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Talk focuses on compassion after Sept. 11



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Martha Nussbaum, recognized by Time magazine as one of seven prominent individuals in the 21st century addressed the many facets of compassion and patriotism after Sept. 11.

By SARAH NESTOR
News Writer

Martha Nussbaum gave the keynote address "Patriotism and Compassion" as a part of the Play of the Mind conference last evening at Saint Mary's.

Nussbaum's lecture focused on what compassion is and whether or not the feelings of compassion that are present post-Sept. 11 will continue far into the future.

"America's towers have burned too," Nussbaum said. "In that evidence, compassion for people who had never been thought of before was found."

Nussbaum began the lecture with classic Greek play by Euripides entitled "Women of Troy." The play deals with issues such as destruction, rape, slavery and a myriad of awful deeds. Nussbaum noted that Euripides likened his characters to those found in Athens, pointing out that people feel compassion when they can relate to them.

She also spoke on how that compassion can easily be forgotten. She recalled

Adam Smith's observation that a man in Europe who hears about an deadly earthquake in China will feel compassion but he will still sleep easily that night. Though, if he cut his finger it would not be as easy to forget and sleep easy.

"We thought Sept. 11 was bad because it happened to us. But when there was genocide in Rwanda, and innocent civilians in Saudi Arabia were killed, and for the daily deaths of malnutrition and hunger there is little compassion," Nussbaum said.

She described this as a momentary flicker of emotion that easily fades. Nussbaum said that compassion is not just a warm feeling in the gut but an emotion focused on another's suffering. She also added that compassion couldn't be experienced if we believe they deserve the suffering.

"The things that bring about strong emotions are those things that we have put great importance in," Nussbaum said. "We have compassion for what we have an interest in and feel by those things that are important to us."

Compassion requires an

understanding of and respect for human dignity. Humans must put their value for themselves and others at a higher level than the value of external goods such as power and money.

"An ideal patriotism is constrained by a respect and compassion for others," Nussbaum said.

Nussbaum is an Ernst Freund Professor of Law and Ethic at the University of Chicago and holds appointments in law, philosophy, divinity and classics at Chicago. She is one of the premier public intellectuals and was recognized by Time magazine as one of the seven prominent intellectuals of the 21st century.

Nussbaum has written a number of books about ideals. The recent "Cultivating Humanity: A Classical Defense of Reform in Liberal Education" was awarded the Grawemeyer Award in Education.

The 11th Play of the Mind conference continues this weekend at Saint Mary's with representatives from 13 different colleges participating.

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ND student government campaign begins today

By ERIN LaRUFFA
Associate News Editor

When Notre Dame students wake up on Saturday morning, they may notice something new on the walls of their dorms: campaign posters for the upcoming campus-wide election.

The campaign for student body president and vice president starts officially at midnight on Friday. Four tickets are seeking the office.

One of those tickets consists of juniors Libby Bishop, the presidential candidate, and Trip Foley, the vice presidential candidate.

Their campaign slogan, according to Bishop, will be "More students, less government." Going along with that slogan, some important themes of their campaign will include "focusing on being student representatives" and "listening more to students," she said. Bishop added that she and Foley have several ideas for increasing communication with students.

After spending last semester in

the London Program, Bishop is currently the social co-chair for the Class of 2003. Foley has previously served as treasurer for the Class of 2003 and as student body secretary.

Presidential candidate Brian Moscona and vice presidential candidate Keri Oxley plan to run on the slogan "enVISION the possibilities."

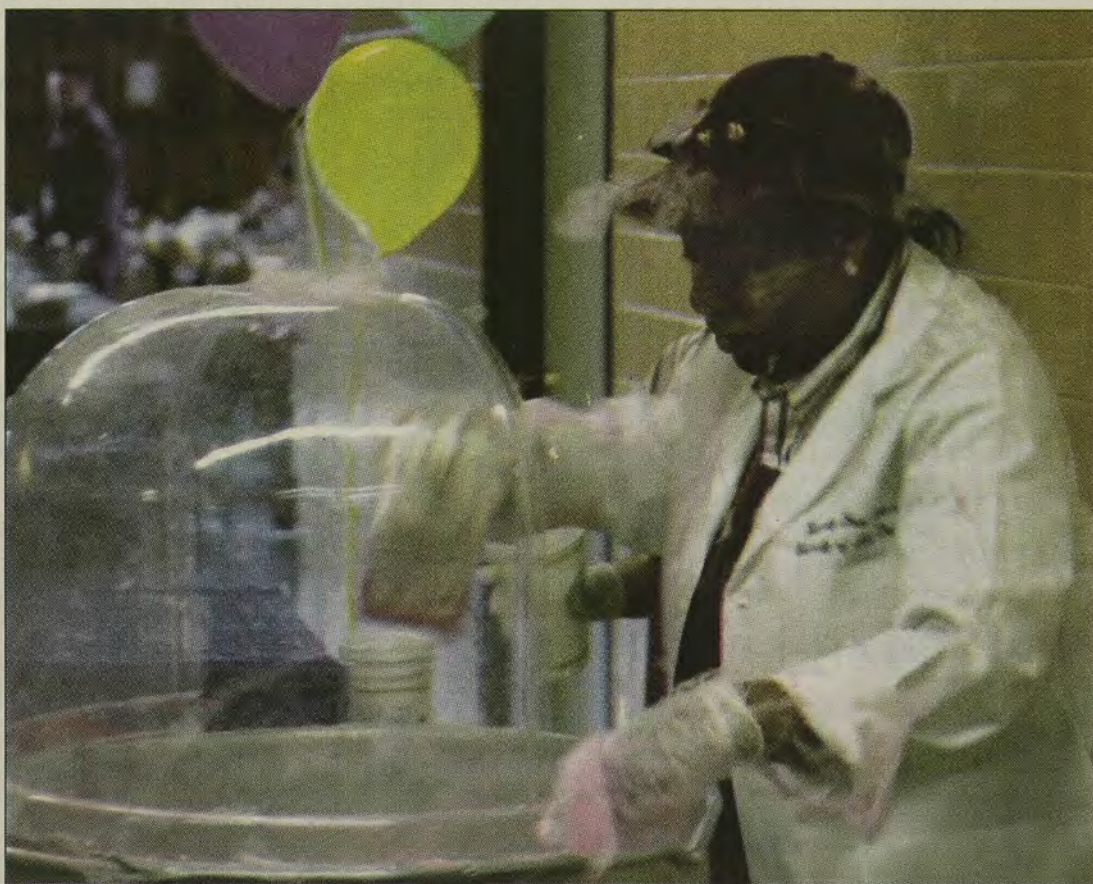
Based on their experience in student government, Moscona and Oxley have heard from other campus groups that various organizations seem to be competing against each other in their programming and student services. If elected, Moscona and Oxley plan to use their office to unify these different organizations instead working alone, Moscona said.

Moscona, a junior, is currently the student body vice president, while Oxley is the president of the Class of 2004.

Running with the slogan, "We're serious — seriously," presidential candidate Nikki McCord and vice presidential

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COTTON CANDY AT THE CARNIVAL



PETER RICHARDSON/The Observer

Lunch-goers Thursday were treated to cotton candy to compliment the Carnival lunch theme at North Dining Hall. Complete with balloons and decorations, the festive event attracted students by blasting circus music outside the dining hall.

INSIDE COLUMN

Magic Touch

So when you hear the words "It's magic," what do you imagine? Do you see the old man at the county fair doing tricks with cards and doves, pulling a rabbit out of his black top hat? Do you see yourself at Christmas getting a magic set under the tree, wonder just how Santa knew that you wanted it (because you had forgotten to put it on your list to him)? Or is it watching magicians performing death-defying feats on the World's Greatest Magic on television?

That's the stereotype of "magic."

But what I am going to talk about next will not seem like "magic" at all.

It's more touchy-feely than just being seen. When was the last time you shook hands with someone? Patted someone on the back? Gave someone a hug? That's all magic.

Now, before you write me off as some weirdo who doesn't have a clue, take a look at what each of these things does. Shaking hands breaks the ice when new people are meeting each other. Patting someone on the back can reassure the person or make him feel better. Giving a hug can be a warm greeting, a way of saying "thank-you," or consolation for someone grieving. How can something so mundane as touching another person be "magic?"

Well, let me ask you this, when was the last time you had a really good back massage (any kind, professional or friend)? How did it make you feel? Were you relaxed when it was over? Did you realize you had been hiding so much emotion inside of you that it made your muscles stiffen and not want to move?

I guess the biggest thing to ask you to recognize is how it made you feel that a friend could make you feel good and help you even without needing to say a word. Just touching your shoulders and rubbing out the pain, the hurt, the negative energy that exists in tightened muscles.

Imagine what would happen if we never had this "magic" of touch, and we had to go through the entirety of our lives without touch. Everyone would be shriveled and cranky, because we would all have to carry all of our burdens with us at all times, could never (or have a hard time trying to) let them out to relieve ourselves of the pain. It doesn't have to be something elaborate, or even something that you have to study. As long as its done with friendship and love, it creates a powerful magic.

Unfortunately, it doesn't do your homework for you, but it's magic, not a miracle. This magic brightens the day. It eases pain. It makes things peaceful and helps evil go away (if only for a while). The magic of touch, the golden touch, but it doesn't make things turn into cold, hard gold like it did for King Midas. It is golden because it does so much good. It creates bonds between friends. It shows people that you care. It lives and helps others keep living. It's not so hard. It can be a hug, a hand-shake, a back massage — or a lot more. It really does work.

Try it, it's magic!



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THIS WEEK IN NOTRE DAME/SAINT MARY'S HISTORY

Students protest Gulf War in DC

Friday, January 25, 1991

Notre Dame's Gulf Crisis Action Group marched for peace and an end to the Gulf War along with several other college organizations and peace groups. In addition to proposing the establishment of a peacekeeping force in the Middle Eastern region, the group also wanted an end to the bombings and deaths of Iraqi people.

Hiring cutbacks discourage '71 grads

Monday, January 25, 1971

Notre Dame's Placement Bureau reported that many employers had cancelled their campus visits due to a "tight employment situation." About 22 percent of the employers scheduled to come to Notre Dame had changed their plans since August of that year.

BEYOND CAMPUS

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Stanford scientists map malaria DNA sequence

STANFORD, Calif.

With the help of Stanford University's biochemistry and genetics research departments, the DNA sequence of malaria — one of the world's most lethal diseases — finally has been mapped out.

The breakthrough may provide the pharmaceutical industry with a plethora of information for research and vaccine development.

The University, along with the Wellcome Trust Sangre Institute, a United Kingdom-based research center, and the Institute for Genome Research in Rockville, Md., led the four-year project.

Funding flowed mostly from the Wellcome Institute, while the U.S. Defense Department provided a smaller sum of money to the Institute for



Genome Research. An estimated \$30 million went to sequencing the DNA, according to genetics and biochemistry professor Ronald Davis.

According to Davis, who was involved heavily in the project, the goal was to map out the DNA

sequence of malaria by cloning pieces of the parasite's DNA. Davis explained the teams from Stanford, the United Kingdom and Maryland encountered problems from the beginning.

"It's very tough to clone [malaria] DNA," he said. "The base composition makes it very hard to work well [with the disease]."

However, Davis emphasized the atmosphere of free-flowing ideas and the sharing of information among the teams was integral to the success of the project.

Stanford's role involved mapping out the sequence of one chromosome of malaria DNA. The Wellcome Institute and the Institute for Genome Research handled the rest of the chromosomes for the DNA sequencing.

The Stanford Daily

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-BERKELEY

Ticket fiasco occurs for Clinton talk

BERKELEY, Calif.

Hundreds of University of California-Berkeley students were turned away from the ticket office Wednesday, after waiting in line to attend former president Bill Clinton's speech on campus next week. The 500 tickets allotted to students were sold out by 10:20 a.m. Wednesday morning — just 20 minutes after they first became available. The scene at the Cal Performances ticket office was described as "mob-like" when the final tickets — free to students with identification — were handed out. Roughly 1,000 students had lined up across Lower Sproul Plaza to get one of the coveted tickets. Some students even spent Tuesday night in front of the ticket window to ensure they would see Clinton speak. Adding to the frustration of those who did not get tickets, many students cut to the front of the line. "I saw hundreds of people cut in front of me," said Lisa Alberta, a senior English major who had been in line since 7:45 a.m. Wednesday morning. "It's really ridiculous."

Daily Californian

EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

Greek 'thug night' raises concerns

GREENVILLE, N.C.

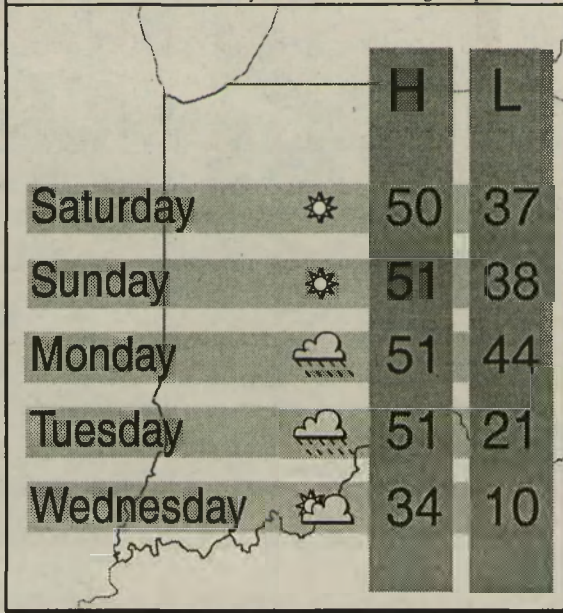
About 30 minority students walked into East Carolina University's Gamma Chi Epsilon's spring rush "thug night" with questions and concerns Wednesday night. Junior Rebecca Boone, president of Gamma Chi Epsilon, said she was shocked to see the mass of people enter the Bate room. "I'll cut to the chase," said junior Teresia Paul. "We'd like to know what exactly is 'thug night.'" Dennis Mitchell, president of the Black Student Union, said many minority students were concerned about the event, due to the events that took place at Auburn University last semester. During Halloween festivities, several members of white fraternities painted themselves as African-Americans, while others dressed up as the KKK. Boone explained she had no intention of offending anyone by the name of the night. "Thug night" involved sorority girls dressing in baggy sweatshirts, sweatpants with one pant leg up and winter hats and carrying around 40-ounce bottles.

East Carolinian

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5 Day South Bend Forecast

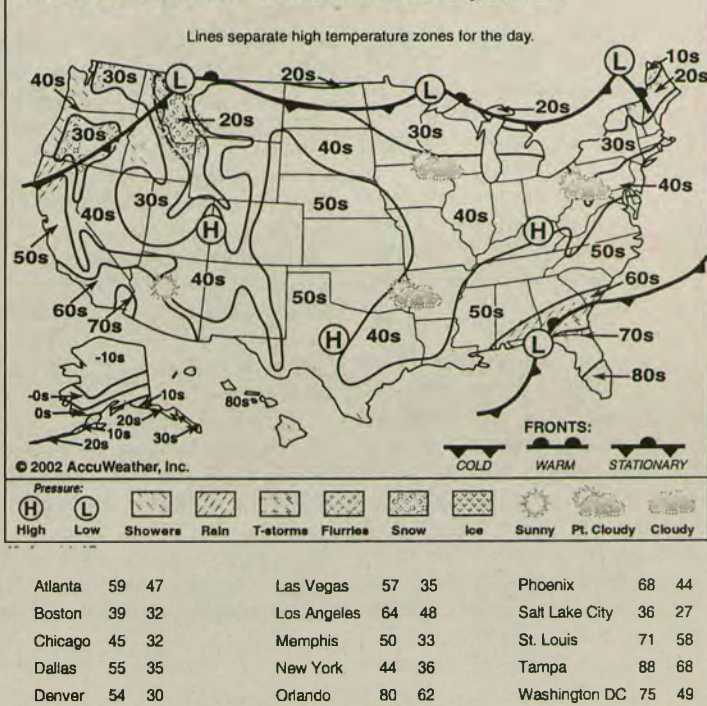
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Via Associated Press GraphicsNet

NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather.com forecast for noon, Friday, Jan. 25.



Late night olympics becomes tradition

♦ LNO benefits the St. Joe's Special Olympics

By JOHN FANNING
News Writer

As a result of the efforts of RecSports, the 16th Annual Late Night Olympics will take place tonight at the Joyce Center from 7 p.m. - 4 a.m. The event has become tradition and allows between 1,300 and 1,500 students to participate in 18 different events that make use of all of the facilities that the Joyce Center offers.

Late Night Olympics serves as a source of charity for the St. Joseph County chapter of the Special Olympics, donating between \$4,500 and \$4,700 through the event each year.

According to Kara O'Leary, the assistant director of RecSports and coordinator of the event, "students get very excited about LNO, and its popularity has really allowed RecSports to build a tradition out of the event."

There are many standard sports such as basketball, soccer, and football, along with several out of the ordinary, such as monster dodgeball, innertube

"The Late Night Olympics is a great event that provides some variety into a student's social life."

Peter Kenny
junior LNO participant

water polo and broomball, a popular game similar to hockey but without the skates.

Before the event campus is divided into 13 teams, pairing male and female dorms from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross.

LNO is open to anyone who registers in advance with his or her dorm. Students are asked to make a \$1 donation at the door.

Those students planning to participate in the open skate from 10 p.m. to midnight, which does not require prior sign-up, will be charged \$2.

LNO began 16 years ago as a spin-off of an event held at the

University of Indiana called "The Spirit of Sport All-Nighter." It started in an effort to allow students to get out and have some fun during the dreary South Bend winter and the event quickly became popular.



It was not until later that the event became a fundraiser for the Special Olympics. Since then both attendance and donations have gradually increased as the event has become more and more popular.

Peter Kenny, a junior who participated in LNO for the

event may receive gold medals, while the dorm team who wins the most events overall has their name engraved on a trophy and they reign as the LNO champions until the following year.

Though the event schedule has not changed since last

last two years, said, "The Late Night Olympics is a great event that provides some variety into a student's social life. The little medals they handout are cool too."

"Students get extremely competitive about the events," said O'Leary.

"They bring lots of spectators, and some even run around carrying flags. They treat it like it's the real Olympics."

There is motivation behind this mayhem, however. Every year the Alumni Association donates money so that the winners of each

year, one addition to this year's event is the Penny War.

Each team has a jug in Rolfs that will be moved to the Joyce Center on the night of the event.

Team members can put pennies or dollars into these jugs to give their team extra points, while any silver coins that they put in the other teams' bins will detract from their point total.

Though this adds an even greater sense of competition to the event and will be a great help in the fundraising, O'Leary warns that the LNO champions will not be determined until all of the money has been counted, which may take until Monday or Tuesday.

However, she feels that the extra money to be donated will definitely be worth the wait.

Kicking off the event at 9 p.m. is the Special Olympics basketball game.

Each year the best Special Olympians from the South Bend area come to LNO for a basketball game against the faculty.

"It is a nice way for the staff and students to get a feel for the charitable aspect of the event," said O'Leary. "And the faculty loses every year."

Students who come as spectators may also enter in a raffle for prizes donated by local businesses.

The tickets are two for \$1 and O'Leary encourages the students to "come with a little bit of cash", as these proceeds will go to charity as well.

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CONGRATULATIONS,

Alumni Association

MARY!



During the first timeout of the men's basketball game vs. Seton Hall on Saturday, Mary Brosnahan Sullivan, Class of '83, will be presented with

THE DR. THOMAS A. DOOLEY AWARD by Jamie Kimmel Eifert, president of the Alumni Association and Chuck Lennon, executive director of the Alumni Association.

Mary is recognized for her distinguished service to the homeless and other disadvantaged residents as executive director of New York City's Coalition for the Homeless.

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ND grads receive awards

Special to The Observer

Two University graduates will receive special awards from the Notre Dame Alumni Association at receptions to be held on campus today.

♦ Mary Brosnahan, a 1983 graduate and executive director of New York City's Coalition for the Homeless, will receive the Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Award, which is presented each year to a graduate who has engaged in an outstanding humanitarian service.

♦ Brosnahan has led the Coalition for the Homeless since 1990, increasing the organization's budget by \$7 million and adding 72 members to its staff. The coalition serves more than 3,000 New Yorkers every day through food programs, a summer camp for homeless

children, rental assistance and job readiness training.

♦ Lemuel Joyner, a 1957 graduate and accomplished artist and teacher, will receive the Rev. Anthony J. Lauck, C.S.C., Award, which recognizes a graduate for achievements in the fine and visual arts.

Currently a spiritual therapist at the Center for Integrative Healing at South Bend's Memorial Hospital, Joyner previously worked as a designer of church interiors at St. Christopher's Workshop in Bremen.

He earned his master of fine arts degree from Notre Dame in 1969 and served as an assistant professor of art and as special assistant to the president in the office of Inter-Cultural Development at Saint Mary's.

Campaign

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candidate Nick Williams want to find "simple solutions for simple problems," according to McCord.

McCord added that Notre Dame has many positive aspects, but that she and Williams plan to fix what is not working. McCord, a junior, is in her second term representing Pasquerilla East in the Student Senate and is also a member of the Student Wellness Advisory Board. Williams is vice president of the Class of 2004.

Another of the four tickets — presidential candidate Scott Palko and his running mate P.J.

Mercanti — is running under the slogan, "Leadership is action, not position."

"A good chunk of our platform is student-based," said Mercanti. "We want to show our leadership through action."

A junior, Palko is the former president of The Shirt project and currently the president of the NDToday Web site. Also a junior, Mercanti has served as a commissioner in Keough Hall and is currently a captain of his hall's hockey team.

Unlike last year, when candidates began as soon as they handed in their qualifying positions, all candidates will begin campaigning at the same time

in this year's election.

Judicial Board vice president John McCarthy said the uniform start time makes the elections easier for the judicial board to control. In addition, it makes the campaign period shorter, which McCarthy said most students prefer.

"It was a long time last year, and it got kind of annoying," he said.

The four tickets will debate each other on Feb. 6. The primary election is scheduled for Feb. 11. If no ticket receives more than 50 percent of the vote, there will be a runoff election on Feb. 14.

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ND accepts MBA grant donation

Special to The Observer

The University of Notre Dame has received a \$42,000 grant from the William G. McGowan Charitable Fund of Washington, D.C., for two scholarships in the Mendoza College of Business' master of business administration program during the 2002-2003 academic year.

An earlier McGowan Fund grant supported two MBA scholarships at Notre Dame for the current academic year.

"The McGowan Charitable Fund's support helps sustain our MBA students in the ranks of the nation's finest," said Notre Dame President Rev. Edward A. Malloy, C.S.C.

"We are grateful for this instance of generosity and gratified by the recognition it expresses."

The McGowan scholarships will be given to MBA candidates who demonstrate unusual leadership qualities, character, and outstanding academic achievement.



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Sunday, January 27

RSRC Activity Room 2, 1:30 PM

Classes Will Meet:

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Thursday 7:00-8:15 pm

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RecSports

Student play to benefit South Bend AIDS ministry

By SPENCER BEGGS
News Writer

The Student Players will present a staged reading of one of Tony Kushner's two-part dramas "Angels in America," which won the Tony Award for best play in 1993. The group will present the first half of the show entitled "Millennium Approaches" as a benefit for the AIDS Ministry in downtown South Bend tonight in Washington Hall.

The major storyline follows a turn in the life of a man named Joe, played by sophomore Adel Hanash. As a Mormon, Joe is a repressed homosexual who confronts his nature when he meets Lewis, played by 2000 alumnus Dave Hartwig, who has left his boyfriend when he discovers that his lover is infected with HIV. Joe must come to terms with his sexuality and Lewis with the nature of his love for his boyfriend.

Kelly Hart, the president of The Student Players believes that the play is especially relevant to the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses because it addresses issues that are not often discussed in a public forum, especially by the campus' administrations.

"Hopefully, [theatre goers] will walk away with more of an open mind [after seeing the show] — The Students Players has always been a group that tries to open people's

minds," Hart said.

Senior Kathleen Lane, the director of the show, concurs.

"Notre Dame doesn't like to address the issues like diseases on campus or homosexuality. We here to remind them that just because they don't choose to recognize them doesn't mean they don't happen," Lane said.

Although, the actors have only had a very short time to put their show together, Lane feels that the production has been blessed with a talented group of actors that can produce a quality show even with the minimal staging and blocking of the show.

Although the show has a very heavy subject, actor Matthew Holmes thinks that the show is not meant to be depressing.

"I think it's a message of hope — basically the world is a big chaotic mess in this play, [but in the end] it's all about believing that something good can happen," he said.

The Student Players are not charging admissions to the show; they are however, accepting donations for the AIDS Ministry, located on 222 South Williams Street. Call (574) 234-2870 for more information about the clinic or making donations.

"Angels in America" will be presented tonight in Washington Hall at 7:30 p.m.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

U.S. chopper downed in Colombia:

Colombia's military destroyed a U.S. government helicopter to keep it from falling into the hands of guerrillas who forced it down during an anti-drug mission, Colombian and American officials said Thursday. Five Colombian police officers died protecting the downed UH-1N helicopter aircraft, and three Colombian soldiers were wounded.

Activists threaten London lab:

A British research laboratory long targeted by animal rights activists canceled trading of its shares in London on Thursday as part of a plan to transfer its financial operations to the United States. Protesters called the move a "huge moral victory." Huntingdon Life Sciences Group PLC does testing on rodents, primates and dogs.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Tyson Foods manager pleads not guilty:

Tyson Foods Inc. and six former managers pleaded not guilty Thursday to federal charges of conspiring to smuggle illegal immigrants to work at the company's poultry plants. A federal magistrate told them to get ready for a February 2003 trial. Tyson attorney Mark Hobson said a trial would not support prosecutors' contentions of a company conspiracy, but instead would show immigrant smuggling by government undercover agents.

Anthrax hoaxer indicted:

A man who allegedly mailed fake anthrax letters to abortion clinics nationwide was indicted Thursday in Ohio on firearms and stolen-car charges. Clayton Lee Waagner, 45, is behind bars in Urbana, Ill., where he is to be sentenced Friday on other federal convictions. Federal prosecutors must then decide whether he should be brought to Cincinnati or taken to Philadelphia for prosecution.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Goshen teen sentenced:

A teen-ager who admitted taking part in an attack in which a high school teacher was savagely beaten in a school parking lot was sentenced Thursday to 30 years in prison. Charles Woods, 18, received the maximum sentence allowed under a plea agreement he reached with prosecutors last month. In exchange for pleading guilty to robbery causing serious bodily injury, prosecutors agreed to drop a charge of attempted murder and limit the judge's sentencing options.



American Taliban fighter John Walker Lindh, with his head shaven, is driven from the Alexandria Detention Center to make his first appearance at the federal courthouse a few blocks away.

Lindh claims denial of counsel

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Lawyers for John Walker Lindh say he didn't get legal help when he wanted it. But a piece of paper he signed undercuts those claims, some legal experts say.

Part of Lindh's defense strategy turns on a judge agreeing that he was denied an attorney before talking to the FBI in December — and that a jury should not be told about any damaging comments he might have made at that time.

"His chances of succeeding are very small" in

making the case that the FBI interview should not be used, said Ronald Rotunda, a law professor at the University of Illinois. "If he can show that's not his signature or that he was beaten over the head and tortured until he signed it, that's obviously a different case."

Lindh's lawyers plan to argue that he asked for a lawyer after he was captured near the northern Afghan city of Mazar-e-Sharif following an uprising by Taliban and al-Qaida prisoners.

After Lindh's first court appearance Thursday,

lawyer James Brosnahan said, "From Dec. 2, John Lindh asked for a lawyer, repeatedly asked for a lawyer."

Attorney General John Ashcroft said Lindh, 20, signed a statement waiving his right to an attorney before he spoke to the FBI on Dec. 9 and 10.

"The district court judge will have to decide who to believe," said Anne Bowen Poulin, a professor at Villanova University School of Law. "It's a swearing contest between him [Lindh] and whoever the government brings in."

The judge would have to conclude that they are

lying, and judges don't like to do that."

Similar defense strategies are often used in criminal cases, but not usually with success.

Lindh is facing various charges, including conspiring to kill Americans outside the United States. He is accused of supporting Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist organization.

Lindh had no attorney and was recovering from a battle wound when he talked to the FBI.

Justice Department officials refused to release a copy of paperwork Thursday.

AFGHANISTAN

U.S. forces attack Taliban HQ

Associated Press

KANDAHAR

U.S. Army Special Forces attacked a Taliban headquarters north of Kandahar, killing a number of fighters and taking 27 prisoners, U.S. officials said Thursday. One American soldier was wounded in the attack.

Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said in Washington that American troops attacked adjacent sites in a mountain region 60 miles north of Kandahar.

"Our forces attacked two com-

pounds and detained 27 individuals," Myers said at the Pentagon. "There were enemy forces killed in this action and one U.S. special forces soldier was slightly injured. He was wounded in the ankle and was then evacuated."

The soldier, who was not identified, was the first American battlefield casualty since Army Sgt. 1st Class Nathan Chapman was killed Jan. 4 in an ambush in eastern Afghanistan. Eleven U.S. troops have been killed in aviation crashes during the Afghan campaign.

U.S. officials said they believed the prisoners seized may include

both Taliban and members of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist network but they were unsure whether senior leaders were among them.

"There's a whole lot more of these," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said of Taliban and al-Qaida outposts. "We're going to keep at them until we get them."

Also Thursday, the Pakistan-based Afghan Islamic Press reported that U.S. warplanes bombed a suspected al-Qaida terrorist camp near the eastern town of Khost. The agency quoted residents as saying the camp had been abandoned for some time.

Market Watch January 24

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Annan requests Kashmir dialogue

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan called Thursday for a "sustained and determined dialogue" between Pakistan and India to resolve the protracted dispute over Kashmir, which brought the nuclear-armed rivals to the brink of war.



Annan

Annan told reporters that a temporary reduction of tensions and an end to the immediate crisis — a major military buildup along the neighbors' shared border — was not enough. "The world does not want another crisis in a few weeks and months," he said.

Suggesting both Pakistan and India must both do more, he called for a "sustained and determined action against extremist groups ... and equally sustained and determined dialogue between Pakistan and India to resolve their differences by peaceful means."

"There is enormous support and encouragement in the international community for this twin track approach," Annan said.

Annan arrived Wednesday for a two-day visit aimed at cooling tensions that rose after a Dec. 13 attack on the Indian parliament, which New Delhi blamed on Pakistan's spy agency and two Pakistan-militant Islamic groups. Pakistan and the groups denied involve-

ment.

Diplomatic efforts by the United States and other nations have helped avert war, but tensions remain high, with India demanding Pakistan crack down further on Muslim guerrillas waging a secessionist war in the Indian-controlled part of the disputed Himalayan province of Kashmir.

Under pressure from the United States and India, Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf banned five Islamic groups this month, including the two accused by India in the Parliament attack, and police have arrested more than 2,000 extremist activists.

Later on Thursday, Annan met Musharraf and discussed several regional issues, including Pakistan's tensions with India. Annan praised the military ruler for what he called his "courageous" stand against terrorism, saying that his steps were in the right direction.

India has said it will not reduce the number of troops on the border or consider talks until Pakistan does more to rein in extremists.

At a press conference with Annan, Pakistani Foreign Minister Abdul Sattar said Pakistan is making earnest efforts for the "preservation of peace, de-

escalation and resumption of dialogue with India." He said Pakistan would pull troops back from the border if India does.

Annan said Pakistan and India "have much to lose from tension and confrontation and much to gain through cooperation."

They should resolve all their differences including the Kashmir dispute through talks, and the United Nations is ready to help, he said.

"The world does not want another crisis in a few weeks and months."

Kofi Annan
U.N. Secretary-General

Bush warns Arab leaders

♦ President shows evidence of Arafat group's smuggling

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Bush provided three key Arab leaders with evidence Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority was involved in trying to smuggle 50 tons of weapons to the Palestinians, senior administration officials said Thursday.



Bush

The weapons were intercepted by Israeli commandos in the Red Sea, and Israeli security officials informed the United States the arms were designed to be used in terror raids against Israeli civilians.

Bush provided the evidence in letters last week to the leaders of Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Egypt, all considered moderate Arab nations with close ties to the United States, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity. He also asked the leaders' help in persuading Arafat to make more arrests connected to the smuggling and to combat terrorism generally. The officials didn't describe the evidence, but diplomatic sources told The Associated Press it was basically American intelligence.

On Friday, Assistant Secretary of State William Burns will summon two dozen Arab ambassadors to provide them with more information about the smuggling incident

and to underscore U.S. insistence that Arafat combat terrorism more vigorously, another U.S. official said.

The Palestinian Authority, under U.S. urging, has detained several suspects. But State Department spokesman Richard Boucher repeated on Thursday that Arafat had neither provided an explanation of the smuggling nor arrested the key figures.

Israel's account, given to the administration by top security officials who came to Washington, had Arafat directly involved and said Iran supplied the weapons and the ship was loaded at an Iranian port.

While Arafat has denied any role, Secretary of State Colin Powell publicly has demanded an explanation from him. At the same time, Powell has said he has seen no evidence against the Palestinian leader.

Dispatch of Bush's letter, first reported Thursday evening by CBS News, surfaced as the administration again turned up the heat on Arafat.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said the president understands why Israel has confined Arafat to his West Bank headquarters. Fleischer, on Bush's behalf, demanded Arafat eliminate terrorism, which he said posed "a threat not only to Israel, but also to Arafat."

"The president understands the reason that Israel has taken the action that it takes,

and it is up to Chairman Arafat to demonstrate the leadership to combat terrorism," Fleischer said.

Bush discussed the volatile Middle East with his senior security advisers at the White House. Closing the Palestinian office in Washington was reportedly discussed, but no decision was made.

A decision depends largely on what Arafat does about combating terrorism, a senior U.S. official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. No option, including closing the Washington office, is being ruled out, the official said.

Arafat has been under virtual house arrest on the West Bank for nearly two months. From his office window in Ramallah, he can peer out at

Israeli soldiers who are posted down the street.

In the town, a member of the Palestinian intelligence service, Riyadh Sadi, 26, was killed in a clash with Israeli


forces. In response to a Palestinian shooting attack, Israeli tanks tightened their cordon around Arafat's headquarters.

State Department spokesman Boucher said, "We've always been against incursions. We feel they aren't helpful."


But he stressed: "We understand Israel's need to take steps to ensure its security. We understand the need for Israel to take steps in self-defense."

"The president understands the reason that Israel has taken the action that it takes, and it is up to Chairman [Yasser] Arafat to demonstrate the leadership to combat terrorism."

Ari Fleischer
White House spokesman




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Reps vote on reform

♦ **Supporters force bill on the floor by petition**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

In a slap at Republican leaders, supporters of campaign finance legislation won their fight Thursday to force a House vote on a bill to curb the influence of big money in politics.

"Campaign finance reform will finally get a fair vote," said Rep. Christopher Shays, a Connecticut Republican who has long defied his own party's leaders on campaign finance legislation.

Democrats rejoiced, too, having put up the vast majority of the 218 signatures needed on a petition to force the bill to the floor. "As the Enron storm clouds roll in, the public's tolerance for this soft-money system is growing increasingly thin," said Rep. Martin Meehan.

Enron, a bankrupt Texas energy trading firm, donated millions to candidates and to both political parties. No date was set for a debate on the bill, which would impose the most far-reaching changes in the nation's political finance system since the Watergate overhaul of a quarter-century ago.

"We want to deal with the issue as expeditiously as possible and provide a fair forum for it to be considered on the House floor," said Terry Holt, a spokesman for Majority Leader Dick Armey of Texas.

Some Republican officials said they expected a vote as early as February or March. House supporters have tried for months to force the bill

onto the floor through a legislative petition that requires signatures of a majority of all House members, 218. Such petitions rarely succeed, largely because lawmakers of the majority party are reluctant to support initiatives that essentially usurp their leaders' right to set the legislative agenda.

As the House opened for business Thursday, the petition at the clerk's desk inside the chamber contained 214 names, four short of the 218 required.

Rep. Dick Gephardt, the party leader, who had lobbied his colleagues vigorously for months to sign the petition, interrupted a rehearsal for an economic speech he was to deliver during the day to meet Reps. Richard Neal and Corrine Brown just off the House floor.

Neal long had promised he could be counted on as the 218th name, and Brown, a Floridian, had more recently indicated she, too, was prepared to sign.

"Let's do it," Gephardt said with a broad smile, and escorted them into the chamber. "The American people deserve a full debate about how campaigns are financed," Neal told reporters.

The legislation would constitute a virtual ban on soft money, typically five- and six-figure donations that unions, corporations and individuals make to political parties. Most of the money is pent on critical television commercials that

stop just short of explicitly advocating a candidate's election or defeat.

The measure also would ban certain types of political advertising in the last 60 days of a campaign. Opponents claim a ban on soft money ban would be unconstitutional because it would infringe on First Amendment rights of free speech. The two parties raised almost \$500 million in soft money in the two-year period that ended on Dec. 31, 2000, and an additional \$133 million during 2001.

As an additional indication of the importance of soft money, Democrats solicited millions in pledges last year to finance construction of

a new party headquarters in the nation's capital.

Rep. Robert Ney who supported an alternative bill last year, issued a statement saying he would "rather defeat so-called campaign finance reform than pass legislation that stops the voices of citizens' First Amendment rights to speak out, obliterates the political parties and hinders crucial get-out-the-vote efforts."

In fact, some members of the Black Congressional Caucus have expressed problems with the measure, saying they fear its passage would affect adversely their voter education programs. Brown, a member of the black caucus, told reporters she hoped supporters on the bill would address those issues as the bill advanced.

"The American people deserve a full debate about how campaigns are financed."

**Richard Neal
House Representative**

Ashcroft OKs special visas

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Attorney General John Ashcroft approved new rules Thursday creating special immigration visas for people smuggled into the United States and forced into prostitution, domestic service or farm labor.

These "T-visas," created under a federal law passed in 2000, will allow victims to remain in the United States if they can persuade immigration authorities they would face "extreme hardship involving unusual and severe harm" if returned to their native countries.

After three years, victims can apply to remain in America permanently. In most cases, they also can apply to have their spouses and children join them in the United States. Applicants under 21 can ask to have their parents join them.

"America will not stand idly by as those who seek to profit from modern-day slavery ignore the humanity of their prisoners and show their disdain for the rule of law," Ashcroft said.

Ashcroft said as many as 50,000 people — mostly women and children — are brought into the United States each year, although the government can approve only 5,000 of the new visas annually under the law. The Immigration and Naturalization Service is setting up a waiting list if more than 5,000 victims apply.

Ashcroft had promised earlier that the first applicant for these new visas would be Phanupong "Got" Khaisri, 4, an AIDS-stricken Thai boy who was used by smugglers in Los Angeles. The INS had denied Got asylum, but a federal judge blocked his return last summer.

The Justice Department said Thursday it has already received

two letters from lawyers for Got saying that he intended to apply for the new visa as soon as it is available, in 30 days.

Got was 2 years old, malnourished, HIV-positive and suffering from a severe ear infection when he arrived at Los Angeles International Airport in April 2000.

Ashcroft cited another case on Thursday, that of Maria Choz, 19, who was kidnapped from her parents' home in Guatemala three years ago and smuggled into Fort Myers, Fla. Ashcroft said Choz was forced to labor in tomato fields during the day, then turn over her earnings to her abductor and perform sexual favors for him at night.

A federal jury last year convicted Choz's abductor, Jose Tecum, on six counts of kidnapping, slavery, immigration violations, and conspiracy to manufacture false documents.

"Maria's story stirs all Americans' sense of compassion and humanity, one woman's struggle against the bonds of slavery, not in some faraway land but right here at home," Ashcroft said.

Ashcroft pledged in March that the Justice Department would consider the fight against human trafficking a top priority. The department prosecuted 33 defendants last year in human-trafficking cases under different statutes. INS Commissioner James Ziglar on Thursday called the new visas "a powerful new tool to protect the most vulnerable victims and prevent future trafficking."

The visas will cost \$200 for an application, plus \$50 for each family member, up to a maximum of \$400. The government said fee waivers were available.

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Lockerbie appeal focuses on witness

Associated Press

CAMP ZEIST

Defense attorneys argued Thursday that judges who convicted a former Libyan intelligence agent of bombing Pan Am flight 103 were too quick to accept testimony linking him to the attack and overlooked witnesses who could have vindicated him.

On the second day of the appeal hearing for Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi, lawyers asked the five appellate judges to review key testimony from the only witness to connect him to the 1988 disaster over Lockerbie, Scotland that killed 270 people.

Al-Megrahi, 49, was convicted last January and sentenced to life imprisonment, with no possibility of parole for 20 years. He has been serving time in a special lockup in the Netherlands under Scottish guard since the verdict, but would likely be transferred to a prison in Scotland if he loses the appeal.

A second defendant, Lamien Khalifa Fhimah, was acquitted and returned to Libya. The United States has repeatedly demanded that Tripoli accept responsibility for the attack, in which 189 Americans died, and pay damages to victims' families. Only then would it lift sanctions imposed in 1986 for what Washington viewed as Libya's support for international terrorism.

The United Nations ended sanctions against Libya in 1999 after leader Moammar Gadhafi agreed to surrender the two Lockerbie suspects, in a deal that called for the trial to be held by a Scottish court on neutral territory.

The appeal hearing focuses on two main defense strategies. One contests a

prosecution witness who identified al-Megrahi as the purchaser of clothing that was in the same suitcase that contained the bomb, concealed inside a cassette recorder.

Secondly, the defense seeks to call a new witness to testify that the lethal suitcase could have been put on board the plane at London's Heathrow airport, rather than onto a feeder flight in Malta.

During the hearings, which are expected to last up to five weeks, the burden of proof lies with the defense. Prosecutors need only reaffirm their support of the verdict, while the defense has to discredit the trial court's conclusions. Scottish legal experts say the defense will have a difficult task persuading the appeals court to overturn a verdict rendered by three professional judges.

Defense attorney William Taylor said the three trial judges misinterpreted information and failed to give enough weight to contradictions in the testimony of Maltese shopkeeper Toni Gauci, whose evidence provided the essential link between al-Megrahi and the explosives-packed suitcase.

He said mistakes in the "crucial issue of the date" of a visit to Malta led the judges to the wrong verdict.

Gauci testified in July, 2000, that a man resembling al-Megrahi bought men's clothing, baby apparel and an umbrella from the boutique Mary's House in December 1988. His testimony led the judges to conclude that al-Megrahi had bought the clothing on Dec. 7 in Gauci's store, later found in the wreckage.

Taylor said the trial judges erred in determining his client's whereabouts from Gauci's statements and asked them to reconsider testimony from one of three defense witnesses, Maltese meteorologist Joseph Mifsud. Mifsud asserted that on the day al-Megrahi was

said to have been in the store it hadn't rained but only drizzled briefly, making it unlikely he would have bought an umbrella.

Mifsud said it was more likely to have rained on Nov. 23, not on Dec. 7 which was the only day prosecutors said al-Megrahi had been to Malta. Gauci was the only witness out of 229 called during the trial to identify al-Megrahi.

Taylor said the wide publication of al-Megrahi's photo in newspapers and the 12 year lapse between the trial and time of the purchase had biased the identification and rendered his testimony unreliable.

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New government needs new attitude

The Kim Jensen and Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl ticket was the only ticket willing to take a chance and stand up to the public scrutiny of running for public office. In a field of fallen tickets, they have volunteered to be leaders for a student body that has produced no other leaders. For this they should be commended.

The Board of Governance insiders will deliver on the promises built on the philosophy of the current board. They've made reasonable proposals about expanding Detex cards for use in the bookstore, at vending machines and in laundry rooms. They have committed themselves to continue the fight for study days, and have the connections and relationships necessary to propel that proposal to completion.

But the ticket has substantial problems. It simply doesn't reach high enough, content on sticking to easy, everyday student life issues rather than issues that stir the waters. Its philosophy of government is that BOG shouldn't tackle an issue unless it is brought to them by the students. "If students don't bring something to my attention, I can't take a stand on it," presidential candidate Kim Jensen said in a Tuesday interview with The Observer.

The Jensen/Jablonski-Diehl ticket sees itself as a liaison between students and the administration. It is a reasonable approach to leadership. Improving student-administrator

relations is an admirable goal but it is not enough. Jensen and Jablonski-Diehl need to realize they are advocates of the students. They must be willing to step up and challenge the administration on matters critical to students.

Student leaders will not be able to address these issues if they remain passive. By waiting for issues to be brought to their attention by others, events that will determine the fate of the College pass by while they pursue trivial matters like Detex or study days. Student leaders are students, too — students with eyes, ears and most importantly, voices. They need to look, listen and speak to students to find out what the issues are — and in the process, become active leaders.

But Jensen and Jablonski-Diehl don't want to do this. In their interview with The Observer Tuesday, Jensen said that personally, she "wasn't concerned" about the Department of Education's investigation of Saint Mary's alleged misrepresentation of rape statistics. In light of the investigation which began in May 2001, student safety is a critical campus issue. But last year's leaders — and next year's — won't speak up.

Jensen and Jablonski-Diehl will be the leaders for Saint Mary's in 2002-03. Saint Mary's students must push for these leaders to be active. They are in a position to change the College. Students and student leaders must work together to ensure that change happens.

The
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Editorial

Play a responsible part

This semester, perhaps in an attempt to escape "the bubble" and to have the privilege of parking a car in D6, I decided to take the opportunity to work as an intern on the editorial page of The Truth, a local newspaper in Elkhart County.

Joanna
MikulskiTuesday Voice
on Friday

On Tuesday, I took my first drive down the toll road into Elkhart to meet with my editor, Larry Murphy. Mr. Murphy introduced me, a virtual foreigner to Indiana, to the region that the newspaper serves. He gave me brief history of the state, an explanation of the layout of Elkhart County and finally an outline of the structure of the county government, including various officers, councils and their respective responsibilities. In effect, he told me how things happen in Elkhart and who has the authority to make them happen.

His orientation served not only to broaden my knowledge of Elkhart County, but also to expose my own ignorance about the communities, within which I live, namely my hometown and this University. I have little idea of the structure and function of the government of my home county. I also sadly have only a vague knowledge of the structure of the government here in "the bubble." Among the students, I am not alone in my ignorance.

This community, like a county or state, functions through the work of many individuals, councils and groups that each possess certain authority and hold various responsibilities. Each facet of the local University government plays a particular role in making the lives of the students possible. Yet, from the standpoint of those of us who go to school here, this University often seems to function under the invisible hand of an all-powerful

"administration," intent on squelching fun and enjoyment and distributing punishment.

This negative impression of the University government exists for many reasons. First, many students, consumed by their own lives and activities, have no regard for the work of others that enables them to go to their classes and partake in their activities. I often recognize my own propensity to see my life on campus outside of the community context.

Consequently, administrative policy changes that affect student life are often met by intense complaints from the students who are unable to see the intention or communal purpose behind the change. Yet, simultaneous with the unrest there exists an apathy on campus, an unwillingness on the part of the students to actively and constructively address their grievance.

However, this apathy does not result only from the individual student's tendency towards self-centeredness. It also stems from the student body's frustration that they have no effective means of expressing their opinion or influencing University policy.

The tailgating saga of last semester serves as prime example of this lack of communication between students and administrators. Students, unable to see the University's concern for their well-being and safety, became enraged over the apparently malicious destruction of a sacred fall tradition. Yet, at the same time, they seemed to have no power to change the University's decision, apparently made without student input. Few people even knew to whom in the administration to voice their grievance. Should they have complained to the NDSP officers, who issued the tickets? To ResLife, which doled out punishment? To Father Malloy or Father Hesburgh?

In effect, the students had little knowledge of how the decisions on campus are made or who had the authority and responsibility to make the decisions.

This question of communication on campus becomes particularly pertinent with the approach of the campaigns for student government, a body intended to serve as an intermediary between the students and the University government.

An improved dialogue between administrators and students should be the primary focus of the new student government. Students need a central and well-publicized place to voice their grievances. They need the assurance that the individual or committee possessing the authority to effectively address the students' specific concern, hears their complaint. The collective administration of the University, in turn, has responsibility to listen to the students and to truly respect their viewpoint.

Yet, just as I must learn the context of the Elkhart community to write for their local paper, the students of this University have the task of actively informing themselves about the campus community and determining their role within it.

In this community, we all play a part. We all have certain responsibilities and tasks, some of which we consciously assume and others that simply come with our position as students. And inevitably, the greatest responsibility for the improvement of campus life depends upon the students.

We are after all the reason that this learning institution exists.

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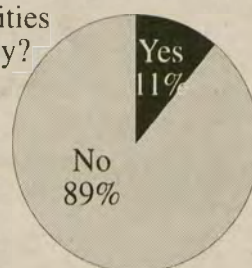
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Walking down a red carpet to recovery

ITHACA, NY

Glistening diamonds, flowing chiffon and flawless skin abounded on the Golden Globes red carpet Sunday evening. Hollywood was back in full regalia and dropping names like Harry Winston and Oscar de la Renta in response to Joan and Melissa Rivers' prodding questions about their extravagant evening wear.

Danielle Stein

Cornell Daily Sun

It was a huge jump from the sparse and solemn Emmys, which aired late last fall after being twice postponed due to the Sept. 11 attacks and America's initial bombing of Afghanistan, respectively.

In fact, many of the stars were wearing the outfits they had planned to don at the Emmys before tragedy drove them to ditch the seemingly inappropriate glitter and gold for minimalist pantsuits. But coming off as materialistic or excessive in the face of war was clearly not a concern on Sunday night. Which prompts the question: Has America begun to heal?

Perhaps Hollywood is not representative of the whole. But while a few months ago Americans could hardly tear themselves away from CNN long enough to see which show won the Emmy for best comedy series, on Sunday night viewers were torn between the awards show and a new episode of *Sex and the City*, a show that matches the red carpet in decadence.

The amount of time per day

Americans spend anxiously glued to the bottom line running across the television screen has decreased over the past few months, while consumer confidence levels have recently risen.

Prada's new architecturally mind-blowing shop in SoHo has made headlines. Many of us flew back home for winter break, or to vacation destinations or job interviews, despite the fact that mere months ago we vowed it would be an eternity before we would again set foot on an airplane.

Even our obsession with Osama bin Laden has dwindled. Before, his hatred-filled videos were compelling to us, though we knew them to be propaganda in its worst form. Now, news of another video hardly piques our interest.

Even bin Laden's whereabouts have

become a rarer conversation topic; while Americans used to keep daily track of the narrowing area in which we supposedly had our nemesis cornered, last week's news of his suspected escape from the southern part of Pakistan has left us merely shrugging with exasperation.

There have been complaints that Americans are returning to their pre-Sept. 11 ways. Promises of simpler, more meaningful ways of life stripped of materialism and superficiality have been reneged, and once again — oh, the horror — Americans actually care about the lives and wardrobes of Tom and Penelope. Such phenomena, some claim, are a sign of how shallow we are and how easily we forget.

But there is a difference between forgetting and healing, and America's return to shopping malls, airlines and upscale restaurants is merely an encouraging sign of the latter.

This is not to say that Americans, in general, couldn't stand to be more aware of and concerned with world affairs, nor is it to say that we should prioritize luxuries over family, health and friends.

But to say that Americans are forgetting, are once again becoming so Sept. 10 — well, that is to ignore the men with machine guns that now patrol our

airports, the millions of people who continue to donate money and time to terrorism victims and the hundreds of civil rights advocates who fight every day to make sure America treats its enemies the way a civilized democracy — and not a terrorist organization — should.

It is to ignore the thousands of American Muslims who now live with fear of hate and revenge from their own neighbors. It is to ignore the thousands of families that celebrated the holidays this year with one less loved one. Forget? How can we?

We will not forget. But we will heal. Our love of lavish lifestyles has begun to return. Our craving for stylish clothes, faster cars, playoff tickets and Hollywood gossip has resurfaced. And as long as we don't lose sight of what is truly important, it's OK — after all, we're human.

We are still at war. But to get pleasure from sitting in front of your television set, critiquing the gowns that will skim the red carpet on Oscar night this March will not make you a bad person.

As long as you understand the activity is a luxury not accessible to much of the world, and that the best parts of the evening are the people sitting on the couch with you.

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GUEST COLUMN

Bush not connected to Enron collapse

LOS ANGELES

Tom Daschle can't stop smiling. Henry Waxman is unable to conceal his glee. The McCain-Feingold campaign finance reform backers are jumping around and screaming, "See! See!"

Unfortunately, there's nothing to see. The Democratic eagerness to jump on the "Enron and Bush Sitting in a Tree" bandwagon completely ignores the facts. Wild, unfounded accusations of governmental corruption are flying like lingerie at a Bill Clinton birthday bash, but any credible illicit connection between Enron and the Bush administration has yet to be shown.

The zeal with which liberals are attacking Bush is understandable. Normally, Democrats and scandal go together like bread and mold: leave the former alone long enough and the latter is sure to develop. Over time, the Democrats have developed a serious case of "cleanness envy" — they can't deal with the squeaky clean image projected by conservatives. So any hint of impropriety amongst the right-wing ranks is as appealing to them as a young, scantily-clad intern.

Unlike a scantily-clad intern, however, this story doesn't have legs. Enron is bad news, all right, but leave Bush out of it.

Enron is an energy company that buys energy from generators and sells it to homes around the country. The company inflated its earnings estimates by about half a billion dollars, which sent the stock of the company skyrocketing. Soon, however, the company's overestimation was revealed and the actual income of the company spiraled downward.

Knowing this beforehand, Chairman Kenneth Lay and other company honchos sold their stock without telling investors the company was in serious trouble. Meanwhile, Enron officials forbade company employees from switching their stocks to savings accounts. When last-ditch attempts to save the company fell through, the stock dropped precipitously, leaving many investors nearly broke.

All of which goes to show Enron officials were probably crooks. But none of this has any connection to the Bush administration.

Lay never spoke with President Bush, but he did speak to Commerce Secretary Don Evans and Secretary of Treasury Paul O'Neill in the weeks preceding Enron's collapse, as well as Vice President Dick Cheney. None of these conversations involved any soul-purging on Lay's part. And none of these conversations resulted in any action by the Bush administration. But even this is enough for the Democrats to cry foul.

Lay called O'Neill to inform him Enron "was headed for bankruptcy," and he called Evans to tell him "he would appreciate any help the administration could give." The amount of help was zip.

If Lay's strategy was to "buy Bush" during the 2000 election campaign, as so many Democrats are whining, he got the short end of the stick. Bush is not a man to be

bought or sold — in the past, Bush has repeatedly turned down requests by Enron on energy policy. Enron backed several environmental restrictions (for business reasons), including the Kyoto Treaty and a limit on carbon dioxide emissions, both of which Bush rejected.

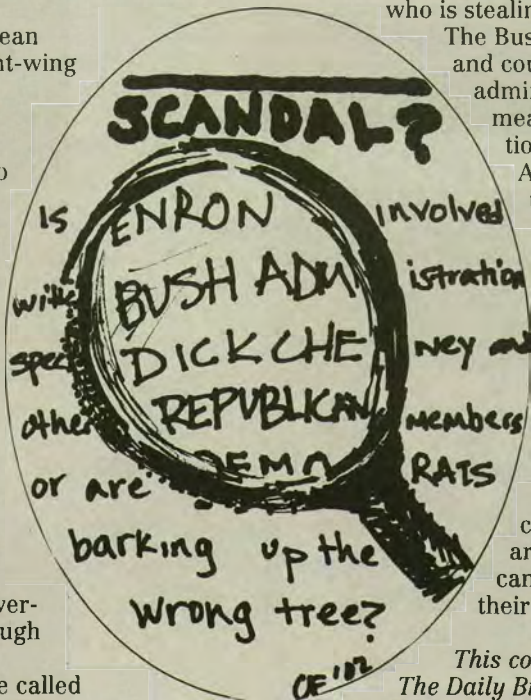
Furthermore, Enron has donated large sums to Democrats as well as Republicans, including two \$50,000 donations to the Democratic Party just a week before Enron's collapse.

The liberals on Capitol Hill continue to cry about Enron's "top-shelf access" to the Bush administration. Rep. Henry Waxman (D-Calif.) has made several statements concerning Enron's contact with the Bush administration. Even liberal Democrats like Waxman are not so ignorant. Does Waxman really expect the Bush administration to turn down a call from the largest energy producer in the country? Or does he expect them to take calls from all energy producers, even the guy who is stealing batteries from the 7-11?

The Bush administration is handling this with the grace and courage Americans have come to know and admire. Instead of attempting to redefine what "is" means, Bush has set up a large federal investigation of the Enron matter. Attorney General John Ashcroft has recused himself from the prosecution to avoid any possible conflict of interest. Other Bush officials are stepping away from the investigation. This is what people call, in colloquial terms, honesty.

Coming from the Democrats, this manufactured "Enron scandal" makes sense. If you can't stop your own party from disgracing itself, look to deflect attention elsewhere.

There's only one problem with the strategy. There's nothing to find. When this is all done, Bush will be able to lean back in his chair, smile and smoke a good, Republican-clean cigar, knowing that he and his administration are not to be bought or sold. And the Democrats can return to their scantily-clad interns — and their cigars.



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Ben Shapiro

The Daily Bruin

Gizmos and gadgets

The Observer tests out three infomercial prod

Scene Staff Report

Once upon a time there was no Internet, no cell phones and no TV. In those dark days, people used to go to buildings where products were on display for them to examine and buy. Salesmen used to have to convince consumers that their products were more than snake oil and tonics.

How the times have changed; today, the average college student sees about 360,000 commercials before their freshmen year. And of course, no late-night TV watcher can avoid the granddaddy of all commercials: the infomercial.

But not all infomercial salesmen are charlatans and thieves, right? The Observer has taken three products to the testing floor to see if they can live up to their own hype.

The Ronco Showtime Rotisserie Oven and BBQ

Ronco Inventions, the company that also advertises the "Inside-the-Shell Electric Egg Scrambler" and the much parodied "GLH Formula Number 9 Hair System," has actually invented devices that has a practical use for those of us who are competent enough to use a whisk and are terrified by the idea of spray-on anything.

The Ronco Showtime Rotisserie Oven and BBQ is a relatively hassle-free device that is ideal for people for want home-cooked food, but either aren't particularly talented in the culinary arena or are simply lazy.

The unit, which is a little smaller than a microwave and looks like a toaster oven with a large geared spit on the inside, has three settings and a timer dial. From the time the whole

system comes out of the box to the time it is ready to use is about three minutes.

The Ronco infomercial does downplay a few of the oven's negative aspects; particularly, after use the oven has heavy grease stains which are difficult to lift out. Soaking the removable metal parts in a warm dish detergent solution makes the stains fairly easy to remove with an abrasive dish pad.

Similarly, the "Set It and Forget It" feature by which the machine operates itself is a bit of a misnomer; the oven needs supervision during use, drops of grease jumping off meats can ignite and cause a serious fire. Of course, leaving any heat source unsupervised while preparing a meal is irresponsible.

The machine does, however, produce juicy and well prepared meats in a remarkable amount of time with little or no preparation. The Observer tried the Apricot-Orange Game Hens suggested in the oven's manual. Two 1.5 pound game hens can be cooking about one minute after removing them from their packages (after being defrosted); the Apricot-Orange rub can be prepared in another about two minutes. In fact, most of the time amateur gourmets spend with this machine will be cleaning it, not using it.

Another fairly clever feature of the oven is the steamer tray. The tray lies on top of the oven and can cook most vegetables in the time in which it takes to thoroughly prepare the meat. The Observer used of a cup of frozen peas, a half of a cob of corn and the remaining apricot-orange glaze in the steamer tray, all of which came out properly prepared.

The rotisserie oven is particularly convenient because it can eloquently prepare dishes for a very small price. Ten dollars worth of ingredients is more than enough to have a full meat portions with a glaze or marinade and two side dishes for two people. Combined with the relatively small preparation time for most dishes the oven is ideal for off-campus students who would like to eat cheaply but not spend a lot of time in their kitchens.

The Ronco Showtime Rotisserie Oven and BBQ is available in two sizes for \$149.90 and \$99.95 (the smaller size is sufficient to cook for up to four people) from www.ronco.com or by calling 1-800-486-1806. Interestingly enough, if you leave your number on the Web site to order, they will call you back in about five minutes. And of course, Ronco takes every credit card under the sun.

C. Spencer Beggs

The Gazelle Freestyle

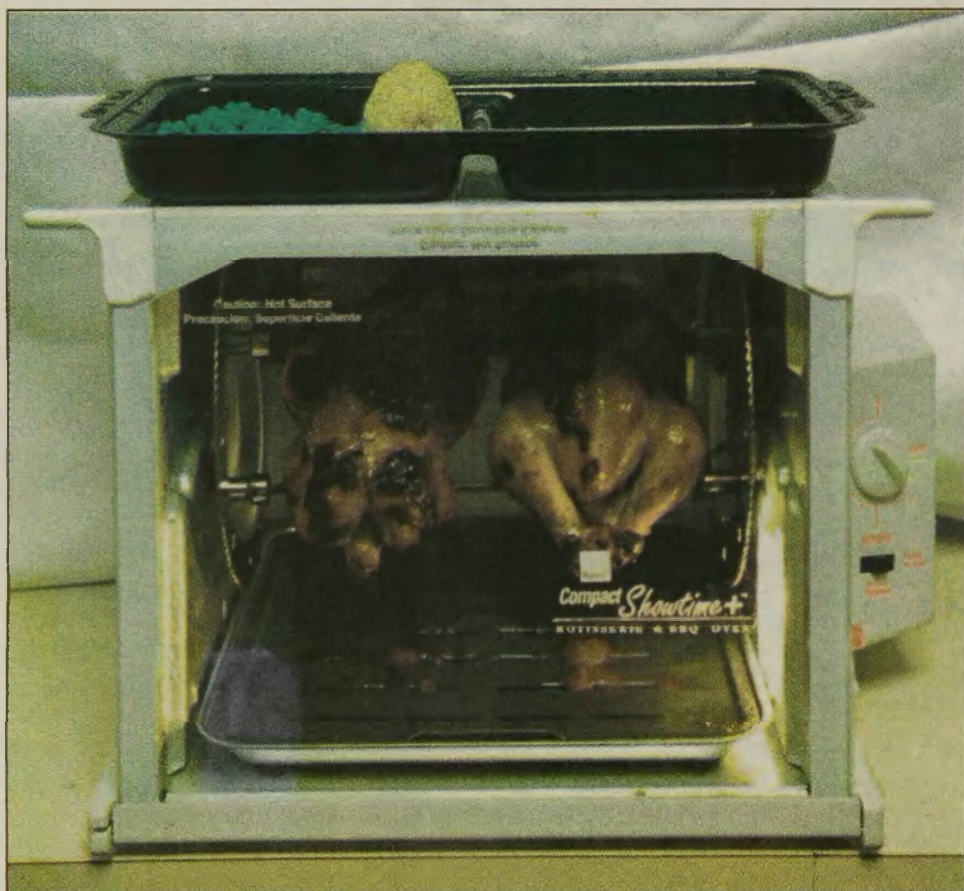
He is the Fabio of infomercials. With his blond pony tail and spandex shorts, Tony Little the guru of such exercise videos as Bodycise, World-class Buns and Legs and Tighten Firm and Smile tries his hand in indorsing an exercise machine — The Gazelle.

Produced by Fitness Quest, The Gazelle's slogan is boosted on the infomercial and Web sight, sucks the lazy work out consumers with lines like, "The more muscle you use, the more you can raise your metabolism, the more calories you burn — and here's the great part: with all of this,

you actually do less exercise."

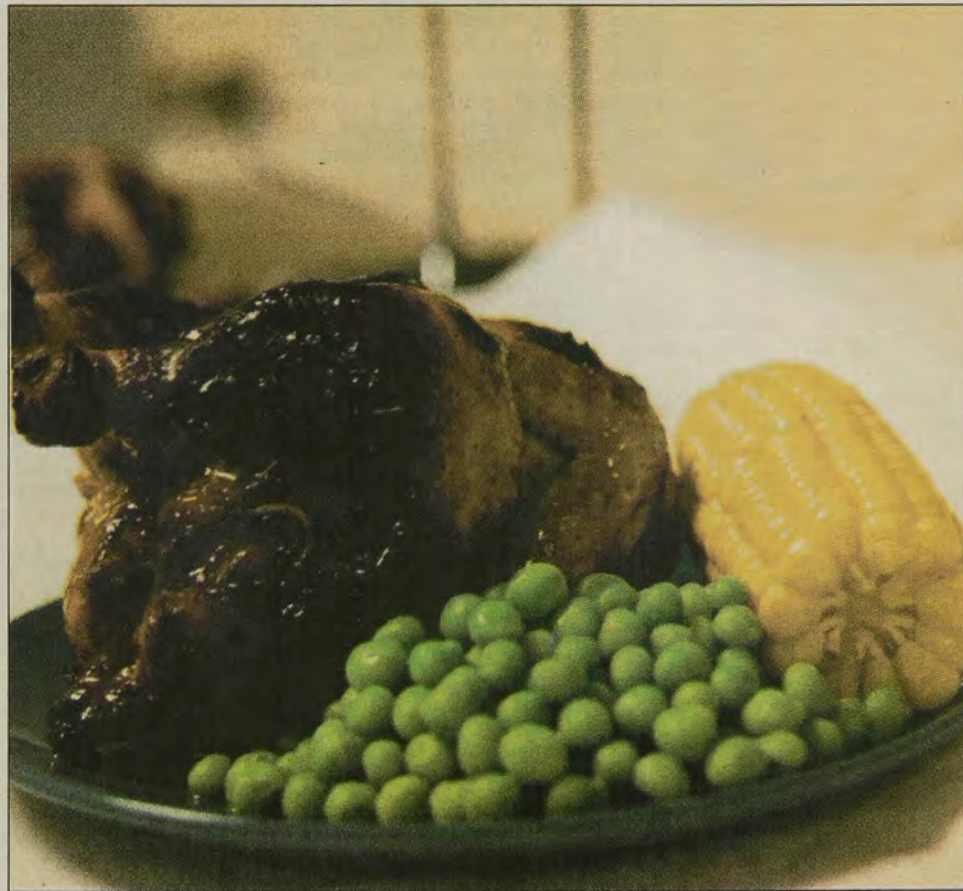
About the only thing true about the Gazelle is a person actually does less exercise.

After unloading the 54 pound box full of bowed steel, foot pads and instructional videos about hard abs



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The Ronco Showtime Rotisserie Oven and BBQ is a fairly hassle-free device to use. Cleaning the oven, however, can be a moderate problem.



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The oven can cook about 10 pounds of meat at a time as well as two or three vegetable dishes.

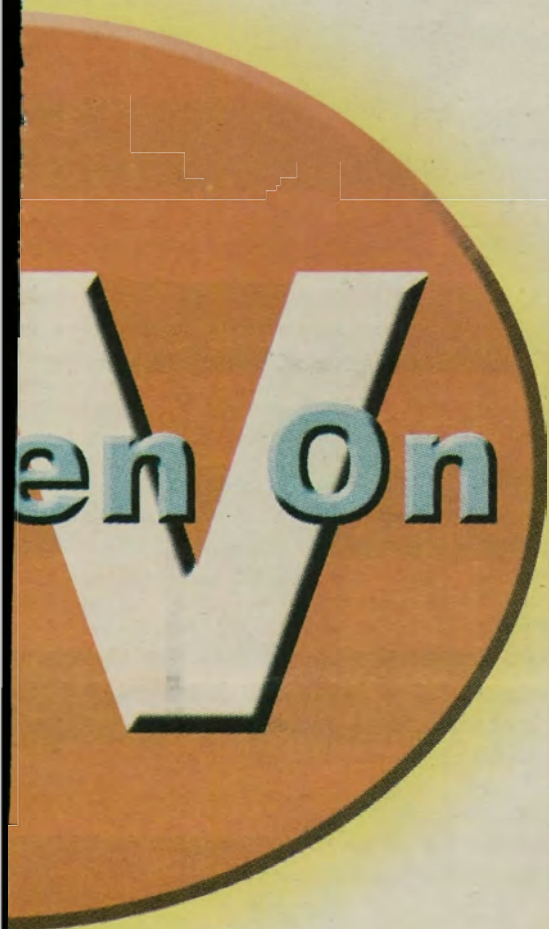
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"You could fall on here; I mean, I don't feel secure at all. It is not a safe machine," Mendoza said.

Although Mendoza is not an exercise machine expert, the Gazelle's instability threw it a second strike.

Strike three rest in the generic way in which Fitness Quest operates.

The company sells more than just the Gazelle and really do not seem too interested in its customer service department. To return the defective Gazelle (which is actually a mammal that looks like an antelope and resides in the African Sudan and survives on shrubs) The Observer called the 1-800 number. But surprisingly the customer service contact didn't even know the proper way to send the machine back.

If the choice for exercise lies between buying the \$264.70 Gazelle or buying a new pair of sneakers to hit the track, buy the sneakers — in the end you can still wear the sneakers.

Myra McGriff

OxiClean

Bar-b-que ribs, salsa and French-onion dip may be staples of a Superbowl party, but they can be death to your favorite clothes if you drip on yourself; deep stains can ruin one's best shirt faster than George O'Leary's coaching tenure.

Fortunately for messy football fans, OxiClean, claims it can use the power of oxygen to blast stains right out of their cherished fabrics.

The "stain specialist" claims it is safe and effective for all organic stains. According to the box, using the OxiClean spot and stain pre-treater with the laundry detergent should remove those drip stains easily so you can spend more time watching the game and less time making sure all of your snacks make it into your mouth.

To test the "oxygen-powered" stain fighting abilities of OxiClean, The Observer stained a shirt with bar-b-que sauce, French-onion dip and salsa. After the stains set for an hour, the spots were sprayed with four squirts of the pre-treater and rubbed vigorously for minute as per the directions. The shirt was then immediately dropped into the washing machine where the OxiClean laundry detergent went to work.

The results were disappointing. Although the salsa and French-onion dip were washed clean, the deep bar-b-que sauce stains were mostly untouched. The results were similar to using a standard pre-treater like Shout and a regular laundry detergent like Tide. Not even "oxygen-powered" cleaning could remove the tough stains.

While the OxiClean laundry detergent failed to remove the bar-b-que stains, it was effective at whitening the T-shirt. After awhile, T-shirts tend to get dingy from the sweat and oil from the skin. While regular deter-

gents did not effect the dinginess of the shirts, after washing the shirts with OxiClean, the shirts were restored to their previous bright white.

OxiClean has many uses besides laundry, however. For \$19.99, you get the starter kit with the laundry detergent, the pre-treater, four toilet bowl cleaning tablets and a multi-purpose stain remover for all kinds of household uses.

The toilet bowl tablets were nothing special. After dropping one into your bowl, you wait a few hours, then come back and flush the toilet. The tablet has removed all the bowl stains. However, it is only a one-time use tablet. The stain fighting power disappears as soon as the bowl is flushed. Products like 2000 Flushes are much more efficient for toilet cleaning because they worked for months without any work.

The multi-purpose stain remover was the best part of the OxiClean set. It could be mixed with water to clean any number of household items from carpet stains to shower curtains. The mixture can be sprayed onto almost any dingy item and the bubbling action of OxiClean begins loosening stains.

The mixture was sprayed onto some heavy mildew in an off-campus apartment shower and it made a big difference. The bubbles loosened up the mildew enough that a little elbow grease got the shower clean. Other

bathroom products are not nearly as effective as OxiClean for breaking up mildew.

Overall, OxiClean is overrated. The television commercials make OxiClean seem like a product that can clean anything with little to no effort. In fact, it only slightly more effective than regular cleaning products and in some cases, less effective. You should definitely pass on the laundry detergent; Tide or any other brand works just as well for a lot less money. The toilet tablets are pretty much useless. A little elbow grease and a brush can clean a bowl just as easily. The multiple flush tablets like 2000 Flushes are better if you don't like to touch a dirty toilet.

The multi-purpose cleaner is really the only item that is worth purchasing. It is recommended that you buy it by itself and not as part of the starter kit. It won't make your stains disappear but it will make your cleanings tasks a little more effective.

Mike Connolly

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The Gazelle is about as ridiculous as it looks. Beside being unstable, the machine is very hard to get a good workout on or a refund for.

Auriol

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He certainly wants to win the championship in his last season — but for Auriol that goal is the same every year.

"I would be nice to go out with a national championship but I don't want them to feel like they have to win it for me," he said. "I know that is what they are thinking."

Auriol has consistently kept his teams at the top of the collegiate fencing world. Since he started coaching the women in 1986, his teams have never finished lower than sixth and finished first in 1987 and 1994. As the head coach of the combined teams since 1996, Notre Dame has finished second five times and third once. His 2001 squad could be the best yet but Auriol is bowing out because he sees a decline in talent in the future.

"It doesn't have anything to do with the strength of the team," he said. "There may be better teams in the future than we have right now."

Auriol said that 2002 was just the right time to leave. His son Stephane, who fenced foil for the Irish for four years, graduated in 1999. He prefers warmer weather. For 17 years he has dedicated his life to Notre Dame fencing, now it was time to dedicate more time to his wife.

"He indicated he wanted to move on to the next phase in his life," assistant athletic director Bernard Muir said about Auriol's decision to retire. "He has provided us great service during his time here. We completely understood his position."

Auriol's commitment to fencing made him a great coach, according to De Cicco. Every day, Auriol gave 100 percent of his attention to his athletes.

"When you hire a fencing master particularly of the European school, they are totally committed to the sport," said De Cicco, who chose Auriol to replace him as men's coach when De Cicco retired in 1995. "They get up in the morning, put on their warm-ups and start giving fencing lessons, all day long. Then they go home, take their warm-ups off, shower, go to bed and come back the next day and do it all again. He's done that the whole 17 years he has been here. He is a tireless worker."

Auriol's work ethic and time management skills are his greatest attributes, according to women's epeeist Kerry Walton.

"He manages the time so that he can fit in a maximum amount of private lessons," the sophomore said. "Not everyone

gets to work with him and I think everyone wishes they could but he does get in as many people as possible."

Auriol is also able to adjust his lessons and drills to fit with each fencer's individual styles. Each Irish fencer was taught by a different club coach and employ unique styles. Auriol is able to adapt his lessons for each individual need.

"If you change coaches, you can really screw a fencer up," Walton said. "Their styles are so completely different. He doesn't try to completely change you which could screw you up in the long run."

Auriol's success with private lessons stems from his love of teaching. In addition to his duties as head fencing coach, Auriol also teaches freshman physical education classes in fencing and rugby. He was a professional rugby player in France before he started coaching fencing.

"My job will always be teaching. I always loved being at Notre Dame because I could concentrate on teaching," said Auriol, who moved to the U.S. in 1972 to open a fencing academy in Portland, Ore.

But coupled with his love teaching is an intense desire to be the best. He served as an Olympic coach for the United States in 1980, '84, '88 and '92. He also coached the U.S. junior world championship team from 1976-79. At the same time he was an Olympic coach, he also coached the women's team at Portland State.

Soon, however, he wanted more stable employment than the Olympic team could provide.

He didn't, however, want to stop coaching top athletes. Portland State offered a steady job, but not great athletes.

"It's pretty frustrating when you are a national coach or an Olympic coach and you have to go to a bad program with only so-so fencers," Auriol said.

When De Cicco offered Auriol as position as women's head coach in 1985, Auriol knew it was the perfect opportunity. Notre Dame could offer him a steady paycheck — plus the opportunity for free tuition when Stephane was ready for college — as well as the chance to coach some of the best fencers in the country. Notre Dame had won the national championship in 1977 and '78 and been the runner-up in 1983 and '85.

"It's nice to step in and start working with good fencers right away," Auriol said.

In his first season as Irish coach, the women put together and undefeated regular season and finished second at the NCAA Championships. The next year, Auriol took his team



MIKE CONNOLLY/The Observer

Notre Dame head fencing coach Yves Auriol and assistant coach Janusz Bednarski advise Jan Viviani during his third-place bout with Alex Roytblat at the 2001 NCAA Championship. Viviani won the match 15-8.

straight to the top — winning a women's national title in 1987. Since that time, Auriol's biggest challenge has been maintaining the high standards he set for himself.

"You are always at the top," he said. "Everyone always expects the fencing team to be at the top. It's not easy. Just because you are good one year, doesn't mean you will be good next year but we have stayed near the top."

Since De Cicco's retirement as men's head coach in 1996 and Auriol's promotion to head coach of both teams, Auriol has kept his teams near the top but hasn't quite been able to break through. From 1996-2000, his teams finished second at every NCAA championship. Last year, the Irish slipped to third but his 2002 team probably has the best talent overall since Auriol became head coach.

"It was frustrating those five years to always finish second but I think this year we have the talent to win it all," Auriol said.

With his best team in years, his fencers say he has stepped up the intensity. Practices are more difficult and Auriol is playing a more active role than before.

"He has been involved more with the practices on a day-to-day basis," epee captain Jan Viviani said. "The last few years, the captains have been running the basic things."

"He is doing to utmost to get us into shape and get us into gear," Walton said. "He knows this is the team we need to beat everyone else. He thinks this is the strongest team we've had in a while so he knows this is our chance to do it."

Auriol said he isn't treating this team any differently from past teams. He expects focus

and attention at every practice. So far he hasn't seen that from this team yet but he expects that the focus will soon return.

In the past, Auriol's teams have taken on the same determined, even keel as its coach. Every practice, every dual meets is important in reaching the ultimate goal — a national championship.

Auriol expects his teams to act the same was he does. Put on your warm-ups, go to practice, work hard, go home and to bed, come back the next day and do it all again.

But March 24, all that will change for the first time in 17 years. After the final bout of the NCAA championships, Auriol will take off his warm-ups, go to bed and wake up to a new phase of his life.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish look to catch Gophers in Minnesota

By RACHEL BIBER
Sports Writer

With the season off to a perfect 2-0 start, the seventh-ranked Irish men's tennis team looks to keep its winning streak alive as it heads into two weekend battles against 68th-ranked William and Mary and 32nd-ranked Minnesota.

Notre Dame squares off against William and Mary on Friday, as the Irish and the Tribe will meet for just the fourth time in history and the

first time since 1999. William and Mary also won two matches to open the spring season, sweeping both the University of Richmond and East Carolina University by the score of 7-0.

While the Irish are not taking their opponent lightly, they expect to win handily, knowing their lineup boasts more talent and depth.

"William and Mary is an NCAA [Championship] level team, but I would expect to win that match," Notre Dame head coach Bob Bayliss said. "They gave us a reasonably good

match in the fall when we played them here. I think we're much deeper than they are at four, five and six [singles]."

The Irish will undoubtedly face a tougher battle on Sunday against the Gophers of Minnesota — a team that includes the second-ranked singles player in the nation, Harsh Mankad. Mankad, a junior from India, finished the fall season with a 12-1 record, while also winning the National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships in November.

Bayliss is certainly aware of

the threat Minnesota poses.

"Minnesota is very good," Bayliss said. "They are very under-ranked. They're a top 10 to 15 team."

The Irish will try to counter the Gopher threat, being led by a solid core of seniors and a lineup that also has some ammunition of its own. Three Irish singles players are ranked in the top 100 — Luis Haddock-Morales at No. 83, Casey Smith at No. 88 and Javier Taborga at No. 95 — and the doubles pairing of Taborga and Smith is ranked sixth.

While the contest against nationally touted Minnesota will deny or confirm Notre Dame's top 10 ranking, preparing for the match-up was the same as usual.

"I don't think you do any different to prepare," Bayliss said. "You get your routines down. Each of them has individual weaknesses that we're working

on. This isn't like football or basketball where you have to rebound better or you have to block better. It's more like one player has to work on his backhand passing shot, another player needs to work on coming to the net a little more. There really isn't a key ingredient for the whole team."

Notre Dame and Minnesota know each other well, as the two teams have met in 12 of the past 13 seasons. The Irish blasted the Gophers 7-0 last season, but Minnesota has taken four of the past six meetings. However, Notre Dame has recorded a perfect 4-0 record against the Gophers at Minnesota in the Bayliss era — a record they hope to see remain intact.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Boozer ties career high as Duke wins

Associated Press

BOSTON

Carlos Boozer tied his career-high with 28 points and added seven rebounds Thursday night as No. 1 Duke opened a 29-point first-half lead and coasted to an 88-78 victory over Boston College.

Dahntay Jones had 16 points and six rebounds and Mike Dunleavy had 16 points, five rebounds and five assists for Duke (17-1), which has won five consecutive games by an average of almost 20 points since its only defeat, against Florida State, on Jan. 6.

Jason Williams scored 15 points and Chris Duhon had 10 points and seven assists for the Blue Devils.

Troy Bell scored 26 points and Ryan Sidney had 10 as Boston College (14-5) lost for

the fourth time in its last six games. Uka Agbai had nine rebounds and a career-high 20 points and Kenny Walls scored 14 for the Eagles, who had been ranked in the Top 25 for 20 consecutive polls — climbing to No. 10 earlier this season — before dropping out this week.

Duke used two 13-0 runs in the first half to open leads of 20-3 and 42-13. The Blue Devils led by 20 at halftime and 70-42 on Boozer's layup with 12:51 left in the game before BC mustered enough of a charge to make it respectable.

It was 71-44 when BC scored 10 of the next 12 points, then added an 8-0 run to make it 75-62 while holding Duke to one basket over six minutes. Bell hit a leaner from the lane to make it 77-66 with 4:07 left.



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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Ted Williams hospitalized

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Ted Williams, slowed by a series of strokes and congestive heart failure in recent years, was back in the hospital Thursday.

The 83-year-old baseball Hall of Famer was taken from his home by ambulance to Shands Hospital at the University of Florida, about 50 miles away. He had open-heart surgery last January.

No details were being released on his condition, hospital spokeswoman Kristi Lam said. Williams' family would not comment.

Lori Cronshaw, spokeswoman for the Citrus County

Sheriff's Office, which dispatched the ambulance, also declined to discuss Williams' condition.

Williams had a series of strokes in the 1990s, including an especially severe one

"There's nothing I can compare it to in my life. I really have been through hell."

Ted Williams
Baseball Hall of Famer

in 1994 that limited his vision and mobility. He also has had an increased heart

rate and high blood pressure in recent years.

In November 2000, doctors placed a pacemaker in Williams' chest and two months later he had the open-heart surgery because of congestive heart failure.

He spent part of his time recovering in San Diego, his hometown, and has been at his Florida home since Aug. 30, his 83rd birthday.

In a rare interview in September, the former Red Sox star told The Boston Sunday Globe, "I'm feeling pretty good."

"But my whole life has been knocked out of joint," he said. "Oh, boy. I've never been through years like I've been through in the last four years. There's nothing I can compare it to in my life. I really have been through hell."

Known during his playing days as "The Splendid Splinter," Williams has lived in Florida since retiring from the Red Sox in 1960.

The Hall of Famer played his entire 19-year career with Boston and was the last man to bat .400 for a season, hitting .406 in 1941.

PHOENIX OPEN

Tryon struggles in his PGA debut

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz.

The PGA Tour's youngest rookie received a rude welcome Thursday in the Phoenix Open.

Ty Tryon, 17, figured the toughest part of his debut would be nerves. He also had to deal with cold, blustery conditions, and a golf swing that went on recess during a front nine that left him numb.

Ty Tryon struggled on the greens, needing 31 putts during his opening round. "The more bad shots I hit, the more nervous I got," he said.

Tryon recovered with a birdie on his final hole for a 6-over 77. Only one other player fared worse in the opening round, although Tryon was hardly concerned.

Neither was the man 13 strokes ahead of him, Steve Flesch, who ran off four straight birdies and wound up with a 64 for a one-stroke lead over Duffy Waldorf.

"Believe me, he won't shoot many 77s," Flesch said. "I saw Q-School on TV when he shot 66 with everyone watching. Today was knocking a little rust off, getting through that first PGA Tour round. He'll be fine."

Tryon concurred. "I had to go through the toughest part, I guess," he said. "It might get a little easier from here, but I'm happy I went through it. You've got to experience the bad shots."

In that respect, he gained a lot of experience Thursday.

He didn't hit a fairway until his eighth hole, and that was with an iron. He didn't have a birdie putt on any of the par-5s. Birdie opportunities were scarce.

His round ended with a 20-foot birdie putt that he tracked all the way into the cup, giving a faint fist pump and a smile.

"It was a tough day," he said. "It was windy, cold, I was nervous and I was hitting shots that I didn't want to hit."

It wasn't an easy day for anyone who played early.

The round began 15 minutes late because of frost, and the temperature was 41 degrees when play finally began. Fittingly, the best score of the morning group came from a Canadian, Glen Hnatiuk, who overcame bogeys on two of his first three holes for a 67.

"We were fortunate," Flesch said of starting in the afternoon, when the wind died and temperatures warmed considerably. "We got the good end of the draw. Obviously, I'm sitting in a good spot."

Vijay Singh had a 66 in his first round of the year and was joined by Matt Kuchar, Skip Kendall and Tom Lehman. Mike Weir, Cameron Beckman and Stephen Ames were among those at 67, while John Daly, Fred Couples and Charles Howell III were at 68.

Most of the attention was on Tryon, who became the youngest player to earn his tour card last year with a 66 on the final day of Q-School. About 500 gathered around the first tee and followed him along the TPC at Scottsdale.

The crowd tapered off toward the end of the round, but that was to be expected.

"I scared them off with my great performance," Tryon said. "If I want a bigger crowd, I guess I've got to make some birdies."

Birdies? At one point, par would have been a good companion.

He hit into a bunker on No. 10, his opening hole, and missed a 7-foot par putt. He badly missed the fairway to the right on his next hole, had to pitch into the fairway and took another bogey. On his first par-5, he sprayed his tee shot into the water.

Then, he showed his youth — dipping a wedge into the water to retrieve the ball, cleaning it off and taking his drop.

"I tried to rake a trap, too," Tryon said. "Hey, I'm a rookie."

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Sat. January 26 @ 12:00 PM



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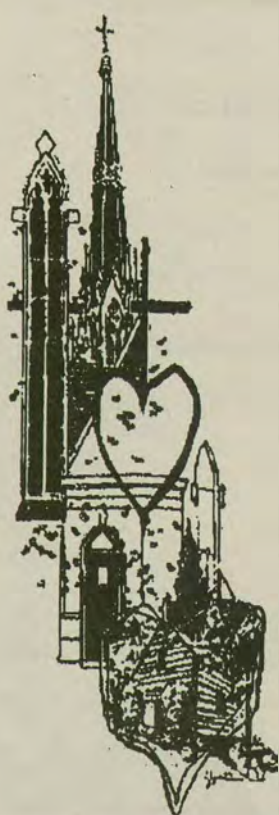
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ND SWIMMING

Irish look to make a splash against 'Cats

By SHEILA EGTS
Sports Writer

The Irish seem as calm and serene as the undisturbed waters of the Rolfs Aquatic Center as they anticipate the dual meet competition against Big East opponent Villanova on Saturday.

The men's swimming and diving team has not competed against Villanova since the Big East Championships last spring where they beat them soundly.

"We finished ahead of them [Villanova] last spring at the Big East. We like to swim in our pool and to be honest, I think we have the advantage going in," said men's head coach Tim Welsh.

With only three dual meets remaining until the Big East, both teams are very interested in preparing for the Big East and landing invitations to the competition, according to Welsh. However, the women's team's main focus is on its more difficult dual meets against Northwestern and Michigan.

According to sophomore Marie Labosky, the women's

team is confident in its advantage against Villanova and plans to swim to win, but not necessarily for fast times.

The biggest threat to the women's team is Villanova's lead swimmer, Maddy Crippen, who finished sixth in the 400 meter intermediate at the 2000 Summer Olympics.

Labosky, who has swam and trained with Crippen since the eighth grade, will swim against her in the 400 intermediate.

Labosky last swam Crippen in this even last spring at the Big East where she finished second to Crippen.

"I respect Maddy more than any athlete as she is one of the best in the

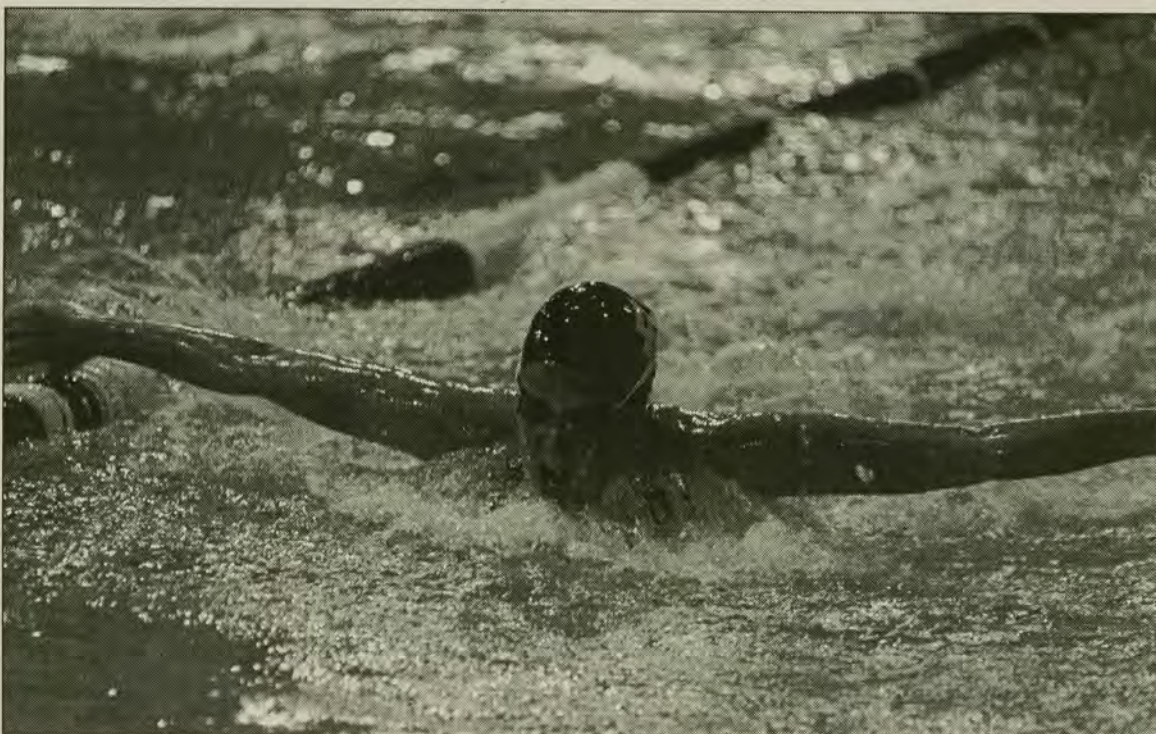
country in her event," said Labosky. "I trained with her over Christmas break again, and I know her weaknesses and strengths. I don't want to go in and say I'm going to lose, but it should be fun to see what happens."

The men's and women's meets both begin at Rolfs Aquatic Center at 4 p.m.

Contact Sheila Egts at
egts0236@saintmarys.edu.

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Tim Welsh
men's head coach



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

Notre Dame swimmer Lisa D'Olier competes against USC earlier this season. The Irish men's and women's teams take on the Wildcats of Villanova on Saturday.

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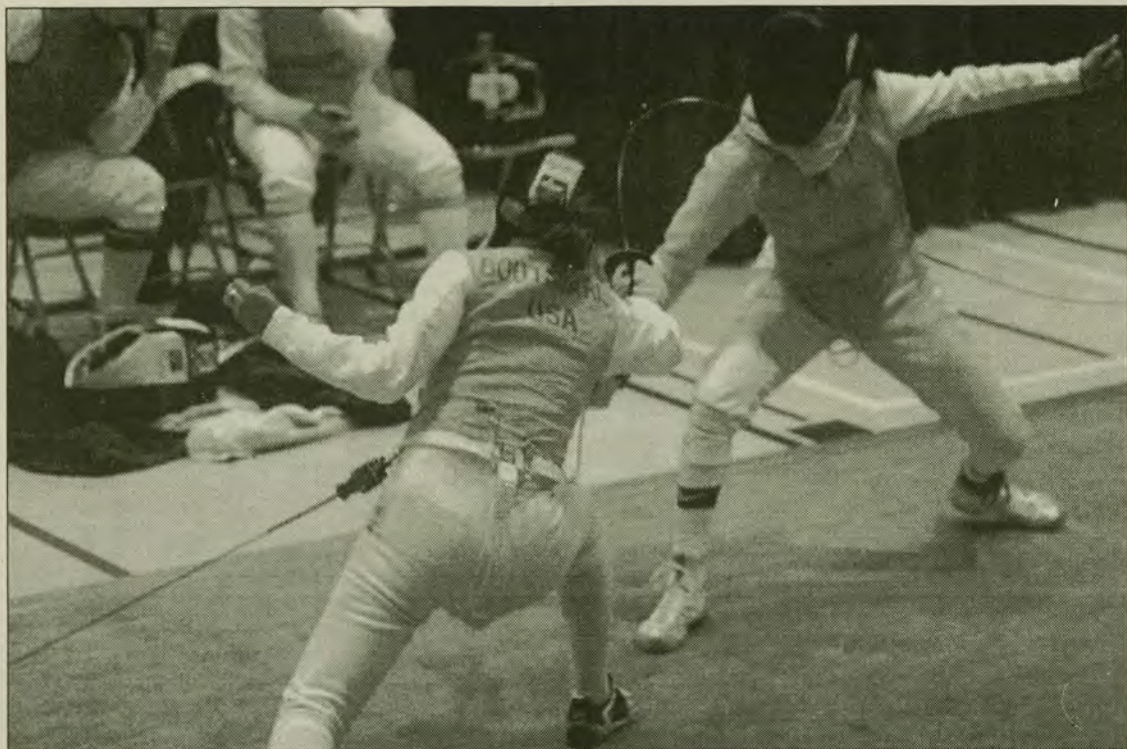
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Junior foilist Liza Boutsikaris touches off target in a bout at the 2001 NCAA Championship. Boutsikaris is fencing No. 3 foil this year after the addition of two top freshman to the foil squad.

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it when Notre Dame battles St. John's.

"It will be a good test to see where we are," epee captain Jan Viviani said. "They are obviously one of the teams we are going to have to beat to get where we want to be."

The defending national champs return 10 of 12 starters from the team that ran away with the national title last year including individual national champions Ivan Lee in sabre and Emesa Takacs in epee.

Although St. John's returns a lot of good fencers, it lost two of its best from last year — two-time national sabre champion Keeth Smart and 2000 national epee champion

Alex Roytblat.

Although the Red Storm have yet to find a strong replacement for Smart, Arpad Horvath from Hungary has filled in for Roytblat with a undefeated start to the 2002 season.

"Epee is such a strong field," Irish head coach Yves Auriol said. "St. John's has guys that can win the national championship. It's going to be tough competition."

Women's epee will be no easier as in addition to Takacs, St. John's returns the national runner-up for 2001, Arlene Stevens.

At the 2001 championships, Irish junior Meagan Call pulled out two close 5-4 wins against the St. John's duo. Captain Anna Carnick, however, dropped both bouts. The addition of Walton should give the Irish the

advantage in 2002. Auriol believes Walton is capable of beating both St. John's fencers.

This dual meet will also mark the debut of freshman foilists Andrea Ament and Alicja Kryczalo. The top Irish foilists did not fence at the opening Northwestern meet because of a conflict with a World Cup event. Auriol said Ament and Kryczalo are the best 1-2 combination in collegiate fencing. This weekend, they will face perhaps their biggest challenge for that distinction — Liz Thottam and Irina Khouade both of whom started the season 12-0.

In addition to St. John's, Notre Dame will also face Columbia, NYU and Yale.

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BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

Notre Dame players Le'Tania Severe (left) and Kelsey Wicks battle for the ball against Connecticut.

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this week off of practice to nurse nagging leg injuries, and her status for Saturday's game is uncertain. Le'Tania Severe, who has been coming off the bench in recent games, would take Joyce's spot at the point.

Another spot that appears to be up for grabs is the forward position next to freshman Jacqueline Batteast. Ericka Haney has started in that spot most of the year, but played just 17 minutes in Notre Dame's two games against Connecticut and Providence over the weekend.

In Haney's place, McGraw might move Wicks into the starting lineup. The freshman led Notre Dame with 16 points off the bench against the Huskies on Monday.

"Kelsey's really playing well," McGraw said. "I think she's somebody that we're looking at to move into the starting lineup... She played well the last two games. She's rebounding well, which is our weakness right now. That's something that we need. If she can rebound, she can help us."

But McGraw's decision wasn't definite. The Irish coach pointed out that Virginia Tech, who had won 12 games in a row before falling 75-59 at Syracuse Wednesday night, feature a talented forward in Chrystal Starling, who averages a team-leading 16.3 points per game for the Hokies. Haney, still one of the team's best defenders despite her offensive struggles, could help neutralize Starling. The two played together in Germany on a Big East All-Star team over the summer.

"We need Ericka's defense," McGraw said. "Starling is a really good player and I'm not sure if we have a lot of people who can guard her."

Another Hokies player who could give the Irish fits on the defensive end is sophomore center Ieva Kublina. The 6-foot-4 pivot player averages 13.6 points and 7.6 rebounds per game. Not just an inside threat, Kublina has hit seven of 21 attempts from 3-point land.

"Last year, she had Ruth [Riley] running around the 3-point line because she's a decent 3-point shooter," McGraw said of Kublina, who totaled 25 points in three games against Notre Dame last year. "So that really hurt is in the game down there. She didn't do much against us here but she played well down there."

The Hokies also feature a tough defense that has held opponents to an average of 55.1 points per contest.

"They play the pressure man-to-man, they're a great defensive team," McGraw said. "They're a really fundamentally sound, hard-working team."

The game also gives the Irish a chance to show how much better they are now after starting the season 2-4, including losses to ranked teams in Michigan, Purdue and Colorado State. Other than Connecticut, the Irish have not played a ranked team since falling to Purdue on Dec. 6.

"I think we are hungry for a win," Wicks said. "We're hungry to make a statement about how much improvement we've made over this season."

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NBA

Jordan's 40 leads Wizards

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Michael Jordan scored 40 points as the Washington Wizards handed the Cleveland Cavaliers their 11th straight loss, 94-85 Thursday night.

Jordan's only real slip-up came when he lost his footing and crashed to the floor trying to make a move in the third quarter.

For the first time in a while, Jordan didn't leave his game in the locker room at halftime, scoring 16 points after the break.

Jordan went 18-for-29, 7-for-14 in the second half, and had eight rebounds in 40 minutes. He scored eight points in a 10-0 run, including a 16-foot jump shot over a triple-team while being fouled, as the Wizards took command midway through the third quarter.

Jordan went 2-for-15 and 1-for-8 in the second halves of the last two games, both losses, as his legs tired against zone defenses and double teams. The slumping, undermanned Cavaliers gave him no such problems.

The Wizards had lost six of seven, mostly against the best teams in the league, so Cleveland was a change of pace, although an uncertain one. The Cavaliers dominated the only previous meeting this season, a 94-75 romp on Nov. 27 that dropped the Wizards to 3-10 and prompted Jordan to utter "We stink."

The sequel to the "We stink" game should be remembered for Jordan's great recovery to his stumble. Lying on the floor, he drilled the ball off Wesley Person's knee, sending it out of bounds so the Wizards could retain possession.

Chris Whitney added 15 points, and Popeye Jones had nine points and eight rebounds for the Wizards.

Person scored 19 points — 16 in the first quarter — to lead the Cavaliers, who have lost 11 in a row for the first time since the 1990-91 season.

The Cavaliers were worth watching only when Person was hot. He and Jordan put on a show in the first 12 minutes, working free on screens to match jump shot for jump shot. Both had 16 points at the end of the first quarter, with Person making 8 of 9 shots and Jordan 8 of 11.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish open spring with dual matches

By COLIN BOYLAN
Sports Writer

The women's tennis team returns to action this weekend with home matches against Illinois State and Northern Iowa. And for the players, the start of the spring season can't come soon enough.

"We're really excited about the match this weekend," said senior Nina Vaughan. "Especially since we'll be playing at home."

The 14th-ranked Irish may have to shake off a little rust for their first dual match in over two months, but the lay-off shouldn't affect them too severely. According to assistant coach Liz Barker, most of the players had great winter practices and are looking forward to maintaining their momentum from a solid fall season.

Captain Becky Varnum will try to continue her torrid fall pace in which she scored victories over several highly ranked opponents and firmly entrenched herself as a No. 1 singles player.

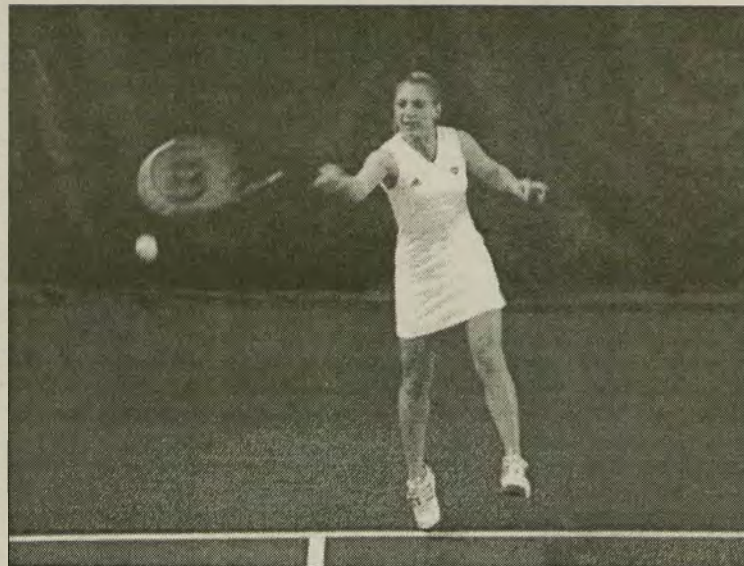
"We have a lot of confidence in Becky as our number one," said Vaughan.

Behind Varnum, Lindsey Green and Vaughn will fill out the two and three singles slots. Meanwhile, Katie Cunha, Alicia Salas and Sarah Jane Connelly will round out the starting lineup. Noticeably missing is sophomore Caylan Leslie, whose absence because of a shoulder injury caused the coaches to re-shuffle their starters.

"We'll certainly miss Caylan's presence out there, but I think our team is deep enough to survive some injuries," said Barker.

Injury concerns aside, Notre Dame should have little trouble with their opponents this weekend. Although Illinois State does feature the talented doubles pairing of Liina Suurvarik and Alesia Mikalayeva — who gave the Irish trouble in regional competitions earlier in the year — neither they nor Northern Iowa has enough singles firepower to compete with the Irish.

"I think as long as we play hard, we should be fine."



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

Irish senior Becky Varnum returns a serve during a match this past fall. The Irish open their spring season this weekend.

Hopefully we'll be able to give a lot of people a chance to play and get some match experience," said Barker.

According to Vaughan, the team wants to use this weekend's matches as a stepping-stone towards completing their season goals. "This year we're hoping to go undefeated in regional play and make it to at least the sweet 16 of

the NCAA's," she said.

Match play begins at 10 a.m. this Saturday against Illinois State and at 3 p.m. against Northern Iowa in the Eck Tennis Pavillion.

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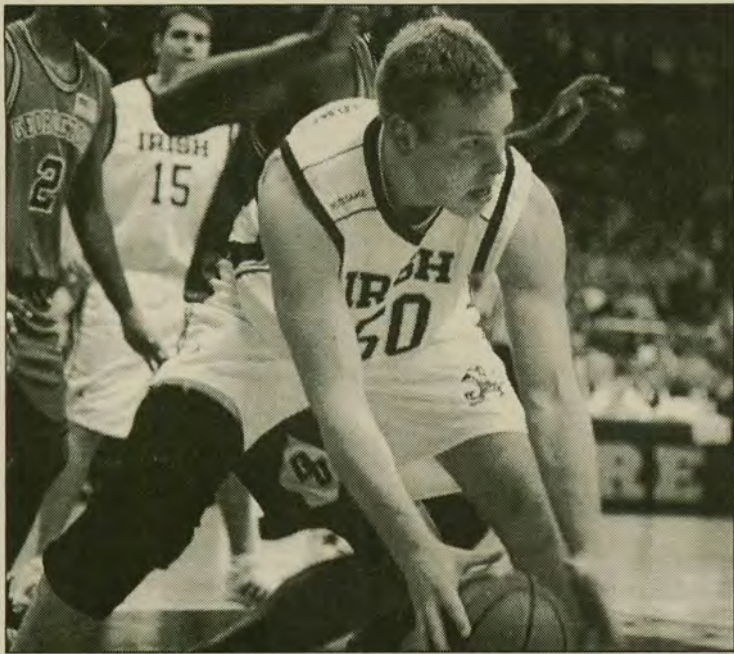
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Irish forward Tom Timmermans battles for the ball against Georgetown last Monday.

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I know how to play."

After Monday's loss, both Brey and Graves criticized the senior forward's defensive effort. That's why Jones, who has never started but is one of Notre Dame's top perimeter defenders, would be a logical choice if Brey decides to make a change. Jones could provide a strong defensive spark to keep the Irish in the game early. That's a problem that that has plagued the Irish this year. In their 18 games, the Irish have trailed at the half nine times by an average of 8.4 points. They've only come back to win three times.

"We always seem to get down early because we tend to feel teams out early and don't attack them the way they attack us," he said. "It's not so much as changing the lineup as it is getting a different mindset going

into the games."

"He's done a great job off the bench," Brey said. "Whatever we ask him to do, play more minutes, play less minutes, start, he always gives us energy and does whatever we ask."

While Graves admits he's been struggling, he thinks he shouldn't be pulled out of the starting lineup. Last year, after the Irish lost their third game in four tries to Kentucky, Brey benched Graves and started Harold Swanagan to give the Irish a different look. Then, Graves said he was hurting the team and he shouldn't be playing. But he knows that's not the case this time around.

"Regardless of how I've played in the last five games, you have to look at the whole picture," said Graves, who is averaging 14.2 points per game. "I don't think I have anything to prove to anybody. It's not how hard you fall, it's how high you bounce."

Regardless of who starts

Saturday, the Irish will face a talented Seton Hall backcourt. If the Pirates, who are 10-8 overall and 3-3 in the Big East, hurt an opponent, they tend to do it with their perimeter players. Guards Andrew Barrett and Daruis Lane enter Saturday's contest averaging 17.2 and 12.3 points per game, respectively. Forward Jon Allen is third on the team in scoring and also averages 5.2 rebounds per game.

While the Irish aren't approaching Saturday's game panicked, several players said they feel a sense of urgency to find the style of play that allowed them to cruise to easy victories earlier in the season. And the only way they know how to do that is to simply go out and play.

"You can practice hard and say the right things and do all the things you need to do," Jones said, "but when the lights come on and the fans are out there, that's when it really counts."

Notes:

♦ Brey said Swanagan's status for Saturday's game is still questionable.

"He's better, but I think we'll make a decision tomorrow," the coach said. "I think we're still sticking with our philosophy of we want him closer to 100 percent."

If Swanagan's ankle injury keeps him from playing, Jordan Cornette appears to have an edge over Jere Macura to replace Swanagan in the starting lineup.

"We'll evaluate [who starts] over practice, but I'm very happy with Jordan Cornette," Brey said. "You feel pretty consistent about going back that way."

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HOCKEY

Irish look to get back on track

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Assistant Sports Editor

The Irish hockey team takes to the road tonight for a two-game series with CCHA rival Miami of Ohio. The Irish and the Redhawks are currently tied for the eighth spot in the division with 16 points each.

With only the top 10 teams advancing to the conference playoffs, the next two games could prove pivotal to the team's post-season future.

"Obviously it's a big game, especially since it's against Miami, but really every game from here on out is

a big game," Irish center Connor Dunlop said. "It just makes it that much bigger being tied with [Miami]."

The Irish are coming off of a disappointing conference weekend in which they dropped two games to Nebraska-Omaha, and failed to take a point in a conference two-game series for the first time all year.

"We had a disappointing weekend last week," Irish captain Evan Nielsen said. "It just put a little more importance on these games now that we're tied."

The division standings in the CCHA conference are still very much up for grabs, as only seven points separates the eight teams between third and 10th place.

"We are still right in the middle of the pack [in the CCHA]," head coach Dave Poulin said. "We are looking to go into this weekend and get some points."

In the last weekend series, the Irish fired a commanding 90 shots on goal, but only got four past the impressive Nebraska-Omaha goalie Dan Ellis. In the Friday night session, Ellis turned away 45

shots, more than any other Irish opponent this year.

"We had a great week of practice this week," Poulin said. "The team has accepted that they ran into a hot goaltender."

Even though the Irish appeared to outplay their opponents last weekend, the team still lost both matches, as they failed to convert on many scoring opportunities.

"I think the only thing we need to change from last week that we worked on

"I think the only thing we need to change from last week that we worked on this week is scoring."

Connor Dunlop
Irish center

week is scoring," Dunlop said. "We had the chances to win the games last weekend. We thought we played pretty well, but we just couldn't

put a few of the shots in the back of the net like we needed to."

During the week of practice, the Irish worked on converting their scoring chances. For the most part, the team knows that it played well enough to win last weekend, but was unable to finish their chances.

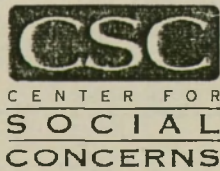
"We just made a couple of little changes," Nielsen said. "We tried a couple of things that might give us a spark to score a few more goals."

The trip away from home ice at the Joyce will be the first in six games for the Irish. During their last home stand, the Irish finished only 1-4-1, so the trip away from South Bend may be a welcome change for the team.

"I think we play pretty good hockey on the road," Nielsen said. "The change of scenery will be nice for us I think."

The Irish and the Redhawks will face off at 7:35 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Cross country rivals set to meet on track

By DAVE COOK
Sports Writer

When the distance runners of the men's and women's track and field team toe the line on Friday, they will be lining up against opponents who are very familiar — probably too familiar for their own comfort.

The last time the Notre Dame distance runners raced against Michigan State was in the NCAA cross country championships in Greenville, S.C., Michigan State took 18th place in the team standings while Notre Dame claimed a fifth place finish.

In the women's race, Michigan State had finished in an impressive 11th place with the Irish finishing in 19th place.

"They have excellent distance runners. Excellent," said Irish head coach Joe Plane.

For the men, the formidable Michigan State distance squad is led under the stellar performance of All-American Andy Lixey. Lixey was red-shirted as a sophomore, but came back in his junior year to take a fourth-place finish in the 800 meters at the Big Ten Championships.

Also among the distance men is freshman phenom Chris Toloff, who led the MSU cross country team, finishing 64th at nationals.

Complimenting the distance runners is senior Paul Terek, who earned All-American honors in the heptathlon at the NCAA championships. He specializes in the pole vault competition, where he has a personal record 17-feet, 5 inches.

Rounding out the Michigan State squad are Steve Manz in the shot put, Jeff Kus in the high jump, and Julien Williams in the long jump, all of who are looking for victories at the Big Ten Championships.

The Notre Dame men's team is coming off a somewhat disappointing third place finish last Friday with the absence of several key athletes.

Quill Redwine and Tom Gilbert were sidelined due to sickness, while distance runners Marc Striowski and Pat Conway were out of competition because of minor injuries.

High jumper Godwin Mbagwu was also not in full form last Friday because of pains he was having in his legs.

"I was not pleased with the men.

We should have done significantly better than that," said Plane. "But then again you miss those five guys. Certainly enough points out of those five would have gotten us the win."

The Michigan State women, under a new head coach in Angela Goodman, will bring many strong athletes to Notre Dame on Friday.

Senior tri-captain Ann Somerville leads the MSU track and field team, posting NCAA provisional qualifying times last year in the 3000 meter steeplechase and the 5000 meter run.

Senior Sherita Williams also poses a threat to score many points on Friday. She was the 2001 Indoor Big Ten Champion in the triple jump, breaking an MSU school record three times last season.

In the field events, junior tri-captain Lynlee Philips leads the Spartans, competing in the 20-pound weight throw and the javelin. She holds the Michigan State school record in both categories.

The Notre Dame women look to continue their success with a second win on the season. They began the season with a bang, winning 11 of 16 events in a triangular meet last Friday. And according to Liz Grow, they have their expectations set high for this 2002 season.

"Our mile relay team is so fast. I'm very confident that we'll all get All-American this year in the mile relay," said Grow.

The women show depth all around. Grow leads the sprinting corps, the distance group is coming off a very strong cross country season, and in the field events Tameisha King and company look to create a lot of noise in the Big East.

Notre Dame and Michigan State square off this Friday. Field events begin at 6 p.m. on the Mevo Track.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles look to rebound

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

With seven games left in the regular season, the Saint Mary's basketball team is trying to recover from two consecutive losses, including a 74-51 defeat at Kalamazoo Wednesday night.

Coach Suzanne Smith cancelled Thursday's practice to give her team, 6-12 overall and 2-5 in MIAA play, an opportunity to rest some minor physical injuries, as well as to get mentally ready for Saturday's contest at Albion.

"I just think we need to heal. We are a smaller team now, and people are playing a lot of minutes," Smith said in reference to the loss of four players over the winter break. "I think more than anything we just need to get mentally ready for the second half of conference play."

But the loss of those players, according to Smith, has not been a factor in the Belles' recent losses.

"To be honest, I'm sick of talking about [losing the players]. It's done and over with. We've moved on," she said.

Certain players, especially sophomore Katie Miller, have stepped up to lead the Belles after the exodus of sorts. Miller led Saint Mary's with 13 points against Kalamazoo, and was a great asset to her

team in the close game versus Adrian last Saturday.

Also, in many ways, the team seems to be just as united as before.

"I was just talking to a few of them who went to lunch together. They're definitely still focused. They know we have the talent. It's just a matter of pulling it all together," Smith said.

It seems that the Belles' major weakness at the start of Wednesday's game was a lack of assertiveness, not a lack of depth.

"I don't think we came out with the same intensity after coming off a good game with Adrian," said Smith of the Kalamazoo game. "[I'm] not at all pleased with [Wednesday] night's performance."

After Thursday's day of rest, Smith expects the Belles to be ready to beat Albion for the second time this season. The major difference this time, though, is that the game is at Albion, and the Belles have difficulty winning on the road.

Nevertheless, the Belles are optimistic.

"We're excited. I know they're going to come out wanting to get us because we beat them here on January 2nd, so they're going to want revenge. They played awful that game. But I also think it gives us a little bit of an edge, knowing that we beat them once," Smith said.

Albion narrowly upset previously undefeated

Hope College Wednesday night, breaking Hope's 39 game winning streak. But Hope was without its best player, who is out for an injury for five weeks.

Despite the fact that a win would be warmly welcomed by this Belles squad, Smith does not consider Saturday's meeting with Albion a must-win game.

"There are three games I look at as a must-win situation, and four that we would like to get one of those, and Albion is one of those four," she said.

The "must-win" games are home games versus Alma and Calvin, as well as an away game at Olivet. The Belles' goal for the remainder of the season is to beat these three teams plus at least one additional squad.

While the outlook for the rest of the season is positive, the past few months have had many struggles, as well as great moments, for the Belles.

"[The season] has had its ups and downs. There have definitely been moments when you feel really good about things, and then there are moments when you wonder 'OK, are we going anywhere?'" said Smith.

The Belles hope they will not have to wonder about their direction Saturday night.

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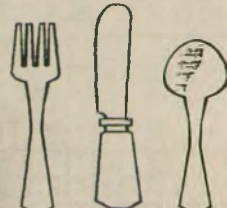
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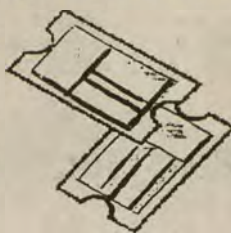
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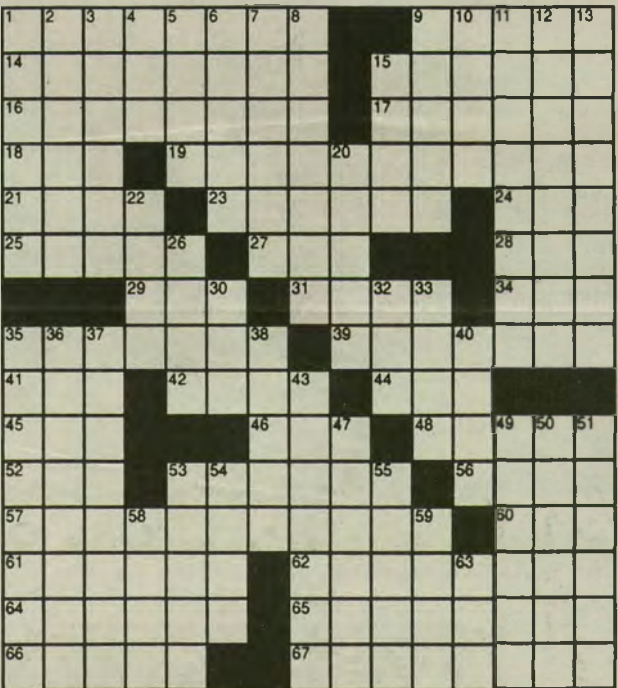
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- 30 Not to, maybe

32 Quoits game

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36 Hardly obscure

37 O.K.

38 Kind of question

40 Kind of meet

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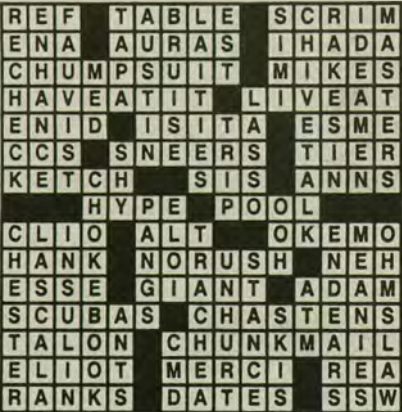
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Happy Birthday: It will be too easy for you to think that you can handle everything by yourself. Let others handle the trivial jobs so that you can focus on what really counts. Your numbers are 3,19,21,28,35,44

ARIES (March 21-April 19): The more you do to turn your home into a place of beauty and comfort, the better you'll feel. Do the bulk of the work yourself and you will feel great satisfaction.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): It's time to give yourself a big push. If you've been sitting around thinking about making some self-improvements, the time to actually do something is now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'd better keep a close eye on your bankbook. Overspending will be a problem. You are likely to think that you have more money than you do.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may be a little emotional today if someone you love doesn't pay enough attention to you. Don't get upset. Be honest.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may want to prepare for the upcoming week. If you make a list of what it is you want to accomplish this week you will find it much easier to get everything done. Make sure that you get enough rest.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): If

you have a creative project you should be able to get a good portion of it finished. Doing things with older or younger relatives will give you great joy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will take on too much today. Be careful because overindulgence can come in many forms.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Talk to friends or family about your latest project or your future intentions. You may get some unexpected help as well as some clear-cut advice.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Money matters can cause problems for you if you get involved in joint ventures that may not be aboveboard. Make sure that you know the facts before you get involved.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't get confused because someone is sending you double signals. If you really want to find out what's going on, feel free to ask direct questions. You may not like what you hear but you should be able to do something about it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't get involved in secrets. Not everyone will be telling you the truth. If you don't have all the information about a deal, pass.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will be up for whatever event is going on in your community. The more interaction you have with those from different backgrounds the better you will be able to deal with them.

Birthday Baby: You like the unusual and will always follow the road less traveled. You are inventive, caring and a little ahead of your time. You are insightful and can solve problems with ease.

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SPORTS

Friday, January 25, 2002

FENCING

Finishing at the top

◆ Auriol to call it a career at 2002 season's end

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

When Irish head coach Yves Auriol called a team meeting at one of the first practices of the year, he made an announcement that would define the entire season to come. After 17 years at Notre Dame, Auriol said that 2002 would be his last season as head coach.

The announcement wasn't especially shocking. Auriol had told then-head coach Mike De Cicco that he wanted to retire at 65 when he was hired in 1985. Auriol will turn 65 in August. Even so, 2002 suddenly had a whole new meaning for many Irish fencers.

"I really want Coach Auriol to go out on a high," sabre captain Andre Crompton said. "He has won national championships before but I really think it would be nice if he went out on top."

Auriol, however, dismisses any talk of his fencers dedicating this season to him. Even though this season is his last, he isn't approaching it any differently than his previous 16.

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Irish head coach Yves Auriol discusses strategy with Jan Viviani during Viviani's semifinal loss to Adam Wlercloch at the 2001 NCAA Championship. Auriol will retire at the end of the 2002 season.

MIKE CONNOLLY/The Observer

◆ Irish face No. 1 St. John's at NYU this weekend

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

Sunday the hype stops.

Ever since three heralded freshmen stepped onto campus last fall, the Notre Dame fencing team has been blunt when asked about its chances to win the national title.

"I think this team is the best team Notre Dame has ever had," epee captain Anna Carnick said last fall.

"I think we can take gold this year," sophomore Kerry Walton said this week.

When the Irish travel to New York this weekend for a dual meet at New York University, they will have to back their words up with tough fencing. Because although the Irish are talented, they currently aren't the national title favorite. Defending national champion St. John's is. In the latest USFCA poll, the Red Storm hold the top position in both men's and women's while the Irish hold the No. 2 spot in both polls. If this Irish team is going to win the national title, Sunday is its chance to prove

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Streak faces Hokie test

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Editor

On Dec. 8, 1998 the Notre Dame women's basketball team — a team featuring a sophomore center named Ruth Riley — fell to Connecticut 106-81 on the Joyce Center floor. Since that game, the Irish have been perfect at home, winning 46 games in a row at the Joyce Center, the longest such active streak in the country.

But that streak faces its toughest test yet on Saturday. On a game that will be televised on Fox Sports Chicago, the Irish host the Hokies of Virginia Tech at 6 p.m. Tech, ranked No. 20 by the Associated Press, is the

first ranked opponent the Irish have hosted this season. Coming off of their worst loss of the season, an 80-53 drubbing at the hands of No. 1-ranked Connecticut, the Irish are glad to be home and ready for the challenge.

"We've been tossed a little bit at sea, but we're home, you know, docked at port," said freshman forward Kelsey Wicks. "This is where we like to do it so we're just coming in like it's any game. Our focus for every game is to play our best and that's what we're going to try to do here. There's no question, though, that it's a big game for us."

While the Irish players are proud of their home-court dominance, head coach Muffet McGraw

hopes that the streak does not become a distraction. After all, the win streak is this long because of wins last season against Purdue, Rutgers and Connecticut — wins led by graduated seniors Riley, Niele Ivey and Kelley Seimon.

"I hope they're not thinking about it," McGraw said. "The streak doesn't really belong to this team, that's how I feel about it. They need to start some streaks of their own. It's not anything we ever talk about."

Instead, the Irish are talking about Saturday's game, specifically adjustments to the starting lineup. Starting point guard Jeneka Joyce was given

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Slumping Irish face tough Pirate backcourt

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

Don't think. Just play.

That's the mantra Notre Dame basketball players keep repeating as they prepare for Saturday afternoon's game against Seton Hall.

"We've tried everything in the book, different tactics, strategies, this and that," guard Matt Carroll said. "You almost get caught up in thinking about it too much. Maybe there's not really an answer, it's just a matter of pulling guys together and saying, 'Amen.'"

But the Irish, who are 12-6 overall and 2-3 in the Big East, are having a tough time figuring out how to break out of a slump in which they lost their last three games and five of their last eight. Although they just wrapped up a difficult stretch in the schedule that included games against Top 25 foes Pittsburgh,

Kentucky and Syracuse as well as tough games against Villanova and Georgetown, the recent struggles are causing head coach Mike Brey to consider making changes to the starting lineup.

"Anything's open to evaluation over these next two days of practice," he said. "When you haven't played as well and you've had disappointing losses, anything's open."

If Brey decides to make a change for Saturday, he might replace David Graves with Torrian Jones. Graves has shot just 27 percent overall in his last five games and only scored five points in Monday night's loss against Georgetown.

"My confidence just isn't there," Graves said. "I'm questioning what I'm doing. I'm waltzing on defense ... I just have to come out and play, and play like

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- ◆ Women's Swimming vs. Villanova, Saturday, 4 p.m.
- ◆ Men's Tennis at Minnesota, Saturday, 6 p.m.

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