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HIGH 30°
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Ramone stays 'fast and furious' to the very end

One year after his death, Joey Ramone's solo album "Don't Worry About Me" is on shelves and provides listeners with humorous and sentimental lyrics.

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Walker speaks of search for self

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
News Writer

When author Rebecca Walker began to think about writing her most recent book, she wanted to compose a piece of writing that would talk about race emotionally.

She also wanted to write a book that would let readers see through the masks people wear and think about identity in terms of something other than racial, economic and regional categories.

The result was her book "Black, White and Jewish: An Autobiography of a Shifting Self," which she talked about Monday at Saint Mary's.

Walker, the mulatta Jewish daughter of feminist author Alice Walker, said the book was a journey for her to begin thinking about her own identity.

"I was facing adulthood in a very real way," Walker told a near-capacity audience in Carroll Auditorium. "In order to become a real adult, I really needed to make peace with my past."

For Walker, that meant analyzing her childhood experiences. The daughter of an aspiring author and a civil rights reformer in the deep south, Walker said she was born into a community that knew her as a "movement child."

But when the black power movement began shifting focus and her father's idealism



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

Author Rebecca Walker reads from her book "Black, White and Jewish: An Autobiography and a Shifting of Self," at Saint Mary's Carroll Auditorium on Monday.

changed, her parents' marriage began to disintegrate. That sent Walker into a nomadic childhood of shuffling around the country to different schools and homes.

"What I have had to reconcile is, who am I if I am not a movement child?" Walker said. "Who am I when the context that made

me make sense no longer exists?"

Walker attended different schools across the country after her parents' divorce. From a liberal school in San Francisco, a racially mixed school in the Bronx and an upper-class suburban school in Larchmont, N.Y.,

Walker began to realize that people wear masks and follow a "social script" that predetermines how their race or class should act.

"Fundamentally, race, class and culture are performative," Walker said. "It was for me

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Students react to Saint Mary's "Monologues" performance

By EMILY FORD
News Writer

A mass of people crowded into the Regina North Lounge on the Saint Mary's campus Monday evening to watch the highly anticipated performance of "The Vagina Monologues."

Students attended the performance for a wide variety of reasons. And while most felt "The Vagina Monologues" did a solid job presenting various women's issues, others were offended by the content.

Sophomore Kate Hartman wanted to witness first-hand the source of such great debate.

"I'm here to be a part of the controversy because there's been so much hype over the past two weeks," Hartman said. "If they wanted to advise us against seeing it, they've had the adverse affect by promoting it even further and sparking my interest."

Interest in the informal publicity surrounding the performance was a motive

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SOLIDARITY IN THE SNOW



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

Fourth-year architecture student Jeff Schwaiger was one of more than 10 students in the Notre Dame Peace Coalition who spent the night in the snow on South Quad Monday to demonstrate solidarity with the refugees in Afghanistan.

SMC trustees act on center, tuition

◆ Groundbreaking for student center set for this spring

By SARAH NESTOR
News Writer

The Saint Mary's Board of Trustees voted to approve the groundbreaking of a new student center this spring at their February meeting.

The new student center will house all the current Hagger facilities and will include student lounges, a small theater, a cyber café, Campus Ministry, a copy shop and the new dining hall.

According to vice president of finance and administration Keith Dennis, the funds for the student center are coming from various sources. They will issue bonds to pay for construction and pay back the bonds as the funds come in.

A meeting is set with the contractors on Wednesday and

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◆ Tuition increased 6 percent for the second straight year

By SARAH NESTOR
News Writer

The Saint Mary's Board of Trustees approved a 6 percent tuition increase for the second straight year at its February meeting last week.

"The primary factor in raising the student fees is positioning and looking at similar institutions. Saint Mary's is lagging behind when looking at costs of similar budget-size institutions," said Keith Dennis, vice president of finance and administration.

Tuition will jump to \$20,550 in 2002-2003, a \$1,310 increase from the 2001-2002 amount of \$19,240.

Including tuition, fees, room and board, the average total cost next year will be \$27,642. The average 2001-2002 total was \$25,939.

The tuition increase will go in part towards increasing funding for financial aid and for increasing salary for faculty and staff.

Melanie Engler, director of public relations, said the increase would not go towards funding the new student center, which the Board also approved at its meeting last week.

The Board approved a 5 percent increase in the amount of money available for staff and faculty salaries.

Three percent of the increase will be divided evenly between all staff employees.

The remaining 2 percent will be distributed to bring employees up to or above their target salary. If an employee is already at their target salary, they will receive a 3 percent salary increase.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Sterilized tragedy

I didn't feel like I had a right to be there. It wasn't my disaster, it wasn't my tragedy. This massive loss of life, this memorial, belonged to the souls who lost their lives and the people who loved them.

It's been six months since the World Trade Center fell in a firey heap of metal, smoke and dust. Six months since thousands of people were crushed beneath the collapse. Six months since two terrorist-navigated planes created craters in the center of lower Manhattan.

The World Trade Center site is sterilized now. Behind police tape and orange work vehicles, it looks like a construction zone rather than the site of a major national tragedy. Only the blown-out windows of surrounding buildings and the American flag hanging above the cleanup effort give evidence that it's not a renovation project.

Since New York City opened the observation deck on Fulton Street in lower Manhattan, thousands from around the world have flocked to see the disaster site. They've left their marks everywhere on the observation deck — signatures on the walkways and railings, posters and pictures of lost loved ones and flowers still brought daily to the deck's gates.

I imagine they come to see this tragedy to try and understand in real life the scenes that played themselves out on the network news like a horror movie. I imagine, from the multitude of American flags flying all over lower Manhattan, they came to celebrate their country, to come together, to vow to never let anything break us apart as a nation.

Standing elevated above the tragedy, looking down into the two gaping craters, I knew there were still souls underneath that heap that I couldn't see. People whose families were waiting for their loved ones to be discovered by hardhats so they could have the emotional relief of a tangible piece of death.

Around me, the 250 people allowed on the viewing deck with my group were silent. I was relieved they were at least respectful, relieved they realized this wasn't a tourist attraction. But breaking the silence was the constant click of snapshot cameras, freezing in time the cleanup effort of the greatest tragedy to ever strike American soil.

I know it is history. I know it is part of a healing process for the country to see it, to witness it, to understand it. I felt wrong, though, as the cameras snapped pictures of this crater. I felt odd, thinking that here, in a sterilized war zone, people were snapping vacation snapshots.

I looked down onto the balcony, and began reading the hundreds of signatures inked into the wood. My throat swelled and my eyes watered. "Cousin, we will raise your children as you would have," one read in black ink dated 2/18/02.

Only five days earlier.

I wondered what that person would have thought about the people snapping pictures of where that cousin died. Wondered if that person felt violated, or like the cousin's death was now a spectacle, on display. I wondered what I would feel like if I stood there, on the site where someone in my family had died, and people took pictures of it.

I left the walkway after reading that. I didn't sign the railing, and I didn't sign a guestbook. I wasn't sure I wanted to leave a piece of me here. But as I walked away, I knew that I would carry this vision with me for the rest of my life, and that while I didn't stay there, the vision of this disaster site would always stay with me.

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In a headline from the Observer on Feb. 25, the headline should have read "Crimini begins quest for third title with prelim victory" not "Callahan begins quest for third title with prelim victory."

The Observer regrets this error.

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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"I've always been a dreamer ... I never think about the obstacles because I keep my dreams in mind and make them come true."

Chris Burke
actor
on disability awareness

"The big battle is what's happening in places five, six, seven through twelve. You know who your stars are, but it's your unsung stars that set things up."

Greg Petcoff
Saint Mary's swimming head coach
on MIAA championship outlook

"You can see there's mixed emotions with the fights starting. There's some tension building in practice, you can see it in the Pit."

David Cannon
freshman fighter
on the Bengal Bouts



Noreen Gillespie

Managing Editor

BEYOND CAMPUS

Penn State athlete dies in pole vault accident

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. Penn State men's track and field athlete Kevin Dare, whom friends described as fun and outgoing, died Saturday afternoon in a pole vaulting accident at the Big Ten Championships at University of Minnesota's Fieldhouse.

Dare, a sophomore from State College, Pa., fell backward while attempting a 15-foot, seven-inch vault and struck his head on the eight-inch metal box used to plant the pole. He was taken to the Hennepin County Medical Center and pronounced dead shortly after his arrival. He was 19.

Dare is the eighth University Park student to die since May and the second student-athlete to die in the last two weeks. Michael Carter, a member of the Penn State golf team, was killed in a car crash Feb. 13.



Out of respect the Penn State team withdrew from the four remaining events Saturday, and Sunday's meet was canceled after a meeting among Big Ten coaches.

"We lost a friend, we lost a teammate, an athlete and a young life," Penn State track and field coach Harry Groves said. "The best way to honor him is to go on living."

Last spring Dare won the USA

Junior Championship in pole vault, and in October he finished fifth in the Pan American Junior Championships in Argentina. His personal best was 16 feet, 4 and three-quarter inches.

"He was one of the few guys that could have had a shot at track beyond college," said Matt Moyer, a javelin thrower and one of Dare's roommates.

While he was an accomplished athlete, Dare was better known as a regular guy who included everyone in whatever he was doing and pulled the team together. Teammate Brian Stumpf said Dare always went out of his way to make others feel comfortable and a part of the team.

"There wasn't a bad thing you could say about him," Stumpf said. "It's a real shame this ever had to happen."

Daily Collegian

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Plagiarism controversy intensifies

PHILADELPHIA

For famed historian Doris Kearns Goodwin, a recent allegation of plagiarism has opened a decade-old story. On Friday, only two days after giving a lecture at University of Pennsylvania, Goodwin admitted she borrowed at least 50 phrases from other sources and used them in one of her books without citing them appropriately. Last month the Pulitzer Prize-winning author said she accidentally failed to properly cite some of the information in her 1987 book "The Fitzgeralds and the Kennedys" from works by other authors, including Lynne McTaggart's "Kathleen Kennedy: Her Life and Times." But now Goodwin has confessed to The New York Times the amount she borrowed was much more extensive than what she previously had suggested. Even before these admissions, some had voiced concern about bringing Goodwin to speak Wednesday night as part of the Fox Leadership Program's lecture series because of the plagiarism allegations.

Daily Pennsylvanian

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Relationship with Enron cut short

NORMAN, Okla.

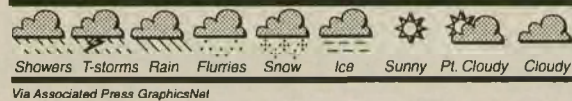
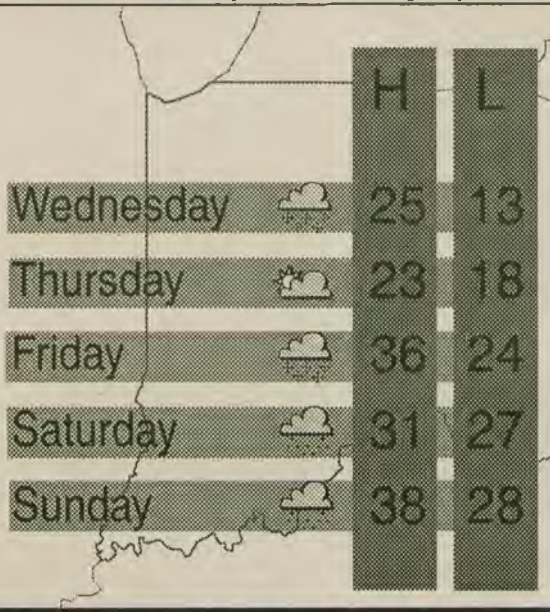
Almost two decades ago, Houston-based Enron Corp. became one of about 1,200 corporations that donated funds every year to University of Oklahoma. Enron executives were attracted to OU because the energy management program in the Michael F. Price College of Business is central to Enron's business philosophy. Enron eventually donated \$119,000 to OU programs during the next 19 years. Enron was on the verge of becoming a significant contributor to the energy management program right before the company went bankrupt, said Ted Jacobs, energy management program director. Enron, which filed for bankruptcy Dec. 2, has been under investigation by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission since Oct. 22. Enron employees and several states are suing Michael McConnell, a former CEO of Global Markets and member of the Price College Board of Advisers, and 28 former and current Enron executives in a class action lawsuit filed in Houston.

Oklahoma Daily

LOCAL WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

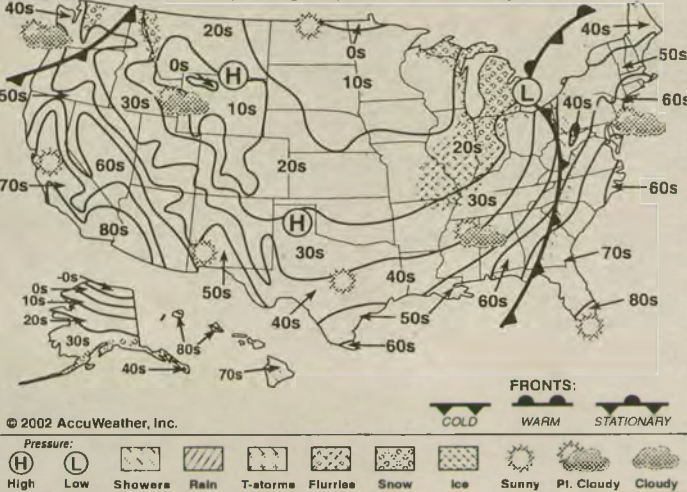
AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures



NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather.com forecast for noon, Tuesday, Feb. 26.

Lines separate high temperature zones for the day.



Atlanta	55	26	Las Vegas	67	39	Portland	52	32
Baltimore	63	32	Memphis	33	21	Sacramento	68	41
Boston	54	45	Milwaukee	27	14	St. Louis	27	17
Chicago	27	15	New York	57	36	Tampa	73	50
Houston	50	27	Philadelphia	64	36	Washington, DC	65	37

BOG will sponsor student's project

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Governance will donate \$300 to co-sponsor Bethany Tovey's senior comprehensive project, the Board announced Monday night.

As a theater major, Tovey is required to select, analyze, cast, direct and produce a one-act play. According to Tovey, theater majors are given \$20 by the theater department to use for expenses in their comprehensive productions. All other expenses, Tovey said, come out of the seniors' pockets.

"I wanted to ask for some money to fund this," Tovey said. "Usually what happens is you end up paying for it out of your own pocket, or people look for scripts that don't really require a set. I ended up falling in love with a play with a set."

Tovey chose to produce the second act of Frank McGinnis' "Factory Girls."

"It's about these women who decide to stand up to their bosses and when they are

about to lose their jobs, they lock themselves in the factory," Tovey said. "What they don't realize is that they don't get along with each other."

Tovey's production plays Sunday in Moreau's Little Theater at 3 p.m.

Student Body President Michelle Nagle said the Board received a standing ovation from the Board of Trustees at their meeting this weekend.

"We also received quite a few commending comments from the Board of Trustees," Nagle said.

Kristen Matha, student body vice president and Student Academic Council coordinator, reported that the proposal for an additional study day was rejected by the Faculty Assembly.

According to Matha, one of the concerns voiced by the Assembly was the possible combination of registration day with the first day of class. Some faculty felt that this would be too much for one day.

"The faculty denied the study day, but it's not a dead issue," Matha said. "There was some support for it, and we are still talking and discussing it."

Technology Commissioner Elizabeth Cusick reported that the traditional four-week computer course required for freshmen has been shortened to two weeks, and an additional class will be offered for those students who need extra help.

Incoming freshmen will also be offered the services of an information technology fluency adviser to assist them with their computer and technology skills.

In other news:

♦ Junior Adrienne Dorbish is the new Student Activities Board coordinator for the BOG.

♦ Saint Mary's will celebrate International Women's Day on March 6. Massages, chocolate, French-braiding and make-up tips will be offered in Stapleton Lounge from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The results from the International Women's Day writing contest will be announced at a reception later that evening.

♦ Meet the Candidates Night for the class board elections will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. in Hagar Parlor. Elections will be held Monday and runoffs will be March 7.

♦ Saint Mary's is planning a gathering with the women of Notre Dame. "Irish Belles" will be held in both lounges of Regina Hall on Friday at 4 p.m.

♦ Tickets to Saturday's All-School Formal will be available for purchase today from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Reignbeaux Lounge.

Families give blood to identify corpses

Associated Press

NOBLE, Ga.

Distraught families lined up to give blood samples Monday in the hope their DNA might help investigators identify more of the scores of corpses scattered around a Georgia crematory.

Some people brought what they once believed were the ashes of relatives whose bodies had been sent to Tri-State Crematory. Elaine Bray angrily rattled a mugful of pebbles that she said were passed off as the remains of her brother.

"All I wanted to do is give him a proper death," said Bray, of Chattanooga, Tenn. "This is what I got."

Bray was among dozens of people who lined up to give blood samples at a civic center down the road from Tri-State, where teams resumed a full-scale search for more bodies. Investigators said there was no end in sight to the grim discoveries.

The body count rose to 331, with only 70 corpses positively identified. Authorities said at least 40 sets of remains had been returned to families or funeral homes.

Eddie Young drove from Crystal River, Fla., because he feared the body of his

mother, who died in November, was left to decompose on the grounds. He said he hoped a DNA match would bring him peace.

"I know her soul went to heaven, but to think that my mother might be out there — it's so hard to accept," he said. "We had our closure through the funeral, and now it's like it's reopened."

Thousands of families have filled out forms or called with information since the first corpses were found Feb. 15.

The operator of the crematory, Ray Brent Marsh, remained in jail on 16 theft-by-deception charges for allegedly accepting bodies for cremation and leaving them to rot. A judge was deciding whether he should be allowed to go free on bail.

Authorities have declined to answer questions about the investigation since Thursday, when a judge imposed a gag order at the request of Marsh's lawyer.

Damon Callahan came from Atlanta to give a blood sample because his father, an Army veteran who was killed in a shooting 10 years ago, was supposedly cremated at Tri-State.

"I came up here, and now I have to describe it all again," he said. "This has just brought it all back."

This Week in Campus Ministry

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02/26 today

Campus Bible Study/CBS

7:00 p.m.
114 Coleman-Morse Center
Fr. Al D'Alonzo, csc, Director

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday through Tuesday
11:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Fisher Hall Chapel

02/27 wednesday

RCIA-Practice for Full Communion

6:30 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Conversation on Vocations for Women

7:30 p.m.
114 Coleman-Morse Center

Coffee at the Co-Mo

Freshman Retreat Reunion
8:00 p.m.
Lounge, Coleman-Morse Center

Interfaith Christian Night Prayer

10:00 p.m.
Morrissey Chapel

02/28 thursday

Sant'Egidio Community

6:00 p.m.
Log Chapel
Prayer of Sant'Egidio Community

03/01 friday

Eucharistic Adoration

11:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Women's Retreat

Friday-Saturday
Sacred Heart Parish Center

Stations of the Cross

7:00-8:00 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Bible Study (in Chinese)

7:30-9:30 p.m.
Call 631-5653 for information.

807 Mass

8:00 p.m.
Hammes Student Lounge
Coleman-Morse Center

03/03 sunday

RCIA-Purification & Enlightenment

10:00-11:30 a.m.
330 Coleman-Morse Center

Spanish Mass

1:30 p.m.
Zahm Hall Chapel

Retreats signups

Campus Ministry Retreats • 631-6633

Freshman Retreat #41

Retreat Date: Apr. 12-13

Pick up applications:

Monday, Feb. 25 - Monday, Apr. 8
114 Coleman-Morse Center

RCIA-Rite of Communion

11:45 mass
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Confirmation:

An Afternoon of Recollection
2:00-6:00 p.m.
McKenna Hall, CCE

ND Liturgical Choir Concert

2:30 p.m.
St. Matthew's Cathedral

Law School Mass

5:00 p.m.
Law School Chapel

MBA Mass

7:00 p.m.
Mendoza College of Business Chapel

Rejoice! African American Catholic Mass

10:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Notre Dame Chapel
Coleman-Morse Center

Morning and Evening Prayer

Monday-Friday
8:45 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
Coleman-Morse Center Chapel

spread the word

Iraq, U.N. to resume inspection discussion

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS
Iraq's foreign minister has agreed to meet with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan next month in a resumption of their dialogue, the United Nations said Monday.

Annan expects a discussion on the return of weapons inspectors to Iraq, said Annan spokesman Stephane Dujarric.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Naji Sabri and Annan will meet March 7. If more meetings are needed, they will be held after April 5 following an Arab League summit, Dujarric said.

"The secretary-general expects to have a focused discussion on the implementation of relevant Security Council res-

olutions, including the return of U.N. weapons inspectors to Iraq," he said.

The return of inspectors after three years is a key demand of the United States, which has accused Iraq of trying to rebuild its banned weapons programs and of supporting terrorism.

"We think the conversation should be very short," said Ric Grenell, U.S. spokesman at the United Nations. "The Iraqis know that we wait for them to comply with the U.N. resolutions."

Iraq has been under U.N. sanctions since it invaded neighboring Kuwait in 1990. The sanctions cannot be lifted until U.N. inspectors verify that Baghdad has dismantled its weapons of mass destruction.

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work could begin in three to four weeks. However, the ceremonial groundbreaking will not occur until April, when the Board returns to campus.

The Board also voted to

replace the current telephone system, which they hoped will have several positive effects for on-campus students.

"There will be a complete upgrade of voice mail systems, caller ID and an enhanced 911 service," Dennis said.

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Walker

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because I had to move back and forth between two worlds. Because I had to take these masks on and off, I got a sense that masks are not our essential selves."

Through passages from her book, Walker described her experience shifting from community to community. One passage described her visiting the black side of her family, where her uncle would joke about her "cracker" mannerisms and her aunt would try to cornroll the curls she got from her father.

Another passage described the gap she felt with her white cousin, and the caution they took to have polite conversation but never look too deeply into the other's eyes.

She remembers a constant subtext of judgment, she said, and a feeling that she never fully fit with either side.

Because she never fit into any conventional classification of race, the way she began to define the world around her was through place.

"What happened to me is when I got to high school I started to travel a lot," she said. "I went to places where people looked like me."

But her experience is similar to much of America because everyone has identities beyond classifications, she said.

"We have to start to understand no matter how we are configured at the moment, there's another America down the corner," she said. "We have to start to bridge some of those distances and gaps and see ourselves as a truly pluralistic community."

Walker is one of the figureheads of the third wave feminist movement and was named by Time magazine as one of the 50 future leaders of America. She founded both the Third Wave Direct Action Group and the Third Wave Foundation, and made her acting debut in the movie Primary Colors.

Walker was brought to campus by the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Sisters of Nefertitti for Black History Month.

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SOUTH KOREA

Rail and power workers prepare to strike

Associated Press

SEOUL

Thousands of riot police surrounded two university campuses where union activists taking part in a strike by state rail and power workers were holed up on Tuesday.

Calling the strike illegal, authorities said they planned to arrest 36 leaders of the walkout who were taking refuge at a Roman Catholic

church in central Seoul.

Some 120,000 auto and machinery workers joined the strike Tuesday afternoon to support the rail and electricity workers, said Sohn Nak-koo, a spokesman for the Korean Confederation of Trade Unions, a national labor group.

However, the Labor Ministry said it had yet to confirm that the strike had widened and that negotiations were still underway.

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for the attendance of sophomore Andrea DeLeon. She was also interested in how it explored feminist issues.

"I want to know what all the hype's about," DeLeon said. "I know it's going to have to do with a lot of female issues and things like that ... I seriously think it needs to be touched on because it's about female views and we're going to have to deal with it."

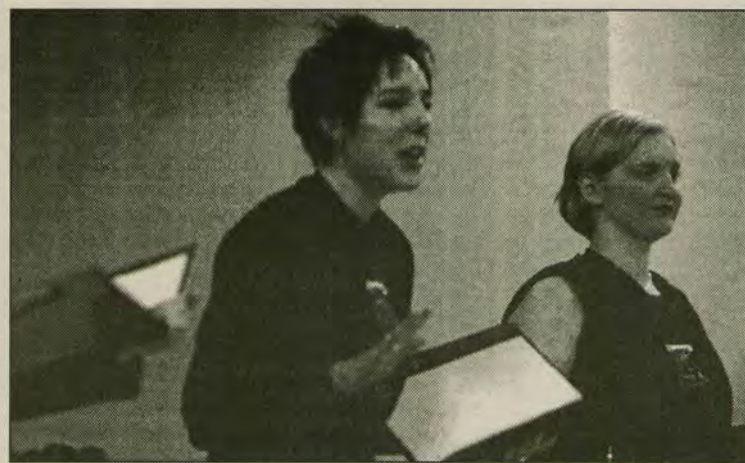
Audience members expressed interest not only in the issues the cast presented but how it was presented. Freshman Natalie Losurdo expected a light-hearted approach to otherwise extremely serious issues.

"I heard that it's very funny," Losurdo said. "They cover issues such as homosexuality, abortion, and date rape in a funny manner and I'm excited to see it."

A row of women began drumming to signal the audience when the show was about to start. The performance began with a waiver denying any affiliation with Saint Mary's College or any other special interest groups. The women proceed with a song, praising the female gender and the "Magic Power Woman."

A group of students read the monologues, covering the various topics pertaining to the vagina. It first touched on topics that prompted hearty laughter, namely the various names of vaginas and the answers to the question: "If a vagina could talk."

But the show was serious when it presented morbid accounts of female genital mutilation and rape. The show concluded with an



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

Saint Mary's students presented "The Vagina Monologues" in Regina Hall on Monday.

enactment of one of the main purposes of the vagina: birth. Its final scene reiterated once more the show's theme of the beauty and power of the vagina.

The performance produced two general results. It left the audience wanting more or wishing they'd seen less. Many were pleasantly surprised at its approach to often taboo issues. Junior Adrienne DeGraff was one student who was greatly impressed with the cast's story telling.

"I had never seen 'The Vagina Monologues' before and I guess I was expecting something militant and I was surprised," DeGraff said. "It was poignant, it was comedic. I actually really like the comedic portion because it addressed the issues without being overbearing."

The show not only appealed to those who possess the anatomy the monologues are centered around, but to men as well. Lee Gloster enjoyed the experience.

"I like it very much. I was not offended at all," Gloster said. "I had no idea it was going to be as funny as it

was."

But not everyone shared such positive accolades. Freshman Grace Arredondo understood the College's hesitation at allowing the performance to take place.

"I found it very offensive," Arredondo said. "I think that a woman's body and a man's body and any part of nature, for that matter, is beautiful because we are creations of God. No part of our bodies and of nature should be expressed through derogatory statements, whether or not it's jokingly."

Fellow freshman Kamille Peter shared this attitude. She had hoped more would have joined her in her sentiment.

"I thought it was classless. I thought it was vulgar," Peter said. "I wish I had known more about it because if I did I would not have gone. And I was not the only person who walked out 10 minutes into it. I wish that more people would have left."

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Candidate charged with treason:

Just days before the presidential vote, the main challenger to Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe was charged Monday with the capital offense of treason for allegedly plotting to assassinate the current leader. Morgan Tsvangirai denied the allegations and pledged to continue campaignin for the election. Two senior party colleagues — Secretary-General Welshman Ncube and shadow Agriculture Minister Renson Gasela — also were charged.

Egyptian building collapses, kills 8:

A five-story building collapsed in a town north of Cairo on Monday, killing eight people and injuring 15, police said. Rescue workers and police searched through the debris for survivors at Damietta, 105 miles north of Cairo. The aging building had stood along the Nile.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Shuttle launch countdown begins:

NASA began the countdown Monday for this week's launch of space shuttle Columbia on a mission to renovate the Hubble Space Telescope. At least five spacewalks are planned during the 11-day mission. The spacewalking team will equip Hubble with a new camera, solar wings, power-control unit, steering mechanism and refrigerator system for a disabled infrared camera.

Mentally ill man won't be executed:

After an outcry from advocates for the mentally ill, the Georgia parole board commuted the death sentence Monday of a killer who is said to be so delusional he thinks actress Sigourney Weaver is God. Alexander Williams' sentence was commuted to life in prison without parole just hours before a stay of execution was to expire at midnight. Williams, 33, had been facing lethal injection for the 1986 murder of a 16-year-old girl.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Man robs garage sale: A man who stopped to look for a few bargains at a Ligonier, Ind. garage sale came away with a steal. After browsing through tables of goods early Sunday afternoon, an unidentified man pulled out a pocket knife and demanded the sale's profits. The man took \$40 lying on a table and drove away in a white Oldsmobile Cutlass with a gray primed trunk. If caught, the man could be charged with armed robbery, punishable by six months to three years in jail and \$10,000 in fines, state police said.

IRAN



AFP Photo

Afghanistan's interim leader Hamid Karzai addresses a session of Iran's parliament. Karzai praised Iran for standing by Afghans in their struggles against Soviet occupation and terrorists.

Afghan interim leader praises Iran

Associated Press

TEHRAN

Ignoring U.S. claims that Iran seeks to destabilize his country, interim Afghan leader Hamid Karzai on Monday thanked Tehran for helping Afghanistan fight terrorism and throw off the yoke of Soviet occupation more than a decade ago.

Speaking to the Iranian Majlis, or parliament, in Persian — the language of Iran and western and central Afghanistan — Karzai assured Iranians the Afghan people would not forget.

"We will never forget

your support of the Afghan nation's struggle against the former Soviet Union and later against terrorists," Karzai said on the second day of his first official visit to Iran.

Karzai, whose speech was broadcast live on state-run radio, also praised Iran for taking in some 2 million Afghan refugees over the years.

"You have shared our sorrows and pains, and millions of our refugees have been a big burden on your shoulders," he said.

After repeated charges by Washington that Tehran was sending fighters and money into

Afghanistan to destabilize the post-Taliban leadership, President Bush declared that Iran, Iraq and North Korea form an "axis of evil" that seeks weapons of mass destruction and supports terrorism.

Karzai was hailed in the United States last month when he visited Bush and other dignitaries. The interim leader was sitting in the gallery of the U.S. House of Representatives as Bush made the "axis of evil" assertion in his Jan. 29 State of the Union speech.

He received as warm a welcome in the Iranian

Parliament as he did in the U.S. Congress.

Karzai also met with Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who warned the Afghan leader his government "should be careful that the issue of reconstruction is not exploited by others to infiltrate Afghanistan politically and economically," Iranian state television reported, in an obvious reference to U.S. involvement.

On Sunday, Karzai urged the United States and Iran to put aside their differences and cooperate in the reconstruction of his country.

Market Watch February 25

Dow Jones	10,145.71	+ 177.56
Up: 1,928	Same: 242	Down: 1,174
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AMEX:	862.17	+ 5.86
NASDAQ:	1,769.88	+ 45.34
NYSE:	576.36	+ 8.08
S&P 500:	1,109.43	+ 19.60

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SUN MICROSYSTEM (SUNW)	+9.91	+0.80	8.87
WILLIAMS COMMUN (WCG)	-56.86	-0.29	0.22
INTEL CORP (INTC)	+5.05	+1.49	31.02

Energy bill comes before Senate

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Senate is ready to take up broad energy legislation that has caused splits over automobile gas mileage, drilling in an Arctic refuge and electricity competition in the shadow of Enron Corp.'s collapse.

Debate expected this week comes nine months after President Bush outlined his plan to increase the nation's energy supply by expanding oil and gas drilling on public land and rejuvenating nuclear power.

The House passed its version, but

in the Senate, majority Democrats have offered legislation that relies more heavily on conservation.

To help bolster his argument for Senate passage, Bush checked out the engines of three "hybrid" vehicles that were parked on the White House driveway. He said more hybrids would be put onto the U.S. market next year — good news for American consumers who "understand the ramifications of dependency on foreign sources of crude oil."

"Dependence can lead to price shocks and fuel shortages. And this dependence on foreign oil is a matter

of national security," Bush said. "To put it bluntly, sometimes we rely upon energy sources from countries that don't particularly like us."

The crisis atmosphere of a year ago has all but disappeared — energy prices are low, supplies plentiful — and the urgency to act, too, may have lost steam, say lawmakers and lobbyists.

Bush, in a weekend push to promote his plan, dismissed claims that it focuses too much on fossil fuel production and not enough on conservation and renewable energy sources such as wind and solar.

CUBA

Group condemns Guantanamo detention

♦ Human rights groups want POW designation for Taliban prisoners

Associated Press

GUANTANAMO BAY
NAVAL BASE

Three human rights organizations filed a petition Monday challenging the detention of al-Qaida and Taliban suspects without charges or "prisoner of war" protections.

The Center for Constitutional Rights, the Human Rights Clinic at Columbia Law School and the Center for Justice and International Law called the detentions illegal in a petition filed with the Organization of American States' Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

"Although the United States has an obligation and right to arrest and try the perpetrators of the horrendous crimes of Sept. 11, it must do so in compliance with fundamental principles of national, human rights and humanitarian law," the New York City-based rights groups said in a statement. "It has not done so."

The petition asks the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights to demand that the detainees be given official prisoner-of-war status, which would give them protections under the Geneva Convention.

Earlier this month, President Bush said the Geneva Convention applied to Taliban prisoners — but not to captured al-Qaida terrorists. But his administration has refused to consider classifying any of the 300 detainees from 26 countries as prisoners of war, saying they were fighting for an outlawed

terrorist group and an unrecognized government.

Marine Maj. Stephen Cox, a spokesman for the Guantanamo mission, declined comment on the petition but said: "Our treatment here on the ground is aimed at firm, fair and humane treatment for all detainees, regardless of status."

A team from the International Committee of the Red Cross meets regularly with detainees.

The United States now has the power to try the detainees in closed military tribunals where can be sentenced to death with just a two-thirds vote from a military commission, said Jennie Green, an attorney with the Center for Constitutional Rights.

The detainees at Guantanamo "don't know what they're charged with. They have no access to attorneys," she said. "When faced with a possible death penalty, that's a serious violation of human rights."

The Inter-American Commission is authorized to intervene when human rights are threatened in one of the 35 member states of the Organization of American States. However, its power is largely one of influence.

The rights groups say the United States is a signatory to the OAS American Declaration on the Rights and Duties of Man, which protects prisoners from arbitrary or prolonged detention and from being held without access to friends, families, governments or legal counsel.

"Either they were picked up on the battlefield, in which case they're POWs, or they did something criminal, in which case they should be charged," said Michael Ratner, vice president of the Center for Constitutional Rights. "There is no legal limbo status."

Officials report AIDS improvement

Associated Press

SEATTLE

Doctors have been so successful in saving the lives of people with AIDS that the number of Americans with HIV is actually increasing again after holding steady for years and is now approaching 1 million, according to government estimates.

Experts say the total number of Americans living with HIV is probably rising by about 25,000 a year — a testament to the power of AIDS drugs that have vastly improved treatment over the past six years.

The government estimates that 40,000 Americans catch HIV each year, a figure that has remained roughly stable for over a decade. However, until the turnaround in AIDS therapy, this figure was nearly offset each year by AIDS deaths, so the total number of Americans carrying the virus stayed level.

Now, AIDS deaths have plunged from around 40,000 annually to about 15,000. As a result, new infections are outstripping deaths.

Dr. Patricia Fleming of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention presented the new estimates Monday at the Ninth Annual Retrovirus Conference in Seattle.

The latest estimate of U.S. HIV prevalence, calculated as of 2000, is between 850,000 and 950,000 people.

During the 1980s, the government believed that well over 1 million people had HIV, but it later revised that figure downward. According to the latest estimates, between 400,000 and 450,000 were infected in

1984. This grew to 550,000 to 650,000 in 1986. By 1992, the figure was 650,000 to 900,000.

According to the CDC, the total number of infected Americans has increased by about 50,000 in the last two years studied, 1999 and 2000. That suggests the total could reach 1 million this year.

Survival increased almost overnight when drug combinations that included medicines called protease inhibitors transformed HIV from a death sentence to a chronic treatable illness.

By the late '90s, many doctors feared these gains would evaporate as the treatments lost their punch. Doctors noticed that after initial success that seemed to eliminate HIV, many patients developed viruses that were resistant to all the major classes of medicines. Their virus levels crept back to the point where they could be measured on standard tests.

Doctors worried that the virus would eventually resume its destruction of their immune defenses.

To their relief, however, this has not often happened. Even when resistant virus emerges, patients who stay on the drugs usually keep their HIV levels low and remain free of obvious disease. Dr. Constance Benson of the University of Colorado said that in her AIDS practice, the annual death rate is 1 percent to 2 percent and is not changing.

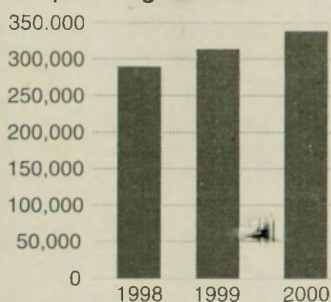
"The fear that treatment failure would result in a subsequent rise in mortality has not so far panned out," she said.

A major CDC goal is to increase testing among peo-

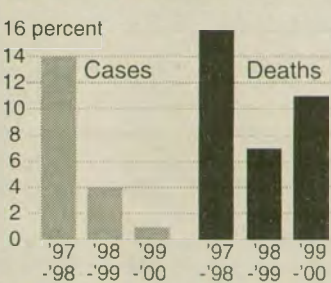
Evolving epidemic

More people than ever are living with AIDS in the United States thanks to advances in treatment. But in recent years, the rate of decline of AIDS cases and deaths has slowed.

People living with AIDS



Percent decline in AIDS cases and deaths

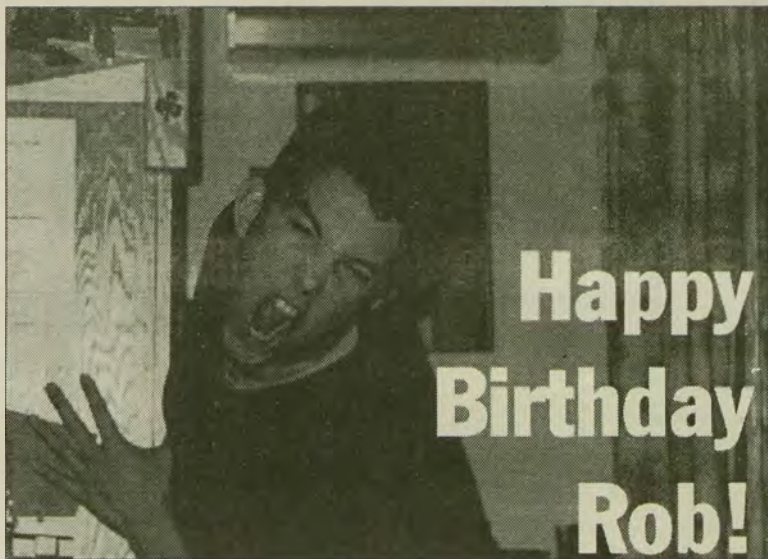


SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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ple at high risk of catching HIV. Infected people should know about it so they can begin treatment when necessary and guard against spreading HIV to others.

Fleming said that about three-quarters of infected people in the United States know they have the virus, up from about two-thirds in 1998. "The proportion is improving, but we have a long way to go," she said.



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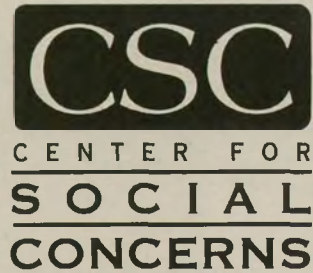
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Pilot Seminar for Sophomores...

Sophomores are invited to apply to a new pilot seminar. A group of sophomores will travel to the sea islands of South Carolina from May 11-18 to work with the Gullah people and other members of the coastal communities. The group will work with the Catholic sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in their ministries of home repair, GED tutoring, ESL tutoring, food and clothing distribution, in addition to learning about the rich history and culture of the area.

Applications are available at the **Center for Social Concerns**.

For information contact **Carl Loesch** at loesch.4@nd.edu or **Mary Murphy** at mmurph16@nd.edu

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Wednesday, February 27

5:00 - 6:00 PM at the Center for Social Concerns

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Sponsored by the Career Center and the Center for Social Concerns

Current Volunteer Needs:

Newly Opened Safe House for Elderly Charlene - 246-0144

OASIS, a newly opened safe house which provides short-term emergency shelter for elderly at risk for abuse or neglect, is one of only 18 in the nation and is in need of volunteers for overnight (11pm-7am) and weekend shifts (7am-7pm & 7pm-7am). Volunteer must be able to become alert if needed during the night and 2 volunteers may sign up together for one time slot.

3rd Grade Math Tutor - Tanya Ford - 234-6041 (w) 268-1047 (h)

She's looking for a Math tutor to help her 3rd grade son. Please be available after school at least once a week, a location on campus can be arranged.

Tutors to help with I-step preparation - Nan Soltinski - 283-7516

Many, many tutors are needed to help high school juniors and seniors study for their I-step tests, which they must pass in order to graduate. Help is needed for English and Math, Monday-Friday from 3:00-5:00 at LaSalle High School from February 25th-March 8th.

Greater St. John Church Tutoring Program - Thelma Harris - 631-5447

They have a homework-focused tutoring program on Tuesday nights from 5:45-7:00 and are looking for volunteers to help keep the children on task and answer questions on their homework. The church is located on the west side of South Bend and its program serves up to 45 children of all ages.

Male Mentors at Madison Center - Tony Castelino - 235-5457

Three students aged 14-16 at Madison Center are in need of positive male role models in their lives. Please be available to come to Madison Center during their lunch hour (11:30-12:30) or after 5:30 at least once a week. Madison Center is also looking for general tutors for H.S. students.

Soccer Coaching at El Buen Vecino - Sarah - 287-8228

El Buen Vecino has a soccer team for high school teens and is in need of a coaching assistance this season. They would like to practice after school twice a week, however it would be up to the new coach or coaches to set the dates and times of practice.

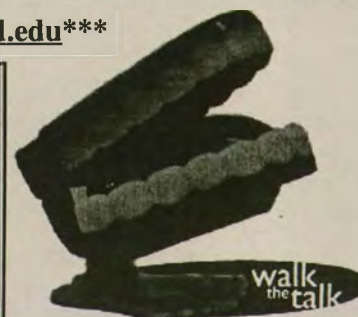
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TODAY! February 26th on the quad in front of O'Shag - sponsored by **ND Peace Coalition** to raise awareness.

Vigil/campout will end with MASS outside O'Shag at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, followed by Afghan DINNER in PE.

All are welcome to join us for any part of these events!



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How I learned to love the Olympics

The Salt Lake City Winter Olympics will be long remembered for its politics, plots and intrigues. I will confess that the various controversies have interested me more than the Games themselves. I'm sure there have been enough inspiring moments to fill NBC's post-Olympic video, but the fortunes of Apolo Ohno interested me less than the secret deals made by French judge Marie "Tender Flower" Le Gougne. The tribulations of Michelle Kwan transfixed me less than the Russian Olympic delegation's press conference that turned into a Mike Tysonesque free-for-all.

Scott Flipse

Urbanities

The politics of sports, the fierce nationalism of international competition and the undeniable patriotism of the athletes have always provided the Olympics with great drama. Let's face it, the Olympics make it difficult to separate patriotism and sports. Each athlete competes for himself and his country. They wrap themselves in the flag, and we embrace them for representing our nation. Everyone, from Michael Jordan to the medal-winning snow-boarders, speaks of what it means to compete for his country. Every nation and every other nation's athletes exhibit the same patriotism.

Yet, every four years we get an Olympic official gravely intoning how "sports transcend politics" and how "the Games are a universal, not a national, event."

Tell that to the Russians, South Koreans and Canadians who have all used politics, nationalism and legal threats to protest perceived unfair treatment of their athletes. The Russian Duma, the lower house of Parliament, voted 359-3 to boycott the closing ceremonies. Russian President Vladimir Putin said American athletes were given "a clear advantage" by partisan judges and officials. South Korea was so incensed by the disqualification of one of its short-track speed skaters that it also threatened to pull out of the closing ceremonies. Even the usually mild-mannered Canadians screamed that their skaters were cheated out of gold by "Cold War-era judging."

Each nation, probably with wide public approval, sent diplomats to Salt Lake to help mediate the situation. Leonid Tyagachev, president of the Russian Olympic Committee, would not be so easily placated. At a recent press conference, he pounded on the table and roared, "not only has Russia been humiliated, but China, the Ukraine and the Koreans have also been humiliated."

We are the world this is not.

Welcome to the Olympics, where the world's nations come together, look around and realize that they just can't get along.

The Olympic crises illustrate how much the world has changed in the last decade. During the Cold War, judging was so corrupt and athlete doping so rampant that Enron executives are ethical giants in comparison. But every nation knew the score and when something happened they moved on to the next event or to the next time the Olympics were held in a "friendly" country.

I must admit to missing the Cold War-era Olympics. The current controversies are low drama compared to the boycotts, kidnapping, judging deals, steroid scandals and intense nationalism of sport during those years. The two superpowers faced off and carried their global competition to the playing fields. It didn't matter if Australia occasionally won a short-track speed skating medal or Bulgaria a heptathlon. What mattered was beating the former Soviet Union. I still get goose bumps thinking about the American hockey team's "Miracle on Ice."

The post-Cold War Olympics somehow just don't measure up. I think this is because the United States is now the world's only superpower. Our nation dominates every field of human activity from film to food, fashion to finance. Our cultural, economic, diplomatic and military power is unmatched. It should come as no surprise that this power is being transferred to international sports. Nor should it be a surprise that other countries carp and complain about this dominance. Any cursory study of history will show that powerful nations attract competitors. What is true of geo-politics is true of sport.

In recent years, the Russians,

Chinese, North Koreans and French have all complained about American global power. Each nation has moaned how the global order is tilted in favor of U.S. interests and each has threatened to boycott international agreements and coalitions.

These are serious challenges to international peace and security, but the Olympics provide a cheap way to ease tensions. Let the Russians have a few gold medals, placate the

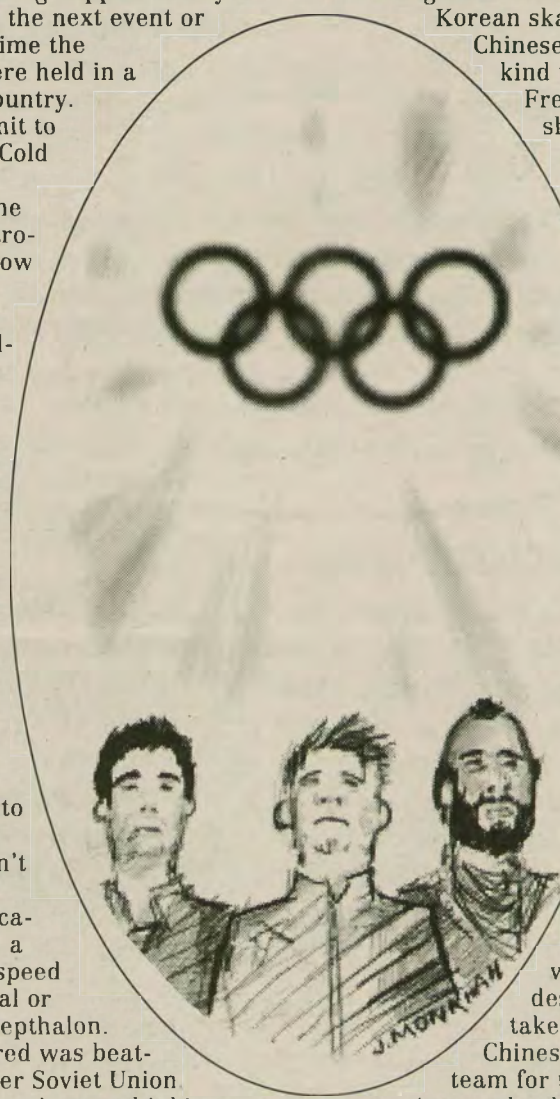
Korean skaters, give the Chinese a break and be kind to stylish and fragile French judges. And we should also throw in a few million of those cute berets that are such a fashion hit.

The United States should save its power and prestige for the big stuff — like fighting terrorism, missile defense, nuclear non-proliferation, human rights abuses and Middle East peace. Sports competition is a great nationalist release, but I'd trade figure-skating gold any day for Russian help containing Iraq's pursuit of weapons of mass destruction. And I'd take it easy on the Chinese women's hockey team for the release of religious and political dissidents.

Next time, I hope the nations of the "Axis of Evil" field teams. I would cheer heartily for the women's hockey team's thrashing of Iraq, boo the French judge's scores for the al-Qaeda ice dancer and even watch our curling team thump the North Koreans. Now that would be an Olympics to remember.

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Albert Einstein
physicist

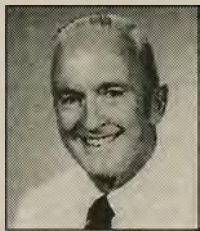
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Homosexual acts are categorically wrong

The American Academy of Pediatrics recently announced its support for legislation to allow children born to or adopted by one member of a same-sex couple to be adopted by the other member of that couple. In light of this and other events, including the presentation of "The Vagina Monologues" at Notre Dame and the emergence of the altar boy as a hazardous occupation in Boston and elsewhere, it may be useful here to recall some basics.



Charles Rice

Right or Wrong?

Homosexual acts are intrinsically wrong. As the Letter on the Pastoral Care of Homosexual Persons, issued with the approval of John Paul II in 1986, stated: "It is only in the marital relationship that the use of the sexual faculty can be morally good. A person engaging in homosexual behavior therefore acts immorally. To choose someone of the same sex for one's sexual activity is to annul the rich symbolism and meaning, not to mention the goals, of the Creator's sexual design."

The "inclination" to commit homosexual acts is not a sin, but it is a "tendency ordered toward an intrinsic moral evil, and thus the inclination itself must be seen as an objective disorder."

The Catechism incorporates this teaching and the entitlement of each person to respect and fairness: "The number of men and women who have deep-seated homosexual tendencies is not negligible. This inclination, which is objectively disordered, constitutes for most of them a trial. They must be accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided. These persons are called to fulfill God's will in their lives and, if they are Christians, to unite to the sacrifice of the Lord's Cross the difficulties they may encounter from their condition."

The 1986 Letter condemned the subjection of "homosexual persons" to "violent malice in speech or in action ... The dignity of each person must be respected. But the proper reaction to crimes against homosexual persons should not be to claim that the homosexual condition is not disordered. When such a claim is made and when homosexual activity is consequently condoned, or when civil legislation is introduced to protect behavior to which no one has any conceivable right, neither the Church nor society should be surprised when other distorted notions gain ground, and irrational and violent reactions

increase."

In 1992, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith sent to the United States bishops a "background resource" on Legislative Proposals on Discrimination against Homosexuals. "Sexual orientation [is] not comparable to race, ethnic background, etc. in respect to non-discrimination," it said. "Unlike these, homosexual orientation is an objective disorder. It is not unjust discrimination to take sexual orientation into account in the placement of children for adoption or foster care, in employment of teachers or athletic coaches and in military recruitment."

In response to the European Parliament's 1994 approval of same-sex marriage and the adoption of children by homosexual couples, John Paul II described it as an "attempt to tell the inhabitants of this continent that moral evil, deviation, a kind of slavery, is the way to liberation, thus distorting the true meaning of the family. The relationship of two men or two women cannot constitute a true family; still less can one grant such a union the right to adopt children. These children suffer grave harm, because in these 'substitute families' they do not have a father and mother, but two fathers or two mothers. This is dangerous."

As Father John Harvey, the founder of Courage, a support group for men and women who try to live in accord with Catholic teaching on homosexuality, put it, "The Roman Catholic Church is now the counterculture." The homosexual culture has a privileged status in the media and other politically correct institutions, including universities.

"I have often wondered," said Chicago's Francis Cardinal George, "why a supposedly heterosexual man, perhaps married and with children, is admired and celebrated when he declares himself homosexual, but a journey in the opposite direction is excoriated as repulsive."

The Church insists on the dignity of the person while affirming that homosexual acts are an "intrinsic moral evil" and that the homosexual inclination is a disorder as is the inclination to any other moral wrong. In the words of the 1986 Letter, "Departure from the Church's teaching or silence about it, in an effort to provide pastoral care, is neither caring nor pastoral. Only what is true can ultimately be pastoral." That truth is politically incorrect. But Notre Dame students are entitled to that truth from the administration without omission or equivocation.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Alienating allies could prove destructive

President "George V.F.W. Bush" is confused, to borrow the opening statement of Mike Marchand's Viewpoint column yesterday. While Marchand's column is admittedly a parody, his underlying message that critics of recent U.S. foreign policy are snobbish or anti-American is rather explicit. This is, however, an oversimplification of a very complex issue. By branding the nations of North Korea, Iran and Iraq as an "axis of evil" during the highly visible State of the Union address, the president was not merely affirming his commitment to protecting U.S. citizens from the threat of terror.

This was not an off-the-cuff comment that certain pundits have blown out of proportion, but a calculated evocation of an unmistakable war-time reference in an era where three small words can quickly resonate throughout the world. In recent months, the Bush administration has been working feverishly to legitimate the United State's "war on terrorism" in an effort to maintain broad-based international support.

However, most foreign leaders have been quick (and correct) in pointing out that the three aforementioned countries represent three different situations that require separate and distinct responses; the "war on terrorism"

could never properly be compared to any conventional war.

The international response to the events of Sept. 11 was remarkably supportive, but this broad backing of U.S. initiatives has waned. Consequently, the Bush administration must be more sensitive in its foreign policy, or else they will be forced to "do what is necessary to ensure our nation's security" without support.

Russia has been vocal about non-interference outside of efforts in Afghanistan. South Korea, which for the past decade has been enticing North Korea to open up its relations and economy, has expressed concern that Bush's remarks are undermining its own diplomatic efforts. These are not expressions of anti-American sentiment and should not be viewed as such.

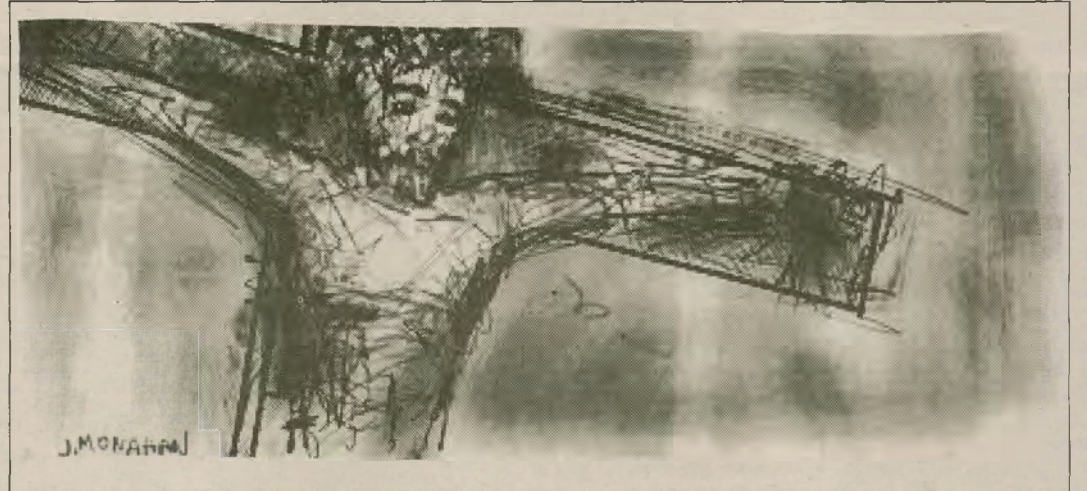
The bottom line is that combating terrorism is not a black and white issue and if President Bush continues to refer to his allies as "weak-kneed" for not supporting his own initiatives, the United States will have no choice but to fight this "war" alone.

Derek Vollmer

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Remember the suffering Christ of 'fact'

It's sad that a person who has had 15 years of Catholic education would ask why humor about God would make people uncomfortable. After 15 years, he should know the answer.

According to Muto, people are squeamish about these jokes because they don't know his Christ of "fact" — someone who associates with prostitutes and the Devil and gets people drunk. But the real Christ of "fact" — of the New Testament — forgave the sins of the prostitute, changed water into wine in obedience to Mary and sent the Devil packing. Not to mention that the Christ of "fact" was scourged, crowned with thorns, spit upon, mocked, stripped and nailed to a cross, where he slowly suffocated to death to save us from damnation.

But this isn't the "intense" Christ that Muto wants to hear about, it seems. Suffering and death are not "hip." It's easy to "hang out" with a god who associates with prostitutes, drunkards and the Devil. It's hard to "hang out" with a God whose mission was to be tortured to death. (Note well: Catholics are required to believe in a

perfect, not "flawed," Christ: see "The Fundamentals of Catholic Dogma.")

The suffering Christ is too intense. That's why, instead of seeing the face of the dying God when they look at a crucifix, some people choose to see "nice abs" and to wonder about nails and frames. These people make the crucifixion a joke because "they can't handle the truth." They can't handle the Christ of "fact." That's a fact, and it isn't funny.

Christ told St. Peter to "feed my sheep." We can only conclude from Muto's article that, somewhere along the line, some sheep weren't led to pasture. We hope that religious instructors will realize that children depend on their guidance and, in light of the apparent failure of Muto's education, that they will redouble their efforts to provide solid teaching in the faith.

But perhaps we drive home the point too strongly. After all, we're just another couple of Catholics without a sense of humor.

Shannon and Frank Valenzuela

graduate students

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ALBUM REVIEW

Ramone stays 'fast and furious' to the very end

By SEAN McLAUGHLIN
Scene Music Critic

On April 4, 2001, Joey Ramone succumbed to a six-year battle with lymphatic cancer, and America lost one of her true rock 'n' roll saviors. A staple of New York City's legendary CBGB's, the Ramones released their debut album in 1976. Tired of disco and cheeseball arena rock, they wanted to send shockwaves through a music scene that was nearly as lame as the landscape we currently endure today.

Armed with little more than leather jackets, cartoon lyrics and two-minute, three-chord blitzkriegs, the Ramones' "punk

rock" ignited a revolution and has influenced countless bands from REM, U2, Pearl Jam and Nirvana to the White Stripes and the Strokes. Finally disbanding in 1996, the Ramones released 21 albums in 22 years and were recently inducted in the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame. Upon the band's retirement, Joey Ramone began working on a solo album. Almost a year after his passing, it has finally seen the light of day.

Unlike many lead-singer solo albums that are plagued by uninspired attempts at experimentation, Don't Worry About Me follows the trail the Ramones blazed over a quarter-century ago. The album is loud, fast and furious, and filled with lyrics of

well-placed humor and sentiment.

"Maria Bartiromo" is a loving punk ode to the CNBC stock analyst. "Searching for Something" is a great acoustic rocker that Elvis Costello probably

wishes he had written.

"1969" is a rambunctious tune that chronicles the death of peace and love. Capturing the underlying alienation surrounding the era of Nixon, Vietnam, and Altamont, Joey laments "War across the USA/ It's another year for me and you/ Another year with nothing to do." On "I Got Knocked Down (But I'll Get Up)," Joey directly deals with his battle with cancer. The track is easily the most touching song on the album.

Standouts aside, Don't Worry About Me is more than a worthwhile selection for any Ramones fan. For those less familiar with the band's catalogue, the album serves as a stark reminder of Joey Ramone's legacy. Joey Ramone always



AFP Photo

Even a mortal bout with cancer couldn't keep Joey Ramone from creating one final hard-hitting rock 'n' roll masterpiece.

understood one key fact: rock 'n' roll is best played loud, simple, short and fast. And under those guidelines, he was simply a master.

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Don't Worry About Me
Joey Ramone
Sanctuary Records
Rating
★★★★★



ALBUM REVIEW

Chris Isaak finally finds the right formula

By JOE LARSON
Scene Music Critic

Chris Isaak has been churning out smooth, moody surf songs since his arrival on the music scene in the late '80s. His songs ooze emotion and the sultry videos he continues to flaunt back up the vibe of his music.

On all his albums, his marble voice plunges down low and then soars up into a soulful croon for lost love. This is Isaak's staple, but substantial commercial success has mostly

eluded him.

His most popular work to date is his 1990 smash song and accompanying video, "Wicked Game," and some people could be familiar with Isaak's "Baby Did a Bad Thing" from Stanley Kubrick's last movie, "Eyes Wide Shut." His previous efforts were always good and achieved critical accolades, but the feel that he had still not found the missing link for major success continued to prevail.

That feeling is negated in his latest effort, *Always Got Tonight*, which is his best

album to date. On previous albums, Isaak's voice was the main and only focal point, but with the addition of his new producer, John Shanks, this album concentrates on presenting a fuller guitar sound to complement Isaak's silver voice. Shanks said, "I wanted to take Chris' songs to a different place - making songs rock a little harder." And they do.

On this album, Isaak not only provides the slow, moody songs he is best known for, but adds crunchy guitars and cranks out some great fast songs, too. The balance between fast rock songs and slow crooners on this album is perfect. On previous albums, there were always a few tracks in a row that beg to be skipped, but this album cruises throughout without ever getting too repetitive or boring.

The album starts with the haunting "One Day," a quick-paced song about desire. The song mixes a swinging acoustic background, thumping bass line, and melodic lead guitar-playing with Isaak's breathy vocals asking for "One day of your life."

The second song and first single, "Let Me Down Easy," is a catchy, toe-tapping lighter number where Isaak's vocals again shine through. In the chorus, he shows his range while he is begging for his love interest to take it easy on him.

Other rockers include "Courthouse" and the theme song to the Showtime series that bears his name, "American Boy." "Courthouse" thumps

through the verses and then Isaak belts out the chorus "I don't care what people say/ I will always feel this way/ I don't care how long it takes/ You're not to blame." The song builds and peaks with lead guitarist Hershel Yatovitz's rocking solo.

"American Boy" is an instant classic that immediately becomes stuck on the brain after the first time you hear it. It tells the story of, you guessed it, an American boy who plainly states "I'm no James Dean, baby/ But you know I care." Isaak fights for the regular guy and rocks through the song that could have been written for Elvis.

A new sound for Isaak comes on the title track, which rocks harder than any of Isaak's previous work. The song begs for a lover to take another chance with her former partner. Isaak's low voice begs for the person to return and the guitar borders on a heavy stomping beat.

This song and the very speedy and eclectic "Notice the Ring," which boasts some floating flute riffs, explore the musical possibilities that Isaak had not delved into previously.

Isaak stretched on this album and that is why it's so great. He took his Elvis and Beach Boys-based sound and added a better guitar sound and quicker tempos which put this album high

Always Got Tonight



Chris Isaak
Warner Bros. Records
Rating
★★★★★

above his other efforts to date. "Always Got Tonight" rocks from the first song to the last song, alternating between up-tempo songs about desire and slower, more emotional songs about loss.

As always, Isaak's vocals are incredible, but on this album, the band and sound surrounding him excel and come together to form a truly great rock record.

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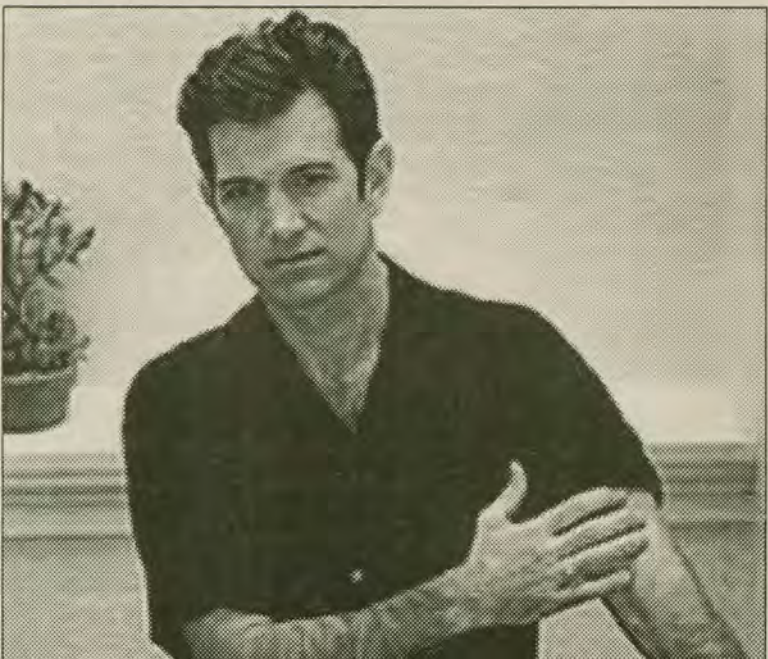


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The king of moody surf tunes, Chris Isaak expands his usual style and sound to create a more balanced and exciting album.

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ALBUM REVIEW

White Stripes take minimalist approach too far

By LIAM FARRELL
Scene Music Critic

It may have taken longer than expected, but the anti-boy band/anti-Britney/anti-marketed pop music movement has begun. Along with a new legion of singer/songwriters and bands such as the Strokes, minimalist artists reminiscent of underground '60s rock and early punk music have taken their music to the masses. Like the Strokes, the White Stripes have also been hailed by music critics everywhere as the saviors of the currently languid and boring music scene.

Originally from Detroit, Jack and Meg White are an ambiguous group of people. No one is really sure if the two are brother and sister, husband and wife or maybe just former lovers. One thing is for sure, however, and that is that the duo plays the barest form of music possible in the rock world.

With Jack on guitar and sometimes piano and Meg on drums, there are no extraneous instrumentations on their new release, *White Blood Cells*. Everything on the album is

stripped to its barest parts.

Some albums grow on you; the music may not hit you at first, or the lyrics may not have been fully meaningful the first time around. Initially, I thought that *White Blood Cells* was one of those albums.

However, after repeated listenings, I realized that I wasn't the problem — the album was. The more you keep wanting the White Stripes to show you the musical genius that is constantly being attributed to them, the more irritated you get at the tired punk riffs being passed off as something new.

Overall, it feels like the White Stripes are cheating themselves out of finding something musically meaningful. There is some obvious lyrical talent on the album, but some songs have lines that make no sense, and some tracks, like "I Think I Smell a Rat," are so ridiculous they belong down in a basement, away from all sunlight, and even more importantly, away from my ears.

Musically, Jack White shows tremendous promise. He plays some excellent riffs on the album and is very good at making his guitar whine like a dying cat. On the other hand, Meg White has to be the most expendable drummer in the history of music. Her beats are boring and reminiscent of a middle school band. She really needs to practice more.

When listening to an album by one of the new "minimalist" groups, the question has to be asked if playing music along these lines will ever truly produce an artistically successful career. The rules of the genre were laid out by the Velvet Underground and American punks like the Ramones, and the form was developed and perfected by The Replacements on their masterpiece, *Let it Be*. Why listen to the White Stripes if someone else has already done it better? It's like the current state of jazz. Do I really want to listen to Waymon Tisdale when I can listen to Miles Davis?

Originality is rare to find these days, and *White Blood Cells* ultimately sounds like 40 minutes of a band cheating themselves out of true development. The best songs are

White Blood Cells

White Stripes

V2 Records

Rating



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The White Stripes, Jack and Meg White, struggle to accomplish anything musically meaningful with *White Blood Cells*.

when the band stir out of their sulky "we were born in the wrong generation" mood and play upbeat country numbers like "Hotel Yorba" and unrequited love songs with Paul McCartney vocals like "The Same Boy You've Always Known."

There are few songs on the album that show some spark. "The Union Forever" is a bizarre love song set to music straight out of a cheesy horror film, and it works rather well. But in between all of these good songs are packed tired, boring, "we wrote this in 10 minutes" songs.

Ironically, when the White Stripes actually conform to some sort of musical rules their music is at its best. "Now Mary," a great country tinged song, produces the most promising lyrics on the album: "What a season to be beautiful without a reason." It's too bad the White Stripes don't take their own lyrics to heart.

White Blood Cells does not produce the fragile beauty that is shown on The Velvet Underground and Nico or on The Replacements' *Let it Be*. Instead, it sounds like the death rattle of a musical form. There is not enough room for development in their music, and a drastic sort of change will be needed for them to create anything artistically interesting over the next few years. They have fallen into the Pearl Jam trap: going too deep into a type of music that isn't going to let you change your sound enough to keep the listener interested.

The White Stripes have some growing up to do in terms of their musical and artistic outlook. Nothing they've written can make me want to listen to them instead of "Pale Blue Eyes."

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish netters sweep Big East honors

◆ Flecky, Ratay named Big East players of the week

Special to the Observer

The University of Notre Dame made it a clean sweep of this week's Big East Conference women's basketball awards, as junior guard Alicia Ratay was named Big East Player of the Week, and freshman forward Katy Flecky was selected as the Big East Rookie of the Week, the conference announced Monday.

It's the second award in as many weeks for Ratay, while Flecky earns the first top rookie honor of her career.

Ratay averaged 27.5 points, 6.5 rebounds and 3.0 steals per game last week while helping the Irish to a pair of conference victories and the No. 2 seed in the upcoming Big East Championship.

Ratay also shot 50 percent from both the floor (14-28) and the three-point line (8-16) and connected at a 90.5 percent clip (19-21) from the free throw line last week.

Against West Virginia, she pumped in a season-high 31 points, including 20 in the sec-

ond half as Notre Dame extended the nation's longest home winning streak to 51 games.



Flecky



Ratay

She also knocked down a career-best 11 free throws and four three-point field goals in the triumph.

Ratay then netted a game-high 24 points and seven rebounds in Saturday's win at Georgetown. Once again, she logged 20 second-half points, canning four more treys against the Hoyas to help move her into 10th place on the Irish career scoring list

with 1,301 points.

This season, Ratay ranks third in the Big East in scoring (14.9 ppg.) and first in free throw percentage (.874).

Flecky notched 11.0 points and 6.5 rebounds per game last week while making just the third and fourth starts of her collegiate career. The Lone Tree, Colo., native tallied eight points and six rebounds against West Virginia, before coming back with a career-high 14 points and seven rebounds in a career-best 28 minutes of action at Georgetown.

For the season, she is averaging 4.8 points and 3.3 rebounds per game, but she has nearly doubled her scoring average since moving into the starting lineup three games

ago, carding 8.7 ppg. in that time.

Flecky is the second Irish freshman to be named Big East Rookie of the Week this season - forward Jacqueline Batteast is a six-time winner of the award.

No. 22 Notre Dame (19-7, 13-2 Big East) will play its final regular-season home game Tuesday at 7 p.m. when it welcomes Villanova to the Joyce Center for Senior Night. The Irish, winners of nine in a row and 17 of their last 20 games, will be seeking to secure not only their ninth consecutive 20-win season, but also stretch their Big East home winning streak to 32 games and lock up a third straight undefeated regular season at the Joyce Center.

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basket as much as they wanted to.

"We didn't play that badly when we played them," McGraw said. "Offensively, we struggled and that was a problem. So hopefully we'll shoot better."

The Irish veterans have found the basket of late, however. Ratay has scored 25, 31 and 24 points in the last three games and senior Ericka Haney is hoping to close out her final regular season by hoping to score in double-figures for the sixth game in a row.

If she can do that it, McGraw thinks it will be a good farewell for Haney to the Joyce Center. After a slow start to the season, the last games the Irish have played since January have been a boost for the lone senior and as she takes the floor before the game to participate in senior recognition, the emo-

tion of a hard-fought season may surface.

"I think there will be a lot of emotion for Ericka," McGraw said. "Hopefully she won't have to much emotion, but it's always an emotional night."

Tip-off is at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

Notes:

◆ Sophomore guard Jeneka Joyce is probable for play tonight. After sitting out the last several weeks due to an Achilles' injury, Joyce practiced on Monday and should play.

◆ Freshman post-player Jackie Batteast is still out with a torn posterior cruciate ligament. She should be ready to play in the Big East tournament when the Irish tip-off on Sunday. McGraw did say Batteast may not be ready to play a 40 minute game during the three-day tournament.

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Sophomore guard Jeneka Joyce dribbles up the court during a Notre Dame victory in the preseason. Joyce is listed as probable for play tonight.

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CLUB SPORTS

Competition heats up at Big Red Invite

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The gymnastics team finished third overall at Indiana's Big Red Invitational this weekend. Illinois and Purdue topped the seven team field. Emily Smith captured first place in the all around, bars, beam, and floor to pace the Irish women's squad. Caitlin O'Brien took fourth on bars and Mary Blazewicz claimed fourth on vault and third all around in a strong seven team field. The men were paced by Andy Poe's sixth in the all around, first on floor, third on pommel horse and fifth on high bar. This is a unique meet in that men and women can cross-compete in each other's events to spice up the competition and add some fun to the event. Emily Smith won the men's cross-competition while Poe finished sixth on uneven bars.

Women's water polo

The Irish split four games at the Purdue Invitational, their

fourth consecutive weekend tournament. In see-saw fashion, the Irish defeated Ohio State 10-2, lost to reigning national champion Michigan State 9-2, beat Emory 9-1, and then fell in a defensive slugfest with Illinois, 6-2. Six players found the back of the net for the Irish, as Allison Gienko, Lauren Kuzniar, Liz Parolin, Kimmy Moore, Meg Daday and Jacqee Aragon all ripped home shots. Next up for the Irish is their California swing during spring break, when they will challenge some of the strongest teams on the West Coast.

Men's water polo

The Irish claimed the Iowa Hawkeye Invitational by sweeping all four opponents. John Penila, Keith Rauenbuehler, and Greg Krouse accounted for the bulk of the scoring during the two days as the Irish pummeled Des Moines 15-8 and grounded Grinnell 13-4 to open the tournament. In the highly anticipated

semifinals with Iowa before a hostile Hawkeye crowd, the Irish played even for three quarters before pulling away in the fourth for an 11-7 victory. Hole defender Jay Deimel, goalie Devlin McCormick and Danny Wiederkehr stymied the potent Hawkeyes and were poised to repeat their performance in the championship game with Wisconsin. Steve Schrantz, Rory Cleary, Adam Zavadil, Pat Watts, John Marchetta, Neal Driscoll, Mike Grow, and Jack Spittler were key players as the Irish battered the Badgers 12-7. Buoyed by this success, the Irish will travel to Dallas next weekend for a national tournament featuring some of the nation's best squads.

Cycling

The cycling club opened its spring competition with a 27 mile road race Saturday at Miami, and a criterium at Marian College on Sunday. The road race consists of three laps on a hilly course, with three big hills per lap. For the Irish, Grant

Kleiber and Mike Denney were in 11th and 15th place among the ninety entries with one hill to go on the final lap when two riders collided and crashed, bringing twelve more down with them, including Kleiber. Denney managed to avoid the crash, finishing 12th, while Kleiber struggling to repair his bike, still managed to finish 30th.

The criterium is a flat, short-circuit race concentrating on cornering. 16 one-mile laps loop through the Marion campus. Kleiber took 16th, Denney 17th and Bill Ellsworth 21st in the 54 racer field.

Equestrian

Jen Pojunas placed 5th in open fences and 2nd in open flat to lead the equestrians at Saint Mary's of the Woods College. Kelly Gentine and Molly Kopacz each placed 3rd in intermediate flat and 6th in intermediate fences, while Callie Willis claimed 1st in novice flat and 5th in novice fences. Fellow novice

Quiz Swine finished 4th in fences and 5th in flat. Mary Barter completed the scoring by taking 6th in both open fences and intermediate flat.

Women's ice hockey

A stinging 1-0 loss to Northwestern Friday left a bitter taste as the Irish had outshot their hosts by 30 shots and dominated the action from start to finish. The wait was only 24 hours before the Irish had the opportunity to redeem themselves, and they made the most of it by whipping the Wildcats 3-0. Rebecca Frig put one in half-way through the first period, assisted off the face-off by Statue Green. Emmy Venechuk had an unassisted goal just over a minute later. Tori Blainey finished the scoring in the second period, assisted by Rebecca McCurdy and Lizzy Colghill. Goalie Ellen Block recorded her second shutout, posting 12 saves as the Irish played short handed through four penalties.

MEN'S GOLF

Irish fall short in rainy tourney

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame men's golf team shot a final round 304 to finish in 11th-place in the rain-shortened Ron Smith Invitational hosted by the University of South Florida in Tampa on Sunday afternoon.

Saturday's round was cancelled due to rain and cold weather on the par 71, 6,830-yard University of South Florida Golf Course.



Ratay

That put the Irish 35 strokes behind tournament champion Georgia Southern who came from four strokes behind to defeat Jacksonville State.

Georgia Southern had a 36-hole mark of 574 (286-288) to edge Jacksonville State (577/282-295) by three strokes.

The University of South Alabama (297-285) and Southern Mississippi (294-288) tied for third with 36-hole totals of 582. Arkansas State rounded out the top five with a 593 after rounds of 295 and 298.

Individually, senior Steve Ratay, who finished in a tie for 20th with a six-over par

148 following rounds of 74 on Friday and Sunday paced Notre Dame.

That put Ratay 10 strokes off the pace set by medalist Steve Sokol of Florida Southern who shot a four-under par 138 with rounds of 71 and 67. Sokol won the tournament by three strokes over four players — Justin Kolumber of Georgia Southern, Gareth Maybin of South Alabama, Aron Prize of Georgia Southern and Richard Jones of Memphis — who tied for second with 141 totals.

Following Ratay for the Irish was senior Chris Whitten, who tied for 30th with a 150 (76-74). Freshmen

Ryan Marshall and Steve Colnitis finished third and fourth for the Irish respectively.

Marshall tied for 51st with a two-round total of 155 (76-79). Colnitis was a stroke behind as he tied for 60th with a 156 after rounds of 79 and 77.

Junior Brandon Lunke rounded out the Irish contingent as he finished 89th with a 170 total after two rounds of 85.

The Notre Dame men's golf team returns to action on March 14-15 when they travel to Port St. Lucie, Fla., to participate in the Treasure Coast Classic at the PGA Country Club.

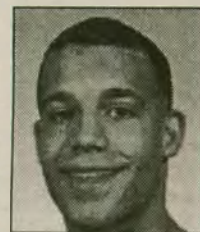
MEN'S BASKETBALL

Thomas claims honors

◆ Freshman grabs Big East award for sixth time

Special to the Observer

Irish freshman point guard Chris Thomas has been named the Big East Rookie of the Week for the sixth time this season after leading Notre Dame to victories over West Virginia (89-76) and Miami (90-77) last week.



Thomas

Thomas registered double-doubles in both contests as he averaged 29.0 points, 12.0 assists, 4.5 rebounds and 2.0 steals. He scored 26 points, dished off 12 assists, grabbed three rebounds and made two steals in the win at home against the Mountaineers, and then matched his career-high with 32 points on the road against the Hurricanes. He also had 12 assists, six rebounds and two steals in that contest. Against Miami, he shot 8-16 from the field and was 6-12 from three-point range.

Thomas, who has helped the Irish to a 19-8 record and 9-5 Big East mark, is Notre Dame's second-leading scorer averaging 16.4 points and 3.3 rebounds. He leads the team in assists (7.56), steals (2.30) and minutes played (37.7).

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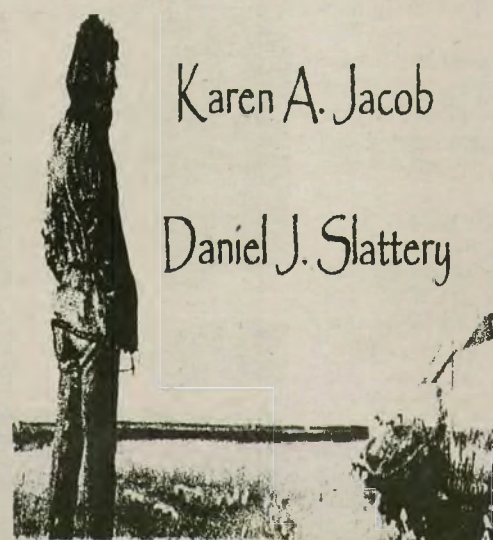
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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish snap slump with two-win weekend



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An Irish tennis player faces off against her opponent during a Feb. 2 match against Kentucky.

By COLIN BOYLAN
Sports Writer

After a pair of weekend victories over Iowa and Virginia Tech, the Notre Dame women's tennis team appears to have snapped out of an early-season slump.

The Irish earned a tough 5-2 victory Friday against the Hawkeyes and they followed the win with an impressive 7-0 trouncing of Virginia Tech on Sunday to improve their season record to 7-5.

Head coach Jay Louderback was pleased with the team's effort and was happy to be on the positive side of a .500 record.

"We played very well in both matches," Louderback said, "and I'm especially proud of our effort against Iowa, where our seniors made some great comebacks to keep us in that match."

Although the score may not have indicated it, the 5-2 Irish victory over Iowa was a little too close for comfort.

The team jumped out to an early 3-1 lead after winning the

doubles point and getting two quick singles victories from Katie Cunha and Sarah Jane Connolly. However, the match was far from decided as three Irish seniors, Becky Varnum, Lindsey Green and Nina Vaughan all dropped the first set to put the team in a precarious position.

Fortunately, all three battled back to push their respective matches to three sets, and when Varnum earned a 3-6, 6-4, 6-4 victory over Iowa's Toni Neykova, the Irish were finally able to breathe a sigh of relief.

"Our seniors were really clutch when we needed them," Louderback said.

Sunday against Virginia Tech, there was no such suspense to make things interesting. Aside from a close battle for the doubles point, which the team earned after Cunha and Vaughan rattled off four straight games to take their match 8-6, Virginia Tech simply seemed outmatched.

No singles match went longer than two sets and every Irish player seemed to be on top of her game. Varnum turned in the most impressive performance

when she knocked off Tech's No. 1 player Kristen Stubbs by a score of 6-1, 6-0 and Salas avenged a singles loss against Iowa, when she beat Virginia Tech's Ginger Lowdermilk 6-3, 6-2.

"Virginia's No. 1 player was very good and I thought Becky played outstanding against her," said Louderback.

But the head coach was also very aware that the positive tone set by winning the doubles point was a crucial factor in the team's success on Sunday. The Irish have won their last 19 matches in which they also won the doubles point.

"Coming back in doubles was really the key for us," he said. "I think we get a lot of momentum from that point."

The Irish now have a week off before they finish off a six-game homestand, with matches against Wisconsin and Ohio State next weekend at the Eck Center.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Overtime not time enough for Irish in 10-9 loss

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

In lacrosse, every second counts.

And nobody knows that more than Notre Dame after a heart-breaking 10-9 season-opening overtime loss to Penn State.

After tying the game at 2-2 on a goal by Devin Ryan with only four seconds left on the game clock at the end of the first quarter, it appeared as if the Irish were well on their way to recovering from a shaky start against Penn State. But a controversial goal on the ensuing face-off changed the complexion of the game.

Penn State freshman Jesse Tarr scooped up the loose ball and fired a shot from midfield that dribbled through the legs of Irish goalie Stewart Crosland, giving Penn State a 3-2 lead as time expired in the first quarter.

It appeared as if the timekeepers started the game clock a few seconds late and that the goal should not have counted. But after holding a conference at midfield, the referees ruled that the goal counted.

Irish head coach Kevin Corrigan stood in disbelief after the refs made their decision to award the goal to Penn State.

"[The referees] messed up plain and simple," said Corrigan. "But that is not why we lost. We gave them four goals because of our inability to clear the ball."

Irish senior captain Devin Ryan agreed with his coach's assessment about the controversial goal.

"We can't do anything about that," said Ryan. "We can't worry about the referees. We need to stay with our game plan and worry about ourselves."

At the end of the second quarter, the Irish seemed to recover from the controversial goal and held a slim 5-4 lead into halftime

thanks to another goal by Ryan with just under a minute to go in the first half.

The Nittany Lions came roaring back in the third quarter, scoring three straight goals to jump out to a 7-5 lead.

After going scoreless in the third quarter, the Irish were in desperate need of an offensive spark in the fourth quarter. Once again, Ryan provided the offensive firepower with his third goal.

After the Irish pulled within one goal, the Nittany Lions scored two straight goals to a 9-6 lead with only 8:12 to play.

But the Irish refused to go down quietly. Freshman Matt Malakoff started the comeback by scoring his first career goal off an incredible one-handed shot while lying down on the ground. And at the 4:11 mark, Irish sophomore attack man Matt Howell scored his third goal of the game thanks to senior captain John Flandina's game-high fourth assist.

With only thirty seconds remaining, Notre Dame mounted one final offensive charge. After weaving around the goal, Devin Ryan found sophomore attack man Dan Berger at the corner of the net. Berger fired a shot past Garrity, tying the game with only seven seconds left on the game clock.

At 2:29 into overtime, freshman Will Jones capped off an impressive college debut with his third goal of the game giving the Nittany Lions a narrow 10-9 victory.

"It was a tough game. It is hard to lose a game like that," said Ryan. "Every time we play Penn State, the game always goes down to the wire. We had a lot of young guys out there, though. We will get better. We have the talent. We just need to return to the fundamentals and keep playing hard."

Notre Dame's defense strug-

gled with the physical play and size of the Penn State attackers.

"We looked lost on the defensive end," said Corrigan. "It was embarrassing. We gave them four of their goals because we just turned the ball over. We

have to do a much better job this week in practice."

In his first career start, sophomore Stewart Crosland stopped 18 of the 28 shots he faced.

"Stewart worked hard in practice, and I felt he gave us the

best chance to win," said Corrigan.

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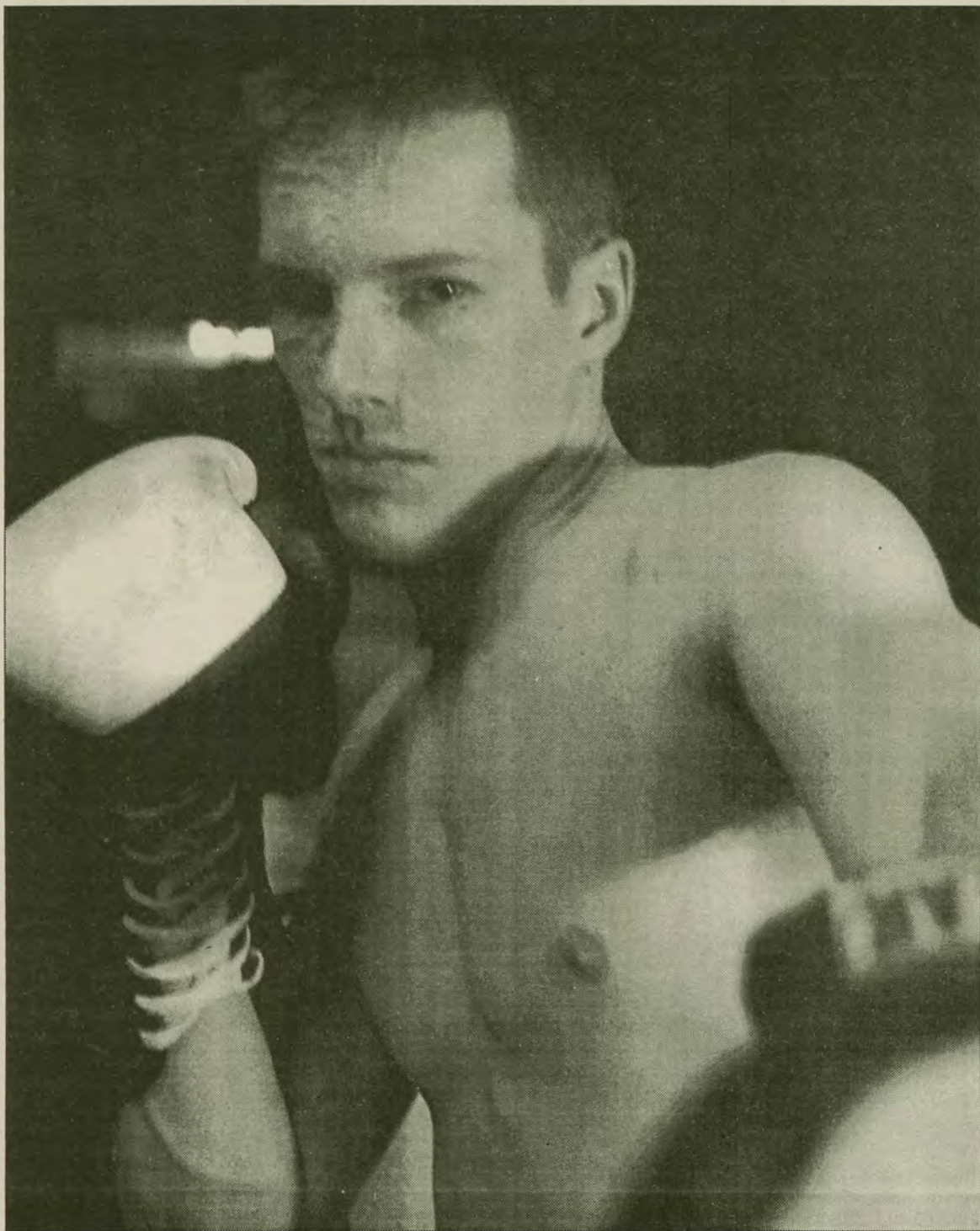
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Senior Mark Fumagalli will take the ring for the final time in this year's Bengal Bouts with the philosophy "Don't leave anything up to the judges."

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ly made me realize that the program is more than just the boxing and more than just winning and losing," Fumagalli added. "If you win the whole time you're kind of on cloud nine and you don't really see the downside of it. After losing I really appreciated the training I did sophomore year."

Thinking ahead to his senior season, Fumagalli began his training last summer from his home in Shorewood, Ill. and continued his workouts during a month of coaching rookie boxers last fall.

"I trained in novice hard and tried to train as much as possible this spring season through all the presidential stuff I had to do," Fumagalli said.

When the boxing coaches drew up the brackets for the 135-pound division a week ago, Fumagalli's talent and experience helped earn him the top seed in the weight class and, along with Hollowell, a bye in the preliminary round. Prior to his quarterfinal match-up on Sunday, Fumagalli said he was only nervous that the boxer he had to face would have already fought once on Friday.

"The same thing happened last year, Tony had a fight under his belt and I went in not as pumped up. But having the experience helps," he said. "Being your senior year you have to cherish it while you're in there. I'd rather fight Friday because I'm excited and I'm really pumped up."

Even without a fight in the preliminaries, Fumagalli was in the boxing room two hours before action began on Friday night, double-checking the evening's logistics and helping other boxers suit up for their fights.

After watching the other competitors in his weight class, he and Criniti worked as corner men for over 40 different fighters. Saturday brought a light workout and plenty of rest, before the quarterfinals on Sunday afternoon.

In his return to the ring, Fumagalli won a split decision over freshman Luke Dillon and earned a spot in the semifinals on Wednesday night. Surrendering a reach advan-

tage to the slugger Dillon, Fumagalli absorbed several strong right hands over three rounds but ultimately won the fight with his speed and tenacity on the ropes.

"I don't usually like brawling and I'd rather fight a more technical fight but I had to try and cut the ring off as much as possible, knowing that his right was working so well on me," he said. "This year my philosophy is 'Don't leave anything up to the judges.' My corner told me to really turn it on in the third round, and they said, 'You have to do something this round to not leave it up to the judges.'"

Now only one fight away from a return to the finals in the Joyce Arena on Friday night, Fumagalli's relationship to boxing and his role in the Bengal Bouts continues to develop.

"I would say the best decision I ever made in my life was coming to Notre Dame, the second best decision was being in this program," he said. "It's an honor and a privilege to be an officer and now the president, even more, and I definitely wouldn't give that up for anything. Working with the guys, being a role model, being more of a teacher, I love that. It makes you a better person because you work your ass off outside of boxing to achieve that same level that's expected from you when you fight."

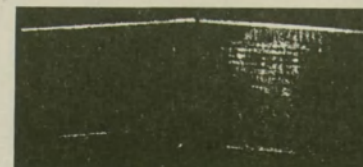
The boxing club's unique fusion of solidarity and solitude is a reality for each of its 135 members, but is especially evidenced by Fumagalli, the link between the fighters and the program that supports them.

"RecSports runs our program, so if they have anything that they want done, it goes through me, even the stuff in novice," he said. "I have keys to the boxing room so I have to do stuff, in the morning and at night ... Programs, ads, forms, essentially making sure everything flows smoothly."

He also wants to ensure that the last few fights of his Notre Dame boxing career go smoothly. While Fumagalli knows that entering the ring is a significant aspect of the Bengal Bouts, he has learned that fighting is perhaps their simplest demand.

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SOFTBALL

No. 19 Irish struggle in tourney, finish 1-4

By AARON RONSHEIM
Sports Writer

The Irish went 1-4 at the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Leadoff Classic over the weekend, dropping their season record to 4-6.

"We didn't win as much as we would have liked, but I think we played very well," said All-American catcher Jarrah Myers.

The Irish, who were ranked No. 19 coming into the weekend started out with a 4-0 loss to No. 11 Oregon. The Irish quickly rebounded with a 6-0

victory over Southern Mississippi. Freshman outfielder Megan Ciolli and freshman catcher Annie Dell'Aria each hit their first career home runs in the win.

On Saturday the Irish lost 3-2 to No. 8 Arizona State.

They got on the scoreboard first with two runs in the third inning on a two-run single by freshman Liz Hartmann. The Irish held the lead until the seventh inning when Arizona State's Kara Brun hit a walk-off two run homer for the victory.

"I think the pitchers did an awesome job this past weekend. They held some great

teams to only a few runs," said Jarrah Myers.

The team lost All-American pitcher Jennifer Shannon to graduation, but have replaced her with freshmen Carrie Wisen and Steffany Stenglein.

Stenglein, who pitched a total of 26 innings in the tournament, picked up her first complete game shutout in a 6-0 victory over Southern Mississippi.

"[The pitchers] have done a great job the past two weekends," said Irish head coach Deanna Gumph. "They have improved greatly over the past few games."

Against Oklahoma on Sunday

the Irish suffered their third straight one-run loss to a top ten team. In the second inning Irish center fielder Jarrah Myers led off with a solo home run for a 1-0 lead. With the score 3-1 in favor of the Sooners entering the seventh inning, junior Andria Bledsoe brought the Irish within a run with a led off homerun. The Irish were able advance the tying run to second base, but Nicole DeFau was thrown out to end the game trying to score on Jenny Kriech's single to right field.

"We're hanging in their with these top 10 teams to the very

last play where the game can go either way. If we're right there with the teams now, imagine where we can be later in season," said captain Jenny Kriech.

The Irish have played four top ten teams over the past two weekends.

"We are playing the toughest schedule that we have ever played. I'd rather be playing all these tough teams now. We are getting better quicker than ever before," said Myers.

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HOCKEY

Irish strong in sweep of Lake Superior

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Assistant Sports Editor

The men's hockey team worried a bye week might take away any momentum that it had gained in an impressive performance against then-No. 3 Michigan State.

It didn't.

The Irish returned to the ice this past weekend at Lake Superior State and gained a two-game sweep of the Lakers, 6-0 and 3-1.

"I think we're right where we need to be," head coach Dave Poulin said. "We've played extremely well in our last four games."

The improved play of the Irish began three weekends ago at Michigan State when they played the Spartans to a tough 2-0 loss the first night and then knocked off Michigan State in the second match-up. Following the bye week, the Irish made another impressive trip, this time to Lake Superior State, and came home with two more road victories to extend their winning streak to three games, their longest of the season.

"We beat [Michigan State] that Saturday night when they hadn't lost in 34 straight games at home," Poulin said. "Then to carry it through the break week and be able to play as well as we played at Lake Superior is terrific."

The play of the defense has been a key to success for the Irish in their recent streak.

Over the last four games, they have only allowed five goals, one of which was on an empty net at the end of the Michigan State loss.

"Our defense has been the biggest change," Poulin said. "We've given up four goals total in our last four games, excluding the empty net goal, after giving up 13 in a weekend against Alaska. We really tightened up this weekend."

Much of this improved defense has shown through in the stellar play of freshman goalie Morgan Cey, who allowed only one goal in the weekend series that included the second shutout performance of his career.

"[Morgan's] playing extremely well," Poulin said. "Sometimes it's easy to forget that he's a freshman. He's given the team a lot of confidence, and our special teams has gotten better in front of him."

The Irish jumped ahead in the opener Friday night in the first period when freshman Cory McLean scored the first goal of his career on a shot from the blue line that sailed over the head of Laker goalie Matt Violin.

At 8:26 of the second period, Notre Dame added to its lead when defenseman Brett Lebda took a pass at the point from Connor Dunlop and flipped it past Violin.

Lake Superior State pulled within one at 10:21 of the second period on a goal scored

after a scramble in front of the net. That was as close as the Lakers would come, however, as the Irish defense held strong.

Junior John Wroblewski added an empty net goal for the Irish to move the score to 3-1 and put the game out of reach.

Saturday night, the Irish took command of the game early as freshman Yan Stastny scored two goals in the first period to put the Irish on top

2-0. Brad Wanchulak, David Inman, Lebda and Wroblewski would each add single goals in the game to push the Irish victory to 6-0.

Cey recorded 16 saves and notched his second shutout of the year.

The pair of victories moved Notre Dame's record to 12-15-5 overall and 10-12-4 in the CCHA.

The Irish hope that their winning streak can carry them through the final two games of

the regular season next weekend and into the CCHA playoffs.

"There's a lot to play for right now," Poulin said. "You're playing for positioning, and you're playing for where you are going to play in the playoffs, and you want to go in on a positive note."

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Given the grim set of circumstances that have hung over the world for the last five months, this year's Olympic Winter Games took on a greater significance.

In the patriotic spirit of sports, fans who would normally watch little else but football and basketball on television were riveted by sports such as figure skating and bobsledding simply because a possibility existed for an American to win a medal. We rooted for a guy from Texas to win in luge and a young lady from Long Island to take gold in the moguls for one reason and one reason alone: they're American, like you and like me.

It was for that reason that I watched much of the games, and my fellow Americans did not disappoint. But if watching an American take home a medal fills you with national pride, then the heartwarming stories behind some of those triumphs makes you want to drape yourself in the flag and head over to Afghanistan to lend the troops some assistance.

Night after night, Bob Costas brought into our lives heroic stories of human triumph. There was the recent liver transplant recipient, Chris Klug, who captured an Olympic medal in snowboarding and Jim Shea who raced to gold in the skeleton with a picture of his recently deceased grandfather tucked away in his helmet.

Athletes step onto the Olympic stage as virtual unknowns. Often they exit as American heroes. Brian Shimer had driven the U.S. bobsled in four previous Olympics, but had never

medaled. He finished fourth four years ago, but all that got him was a mention in a recent Sports Illustrated column about guys we forget because they didn't leave with anything around their necks.

Shimer has been in this business a long time, and many give him credit for putting the United States back on the world bobsledding radar screen. Years ago, he went door to door trying to raise money from sponsors to pursue his dream of racing in the Olympics. He wasn't even supposed to be in these games, much less a medal contender. But he put off retirement to give it all one last shot. He was driving the second-ranked sled for a country that hadn't medaled in the sport in your parents' lifetimes, but he couldn't pass up one more chance.

After three of the four runs, Shimer's metal dreams still appeared far-fetched. His sled stood in fourth, a miracle in itself given his chances going in, but still out of the medal picture.

Then it happened. With a brilliant final run, Shimer got his medal. It mattered little that it was bronze. He wasn't supposed to be here or be this good, but if medals were given out for effort and dedication alone, Shimer's would have been gold.

Shimer's is just one of the great stories of these games that have had everything, but perhaps it best represents everything that is great about sport. It is wonderful to watch the best win medals in bunches, but far better to see a guy from the ranks of the merely good take home the one prize he'd worked so long to earn.

Shimer assured audiences Saturday night that he won't be forgotten. He, like most other Olympic athletes, doesn't make millions. He just makes us proud to be American.

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FENCING

Fencers close with victory

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

With post-season action just around the corner, the Wayne State Duels were a tune-up for the Notre Dame fencing team. Both the men and women compiled 4-0 records to close out their regular seasons.

The women's epee squad led the team with a 31-5 record on the weekend. Anna Carnick went 4-1 on the day, improving her career record to 140-36 and putting her in fourth in women's epee career-winning percentage.

Junior Meagan Call finished the day at 5-1 giving her 37 wins for the season. In her first season, sophomore Kerry Walton compiled a 50-5 and .909 winning percentage, the fourth-best ever for women's epee.

"Everyone did a really good job," said Call. "I thought we had a pretty strong overall meet."

Freshman Andrea Ament led the foil squad with a 5-0 record and finished the season with a record of 27-2. Alija Kryczalo had three wins on the day to push her record to 39-2, the seventh-best winning percentage (.951) in women's foil.

Women's sabre earned a 30-6 record and was led by captain Carianne McCullough. Her eight wins on the weekend gave her 42 for the season. Sophomore Destanie Milo finished the season with a 45-8 record after four more wins.

Notre Dame defeated Michigan State (19-8), Detroit-Mercy (23-4), Lawrence (24-3) and Michigan (21-6).

"I thought we still had some momentum from the Ohio State Duels [two weeks ago]," Call said. "This week we have to practice really hard since we are headed toward NCAAs."

Extending its unbeaten match streak to 59, third-best in Notre Dame history, the No.1 men's team cruised through its opponents this weekend. They beat Michigan State (25-2), Detroit



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Junior captain Anna Carnick faces off against an opponent in a match earlier this season.

Mercy (27-0), Lawrence (27-0) and Michigan (25-2).

"I thought we fenced really well as a team this weekend," said senior captain Andre Crompton. "The meet was definitely a confidence booster for the Midwest Conference meet this weekend."

Men's epee posted a 32-4 record, giving them a 135-27 record for the season. Senior Brian Casas won his seven matches and finished with 156 wins in his career, fourth-most in men's epee history. Junior Jan Viviani had seven wins and ended his regular season with a 42-3 record. His .933 winning percentage is the third best in Irish history.

Junior captain Ozren Debic led the men's foil team with a 12-0 record and a 30-2 season mark. He currently has the best foil career winning percentage. Senior Steve Mautone also went 12-0 on the day to end his regular season at 28-15.

Another undefeated day was turned in by the sabre squad.

Senior Andrzej Bednarski had a 6-0 record and ended his career with 152 wins, fifth most in sabre history.

Crompton earned nine wins and finished sixth, behind teammate Bednarski, on the career sabre wins list with 150. Also, junior Matt Fabricant went 7-0 on the day and ended the season with a 39-8 mark.

Next weekend, the post-season begins as both the men and women compete in the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships at the Joyce Center. This meet is just the beginning of the post-season for Irish as they work this week for their ultimate goal of winning a national championship.

"The practices this week are going to be really strong," Crompton said. "More than just preparing for the Midwest Championships, but the regionals and NCAAs."

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BASEBALL

Injuries lead to disappointing weekend

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Assistant Sports Editor

Injuries to four Irish starters led to a difficult series this weekend in the Ron Maestri/University of New Orleans Classic.

The Irish came away with a win in the opener against Missouri on Friday, but then dropped a one-run loss to host New Orleans Saturday, followed by a 6-2 loss to Southern Illinois Sunday morning.

"All of our freshmen and basically all of our position players on this trip got in the game in some capacity due to the injuries we had," assistant coach Dusty Lepper said. "We had quite a few injuries. Three Americans are out of our line-up right now, so there are four starting position players injured and out of the lineup."

The Irish played the entire three-game tournament without freshman shortstop Matt Macri and closer Matt Laird. Second baseman Steve Sollmann, last season's Big East Rookie of the Year, was injured during Friday's contest with Missouri. In addition, the Irish played Sunday's contest against Southern Illinois without pre-season All-American Brian Stavisky and third baseman and catcher Andrew Bushey, who had gone 5-for-5 with three RBIs and a home run.

With all of the injuries, much of Notre Dame's top-ranked freshman class saw action early in the year. Freshman pitchers Chris Niesel and Grant Johnson had successful outings. Infielder Matt Edwards had an impressive showing at shortstop Saturday in place of classmate Macri, going 3-for-4 with two RBIs and a run scored.

"The young guys answered the call well and were upbeat and positive with the way that they played overall," Lepper said. "We feel that these guys that are stepping in, we have confidence in them."

One of the most impressive performances of the weekend came from Niesel on Sunday. The freshman recorded 10 strikeouts in five innings of work, yielding one run on five hits.

"I thought I did pretty well for my first time out," Niesel said. "I felt really good out there. I thought it was a good first outing for me, and hopefully I can build on it from there."

The Irish jumped out to an early lead Sunday in the third inning with a walk by sophomore Joe Thaman and advanced to third on a double by center fielder Steve Stanley. Sophomore Javier Sanchez, playing for Sollmann, then grounded out to shortstop, allowing Thaman to score. The next batter, Edwards, then singled to left to score Stanley and put the Irish up 2-0.

These two runs would be all

the help the Irish pitchers would get, however.

In the fourth inning, Saluki second baseman Greg Andrews led off with a single. Following a Sal Frisella strikeout, designated hitter Scott Hankey doubled in Andrews to move within a run of the Irish. Niesel would then strike out two batters to end the threat.

After a pitching change in the second inning, Irish freshman Martin Vergara struck out Frisella, but then allowed a single to Hankey and walked the next batter. Vergara hit the next two batters to tie the score, then finally got a double play to end the inning.

The seventh inning would prove to be the back-breaker for the Irish as Vergara allowed a pair of lead-off singles, and then Frisella hit a three-run home run to put the Salukis ahead for good.

Southern Illinois added another run in the eighth to make the final score 6-2.

In the opening game Friday, it was the Irish who were forced to make a comeback, falling behind 5-1 after four innings against Missouri. Irish starter Peter Ogilvie was taken out after three innings after giving up four runs, only three of which were earned.

Johnson then came in to make his collegiate debut and worked six innings while allowing only two runs.

In the top of the fifth inning, the Irish began their comeback with a one-out solo homerun from designated hitter Matt Bok.

Thaman then doubled and Sanchez followed with a single and moved to second on a wild pitch to put two runners in scoring position. Stanley got an RBI single, and Sollmann hit a grounder that drove in

Sanchez to move the Irish within one run.

The Irish went ahead by one in the next inning when Kris Billmaier scored from third on a balk and pinch hitter Ken Meyer singled in senior Paul O'Toole to give the Irish a 6-5 lead.

In the bottom half of the inning, Missouri's Cody Ehlers tied the score with a solo home run off of Johnson.

In the top of the 10th inning, the Irish went ahead for good with the help of two errors by Missouri that allowed Stavisky to score. Senior Matt Buchmeier saved the game for Johnson in the 10th.

The marquee matchup between Notre Dame and host team New Orleans Saturday afternoon proved to be a back-and-forth battle all day long. In the contest, the Irish got another key pitching performance from a freshman when John Axford threw four innings in relief of senior J.P. Gagne, giving up two runs on three hits, but allowing six walks.

With the Irish down 5-4 and down to their final two outs, Edwards kicked off an Irish comeback with a single to right. Stavisky then tripled in Edwards to tie the game. Notre Dame took the lead on a throwing error on a ground ball hit by Billmaier.

Bushey added another run for the Irish by driving in

Billmaier on one of his five hits on the day.

In the bottom of the ninth inning, with the Irish just one out away from an impressive comeback victory, junior Brandon Villoria allowed a pair of singles, and then Privateer first baseman Gabe Trevizo slammed a three-run walk-off homerun to give New Orleans a 8-7 victory.

Even though the Irish dropped two of three games, the staff is still upbeat about the team's play early on.

"As a coaching staff, we were overly upbeat with the way our young guys played overall," Lepper said.

With Notre Dame's next games not until next weekend in Florida at the Homestead Challenge,

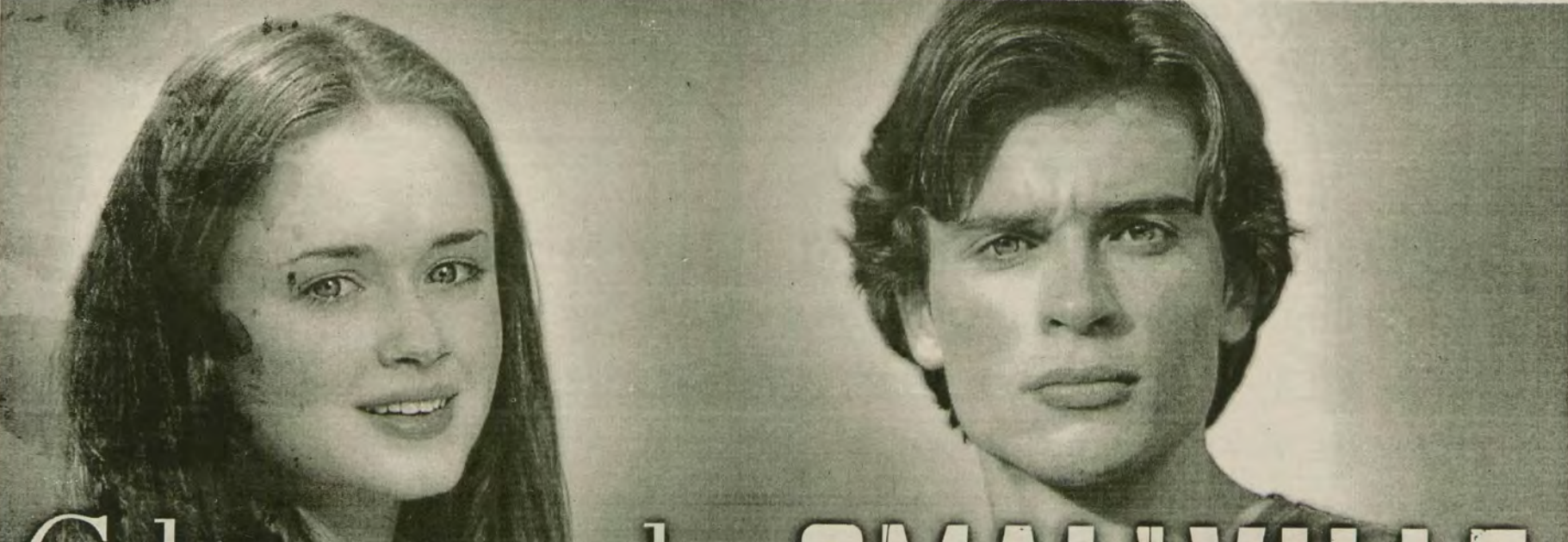
some of the regular starters should have a chance to heal and get back into action. If their injuries persist, however, the coaches are confident in the abilities of the younger players who filled in during the weekend.

"We're not downplaying their [the younger players'] role at all," Lepper said. "We think they can do the job, and we're going try to go out and try to compete and be successful with those guys."

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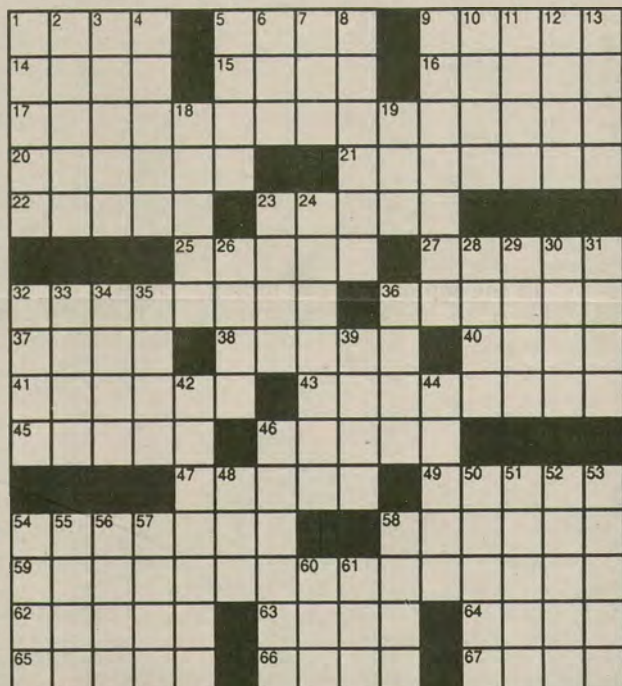


CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Truck name
 - 5 Unlike Charles Atlas
 - 9 With 55-Down, Soap Box Derby home
 - 14 Screen image
 - 15 BB's, e.g.
 - 16 Sawyer of TV news
 - 17 With 32-Across, a hackneyed joke start
 - 20 "Any ___?"
 - 21 Cool quality
 - 22 Engraving tools
 - 23 Hint for a hound
 - 25 Peach or plum
 - 27 What's hot
 - 32 See 17-Across
 - 36 La-di-da
- DOWN**
- 37 ___ synthesizer
 - 38 Overact
 - 40 Sharer's word
 - 41 Let ride, at the track
 - 43 With 59-Across, a heckler's interruption
 - 45 Like some lingerie
 - 46 "Nifty!"
 - 47 Cratchit, for one
 - 49 ___ firma
 - 54 Superskillful sort
 - 58 Oater brawl site
 - 59 See 43-Across
 - 62 Raga instrument
 - 63 Presque Isle lake
 - 64 Mark permanently
 - 65 Like Santa on Christmas Eve?
 - 66 Split apart
 - 67 Classic cars

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39 Shipbuilder's wood
42 Tell's forte
44 Demolish
46 Infernal
48 Shipload
50 Church official
51 Delivery person's beat
52 Marciano's given name
53 Pharaohs' crosses
54 Radiator sound
55 See 9-Across
56 Dorothy's dog
57 Cross words?
58 Runners carry it
60 "___ pales in Heaven's morning star": Lowell
61 Yang's opposite

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Happy Birthday: Your insight into future trends will enable you to make the right choices for yourself as well as for others. Think twice before you give in to overindulgence. You have so much to gain if you play the game straight and everything to lose if you don't. Your numbers are 2, 14, 20, 36, 44, 49

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You've got it all worked out in your mind, so get started and make all those improvements you've been contemplating. Greater involvement in your local art community would be like a breath of fresh air. ☼☼☼☼

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You will end up in a tough financial spot if you don't stop spending. Family members will not be pleased with you if you have squandered their money. ☼☼

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): This is not the day to turn down an invitation no matter what. Someone who could end up being very special to you is likely to tag along. Your outgoing nature should open doors that you thought were closed. ☼☼☼

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Put your heart and soul into whatever projects you are working on today. You stand to make a breakthrough if you are relentless in your pursuits. Stop being negative and be thankful for all that you have. ☼☼

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You have a choice today. You can let things get to you emotionally and become totally stressed out or you can take action and make

plans to do things with friends that will take your mind off your worries. ☼☼☼

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Look behind you today. Someone may be trying to put one over on you. Listen carefully and get any promises in writing. ☼☼☼

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't sit at home being lazy; get out and attend events that will bring you in contact with people who will spark enthusiasm in you. Money-making opportunities are present. ☼☼☼

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't count on something that isn't finalized. Take a close look at contracts and agreements and make sure that you are getting what you want. ☼☼

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Get involved in a sports club or take a course on travel and you will meet very interesting people. Your imagination is vivid so don't limit yourself. Put all your ideas on paper. ☼☼☼☼

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be careful where you put your cash. Fast cash schemes are not likely to pan out. Don't get coerced into joint ventures with someone who is pushing you to give him or her money. ☼☼☼

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will be feeling a little left out today if someone you care about is doing his or her own thing. Focus on doing something with a friend or get involved in a group. ☼☼☼

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't let anything or anyone bother you. Focus on yourself and your own well-being. Take time out to nurture yourself. Eat properly, get lots of exercise and rest. ☼☼

Birthday Baby: You adapt easily to change. You need to have challenges in your life that will keep you on your toes. You tend to worry about everything but you also are quite adept when it comes to fixing what's wrong.

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BENGAL BOUTS

The weight of the ring

◆ Boxing president Fumagalli takes on responsibility and rewards

By PAUL CAMARATA
Sports Writer

Two days before the Notre Dame Boxing Club was set to begin hosting the 72nd Annual Bengal Bouts at the Joyce Center, senior club president Matt Fumagalli sat at small desk in the lobby of South Dining Hall.

Along with Mark Criniti, another senior boxing captain, Fumagalli tried to convince students walking by to purchase a ticket for the four-night boxing tournament held each February. Selling the \$10 all-session passes was one of Fumagalli's final responsibilities before the Bouts commenced.

In his term as president he has helped run the fall training program for novice boxers, organize the club's advertising and donations, set up photo shoots, write articles for the tournament program and club newsletter and create the boxing club's Website. On top of all those tasks, Fumagalli has trained tirelessly for his final Bengal Bouts.

"At the end of sophomore year, the president that was graduating asked me if I'd be interested in being a captain and I said yes right away," Fumagalli said. "Last year I was a junior officer, and Mark and I were in charge of ads. We both worked on those really hard to try and get as much ad money in as possible."

Their diligence paid record-setting dividends as the 2001 Bouts raised over \$75,000 for its charitable support of the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh.

But the event was not nearly that successful for Fumagalli in the ring. After winning the 130-pound title his sophomore year, he was upset in the first round of last year's tournament.

"I didn't train as much as I should have," he said of last year, which ended on the losing side of a decision to then-freshman Tony Hollowell. "Last year was weird because I'm real superstitious. Sophomore year I wore regular shoes, I wore the robe all the way up to the ring. I was the underdog and I beat the No. 2 seed and the No. 1 seed.



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Bengal Bouts president Matt Fumagalli has learned lessons from his defeats in the ring and his victories out of the ring.

"Then junior year I went in with wrestling shoes, didn't wear the robe, I was the top seed and I got upset ... I saw [Hollowell] fight the night before and he knocked the kid down so I knew he was not a pushover at all. I definitely didn't underestimate him but definitely was not ready. He

was a horse."

Despite his frustration, Fumagalli discovered in his defeat new lessons about the sport and program that have been central to his years at Notre Dame.

"Everybody, from people that aren't involved in boxing to the guys that are, expect you not to

sail on through but to be at the top of your class in athletics. So I was definitely disappointed that as a captain I didn't perform up to what others thought I should have and what I thought I should have.

"But losing last year definite-

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish look to cage Wildcats

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

The last time Notre Dame and Villanova faced off, Villanova guard Mimi Riley hit a last-second turn-around jumper to give the Wildcats a win on their home court. But tonight, the Irish have home-court advantage, and this time they hope to be the ones with the win.

"I think it's nice to have the opportunity to play them again to see how we've improved," said Irish head coach Muffet McGraw. "It will be a measuring stick."

The Wildcats (17-9, 11-4) are the only Big East opponent the Irish face twice in the regular season. With the Big East tournament on the horizon, playing a team that could end up in the NCAA tournament will be beneficial for the Irish.

"They're a very good team," McGraw said of the fourth-ranked team in the Big East. "We haven't really played an NCAA tournament team since Boston College, so this will be good for us to get back and play against a really good team."

Junior guard Trish Juhline is leading the Wildcats, who are riding a five-game winning streak. Their most recent win was against the Virginia Tech Hokies on Saturday. Juhline leads the team with 14 points, but Riley, who hit the game-winning shot against the Irish in early January adds another 12 points per game.

The Wildcats are on a hot streak from the 3-point line. They've hit 118 3-pointers in their last 11 games, including 10 or more during seven games.

"They're shooting a ton [of 3s] and they're playing really well right now," McGraw said. "I think they're in great shape for an NCAA bid. They've really come on strong at the end."

Defensively, Notre Dame had a solid showing against Villanova, but they fell short when it came to scoring baskets. Despite junior Alicia Ratay's game-high 22 points, the Irish just couldn't find the

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- ◆ Men's Tennis at Pacific Coast Doubles, Saturday

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