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Bishop edges Moscona in election

By ERIN LaRUFFA
Associate News Editor

In a race that was almost as close as Monday's primary, Notre Dame elected its second female student body president in history on Thursday.

Libby Bishop and running mate Trip Foley received 52.7 percent of the vote, just enough to give them a 211-vote victory over Brian Moscona and Keri Oxley, who received 46.6 percent.

"You really realize how good the other candidates are. It could have gone either way," said Bishop.

The fact that Bishop is a female will shape her administration, she said, especially with the 30th anniversary of women being admitted to the University coming up in the

fall.

"I think it will add to the gender relations viewpoint," said Bishop, whose mother was in the second class of females to attend Notre Dame.

"It's so funny that her experience was so different," Bishop said.

Both she and Foley said they plan to start work on their platform goals immediately.

"There's a lot of things I can do before April 1," Bishop said. In particular, she mentioned bringing new head football coach Tyrone Willingham to the dorms, as well as expanding Flex Point meal plan options.

"I'm just ready to get to work," Foley said. "I think Libby will do a great job."

Foley was out to dinner with his parents when

Judicial Council vice president of elections John McCarthy announced the election results.

Campaign manager Pat Hallahan had to call Foley on his cell phone to tell him he had won.

Foley's parents, who are in town for Junior Parents' Weekend, were in for a surprise.

"He never told his parents he was running," said Bishop.

However, once he told his parents he and Bishop had won, Foley said they were happy for him.

"They think it's great. They were just surprised — happily surprised," Foley said.

As Bishop and Foley prepare to begin their term, Moscona, currently serving as student body vice president,



JASON McFARLEY/The Observer

Student body president-elect Libby Bishop calls running mate Trip Foley after learning of their victory Thursday night.

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Charting new paths

Cancer Center continues research with \$2.1 million grant



ANGELA CAMPOS/The Observer

Researchers at the Freimann Life Science Center study transgene mice slides in a 5-headed microscope used in cancer research.

By ANDREW THAGARD
Assistant News Editor

For an organization pioneering new methods to diagnose and treat cancer, the Walther Cancer Research Center calls little attention to itself within the Notre Dame community. The organization is spread out throughout campus, and because the Center has no central building, faculty members use their own laboratories for research.

"I don't think if you think of Notre Dame and the College of Science you think cancer research," said Rudolph Navari, Center director.

But this perception may soon change with the arrival of an additional \$2.1 million in grant money from the U.S. Department of Defense. The money, according to Navari, will be used to fund new projects and expand on additional research including studies focusing on cancer growth and development, genetics and drugs used in cancer treatment.

From humble beginnings

Today's Walther Cancer Research Center arose from rather quaint beginnings — beginnings so quaint, it seems, that the Center's directors cannot agree on when it was founded.

According to Francis Castellino, the Center's first director and

current head of the Center for Transgene Research, the organization was established "in a small way" in 1995 with a 50,000-60,000 dollar grant from the Walther Cancer Institute of Indianapolis. The Institute's grant was designed to establish a basis for an organization that would effectively seek research grants, like the one given by the Department of Defense.

Since its founding, the Center has grown rapidly. What started as an organization for which a few Notre Dame faculty members researched under, has expanded to include 30 members of the faculty and numerous graduate student researchers. Today the Center boasts a multi-million dollar budget that allows it to focus on pre-clinical cancer research using state of the art facilities.

"The scientific community is starting to realize the stuff that goes on here," Navari said. "We feel that at this point, in certain areas of cancer research, we're as good as anywhere in the country — including schools with medical schools."

What adds to the uniqueness of the Walther Cancer Research Center, according to Navari, is the close relationship researchers enjoy from the different academic departments.

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Parents arrive for 50th JPW

By JOHN FANNING
News Writer

The 50th annual Junior Parents' Weekend officially begins at 9 p.m. tonight in the Joyce Center, and continues through Sunday afternoon. However, the weekend's upcoming events have been in planning with various campus groups since last April.

The group leading the effort is the JPW committee, which was formed last April when students applied for positions through Student Activities. Chuck Lamphier was appointed chair of the group and has worked with a vice-chair and a committee of 17 other students since last spring, to facilitate the planning of all of the weekend's events.

"It's a bigger thing than I expected it to be," said Lamphier, who added that all preparations are essentially complete. "It's been a lot of fun, and I have a great group of people that I've been working with."

What the junior class and their parents will witness this weekend is merely the end-product of many months of

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INSIDE COLUMN

Journeys

It all started on a chilly February weekend in 1977 in the hills of eastern Pennsylvania. Braving snow drifts several feet high, hundreds of guests witnessed an important event in my life — a life that had yet to begin.

Yes, on February 12, 1977, my parents, Walter and Kathy Kronk, were married.

The coupling of my mother and father could not have been more coincidental. Introduced by mutual friends — my father co-worker to the husband, my mother co-worker to the wife — Mom and Dad instantly hit it off, and were married not far from my mother's hometown of Kutztown, Pa., within a year of being introduced.

Looking back, my parents are the definition of the cliché "opposites attract." My mother, a rural girl, went to school at Penn State. My dad, however, was born and raised in New York City, and went to a rival Big Ten school in Ohio State. Somehow, somehow, they made it work back then.

And now, 25 years later, this weekend, in honor of their 25th anniversary, they are vacationing in...South Bend?!

That's right, you heard me correctly. In honor of the 25th year since they were married, my parents felt it was a greater priority to make their presence known at the Notre Dame tradition known as Junior Parents Weekend, than to immediately jet off to some tropical paradise and sip exotic beverages with parasols in them.

While I think their priorities might be a little misaligned, I appreciate the fact that my parents have at the very least postponed their anniversary voyage in order to first spend time with their son who has been along for 84 percent of their married journey.

That, in my opinion, is what makes JPW such a unique weekend. Each junior parent that visits campus this weekend has made some sort of journey in order to be able to make it here. My roommate's parents, for example, are making the trek to tropical South Bend from the polar climate of North Dakota. I'm sure I will hear some interesting stories about snow and hockey and all things icy.

Everyone has made a unique journey to make it to South Bend here and now. And while some of these stories might be more mundane than others', that does not render them any less personal. Each of our parents — as well as each of us — has a very personal, very special, and I'm sure, very interesting story to tell. And JPW is one of those few times in our lives when these stories will be shared.

To all junior parents: welcome to Notre Dame, and welcome to Junior Parents' Weekend. I hope you enjoy your weekend here, and I hope the weather holds out this weekend like it has for most of the winter. I also hope you get a chance to share your stories, as you all are the lifeblood of the Notre Dame family.

And, in closing, I would like to wish my parents a very happy (and very belated) 25th anniversary. I truly appreciate all you have done for me for the past 21 years. If anyone sees them on campus, wish them a happy anniversary as well. I'm sure they will appreciate it ... seeing as how I forgot about their anniversary and, consequently, this serves as their only gift. I hope you like it.

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Bryan Kronk

Sports Copy Editor

THIS WEEK IN NOTRE DAME/SAINT MARY'S HISTORY

Non-voting halls postpone election results

Thursday, Feb. 13, 1997

Officials unexpectedly rendered student body election results incomplete after discovering that Keough and O'Neill hall residents hadn't voted. Presidential candidate Matt Griffin and running mate Erek Naas won the close, belated election the next day, capturing about 52 percent of the vote.

ND student wins \$25,000 in sweepstakes

Thursday, Feb. 14, 1991

Notre Dame sophomore Annie Cahill accepted a \$25,000 check from the Publisher's Clearing House Prize Patrol in her Siegfried Hall room. She accepted the money in lieu of a red Nissan 300 ZX. The decision to accept the check was an easy one for Cahill, who said she would apply the money toward next year's tuition.

BEYOND CAMPUS

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Syracuse graduate student TAs to establish union

SYRACUSE, N.Y.

A group of Syracuse University graduate student teaching assistants hopes to establish a union to bargain collectively with the administration for improved compensation and working conditions, members of the TA organizing group said.

The students' goal is to form a union — United Graduate Employees — to give graduate assistants a collective voice that must be recognized in discussions with the university, said J.J. Butts, an English graduate student, TA and a member of the UGE working committee.

The students formed a working committee of about 20 graduate students in mid-January.

"People want to find ways to rep-

"We're hopeful that we can work cooperatively with the SU administration in moving this process along as quickly as we can."

Richard Drucker
SEIU organizer

resent themselves collectively and come to be able to have discussions with the university about their conditions," Butts said. "As a union, you are legally able to sit down and bargain as partners in the arrangement."

UGE, which is affiliated with Service Employees International Union, hopes to distribute surveys to as many of the university's 3,600

graduate assistants as possible within the next month to understand the issues important to them and to gauge interest in unionization, said Menno Welling, a member of the UGE working committee and a second-year anthropology doctoral student and TA.

The results of the survey will clarify what issues TAs are concerned about, but stipends, health care and working conditions are issues UGE could address, Butts said.

UGE has not yet contacted SU's administration, said Richard Drucker, an organizer with SEIU who is working with the TAs.

"We're hopeful that we can work cooperatively with the SU administration in moving this process along as quickly as we can," Drucker said.

Daily Orange

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Faculty members tackle grade inflation

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.

Harvard University is about to enter a new phase in its battle against grade inflation. By Friday, all of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences' departments must report on their grading practices to the Educational Policy Committee, the body that advises the Faculty on most curricular matters. The departments' reports will inform the EPC's discussion this spring of how to best bring grades down from their lofty heights. By the end of the spring, the committee hopes to present the faculty with concrete proposals. And as the faculty begins this new investigation, professors widely agree that Harvard's grades are inflated. But they hold varied opinions on why and to what degree these high grades present a problem. As data released by the faculty this fall shows, grades at Harvard are higher than they have ever been. Over half of the grades distributed among undergraduates last year were in the A-range, and during the last 16 years, mean grade-point averages have risen a full point.

Harvard Crimson

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

INS detains possible GWU student

WASHINGTON

A man identified as a possible George Washington University student was arrested Monday night at the Pentagon for falsely identifying himself and is being held for immigration violations, according to court records. The man, whose United Arab Emirates passport identifies him as 23-year-old Sultan Rashed Sultan Jasmon Alzaabi, was riding in a tow truck on an off-limits road near the Pentagon on Monday night, according to a court affidavit. The driver of the truck, identified as Imad Abdel-Fattah Hamed, was also arrested and is being held without bond. Alzaabi and Hamed carried several forms of false identification and were taken into custody after Virginia state troopers arrested them for driving on Route 110, which runs east of the Pentagon. Trucks have been prohibited there since Sept. 11, according to the affidavit. The affidavit reads: "Hamed said he met the passenger at the Northern Virginia Community College, (although the passenger was now at George Washington University)." The GW Hatchet

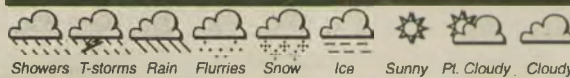
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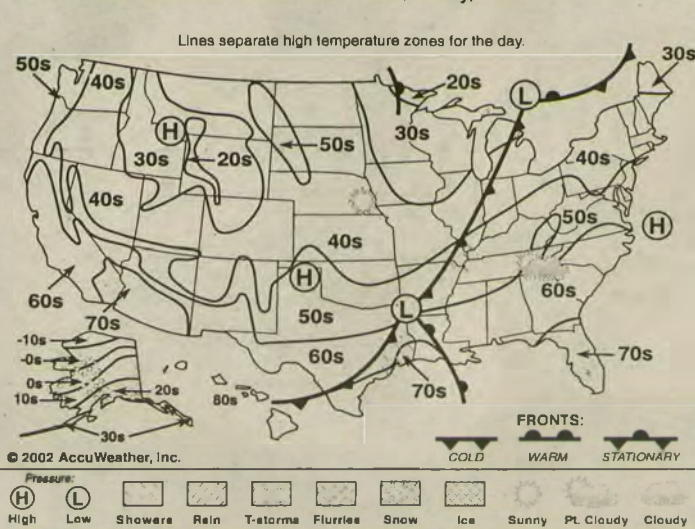
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NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather.com forecast for noon, Friday, Feb. 15.



Atlanta	62	41	Las Vegas	66	43	Portland	44	34
Baltimore	52	35	Memphis	61	34	Sacramento	61	41
Boston	49	40	Milwaukee	38	27	St. Louis	52	30
Chicago	40	22	New York	48	38	Tampa	74	55
Houston	70	44	Philadelphia	52	39	Washington, DC	54	39

HCA celebrates 25 years of service

By LIZ KAHLING
News Writer

This fall's Holy Cross Associates will be the 25th group of post-graduate students to embark on the year-long service program.

It began with five volunteers in Portland, Ore., and one in Chile. The program now has expanded to six more domestic sites in Phoenix, Ariz.; Coachella, Calif.; Colorado Springs, Colo.; South Bend; Brockton, Mass.; and Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

The anniversary celebra-

tion begins in August with reunions in Portland, Chicago, New York and Washington with the program's more than 700 alumni. The administration is also hoping to compile a book of letters and correspondences as a written history of the program and its people.

The planning is still in the works, but this year's accepted associates should expect even more excitement in anticipation of their future experience as well as the celebration of the tradition of this post-graduate service program.

The tradition of HCA strikes a timely national chord in light of President Bush's State of the Union Address, calling for more volunteer corps to rebuild communities, mentor children and teach in troubled schools — much of what the associates have been doing for years. HCA continues to be a model for other faith-based volunteer services, providing training and development.

"We are focused on how we can connect with other programs that will benefit all service programs," said Rebecca Go, South Bend

assistant director.

John Pinter, the South Bend director, said, "The anniversary celebration is kind of an indirect form of recruiting by example of what people have gone on to do."

Pinter explained that HCA provides recently graduated students a chance to discern how to use their talents as students in service and a way to test their skills.

"Some people say it's a year off, but it's really a 'year-on,' focusing on your God-given strengths and applying yourself," he said.

Alumni, according to the director, continue to draw from their experiences and find different ways of reconnecting with the program's four pillars: commitment to service, community, living a

simple lifestyle, and spirituality.

Although additional sites have been added, officials do not foresee any future sites in the immediate future. The idea is to be big enough for plenty of options in sites and jobs but not so big that the associates would not get to know the other 40 associates, according to administrators.

The process of establishing another site can be slow.

"It takes money and the local community has to be ready for it, as opposed to us saying 'we'd like to send some people to you,'" Pinter said. "There needs to be some pull from the community."

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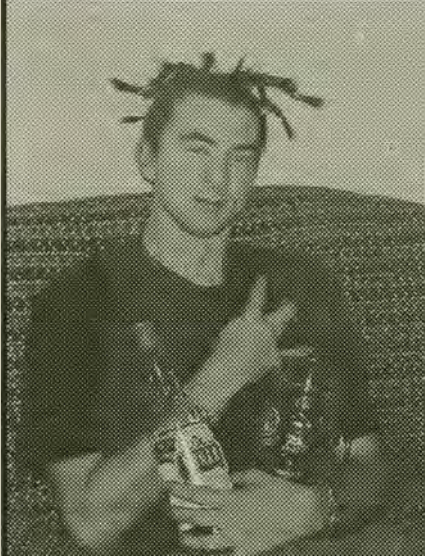


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Bob Jones U. seeks minorities

Associated Press

GREENVILLE, S.C. Bob Jones University, the fundamentalist Christian school that banned interracial dating ban up until two years ago, is recruiting minorities in hopes of shaking its racist image.

More than 40 minority students have applied for aid through two new funds that are sponsored by private donations, and nine have won scholarships so far, school spokesman Jonathan Pait said Thursday.

The university first admitted black students after the IRS moved to revoke its tax-exempt status in 1970, citing discrimination. The school said that is has few blacks but no precise figures on its racial makeup.

Pait said the scholarships reflect a growing interest by blacks in the 4,200-student school.

"Another reason is that we're so often pointed out as being so racist," he said. "We wanted to take a stab, at least, to overcome that stereotype."

That task will be tough, said Bill Whitney, president of the Urban League of the Upstate.

"This is an institution that hasn't been friendly to blacks," he said.

The school was thrust into the national spotlight when George W. Bush stopped there during his presidential campaign two years ago.

Bush was criticized for not addressing the school's ban on interracial dating and statements by Jones that were perceived as anti-Catholic and anti-Mormon.

In the wake of the criticism, Bob Jones III, president of the university founded by his grandfather 75 years ago, announced that the school would drop its ban on interracial dating.

HONORING DISTINGUISHED STUDENTS



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University President Father Edward Malloy poses with senior Robert LeBlanc and second year law student Susan Prchal earlier this week. LeBlanc and Prchal were recipients of the University of Notre Dame Alumni Association Distinguished Student/Graduate Student awards.

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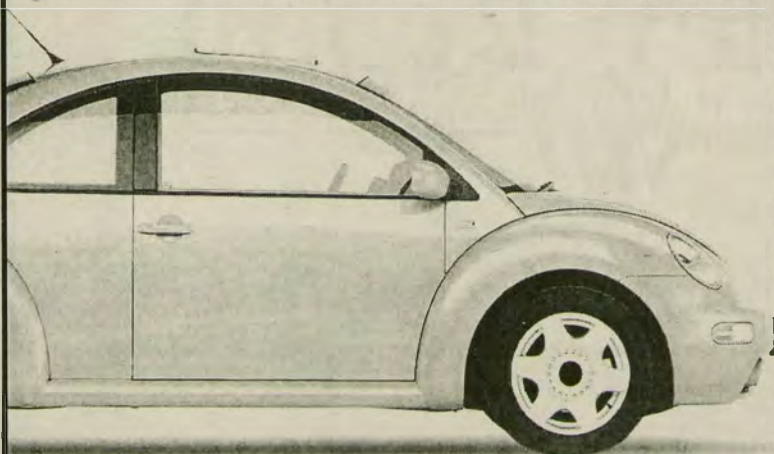
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Bahrain King sets up election:

Bahrain's ruler declared his tiny Persian Gulf state a constitutional monarchy on Thursday and set legislative elections this year in bold steps toward bringing more democracy to the oil-rich region. Sheik Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, 49, gave his royal assent to constitutional amendments that create a bicameral legislature.

3 Israelis killed in Gaza bombing:

Three Israelis were killed and two wounded Thursday when a bomb went off next to a tank in the Gaza Strip, Israeli military officials said. Palestinians opened fire on a civilian convoy guarded by soldiers and set off a bomb, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity. The Israelis sent a tank into the area and a huge bomb exploded under it.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Poindexter returns to Pentagon:

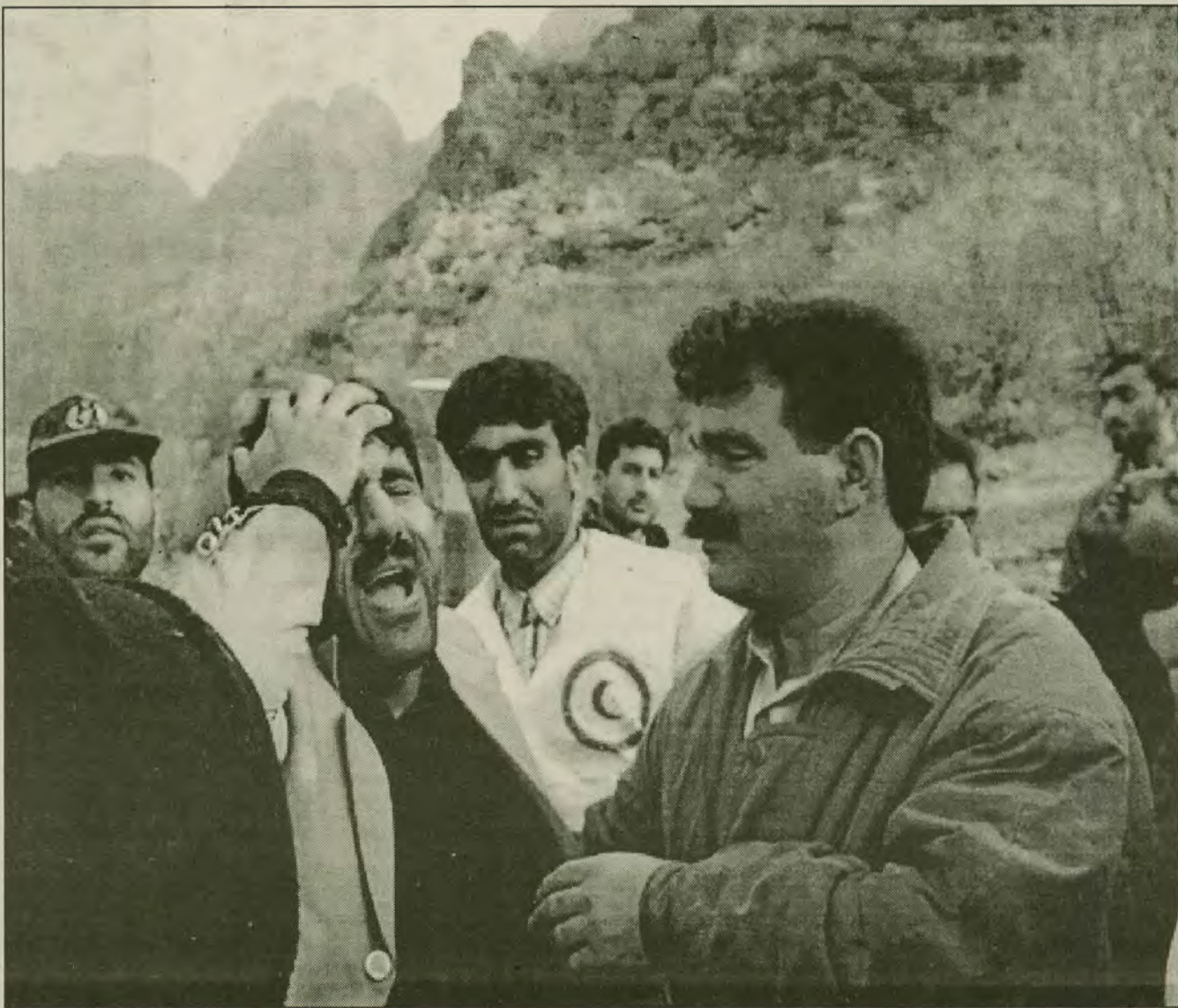
Retired Adm. John Poindexter, who was President Reagan's national security adviser during the Iran-Contra affair, is directing a new Pentagon office that will focus on new kinds of military threats, including terrorist organizations. Poindexter became head of the Information Awareness Office last month. The office is one of two created recently by the Pentagon's Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.

Prison for investment adviser: An investment adviser who stole \$50 million of his clients' money and lavished it on cars, oil wells and a Playboy-centerfold girlfriend was sentenced to more than five years behind bars Thursday. Mark Yagalla, 24, was given nearly a year longer in prison than the federal guidelines specify. Yagalla pleaded guilty to securities fraud charges for his mismanagement of a private hedge fund.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

LCEOC under investigation: A U.S. attorney has begun a preliminary investigation into a nonprofit Hammond agency that handles millions of dollars a year in state and federal funds to assist disabled, elderly and low-income residents in six northwest Indiana counties. "We're just looking at the thing to see if there is any basis to believe there's any criminal conduct," U.S. Attorney Joseph Van Bokkelen said Wednesday. "At this point we have no position on that." They are investigating LCEOC Inc., formerly the Lake County Economic Opportunity Council Inc.

IRAN



AFP PHOTO

Unidentified relatives of Iranians aboard the Iranian Tupolev 154 airliner, which crashed in the Sefid Kouh mountain, mourn Wednesday prior to the search began. All 117 people aboard the plane were killed.

Teams search plane crash site

Associated Press

KEY-MIRZAVAN

Helped by clear weather, search teams began the grim task of retrieving the bodies of the more than 100 people killed when their Iranian airliner crashed into a snow-covered mountain.

An army helicopter carrying five or six bodies in a metal box hanging from a rope landed at Lorestan army base on Thursday. Many of the bodies were dismembered or mutilated.

The helicopter made two trips before darkness set in, each time being greet-

ed on arrival by wailing relatives who beat their heads in grief.

Some were allowed inside the base to identify the victims.

"I couldn't identify anyone. All the bodies are disfigured beyond recognition," said an emotional Masoud Hashemi, whose brother, sister-in-law and their child were among the passengers.

Up to 12 bodies were brought to the base from the crash site.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency revised the number of people aboard the Russian-made Tu-154 air-

liner that crashed Tuesday to 107 passengers and 12 crew. Earlier reports had put the number of people to 117. All were presumed dead.

Ali-Reza Towhidi, head of state-run Iran Air Tours, which operated the plane, said the company was taking all 12 Tupolev aircraft in its fleet out of service, IRNA reported.

As the weather cleared for the first time since the plane crashed early Tuesday outside Khorramabad, about 230 miles southwest of the Iranian capital of Tehran, a few helicopters took off for the foggy reaches of

the Sefid Kouh mountain where dozens of bodies have been spotted in the snow.

At a makeshift base at the foot of the mountain, trucks rolled in with dozens of coffins to transport the victim's remains.

Col. Heydar Paknejad, one of the helicopter pilots, cautioned that strong winds would make more flights impossible, IRNA quoted him as saying. Rescue teams have tried to reach the site several times by air, only to be forced to return by bad weather. Climbers trying to reach the site suffered broken bones.

Market Watch February 14

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CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-0.11	-0.02	17.50
JUNIPER NETWORK (JNPR)	-16.37	-2.13	10.88

Ex-sergeant charged with spying

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Federal prosecutors on Thursday charged a retired Air Force master sergeant with attempting to spy for Iraq, Libya and China, accusing Brian P. Regan of writing Saddam Hussein to offer his services for \$13 million.

It was the second time that Regan, who worked as a civilian at the National Reconnaissance Office, had been indicted on charges of attempted espionage.

Last November, Regan had pleaded

not guilty in federal court.

Regan was named Thursday in a four-count indictment, said Deputy Attorney General Larry Thompson.

The indictment quoted Regan as telling Iraq's president in a letter: "I am willing to commit espionage against the United States by providing your country with highly classified information."

The charges characterized Regan's activities as a "systematic and calculated plan to damage U.S. security."

Regan demanded \$13 million from Iraq in exchange for providing classified information, the indictment

charged.

It quoted Regan as saying in the letter to Saddam that he was an analyst who was close to retiring and that the espionage would represent repeated violations of an oath he had taken to defend his country.

Prosecutors said the letter was written between 1999 and 2001, but they were not more specific.

Regan said in the letter that \$13 million was "a small price to pay to have someone within the heart of U.S. intelligence agency providing you with vital secrets," the indictment said.

Cancer

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Researchers from the University's departments of Chemistry, Biochemistry and Biology collaborate on research focusing on four main programs. These programs include a transgene group led by Castellino, a cell biology group and a drug design group led by Paul Helquist. The groups include faculty from the three departments and may work on different aspects of the same research project. Even the laboratories used for the Center's research are spread out around campus.

"Many times people will work in their own labs independently," Navari said. "We think that for cancer research [if people] work together, more progress will be made in a shorter period of time."

This spirit of collaboration, however, doesn't stop within University departments. The Center also works with Purdue's school of pharmacy in drug development and with Indiana University and Michigan University on product testing. In addition, IU medical students studying at the Notre Dame branch have the option of earning a dual M.D./Ph.D through both schools and research opportunities through the Center.

The organization also selects a limited number of Notre Dame undergraduate researchers and the Center for Transgene Research recruits students from German and Canadian universities for undergraduate assistant positions.

The road to drug development

Researchers from the Drug Design Group are busy studying compounds that effect cancer cells and may be used in diagnosis and treatment.

Currently, the group is working with antigens that are capable of binding to the outer membrane of prostate cancer cells. The antigen binds to a specific protein present only in the prostate cancer cell — then just sits there.

The research team used a super computer to create models of the molecules in computational chemistry. Then, these molecules were manufactured in the lab and tested on tissue cultures. Soon, the team hopes to begin testing on animals.

The antigen acts as what Helquist calls a "biological scaffold," and could lead to earlier cancer detection or prevent existing cancerous cells from spreading to other parts of the body.

The group is also looking into ways in which the antigen could serve as a target for cancer drugs, localizing treatment and minimizing damage to healthy parts of the body.

"One of the problems with conventional cancer treatment is that the drugs involved are very toxic. The drugs are not selective — they affect cancer cells and normal

cells," Helquist said. "One can use these molecules to deliver a drug specifically to the site of cancer."

This antigen is just one of many compounds the Drug Design Group is investigating. Researchers also comb scientific journals in search of newly discovered compounds that may affect cancer. If one of the compounds appears promising, Notre Dame researchers may take it on as a project.

For example, Richard Taylor, a chemistry and biochemistry professor, is working with a compound that is capable of inducing apoptosis — programmed cell death — in cancer cells. The compound may eventually be converted into a drug capable of uprooting cancer growths.

Drug development is a slow process, however. It takes on average 12 to 15 years for the evolution of new drugs, according to Helquist.

A cellular approach

Across campus, researchers in the cell biology group are using cell cultures to look at movement of cancer cells.

According to Crislyn D'Souza-Schorey, a Walther Cancer Institute assistant professor, the team is studying how cells detach from a tumor and spread. The group is also looking at how cellular movement is regulated.

"We're looking at not just the invasive process but also what leads to it," D'Souza-Schorey said.

It's all in the genes

Meanwhile, researchers from the transgene group are taking a genetic perspective, studying how removing, changing or adding genes to a mouse chromosome will affect cancer.

The group is especially interested in genes involving blood clotting and anticoagulation because of their association with cancer.

"We want to find out what genes are up regulated or down regulated when you proceed from a benign state to a cancer state," Castellino said.

Approximately 50 people work in the transgene group — including a support staff of veterinary technicians and animal surgeons who watch over the Center's 5,000 experimental mice. The group conducts experiments with the special transgenic mice and detects the effects of gene alterations using \$600 chips. An average experiment requires six different ani-

mals and 18 chips, according to Castellino.

Looking toward the future

In total, the Center has over \$3 million in grants from the Department of Defense to work with over the next four years, in addition to grants from other

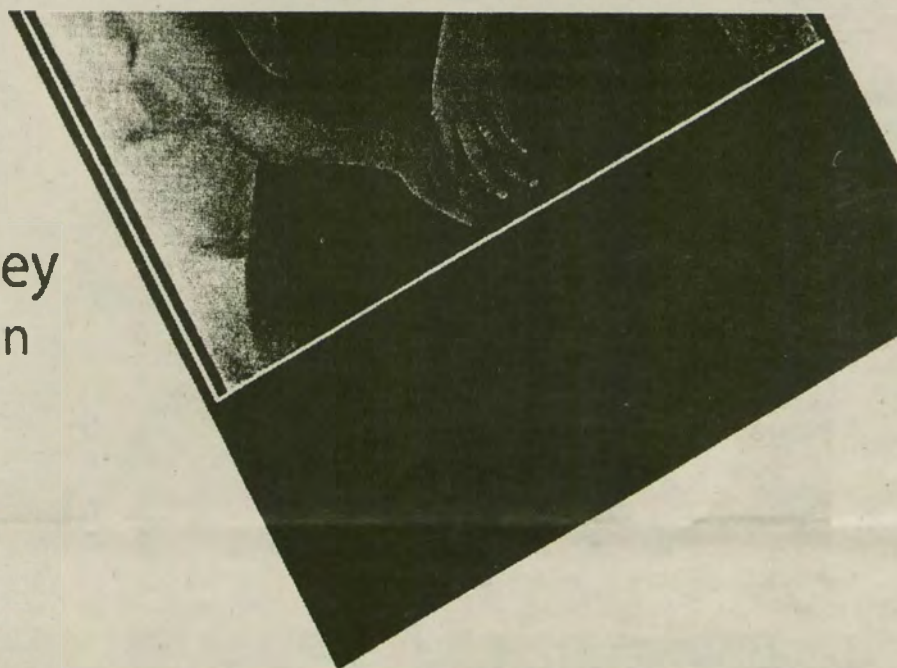
sources and funding from the Institute and University. This funding, along with a talented faculty and appropriate resources, places the organization in an excellent position for basic cancer research in the future, according to Navari.

"The big advances in cancer [research] in the next five years are going to come from the laboratory," the researcher and practicing oncologist said.

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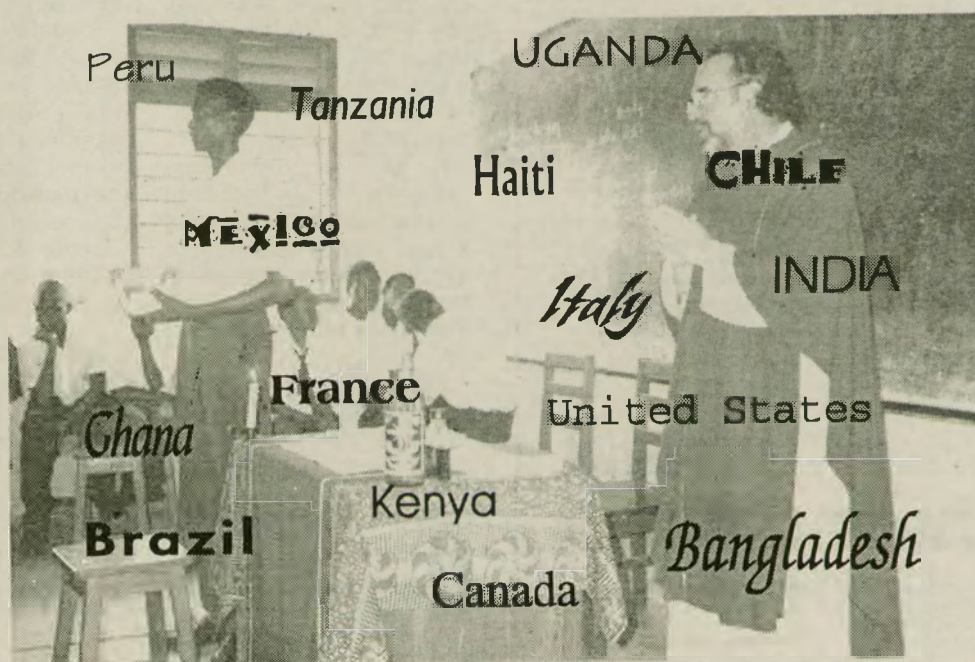


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Senate should have approved fee increase

When the Student Senate voted down a proposal Wednesday to increase the student activities fee, it made the wrong decision. The senate should have granted the \$10 increase for the upcoming school year, but have been cautious about subsequent biannual \$5 increases.

The resolution called for a \$10 increase this year and \$5 every two years after that. A \$10 jump now is very reasonable; however, that is where it needs to end for the time being. By paying more attention to where the money is going, additional fees may not be necessary for the Student Activities Office.

The way the student activities budget functions now, large amounts of money are put into activities sponsored by the Student Union Board and office of the student body president that very few students attend. An evaluative process that would judge the worth of individual events based on students present and money spent is in order. In

addition, there needs to be far fewer new events each year and more improvements made on existing, already successful events.

In order to curb the expense of bringing to campus high-cost people and bands for lectures and performances that few students attend, it seems reasonable to thoroughly gauge student opinion to evaluate who they would want to see and which events they would attend.

A \$5 increase in subsequent years needs to be contingent upon whether the money is being put to good use. If students are going to events, the money is being spent well. And if students still feel that more money is needed, a further increase is something the senate, Campus Life Council and Board of Trustees should consider.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Monologues' promote freedom

Value open minds

My letter is in response to Sean Dudley's letter on Feb. 14. I guess it has to happen every so often that someone decides that he or she must change the University with a letter to The Observer.

Yesterday, Mr. Dudley chose to do this with an attack on the "Vagina Monologues," "academic freedom" and "open-mindedness." I already understand his issues with the "Monologues," but I am really confused with what is wrong with academic freedom and open-mindedness. I guess we could make this University a sheltered haven in which we can all share identical views of Christianity. We could, but we won't.

Mr. Dudley does not seem to understand that without various views, one does not learn, but rather just regurgitates a single person's thoughts.

I have recently read Chesterton's novel, "The Ball and the Cross," (I suspect we may even be in the same class), and I have to say that I believe my worthy opponent is in error. He really does not qualify the quotation and I am also left wondering if he wishes to challenge the writers and performers of the "Monologues" to a mortal duel. Chesterton was an avid

proponent of Catholicism, but he also listened to opposing views, even embraced the arguments that they presented, as any true scholar would do.

See, in order for one to truly understand one's own views he must also understand those of this "opponent."

Mr. Dudley does not seem to realize that "academic freedom" and "open-mindedness" are what make Notre Dame a great place. All philosophies should be welcome here, including atheism and lesbianism as well as other philosophies with which he does not agree. Understanding is listening, and apparently some do not value the latter as others do.

I do not even wish to challenge his views on the offensive nature, as Mr. Dudley just does not seem open to anything. He is obviously an avid Catholic and cannot bear to hear anything said against Catholic doctrine. On that note, I would appeal to the University to continue its approach towards a diverse education and to even take greater strides to diversify Our Lady's University.

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Feb. 14, 2002

Embrace femininity

I would like to respond to Sean Dudley's letter concerning the vulgarity of the "Vagina Monologues." First, a small disclaimer. As luck would have it I know the author of said letter and therefore do not wish to condemn his intentions because I believe they were good. I must, however, strongly disagree.

If I had to pick one word to describe Eve Ensler's play, (which I have seen and read many times) it would be "empowering." Women discussing their vaginas, learning about their vaginas, loving their vaginas and so on, is not disgusting or rude. On the contrary, it is extremely important.

I'm not a psychology major, but I think one can make a connection between the epidemic of low self-esteem among females and the taboo surrounding their genitalia. Why is it that words like "cunt" and "pussy" are designated as vulgarities, while "wang" and "schlong" are accepted and common? Why are girls raised to be quiet and embarrassed about a part of their body while the other half of the population compares the sizes of theirs? It's not fair. No one asked for their vagina. The least they can do is be proud of it.

As for religion, there is no reference to it in the Monologues. The play cannot be compared to dung on a statue of the Virgin Mary when there is nothing similar to dung or the Virgin Mary in the play. Where the story of the young girl and the 24-year-old woman is concerned, there is no question that it is a little scandalous. However, nothing about it is "violent," and after one hears the story from the girl first hand through the monologue, the age difference question is lost in the beauty of her own self-realization.

I'm a Catholic, I'm in the "Monologues," and I would be lying if I said that some parts didn't make me a little uncomfortable. But I embrace those feelings and consider them a challenge. I push myself not to be ashamed of how God made me.

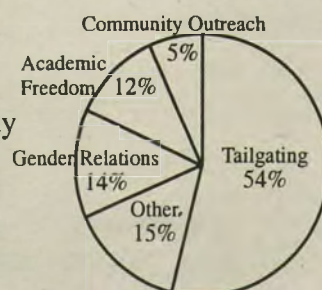
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hard work and preparation involving not only the JPW committee, but also the staff of the Joyce Center, Catering by Design and the Center for Continuing Education, among many others.

According to Lamphier, all three groups have been extremely helpful. The CCE was hired to handle all of the registration for the event. The staff members of the Joyce Center will be doing all of the setting up and taking down of the approximately 475 tables that will be used to seat the almost 4,000 participants.

Moreover, as a result of the high attendance for this year's event, Catering by Design, a campus department responsible for providing all of the food for the upcoming weekend, has been extremely busy. According to Lisa Wenzel of Catering by Design, the group has been preparing since September, using both dining halls and the food service reserve space to get ready for the weekend. In fact, even the Morris Inn has been involved, hosting a lottery through the JPW committee in

order to fairly distribute its much desired rooms to the parents coming in for the weekend.

Overall, the weekend, which is themed "Love Thee Notre Dame," should be a great time for everyone involved. All the events take their name from the Alma Mater, with the gala on Friday entitled "Gleams Thy Gold and Blue" celebrating Notre Dame's past. The biggest event is the "Golden is Thy Fame" dinner on Saturday night, which focuses on Notre Dame's present, and the accomplishments of its current students. Finally, the "Our Hearts Forever" brunch on Sunday is a kind of send-off for the parents, and features speakers looking forward to the future of Notre Dame.

As a result of the work of so many members of the Notre Dame community, it seems almost inevitable that JPW will be a huge success, as it has been for the last fifty years. Or in the words of Junior Class President Matt Smith, it will continue to be, "One of those traditions that just makes sense."

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said he will work with them to ensure a smooth transition.

"We'll do everything we can to help Libby and Trip transition into office," he said. Moscona added that he and Oxley, sophomore class president, are grateful to their supporters and the effort they gave to the campaign.

Although neither Moscona nor Oxley have plans for when their terms end, each said they remain committed to working for students.

"Our love for this University and our working to serve the student body will in no way end," Oxley said. "We'll continue until we graduate."

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Libby Bishop views the results of Thursday's election with Kevin Berchou (left) and Brian Moscona (right).

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Beauty in

FTT presents the 'New Playwrights Workshop 2002' and the Re

By C. SPENCER BEGGS
Scene Editor

The campus spotlight doesn't always illuminate the real work that goes into a show. Actors are not the only people who produce a show. Some of the hardest work in any production is completed before a show even starts.

Writers and directors must decide how the show will be presented and what it will say long before the first line crosses an actor's lips. Unfortunately, students are often removed from this creative process; most campus shows involve a complete professional script or director.

But, the seven one-act plays presented in the Department of Film, Television and Theatre's "New Playwrights Workshop 2002" are all written, directed, produced and performed by students. The authors of the shows participated in the FTT 351: Playwriting and Screenwriting class last semester, but the directors, stage managers and actors come from other campus performing arts groups. In fact, the show will be the Notre Dame premiere of some of the actors.

Although each show is credited with a writer and a director, the two positions collaborated on the shows.

"In the 'New Playwrights [Workshop 2002]," the playwrights would be at the rehearsal ... There was a lot of changing and reworking of the scripts," Meg Ryan, one of the directors, said.

Ryan, who directed senior Kelly Hart's play "Love Hurts," often had Hart attend rehearsal to help shape the show. Ryan found the process to be productive, especially for a show that was partially based on Hart's real life.

"Love Hurts" is a romantic comedy about college students dealing with a long distance relationship (or break-up as the case may be). The dialogue-heavy show was particularly difficult for the group to get a handle on because both Ryan and Hart were involved in other theatre shows during the two-week rehearsal process.

But Ryan thinks that the entire process was worth it because of the benefits it gives to the theatre community at Notre Dame, especially because the "New Playwrights Workshop 2002" highlights some more unknown aspects of theatre production.

"[The 'New Playwrights Workshop 2002' is] important because it gets to showcase some of the talents of theatre majors here other than acting and design," Ryan said.

Sophomore director Justin Williams, who is directing junior Derek Horner's play "Linedrive to Right," agrees that the show gives aspiring actors a chance they might not otherwise have.

"It's good for beginning directors like myself... [It also gives us] more chances more chances to get actors involved in the first place," Williams



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Ryan Kruger and Meg Dominick in Kelly Hart's "Love Hurts." The show, directed by sophomore Meg Ryan, is part of the "New Playwrights Workshop 2002," an all student written, directed, produced and acted show.

said.

Two of Williams' actors have never been in a play at Notre Dame before; in fact, one has never done any theatre at all. "Linedrive to Right," a commentary on the teachings of organized religion on justice and forgiveness, is certainly a large undertaking for a first play.

The short rehearsal process made the groups producing each show develop their characters and concepts

quickly. With the rewriting that the directors and writers did, a polished product didn't develop until the night before opening.

Williams and Horner actually went back and choose a different draft of the script than the one that had been submitted to the class to

better convey the meaning.

"It's definitely different directing a student-written show because you can work directly with the writer ... if you find something that doesn't work you can rewrite it, but there's a lot you can play with," Williams said.

The plays in the "New Playwrights Workshop 2002" run from serious pieces like senior Babs Smith's play "So Far Gone" to irreverent satire like sophomore Chris Sandrock's "The Moral Tale of Everystudent."

Smith's play, directed by junior Bill

Kalman, deals with the effects of alcoholism on a family. She feels that the psychoanalytic show reflects aspects of both the Notre Dame campus and many students' family lives.

"I think the issue of alcoholism is a really important issue on this campus especially for children of alcoholics or people with alcoholism in their family. And it's not really dealt with on this campus," Smith said.

"So Far Gone" features familiar campus theatre faces like junior Monica Kerschner and sophomores Sean Nelson and Cheryl Turski. The piece features a flashback convention in which the play takes place in two time periods at once for dramatic effect.

Another drama, senior Suzanne Dietman's "Dance is Life," delves into the thought process of perfectionism: a theme reminiscent of over-achieving and over-stressed Notre Dame students' personal drama.

On the other hand, "The Moral Tale of Everystudent," satirizes the Notre Dame campus and its traditions. The show is the story of Everystudent (played by freshmen Steve Hoeplinger), the student hero, and his battle against the nemesis of Phil

Smirk (played by sophomore Mike Romano), a daemon sent by God (played by sophomore Adel Hanash) to order the campus.

Overall, the shows have been a learning experience for the group.

"Especially for theatre majors considering a career in writing, it's important to see your work expressed on stage because it looks so different on paper... it can get so manipulated going from the paper to the stage," Williams said.

The "New Playwrights Workshop 2002" will be presented in two sections. The first section with the plays "Solitaire," "Dance is Life," "Love Hurts" and "So Far Gone" were presented yesterday and last Wednesday. The second set of shows that is comprised of "Going Away," "Linedrive to

Right" and "The Moral Tale of Everystudent" will be presented in the Lab Theatre in Washington Hall at 7:00 p.m. tonight and tomorrow night. Admission is free.

"Especially for theatre majors considering a career in writing, it's important to see your work expressed on stage because it looks so different on paper ... it can get so manipulated going from paper to the stage."

Justin Williams
Workshop director

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A tale of two Notre Dame parents

For last year's Junior Parents' Weekend, I urged students to appreciate the weekend they were about to share with their parents and classmates. I recalled how I, as the coordinator of my JPW, had little time for my family.

I let slip away an opportunity to share my family with my classmates and their parents. I failed to expose them to the diversity of my student family on campus.

Our Church and our nation are strongest when we embrace tolerance and diversity. The coexistence of Bible-thumping fundamentalists with "Cafeteria Catholics" enriches our faith. Until the Sept. 11 attacks, Democrats and Republicans were last congenial "loyal opponents" prior to 1994. In light of Sept. 11, those of us middle-aged people who are set in our ways should reflect on how we can learn to better tolerate and appreciate the diversity that makes us the renowned American or the fabled Notre Dame family.

This parents' weekend, I tell a tale of two Notre Dame parents — a father whose son graduated from Notre Dame and a mother whose two children currently attend the University. Each has read this column and communicated with me via e-mail.

I, in turn, always respond to both the nice and nasty comments. Below are excerpts from each that are as opposite in tone as can be charted.

Having seen that I worked for President Clinton, the man replied like a "freeper," a conservative who bands together on the Internet on so-called "free republic" sites to respond en masse like the old "moral majority" did with their letter writing campaigns. My Dec. 7, 2001, column citing the horrors of war from my father's World War II experiences and my generation's bout with Vietnam riled him.

He wrote, "If your phony, perjury-riddled, sorry excuse for a Commander-in-Chief were still in charge we'd probably be engaging in some country-wide hand-wringing instead of responding with the only thing that these maniacs understand. My son, a Notre Dame grad, was in the World Trade Center on Sept. 11 and barely escaped with his life. For you to suggest [between the lines] that the United States is somehow responsible for these hideous attacks makes me wonder how you'd feel if you or a family member were victims of these animals."

I replied, "I'm not quite sure which lines you were reading between, but I agree that the United States must strike back in the manner we set forth. I was trying to bring some reality to the students on campus who have no idea what war and suffering and death is ... unlike my generation that faced going to Vietnam."

"Why not re-read my column without your emotion and see if the lines between which you have read are not exactly the same ones I intended for the readers."

He then e-mailed me, "I re-read your column without emotion, and you're even further off-base than I originally thought. What really frightens me, almost more than bin Laden, is that you have access to some very intelligent, fertile minds [at Notre Dame]; we can only hope that their parents have prepared them to deal with misguided souls like you."

He went on, "What do you mean 'our' generation, do you think you're the only one who had to face the potential of war, Vietnam or otherwise? The world doesn't revolve around liberals only!"

When my sister, also a Notre Dame graduate, and I cited Web sites that offered countering points of view, he replied, "Doesn't anyone else read your column? For someone who worked for [Clinton] would suggest to me that you haven't even earned the right to the little Observer column that is read by no more than a handful of people ... good thing!"

A Notre Dame mother wrote, "I felt I had to contact you over 2 years ago when I read your article about Father Robert Griffin, 'Live Each Day as if it Were Your Last.' But I got busy and the thought faded away. That is why after reading February 1, 2002 column, 'Savoring the Semester,' I had to respond."

She went on to say, "I too let a sighting of Father Griffin go by. I had often thought about him and considered him one of the people at Notre Dame who had the most impact on me as a person, along with my roommates, a few friends and a professor or two. I did not have the courage to tell him what an influence he, his sermons, and his writings had on me for the past 20 years."

"When I read of his passing, I was quite upset over the loss of him for the University and for this world and upset with myself for not contacting him before he died ... I had let a moment slip away that could never be recaptured."

"You can't know how proud and overjoyed I am that my children are attending Notre Dame and loving every minute of their experiences. I feel I should still be a student. I do not have clear, sharp memories. I know I enjoyed myself, studied hard, made great friendships that have endured, but my mind is fuzzy on real recollections. I am trying to instill in my children to treasure each and every day, the good days and the bad, the beautiful weather and the snow and ice, for they'll be moving on before they know it."

After exchanging more stories via e-mail, she wrote, "I really look forward to being on campus again and sharing experiences with my son and daughter and gathering fresh memories for me to hold on to."

She concluded, "All in all, I have been blessed and I certainly attribute a lot of my blessings to Notre Dame and what it gave me — intellectually, personally, emotionally and spiritually."

We can attribute that to diversity and tolerance.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Increase in activity fees would benefit students

Wednesday night we attended the Student Senate meeting to present arguments supporting the proposed increase in student activity fees. By virtue of our active and long-term involvement in the allocation of Student Union funds, we believe that we can offer insight into the Student Union's financial needs. The Senate rejected the proposal, however, before all parties were heard. We would like to use this forum to present our case.

Simply put, we deal with limited resources and increasing expenses. As we all know, a dollar today doesn't buy as much as a dollar did four years ago, the last time the Student Activity fee was increased.

Maintaining the same level of programming and student services year to year has become increasingly more difficult.

For example, the cost of bringing a speaker or musician to campus has increased dramatically over the past several years. Additionally, general operating costs have increased each year, while the amount of money available has remained relatively constant.

To offer some perspective, the organizations within the Student Union requested over \$1 million dollars last spring. Only \$600,000 was available for allocation, however. The Student Union is comprised of the Senate, Executive Cabinet, Office of the President, SUB, Judicial Council, Officer of the Treasurer/ Financial Management Board, Hall Presidents Council, Club Coordination Council, all four Class Councils, Off-Campus Council and clubs and organizations. This money must also cover the expenses of Senior Week and some administrative salaries. Even a slight increase in the Student Activity Fee would result in more programming and better services for students.

The limited resources of the Student Union also have a direct effect on the 75

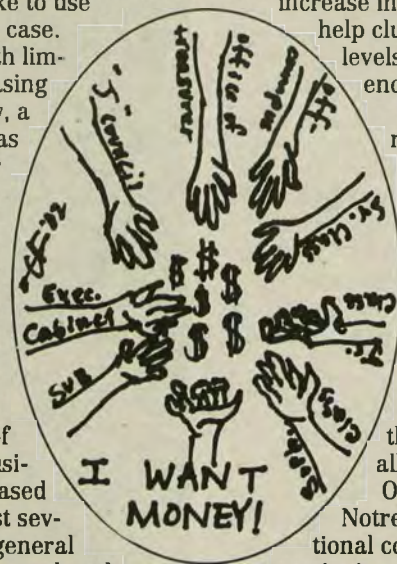
percent of undergraduates who participate in a club during their four years here. As costs rise, clubs are forced to either cut activities or require their members to pay for expenses out of their own pockets. For instance, the Experiential Learning Council has been forced to cancel some of its popular seminar service trips and several clubs charge annual dues of over \$100. An

increase in Student Activity Fees would help clubs maintain their current levels of activity and would encourage future growth.

In comparison to our current \$65 fee, students at St. Mary's pay a \$150 student activity fee. Even with the proposed increase, Notre Dame students would pay only half of that. We firmly believe that the student activity fee should be increased to account for inflation — permitting the Student Union to maintain the status quo — and benefit all students.

One of the hallmarks of the Notre Dame family is its exceptional commitment to active community involvement. Our hopes in writing this letter are to bring light to this issue as well as to foster dialogue between students and their senators on this issue. We are committed to providing high quality activities to students. From our positions and with our knowledge of the Student Union finances, we feel that only with adequate funding will the Student Union be able to continue its current level of activities.

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Attacking the State of the Union

This letter is in response to Mike Marchand's Feb. 11 column.

President Bush did not shine with his State of the Union Address. He basked in the glow of a nation eager to rally behind their leader. There was no "plain-spoken eloquence." Implying that America is the unquestionable good opposed to "evil," categorically grouping three countries whose situations are very different into an "axis of evil," and saying things like "let's roll" and "make no mistake about it" is not eloquent. It is sensationalist, plays upon the American public's ignorance of foreign affairs and simplifies difficult questions. There was no "bold, visionary changes for both the immediate and the long-term future of the union."

Bush repeatedly returned to his patriotic rallying cry throughout the speech, not going into detail about domestic policy. His policies do not work for "America's hardworking families." Just take a look at his tax cut. He does not govern "from the center as much as possible." The nation has not heard rhetoric like his since Reagan. He is not "more of a rapid-fire Texas gunslinger than a poet, linguistically speaking." He is a rapid-fire Texas gunslinger who is appreciated by people like Mike Marchand who can take pride in saying that "America will now work to annihilate the enemies of the 21st Century — before they can do it to us." His State of the Union Address confirmed that Bush is an "intellectual lightweight" who makes that point clear every time he opens his mouth.

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One Final Shot



Irish look to rebound in crucial Big East games

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Call it a tale of two teams heading in very different directions.

When Notre Dame lost to Syracuse a month ago, the Irish couldn't find their shot and the Orangemen were ranked No. 7 in the nation. The loss propelled the Irish to a three-game losing streak.

Then Notre Dame's fortune changed and the Irish reeled off five consecutive wins before losing Thursday night. The Orangemen, on the other hand, lost five of their next seven and tumbled out of the Top 25.

On Sunday, these two teams will meet in a game that has tremendous implications on Big East play.

"Everything we do with our basketball program starting Sept. 1 when our kids get back is to be fresh in February and make a run," Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said. "It worked last year and so far it's working this year."

The Irish have the ability to control their own destiny in the Big East. At 7-4 in Big East play, Notre Dame is tied for second place in the West Division with Syracuse, one game behind Pittsburgh. Should the two teams finish with the same record at the end of the season, the Irish would win the conference because they beat the Panthers twice this year.

Meanwhile, the Orangemen, who led the West Division with a 5-0 record the last time they played the Irish, lost four games and tumbled to third in the West Division before tying the Irish for second after their loss last night.

But just because Syracuse is on a slide doesn't mean the team is any less dangerous.

When the Orangemen edged the Irish 56-51 back on Jan.



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David Graves, leaping, and Matt Carroll watch the ball fly out of bounds during the first half of Notre Dame's win against Pittsburgh last year. Notre Dame had a five-game winning streak snapped Thursday night at Rutgers.

14, their 2-3 zone defense caused major problems for Notre Dame's perimeter shooting trio of David Graves, Matt Carroll and Chris Thomas. The three only scored a combined 19 points in that game and shot just 5-for-24 from 3-point range.

A few weeks ago, Brey told Thomas that in order for Notre Dame to be more successful on offense, the freshman point guard needed to drive the ball to the basket more. Whether Thomas can penetrate into the

lane against the Orangemen will be an important factor in breaking Syracuse's zone defense.

"[Brey] told me to push the ball more," said Thomas, who was named Sports Illustrated's Player of the Week this week. "We have to get our speed up and going because he knows we have fun when we run and he knows that we have a great offense when we run."

Notre Dame will also have to shut down Syracuse's offense, which relies on Preston

Shumpert, DeShaun Williams and Kueth Duany. The trio typically score two-thirds of Syracuse's points in any given game.

The only reason the Irish stayed close to Syracuse last game was because the Irish were able to get the ball to Ryan Humphrey. The senior forward was the only player to score in double figures against the Orangemen, finishing with 28 points.

With the NCAA Tournament looming, Brey doesn't believe

his team will change its focus, even though they are considered a virtual lock for the NCAA Tournament.

"We've been a group who's had to work for everything," Brey said. "We started out the season not marked as a team and fourth in the division. We've really had to earn everything we've gotten so far."

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	COACHING	STYLE OF PLAY	POST PLAYERS	PERIMETER PLAYERS	BENCH	INTANGIBLES
NOTRE DAME	When the Irish fall behind, they don't lose their poise. That's a testament to Brey's style of coaching. He lets his players play and doesn't worry about controlling small things. If the Irish struggle early, he won't call a time out.	Notre Dame played much more aggressively during its five-game winning streak. Rebounding and defense have been the keys for the Irish. When their defense is rolling, they can't be beat.	Humphrey has been the inside presence for the Irish all year long. While his free-throw shooting leaves something to be desired, he hits them when the game is on the line. Swanagan is a major factor in the recent Irish resurgence.	Thomas is the spark-plug to the Irish offense. If he plays well, the Irish play well. Carroll and Graves broke out of their mid-season shooting slump and are deadly from the perimeter.	While Brey rarely went to his bench in the beginning of the season, the emergence of Timmermans and Cornette have allowed Humphrey and Swanagan to rest. Jones is an early defensive presence.	The test for the Irish will be how they rebound from Thursday's loss. But they'll have a boisterous home crowd behind them and have gained a lot of momentum the last six games.
SYRACUSE	Boeheim has coached for 25 years — all at Syracuse. He's a master at maximizing the potential of his players and his zone defense frustrates opponents no matter how many times they face it.	Syracuse uses the 2-3 zone defense almost exclusively. The Orangemen also have the ability to stretch their defense out to the perimeter to cut down on long-range shooters. They usually score from the perimeter.	Inside game? What's that? No player averages more than six rebounds a game, and Forth is the only player above 6-foot-9 who sees significant playing time.	When the Orangemen score, they do it from outside. Shumpert is a versatile player who averages over 20 points a game. Shumpert, Williams and Duany scored 44 of Syracuse's 56 points last time they played the Irish.	Syracuse receives solid, but not spectacular, production from its bench. Like the Irish, the Orangemen usually play eight men, but their subs don't really do more than fill a spot on the floor while the stars rest.	Quite simply, the Orangemen are reeling since they last played the Irish. They've lost five of their last seven games and, if they don't improve, are in danger of not making the NCAA Tournament.
ANALYSIS	Boeheim knows how to coach his players to fit a system, but Brey is great at making adjustments during the middle of the game. The style of coaching on both teams essentially cancels each other out.	The last time these two teams played, Syracuse's defense caused major problems for the Irish. If Notre Dame can't get good shots, they'll be in big trouble.	Syracuse must stop Humphrey by forcing him to shoot turnaround jumpers. If he can get the ball on the floor and drive to the basket, he'll dominate the game. Last time these two teams met, Humphrey had 28 points.	A month ago, the Irish guarded Williams closely, but Duany hurt them big time. The Irish also struggled against the zone — no player other than Humphrey had more than eight points. They can't allow that to happen again.	The game won't be decided by the players on the bench. The top four players for each team are all averaging over 30 minutes a game. This will be a gut-it-out contest for both teams.	With the home crowd behind them, the Irish should come out inspired. And they'll be angry after losing Thursday.

Leading by example

Senior captain Humphrey has no problem filling the big shoes of a vocal leader

By KERRY SMITH
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The white adidas sneakers Ryan Humphrey wears on the basketball court tell much about where the senior captain has come from and where he wants to go.

While his dedication on the court shows his love for the sport he has played most of his life, his shoes show that his personality runs much deeper.

Inked in royal blue on the outside of his left high-top, read the initials "MAH" and Bible citation "Romans 8:28."

Humphrey wrote the initials, a reference to his mother Melodi Ann Humphrey, on his sneakers to remind him of the person he has become.

"My mom is very important to me," Humphrey said. "She is the person I get who I am from. It also serves as a reminder to me so I don't do anything to embarrass her."

That reminder is just as important as the maxim Humphrey has chosen to model himself on. Romans 8:28 reads, "We know that in everything God works for good, with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose."

"Romans 8:28 is something I always take with me," he said. "It's something I want to live my life by."

The references on Humphrey's sneaker form the bedrock of his character: family and faith.

"Being that my father is a minister, that is very important to him," Humphrey's twin sister Robyn said. "Being close and committed to God has always been important."

Family and faith have brought the senior far during his college career — a five-year journey that has taken Humphrey from Oklahoma to Indiana, through three coaching regimes and many role changes on and off the court.

The Tulsa native began his career at Oklahoma, making an immediate impact for the Sooners. Despite being diagnosed with iron-deficiency anemia which limited his playing time most of his freshman season, the McDonald's and Parade All-American still earned a spot on the 1997-1998 Big-12 All-Freshman roster.

During his sophomore season, Humphrey continued to make strides, helping his team to a Sweet 16 berth in the NCAA tournament.

But despite his early successes, Humphrey needed a change after two years with the Sooners.

"Transferring was tough, but I made that choice and took that on myself," Humphrey said. "I needed to get out of Oklahoma. It was nothing personal with my coach or the team."

Humphrey had been recruited out of high school by Kansas assistant coach Matt Doherty, so when Doherty took over the Irish program, Humphrey decided to make the transfer to

Notre Dame.

But he didn't come alone.

Robyn came along for the ride.

"Coming out of high school, we made a package deal. We would go to college together," Robyn said. "And so when he wanted to transfer, I decided to follow."

His sister's presence made the 800-mile transition easier.

"She's great. She's my best friend," Humphrey said. "We talk daily and we keep each other rooted."

Because Humphrey had to sit out his junior year at Notre Dame as an NCAA-sanctioned stipulation of the transfer, he never saw court time during the Doherty-era.

Almost as soon as the former Tarheel player arrived at Notre Dame, he left to accept the head coaching position at the North Carolina.

Humphrey found himself again in the predicament of a new coaching staff and a new coaching style.

"It was tough, but it worked itself out," Humphrey said. "That's just part of life. You just have to take on another role after the changes."

Those changes, including the arrival of current head coach Mike Brey and the departure of Troy Murphy, have only helped Humphrey emerge into a respected leader on the Notre Dame squad and a dominant force under the basket for the Irish this season.

"He was pretty much a man when I got him," Brey said. "He's always handled his business very maturely."

Humphrey's maturity and leadership has elevated him to a virtual coach on the team.

"He's doing a great job in his role as a captain. And not every senior captain takes that role seriously," Brey said. "He's taken it very seriously and helped me lead the team ... This year, I think our communication has been a key as far as keeping our group moving forward."

He is dominating force on the court. He is a teacher to his teammates in practice. He is a powerful voice in the locker room. And he is an example of hard work and determination for his squad members.

"He's a little bit of whatever it takes," Brey said. "It's almost as if he has good read on the pulse of our group and he does what's needed."

Tuesday was not an atypical day for the Irish as they prepared to practice in the Joyce Center.

As most of the team hung out in the locker room a half an hour before practice began, the steady beat of a lone basketball echoed throughout the Joyce Center: four pumps to the floor, a two-second pause and then a shot from the foul line. Humphrey repeated the beat from both ends of the floor as student manager Malcolm Farmer, a junior who Humphrey considers his closest friend on the team, rebounded.

Humphrey's dedication to improving his free-throw



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Notre Dame forward Ryan Humphrey hangs on the rim after a thunderous dunk during a win against Pittsburgh earlier this season. Humphrey, one of the most vocal leaders for the Irish, said he won't be satisfied with this season unless the Irish make it back to the NCAA Tournament.

shooting, a facet of the game he has taken much slack for this season, is an indication to his team of how great his work ethic is.

"He spends a lot of time outside of practice working on his game," Farmer said. "People don't see all the work that he puts into it. People may get frustrated with his free throw shooting, but there isn't a time when he goes to the line that I don't think it will go in because I've seen too many of them go in."

Humphrey's dedication is also not lost on Brey.

"[His work ethic is] awesome ... to the point where I worry about him wearing himself out because he wants to do so much extra stuff," Brey said. "He's a guy who's made himself a better player. He was always a great athlete but he's made himself a better basketball player."

Humphrey's work ethic and dedication is so great that despite spending upwards of 20 hours a week tuning his game outside of practice, his biggest

regret is that he did not start working harder sooner.

"I wish I had worked harder at a younger age," he said. "I think my work ethic is good now, but that's separate. I didn't have that work ethic at a younger age."

It is that maturity that has allowed Humphrey to teach the younger members of the Irish squad.

"He's been great with the younger guys and put them under his wing," said fellow senior captain David Graves. "You come in as a freshman and you feel like you have to prove things, and you don't need to, and he helps them realize that."

Freshman forward Jordan Cornette is one of those players Humphrey has taken under his wing.

"He knocks you around, but he also tells you how to defend those kind of moves so you become a better defensive player because he breaks you down and then tells you how to stop that," Cornette said. "I take his confidence level and learn from

that so when I'm in the games I try and play at that confidence level so when I'm out there I feel like the opponent I'm going against — I'm no less than him, but I'm better than him."

Humphrey's attitude toward his team and its performance has turned in big numbers for the Irish this season.

The senior leads the team, averaging 18.7 points and 9.8 rebounds a game.

With a core set of upperclassmen and a talented class of underclassmen who have quickly matured under senior leadership as the season has progressed, Humphrey has high hopes for his final season in a collegiate uniform.

"My goal is to make it to the NCAA tournament four years straight. The farthest I went was the Sweet 16 and this year as senior I'd like this team to go farther," Humphrey said. "Everyone on the team knows what we're capable of."

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Breaking down the Big East Conference

The only guarantee in the Big East Conference this season is that there are no guarantees. No other conference in America has experienced the same

degree of parity as the Big East. With two weeks left to go in the regular season, both the East and West Divisions of the Big East are still up for grabs.

Upsets and surprises have painted a cloudy picture at the top of both conferences.

As we head down the final stretch, nine teams still have legitimate shots to win their respective divisions and compete for a coveted dance ticket to March Madness. No single team has been able to separate itself from the rest of the pack.

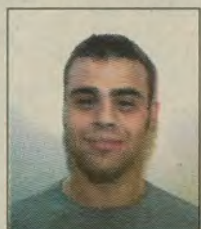
There is an old sports adage that beautifully describes Big East basketball — "Any given team can beat any other team on any given night."

Case in point, Boston College lost to lowly Virginia Tech last week, only to turn around and defeat No. 11 Miami three days later.

Enough of the confusion already. It's time to break down the Big East.

Who's hot

Notre Dame is simply on fire



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right now, running its record to (17-6, 7-4). With five straight victories before their loss last night, the Irish have put themselves in prime position to repeat as champions of the West Division. Notre Dame sits in second place in the West Division.

Who's not

Syracuse is fading and fading fast. Last Sunday's second-half meltdown against Pittsburgh has left the Orangemen (18-7, 7-4) tied for second with Notre Dame and a full game behind Pittsburgh in the West Division. Even worse, the Orangemen are no longer a sure bet to make the NCAA tournament.

This Sunday's game against Notre Dame has huge implications for both teams. The winner will likely have assured itself of a bid to the Big Dance.

Biggest surprise

Pittsburgh has shocked the entire nation this year en route to a (21-4, 9-3) record. With a favorable remaining schedule, the Panthers should lock up a bid to the NCAA tournament.

Perennial doormat Rutgers (15-8, 5-5) has also been strong this season, posting two huge upset victories over Connecticut and Georgetown.

Miami (18-6, 7-4) has also been surprising during their rise to the No. 11 ranking in the country.

Biggest disappointment

This dubious honor goes to Boston College (16-7, 5-5). After last year's East Division cham-



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Irish point guard Chris Thomas dribbles upcourt during Notre Dame's season opener against New Hampshire.

pionship, big things were expected of the Eagles. The Eagles have struggled to find any consistency all season with a huge loss at the hands of Virginia Tech.

Despite the veteran leadership of Kevin Braswell and the strong inside play of Michael Sweetney, Georgetown (15-8, 6-5) has been mediocre this season.

As lousy as Boston College and Georgetown have looked at times this season, they still have outside shots to compete for Big East regular season crowns and improve their March Madness prospects.

What it all means

Right now, Pittsburgh is tied for the lead with Notre Dame in the West Division, while Conne (18-6, 8-3) is a game ahead of Miami in the East Division.

The Panthers, Irish, Huskies, and Hurricanes all seem to have the inside track to NCAA tournament bids, but there is still a lot of basketball left to be played.

Notre Dame still has three critical showdowns left with Syracuse, Miami, and St. John's.

The division leaders have a very small margin for error. Syracuse, St. John's, Boston

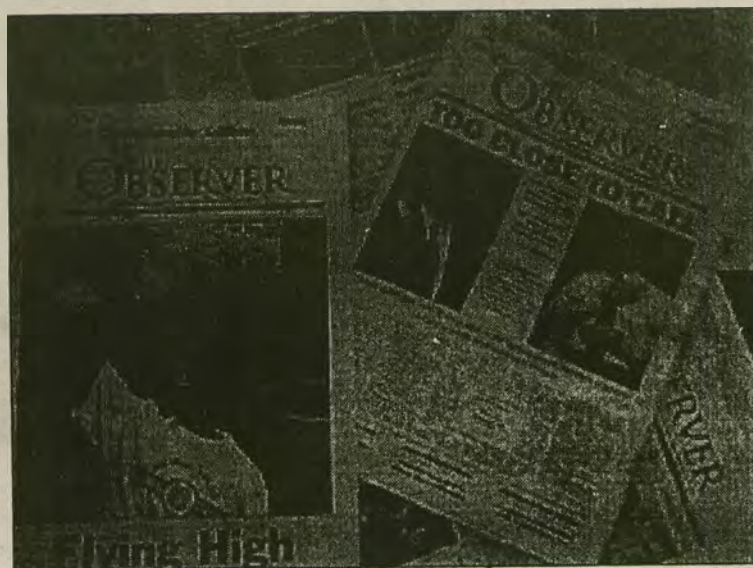
College, Georgetown, and Rutgers all currently sit within two games of the division leaders. All of these teams have the potential to win the Big East Tournament in a few weeks.

If the regular season is any indication, the tournament promises to be filled with even more close games and surprising upsets.

After all, anything can happen in the Big East.

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Repertory/Performance Workshop presents '2002 Dance Spectrum'

By EMILY FORD

Scene Writer

Those who are children of the '80s grew up mesmerized by dance-charged films like "Fame" and "Flashdance." Some even dared to don leg warmers and sweatbands in an attempt to attain the ability that those movies showcased. They hurried excitedly into their first dance classes, eager to learn and even more eager to perform.

However, those who failed to even walk to the correct beat resigned themselves to the fact that dance was left only to those who possessed coordination. Dance became something that could only be appreciated by the elite: the dancers themselves. This misconception of dance as being only for the artists is what the "2002 Dance Spectrum" aims to move aside.

With a wide variety of dances ranging from ballet and modern to jazz, the audience is promised to find something it will appreciate. The mission of the "2002 Dance Spectrum" is to bring dance to the entire community.

"If you can make dance more accessible, that it's not something on a big, high pedestal, but something that they can see and want to see more frequently, they can incorporate it and say, 'Oh, that was so neat, I want to see some more.' And there's such a variety that hopefully they'll each have a little sampler," Indi Dieckgrafe, artistic director and choreographer, said.

The dancers also want the audience to capture the versatility of the concert.

Otis Cortez-Hill, a senior Film, Television and Theatre major at Notre Dame and the company's only male member, believes that everyone will find a piece that appeals to them.

"I want the audience to gather the sense of eclecticism, a sense of universal dance. There's something for everybody and no matter what you like, if you like ballet you have the ["Silver Variation"], if you like pseudo-improv modern dance, there will be something for everyone," Cortez-Hill said.

Cortez-Hill is a vehicle of the eclectic nature of the concert, appearing in "At the River," "What to Do" and "References New."

Saint Mary's has always kept its dance performances from being restricted to just one genre of dance. The title of the concert, "2002 Dance Spectrum," reflects its wide span of movement styles.

"It seems like we have always been known for presenting an eclectic array of dances. We do have all those different techniques and styles that we teach. I don't know if I can really say thematically except that it will give you a range, because there isn't a certain thing that we're focusing on, that we're letting everyone have their individual expression," Dieckgrafe said.

With nearly 10 pieces being performed, an idea of what Dieckgrafe calls openness and acceptance arises. This concept has given Saint Mary's the opportunity to showcase diverse works and the diverse dancers of the Repertory/Performance Workshop: Otis Cortez-Hill, Therese Cullen, Katie DeCoste, Adrienne DeGraff, Emilie DesJardins, Emily Fagan, Erin Flynn, Emily Ford, Caitlin Gillen, Courtenay Lauer, Amy Lazzarotto, Sara Pendley, Eva Polizzi, Quinn Shern and Lisa

Walton, with guest dancers Kathy Ornish and Justin Smith. The unseen, but necessary contributors to the concert are lighting designer Tom Boelman and costume designer Ginger Moritz.

The concert utilizes the creations of various choreographers from various disciplines. The show opens with a traditional piece entitled "Silver Variation and Coda from 'The Sleeping Beauty,'" choreographed by faculty member Jill Tulchinsky and performed by soloist Emily Fagan.

Ballet is taken into another direction by Laurie Lowry, an adjunct professor of ballet and Pilates at Saint Mary's. She has danced professionally with multiple companies, including the California Ballet and Ballet Hawaii. She has taken her vast experience in dance to create "Vivaldi," a ballet that possesses both upbeat moments and serenely sophisticated ones.

"The beginning and ending are light and the middle section is quiet and elegant," Lowry said.

The piece exhibits a Spanish style, meant to be executed with both grace and precision.

"Collection/Essence" is a piece that not only utilizes dancers, but art as well. Donald Stikeleather, a professor in dance at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame and an experienced modern dancer, collaborated with artist Kathy Ornish for this work. Ornish was fascinated with the idea of boxes both constricting and protecting; she constructed movable sculpture to explore this concept. This

piece is unique because it possesses qualities that are not typically associated with dance.

"It has sculpture that moves, dancers that stand still instead of moving, it has silence with no dancing," Stikeleather said.

Unlike dances that are a blur of constant motion, "Collection/Essence" has moments when nothing kinetic is happening.

"We have tried to make a balance so that it's not too much all the time," Stikeleather said.

The collaboration of the two art forms was a positive experience with a positive result for the artists.

"What we created was different than what the two of us could have created alone," Stikeleather said.

The second act opens with "At the River," by guest choreographer Kevin Magee. Magee is a renowned choreographer and currently dances with the Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company in New York. He has devised a theme meant to captivate the audience while the dancers attempt an escape.

"His piece is a compelling work for nine dancers with an intriguing movement vocabulary that supports a ritualistic and tribal atmosphere," Dieckgrafe said.

"Psalm" is a piece of personal importance to Dieckgrafe.

"'Psalm' is 10 years old and it's kind of poignant that it's being done at this concert because my husband gave me the music for that ten years ago on

Valentine's Day," Dieckgrafe said.

The religious content of the music and choreography is meant to convey an experience of spiritual elevation. Though this piece has been performed in many different arrangements, soloist Amy Lazzarotto ventures to capture the emotional, yet reverent message.

Dieckgrafe continues to innovate with the modern piece, "Emevese." Though most traditional modern pieces are danced barefoot, "Emevese" is performed in pointe shoes. Dieckgrafe's dancers led her to this variation.

"Just in working with them, I knew they weren't going to be happy in the modern genre. So I decided if these girls want to dance on pointe, they'll just do it on pointe ... The piece became about them, about the three dancers that I had, and that's why I did "Emevese," a section of each of their names," Dieckgrafe said.

The concert continues with the presence of choreographic flexibility in "What to Do." It is a piece that is not dictated by strict choreography, but by vocal cues in the music.

"'What to Do' is my own question of what to do and so I didn't know where to go with that, and that led me to the fact that I kind of wanted to be told what to do and that became the substance for the piece. I'm really happy with the way it turned out with the input of the dancers and the fun idea that actually brought this piece to life," Dieckgrafe said.

The final piece, "References New" employed the input of another artist, sculptor Lanny Bergner. It has been performed previously this year at the installation of Bergner's sculpture at The South Bend Regional Museum of Art. To recreate the setting created by Bergner, screens similar to his will be hung, providing the background for slide projections of his actual work.

The focal point of the piece is a simulation of a nest constructed by Bergner that will house eggs containing windshield glass and pins. The collaboration with Bergner and sound designer Cloud Tiger will culminate into a work encompassing visual and auditory art forms.

The final piece, "Diamonds," was choreographed by Courtenay Lauer, a student company member. The piece showcases a contemporary jazz style with intended sassiness and finesse. Its music, from a blockbuster movie soundtrack, strives for mass appeal as well as sex appeal.

The "2002 Dance Spectrum" will provide the audience with grand vision of the shades of dance. Dieckgrafe believes that the audience will want to see more. Perhaps they'll want to do more: perhaps they'll want to dig out those leg warmers and dance.

The "2002 Dance Spectrum" opens tonight and runs to Sunday. Tonight and tomorrow nights shows begin at 7 p.m. and Sunday's show begins at 2:00 p.m. "2002 Dance Spectrum" will be presented in the O'Laughlin Auditorium in the Moreau Center for the Arts. Ticket are \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for senior citizens and Saint Mary's and Notre Dame community members and \$2.50 for students.



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The Repertory/Performance Workshop presents "Diamonds," a piece of the "2002 Dance Spectrum" show playing at O'Laughlin Auditorium.

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MEN’S TENNIS

7th-ranked Irish take on Purdue, Wisconsin

Associated Press

The seventh-ranked Notre Dame men's tennis team will play host to Wisconsin and Purdue this weekend in the Eck Tennis Pavilion. The Irish and Badgers meet Saturday at 2 p.m., while Notre Dame and Purdue will play Sunday at 1 p.m.

Wisconsin carries a 3-0 record into Saturday's match with the Irish. The Badgers, ranked 64th, have defeated Northern Illinois, DePaul and Western Michigan this season. Wisconsin will play two matches in the Eck Tennis Pavilion this weekend, also facing Ball State Sunday at 9 a.m.

The Badgers are led by Danny Westerman, who is ranked 37th nationally in singles. He captured the title at last fall's Omni Hotels Region IV Championships where two Badgers suffered straight-set, opening-round losses to Irish players.

Last season, the Badgers were 14-10 and finished 57th in the final rankings.

The Irish and Badgers will meet for the 57th time and for

the 17th season in a row. Notre Dame leads the series 40-16 and has taken each of the past 10.

Purdue is 1-2 this season and ranked 53rd. The Boilermakers beat Butler and have taken losses to Pepperdine and Northwestern. Purdue will face Western Michigan on Saturday afternoon in a road match before coming to Notre Dame.

The Boilermakers have one singles player and one doubles team ranked. Andrew Wakefield is 101st in singles, while Scott Mayer and Dan Swan are 23rd in doubles. Last season, Purdue was 14-9 and finished 55th in the nation.

The Irish and Boilermakers will meet for the 50th time on Sunday. Notre Dame holds a 41-8 advantage in the series and has won 11 in a row. The teams originally met in 1937 and have played in each of the past seven seasons. In 2001, the Irish gained a tight 4-3 victory. Purdue won the doubles point, but Notre Dame rallied for four singles wins — including a pair in three sets — to take the match.

ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

Irish host weekend pair

By COLIN BOYLAN
Sports Writer

The 18th-ranked Notre Dame women's tennis team will continue its tough schedule, playing host to eighth-ranked Tennessee and No. 51 Brigham Young this weekend at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

Notre Dame and Tennessee will meet Saturday at 10 a.m., while the Irish and Cougars will face off Monday at 4 p.m. The match against the Volunteers will mark the third top-10 opponent faced by Notre Dame in the last four matches.

"I think our experience against top teams this early in the season will definitely help," said senior Lindsey Green. "The further we get into the season, the better we're going to play together."

The Irish will need everyone to be on top of their game against Tennessee, who is ranked eighth nationally after being listed sixth in the preseason rankings.

The Lady Vols are 4-3 in 2002 heading into their match at Michigan on Thursday. Tennessee's losses

have all come to teams currently ranked in the top six in the nation.

The team boasts an impressive singles lineup consisting of All-American Alison Ojeda (16th in the nation), Vilmarie Castellvi (20th), Kim Gates (66th) and Agnes Wiski (77th).

Against such a formidable lineup, the Irish will need to fully utilize their singles depth, but the team believes it's only a matter of time before that happens.

"Everyone on this team is so good that they can play with anyone else," said Green. "It's only a matter of having everyone in a position where they feel comfortable."

The Irish and Lady Vols will meet for the 13th time and the ninth time in the past 10 seasons. Tennessee leads the series 8-4 and has won three of the last four meetings.

The Irish are 3-5 against the Lady Vols in the Jay Louderback era. Last year, Tennessee defeated Notre Dame 6-1 in Knoxville, Tenn. Notre Dame's only point came at No. 6 singles where Kimberly Guy gained a victory.

The Lady Vols returned their entire starting lineup for 2002.

The team's Sunday match against Brigham Young does not figure to be as difficult, but the Cougars are no slouch either.

BYU is currently ranked 51st, but a disappointing 1-4 start dropped them from their preseason position of 35.

The Irish and the Cougars will meet for the ninth time overall and the eighth in the last nine years. Notre Dame has won five of the previous eight meetings, including each of the last three. BYU won the initial meeting in 1991.

Notre Dame may have home court advantage on its side. This will mark only the second trip for the Cougars to Notre Dame. In the only other visit, BYU lost 9-0 in 1999.

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Irish into committing an uncharacteristic nine turnovers in the first half, Notre Dame still held a narrow 35-32 lead heading into half-time.

"Their perimeter pressure brought the crowd into the game and really rattled us all night," said Coach Brey. "Their defense made it tough for us to find open looks throughout the game."

Rutgers' momentum at the end of the first half carried over to the beginning of the second half as the Scarlet Knights built a 10-point lead with ten minutes remaining in the game. Rutgers' half-court defense put the clamps down on the Irish offense in the second half holding Carroll to only two second-half points. Thomas was never able to get on track either, as he finished with

only six points, all on free throws.

"They shut us down for a long time in the second half," said Brey. "They really went after Chris Thomas tonight. I think the law of averages caught up with Chris. He's a tough kid, and he'll bounce back."

For the second straight game, Notre Dame had to contend with another strong physical post player. Last Saturday, Georgetown's Michael Sweetney scored 35 against the Irish.

Tonight was Rashod Kent's turn. Kent muscled his way to 18 points, 15 rebounds, four blocks, and four steals.

Notre Dame's interior defenders Ryan Humphrey, Tom Timmermans, and Harold Swanagan tried valiantly to keep the wide-bodied, 6-foot-6, 275 pound Kent from establishing inside position, but Kent was just too tough.

Despite hitting only two 3-pointers the entire game, the

Irish still only found themselves down seven points with two minutes remaining in the game.

When Rashod Kent fouled out, sending David Graves to the free-throw line, the Irish seemed poised to make another comeback, but they would come up just a little short in the end. Graves hit both of his free throws, cutting the Rutgers lead to five.

Over the next minute and a half, the Irish would whittle the Scarlet Knights' lead down to one after Chris Thomas sank two timely free-throws. The Irish then quickly fouled Rutgers' Mike Sherrod with 26 seconds left. Sherrod nailed both free throws, pushing the Rutgers lead to three, 65-62.

Out of timeouts, Notre Dame looked confused on their next position and quickly turned the ball over. With 14 seconds left, Rutgers freshman Ricky Shields missed two free throws, giving the Irish one final hope to tie the

game. With three seconds left to go, Chris Thomas' 3-point shot from the corner rimmed out, giving the Scarlet Knights the 65-62 victory.

"We put ourselves in a position to win at the end of the game," said Brey. "Rutgers was a very confident team tonight. We gave ourselves a chance, but we just came up a little short."

Ryan Humphrey led the way for the Irish, registering the 23rd double-double performance of his career. Humphrey finished with 18 points and 19 rebounds. Rashod Kent was the leading scorer for Rutgers with 18, while Rickey Shields chipped in 16.

The Irish will not have a lot of time to recover from the loss. On Sunday, Notre Dame returns home to face Syracuse at the Joyce Center. The Irish will be looking to avenge an earlier 56-51 road loss to the Orangemen.

"I love our team. We have been playing great lately," said Coach Brey. "We don't want to

be swept by Syracuse on Sunday. I know we will be excited to play, and I know our fans will be excited as well."

Game Notes:

- ♦ With the loss Thursday, the Irish fell into a second place tie with Syracuse in the Big East West Division.
- ♦ Despite the loss, the Irish still appear to be in good position to make the 64-team NCAA tournament with an RPI ranking of 25.
- ♦ Thursday's game marked the eighth consecutive time the Irish have lost on national television, dating back to the end of the 2000-'01 season
- ♦ Sunday's game against Syracuse will be televised on ABC, with coverage beginning at 3:30 EST.

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Women's

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and triple jump. After struggling a little at the beginning of the season, Volkmer took first place in both events at the Meyo Invitational.

"I am a little nervous because the first two meets were a little rough. But it's all looking uphill now," said Volkmer.

The women's sprinting corps will be sending seven runners, under the senior leadership of Liz Grow, who currently holds the 11th best time in the country in the 400-meter dash. This is the fourth year in a row Grow has made it to the conference meet, where she took second in the 400 her first two years and won it last year. Grow is also a member of the nationally ranked mile relay team that will also be competing this weekend.

Joining Grow in the sprinting events are Amanda Alvarez, Ayesha Boyd, Kristen Dodd, Tiffany Gunn, Kymia Love and Latasha Steele.

As a sophomore, Boyd in particular has had considerable success this year going into the conference meet. She took first in the 60-meter dash at the Meyo Invitational and is also part of the mile relay team.

"It seems like every meet my time has gone down faster and I've matured in so many ways. My goal

[this weekend] is to get a medal in the individual races," said Boyd.

In the distance events, Notre Dame will be sending nine women to New York: Jennifer Fibuch, Kristin Flood, Jennifer Handley, Megan Johnson, Lauren King, Kerry Meagher, Ana Morales, Jill Van Weelden and Katie Wales.

Leading the distance team is the junior Handley who is competing in the 3,000-meter and 5,000-meter runs this weekend.

This year Handley is only four seconds off a nationally qualifying time in the 3,000-meter.

"I want to run my personal best this week in the 5,000 and the 3,000. That would be ideal for me. I would love to make nationals; that would be my goal right now. Hopefully we will come out on top too," said Handley.

Rounding out the women's squad are the seven women of the field events.

Joining Volkmer and Tameisha King will be Natalie Hallett, Jennifer Kearney, Betsy Lazzeri, Emily Loomis, and Kaitlin Meiser. Emily Loomis is less than two inches from nationally qualifying in the high jump. Kearney, Lazzeri, and Meiser join Loomis in the high jump, Notre Dame's deepest event.

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Men's

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features the deepest contingent of athletes traveling to New York this weekend. Of the 32 athletes that have qualified for the conference meet, 15 of them are in the distance events.

Behind Shay and Watson, sophomore Kevin Somok looks to get a victory at the conference meet this weekend.

"Last year as a freshman I wasn't really sure what to expect, and I was kind of wide-eyed. And this year I know what it's all about and I hope to make some more noise. Certainly qualify for the final and score some points," said Somok.

Somok is also part of the distance medley team that is currently ranked third in the country, but will not race this weekend. Joining Somok on the medley team are freshman Eric Morrison, Watson and sophomore James Bracken.

Seniors Sean Zanderson, Tom Lennon, and Pat Conway add depth to the long distance corps. Zanderson, who has run a personal best 4:09 mile this year, will be running in the mile, and Lennon and Conway will most likely be running in the mile.

Also strengthening the distance team are Morrison and sophomore Todd Mobley. Morrison ran a stellar 1:51 800-meter run against Michigan State earlier in the year, and Mobley ran a fourth-place 4:07 mile in the Meyo Mile at the Meyo Invitational.

The sprinters are led by a contingent of underclassmen this year. Freshmen Dwight Ellick, Trevor McClain-Duer and Bracken look to score points for the sprinters. Ellick will be running in the 60- and 200-meter dashes, McClain-

Duer will run in the 500, and Bracken will compete in the 400.

McClain-Duer won the 500-meter run at the Windsor Team Challenge last week and looks to improve on that this weekend.

"I was really happy to get my first [collegiate] win. I've been getting better and better as the weeks go on. I'm hoping that I get all Big-East, that's my goal," said McClain-Duer.

McClain-Duer also feels confident his team can win.

"We have a really good chance of winning the team competition. And we have a pretty balanced distance and sprints corps. So if everyone wins like they can, we can win it," said McClain-Duer.

In the field events, seniors Josh Heck and Quill Redwine lead the team. Heck is currently ranked 10th in the Big East in the pole vault. He took second in the pole vault last year.

Redwine has been discouraged with injuries the past two years, but he still looks to get points for the team. Last year he was having trouble with his right knee, and this year he has been having problems with his left ankle.

The Irish will need strong performances in all events if they want to beat defending champion Georgetown. The Hoyas have kept the Irish from winning the conference meet three times, winning the conference meet the last four years.

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WINTER OLYMPICS

Le May Doan skates to second gold medal

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY

Bonnie Blair can rest easy. Catriona Le May Doan won't be going for a third straight gold medal.

The Canadian became just the second woman to repeat as 500-meter speedskating champion on Thursday night, putting her within one gold of matching Blair's three Olympics streak.

"People ask me all the time if I compare myself to Bonnie Blair," Le May Doan said. "Not at all. We're two completely different people. She's an amazing skater."

So is Le May Doan, who insists that she won't be coaxed into pursuing Blair's record of three in a row, set in 1988, '92 and '94.

The 31-year-old, who carried the flag for Canada in the opening ceremony, plans to retire after next season.

"This is over and above anything I ever dreamed of," she said. "You get to the point where you want to do other things."

Le May Doan crossed the line in 37.45 seconds, giving her an aggregate time in the two-day event of 1 minute, 14.75 seconds.

She easily defeated a pair of Germans. Monique Garbrecht-Enfeldt (1:14.94) won the silver and Sabine Volker (1:15.19) took the bronze.

Surprisingly, Le May Doan failed to break her own world record of 37.22, even though she finished on the more favorable outer lane. She did leave with a pair of Olympic records: 37.30, set Wednesday, and a two-day total that eclipsed her mark of 1:16.60 from four years ago.

"I would have loved for the record to drop again," Le May Doan said. "I didn't race my best, so I wasn't able to break my record."

This was the second straight event in which the previous world record stood up. So much for those predictions that all 10 marks would fall on the fast ice of the Utah Olympic Oval.

Le May Doan said her legs

tightened up after 300 meters, so she just focused on doing enough to win the gold.

"I knew with about 50 meters to go, it was enough," she said. "It wasn't a great race."

Le May Doan was an overwhelming favorite in the 500. She arrived at Salt Lake City having won 18 of her last 19 races, including all six World Cup events this season.

"I hope with this medal people are sort of re-encouraged," Le May Doan said. "The Olympics are not even half-over. They're just beginning. We can still have a great competition."

Garbrecht-Enfeldt, skating in the final pair with Le May Doan, clinched second place with a run of 37.60. She picked up her second Olympic medal 10 years after the first, having won a bronze in the 1,000 at Albertville.

"It's really hard to put into words," she said. "It's been a tough, long time since I won that medal."

Garbrecht-Enfeldt finally claimed a 500 medal after finishing sixth in 1994 and eighth four years ago.

Volker earned her first Olympic medal and will be one of the contenders in the 1,000, along with Garbrecht-Enfeldt and Le May Doan.

The top two finishers from the first day held their position, but Andrea Nuyt of the Netherlands dropped from third to fourth after a slight slip on the final turn, causing her left hand to scrape the ice.

Volker moved up from fifth to third, beating Nuyt by 0.18 seconds.

"When I finished I didn't think I had won a medal," said Volker, who was fourth in the 1,000 at Nagano. "I said, 'Oh my god, please don't let me be fourth place again.'"

The Americans were not a factor.

Chris Witty, still weak after a bout with mononucleosis, was 14th out of 31 skaters with a time of 1:16.73. The 500 is not her best event, but she wanted to use it as a warmup for Sunday's 1,000.

"I actually think I have a lot of speed considering how little I've worked the last few days," Witty said. "I feel comfortable with that."

Witty won the only two American speedskating medals at Nagano four years ago. She still has lingering doubts about how she'll perform in the 1,000 and 1,500, her stronger races.

"When you rest, the one thing you lose first is the strength," Witty said. "I haven't had time to do a lot of speed work, so doing races is going to help me. I just hope that'll be enough. Each race I get better, so hopefully by the 1,000, I'll have it."

Men's figure skating free skate

More Russian gold in Olympic figure skating — this time with perfection, not controversy.

Alexei Yagudin won his duel with teammate and rival Evgeni Plushenko, and Tim Goebel finished third, the first time since 1992 that an American man won a medal in the event.

Yagudin received all 5.9s on the scoreboard — except for four perfect 6.0s for artistry.

Goebel showed why he is the "Quad King," becoming the first Olympian to hit three of the four-revolution jumps in the games. He also displayed improved artistry in becoming the first American to win a medal since Paul Wylie won silver at the Albertville Games.

"I skated as well as I can skate, and I was just so happy to go out there and put it out under pressure," Goebel said.

As for getting a medal, he added: "I was sweating it a little bit."

But when Alexander Abt and Takeshi Honda couldn't match Goebel's performance, he was on the podium.

Yagudin stood proudly on the top step as the third straight Russian men's champion. For the three-time world champion who finished fifth at the Nagano Games, it was a dynamic showing.

He nailed everything, including two quads, one as part of a three-jump combo. He skated as



AFP PHOTO

Catriona Le May Doan competes in the Olympics Thursday. The Canadian speed skater won the 500-meter race, her second consecutive title in that event.

the "Man in the Iron Mask," wearing a costume with a bronzed breast plate and wielding an imaginary sword as he flashed around the ice.

When the 21-year-old Yagudin was done, he collapsed to his knees, then kissed the ice. He knew this was a moment of a lifetime, and by the time he reached the "Kiss and Cry" area, he was bawling.

The quick-witted Yagudin, who spends much of his time in the United States, said he was showing his appreciation for his part-time home.

"I just fell to my knees and kiss the ice because I live here and

won the gold medal here," he said.

His head was buried in his hands while the 5.9s and 6.0s flashed across the scoreboard. He became the first man at any Winter Olympics to score more than one 6.0.

"I was just thinking of the hard times I went through," said Yagudin, who had a high fever in Nagano and was plagued by injuries last season. "Last season was like hell, but I am strong and I just showed that."

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OLYMPIC FIGURE SKATING

IOC may consider awarding two gold medals

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY

Two gold medals?

The International Olympic Committee wouldn't rule out the possibility that a second gold medal could be awarded to the Canadian pairs skaters as a way to end the judging controversy that has marred the sport and dominated the Winter Games.

"The IOC will consider any request from the ISU," president Jacques Rogge said, referring to the International Skating Union.

IOC member Kevan Gosper said the committee hasn't discussed such a proposal, but added, "I'm not saying it can't happen."

The head of the skating union said it would be "very difficult, not impossible," to

award the gold to Jamie Sale and David Pelletier, who narrowly lost to the Russians in a questionable vote.

"Nothing is impossible," Ottavio Cinquanta told NBC Sports. "We do not understand why we should be deciding something so important as a medal in one day. We want to make the proper decision. It is not easy."

Canadian officials said they don't want Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze stripped of the gold medal, but they believe Sale and Pelletier should be rewarded if any evidence of wrongdoing is uncovered.

"We are not here to pull someone down, we are here to pull somebody up," said Michael Chambers, president of the Canadian Olympic Association. "We see no reason why the council of the ISU

should not consider awarding a second gold medal."

It's happened before.

In 1993, the IOC awarded a second gold medal in synchronized swimming from the Barcelona Games to Canada's Sylvie Frechette. The IOC's executive board agreed Frechette was placed second because of a judging error and should have been awarded the gold.

The decision came after the Canadian swimming federation protested because a Brazilian judge was not allowed to correct the 8.7 score she mistyped into her computer. The intended 9.7 would have given Frechette the gold. The IOC's decision did not affect Kristen Babb-Sprague of the United States, who was originally awarded the gold and kept her medal.

French judge Marie-Reine Le

Gougne is at the center of the controversy in Salt Lake City.

Didier Gailhaguet, head of the French Olympic committee and the country's figure skating federation, told an Associated Press reporter she was pressured before she voted for the Russians on Monday night.

During an interview in French, he said she was "somewhat manipulated," but he denied any wrongdoing by his federation.

"Some people close to the judge have acted badly and have put someone who is honest and upright but emotionally fragile under pressure," Gailhaguet said Wednesday night. "We cannot continue to let our judge be lambasted in this way. What is true is that Marie-Reine has been put under pressure, which pushed her to act in a certain way."

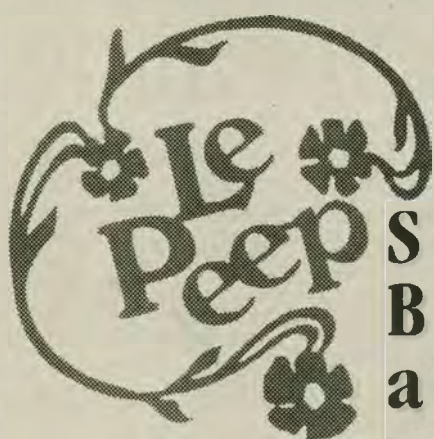
But Thursday, Gailhaguet said his remarks had been misinterpreted.

"I totally reject the interpretation placed on words attributed to me," Gailhaguet said in a statement released by the French National Olympic Committee. He did not elaborate.

Le Gougne is one of five judges who favored the Russians despite the couple's obvious technical error. That was enough for a 5-4 decision.

She voted along with the majority, which included former Eastern bloc members Russia, Poland, Ukraine and China.

International Skating Union rules prevent judges from commenting publicly about their decisions. Le Gougne refused to accept calls to her hotel.



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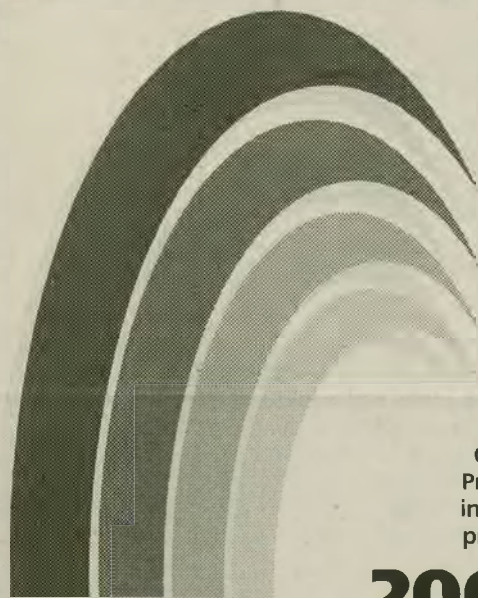
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ND VOLLEYBALL

Belles look to send seniors out with win

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's does not want to remember the last time they faced Kalamazoo. In late January the Belles traveled to Kalamazoo and came back with a 74-51 conference loss.

This time the game is at Saint Mary's, it's the seniors' last regular season home game and the Belles want revenge.

But, for the Belles to get their revenge, they need to accomplish a few goals, one of which is trying to contain Kalamazoo's Nikki Grubb.

"They have a transfer that came in, she's a fifth year senior, Nikki Grubb, who just had a really good game against us," said head coach Suzanne Smith. "They just put on the defensive pressure a little bit, and we just weren't ready to

handle it. We just have to be stronger with the ball and more confident."

The Belles will also need to rebound better which they have struggled with for most of the season. Heading into this week-end's final game, the Belles are dead last in the conference in rebounding.

"What should help is that we have a lot more height than they do," said Smith. "They are a little bit quicker, which is what hurt us last time. So we should have some height, so [we can] hopefully work the ball inside and be able to get the rebound."

Kalamazoo presents another problem in that they lead the conference in 3-point shooting and field goal percentage.

Saint Mary's will try to neutralize Kalamazoo's outside shooting by getting the ball to their two top scorers, senior co-captain Anne Blair and freshman forward Emily Creachbaum. Blair is coming off of a 22 point, 10-for-16 shooting performance Wednesday versus Albion.

For seniors Blair, Jamie Dineen and Elizabeth Linkous, it will be their last home game as Saint Mary's basketball players. Everyone on the team wants to send the girls out as winners.

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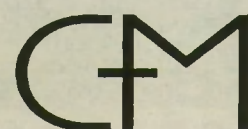
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ND SOFTBALL

Irish start season against top-ranked Wildcats

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

Not many teams would look forward to starting the season with a new coach, a heavy reliance on freshman pitching and playing its first game against the defending national champions and preseason No. 1.

But that scenario doesn't bother the Notre Dame softball team.

This weekend, the Irish start their season in Tucson, Arizona at the Arizona Pepsi Classic.

Despite a school-best preseason ranking of No. 14, the Irish do not feel intimidated by the Wildcats.

"We look at it as a challenge, but it's just not another game for us," said captain Jarrah Myers. "We are just as good as them. We feel as if we are on the same level as them."

The Irish return almost their entire infield, headlined by Myers. The captain catcher committed just four errors last year while batting a team-leading .380. She was recently named the 2001-02 Big East Aeropostale Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Junior Andria Bledsoe, after two seasons at third base, moves to her natural position of

shortstop. Moving from first to third base is junior Andrea Loman. Her career fielding percentage of .986 is second all-time. Alexis Madrid will be the second baseman for the third consecutive year.

Along with returning junior pitcher Jessica Sharron, who only appeared in seven games

last season, the Irish will rely on two freshman pitchers. Freshmen Steffany Stenglein and Carrie Wisen will play major

roles in the Irish pitching rotation this year. Stenglein and Wisen, both from California, bring the Irish total from the state to seven.

When former coach Liz Miller retired after the 2001 campaign, top assistant Deanna Gumpf took over the team. Since Gumpf has been with the team during the past four seasons, the transition for the team was easier than most coaching changes.

"It hasn't been that different from last season," Myers said. "[Coach Gumpf] has been great."

Last season, the Irish had their best season in school history. They compiled a 54-7 record that included a 33-game

winning streak. In the national polls, the team peaked at No. 8.

In last year's opening tournament in Florida, Notre Dame started off 5-0 with two upset victories. They look to continue that early season success in Arizona.

"We feel it is very important to get off to a strong start," said Myers. "Getting experience and being prepared for the Big East season is the main purpose for these preseason tournaments."

The Irish will face Auburn, Louisville, New Mexico State,

and No. 25 South Florida this weekend. But first, the Irish have their big test against No. 1 Arizona on Friday.

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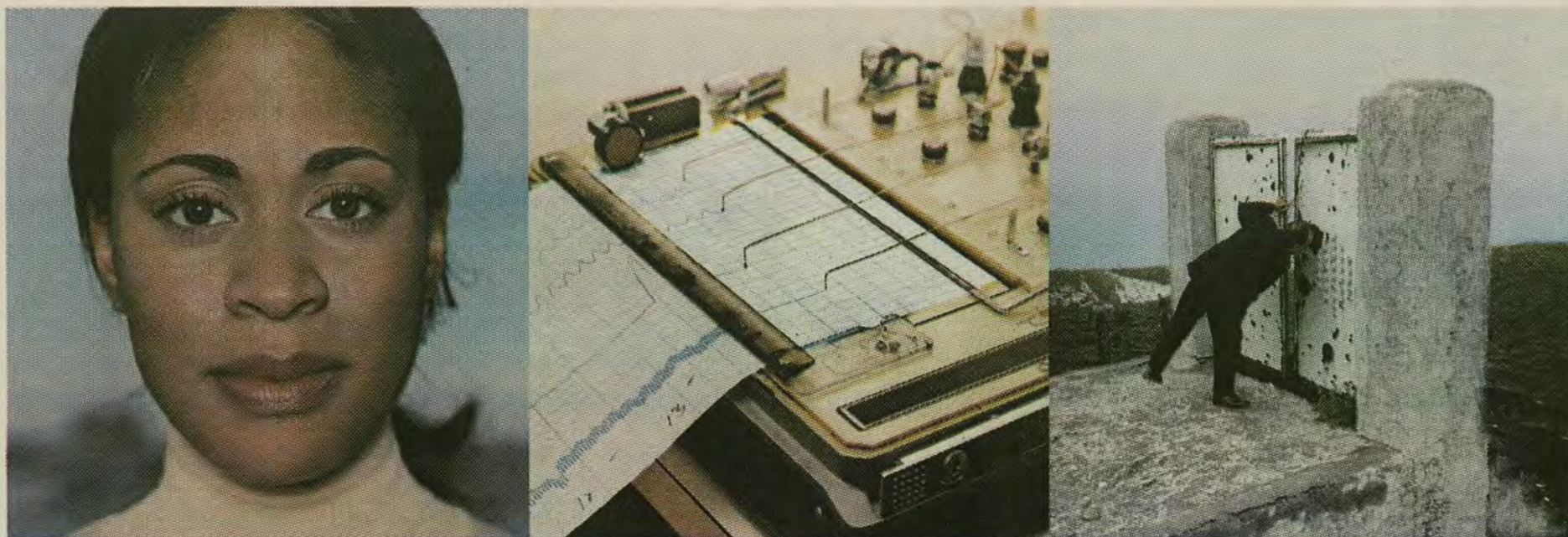
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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish look to extend streak without Batteast

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

The Rutgers Scarlet Knights have a lot going for them as they head into a conference face-off against the Irish. They have home-court advantage in an arena the Irish have struggled in before, and they have a solid defense and talent that could take off at any moment.

And the Irish will be playing without their leading scorer.

Notre Dame, who is on a six-game winning streak, will be playing in Saturday night's game without Jackie Batteast, who has a partially torn posterior cruciate ligament. She tore the ligament during Wednesday's victory against St. John's and will be re-evaluated on a weekly basis.

With Batteast out of the lineup, freshmen Katy Flecky and Teresa Borton are the probable choices to start in her position.

"Katy or Teresa, we'll go with one of those two," said Irish head coach Muffet McGraw. "We feel like we need someone who can score on the block and rebound."

Flecky had her first career double-double on Wednesday off the bench, and Borton has hit double figures in scoring on several occasions this season.

Despite the fact that playing without Batteast is not the best possible scenario, it does provide some other Irish players a good opportunity to get some playing time.

"I think everybody's ready to step up and pick their games

up," senior Ericka Haney said. "There are a lot of people who haven't had the opportunity to play a lot."

"I think, actually, it's a great opportunity right now," McGraw said. "I feel that at this point in the season sometimes you rely too heavily on someone, so this is a great time for K e l s e y

[Wicks], Allison [Bustamante] and Katy [Flecky]. I've been saying all year I've got too many good players, I can't get them all in the game. Now I can get them in the game."

Rutgers (7-16, 4-8) is 11th in the Big East. However, their solid defensive play may prove to be tough competition for the Irish.

"They play great defense and they want a low-scoring game," McGraw said. "And [Wicks], [Bustamante], and [Flecky] are more offensively-minded so I think it's going to be a great opportunity for them, hopefully if [Rutgers] plays zone, to get a lot of threes."

But Rutgers' biggest advantage is playing on its home court. The Scarlet Knights are

5-2 all-time against the Irish on their court, and handed Notre Dame its first loss of the season last year at Louis

B r o w n Athletic Center.

"I think Rutgers is a very hostile place to play," Haney said. "Every year we've gone there, it's always been a hard test. I think we have to be focused and ready to play. I think that will be the key to the game."

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Ericka Haney
Irish senior

Like Notre Dame, Rutgers has a sole senior this year. Five freshmen are on the Scarlet Knights' roster, and the fact that they're rebuilding is pretty clear. After finishing last season 25-8, the Scarlet Knights are only 7-16 this season.

But McGraw thinks that the talent on the Rutgers team could break out at any time, and for that reason, her team has to stay focused.

"They're very talented," McGraw said. "They have a lot of freshmen, a lot of new players and they haven't seemed to gel as a team yet. So I think they have the talent. They have the talent and at any time they

could put it together."

Tip off is at 8 p.m. on Saturday.

Note:

♦ Freshman guard Allison Bustamante is probable for Saturday. After suffering a sprained ankle in Wednesday night's game, she was on the court for practice on Thursday.

Junior guard Jeneka Joyce is still questionable for play. Still bothered by an Achilles injury, she sat out practice on Thursday.

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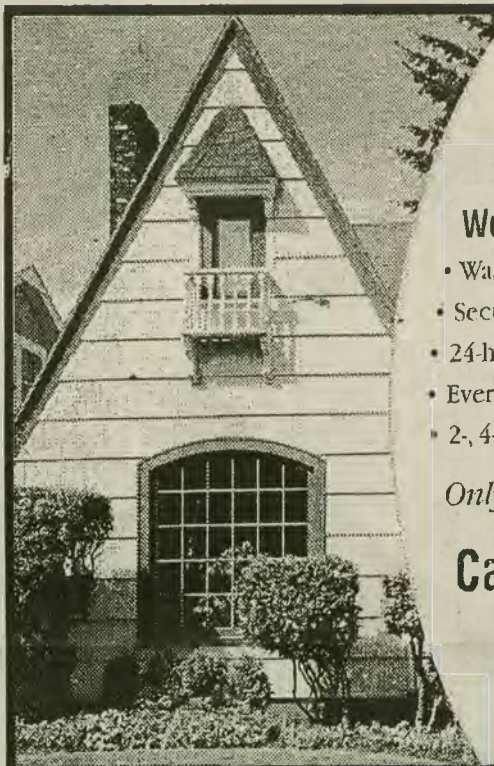
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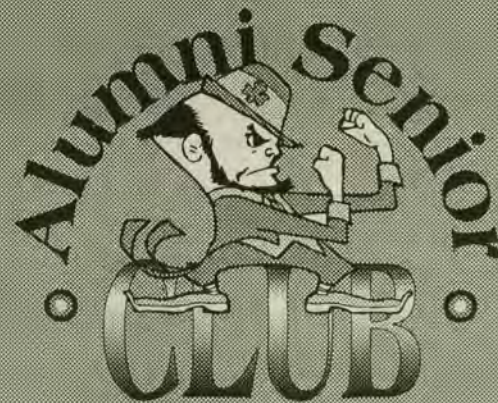
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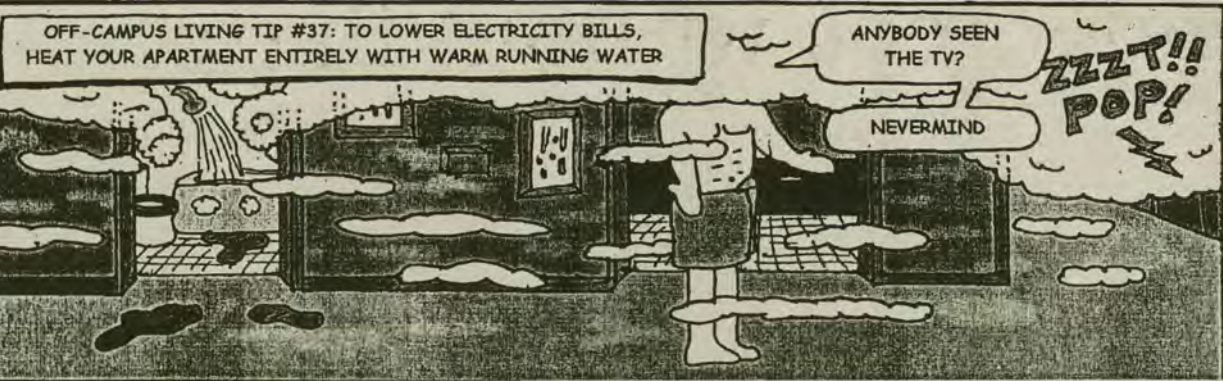


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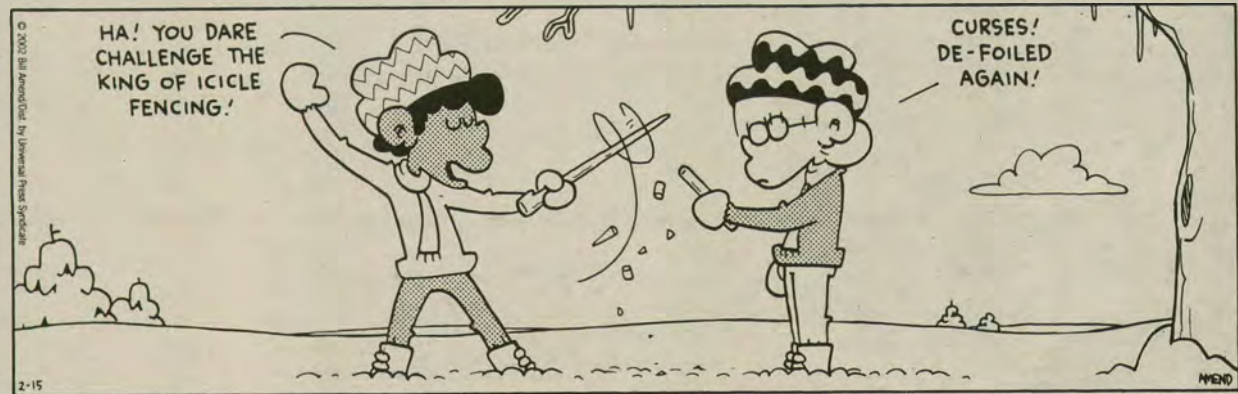
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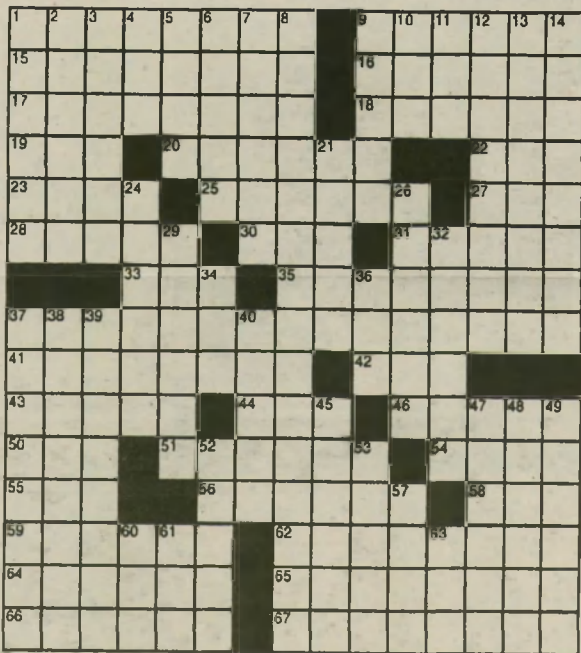
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- 48** Latin song starter
- 49** Receipts
- 52** Friendly goblin in Scandinavian folklore
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Rutgers ends Irish streak



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Senior forward David Graves attempts to get past two Seton Hall defenders in a game earlier this year. The Irish dropped a 65-62 loss to Rutgers Thursday.

◆ Irish blow 10-point first half lead in 65-62 loss

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

What a difference a week makes.

Last week, Notre Dame blew out Rutgers 89-72, thanks to a career-high 32-point performance by Irish freshman Chris Thomas.

Thursday's game was a different story.

Chris Thomas did not hit a shot from the field the entire game, as the Irish dropped a 65-62 heartbreaker to the Scarlet Knights of Rutgers in front of a raucous crowd at the Louis Brown Athletic Center.

The loss snapped a five-game winning streak for the Irish, dropping their overall record to 17-7, and 7-4 in Big East play.

From the opening tip-off, the Irish knew they would be in for a dogfight with the Scarlet Knights. The loud crowd and physical play of the Scarlet Knights made for an extremely hostile environment.

On Notre Dame's very first basket, Matt Carroll was thrown to the floor after driving for a lay-up. This type of rough play set the tone for the rest of the game as the Irish struggled to get open looks at the basket.

"This is the first time we played on the road at an on-campus facility," said Irish head coach Mike Brey. "Their fans made it really tough on us. Rutgers is a totally different program this season."

In the early going, Notre Dame showed no ill-effects of fatigue coming after last Saturday's four overtime thriller against Georgetown. The Irish appeared to be well on their way to another route jumping to a quick 10-point lead with eight minutes remaining in the first half.

Last week's reigning Big East Player of the week, Matt Carroll, continued his sharpshooting, leading the way in the first half, scoring 13 points on 6-of-9 shooting all in the first ten minutes of the game.

"We got off to a great start," said Coach Brey. "I was proud of the way we came out at the beginning of the game, but the crowd and their athleticism kept them in the game."

Rutgers quickly overcame the ten-point deficit by picking up their defensive intensity on their full-court press. A rare four-point play by Rutgers' Ricky Shields, followed by two consecutive steals and fast break buckets by the Scarlet Knights, cut the Irish lead to two.

Even though Rutgers' frenetic defensive pressure forced the

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TRACK AND FIELD

Irish men, women ready for conference meet

◆ Young but experienced Irish squad hope to improve on last year's seventh place finish

By DAVID COOK
Sports Writer

When the women's track and field team travels to Syracuse this weekend for the Big East conference meet, it will be going with a squad that is both young and experienced.

Of the 23 qualifiers for this weekend's conference meet, 15 are returning qualifiers from last year's conference team, and only three of the 23 women are seniors.

Last year's team finished seventh at the meet, and they hope they can improve on that this year.

"Last year around this time, I went into the conference meet trying to qualify [for nationals], when now I've already qualified.

And now I just want to perform well," said junior Tameisha King.

King has qualified for nationals in the long jump, and she will be competing in both the long jump and the 60-meter hurdles at the conference meet. Last year, she was in the 60-meter hurdles, the long jump, and the 60-meter dash at the Big East meet.

"I'm not as doing as many events this year. I feel I'm going to do better because of that. My goals this weekend is not only to win, but to qualify [for nationals] automatically," said King.

Junior Jamie Volkmer will be joining King in the field events. For Volkmer, this will be the third time she will travel to the conference meet.

"This year I know more about my competition, and being an upperclassman I feel more comfortable and more confident this year," said Volkmer.

Volkmer will compete in both pole vault and triple jump. After struggling a little at

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◆ Irish look to win their first Big East Indoor conference meet

By DAVID COOK
Sports Writer

The men's track and field team has always been right at the front.

Since the Irish joined the Big East conference in 1996, they have finished in the top three in 11 of the 12 indoor and outdoor track meets. In 2000, they won the conference meet during the outdoor season.

But the Irish are still looking for a victory at the indoor conference meet where they have taken second place four times, and third place once. This year won't be any easier.

"When we won by 50 points in outdoor [in 2000], I still wasn't confident.

You have to look at the competition and realize that UConn is tremendous, so is Georgetown and Villanova. Rutgers is the team that is the most up and coming in the conference. It's one of the better conferences in the country," said head coach Joe Piane.

Against the high level of competition that they will see at the conference meet, the Irish will feature a team that is one of the best they have had yet.

Leading the team is Ryan Shay and Luke Watson: two seniors who have had spectacular indoor seasons so far. Shay is currently third in the country in the 5000-meter run with a time of 13:46.80. Shay is also nationally qualified in the 3000. Watson holds the second best time in the country in the 3,000-meter with a time of 7:54.02.

The Notre Dame distance squad

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