strategically placed around the entire ring so that the bout can be judged from every angle. If one judge's view is momentarily blocked, the other four judges are still able to accurately score the blows landed.

"The majority of the spectators" in attendance cannot see everything that happens in the ring. What the crowd perceives as "one fighter dominating the other" is often one boxer throwing sloppy punches.

Boxers often throw a flurry of punches in which only one or a few may legally land on his opponent. Spectators in the bleachers cannot always distinguish between a legally landed punch and a skillfully blocked one. Again, this is why judges have the seats that they do.

Ideally, every bout would result in a unanimous decision. However, as we have mentioned, judges are human and their view may be obstructed at times. Any decision that is unanimous can hardly be questioned, especially by a spectator seated up high in the stands of the JACC. Such a decision demonstrates that every single ringside judge was in agreement regarding the outcome of a match. Any boxer who wins by a unanimous decision can be comfort-

able with the fact that he out-scored his opponent.

Mr. Bravo "saw the student judges screaming in support for one of the fighters during a fight, a time when they should have been judging." We would like to correct this misunderstanding.

During the fights in which a student is serving as an official judge, that student has no conversation with anyone. Nor does she scream or cheer. All of the student judges take their responsibilities very seriously, and they would not jeopardize the integrity of the tournament by behaving inappropriately. Students who were seen screaming were not judging at the time.

Every year the tournament is criticized for its "bias" towards the men's captains and the returning champions. None of the captains are guaranteed championships, and a few went without them this year. Past captains have graduated without ever winning a championship.

Several of the returning champs from prior years did not make it to the finals this year.

These facts suggest that captains and returning champs are not unfairly favored in the tournament — they actually have to win their bouts on merit, just as every other boxer must do.

It is unfortunate that Mr. Bravo believes that the only way a boxer could win a bout "was to knock out their opponent." In reality, the only way to win a bout is to box — to move around the ring, to successfully throw and land combinations and to defend against the punches thrown by an opponent.

In the spirit of the Bengal Bouts, no boxer's goal should be to intentionally hurt another boxer. That would not be a sign of generosity or charity. It wouldn't even be a sign of good sportsmanship. Each boxer who has the courage to endure a season of demanding practices and to step into the ring to help raise money for the people of Bangladesh is a winner. No judge's decision can change that.

Brittany Crawford
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off-campus
Kari Jerge
junior
Badin Hall
Jessica Stimac
senior
Welsh Family Hall
Women's Boxing Club
March 20, 2001



Failure to run ad violated principles

I have read many times this year about The Observer's function as an independent newspaper and about how that function allows a forum for free speech on Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses.

I have also read several editorials and letters to the editor in The Observer relating to free speech issues, even in the case of controversial material.

All this I applaud, since I feel it is important that students and faculty at a university be free to exchange ideas.

I was therefore disappointed to read

in the Wall Street Journal that The Observer was one of many college newspapers to refuse to run a paid advertisement by David Horowitz, a prominent conservative.

It is a pity that The Observer fails to see the contradiction between expecting freedom from University-enforced speech codes and censoring unpopular views like those of Mr. Horowitz.

Jack Watkins
freshman
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March 18, 2001

A little rock, a little

Thirteen bands and seven solo artists will take to the stages at Senior Bar as NAZZ kicks off its 13th campuswide battle of the bands. The show, open to all ages, will begin at 8 p.m. The evening's entertainment will be guided by comedic emcees including Ryan Cunningham, Joe Howarth and Ted Fox. Sponsored by the Student Union Board, NAZZ "showcases bands with different tastes and influences that touch all aspects of the musical spectrum," according to Emmett Malloy, head of SUB campus entertainment. Interested contestants submitted applications and demo tapes several weeks ago. "Bands were selected on professionalism and their ability to thrill the crowd," Malloy said. "Seniority and the general vibe their performance gave were also taken into consideration. "While there were no restrictions on the number of covers that a band had, selectors were more interested in original material.

Eight judges, representing WVFI, WSND, Scholastic and The Observer will determine the winners. Gift certificates to Mediaplay will be awarded to the first three finishers in each of the two categories.

SUB would like to point out that "although this is a competition, the purpose of NAZZ is to educate the campus about the Notre Dame music scene." Tickets are \$2 at the LaFortune Box Office, \$4 at the door.

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The Bush League: a punk-rock band of architecture majors. Since Sept. 2000, fifth-years Scott Reinthaler, Terry Welsh and Ara Arnn, and sophomores Mike Meszaros and Steve Martin have been playing in The Bush League.

"We settled on 'Bush League' for several reasons," says the band. "The baseball reference (which is essential), Jesus Quintana says it in 'The Big Lebowski,' and our first gig was at an inauguration day party for George W. Bush. The name works on many levels."

The Bush League counts old proto-punk bands as their inspiration. "Our typical set mixes older punk-rock tunes with newer bands such as Dropkick Murphy's, Rocket from the Crypt, Smile, Bouncing Souls — stuff that's a little bit poppy but good for dancing."

Although three members are graduating this year, Meszaros and Martin plan on having a band when they return from Rome as fourth years. For now, the group continues to rock on, with a can of Pabst Blue Ribbon as their icon — "a part of our daily lives."

In the great tradition of picking a band name, Pratfall's members just opened the dictionary, saw the word "pratfall" and were inspired by its definition: "to fall on one's butt for comic effect." Despite a comic name, Pratfall has serious talent. The band is one of several in this year's NAZZ line-up that boasts previous winners: Bassist Luis Moctezuma and drummer Tom Dolphin placed third in last year's NAZZ competition, as part of the group Lazy Blue Method. The current lineup of Pratfall has been together for about three months, and the members span a range of ages. Dolphin is a senior, lead singer Brian Carrigan is a junior, Moctezuma a sophomore and guitarist Rob Gutierrez a freshman.

Describing their musical style, the band says "we play funk to heavy rock. We're basically a kick-arse rock band that feeds off the crowd's energy." For future plans, Pratfall says they may just retire after NAZZ. "Or we'll just play a lot, many gigs, parties and the like," the band says.

When asked if there is any significance behind the name of their band, members of Johnny Girth reply, "Yes, definitely." They also picked an Etch-A-Sketch to represent their group, so it's clear Johnny Girth is simple and honest. This "avant-garde" rock band has been playing together for one year and is made up of five seniors: Mickey McGarry, Brian Galla, Jon Adler, Gusto Camara and Jesse Dang.

Johnny Girth considers their style to be most reflective of "loud noises" and admires guitarist Galla as their inspiration.

Adler and McGarry have performed at NAZZ before, with American Standard and Sexual Chocolate, respectively, but this marks the first year that Johnny Girth has played with their current lineup. After their Friday night performance, the band has high hopes for their future: a European tour, a sitcom, action figures and then a special on MTV's "Cribs."

The band Housebound has never played at NAZZ before, unless it was "in a past life that we don't remember," says bassist Jeff McDonnell.

Housebound has been playing together since Oct. 2000 and considers their music to be "jam-out funk rock."

Five freshmen make up Housebound: McDonnell, Lawrence Santiago, Peter Miller, David Miller and Mike Malmore. Their influences include "anything from Bob Marley to Dave Matthews, Phish and Umphreys McGee, to the Allman Brothers, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Counting Crows, OAR and so many more," according to McDonnell.

When asked about plans for the future of Housebound, McDonnell says the band hopes "to play a lot of cool music, maybe tour the world. Also, we want to eat some chicken sometime."

The clever subject line of an e-mail about people stealing rulers provided The Inch Thieves with their name. Despite the creativity, band member Josh Rich says the name has no real significance. "Our real name [No Redeeming Qualities] has a meaning, but we feel bad using it without our full lineup — our singer is in London," says Rich.

The Inch Thieves considers their style to be most reflective of punk, classical and experimental rock. "We are inspired by divine muses," claims Rich.

Another band boasting previous NAZZ experience, The Inch Thieves is made up of juniors Rich, Nick Wymbs and Jeremny Renteria. The band has been together for about two years and says they have their sights set on Carnegie Hall for their future plans. With Chester Cheetah as their chosen band icon, The Inch Thieves are sure to go far with their creativity.

Formerly a line from Dustin Hoffman's character in "Rain Man," "Qantas never crashed" is now the name of one of Notre Dame's up and coming bands. Qantas Never Crashed has been playing with its current lineup for three months, though some members have been playing together in different bands since arriving at Notre Dame.

Its five members are all seniors — Jason Linster, Geoff Rahie, Tim Bodony, Chris Fazio and Jon Adler — and three have already performed at past NAZZs.

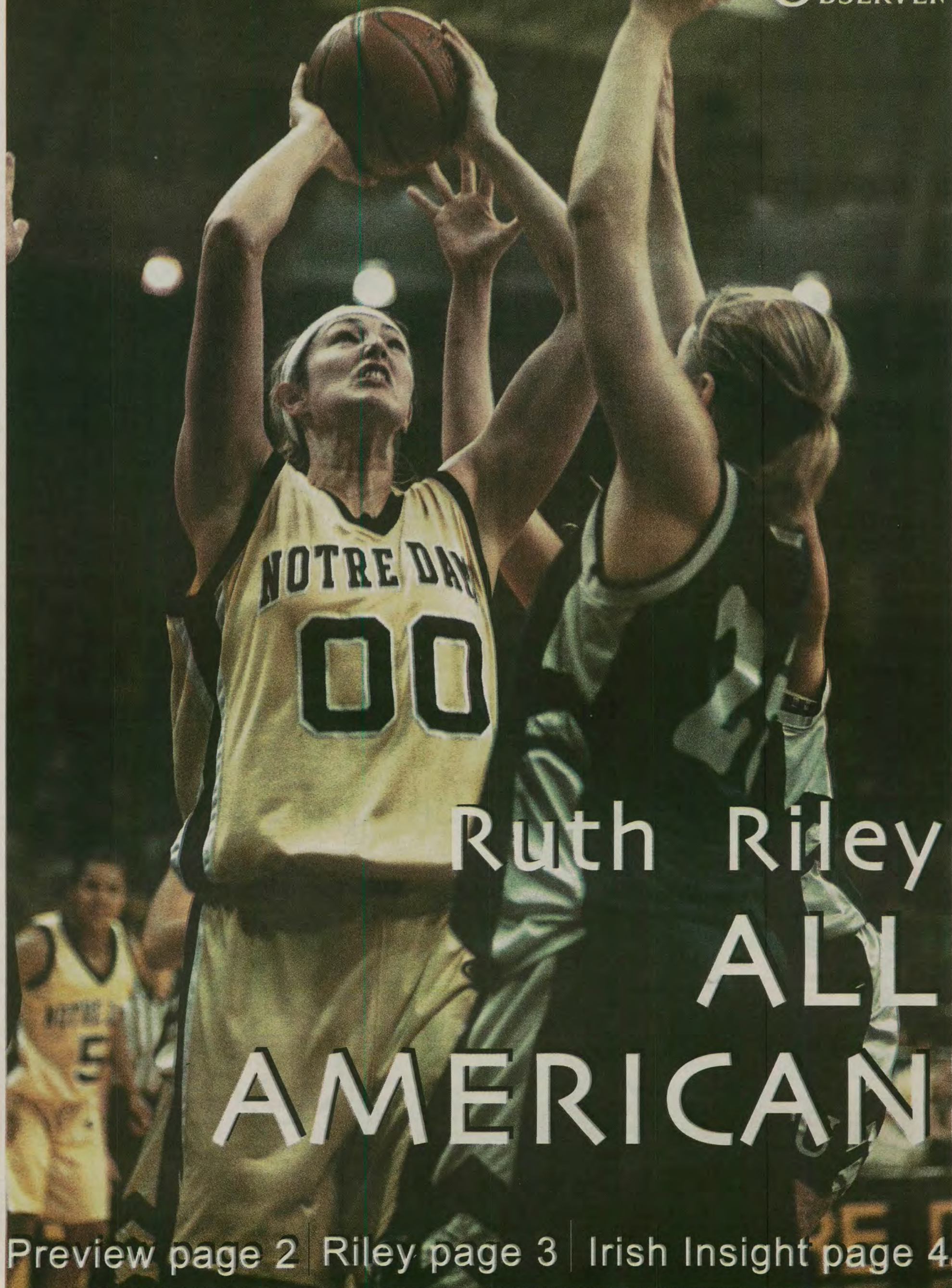
Qantas Never Crashed considers its style "suburban funk." "Musically we enjoy Phish, Radiohead, Praxis, thick funk and rock music with seductive chord changes," says the band. "But on a deeper level, we draw our motivation from women, money and the thrill of standing before booming amplifiers."

After NAZZ, the band plans to "claim our own pieces of the spectacle that is rock music before the real world swallows us up."

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Utah provides defensive test for Notre Dame

By NOAH AMSTADTER
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The Irish hope not to hit a bump in the Rocky Mountains in their road to the Final Four.

The women's basketball team travels to Denver this weekend to compete in the third and fourth rounds of the NCAA Women's basketball tournament.

Two wins will send the Irish to their first Final Four appearance since 1997.

In fact, McGraw speculated Wednesday on her current team's abilities compared to that 1997 squad. A visit from 1997 star forward Beth Morgan prompted the debate.

"I think this team would win," McGraw said with a laugh. "We were talking about that the other day. You look at the balance we have with Alicia and Ruth, as good as Beth and Katrina [Gaither] were then, I think the other players are better. I think Niele is a better player. I would give the edge to this team."

The first obstacle on the road to St. Louis is the Utah Utes (28-3). Elaine Elliott's team is coming off an 78-69 upset win over Iowa in the second round of the tournament and competing in its first ever Sweet 16. McGraw compares Utah to her 1997 squad, the first Notre Dame women's team to reach the Final Four.

"I think they'll be loose," McGraw said. "You know, I think they're a Cinderella team and they have a chance to do something they haven't done in the program yet. I think this is a great opportunity for them to show everybody because they're probably very similar to us when we went to the Final Four."

Utah is lead by senior forward Amy Ewert, who earned

co-Mountain West Conference player of the year honors earlier this season. Ewert scored 13 points in the win over Iowa.

Ewert averages 9.6 points and 3.5 assists per contest.

Lauren Beckman averages 12.5 points per contest for the Utes and Kristina Anderson puts in 10.2 per game. McGraw was impressed with the offensive balance Utah has, a characteristic she compares to her own team.

"They're very much a balanced team," McGraw said. "They have a couple of players that they like to go to, but overall I think their strength is similar to ours in that they have great balance."

Utah's strength is their defense. Notre Dame battled Utah all season long for the nation's top spot in terms of least points allowed per game. McGraw expects the game to

be a defensive battle.

"That's going to be a challenge for our offense," McGraw said. "We do like to score. Our defense is as good. I'm more of a coach that

likes to see an offensive game, but I think this one is going to turn out to be a big defensive battle."

All-American senior center Ruth Riley realizes that the game is going to be a battle, but says that the team is approaching the game as it would any other.

"I think we're going to have to be focused on what we want to do," Riley said. "We're going to have to play the same game we've played all year. I don't think we're going to change that going in there."

Should the Irish advance to the Elite Eight, they will take on the winner of a game between Vanderbilt and Iowa St. McGraw has connections with both teams.

The Irish coach worked with



ERNESTO LACAYO/The Observer

Point guard Niele Ivey drives over a Georgetown defender in a game earlier this season. Ivey was recently named the nation's top player at height 5 feet, 7 inches or smaller.

Vanderbilt coach Jim Foster during her early years as a coach at St. Joseph's University in Pennsylvania.

"He's my mentor. He's been so influential in everything I've done," McGraw said. "I don't think that I would be as

successful if not for all of his help."

Iowa State coach Bill Fennelly worked as an assistant under McGraw in the late 1980's. McGraw is happy she only has to take on one of her close friends.

"I'm glad we only have to play one of them if we win," McGraw said. "I think to have to get by both of them would be really, really hard for me."

Saturday's game will be televised on ESPN. Tip-off is at 8 p.m.

Sizing up the competition



The Cyclones advanced to the Sweet Sixteen for the third straight season with a 85-70 win over Florida on Monday night. Their second seed this year is the highest in school history. In last season's NCAA tournament, Iowa State was seeded third and lost in the Sweet Sixteen. A year earlier, the Cyclones upset Connecticut before losing in the Elite Eight. Center Angie Welle and guards Lindsey Wilson, Megan Taylor, and Tracy Gahan all average over 12 points per game. Welle leads the team in scoring (18.3 points per game), rebounding (10.1 per game) and ranks second in the nation with a 66.2 percent field goal percentage. She was recently named a third-team Associated Press All-American. Iowa State won all 16 games on its home court this year but lost to Duke, Baylor, Colorado, Kansas and Texas Tech.



The Commodores entered the NCAA tournament on a tear. They beat top-five Southeastern Conference rivals Georgia (71-65 on Feb. 25) and Tennessee (77-74 on March 3) before winning their first two NCAA contests. Two of the nation's top centers face off in Saturday's second contest. Vanderbilt's Chantelle Anderson (21.0 points and 6.2 rebounds per game) will match up against Iowa State's Angie Welle. But the Commodores are much more than a one-woman team. Junior forward Zuzi Klimesova averaged 16.0 points, 7.9 rebounds and 3.35 assists per game in 2000-2001 and was named to the Coaches All-SEC first team. If the Commodores beat the Cyclones, it will be a reunion for the coaches. Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw served as an assistant under current Vanderbilt coach Jim Foster when Foster was the head coach at St. Joseph's (Pa.) in the early 1980's.



The Mountain West conference school is known for its stifling defense. Opponents have averaged just 50.5 points per game and have shot only 33.7 percent, on average, from the field. The Utes are making their first-ever appearance in the Sweet Sixteen. In the first two rounds, Utah beat Fairfield 79-57 then defeated No. 4 seed Iowa 78-69. Lauren Beckman's 12.5 points per game and Kristina Andersen's 10.2 points per game are tops on the team. Utah has won 17 of its last 18 games, with the lone loss coming against BYU on March 9.

Superstar Riley remains humble on, off court

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

The best women's college basketball player in the nation was tardy.

Outside Gampel Pavilion, snow fell faster than the NASDAQ. Inside the University of Connecticut's on campus arena, scribes listened while Kelley Siemon, Amanda Barksdale and Muffet McGraw spoke. It was March 5 and Notre Dame had just defeated Virginia Tech to advance to the Big East tournament championship game.

Then Ruth Riley arrived.

Due to the snowstorm, the Irish were to receive a police escort back to their hotel immediately following the press conference. So Riley decided to take a quick shower before answering questions.

"I want to apologize for being late," Riley said when she reached the podium. "I'm sorry about that."

Think any other elite athlete would apologize to the dreaded media without first being prompted by his or her consultants?

"With her stature," assistant coach Carol Owens said, "she's got to be the most humble person I've ever been around."

Unassuming Star

She recently won the Naismith Award as the country's best player, is the reigning Big East Player of the Year, is a two time first-team All-American and Academic All American, is a three-time Big East Defensive Player of the Year, is a certain top pick in April's WNBA draft and has been compared to Bill Walton.

This is what Riley thinks of her achievements.

"It's kind of expected out of post players," Riley said. "To lead your team in rebounding and stuff like that. I think my teammates have always done a great job of getting me the ball, which speaks a lot about them. Obviously, I'm not the one bringing the ball up the court or shooting threes."

Another typical Riley story — Before this season, she had a history of getting into foul trouble. During her first three years, Riley fouled out of 15 games. In last season's 77-59 loss at Connecticut, Riley attempted four shots, grabbed five rebounds and scored four points in 22 foul-plagued minutes.

Four weeks later, in a season-ending 69-65 Sweet Sixteen loss to Texas Tech, Riley scored 19 points, had 7 rebounds and blocked four shots but once again fouled out and played only 27 minutes.

"We're two different teams with and without Ruth," McGraw said at the time.

So before the 2000-2001 campaign, McGraw and Owens warned their star. When Riley committed her first foul, the coaches would replace her with a substitute. Thus far, Riley has only fouled out of two games.

"You see in the paper where some people are like, 'Oh we did a good job scoring on Ruth Riley,'" Owens said. "No. Ruth Riley let you score on her because she wants to stay in the game."

Notre Dame's 30-2 record this year includes a loss to Rutgers, a rare game in which Riley played only 25 minutes before fouling out. How does Riley feel the decrease in fouls has affected the squad?

"So much of the attention we got (before the season) was if I got into foul trouble, possibly our team isn't as good," Riley said. "That's not really true."

Riley's Roots

Her hometown (Macy, Indiana) could be mistaken for Milan, the setting from "Hoosiers." Her senior class at North Miami High School consisted of 83 stu-

dents. Her mother, Sharon, describes the surrounding areas as "small, kind of hick towns. No gas stations, no banks, just a small, rural community."

Maybe those are some reasons why Riley does not act like your typical superstar.

Here's another — Riley's relationship with her mother.

"To see how much she's gone through and be able to survive and keep going is amazing," Ruth said. "She's so influential."

Riley's father left home when Ruth was 3, so Sharon raised her three children alone. They moved from Kansas (Ruth's birthplace) to Indiana, where Sharon introduced her oldest daughter Rachel, Ruth and youngest child Jacob to a variety of activities. They played the piano, sang gospel music and learned how to cook, a hobby that Ruth still enjoys.

"There wasn't a lot of extras," Sharon said. "But when we had extras we had it together. I never put my kids on the back burner. I had kids because I wanted them. Just because I had to raise them alone for a while did not change my perspective in how I valued them."

By seventh grade, Ruth was a self-described "tall, gangly, uncoordinated" 6-foot-1 girl who had been playing basketball for a few years. But sports held little importance in the Riley home.

"My mom always pounded it into our heads that if you study hard, you can get a scholarship," said Rachel, who was the salutatorian of her senior class at North Miami. "She would say how it was very difficult to make it through life without a degree."

In May, both Rachel and Ruth will graduate from Notre Dame. Rachel, a math major, is married and has a 3-year old daughter. She plans on working in the South Bend area while her husband, a junior at Notre Dame, completes his course work. Ruth, who has a 3.6 grade point average as a psychology and sociology major, will play in the WNBA starting in early May but will be able to return for exams and graduation. She will either attend law school or psychology graduate school during the WNBA's off-season.

"It was my responsibility to bring them up so when they did leave home at 18, that they were able to hold their own," Sharon said. "That's what I strove for. I think I did OK."

Strength, Smarts and Skills

Owens remembers watching Riley in the summer of 1996, before her senior year of high school, at the prestigious Nike camp. She knew the young center was unique.

"When the other kids were sitting down and watching the games," Owens said, "Ruth was over shooting free throws or working on hook shots."

When Riley arrived the next fall, she did not start for the first few games. She had some trouble adjusting to the college game but the work ethic never wavered. Before and after every practice, Riley and Owens worked out together.

"Even on days that we would technically have off, she would be in here shooting," Owens said. "Sometimes we would have to tell her to stop shooting."

Riley also worked on her body. She lifts or runs a minimum of three times per week under the guidance of assistant strength coach Tony Rolinski. The skinny freshman has transformed into a sculpted senior.

"Have you seen her arms now? She's got pipes," Rachel Riley said. "I can torture her and bring in pictures (from high school). But I won't."

Besides improving her strength and skills, Riley has also become a more confident, poised player. In years past, she struggled at times in important games, most notably in last year's Connecticut



JOSE CUELLAR/The Observer

Senior Ruth Riley moves past a Connecticut defender during Notre Dame's loss to Connecticut in the Big East Women's Basketball Championships.

game.

"When she gets a foul in an away game, everybody is cheering," Owens said. "Everybody wants her out of the game. If she puts her head down, she's giving 10,000 fans the satisfaction of seeing her unhappy."

She may be humble, unassuming, a bit shy, competitive, dedicated and determined. But Rolinski offers maybe the most logical reason for Riley's emergence.

"Let's be honest, just because Ruth is strong doesn't mean she's a good basketball player," Rolinski said. "She's so talented it's amazing."

Local Hero

For nearly an hour after Notre Dame's win over Michigan on Monday night, Riley sat on a stool in front of the Irish locker room.

She had yet to change out of her gold uniform, a bag of ice was wrapped around each of her ankles and a mob of local residents gathered in front of Riley, asking for autographs.

She signed every tee shirt, long-sleeve shirt, headband, wristband, photograph, poster, hat and sneaker.

"I can breathe," said Meghan Phillips, a 14-year old from Bremen, after emerging from the crowd around Riley. "I can breathe."

That's the normal post-game scene. Riley has become arguably the most popular athlete on campus, especially for the under-14 local children.

"I think I should get in line and get her autograph," teammate Niele Ivey said. "People admire her. And they should."

The admiration is mutual.

"It's not like I just came here for school and basketball," Riley said. "It's an additional third dimension that makes the Notre Dame experience more complete. Little kids are so cute and so innocent. It's funny to hear what they have to say sometimes."

After escaping with her hero's signature emblazoned across a pair of sneakers, Phillips commented on Riley, the person and Riley, the celebrity.

"She's just a really sweet person to talk to and get to know," Phillips said. "If I was her, I wouldn't be able to be around so many people, you know? I'd be like 'Get away.'"

A Typical Walk

Riley walked from DeBartolo Hall to the women's basketball locker room early Tuesday afternoon. During the short stroll, she noticed a fellow classmate whose family attended a recent practice. Because all sessions are closed to the public, the family was asked to leave.

"I felt really bad for them," Riley said.

She then crossed Juniper Road and was greeted by Kevin Rogers, the football team's offensive coordinator.

"Hey Ruthie," Rogers said. "Nice game last night."

Seconds later, Riley opened the Gate 2 Joyce Center doors and peeked into the football office. She waved to strength coach Mickey Marotti.

"You're on the cover of Real Sports Magazine," Marotti said. "It's in my office."

Riley just shrugged. It was no big deal.

up close &
personal
WITH RUTH RILEY

birthdate: Aug. 28, 1979
hometown: Macy, In.
major: psychology and sociology
Riley's favorite sports teams: Pacers, Colts and Flyers

Nobody knows how much I: want to be better.
The best advice I've ever been given is: never give up
I chose to attend Notre Dame because: the program was on a rise and Notre Dame is

among the elite academically.
The best thing about playing basketball at Notre Dame is: my crazy teammates.
Since I've been at Notre Dame, I've learned: that guys are NOT taller in college.

Irish face Mile High test on postseason road to Final Four

As a season of incredible highs moves closer to its end, the Irish reach their highest point so far this weekend — the Mile High City.

And when the team's plane lands in Denver Thursday, the Mile High hopes of the Coach McGraw's squad rest on being able to top two quality opponents in a less than ideal environment. Mission: possible, but not to be taken for granted.

The Sweet 16 tasted simply sour for the Irish the last year. Y2K saw the Irish blow a 17-0 lead and fall to Texas Tech. Ruth Riley got in foul trouble, and so did the Irish lead.

A year later the team from the American's Heartland travels to a Midwest Regional about 500 miles west of anywhere normally considered the Midwest.

Denver's atmosphere has about as much wholesome Midwestern goodness as Britney Spears on the MTV awards.

The air out there is thinner than Riley before she discovered weights. Fatigue will be a factor, a serious one for a team that has all five starters averaging well over 30 minutes per contest.

But not a factor the Irish cannot overcome. Playing at a high elevation is an old hat to Notre Dame's three key players. Riley, Kelley Siemon and Niele Ivey have all competed and trained in Colorado for extended periods during their careers.

Even if the starters get hit by the effects of light air, there is more to this Irish squad than just Ivey, Riley, Siemon, Alicia Ratay and Ericka Haney.

"I think we're really going to be able to use more people than we have been earlier in the year in those tough games," Siemon said.

That bench — a group of six women whose main purpose early this year was keeping the sideline seats warm — has come on in force.

Jeneka Joyce lit up the Wolverines from behind the three-point line during Notre Dame's second round win Monday. In that same game, backup center Amanda Barksdale recorded her first career double-double. It was the first time since high school Barksdale reached double figures in the scoring column.

Even Karen Swanson, the sophomore walk-on who never sees time on the court unless the fans scream her name, has provided power for the Irish.

Against Alcorn State, Swanson scored a career-high five points, including a behind the basket prayer that looked more like a Michael Jordan move than something Pat Garrity does in his few NBA minutes.

The may be at the Pepsi Center, but Riley and Co. don't need any artificial stimulants to get ready to play.

Friday's opponent is Utah — a team as accustomed to playing in thin air as Riley is to blowing past opponents in the paint. The Utes held a talented Iowa squad to 30 percent shooting on Monday to earn their trip to Denver.

Furthermore, the Utes have nothing to lose. Unlike Rick Majerus' talented men's squads over the years, the Utah women are playing in their first ever Sweet 16. There are no ghosts of blown 17-point leads giving Utes' coach Elaine Elliot nightmares.

"They don't feel like they get a lot of respect," McGraw said. "They're playing out west, don't get on TV a lot. I think this is a great chance for them to make some strides for their program."

If the Utes are stride past the region's top team, it will be because of their aggressive defense. Elliott's team battled Notre Dame all season for the No. 1 spot in the nation in terms of limiting opponents scoring.

The aggressive defense poses a threat to an Irish transition game that moves faster than the Irish move through the Big



ERNESTO LACAYO/The Observer

Irish forward Kelley Siemon moves past Miami defenders in a game earlier this season. Siemon's offense in the post will be key when the Irish take on Utah Saturday night.

East.

At the same time, forcing the Irish to play in the half-court slows the game down, keeping any atmosphere-induced fatigue to a minimum. And no defensive scheme changes the fact that Utah's center is three inches shorter than Riley.

If the Irish can withstand Utah, the road to the Final Four should pit the Irish against their biggest test since

losing to Connecticut in the Big East Championship game.

Both Iowa State and Vanderbilt boast premier centers. Vanderbilt has upset both Georgia and Tennessee in recent weeks, and Commodores coach Jim Foster should be just foaming at the mouth at the chance to upset a No. 1.

Still, the Irish aren't looking past Saturday's game.

"We're not overlooking anyone," Riley said. I think when that match-up comes, we'll probably think about it a little more."

One game at a time. Four more and the goal of a national title is in hand.

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Sweet Sixteen

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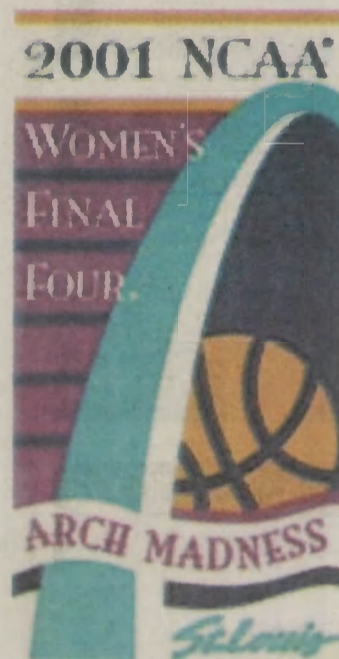
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Most bands define themselves as a mixture of different styles, but Right Hand Side plays "blues, just blues." Sophomore members Patrick Mechem, Daly Barnes, John Ratte and Luke Burke and junior Neil Carmichael have been playing together since fall break. They name as their inspirations great blues legends like Jimi Hendrix, Stevie Ray Vaughn, Freddie and BB King, Albert Collins, the Allman Brothers and "anyone else who has felt the blues."

Right Hand Side is an experienced band — three members played NAZZ last year and the other two have played numerous gigs. This experience may be the reason behind the group's choice of a representative object: "a rock that has been polished by the ocean until it is hard and smooth." "Mostly we just want to play music for people and use the band as an excuse not to get our homework done," says guitarist Carmichael.

"A nice blend of indie rock and power pop," is how Oiseaux describes its music. Sophomores Tim Bradley and Bill Taylor performed at last year's NAZZ in the now defunct band Moonshine, and the two joined with freshman Matt Dowling about six months ago to form Oiseaux's current line-up.

All three members have distinctive taste in music. Bradley counts Weezer, the Pixies, Sloan and the Alkaline Trio as big influences. Taylor likes Reel Big Fish and Dowling gets inspiration from the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

The name "Oiseaux"? "It looks cool and sounds sophisticated," says Bradley. When asked for the group's post-NAZZ plans, Bradley says Oiseaux would like to play a few shows and possibly do some recording before the end of the semester. For a group that identifies with "Michael J. Fox in a white leisure suit doing the Teenwolf dance," its independence should lead it far.

The Skammunists want it known there is no significance behind their name. "We're not even communists — we just like the sound of 'skammunists.'" The band seems to have an inclusive philosophy nonetheless, as they boast 10 members: senior Sean Markey, sophomores Chris Giese and Dan Crowley, and freshmen Ben Slease, Pete Balogh, Sean Brooks, Pat Bayliss, Adriana Trunzo, Mike Zodda and Omar Arizpe.

The large ska/punk band formed about seven months ago, and hopes "to keep playing and see what happens, above all to have a good time." Skammunist influences include Catch 22, Mustard Plug, Boys Sets Fire, Bouncing Souls and Less than Jake.

Little known facts about the band? The Skammunists went through six drummers over five months before finding their current drummer Bayliss two days before their first show. And guitarist Balogh sports a magic hat that the band agrees is the object that best represents their style.

If you need a reason to see Red Dragon Tattoo this Friday, consider the intriguing significance behind their name: "Ask any one of us and we'll show you."

The three founding members of the band — sophomores Ryan McLaughlin, Joe Andrukaitis and Josh Rynne — began playing together over a year ago, recently adding sophomore Carl Sergio and freshman Dave Lodewyck to the lineup. All members are self-proclaimed NAZZ virgins.

Red Dragon Tattoo names Foundations of Wayne, the Beatles and Britney Spears as its influences. The band's style is 1960s British pop music, but when asked about its goals for the band, the members say they can't decide whether they want to be the next Beatles or the next Spinal Tap. One thing is for sure — Red Dragon Tattoo proudly declares an inflatable Oscar Mayer wiener as the object that best defines what their band is all about.

Unlike many NAZZ bands, 7 Pounds of Groove says they are quite serious about playing post-college. The band, which has been together for a year and a half, is made up of junior Alan Maginn and seniors Kevin Bruce, Chris Corr and Mark Miller. "Everyone's listening background is quite different as well," says the band, "which melds numerous different styles together, giving us a really unique sound."

7 Pounds of Groove likes to consider themselves a jamband, but "like all jambands, we have our own unique mix of classic rock, fusion and other multiple styles." The newest addition to their stage is an object they feel represents their band well — a stuffed Canadian goose named Beau Goose that was found in Bruce's trunk. As for its unusual name, the band is satisfied to keep its significance to themselves. "Everyone usually comes up with their own idea, and it's hilarious. We've probably heard upwards of 20 things our name means to people."

Presto Pine's name comes from the ancient tradition of tree erection. "That and it was the label of a box in the Keenan music room where we first started practicing," says senior vocalist Jeff Russ. Joining Russ are senior bassist Nate Blazei, senior lead guitarist Brian Szakaly and junior Steve Sanchez on drums. The band came together last semester, and the upper classmen have "risen out of the ranks of the obsolete just in time to bid our farewell to the giant bubble known as Notre Dame," according to Russ.

This resilient group feels that a 1985 He-Man figurine of Moss Man best represents their band. "Our style is a mix of Jay-Z meets Garth Brooks," says Russ. "No not really, we play pure rock and roll, of course." Presto Pine's main influences are Brandon Boyd of Incubus, Flea of the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Jimmy Page of Led Zeppelin and Animal of the Muppets. Future plans include playing at bar mitzvahs, weddings and for audiences of 10 or fewer.

Their goal is to become Notre Dame's loudest band. Their inspirations include Weezer, Spinal Tap and Slayer. When asked to pick an object to embody their band, the members of the group chose "a small, angry little man with bad teeth and big hair." And their name? "Who wouldn't like a guy named Lester?" is their only response.

Lester is composed of senior Ryan Murray on vocals, philosophy grad student Pat Emmons on bass and juniors Joe Madia on guitar, Jon Alvarez on drums and Tim Ferrell on guitar, who is now abroad in France and missed by his bandmates.

Even without Ferrell, Lester continues to rock out in its signature style, "a more melodic, upbeat rock, with elements of pop-punk, emo and a teensy-weensy bit of metal thrown in for good measure." Though Lester has only been together for six months, the members say they always knew they would find each other and hope to have the same luck at NAZZ that group members have enjoyed in past years.

NAZZ performers flying solo

One night, one voice: 7 brave soul-oists will perform at Senior Bar

8:10 p.m.



"I think my style is a reflection of a blend of Ani DiFranco, Joan Osborn and something else that I can't quite put my finger on," says Vinita Ollapally.

A self-described "energetic singer/songwriter," Ollapally's style is folk music with a kick. She considers DiFranco to be a strong influence in her work and performance, although she feels that she has a different influence for every song she writes.

The senior performed at NAZZ last year, as well as at parties and events around campus like AcousticCafe and Amnesty events.

Vinita Ollapally

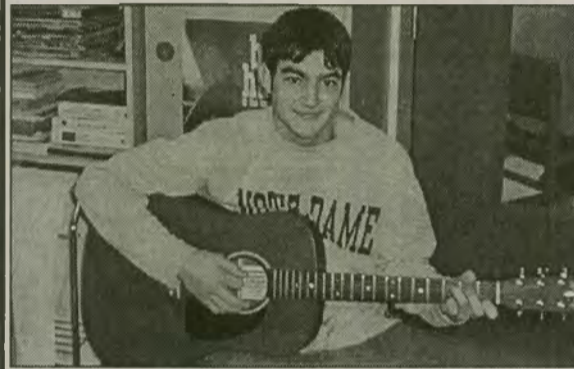
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Luke Mueller says his music is inspired by "living and dying and everything in between."

The junior from Knott Hall has been playing the guitar for a little more than two years, but this marks his first appearance at NAZZ. Mueller will also be playing in a rock band for the first time this summer.

Mueller counts his influences of several artists, most notably Pearl Jam and Ben Harper.

"I would say my music attempts to capture meaning in the way that Pearl Jam, Ben Harper, Bob Dylan, Bruce Springsteen and various other artists have done, but with a unique sound and style," says Mueller.



Luke Mueller

9:30 p.m.

Shawn Storer

Shawn Storer's greatest inspiration is God's grace, which he experiences through the people and the world he encounters each day. Storer has been singing since he was a child, playing varied instruments for almost nine years and writing songs intensely for the past few years. The senior theology major credits many varied influences, from the Psalms and Francis of Assisi to Bruce Springsteen and the Beatles.

Storer describes his style as "folk rawk" music (because it doesn't just "rock" it "rawks"). Now Storer says he relies on his own brew of folk, blues, gospel and "insurgent country music" to move his audience.

A previous NAZZ performer (in last year's second place band The Mad River Bluegrass Society), Storer prefers to go by the title "Plain Dealer." He prides his music on its simplicity, and says that an old flannel shirt best describes his sound and himself.



10 p.m.

Joel Ebner

"I gravitate toward [music] that is introspective and bittersweet, but still has a catchy silver lining," says Joel Ebner, a junior from Keough Hall.

The ALPP/Graphic Design major has been performing and singing in various rock bands for about seven years, but has been playing the six-string acoustic guitar almost exclusively for a year.

Ebner considers his style "singer/songwriter/pop music," but says he tends to play songs that are

sometimes forgotten or unnoticed. "I'm really into experimental rock and underground music," says Ebner, "but I prefer to play pop-oriented music because pop music tends to work with themes to which most people can relate — love, friendship, happiness, youth and rocking out." Ebner may start a band with his twin brother after graduation, but he says he "will most likely only dream of rock stardom."



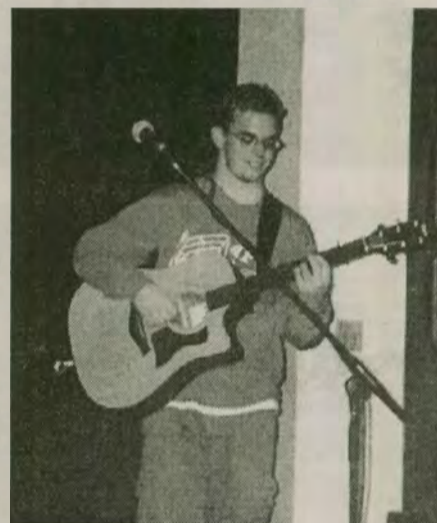
Since he began playing at the age of five, Phil Wittliff has recognized his love of music. "I don't know how good I was, but I have

always considered myself a guitar player," says Wittliff. The sophomore from Fisher Hall compares his music to Neil Young and Willie Nelson, but has developed his own unique style.

"I consider my music to be 'just plain music,'" says Wittliff. "It's not pop, it's not blues and it's not country, but it has a tint of all of these."

Friday marks Wittliff's first NAZZ performance, but he has played at AcousticCafe and Marios.

"I would love to pursue a career in music, but this is a lot easier said than done," says Wittliff. "If I ever have the opportunity to play music for a living, it will be a dream come true."



Phil Wittliff

11:20 p.m.

Danielle Skorich

"There is nothing that brings me more joy than to play mellow folk songs with my acoustic guitar in order to share a piece of God's love with this world," says Danielle Rose Skorich.

Since Skorich began playing the guitar seven years ago, the focus of her music has been on her faith. "I really love life, God and writing music about it," says Skorich. "Heck, if the angels sing for joy unceasingly, why can't we give it a shot? Yippee!"

Skorich describes her style as "folk pop acoustic music about my faith." She has played at various sites around campus, and this Friday night will bring a double dose of her music.

Skorich will be playing a concert for the Campus Ministry's kickoff of "No Greater Love," and then will bring her acoustic sound to NAZZ later that night.



12 a.m.

Patrick McKeever

Pat McKeever has never considered himself a solo artist. "I've always written songs for 'my band' regardless of whether or not I had a band at that particular time," says the junior from Morrissey Hall. But McKeever says he is coming to realize that he doesn't necessarily need a band to play some of his songs.

A first-time NAZZ performer, McKeever names as his strongest influences indie rock artists like Sebadoh and Seam and "folkier" artists like Ida and Jen Wood. In the future he says he would like to sing and play for "a really mellow band, with a lot of delicate instrumentation."

McKeever has been playing the guitar for over five years and prides himself on being self-taught. "I like the fact that sometimes I don't know why certain chords or notes sound good in certain places," says McKeever. "It keeps a sense of mystery about playing music, keeps it from becoming too scientific."



NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

USC upsets Kentucky 80-76, will play Duke in regional final

♦ Stanford, Maryland advance to West regional

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

With the game on the line, Southern California made sure David Bluthenthal would go to the line.

Bluthenthal, an 80-percent free-throw shooter, hit five straight foul shots in the final half-minute Thursday night as USC hung on for an 80-76 victory over Kentucky in the NCAA Tournament.

The sixth-seeded Trojans (24-9), seeking their first Final Four berth since 1954, spoiled Kentucky's bid for a rematch of its dramatic 1992 regional final overtime loss to Duke in Philadelphia. The top-seeded Blue Devils beat UCLA 76-63 in the second semifinal.

USC used some sizzling first-half shooting and took advantage of a jittery, young Kentucky team in building a 21-point lead. Then, the proud Wildcats staged a furious second-half comeback, twice shaving the lead down to one point.

It was 75-74 with 32 seconds to play when Bluthenthal, who led all scorers with 27 points and had six 3-pointers, took over. Every time USC put the ball inbounds, Bluthenthal took the pass. And every time he took the pass, he was fouled.

That was fine with USC. "We have total confidence in David," coach Henry Bibby said. "That's the guy we wanted to get fouled. He's an 80-percent shooter. I think it went the way we wanted."

Bluthenthal was happy to carry the burden at the end. "I knew if I was going to the line, I was going to make those

shots," he said. "It wasn't really hard to knock those free throws down."

At the start of the game, USC seemed to be making every shot. The Trojans hit 12 of their first 17 shots and built a 31-10 lead in the first 10 minutes. Meanwhile, second-seeded Kentucky (24-10) was staggering, sinking in a sea of air balls, missed shots and turnovers.

With coach Tubby Smith stamping his foot on the sidelines, the Wildcats seemed lost, unable to make shots or hang on to the ball. Kentucky managed just four baskets in the first eight minutes and one of them by Marvin Stone barely beat the 35-second clock.

"We felt we were getting open looks, but we were not hitting," said point guard Saul Smith, who finished with five 3-pointers. "We dug ourselves a big hole by not doing enough on the defensive end when we needed to."

Duke 76, UCLA 63

Jason Williams took over in the second half, scoring 19 straight points to help top-ranked Duke reach the regional finals for the 10th time in 16 years.

The sophomore guard, one of the Blue Devils' two All-Americans, matched his career high with 34 points as Duke beat fourth-seeded UCLA.

The Blue Devils (32-4) will play sixth-seeded Southern California, which beat second-seeded Kentucky 80-76, on Saturday with a berth in the Final Four at stake.

Williams started his personal run with a 3-pointer — one of six he had in the game — and added in some slicing drives, a converted lob pass and two more 3s. He had 26 points in the second half.

Every time the Bruins (23-9)

seemed to get any kind of momentum as they tried to wipe out a 33-26 halftime deficit, Williams found a way to score. His one-man run started with 14:29 to play and restored Duke's lead to six points after Earl Watson's 3 brought the Bruins within three at 40-37.

It ended with a drive that put the Blue Devils up 59-51 with 8:40 to play.

UCLA was never able to get closer than that the rest of the way as Duke closed the game by going 8-for-8 from the free-throw line over the final 1:29.

The game marked the return of Duke center Carlos Boozer, who had missed the last six games after breaking a bone in his foot. He finished with two points and six rebounds in 22 minutes.

The game was a matchup of the two winningest teams in NCAA tournament play as Duke entered 69-22 (75.8 percent) and UCLA was 78-28 (73.4 percent).

Stanford 78, Cincinnati 65

Just as Cincinnati feared, Stanford was too big and too strong.

The top-seeded Cardinal flexed their muscle inside to pull away in the second half and beat the Bearcats.

Setting a school record with its 31st victory against two losses, Stanford advanced to Saturday's regional final against third-seeded Maryland, a 76-66 winner over 10th-seeded Georgetown.

Casey Jacobsen, playing down the freeway from his hometown of Glendora, scored a career-high 27 points and hit two 3-pointers to tie the single-season Stanford record of 82.

Jason Collins had 15 points and eight rebounds, and 7-foot twin Jarron added 14 points and seven rebounds. The

Cardinal controlled the boards 36-25 and forced Cincinnati into 39 percent field-goal shooting.

Kenny Satterfield led the Bearcats (25-10) with 27 points and his backcourt mate Steve Logan added 11 points.

Using its quickness, Cincinnati fearlessly drove inside for baskets against Stanford's big men to take a 38-34 halftime lead.

The Cardinal committed 12 of their 17 turnovers in the first half and saw Cincinnati close the half with a 21-10 run after trailing 24-17.

Ryan Mendez, who added 16 points, hit a 3-pointer to start the second half for Stanford. Jacobsen and the Collins twins combined for Stanford's next 10 points and a 47-42 lead, but the Cardinal were not yet in control.

Mendez became the 31st Stanford player to go over 1,000 career points, finishing the night with 1,014.

Maryland 76, Georgetown 66

Finally, in his 23rd year of coaching top-level college basketball, Gary Williams has guided a team to an NCAA Tournament regional final.

Lonny Baxter had a huge game for Maryland with 26 points and 14 rebounds.

He's not ready to celebrate just yet.

"We win one more game this year and all of a sudden, I'm a lot smarter," Williams said after third-seeded Maryland beat No. 10 Georgetown. "That's the way it is in college basketball."

"I've had a lot of good players on teams who have reached the Sweet 16."

In his 12th year as coach of the Terrapins, Williams later admitted the accomplishment did mean a lot.

"I'm not trying to low-key it," he said. "But that's some-

thing you think about later on. We've got one day to get ready for a very good team. You don't want to be satisfied."

Lonny Baxter had 26 points and 15 rebounds, and Juan Dixon added 13 points for the Terrapins (24-10), who will face the winner of Thursday night's second game between top-seeded Stanford and No. 5 Cincinnati in Saturday's West Regional final.

The winner of that game advances to the Final Four.

"We really struggled early," Williams said after Maryland's ninth win in the last 10 games. "As we settled down, we were able to execute more and make passes. We led the ACC in assists, so when we pass the ball, we're a very good team."

"Our defense was really good in terms of making them take tough shots. The second half, obviously Lonny had a great game. We were able to get the ball to Lonny."

Baxter said every time he caught the ball, he tried to attack the basket, even though he was going up against taller players.

"I play against big guys in our league, I always play against bigger people," said the 6-foot-8, 260-pounder.

After a basket by Lee Scruggs drew Georgetown within three points, a layup by Tahj Holden and two free throws by Baxter put the Terps ahead 63-56 with 5:10 remaining.

A 3-pointer by Kevin Braswell drew the Hoyas within four points before a basket by Baxter and a fast-break layup by Danny Miller made it 67-59. Georgetown wasn't closer than five points after that.

Two free throws by Holden, who scored 10 points, and another pair by Dixon in the final 28 seconds completed the scoring.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Smoltz may be out for season opener

Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla.

Atlanta Braves pitcher John Smoltz, trying to come back after missing last year because of surgery on his right elbow, will "probably" open the season on the disabled list with tendinitis in the elbow, he said Thursday.

Smoltz was passed over for his scheduled start on Wednesday. He had asked team physician Dr. Joe Chandler to check out his elbow Monday after feeling some soreness following his previous start against the New York Yankees.

"He told me it was tendinitis. There's a little inflammation there," Smoltz said. "I've just got to let it settle down."

Smoltz has not pitched more than three innings in any start this spring.

"My goal was to pitch five, six innings and that's not going to happen," he said.

Asked if that meant he would likely open the season on the disabled list, Smoltz replied: "Probably. But that's their [the club's] decision."

Manager Bobby Cox said a decision would not be made until the end of spring training, but tried to remain optimistic.

"I think he'll be fine. I'm not thinking about it right now," he said.

Smoltz, who is coming back from "Tommy John" surgery exactly one year ago on Friday, said he had some pain after each of his three spring starts, but it lasted longer each time.

"The surgery took. The elbow is great," he said. "But there's going to be other issues and I just have to learn to deal with them."

He said he would take it slow.



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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Ankiel gets off to wild start

Associated Press

JUPITER, Fla.

Rick Ankiel, who threw nine wild pitches in four anguishing postseason innings last fall, walked his first three batters Thursday before giving up a grand slam to Montreal's Vladimir Guerrero.

"I'm just trying to get it right," Ankiel said.

Ankiel, the St. Louis Cardinals' 21-year-old left-handed phenom, walked eight in his previous spring start against Florida.

"I had a little more feel for my fastball but my curve wasn't working like it was the last time," Ankiel said. "I felt like I battled after a tough first inning. I was able to come back and throw strikes."

Ankiel threw only one strike to the first three batters, walking Peter Bergeron, Milton Bradley and Fernando Tatis on 13 pitches to open the game.

After taking a called strike, Guerrero hit the next pitch over the right-field wall.

Ankiel appeared to recover his control after that, getting Lee Stevens on a called third strike, Geoff Blum on a popup, and Orlando Cabrera on a groundout. Ankiel

threw 25 pitches — eight strikes — in the inning.

With most of the capacity crowd backing Ankiel, he retired the side in order in the second inning on 10 pitches, seven strikes.

"I was impressed with the way he bore down after Vlady hit that homer," catcher Mike Matheny said. "He really showed me something the way he got out of the inning. Let's face it, that's a really good hitter hitting the ball good. And he was the only one who hit the ball hard."

"But every day, Rick has to get a feel for his pitches, a feel for the mound, a feel for his legs. He was in a fastball mode today and executed all his pitches well."

The left-hander threw nine of 14 pitches for strikes in the third inning, but also allowed a walk and back-to-back run-scoring doubles to Guerrero and Stevens.

Ankiel allowed six runs, three hits and four walks in three innings. He struck out two. He threw 29 of 55 pitches for strikes.

"He said he felt good when he came out of the game," pitching coach Dave Duncan said. "He is going to have some adversity when he pitches and he has to learn how to work out of it. He

started to after the home run today. Compared to the last game, his demeanor on the mound today was outstanding."

It was Ankiel's third start this spring. He pitched two shutout innings against the Mets on March 13, before struggling to find the strike zone against the Marlins in his last start on Sunday.

It was Ankiel's third start this spring. He has a 1-2 record with 13 walks and seven strikeouts in 6 1/3 innings. He's allowed 12 earned runs.

Ankiel has been getting help from baseball psychologist Harvey Dorfman.

In the playoff opener last October against Atlanta, Ankiel became the first major league pitcher in 110 years to throw five wild pitches in one inning. On Sept. 15, 1890, Bert Cunningham did it for Buffalo of the Players League.

After a wild outing in practice early during spring training, Ankiel (11-7 with a team-leading 3.50 ERA last year) spent the next few weeks pitching on one of the back fields at the team's spring training complex. The sessions were in the early morning, out of the media glare and without crowds.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

No. 7 Irish face hard road trip this weekend

By STEVE KEPPEL
Sports Writer

This weekend, the women's tennis team will have its work cut out for it as the Notre Dame takes on Kentucky and Tennessee, two solid teams who will be looking to knock off the No. 7 Irish.

"Kentucky and Tennessee are always a tough road trip," said head coach Jay Louderback. "Both are very good teams who play well at home."

Junior Nina Vaughan knows the weekend trip to Appalachia provides a challenge.

"We have to respect that they are two very tough teams but we are confident in our abilities," said Vaughan. "We go into every match thinking that we can win."

It will be a difficult road trip for the Irish as they are traveling for the third week in a row. The team is on a four-game winning streak will have to deal with hostile crowds and long bus trips this weekend but are confident that they can pull together and play well.

"Tennessee is a very tough place to play," said Vaughan, "the crowd is always rowdy and obnoxious but expecting that makes us all the more ready for it also makes us want to win more."

With eight games remaining before the Big East Tournament the

Irish look to win out and go into the post season on a high note.

"Our goal as a team is to win the rest of our matches, it is very feasible to go the rest of the season undefeated," said Vaughan.

The team is on a roll after another undefeated weekend with wins against Miami and West Virginia down in Florida. The Irish improve their record to 14-3 with the impressive wins, losing only one singles match.

"I thought we did very well, it was a big adjustment to playing inside and outside but we did a good job," said junior Nina Vaughan after another great weekend.

Head coach Jay Louderback sees last weekend's performance as a positive step as the season winds down.

"The best match we played was Miami it was our first outdoor match and we played really well," said coach Louderback. "Everyone played well, Becky [Varnum] has been playing better and better as the spring has gone along, she has really stepped it up at number two and Nina Vaughan at three has played well for us."

The win against Miami is a big one for the Irish who split matches with the Hurricanes last year. The win puts them at the top of the Big East and in control as they get ready for the Big East Tournament in April.

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PGA TOUR

Azinger takes lead; Woods misses par

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. Paul Azinger finally found The Players Championship to his liking Thursday, thanks to a relatively soft Stadium course, a one-stroke lead and his best score at Sawgrass in 49 rounds.

Paul Azinger's best finish at The Players Championship was a tie for third in 1991.

Azinger started with three consecutive birdies, had a similar stretch in the middle of his round, and kept it straight and simple down the stretch for a 6-under 66 and the lead over Vijay Singh, Scott Hoch and Jonathan Kaye.

"When the greens hold, it's a manageable golf course," Azinger said.

Not everyone felt that way.

Tiger Woods said he hit only a couple of bad shots but signed for a 72, the 10th time in 17 career rounds in the tournament that he has failed to break par. One of those shots was his 3-wood on No. 18 that started left and into the water and led to a double-bogey.

"I didn't get a whole lot out of the round," Woods said. "I only hit two or three bad shots all day, which in these conditions is pretty good. The golf course is going to keep playing harder and harder as the week goes on."

Even with greens that attacked, the Stadium course is no pushover. The average score was 73.37, the highest first-round scoring on the PGA Tour this year.

"If we had to play a golf course this difficult every week, there would be a lot of guys retiring of heart failure at age 40," said Billy Mayfair, who was at 68 along with Robert Allenby and Skip Kendall.

Three of the top four players, including Azinger, started in the afternoon, a rarity in golf because the course tends to get dry and crusty as the day goes on. Thursday was an exception because of rain that soaked the Stadium Course earlier in the

week, and wind that only gust-ed hard in the morning.

Azinger noticed the difference right away, especially when he kept bending over to replace pitch marks. In years past, when the rough was ankle deep and the greens were like cement, he figured he had no chance because he hits the ball low and hard.

"When the ball hit the green, you could hear it from 150 yards out," he said. "That favored a certain type of player, and that wasn't me. It just didn't fit my style."

Singh broke 70 for the first time in 15 rounds on the Stadium course, and the 67 was his best score ever in 33 rounds of official competition. There hasn't been many casual rounds, even though Singh lives about five miles away.

"I don't go out on the golf course as much as I should," Singh said. "But when I'm home, I'm here almost every day. I use the range a lot."

Big surprise there. Singh is one of the most tireless workers in golf, and it has begun to pay off. He is the only player who has not had a round over par on the PGA Tour this year.

"If you drive the fairways here, you've got a lot of chances to make good approaches to the green," Singh said. "From tee to green, I was really solid. And when you do that, you're supposed to play a good round."

So how to explain Hoch?

He likes The Players Championship now because the rough is like a jungle and keeping the ball in play is a priority. On Thursday, Hoch missed six fairways and six greens, and had a 67 for his best score of the year.

"I was very fortunate," he said. "When I do play well, I keep the ball in play. And I did not do that today. But I made a whole lot."

When asked whether the Stadium course was there for the taking, Hoch scoffed.

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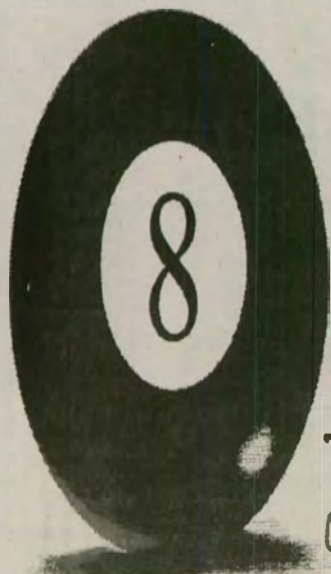
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NBA

Bryant reluctant to play triangle

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Phil Jackson likes to hand out books to his players for inspiration. Apparently, he's still trying to find the right one for Kobe Bryant.

It has been well documented that the Lakers coach and his All-Star guard don't share the same philosophies of offense. Specifically, Bryant is unhappy with his role in Jackson's vaunted triangle offense.

Bryant's season-long feud with Shaquille O'Neal about who should be the focus of the Lakers' offense has been the biggest problem Jackson has had to deal with this season.

In an interview with Chicago Sun-Times columnist Rick Telander published Wednesday, Jackson discussed Bryant's reluctance to accept the purpose of the triangle offense — which is to distribute the ball among teammates.

"The other day I said to Kobe, 'What's the problem?'" Jackson said. "He said, 'The game's too boring for me. The offense is so simple. It doesn't display my talent.' I said, 'I realize that. But we're trying to win games with the least

amount of things going wrong, the fewest injuries, the least fatigue.' He said, 'But it doesn't give me what I have to have for my game.'"

Jackson had given Bryant a copy of Corelli's *Mandolin*, a 1994 novel by Louis De Bernieres. The book is the story of a tiny Greek island occupied by the Italian army during World War II. It touches on the adaptiveness of a tight-knit community.

"Kobe's a real Mediterranean kid," Jackson was quoted as saying. "I thought the book would be a good look at the culture he's attached to. It's a beautiful book. Tragic. But he didn't like it. Last year I gave him a book by Paul Beatty, *White Boy Shuffle*, about a black youth who grows up in a white community. But Kobe had no affinity for it. He's not willing to let someone else's ideas penetrate his mind."

"The point of the book was that you can't always dictate the terms of what your life is going to be," Jackson said. "Those Greeks are going to be overrun and organized by the Italians. So they learn how to win by losing, in a way. 'We are going to be occupied, now how do we

get along?'"

The point apparently is lost on Bryant, Jackson said.

"Kobe's having a hard time with the triangle offense this year. Not last year. Last year he could hardly wait to get to the spot on the floor where Michael Jordan had been. He wanted to be Michael. But it's a different team this year. We don't have a Scottie Pippen for him, the guy who allowed Michael to be Michael. That's the cross Kobe has to bear."

Jackson then added: "Someone told me that in high school, Kobe used to sabotage his own games. So the game could be close. So he could dominate at the end. To sabotage the team process, to be so self-centered in your own process ... it's almost stupefying."

Jackson said that recent on-court disturbances with Bryant might not reflect their total relationship, however.

"It's not butting heads at all," Jackson said. "We had one interchange on Monday night. He was upset at his teammates. I told him he had no right to be upset with his teammates. He made the pass from up in the air. That wasn't even contentious."

Martin breaks leg in 113-98 loss to Celtics

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.

Kenyon Martin, the No. 1 pick in last year's NBA Draft, fractured his right leg in the New Jersey Nets' loss to Boston on Thursday night.

The right leg is the same one Martin broke around this time last year while playing for the University of Cincinnati.

"Kenyon has a non-displaced fracture of the right fibula," Nets spokesman Aaron Harris said about an hour after the Nets 113-98 loss. "It's a completely different injury than last year."

The bone is the same, but the location of this injury is different, Harris said. The break Martin sustained in last year's Conference USA tournament was near his knee.

This injury is in a different location and will not require surgery, Harris said, noting it was the same type of break that Nets forward Keith Van Horn suffered in training camp, forcing him to miss 32 games.

Martin's injury happened when Boston guard Milt Palacio collided with the back of his leg midway through the third quarter.

Martin didn't want to leave the court but was eventually taken to the locker room by trainer Tim Walsh.

"I've never seen anything like this," Nets All-Star guard Stephon Marbury said. "It's amazing. It really is."

Martin had 22 points on 10-of-16 shooting in 28 minutes.

One of the leading contenders for the Rookie of the Year award, Martin is second in scoring and rebounds among rookies and first in blocks.

Paul Pierce scored a career-high 44 points and the Boston Celtics hit a season-high 14 3-pointers in defeating the New Jersey Nets 113-98 on Thursday night.

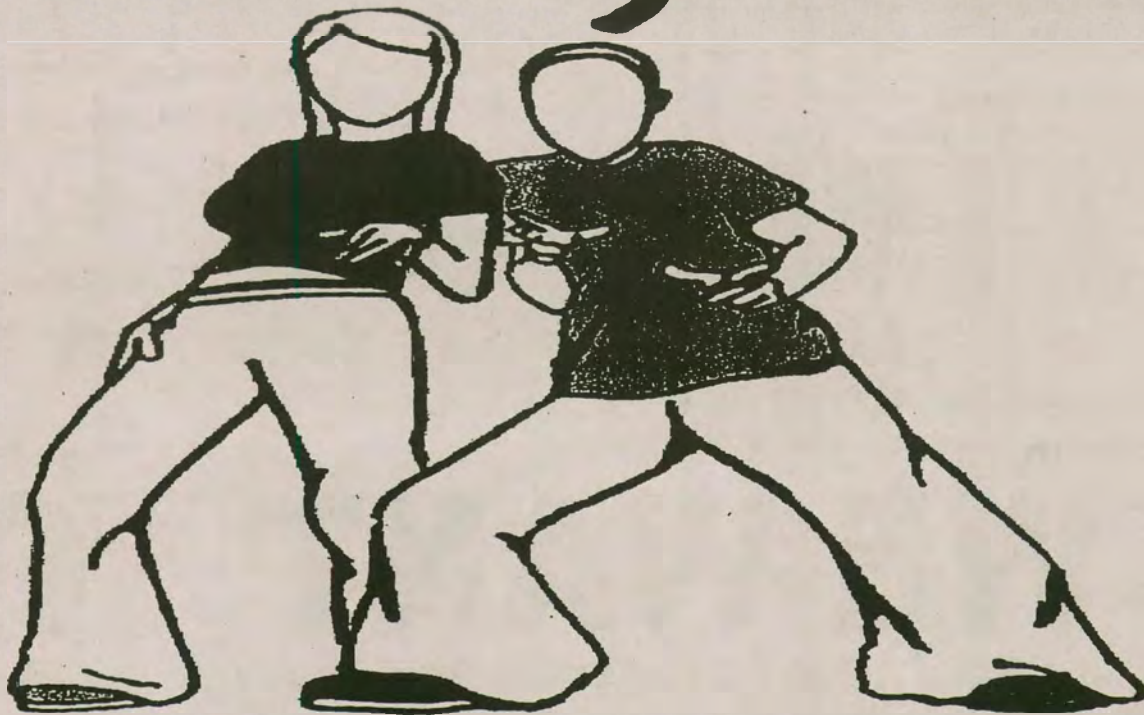
Antoine Walker added 29 points as the Celtics (30-38) won their third straight road game and moved within a half-game of idle Indiana (30-37) in the race for the eighth and final playoff berth in the Eastern Conference.

Keith Van Horn added 19 and Stephon Marbury had 17 points and 11 assists in returning from a hip injury that forced him to miss two games.

The Celtics broke the game open in a 35-point third quarter, during which they hit five 3-pointers.

Pierce, who has six 40-point games this season including three in his last five games, then ignited a quarter-closing 33-10 spurt with a 3-pointer. He had 14 points in the quarter, which was capped with Walker hitting a pair of showboating 3-pointers.

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BASEBALL

Irish set to take on Big East rivals

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Assistant Sports Editor

The last time the Notre Dame baseball team started their season this well, Roosevelt was president — Teddy Roosevelt.

The Irish, at 14-2-1, are experiencing their best start since 1908, when the baseball team opened at 16-1. Behind outstanding pitching and a lineup that can manufacture runs effectively, Notre Dame will surge into Big East competition this weekend with a Friday doubleheader at Pittsburgh and a Saturday twin bill with the Hokies of Virginia Tech at Blacksburg, Va.

The Irish are fresh off a 3-0 shutout of Cleveland State in their home opener Wednesday at Frank Eck Stadium, a game that saw sophomore starter Peter Ogilvie scatter three hits in seven innings of work, with fellow sophomore Matt Laird securing his third save of the season.

Leftfielder Kris Billmaier provided Ogilvie with plenty of run support, smacking two hits for 2 RBIs and adding a stolen base.

The Cleveland State win came on the heels of a successful California road swing over spring break, where the Irish went 7-0-1 en route to winning the Pepsi/Johnny Quik Classic in Fresno.

Through their first 17 games of the season, the Irish have

shown to have a deadly strategy — pitching and fielding that simply do not allow runs combined with an offense that can rally from any point in the batting order.

As for pitching, the Irish staff is the proud owner of a 2.66 overall ERA, spearheaded by senior starters Aaron Heilman and Danny Tamayo.

"I always knew Aaron and Danny would be our No. 1 and 2 starters, we just had to wait to their senior season to do it," said Mainieri with a laugh, referring to Tamayo's absence from the mound due to injury the past two seasons.

At the plate, Notre Dame has shown that it will walk, single, steal bases, get hit by pitches, execute hit and runs — anything to advance runners and score runs.

The order lacks holes, with freshman Steve Sollmann leading the team in batting average from

the ninth spot, and leftfielder Kris Billmaier is tied with Brian Stavisky for the team lead in RBIs while hitting sixth.

Meanwhile, the trio of Sollmann, Stavisky, and junior leadoff hitter Steve Stanley has declared war on the competition, terrorizing opposing pitchers with a combined .394 batting average.

Pittsburgh is coming off a split with Ohio, a series that ran their record to 9-5, 2-1 in Big East play. The Panthers are a power team, with 15 home runs as compared to Notre Dame's eight, but Pittsburgh's pitchers have a staff ERA of 5.54 through the first 14 games of the season.

Virginia Tech completed a three game sweep with Boston College on Monday, improving their record to a 10-8 mark. The Hokies are led offensively by John West's .418 average, with three home runs and 12 runs batted in.

CLARIFICATION

On page 32 of Thursday's *The Observer* the headline on the lead story incorrectly read "Tamayo overcomes diversity to throw for victory."

The word "diversity" was used instead of the word "adversity" to describe Tamayo's battle back from Tommy John surgery. Furthermore, Tamayo did not pitch in Wednesday's game against Cleveland State.

Tamayo is scheduled to start against either Pittsburgh or Virginia Tech.

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One can also argue that the impact of organizational issues goes beyond the clinic and patient care. For example, the recent changes in managed care represent important shifts in the fundamental paradigm of healthcare delivery. One can argue that many of the ethical issues raised by managed care are present in other models of healthcare finance and that other structures also influence clinical practice. This shift challenges some of our most basic assumptions about medicine and healthcare.

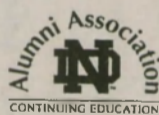
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Fencing

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"Our first match was against them and I wasn't really ready."

A chipped bone in his foot is also bothering Debic. He injured it a week ago and the recovery has been slow.

"It is getting better but I am definitely not fencing the way I would usually," Debic said. "I am much more static."

Despite his painful foot, Debic still picked up a few impressive victories including a dominating 5-1 defeat of Columbia's Jed Dupree. The loss to Debic was Dupree's only defeat in the first four rounds.

St. John's 12-point lead

"I think tomorrow we are going to show them up. I know Keeth is undefeated but hopefully after he meets us he won't be."

Andre Crompton
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after the first day poses a threat to Notre Dame's victory plan. With a men's team that is much stronger than the women's team, the Irish hoped to build a big lead after the first two days of competition and protect the lead on the last two days. Now they that are

trailing after the first day, the Irish must re-evaluate their strategy but still think they can overtake the Red Storm.

"I wouldn't say we are going to catch them [Friday] but we are definitely going to close the gap," Viviani said. "They had a lot going for them today and we had a lot go against us today but hopefully that will change [Friday]."

The Irish will benefit from an easier schedule in some weapons. Epee has already

fenced St. John's and Penn State. Foil has already faced Stanford and Columbia and will get a chance to face St. John's head to head today. St. John's has a much tougher schedule today.

Sabre has the toughest schedule today with matches against St. John's and Wayne State but Notre Dame's best fencers are looking forward to the greater challenge and the chance to deal Smart his first loss.

"Me and Andrzej have been fencing really hard and I think tomorrow we are going to show them up," Crompton said. "I know Keeth is undefeated but hopefully after he meets us he won't be."

The large deficit and strong performance by St. John's on the opening day, however, has led some Irish fencers to re-evaluate their chances for a team title.

"Anything is possible but when you get to the logistics of it, it is pretty much a fight for second," Bednarski said.



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Men's foilist Ozren Debic, left, scores a point during Thursday's NCAA competition. Debic is in sixth place after one day of competition.

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Lacrosse

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rankings, what comes with it is a target for everyone and that starts this weekend."

As the Irish defend their ranking Saturday against Hofstra, they will learn for the first time what it is like to play as the favorite.

"I kinda get worried about us getting over confident and lazy but I think the seniors on this team will keep us in line," senior midfielder Todd Ulrich said.

The seniors take extra precautions to be sure the team stays focused because they have traveled the longest road to the No. 2 ranking. The class of 2001 remembers the trying 1998 season.

Growing Pains

Corrigan said his 1998 team had the same talent and potential as this year's squad. But while the 2001 team rose to the challenge to post an undefeated record, the 1998 version stumbled to a losing record. For the first time since 1989, Notre Dame did not make the NCAA Tournament.

"We thought the team we had when they were freshmen was an excellent team," Corrigan said. "I hope they remember

that year because they should have learned something. It's a fine line. You gotta take care of your business every day if you want to be successful. Some of the success we are having this year is a result of those guys having that experience. You can't take anything for granted."

The losing was especially difficult for twin brothers Todd and David Ulrich and Tom Glatzel. The three Irish stars enrolled at Notre Dame after playing for one of the best high school lacrosse teams ever. Boys Latin in Baltimore

finished the 1997 season ranked No. 1 in the country. Going from the best team in the country to a 5-6 team was frustrating.

"Going from being ranked No. 1 to being on a team with a losing record it was really a shock," Todd Ulrich said. "We almost forgot what it was like to be on a team with a losing record."

The 6-5 loss to Butler still leaves a bitter taste in the mouth of David Ulrich.

"The loss to Butler has got to be the absolute low point of my college career. That was just the nail in the coffin," he said. "It meant that for the first time since our conference started getting an automatic bid to the

NCAA Tournament, Notre Dame wouldn't get that bid. We had lost a bunch of close games and that game pretty much determined our fate."

Driving from Baltimore to Notre Dame the next August, Todd and David vowed that they would never again miss the playoffs.

"On the way back to school sophomore year, my brother and I talked about it and we decided we wanted to make a name for ourselves and prove that we weren't an average team," Todd Ulrich said.

The following year, Notre Dame returned to the Tournament with a 7-5 record, but lost in the first round. As the sophomores on the field gained another year of experience, Corrigan moved another piece of the puzzle into position.

After redshirting a year and watch from the bench for another, goalie Kirk Howell got his first chance to start between the pipes for the Irish.

Although shaky in his first season, Howell has developed into one of the best keepers in the country. He has complemented Notre Dame's dazzling attack and stifling defense with spectacular saves.

Howell made 15 saves in the Tournament upset of Loyola in 2000 and made more than 30 combined saves in the wins against Virginia and Loyola this

year. Now in his third year as a starter, the fifth-year senior has learned to play more relaxed.

"When things aren't going well, my first year I might have been more discouraged and start looking for answers," he said. "Now I just kind of sit back and keep trying to play my game, eventually it comes to me."

Building something of their own

The Tennessee-native Howell, unlike most of the players on this year's team, does not come from a state known for lacrosse. The sport is played most by the private schools in the East, especially in Baltimore and New York. When the Ulrichs and Glatzel decided to come to Notre Dame rather than a traditional power like Syracuse, Princeton or John Hopkins, it

"This year it seems like everyone expects to win. That's the biggest difference between this year and other years."

David Ulrich
senior

surprised many people in the East. "The people that ask you [about choosing Notre Dame] are more caught up in the lacrosse aspect of things," David Ulrich said. "They miss the total college experience that we were looking for. They had a great lacrosse program but it is also a great school. All three of us had always been big fans of Notre Dame and it was just an opportunity to build some-

thing."

The Notre Dame coaching staff stressed the opportunity to create a new tradition throughout the recruiting process.

"It's unique to be the start of a tradition. It's something I never had been a part of before — the chance to build a program and see it grow," Todd Ulrich said. "We came here and we could step in and play every day. Notre Dame is Notre Dame. It's awesome. We didn't care what other people said."

Now those same programs that used to look down on Notre Dame and Western lacrosse find themselves looking up in the polls at the Irish. It's a new feeling for Notre Dame but one the team is thoroughly enjoying.

"It's nice to go into a game and you're not scared of the team you are playing," David Ulrich said. "You expect to win. It's definitely not something I was used to the first couple of years. But this year it seems like everyone expects to win. That's the biggest difference between this year and other years."

But the now-Goliath squad isn't looking past any lower-ranked teams. They too easily remember how easily a David can play the giant.

"If we overlook anyone on your schedule, we are making a mistake," Corrigan said. "There might not be anyone on our schedule with the name of a Virginia or a Loyola but there are plenty of teams on our schedule that can beat us. It would be arrogant for us to think that any school on our schedule can't beat us."

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NHL

Penguin superstars
to play on new lines

Associated Press

CANONSBURG, Pa. Mario Lemieux and Jaromir Jagr are splitting up. The Pittsburgh Penguins stars agreed before practice Thursday to try playing on different lines for at least three or four games.

Lemieux, the team's owner and a Hall of Famer who ended a 3 1/2-year retirement in December, will play with Kevin Stevens and Wayne Primeau, while Jagr will skate with Jan Hrdina and Aleksey Morozov against Carolina on Friday.

Stevens, Jagr and Lemieux had played together on the top line.

The strategy behind the plan is to balance the offense, spread out playing time and keep opponents from always using their best checkers against Lemieux and Jagr.

"Having three lines that can go out and score goals, I think our team will be much better off," Lemieux said. "That's the idea, to have a team that's going into the playoffs playing well and having three lines who can score."

Lemieux and other players spoke with coach Ivan Hlinka earlier this week about the switch.

"It makes sense," Jagr said. "It's going to be tough for other teams to match the lines. I don't think they're going to know who to match. If we don't like the matchup, we can always change one guy and adjust to it easily."

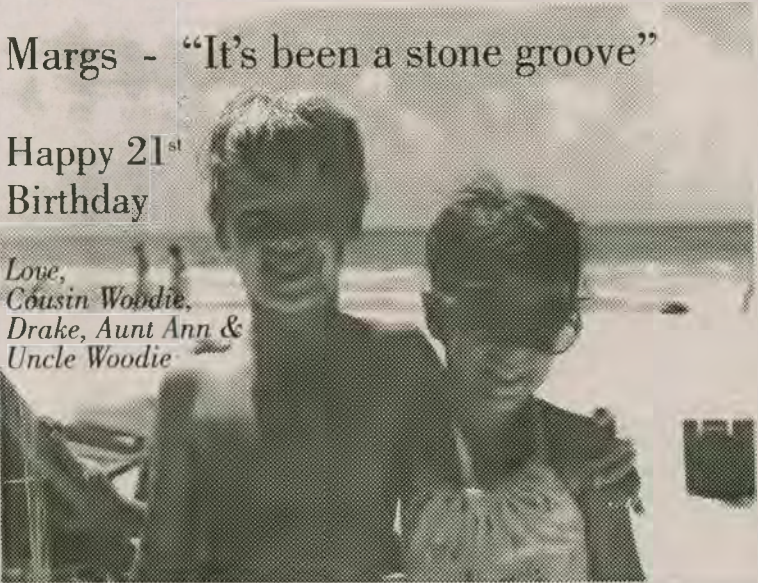
Martin Straka, Robert Lang and Alexei Kovalev will stay together on one line.

"In this position, I don't like to say who is the first, second, third line," Hlinka said. "I don't think it's good for the guys. We tried to get a good three lines and that's it. I don't know who's the first right now."

Jagr and Lemieux will play together on power plays.

"That's the idea, to have a team that's going into the playoffs playing well and having three lines who can score."

Mario Lemieux
Penguins' forward



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Avalance win, but lose Forsberg

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS

Another injured star didn't slow down the Colorado Avalanche.

Joe Sakic had a goal and two assists, and Peter Forsberg had two first-period assists before injuring his right arm in the Colorado Avalanche's 3-1 victory Thursday night over the St. Louis Blues.

The Avalanche, who lead the NHL with 109 points, have won four in a row and have lost only once (12-1-1-2) in 16 games. They began the game without goalie Patrick Roy, who is day to day with knee tendinitis, and defenseman Rob Blake, who has a sprained knee.

It was unclear when Forsberg, who assisted on both of the Avalanche's first-period goals, was hurt. He was not on the bench in the second period.

Colorado leaned heavily on rookie backup goalie David Aebischer the last two periods. The Blues had a 10-4 shot advantage in the second period and 15-4 the third, but got only a third-period power-play goal from Jochen Hecht.

Ville Nieminen wrapped it up for Colorado, beating rookie Brent Johnson on a power play with 1:28 to go. Sakic, who has a goal each of the last five games, assisted on the play.

The victory set a franchise record for points for Colorado, which had 107 in 1996-97.

The Blues have the NHL's best home record at 25-5-4-3, but have lost twice at the Savvis Center this month to the Avalanche. Colorado also won 5-2 on March 8.

St. Louis also lost 4-3 in overtime at home on Tuesday to the New York Islanders, who are last overall in the NHL. The Blues, who were first overall in the league in the middle of February, have won only once (1-6-3-1) in 11 games.

Colorado dominated the first period, outshooting the Blues 9-0 before Keith Tkachuk nearly scored on a deflection at about the 11-minute mark, and 14-3 overall. Both early goals came on the power play.

Sakic got his 45th on a 2-on-1 with Forsberg at 6:24. Milan Hejduk got his 41st at 9:04 with a quick shot off a setup from behind the net by Forsberg, with Sakic also assisting.

Hecht deflected a slap shot from Al MacInnis for his 19th goal at 2:11 of the third.

Red Wings 4, Wild 2

Kris Draper scored two goals to lead the Detroit Red Wings to a 4-2 victory Thursday night over the expansion Minnesota Wild.

The Red Wings extended their home unbeaten streak to 15 games and rebounded from their last home loss to the Wild on Dec. 27.

Vyacheslav Kozlov got Detroit on the board, beating a sprawling Derek Gustafson in the first period.

Detroit's Vyacheslav Kozlov scored the game's first goal at 14:28. Sergei Fedorov gave him a pass in the right circle and Kozlov carried it to the net, beating goalie Derek Gustafson stick-side.

The assist was the 800th point of Fedorov's career.

Minnesota tied it at 1 when defenseman Lubomir Sekeras backhanded a bouncing puck past Detroit goalie Manny Legace at 16:45 of the first.

The normally low-scoring Wild took a 2-1 lead at 4:21 of the second period when Darby Hendrickson collected a rebound and put it past Legace.

Draper beat Gustafson from the left circle at 6:56 of the second, tying it 2-2.

With Pat Verbeek off for interference, Martin Lapointe found Draper, who beat Gustafson on a short-handed breakaway at 6:16 of the third period, giving Detroit a 3-2 lead.

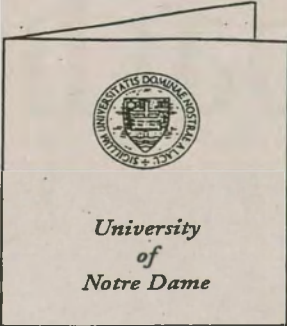
It was Draper's first two-goal game since March 18, 1998, at Toronto.

Lapointe sealed the win when he scored a power-play goal at 13:05 of the third. Brendan Shanahan hit the right post, and the puck bounced back behind Gustafson into the crease from where Lapointe banged it in.

Lapointe has two goals and two assists in three games.

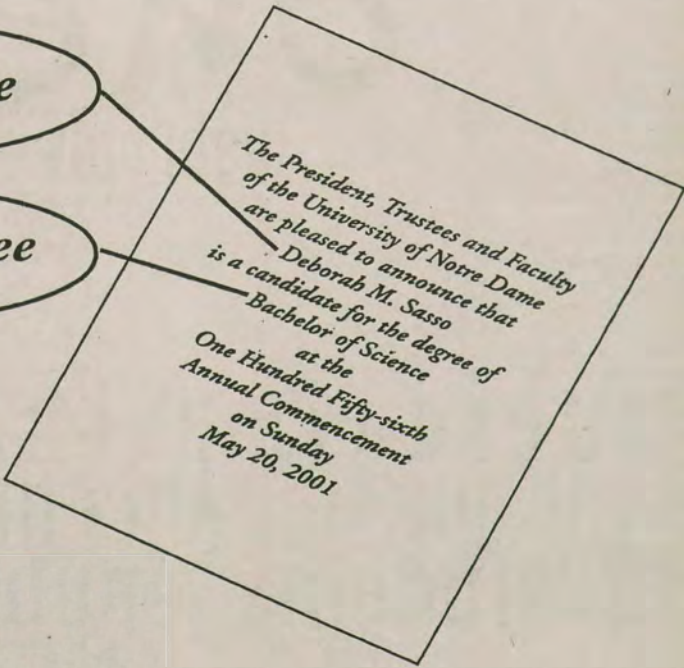
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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Notre Dame confident heading into home opener

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

Ask the Big East player of the week how the women's lacrosse team matches up with its weekend opponent, Denver, and she just laughs.

"We're heads above them," said Lael O'Shaughnessy.

That's not to say that the Irish are looking past Denver. They've just been preparing for their inaugural season competing in the Big East conference.

"We're not going to try to run them up, and we're certainly not going to underestimate them," O'Shaughnessy said.

"We're just going to work on some things for our upcoming games."

Already the women's lacrosse team is off to a red-hot start. After a

season-opening loss to No. 8 James Madison, the Irish have won their last three games, including a pair of wins over Big East foes Virginia Tech and Boston College.

"We're very confident at this point in the season," O'Shaughnessy said.

The women's lacrosse team has a different attitude this season. Joining the Big East conference has given the Irish a new focus. Before this year, the Irish played whatever team would schedule them and didn't have a clearly defined

team goal. Now, they have plenty of opponents and a brand new purpose — winning in the Big East.

"We have more of a point to our season," said O'Shaughnessy. "We have other, new goals, like winning the Big East tournament. It makes it seem more official."

Already, O'Shaughnessy and her teammates are excited to have earned Big East recognition. The senior was named the Big East player of the week following her sensational spring break performance. Against Virginia Tech, O'Shaughnessy scored one goal and five assists in Notre

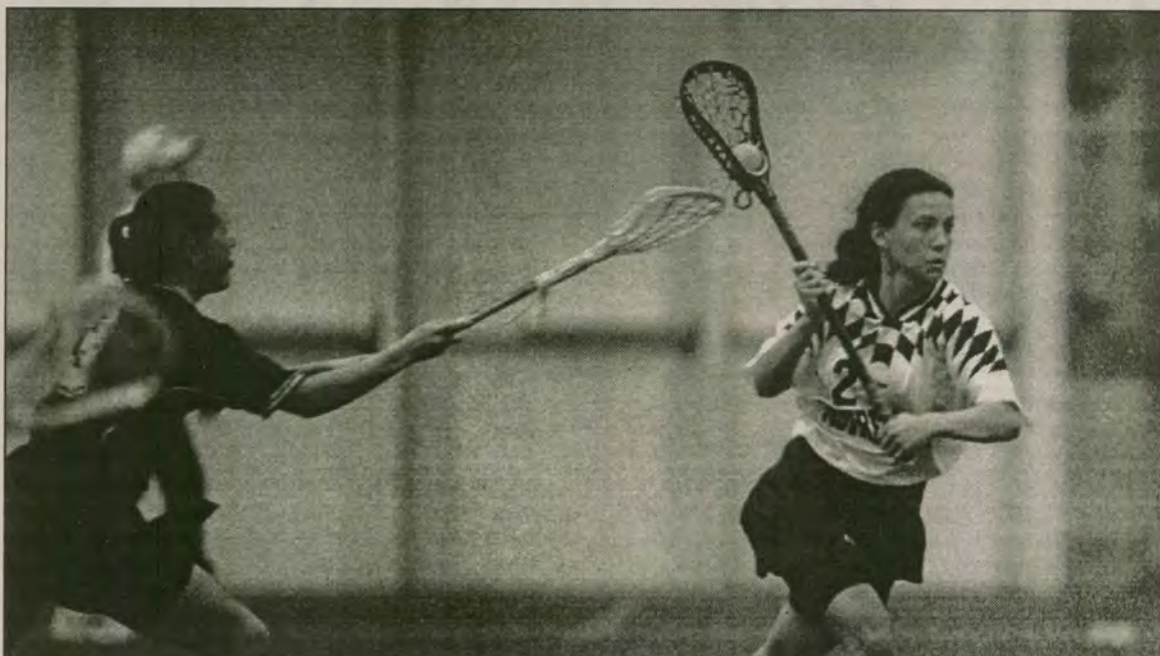
Dame's 19-8 win. Four days later, she helped the Irish edge Boston College 8-7 by scoring one goal and assisting on two more.

Notre Dame's Sunday afternoon match

against Denver is their first home contest of the season. O'Shaughnessy said the women's team is happy to finally be competing at home this weekend, and they're hoping for some support from the students.

"We get a little tired of being on the road," she said. "Hopefully we can get a little people out."

Notre Dame's match against Denver will take place Sunday afternoon at Moose Krause Stadium. The match is slated to begin at 1 p.m.



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Sophomore Jen Berarducci looks to pass during a match last season against Colgate. The Irish are off to a 3-1 start this season and are 2-0 in Big East play.

"We have more of a point to our season. [Playing in the Big East] makes it seem more official."

Lael O'Shaughnessy
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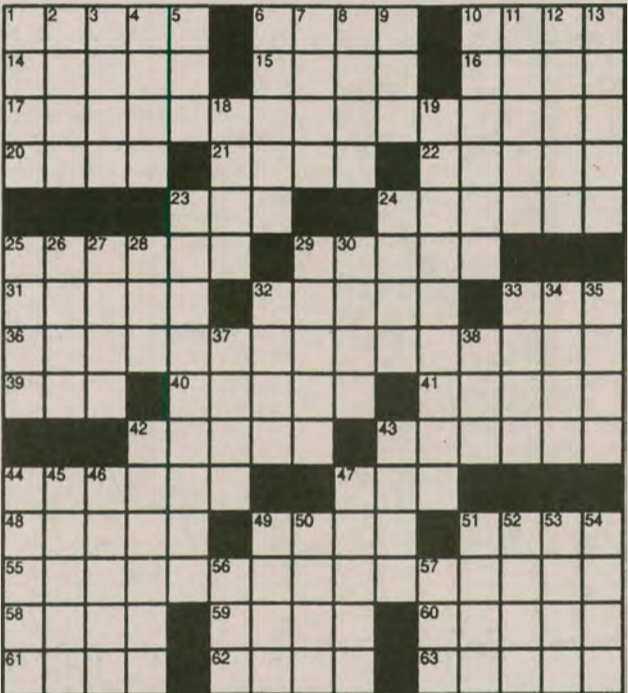
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FENCING

Irish sit in second place after first day of nationals



AMANDA GRECO/The Observer

Junior sabreist Andre Crompton scores a touch during a bout Thursday. Crompton is currently ranked fourth place in the NCAA Championships.

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

KENOSHA, Wisc.

St. John's played a game of "anything you can do, we can do better" with Notre Dame on the first day of the NCAA Fencing Championships at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

The Red Storm ended the opening day of competition in first place with 65 points compared to the Irish second place total of 53. Penn State, Stanford and Princeton rounded out the top five with 48, 43 and 41 points respectively.

Everything Notre Dame did well on Thursday, St. John's did a little bit better.

The Irish placed Andrzej Bednarski and Andre Crompton third and fourth in sabre with a combined 21 wins but Keeth Smart and Ivan Lee of St. John's held the top two spots with 26 combined wins.

In foil, All-American Ozren Debic ended the day in sixth place with a 10-4 record but still trailed St. John's Joseph Fisher who led all foilists with a 13-1 record.

Jan Viviani finished the day strong for the Irish winning seven of his last eight bouts to place fifth at the end of four rounds but St. John's Alex Royblat held the fourth position.

"That's part of competition," head coach Yves Auriol said. "It could be better but it could be worse. We had a slow start in epee today, particularly with [junior Brian] Casas but he came back nicely."

At the end of four rounds, Casas stands in 17th place with a 6-8 record

but showed signs of improvement in round four. After beginning the day 3-8, Casas won all three bouts in round four. The highlight of the round was his 5-4 win against Princeton's Soren Thompson who lost only twice Thursday and held first place in epee.

Throughout the day, Casas performed better against tougher opponents. He beat top fencers like Thompson, Viviani and Adam Wiercioch of Penn State who finished the day in third place with a 11-3 record but lost to many mediocre opponents. Casas' struggles with lesser fencers spread throughout the team, according to Auriol.

"Today we did better against better fencers," he said. "When we fenced fencers from the top teams, we fenced better. We cannot drop bouts against so-so schools, which is what we did today. We lost bouts we never should have lost."

Foilist Forrest Walton also struggled for the Irish Thursday. The sophomore won only six bouts and finished the day in 17th place.

Walton and Debic faced some of their toughest competition Thursday. They opened the day against Stanford and its set of brother foilists — Felix and Florian Reichling. Both fencers have experience with the German national team and Felix is the reigning NCAA foil champion.

While Debic managed to win the bout against Florian, Felix swept the Irish and thoroughly dominated Debic in a rematch of the 2000 foil finals, 5-1.

"That was tough luck," he said.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Corrigan: Big wins equal big pressure for No. 2 Irish

◆ Irish are entering matches in an unfamiliar role as favorites

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

From the start of the program, the Notre Dame men's lacrosse team has played the role of David.

The non-scholarship, little-respected school from the West would roll into the East every few years and knock off a Goliath, but no one really feared Notre Dame.

Last spring, the Irish played

their David role to perfection. The 12th-seeded Irish shocked the fifth-seeded Loyola Greyhounds, 15-13, in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. The upset was just the second time in NCAA Tournament history that a No. 12 seed beat a five seed.

The first time was in 1995 when Notre Dame beat Duke in the first round. The Irish ended their season with a loss to John Hopkins in the quarterfinals and many experts dismissed the win against Loyola as just another fluke win by the pesky Irish. But for the Notre Dame players, that win was the boost of confidence they needed to propel them through off-season

workouts and into the 2001 season.

The season began in the usual fashion — three solid wins against strong but not spectacular programs

from the East. The Irish were 3-0 but hardly taken seriously. Most polls ranked them just outside the top 10 and no one expected their little winning streak to continue past spring

break when the Irish would take on powerhouses Virginia and Loyola.

No one, except the Irish.

"When we finished last year,

we won a few games in a row and then won a big game in the Tournament so we knew we had a talented team," senior defender Mike Adams said. "We worked hard all season and even though some people didn't know how

good we were, we believed in ourselves."

After a 11-8 win against

Virginia followed by a 10-7 victory over Loyola, when Notre Dame led for most of the game, almost everyone started to believe in the Irish. Notre Dame rocketed to No. 2 in the USILA/STX poll.

Suddenly, the Irish were no longer David, slaying the giants of the East.

Now the Irish were one of the giants and every team remaining on their schedule is gunning for them.

"We've put a big target on our chest for the rest of the year with these wins," head coach Kevin Corrigan said. "I am sure our guys understand that. When you get some wins and the

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